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Amity "Twins" Ready for Official Guinness Record Book Listing

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

ORANGE - A bit of last minute paperwork is all that stands between the Amity High School Class of 2012 and a Guinness World Records title for "Most Twins in the Same Academic Year at One School." Triplet and Amity High senior Katherine Holden, who is organizing the effort to take the title, said from the time she set foot in Mary L. Tracy School she realized there are an unusually large number of multiples in her class. "When I was in kindergarten there were six sets of multiples in the school and at Turkey Hill there were four sets," she said. When she got to the high school and realized how many sibling sets there were she realized, "it must be a record of some sort." When she checked out the Guinness World Records' website she realized that Amity's multiple roster may, in fact, set a new record. "The book listed

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This unique holiday display includes a 45-minute synchronized music and lights show which has Christmas lights blinking to the rhythm of holiday music streaming from car radios and outdoor speakers that can be accessed by tuning your car radio to 98.1 FM.

Orange Family Features "Tech Savvy" Holiday Display

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

A Lincoln Road couple is hoping their decked out home and outdoor festival of lights show is spreading holiday cheer throughout the town.

Chris and Maria Small moved to Orange three and a half years ago and

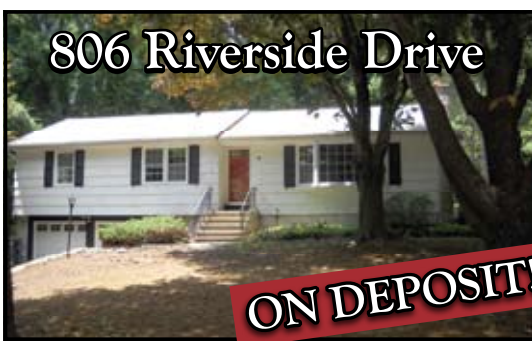
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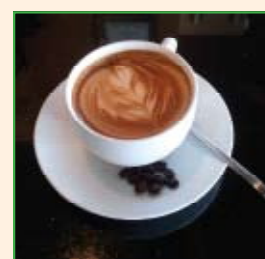
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A local artist's unique holiday greeting card to family and friends became the inspiration for a series of whimsical snowman cards that will be on sale all over the world next holiday season.



Laura Fantarella

Last Christmas, artist and instructor Graham Dale recreated a popular Picasso print for his annual holiday greeting card, substituting his own drawing of a snowman in place of Picasso's painting of a man. "I received so many nice comments from family and friends that I realized the concept could go further," he said.

So over the past year, he's designed nearly 100 greeting cards - recreating the recognizable artwork of famous artists like Matisse, Degas and Escher, and substituting his "Artistic Snowman" in place of the original subjects and developing his own "sporting snowman" series. In the sport series, the cuddly-looking snowman is featured conquering sports activities from skiing and ice skating to surfing and golfing. Through a series of contacts in the art world, Dale landed an agent and a contract to work with a Toronto-based card production company to develop and distribute the greeting cards in 2013.

A native of Nottingham, England, Dale moved to town five years ago after meeting Orange resident Jolene Kane when she was travelling around England. "She was standing on a corner in Bronte country and I happened to be outdoors sketching and she wanted her photo taken!" he said. He took the photo and later took her to tea and the rest, as he says, is history. The two have since married and make their home on Lambert Road where their woodsy property and Dale's outdoor studio provide plenty of inspiration for his art. "It is just fantastic," Dale said as he sat at his painting table, surrounded by the unusual rocks, fossils, pinecones and canister of assorted turkey feathers that line the studio shelves. "The natural light is wonderful and the nature outside my window here is constantly changing," he said. The seasons give him plenty of fodder for his landscapes where he uses different mediums like oils and colored pencils. He usually spends hours each day working either in the outdoor studios or in the indoor loft.



Graham Dale

At 67, Dale still hasn't created his favorite piece of art. "I finish one and I'm on to the next. An artist always wants to do a perfect painting and you always think, 'the next one is going to be it!' You always think you can improve," he said.

Dale knew early on that he wanted to be an artist even though as a young boy he was already working in the pubs his parents owned in London. At 13 he went to art school and later attended St. Martin's Art College in London. "It was a lively time, the time of the British invasion, where the Stones might be playing in a room above the pub and The Who were playing around the corner," he said. There was a creative relationship between the local art scene and the rock and roll music movement that was fun and exciting. "It was a great time to be young," Dale said, remembering playing darts with Jimi Hendrix and meeting Rod Stewart with a friend. He found work right



away, painting large murals on the walls of local pubs and selling his art in exhibits. "But I was a realist, I knew it would be difficult to earn a living as an artist," he said. So Dale began teaching art classes in London to students ages 11-18; which he continued throughout his life. Today he is a painting and

drawing instructor at the Orange Senior Center and teaches private students as well. "Teaching is infectious -and it makes you think about what you're doing as well. I like teaching the early ages, you get to the children young and see them using the concepts. It's a joy," Dale said. "Seniors are even better. They bring their experience, character and interests to the class. They are so enthusiastic, it is amazing how many people have ability but never had the chance to do it."

Dale currently has an exhibit running at the Davis Gallery, 200 Boston Post Road through January 9th showcasing his many landscapes and a portfolio of his card collection. "I've been lucky to maintain a balance between my own work and teaching. I so enjoy my work every day, the years have just flown by," Dale said.

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Just in time for Thanksgiving...first graders at Racebrook School recently learned all about what it was like to be a child in the 1700s. A presenter from the Connecticut Historical Society Museum in Hartford showed how children in those times dressed, ate, worked, learned and played.

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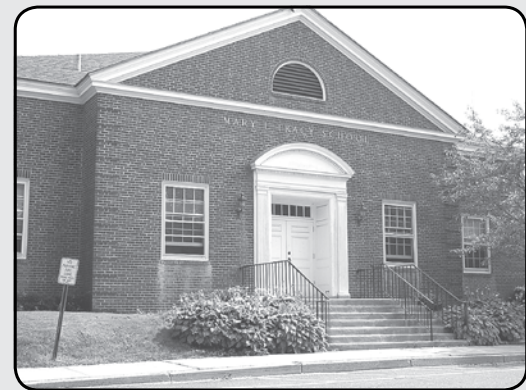


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Honors

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



Shown above are Pack #922 Cub Scouts and siblings in front of a portion of the food collected in the annual food drive.



Pictured are the Youth Services Advisory Board Student Representatives from left to right: Rachel Marcus, EmilyRose Martino, Miranda Demirjian, and Matt Schmitt.

Peck Place Cub Scouts Host Successful Food Drive

Peck Place's Cub Scout Pack #922 held its annual Scouting for Food Drive on November 12th and collected a tremendous amount of food for the town of Orange Food Closet (shown above). The children distributed flyers to the community prior to the food drive, picked up non-perishable items on Saturday, November 12th, and brought it to High Plains Community center. Pack leaders, parents and other volunteers sorted through all items and delivered them to the Orange Food Closet.

The children enjoyed participating in a local event that benefited those in need and had a great time with their friends helping others. Heartfelt thanks to all who contributed and who helped the Cub Scouts during the annual food drive. For more information about Cub Scouting visit www.OrangeCTscouting.com.

4 Named as Amity Youth Services Advisory Board Student Representatives

EmilyRose Martino the seventh grade Advisory Board representative is a student at Amity Middle School. She has done community service for the Town at the Pumpkin Palooza, Country Fair, Tree Lighting ceremonies, Veteran's Day activities, and Flag Day. EmilyRose has won many awards such as the D.A.R.E Essay Award, Reflections Contest (second place), first place in Hockey at State Tournament Pee Wee Division, the Character Education Award at Peck Place School, and Most Improved in World Language 2008-09 and 2009-10. Also, she is involved in school sports such as Wonderland Wizards Pee Wee Hockey, Spring CT Yankees Girls Hockey, Wicked Fast Pitch softball, and Milford Mustangs Girls Lacrosse team. Emily also participated in various clubs such as Dream Team which helps Special Needs students, Peer Reading, and the Allergy Club which informs younger students with help on allergies.

Matthew Schmitt is the Advisory Board eighth grade representative and a student at Amity Middle School. He was recently elected school president. Matthew has consistently attained high honors in school. He was the recipient of the "Connecticut Association of Superintendents" award in June, 2010. Matthew has received Character Awards as well. He has been a spelling bee participant winner and has attained a Black Belt (first degree) in Taekwondo and is working on a second degree belt. He has played travel basketball for the "Orangemen" and enjoys archery.

Rachel Marcus is a High School representative at Amity High School. She has volunteered her time with Youth Services in regard the Art Colony and food pantry. She has served as a school Home Room Representative as part of the Student Council and served on the Lunch Committee. Rachel is an Honors student, a member of the freshman class council (student government), Amity Cancer Research, Asian Club, JSA Debate Club, Animal Care Society and Habitat for Humanity. She also was accepted into the Honors Science Research Program at Amity.

Miranda Demirjian is also a High School representative at Amity High School. She is an exceptionally active volunteer in regards to many Youth Services events such as the Middle School dances, Pumpkin Palooza, K-6 Art Exhibit, food pantry, Art Colony and more. She has been a participant in the AHS S.M.I.L.E. Club which raises money for underprivileged youth, a helper for the Halloween Fair at Peck Place, raised money for breast cancer by selling bracelets, running in the Relay For Life fundraiser, the Bracelets For Benefits Club which raises money for charitable causes, assisted with Christmas wrapping at HPCC, winner of a D.A.R.E. award essay contest, and volunteer at the Lion's Club dinner.



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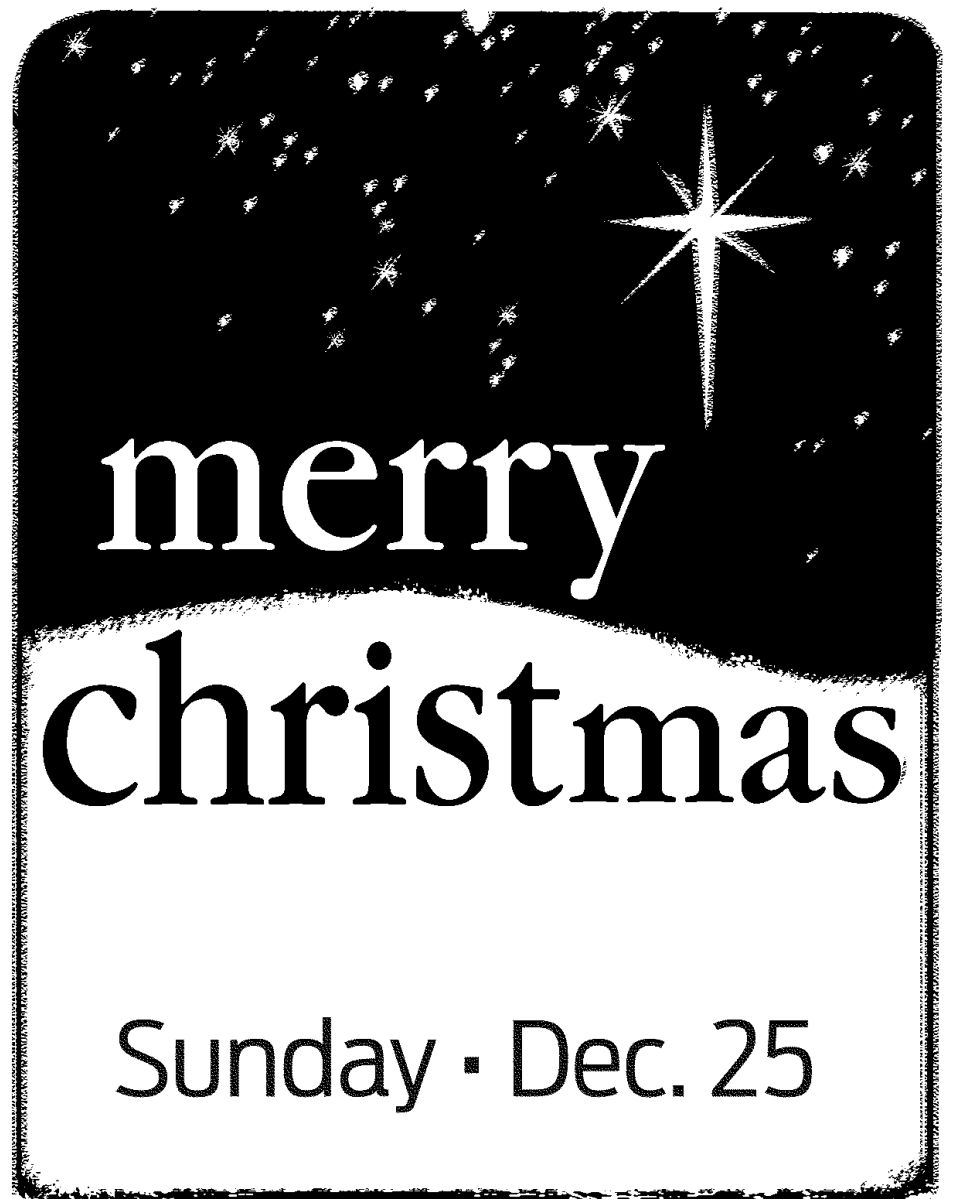
In 1934, a small group of people began visiting every town in Connecticut to survey its "old buildings." A Work Projects Administration (WPA) project, the staff of the Census of Old Buildings in Connecticut completed forms with information about the buildings and often also took photographs of the buildings. The majority are houses, but some schools, churches, factories, and libraries are included. The survey forms and photographs were deposited in the State Archives, with additions coming in as late as 1942.

The Connecticut State Library has transcribed the forms, digitized the photographs, and is pleased to present them online as part of the CSL Digital Collections. Please see WPA Architectural Survey Census of Old Buildings at: http://cslib.cdmhost.com/custom/frontpage_wpa_arch_surv.php. To date, this information is online for Andover through Oxford. This is a work in progress and the information for other towns is being added as time allows.

Most of the buildings have no name and locations are rarely addresses, for example, "East side, facing west on Conn. 93, at southeast corner of Green." Construction dates and the original owners are as written on the survey forms even though more recent research may provide different information.

We encourage viewers to use the "Tell Us More" field in each building's descriptive metadata (information about an item) to email us with more information about each building, its history, its address, current status, etc. Any questions about this project can be directed to Carol Ganz, Reference Librarian, Connecticut State Library, carol.ganz@ct.gov, 860-757-6587.

Enjoy viewing your town's old buildings!



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Paul DeBassio
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Emma Gehr
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Jethin Gowda
Hayley Grande
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Matthew Arovas
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Natalie Booth
Thomas Boutros
Timothy Cannata
Riaz Charania
Leanne D'Acunto
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Katherine Esposito
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Jung Choi
Robert Cross
Joshua Crow
Charles Csejka
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Daniel DeFeo
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Lydia Cooper
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Citizenship Award – 7th Grade

Genevieve Angerame	Jessica Ferraiolo	Molly McGuire
Michael Anil	Jeffery Gallo	Emily Mullins
Zachary Bailey	Emma Gehr	Taylor Nuzzo
Kyle Beaudette	Bianca Gibbons-Morales	Jacob Okolo
Micaela Casapulla	Hayley Grande	Kelsey Paier
Arianna Centore	Kathryn Kaligian	Angelina Racaniello
Emily Cucurello	Samara Koproski	Kiley Stackpole
Stephanie Durkee	Zachary Kosa	Grace Sweeney
Michael Dziczkowski	Kyle Marieb	Megan Tichy
Rachel Einbinder	Kelsey McCormack	

Citizenship Award – 8th Grade

Matthew Arovas	Samantha Gaynor	Sarah O'Brien
Kofi Asiedu	Christina Genovese	Kendra Osinski
Andrianna Ayala	Elise Graham	Kimberly Parniawski
Nicholas Bencivengo	Alessandra Gusmano	Elizabeth Poland
Jeanne Marie Bidon	Jamie Hashem	Rosie Richetelli
Natalie Booth	Melanie Hauser	Brian Ronai
Thomas Boutros	Graham Hughes	Kassandra Roth
Taylor Bova	Christina Judd	Sydney Rothman
Katlyn Breitenbach	Karalyn Kachmar	Helen Ruckes
Michael Cannata	Peter Keefe	Carly Sacco
Timothy Cannata	Cassidy Kirby	Benjamin Santaus
Lydia Cooper	Katie Koshes	Matthew Schmitt
Leanne D'Acunto	Georgia Kral	Bret Schneider
Michael Dietch	Melissa Lewis	Meagan Schultz
Molly Dragan	Helen Liu	Cassandra Silva
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Connecticut Orthopaedic Specialists is trying to help fill everyone's plate this holiday season by having donation bins at each of our 7 medical offices, STAR Physical Therapy facilities, OR by donating on-line at ctfoodbank.org and finding our name under "virtual drive". Marketing Director, Laura Whinfield adds, "Trying to feed all those that require our help today is daunting!. With our 7 office locations, we hope it is convenient for many New Haven County residents to bring any non-perishable food item any day, Monday thru Friday, through the end of this month."

We are proud to promote the good work CT Food Bank does year round and hope your efforts will make a difference for many needy households this holiday season. Canned and dried food are accepted, but for more ideas, please visit www.ctfoodbank.org.

Connecticut Orthopaedic Specialists is located in Branford, Guilford, Hamden, Milford, New Haven, Orange and Wallingford. STAR Physical Therapy Centers and OrthoNOW are also participating in the food drive. For more information and directions to our facilities, please go to ct-ortho.com or call 203 407-3500.



The children of Orange Congregational Church Nursery School learned about the importance of Thanksgiving in the weeks leading up to this holiday. In addition, the children also learned special songs and dances. Seen here are a few children dressed in Native American outfits which they helped to make.

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(“Holiday Display” continued from page 1)

have been slowly building their Christmas lawn display ever since. This year a flying Santa and his reindeer, Santa in a hot air balloon, Disney characters, assorted snowmen, a Nativity scene and thousands of dollars’ worth of blinking, twinkling lights are the highlights of the outdoor trimmings. Now among the top most decorated homes in town, the couple who loves Christmas has added an extra attraction that sets them apart from the others. This year they’ve added a 45-minute synchronized music and lights show which has Christmas lights blinking to the rhythm of holiday music streaming from car radios and outdoor speakers.

Inspired by a TLC television program about the biggest light shows in the U.S. and several YouTube videos, the Smalls started planning for this year’s festivities last year, hitting the after-Christmas sales and stocking up on lights. “We went crazy and bought a ton of lights!” Maria said. Then using a computer program, tech-savvy Chris compiled a collection of contemporary and traditional Christmas songs ranging from Elvis Presley’s “Blue Christmas,” and Dean Martin’s “Marshmallow World” to Lady Gaga’s “Christmas Tree,” that can be accessed by tuning your car radio to 98.1 FM. Chris started building arches and preparing the lawn in September and the couple unveiled the show to neighbors after Thanksgiving. “It came out even better than we expected!” she said. And the Smalls have even more holiday spirit than usual – it is their six-month-old son Cooper’s first Christmas!

Word of the holiday extravaganza has been slowly spreading. “We’re hearing from friends that people are mentioning it at the gym and at the dump!” Lisa said. “We’re starting to draw a lot of traffic.”

The Smalls made sure to check with neighbors before they proceeded with their plan. “They were all awesome! Everyone was actually pretty excited about it, and they’ve been really supportive,” she said. In fact one neighbor has an outdoor fire pit and the entire neighborhood has been hanging outside at night watching the show and the parade of cars. “One car stopped and a carful of kids got out and started dancing!” Lisa said. “We’ve seen people stay for at least half an hour and others that have stayed to watch a couple of shows.”

Surprisingly, the Small’s electric bill is well, smaller than you would think. Since the lights are LED and blink rather than stay on, it is comparable to a summer electric bill with air conditioning. The Smalls are collecting donations, all of which will be used to purchase more lights to make next year’s show bigger and brighter!

The show runs weekdays from 5 to 9:30 p.m. and weekends from 5 to 10:30 p.m.

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(“Twins” continued from page 1)

Pomperaug High School in Southbury as holding the record with 13 sets of twins,” she said. “I knew we had 14 sets of twins as well as my family of triplets.”

So she followed the protocol on the website which outlined how to apply for a world record title. In the past few weeks Holden has compiled nearly all the necessary paperwork, including official class roster and student identifications and organized the required twin “event.” Holden planned a photo day at the high school, bringing together all the multiples for a photo that will be featured in the class yearbook. It was the first time all the multiples had been together at the same event. She also invited local media and was thrilled when it was attended by WTNH-8 and Orange First Selectman James Zeoli. “I’m just waiting for IDs from four students and then I’ll mail it all to London,” she said. The word among the Amity multiples is that the prospect of being listed in the Guinness World Records Book is “really cool.”

Aspen Lane twin Jenny Heyman said she was so excited when Holden contacted her about breaking the Guinness record. “How many people can say that they broke a world record??” she exclaimed. “It really hit me when we all got together for the group photo – I realized we are about to break a world record!”

Like Holden, Woodbridge resident Sarah Teitelman always noticed there were “lots of twins around” at school, but never paid particular attention to it. “I’ve been reading the Guinness World Records Book since I was a child so I am so excited and honored to actually have my name listed in it!” Teitelman said. “It was really fun and amazing to see all the twins together in one room for the first time. I feel really proud of the twins in my grade and especially of my school for breaking this record!”

Assistant Principal Bob Cole said he was taken by surprise when Holden submitted a facilities request informing him that the media would be coming to the school to cover the event. “Katherine handled this all on her own. School administrators did not know what was going on -- but we immediately made ourselves available,” Cole said. “It was all good and it worked out well. We love to do things that reflect the many positive things that go on at Amity.” Cole said he was aware there were many multiples in the high school but did not realize it might be record-breaking.

For Holden, the project is just one of many special things that come from being a multiple. She and her sister Rachel and brother Eric run in the same social circle and participate in many of the same activities, including the high school swim teams. “I think it’s cool to be a triplet but I don’t know any different,” she said.

The most multiple birth sets in the same academic year at one school is 17, and consists of 14 sets of twins and 3 sets of triplets, achieved by Maine Township High School South in Park Ridge, Illinois.

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Hair Forever stylist Mary Ellen Powers (left) gets ready to cut Molly Stratford's (middle) hair to donate to Beautiful Lengths while mom Michelle looks on.

Orange 5 Year-Old Donates Hair for a Cause

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

When a mother, father, brother, aunt and cousin all showed up to see five-year-old Molly Stratford have the second haircut of her life, the customers at Milford's Hair Forever Salon speculated it was no ordinary haircut. And indeed it wasn't. The entourage was there to cheer on the pint-sized patron who was cutting off more than 8 inches of her shiny curls to donate to "Beautiful Lengths." Beautiful Lengths is a partnership between Pantene and the American Cancer Society which provides real-hair wigs free of charge to women with cancer who cannot afford to buy them.

Molly said she was "excited" to be part of helping give hair to those who lost theirs while battling cancer, particularly since her own family is all too familiar with the disease. In the past year, Molly's mom Michelle underwent chemotherapy and radiation treatment for breast cancer, her maternal grandmother, Lila Fink, died of lung cancer; and her paternal grandmother, Betty Stratford was recently diagnosed with cancer. Molly follows in the footsteps of her cousin, Jenna, who donated her own hair to Locks of Love several years ago.

"It's been a long year," Michelle said. "I did my best to keep things at home as normal as possible when I was ill but Molly and her older brother Spencer were devastated when I lost my hair." Molly's haircut day was particularly emotional for Michelle, who had mixed emotions about seeing her daughter's hair snipped short. "I'm glad Molly wants to help others but I'm sad to see her cut her beautiful hair," she said.

Molly was in good hands as Michelle's own hairdresser for nearly 30 years, Mary Ellen Powers, sectioned off Molly's hair with rubber bands. While Michelle got a bit teary-eyed as Mary Ellen made the first cut, Molly was calm and nonchalant.

Michelle completed her cancer treatment in October and the Stratford family is anxious to put the past year behind them and are hopeful that a brighter future lies ahead. "I want to keep with me the good things that happened throughout my illness -- like the outpouring of goodness and kindness from family and friends," Michelle said. "There were days that I was too sick to even watch television and the doorbell would ring and there would be someone with dinner for the family. My family really stepped up to the plate -- I just have remarkable memories of everyone's support; I don't even remember how sick I was."

Just an hour later, Molly emerged from the salon with a chin length cut that showed off her big green eyes and headed off to a friend's birthday party, happy with her new look and happy that her hair will make a sick person feel a little bit better.



AAA Public Affairs Manager Fran Mayko, center, presents Orange Police Lieut. Craig Kuraska, left, and Sgt. Ray LaPlante with a Pedestrian Safety Citation for their department's efforts to reduce pedestrian safety fatalities in Orange. The town has been without a pedestrian fatality for 2 years. At a recent Community Traffic Safety Award Program, AAA Southern New England honored 28 law enforcement agencies, including Orange, with special plaques citing their outstanding traffic safety education and enforcement programs in their respective communities.



From the Department of Police Services



During the Thanksgiving weekend from Wednesday 11/22 through Sunday 11/27 there were several traffic violations cited.

- 10 persons charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license or under suspension
- 8 persons charged with a speed related violation
- 5 persons charged with operating a motor vehicle without insurance
- 2 persons were charged with Operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

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Children

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Sessions for babies and toddlers up to 24 months will be held on Tuesday, December 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. Bring a snack; we'll provide juice.

Holiday Teddy Bear Story Time

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

Children's Film

Saturday, January 14, 1 p.m.: Join us for a screening of "Rio," a story about Blu, a domesticated macaw from Minnesota who meets the fiercely independent Jewel with whom he takes off on an adventure to Rio de Janeiro. Rated G. Bring a snack; we'll provide juice.

Teens

Book Chat Café

Tuesday, January 10, 2:15 p.m.: Held in the Amity Middle School Media Center for teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Please see Mrs. Goss.

Adults

Film Buffs: Sarah's Key

Thursday, January 5, 7 p.m.: In modern-day Paris, a journalist finds her life becoming entwined with a young girl whose family was torn apart during the notorious Vel' d'Hiv Roundup in 1942. PG-13. 113 minutes.

Yoga Workshop

Saturday, January 7, 11 a.m.: New Year! New Day! New You! Join Sue Neufeld for a multi-level yoga class that will include a talk about 'sankalpa,' postures, breathing, and relaxation.

Ever Chasing Alchemy: Improv Troupe Performance

Saturday, January 21, 1 p.m.: Ever Chasing Alchemy presents comedy suitable for folks of all ages. In the tradition of Whose Line Is It Anyway? the actors will transform audience suggestions into skits, scenes, and games that will be sure to have the audience laughing with joy.

Directed by Peter Loffredo. Sponsored by ACES and the Educational Center for the Arts.

Genealogy Workshop

Monday, January 23, 7 p.m.: Greg Thompson of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists will show you how to research your family history. Topic: Preserving Your Old Pictures and Documents.

Oscar Ballot Contest

The Library is holding its second annual Oscar Ballot Contest. Stop by the Circulation Desk and pick up a ballot to make your Oscar winner predictions. The two entrants who correctly choose the most Oscar winners will receive a free Oscar DVD of their choice courtesy of the Friends of the

Linsley Exhibit at Case Memorial Library

During the month of January 2012, Stratford artist Susan Linsley will be showing her series of paintings of shells in the gallery space at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road in Orange. Each shell is rendered in detail and juxtaposed on the canvas with a relevant watery motif. Linsley is a graduate of Brown University and Rhode Island College where she acquired a BFA in Painting. Since her retirement from the management of precious metals laboratories, she has pursued her painting in a studio in her home. Preferring non-traditional and non-representational themes her primary interest is in the symbiosis of line, color and shape. Her works are in collections in Connecticut, Florida and California. She has previously exhibited at the Westport Art Center, Westport. An opening reception, where you will get the opportunity to meet the artist, will be held on January 12, 2012 from 5:00-7:00pm.



Case Memorial Library

Library! Ballots will be available on Tuesday, January 24. The 84th Academy Awards air on Sunday, February 26. Winners will be contacted on Monday, February 27.

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 Junot Diaz. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

Art in the Library

Works by Jessica Zamachaj and John O'Neil will be on display in the Meeting Room through the month of December. Works by Manjunath, Stephens, and Linsley will be on display in the Meeting Room through the month of January. A reception will be held in their honor on Thursday, January 12 from 5-7 p.m.

Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested 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. The library will be closed December 24-26 in observance of Christmas and December 31, January 1, and January 2 in observance of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

More Offerings From Case Memorial Library

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Audiobooks

Cussler, Clive - The Race
Grafton, Sue - V Is for Vengeance
Hannah, Kristin - Night Road
Macomber, Debbie - The Matchmakers
Picoult, Jodi - The Pact
Rowling, J. K. - Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (j)

Music

Clarkson, Kelly - Stronger
Dum Dum Girls - Only in Dreams
Hawthorne, Mayer - How Do You Do
Ives, Charles - Four Sonatas; Hilary Hahn, violin
Fleck, Bela - Rocket Science
Janie Jones: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack
Macfarlane, Seth - Music Is Better than Words
McCreery, Scotty - Clear as Day
Sibelius, Jean - Symphonies 1, 2, 4, 5; Boston Symphony, Sir Colin Davis
Various Artists - The Lost Notebooks of Hank Williams

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Davis Appointed Chair of Regulations Review Committee

State Representative Paul Davis (D-Orange/Milford/West Haven) has been appointed Chairman of the Regulations Review Committee of the General Assembly by House Speaker Christopher Donovan (D-Meriden). The appointment is effective immediately. In announcing Rep. Davis's appointment, House Speaker Donovan said, "I am confident that your efforts will produce significant contributions to the legislative process."

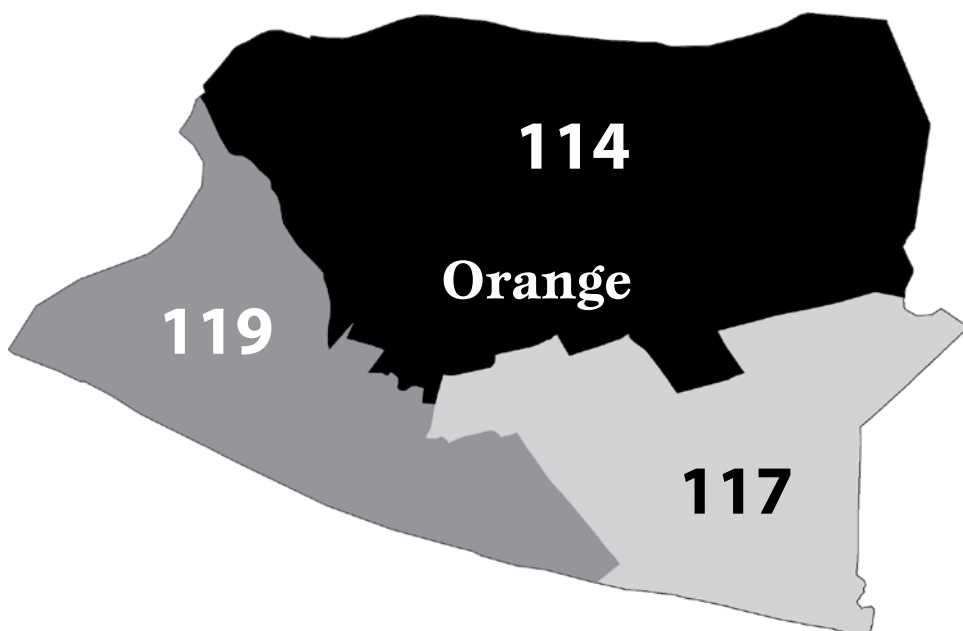
The committee has oversight over regulations written by state agencies to ensure that the regulations written by those agencies are consistent with state law. The chairmanship of the committee is shared by both parties. "I am honored that Speaker Donovan has appointed me Chair of the Regulations Review Committee," Rep. Davis said.

"The committee serves an important role in the legislative process to carry out the intent of authorizing legislation passed by the General Assembly."

Rep. Davis, a committee member for seven years, replaces Timothy O'Brien, who has resigned from the legislature following his election as New Britain's mayor.



Paul Davis



The Town of Orange will now be separated by three voting districts. To see if your House District has changed, Orange residents can see a detailed map of the new districts and the streets they cover at <http://www.cga.ct.gov>.

Redistricting Changes Orange District Map

Orange's political boundaries underwent some changes after the bipartisan "Reapportionment Commission" has drawn up new state Senate and House district lines. The Reapportionment Commission will cause a change in the political districts within the town of Orange commencing with the 2012 General Assembly elections which will increase the number of house districts within Orange from two (114 & 117) to three (114, 117 & 119).

The 117th House District, currently represented by Paul Davis, formerly covered approximately half of Orange, in addition to parts of Milford & West Haven. The new area is much smaller and limited to the western section of town. (See map below.)

The 119th District, which previously was entirely in Milford, now includes the south eastern part of Orange. This district is currently represented by Richard Roy (D) who will not be seeking re-election as the redistricting has caused his residence to now be located in the 117th district represented by Paul Davis (D). This would be an open seat in 2012 and cause the need for Orange to make plans for a possible third polling location within the town.

The 114th House District, currently held by Themis Klarides (R), remains basically unchanged.

Appointed by the State legislature, the 9-member Reapportionment commission began work in early April on redrawing districts. To see if your House District has changed, Orange residents can see a detailed map of the new districts and the streets they cover at <http://www.cga.ct.gov>.

A Very, Very Carbon-Neutral Christmas

The great Christmas-tree debate should be settled for now. No more agonizing over artificial versus natural, not after the sustainable-development firm elliposos released a bombshell study.

A life-cycle assessment -- following "the recognized ISO 14040 and 14044 standards" and relying on "no funding (direct or indirect) by any of the concerned stakeholders" -- determined that "a natural tree will generate 3.1 kg of greenhouse gases whereas the artificial tree will produce 8.1 kg per year."

The president of the firm rightly called the finding "astonishing," given that "the artificial tree is reusable" and "the natural tree requires annual trips to purchase it."

The artificial tree incurs such a carbon footprint at its inception -- with its manufacturing and then its transport from China -- that it takes 20 years of use for it to match a natural tree. Since most people don't find a raggedy fake tree entirely in keeping with the spirit of the season and throw out their artificial trees on average after a mere six years of use, the natural tree is clearly superior.

It sequesters carbon as it grows, and "watering the tree in the use stage only has marginal impacts." St. Boniface, who cut down the tree of Thor as a slap to the Norse gods and first suggested the fir as a symbol of Christianity, would no doubt be greatly relieved.

Following all this closely will be the new Christmas scolds, who are as annoying as the old Christmas scolds except greener. H.L. Mencken famously put down the Puritans -- decidedly cool on Christmas celebrations -- as people worried that someone, somewhere may be happy. The new Christmas scolds worry that someone, somewhere may be emitting CO2 over a glass of eggnog: Blessed is good, merry is nice, peaceful is advisable -- but carbon-neutral is absolutely essential.

Keep that in mind as you wrap your gifts -- if you must. According to the Clean Air Council, "An additional 5 tons of waste is generated during the holidays. Four million tons of this is wrapping paper and shopping bags." To avoid this carnage, kids either should be kept from ripping the wrapping paper so it can be reused -- good luck -- or the gifts should be placed in cloth gift sacks (ashes not included).

Did I mention kids? Aren't they the root of much of the wanton Christmas waste? No sooner are they out of their diapers (using 8,000 to 10,000 of them prior to potty training) than they are thrilling to Christmas lights (an estimated 200 pounds of unnecessary carbon emissions per season).

Ralph Reiland of the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review points to a Web publication called Alternative Consumer that recommends "A Freegan Christmas." The festivities will include Christmas trees fashioned out of shopping bags and a celebratory vegetarian meal. No cards and no wrapping paper, of course. Someone captured the spirit of this holiday program long ago, "Bah! Humbug!"

It's not an endorsement of every Christmas excess to appreciate merry-making and gestures of generosity. After all, the Magi didn't necessarily have to travel, or offer their gifts of frankincense and myrrh. That they did points to the ultimate reason for the joyous celebration of the season. Merry Christmas!

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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HISTORY CORNER

With Ginny Reinhard

The Shoe Fairy Cometh...

Traditions, the backbone of families everywhere, are as varied as the many families celebrating them. Holidays and traditions bind families together and play an important role, especially to the children. The shoe fairy, not at all well-known, was part of my childhood and a tradition still held as a celebration of new shoes that when put under the bed would receive a fairy visit. My grandfather, owning leather pits in Turkey made the wearing of shoes of great importance, an expense in the early 1900's that required special attention.

Not associated with leather pits, but never-the-less important, is the Holland tradition of the children leaving their shoes on the hearth where St. Nicholas can fill them with candies and small toys. A Santa's helper, not too well known in the United States, is Black Peter who was in charge of leaving switches for misbehaving children. Before the elves and tiny reindeer, Black Peter was the opposite of St. Nicholas or Sinterklaas, as he was known to the Dutch beginning his appearance in the 15th century. His dark appearance suggests a Spaniard reflecting the occupation of the Netherlands by Spain at that time as well as a pirate. It was not uncommon to tell children that they would be taken to a pirates' hideout and the stick and bag he held would insure a safe "passage" to this forbidden place.

As the political climate changed, Black Peter was often depicted as an Indian, an African, or a slave in tattered clothing. In parts of central Europe the character of Black Peter was more like a monster, but recently he has lost some of this grotesque persona and is dressed in a Renaissance page-style costume with short pants, stockings and a cap with a large feather. He still maintains the African connection, in blackface with gold earrings.

One cannot help to make a connection with the recent holiday story of Elf on a Shelf where a brightly colored stuffed elf is placed somewhere in the child's home to watch that they behave with a story that accompanies its role in keeping a child aware of its presence and the impending loss of gifts.

Not to be left out of the tradition of watching out for "bad" children is the French equivalent of Black Peter, Father Whipper. Dressed in a black robe, Pere Fouettard is another direct opposite of Pere Noel, as Santa is known in France. While not as popular as in America, the tree is sold, as one to be planted later and in some homes lit with candles as was common in early 1900's in the United States. The Christmas tree has been a widespread tradition since England's Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's husband, introduced the custom in 1841. Not too far a distance from England is Scotland where Christmas was not celebrated until the 1960's! It was outlawed and considered just another workday. It is still not the major event that it is to

other countries, but New Year's Day is an important, celebrated holiday.

Germany, perhaps more than any other country, has influenced the way Christmas is celebrated around the world. It is from Germany that we get some of the most popular ideas associated with the season and the Christmas spirit. To start the season we have the advent calendar and wreaths marking the days until Christmas in a variety of artistic styles. The pine tree is considered a "must" for holiday decoration, sometimes as early as the day after Thanksgiving, in some homes lasting until January 6th. Known as Little Christmas or in some countries Three Kings Day, the day celebrates the 3 Magi, Melchior, Balthasar and Caspar having brought gifts to the Christ Child. Unlike Santa Claus, gifts in Germany are brought by the Christ kindle or Kris Kringle, a figure that embodies the Christ Child and not a pseudonym for Santa. Here he is accompanied by a nasty companion called Belznickle, dressed in somber-colored fur leaving switches and coal to the naughty boys and girls. It is in the middle Atlantic colonies that Belznickle makes his United States appearance.

The earliest ornaments consisted of containers of edible goodies, but the first commercial glass-blown ornaments introduced in Germany were decorated and did not contain things to eat. The gingerbread house, nutcrackers and the tradition of opening gifts on Christmas Eve all have their origin in Germany.

Switzerland is a nation with four official languages and thus has multiple Christmas traditions with no single approach, but all citizens in Switzerland - French, German, Italians and Swiss

- celebrate with trees and mangers with bell-ringing competitions held throughout the country. In nearby Denmark Santa does not arrive alone. No indeed. There is a mysterious creature lurking about, dressed in grey with a red bonnet, red socks and white clogs. If he is not appeased with treats, he plays tricks, but if properly cared for, he watches over the family's animals for a year and when in Sweden a gnome must be appeased but his contribution is putting the presents under the tree.

The roots of Saint Nicholas began in Myra, Turkey when a young Greek boy was born in the

4th century to a very wealthy family.

His education was religiously grounded and at an early age he became a Bishop. Inheriting his family's wealth upon their death, he spent much of his life and wealth in charitable work. One story tells of an impoverished noble, father of three girls who was despondent at the thought of them being sent into servitude due to lack of a dowry. Nicholas upon hearing of this is said to have tossed a bag of gold through the window on three consecutive nights thus assuring the dowry for each of the girls. The bags appearing to be round and filled with gold has come to be associated with the pawnshop golden balls hanging outside their shop. Another story puts Nicholas on a ship being tossed about in the sea and with a wave of his arms, he calmed the waters, allowing the ship to sail in safety. This puts Nicholas in the position of the patron saint of sailors and Nicholas became known as the bearer-of-gifts.

From these beginnings, Christmas has become a blend of secular and religious traditions with the commercial phenomenon of the present-day holiday mixing them together. After all of the tinsel, needles, bows, wrapping paper and cookies have been all but forgotten, you can always put your new shoes under the bed.

Ginny Reinhard is president of the Orange Historical Society.



HOLIDAY Giving



Brothers Phil and Justin Grande, owners of Soundview Landscape Supply, once again opened up their West Haven business to sponsor the annual Touch-a-Truck event held in conjunction with Toys for Tots. On hand were many construction, fire, military, and police vehicles for children and adults to climb inside and explore. During the event attendees were able to watch a very informative and always impressive demonstration from the West Haven K-9 unit. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and also to those that came out to support this wonderful event. Many much needed toys were collected!



On November 1st, Racebrook School Daisy Troop 60323 travelled to the Orange Stop and Shop. The trip was to serve two purposes; one was a tour from the store manager, learning how produce comes into the store and the second was to shop for food donations for the Community Center adopt a family program. Each year at this time the Community Center collects food donations to make up baskets for families in need in our town. The Daisy troop spent over \$100 to provide a beautiful basket for wonderful family in need. With Thanksgiving behind us, there is still a need for food donations for the December holiday season. Food items are needed by December 17th for distribution. For more information visit orange.patch.com/articles/community-services-seeks-holiday-assistance.

Coldwell Banker In Orange Collects Toys For Tots

The Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Orange has been designated a local drop site for the Toys for Tots program, an annual event sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and local Marine Corps detachments. The Orange office, located at 564 Racebrook Road, will be accepting donated toys through December 18, 2011. Once the reception area of the office is full of toys, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage staff and sales associates will give the items to the local Marine Corps for distribution.

While the Marines and local community organizations manage the Toys for Tots program, its success is based on the generosity and support of local residents. Local business leaders play a key role by allowing Marines to place collection receptacles in their offices, providing warehouse space, and providing vehicles to gather toys from the collection sites.

For more information about the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Toys for Tots collection in Orange, please contact Aileen DeFeo at (203) 795-6000. The office is located at 564 Racebrook Road in Orange.

Bone Marrow Donors Needed

Friends are rallying around a former Woodbridge man who needs a life-saving bone marrow transplant by holding an enrollment in the "Be the Match" program. Staff members at Dr. T.C. Nanavati's office will conduct a donor registration on Sunday, December 18th, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Ansonia Animal Clinic, 876 South Main St., Seymour. Everybody is welcome to register. This is a humanitarian venture that will also benefit others.

Potential bone marrow donors will be given a free swab test kit to see if they are potential donor matches for Amit Gupta, who was diagnosed with acute leukemia in September. Gupta, 32, of San Francisco, formerly from Woodbridge, is being treated here with chemotherapy, but doctors tell him he needs to find a bone marrow donor. All it takes to be a bone marrow donor is to give a blood transfusion. There is no pain involved. There is no cost to those who register. Healthy people from areas such as South Asia, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh are especially asked to attend.

To be part of the program, potential donors must be 18 to 60 years old and in good general health. Those with asthma and are dependent on oral steroids, those who have back problems of the neck, spine and lower back and those who have cancer, except for some types of skin cancer, may not take part. Participants can't include those with diabetes and take insulin, those who have sleep apnea, have had a heart attack, coronary artery bypass, angioplasty or stent replacement, a pacemaker, arrhythmias, valve disease and blood clots or a stroke. Potential donors will be asked to complete a consent form to submit with the swab kit and will be contacted if they're able to join the match program. For more information, call (203) 735-9915 or 1-800-MARROW2 or visit BeTheMatch.org.



Amit Gupta



Give Creatively with Donor-advised Funds

By Richard J. Zorena, CFP®

Americans are generous and contribute billions of dollars to charity each year, using a variety of methods. One creative way of gifting is through a donor-advised fund, a separately identified fund or account that is maintained and operated by a section 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Donor-advised funds, which offer immediate tax benefits, are becoming increasingly attractive option for individuals, families and organizations looking for alternatives to direct giving or private foundations. With more than \$25.2 billion in assets and over 152,000 account holders in 2009, according to the National Philanthropic Trust, donor-advised funds are the fastest growing charitable giving vehicle in the U.S.

Donor-advised funds are usually offered by foundations, mutual fund groups, other financial firms and universities, who often partner with a charity on the offering.

By working through the public charity administering the donor-advised fund, donors make irrevocable contributions to the fund, which then invests the money in an account the donor creates from a list of different mutual funds. Individuals can contribute to the account cash or appreciated assets, such as securities, cash or real estate.

Next, the donors make a recommendation, if they choose, on the grants the fund will issue to charity. The donor can also specify that the income and/or principal from the fund be available for distribution to charity.

While donors can recommend which charities should receive contributions, the fund makes the actual grants. This provision is often included in the gifting agreement and offers protection from gifts being allocated to inappropriate charities at the behest of the donor.



The benefits of donor-advised funds

The benefits donors receive from using donor-advised funds include the ability to donate a wide variety of assets, an immediate tax deduction, flexible grantmaking and the opportunity to create a legacy. The charitable assets can also be passed on to future generations to oversee and/or can be given directly to charitable organizations.

Another advantage of donor-advised funds is that the donor does not incur the cost of establishing and administering a private foundation, making donor-advised funds appealing for people giving less than \$1 million. Many donor-advised funds require a minimum contribution of \$5,000 or \$10,000, and some funds may require a larger upfront contribution, whereas a private foundation can cost \$500,000 or more to establish.

Since the contributions are being made to a public charity, the donor receives an immediate tax deduction, including a deduction for a cash donation of up to 50% of the donor's adjusted gross income (AGI), or a deduction for securities and other appreciated assets of up to 30% of their AGI. Moreover, donors can avoid capital gains taxes on gifts of appreciated property and estate taxes, helping the investment in the fund grow tax-free.

When contributing assets to donor-advised funds, a donor can potentially give more to charity and pay less in taxes. The following example demonstrates the tax and giving advantages of contributing appreciated assets to a donor-advised fund. In this example, \$100,000 in long-term appreciated securities is being donated with a cost basis, or original purchase price of \$30,000.

If the donor sells the securities and donates the cash proceeds to charity, he or she will be subject to a capital gains tax of 15% of \$70,000, or \$10,500. That leaves the charity with \$89,500 of the securities' value. But if the donor contributes the \$100,000 of securities directly to a donor-advised fund, the charity receives the full amount of the donation. To receive the tax deduction, the donor must issue the gift by year end.

Possible drawbacks of donor-advised funds

Donor-advised funds do come with some limitations, such as the loss of complete control over the workings of the fund. And while the donor may provide suggestions about the distributions the institution makes from the fund, the recommendations are only advisory. However, most suggestions are followed by the administering charity, but they are not obligated to do so.

In contrast, donors in private foundations can create their own board, pick investments from across the financial industry and give equally to foreign and domestic charities.

Other potential limitations of donor-advised funds include the management fees and the minimum investment requirements associated with the contribution. While the fees are low, (management fees are typically less than 1% plus other expenses associated with the investments), they are still something to consider for potential donors.

So are donor-advised funds the right vehicle for you to use to conduct your charitable giving?

Please contact a financial advisor, who may be able to provide you with more information on how a donor-advised fund may assist you in your strategic philanthropy.

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"Dining with Susan"

By Susan Noonan



Restaurant Roundup - 2011

I have a reoccurring dream that I will run out of restaurants to write about. Not to worry, I have a list of restaurants waiting in the wings for 2012, a mix of brand new and others well established. This is a perfect opportunity for me to recap some of our local restaurant news from 2011. We did add some new establishments this year.

Jake's Wayback Burgers, Hibachi Grill, Puerto Vallarta, Abates Pizza, Andini's (formerly Pie Hole-stay tuned for upcoming profile as they are now open for business), Jamba Juice, Nuvita Frozen Yogurt & Café, Old Gate Tavern & Steakhouse in Milford (former Bennigans location). Unfortunately, we lost the Orange Family Diner, Mark Berry's (formerly Jacob Marley's, Ocean Grille, Rob Roy's & Liquid Venue), Hungry Howie's (came & went before I got to try their pizza), Racebrook Market, & Stockbridge in Woodbridge (don't worry their Shelton location is still going strong), Paisan's Pizza in Milford (delicious pizza, but the closing of Smiles Entertainment hit them hard). Claudio from the top notch Jeffrey's Restaurant in Milford purchased Chuck's Steak House in West Haven and is very busy upgrading this iconic location. Timothy's Deli has moved to a new location on the Boston Post Road in Orange. The popular Racebrook Wine & Liquor is taking over the Timothy's and Racebrook Market locations. They will be opening "Café Napa" sometime in the spring of 2012 (watch for details in upcoming issues). Tom Smith and his very personable family have really done wonders with this location and it will only get better.

I also want to mention Orange's well established restaurants that literally "weathered the many multitude of storms in 2011": Lisiano's, Reno's Pizzeria, Peking Duck House, Shanghai Gourmet, China Pavilion, Coromandel Cuisine of India, Ola, Hayama, Maithai, Five Guys, Springbrook Deli, Orange Ale House (this place amazes me, they are even busy on Monday nights at 11:00pm), Chips (everyone loves to wait in line for pancakes), Gabriele's, Bear & Grill, Baja Mexican, Roly-Poly, Outback Steakhouse, On The Border, Julia's Bakery, Wasabi, Thai House, Brueggers Bagels, Wood & Tap, China Wok, Sushi Palace, Star of India & Samurai Fusion.

Orange now allows dining "Al Fresco" that has become a must have with many restaurants. Please note that I didn't mention some of the chain restaurants in town as they are always busy and everyone knows who they are. 2012 should be an interesting year as we have approximately 1,300 United Illuminating employees coming into town and patronizing our local restaurants and retail establishments.

Final notes: I want to thank all the readers of the Orange Town News that have supported my column since the 1st issue in May 2006. Writing about restaurants is very rewarding as I have met many wonderful hardworking and extremely dedicated individuals. Please remember to support our local family-owned businesses. As I have said before, they are the core businesses in our community. Wishing you all very Happy Holidays! If you have a favorite restaurant-email susan@orangetownnews.com.

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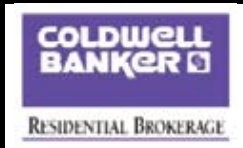
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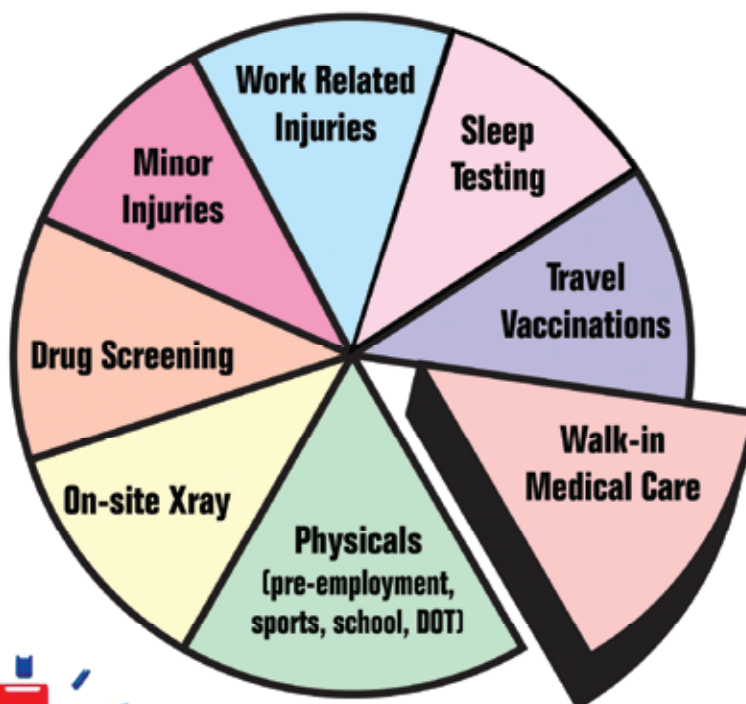
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Annabeth Gish

Q: I love watching one of my favorite "classic" TV shows, "Designing Women," in reruns whenever I get the chance. I've decided to ask Santa for the boxed sets on DVD, but can only find seasons one through four. Will season five be out before the holidays? -- Jeanne C., Conyers, Ga.

A: You, and the rest of us "Designing Women" fans, are in luck -- season five was released on DVD Dec. 6, right in the nick of time for Jolly Ole St. Nick to place a copy in your stocking. Season five begins with Charlene enrolling in college, Suzanne accidentally bidding on a date with Anthony, Mary Jo deciding to want a baby, and Julia secretly moonlighting as a nightclub songstress. The four-disc set includes all 24 original episodes -- with all the hairspray and shoulder pads that that entails. This season is also the last to include original cast members **Jean Smart** and **Delta Burke**, who left before season six to be replaced by **Jan Hooks** (who stayed for seasons six and seven) and **Julia Duffy** (who was in season six only).

Q: It seems like I've been waiting forever for the rest of the second season of "Pretty Little Liars" to air. Please tell me it will be back soon! -- Erin H., via e-mail

A: I love to be the bearer of good news. Your favorite bad girls, led by Aria Montgomery (played by **Lucy Hale**), will be back with new episodes on ABC Family on its new night starting Monday, Jan. 2. Watch as Aria, Emily, Hanna and Spencer take matters into their own hands to try to finally put a stop to their tormentor, the mysterious "A."

Q: Can you tell me if one of my favorite shows on TV will return? "The Killing" on AMC was rivet-

ing, and the twist at the very end of the last show blindsided me! -- Ann in Minnesota

A: I was just thinking about that show the other day, so thank you for reminding me. I too love "The Killing" and was glued to my seat for the entire 13-episode first season. The show will be back for a second season -- thank goodness! -- most likely in late spring, although an official date has not been set. If you're not already following me on Twitter (twitter.com/celebrity_extra), you should, because I always post up-to-the-minute news on casting and returning series.

Q: "Downton Abbey" on PBS was one of my favorite shows of 2011. I remember reading in your column that it would be back for a second season. If so, when? -- Donna B., Tulsa, Okla.

A: "Downton Abbey" season two returns to PBS's Masterpiece Classic on Sunday nights beginning Jan. 9 and running through Feb. 19 at 9 p.m. ET. **Maggie Smith, Hugh Bonneville, Elizabeth McGovern** and **Dan Stevens** headline the remarkable cast as World War I shakes Downton Abbey to its very foundations.

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THEATER REVIEW

"Other Desert Cities" by Jon Robin Baitz at the Booth Theatre on Broadway

By Zander Opper

Drop everything. "Other Desert Cities," the superb and deeply gratifying new play by Jon Robin Baitz, which just recently opened at the Booth Theatre in New York City, may possibly be the greatest thing that you will ever see onstage or even at the movies. At least, this is how I felt upon the conclusion this show and, while this reaction may seem hyperbolic, no doubt you will find something thrilling and enormously moving upon making a visit to "Other Desert Cities." Featuring a stellar cast, led by Stockard Channing and Stacy Keach, this play features its share of laugh-out-loud humor, as well as emotional tidal waves of feeling, but the playwright always seems to have something surprising up his sleeve. Indeed, this family drama can suddenly shift gears and take a path that no one could see coming. But let's not give anything away. Suffice it to say, "Other Desert Cities" takes a theatergoer on quite a journey, both entertaining and full of pathos, and this play may stand as the must-see show of the season.

Actually, "Other Desert Cities" may be the must-see show of two different seasons. I'll explain. A Lincoln Center production, this play premiered Off-Broadway this past February to the kind of reviews that producers dream about and a transfer to a Broadway house seemed imminent. But, unfortunately, no available theatre was found and so this show lingered in limbo for months. What's more, "Other Desert Cities" lost two of its actors—including one of my favorite performers, Linda Lavin—to other productions due to the delay in finding a theatre, so, upon arriving at the Booth, I didn't know quite what to expect. Happily, this play turned out to be even better than those early reviews would lead one to believe.

One of the best things about this show is its brilliant quintet of actors, directed with enormous sensitivity by frequent Baitz collaborator, Joe Mantello. Set at Christmas time in Palm Springs at the home of Polly and Lyman Wyeth (played by Stockard Channing and Stacy Keach), this play concerns the arrival of their writer daughter Brooke (Rachel Griffiths), who has come home for the holidays to present her tell-all manuscript about the Wyeth family's history of secrets before it is to be published. Also present are Brooke's brother Trip (Thomas Sadoski) and her alcoholic aunt Silda, played by Judith Light. Though this may sound like the makings of an all-too-familiar drama between generations and political viewpoints, this playwright is too smart for that, adding subtleties and shadings to his characters, making them all unique and deeply human.

In a cast in which all the parts are pretty much equal, Stockard Channing manages to stand out nonetheless. Played with a mixture of withering humor and unexpected generosity of spirit, Channing has not been this stellar and striking in years. Stacy Keach, as her husband, is equally good, combining the strength of being the patriarch of the family with the feeling that that façade could crumble at any given moment. As aunt Silda, the wonderful Judith Light gets all the best lines and, under any other circumstances, she would walk away with the show. Thomas Sadoski is terrific as the family member most designated to try to keep everything in balance and Rachel Griffiths, in a stunning Broadway debut, gives the most emotional performance, especially when reacting to the fallout of secrets in the second act.

But, as noted, "Other Desert Cities" is too good to have its secrets given away. This is truly a play that draws one in with its wit and entertaining repartee before slowly peeling away layers to reveal that this family comedy-drama is much more than it seems. Thanks to the brilliance of the playwright and his unmatched cast, "Other Desert Cities" provides plenty of laughter and tears, and, even if one doesn't totally agree with me that this production is one of the greatest things that they have ever seen, it is still too good to be missed. For tickets, call Telecharge at 212-239-6200 or go to www.lct.org.



Zander Opper



Amity High School strings students participated in a collaborative concert with the University of CT Chamber Orchestra. The concert took place on November 13 at the University of CT. This was the first of its kind, but more concerts are planned for the future.



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Davis Gallery: Ten Artists On Display!

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Born in Nottingham England, Graham went to art school at the age of 13, then studied painting, drawing and art history at Nottingham Art College and St. Martins College of Art London. An art teacher for 37 years working in London, Nottingham, and Frankfurt, Germany, Mr. Dale has exhibited in many group shows throughout the UK and Europe.

Graham Dale's inspiring outdoor scenes are definitely worth a visit to the Davis Gallery where you will find also on display, a wonderful assortment of art and photography from nine former art receptions held at the Davis Gallery, including: the large, stunning photography-on-canvas of Mick Mardsen, the children's book art of Natalie Fifer, the ultra-realistic color-pencil drawings depicting Town of Orange Scenes of Mark Dittmar, the pastel works of Jennifer Duff, the watercolors of Rosemary Benivegna and Joan Handschumacher, the lifelike wildlife wood carvings of William "Bud" Gallagher, along with samples of the works of Steve Bollman, and E.M. Carlson.

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Congregation Or Shalom

Hanukah Celebration: Join us as we celebrate Hanukah on December 23. We will light the menorah in the lobby before going to the Sanctuary for the 7:00 pm Service. Latkes and Hanukah cookies will follow the Service. All are welcome.

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.

Wellness Expo: Sunday, January 29: "Choosing Health and Happiness" is the theme for the community Wellness Expo. The program, which begins at 1:00 pm, is free and open to the public. It is co-sponsored by Wepawaug-CT Valley-West Rock Chapter of Hadassah.

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.

Happy Holidays from All of Us at Orange Town News





LOCAL SPORTS



Jake Hollander and Instructor Ryan McEachern

Orange Student Wins at Karate Tournament

Orange Recreation karate student Jake Hollander placed 2nd in sparring at the Federation Challenge Tournament in Waterbury on May 22, 2011. Jake is a 12 year old student at Amity Middle School. He also plays the cello and received the Superintendent's Award. Master Sansonetti congratulates Jake for all of his achievements. Master Sansonetti also offers classes in Stratford, Ansonia, Monroe and Trumbull. For more info call 203-783-9768 or visit www.superiorkarate.net.



During the UCONN game, Zack roots on the team.

Cub Scouts Having UCONN Football Fun

The Cub Scouts in Pack #922 at Peck Place School are having a busy fall enjoying lots of fun activities including attending a home UCONN football game and tailgating before the game (shown above). Tailgating with the Cub Scouts included mini pancakes, egg sandwiches cooked on the grill, hot cocoa, cookies and lots of tag football. During the half-time of the UCONN vs. Syracuse game, the cub scouts were permitted on the football field and paraded around the field. It was a great game, and to end a perfect day, UCONN won the game!

In addition to the UCONN game, this fall the 1st and 2nd grade Cub Scouts enjoyed other activities such as a participating in the Orange Veteran's Day celebration, collecting food for the Orange Food Closet, attending the Barnum 200" Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, camping out at the Lime Rock Overnight Camp Out & Race, Hiking & Picnicking at Sleeping Giant State Park and watching a Pack Movie Night at HPCC.

If you would like to learn more about Cub Scouting, please visit www.OrangeCTscouting.com.



Touch 'em All

By David Crow - Special to the Orange Town News

For several years now I've been involved in the Orange Little League. It has been my privilege during that time to meet many of the great young men and young women we are raising here in Orange. Their enthusiasm is infectious and through them I have rediscovered my love for the game.

This fall I managed a team of eleven and twelve year old boys and girls in the Orange Fall Ball League. The team I managed was, as always, made up of a great group of kids and we had a lot of fun. After the season ended I received a special gift from one of my players, Jake Bronson, and it was this gift that inspired me to write this article. Jake took the time to write an essay about me thanking me for being his coach this fall.

Over the course of my time with the Orange Little League I have been the recipient of many great gifts. My players from my Rookies team all signed a bat and gave it to me, and the players from my Minors team all signed my clip board. On top of that have been many thank you cards, gift certificates, high fives and words of thanks from the players I've met along the way. Many of these items are in my office at work proudly displayed for all to see. This collection now includes Jake's essay which I had framed and placed in the book case where I show off my "trophies" from Orange Little League.

So, as next year turns into this year, I'd like to follow Jake Bronson's example and take a moment to say "Thank You" to some very deserving groups of people involved in the Orange Little League.

The Orange Little League is a volunteer organization. From its President to the coaches every person involved is a volunteer who submits themselves to the scrutiny of the selection process and then does their appointed job with enthusiasm and care. I'd like to thank all those volunteers I've met and will meet in the future for your patience and dedication. Without you there is no Orange Little League.

The Orange Little League is a communal organization. I always tell people joining Orange Little League is something like joining a social club in that you see the same faces and get to know them. At the heart of that are the parents who faithfully sit in the bleachers in the biting cold of March, the blazing heat of July, and the long shadows of early sunsets in October to cheer on all our boys and girls. I'd like to thank all those parents I've met and will meet in the future for their endurance and pride. Without you there is no Orange Little League.

And last, but definitely not least, the Orange Little League is a youth organization. From their first season of Tee Ball to their last season in Senior Ball the players are the ones that give us something to cheer for with their efforts on the field. It is truly thrilling to see what excellent young women and young men the community of Orange is fostering. I'd like to thank all those players I've met and will meet in the future for their effort and excellence. Without you there is no Orange Little League.

And so the amazing Orange Little League year of 2011 passes and, believe it or not, the many volunteers of the Orange Little League are already working hard to make 2012 even better. With that I'd like to invite you, one and all, to get involved with the Orange Little League and I look forward to seeing and thanking you in person at the Old Tavern Complex in the seasons to come.

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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani

American Wine Society



The American Wine Society National Conference was in Rochester, New York this year and it was a great conference! The conference sold out and it consisted of 600 members and was a great educational and social experience. It took place at the Radisson Hotel Rochester Riverside near the center of town and it was a great facility that was easy to find. We arrived on Thursday about 1:00 absolutely starving and we checked in and looked around for a great local place for lunch. We were told there was one place we HAD to go and that was the Dinosaur Bar-B-Que!

Founder John Stage began Dinosaur Bar-B-Que with two partners as a mobile concession unit in 1983 with a 55-gallon drum cut in half. The idea was hatched at the Harley Rendezvous, a massive motorcycle gathering near Albany, NY because they believed that bikers deserve a good plate of food. For five years the road was home, doing motorcycle shows, fairs, and festivals throughout the Northeast. Burned out from life on the road, they settled in downtown Syracuse as a quick service lunch/dinner bar-b-Que joint in 1988. In 1990 they tripled their size, adding a full bar, full service dining, and live music. Dinosaur Bar-B-Que opened its doors in Rochester, NY in 1998, Dinosaur Bar-B-Que Harlem followed in 2004 and the fourth location in Troy, NY opened on November 10, 2010.



This is a picture of me pressing out 1100 pounds of Cabernet located in my garage winery in Orange. It is not Napa or New York State, but we can only hope!!

The bar-b-Que has been nationally acclaimed as some of the best in the country. It has won honors for food and sauces in publications such as Men's Health and Eating Well magazines, won the Number 1 BBQ on Good Morning America and has been featured on various Food Network and Travel Channel shows. It has a full line of specialty sauces and spice rub that is available throughout the country and in Europe and Japan. Its cookbook, Dinosaur Bar-B-Que: An American Roadhouse, was voted a best BBQ cookbook by the National Association of BBQ.

At Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, fresh, homemade, and high-quality aren't just catchwords; they're the foundation. Its commitment to food quality and genuine hospitality is unyielding and intense. It prides itself on loyal guests, employees, and being a great place to have fun and sample some of the best bar-b-Que in the country. The menu is firmly rooted in the traditions of Southern bar-b-Que, but there are other influences that shape the flavors and give the food its own distinctive character. That's one of the secrets of great bar-b-Que - staying committed to tradition, but finding your own stamp and signature. It is almost worth the trip!!

The other wonderful opportunity we were allowed at the conference was to uncork New York. The state of New York has wonderful wines and a great wine making tradition. One of the things I learned in attending was the wonderful nature of dry New York Riesling!! It was very similar to the wines I was exposed to when I played in the Montreaux Jazz festival in 1971 in Montreux Switzerland on the shores of Lake Geneva and it brought back some wonderful memories tasting those great New York wines especially the dry Riesling. The sparkling wines in New York are wonderful also. They are produced using the method de Champansios and the quality is remarkable.

Some personal side notes. I had lunch with Peter Mondavi. (Yes, The Peter Mondavi!!) All of the ladies loved him in that he was tall, handsome, and well-spoken and had that California laid back way. He was a lot of fun to be with. At this event he was like being with a rock star! Dr. Constantine Frank's grandson attended and was wonderful. Plan a visit to his winery and mention the American Wine Society and it will get you into the sparkling wine room free of charge! I learned the wineries around the finger lakes region are wonderful and wines are terrific!! The overall grape growing temperature is the same as Bordeaux! Plan a summer trip and you will be glad you did!!

Some other wine notes. Our friend and AWS member Tom Minello is now the head winemaker at Chamard here in Connecticut. He has developed a popular new Port style wine using my brother Gene's port recipe! He is getting \$30.00 for a one-half bottle and they can't keep it in stock!

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.

Morris to Open for Country Christmas Concert

Amity High School graduate and rising country singer/songwriter Marla Morris will be the opening act in a Nashville-style "Country Christmas Charity Concert" in New York City on December 18.

The concert, which will feature country star and Dancing with the Stars contestant Chuck Wicks, will take place at 7:30 p.m. at The Copacabana, 268 W. 47th street. Orange native and vocalist Rose Coppola, who is co-owner of RVP Studios in West Haven, will also perform with Morris in the opening act. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit the Food Bank for New York City and the Second Harvest Food Bank in Nashville, TN. A southern style buffet and raffle will be held prior to the show during which 30 guests will be randomly selected to meet Chuck Wicks and the other performers. After the concert, the evening will conclude with a rooftop party featuring an open wine and cheese bar.



Marla Morris

Marla is the daughter of former Orange residents, Michael and Dena (Napoli) Morris. She is currently pursuing a degree in Music Business from Belmont University in Nashville, and has a new Christmas single out on the radio, "Wrapped Up in Love." Morris is thrilled about her upcoming concert. "I am very humbled to open for Chuck Wicks, who I've always admired, and I'm happy to support two great charities," she said. "It is going to be a terrific event!" She is also working on new original material and plans to be back in the studio recording in January.

For tickets or more information about the December 18 concert, or to donate to the charities, visit www.bigsouthmusicgroup.com.

To hear Morris' music, visit www.marlamorris.com.

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Orange Resident Finalist in Baskin Robbins "Flavor" Contest

Baskin-Robbins, the world's largest chain of ice cream specialty shops, has selected the top 10 finalists of its second National Online Flavor Creation Contest. Baskin-Robbins is now calling on ice cream devotees across the country to vote for their favorite. The winning flavor will be the July 2012 Flavor of the Month.

From October 1 through October 31, Baskin-Robbins fans had an opportunity to be their very own "dessert chef" and create an ice cream flavor with the Baskin-Robbins virtual flavor creator. Nearly 40,000 consumers mixed and matched their own ingredients to create a signature ice cream flavor from 31 base flavors, a variety of ribbons such as fudge and peanut butter and a copious amount of mix-ins including candy pieces and cookies. For this year's contest, Baskin-Robbins added new base flavors and mix-ins for consumers to create a flavor. The new editions to the contest included: Strawberry or Mango Yogurt, French Toast Ice Cream flavors, Oreo, Cherry, and Whipped Cream flavor ribbons, and Blondie Brownie, Golden Oreo, and chocolate covered cookie inclusions. Fans can vote for their favorite ice cream creations beginning today through December 12 at www.BaskinRobbins.com.

Local nominee, Leslie Pearson of Orange has been chosen as one of the Baskin-Robbins top 10 finalists. Leslie has won free ice cream for a year, and has a chance to have her flavor added to the Baskin-Robbins ice cream library and the new flavor will be featured as the July 2012 Flavor of the Month. Leslie has created the Magic Bar, this seven layer bar consists of coconut ice cream, dark fudge, graham cracker and chocolate chips. If voted as the winner, Leslie will also receive a trip for two to Boston which includes a three-night stay at a landmark Boston hotel, a night at the theatre, \$1,000 in spending money and a trip to Baskin-Robbins headquarters where she will meet the Baskin-Robbins culinary team and spend a day bringing their virtual flavor to life.

The 10 finalists and their ice cream flavor creations include:

- Magic Bar, Leslie Pearson, Orange, CT: This seven layer bar consists of coconut ice cream, dark fudge, graham cracker and chocolate chips.
- Lemon Icebox Pie, Robert Ryan Reece, Bayonet Point, FL: Tangy lemon ice cream, whipped cream swirls and honey-sweet graham cracker pieces.
- Snap, Crackle, and Caramel, Christina Brumfield, Colorado Springs, CO: White Chocolate Mousse ice cream with chocolate rice crunchies and caramel sauce.
- Carmel Batter Bash, Marcia Campbell, Lexington, Mass.: Cake Batter ice cream with Heath Bar and chocolate chips.
- Chippity Chocolatey Chew, Paula Brooks, Westford, Mass.: Chocolate Chip ice cream with a fudge ribbon and fudge brownie pieces.
- Cold Mine, Judy Gewuerz, Fresh Meadows, NY: Chocolate ice cream with an Oreo icing ribbon, walnuts and fudge brownie pieces.
- Nutty Creamcheese Brownie, Kelsey Lien, Santa Clarita, CA: Chocolate fudge ice cream with a cream cheese ribbon, walnuts and fudge brownie pieces.
- She Devil Pie, Kelebra Williams, Compton, CA: Strawberry ice cream with a cream cheese ribbon mixed with pie crust and strawberry pieces.
- Chocolate Cookie Crumble, Elissa Decarlo, Glenmoore, PA: Chocolate ice cream with an Oreo icing ribbon with chocolate chips and Oreo cookies.
- Blueberry Bliss, Claudia Gdowski, Dearborn Heights, MI: White Mousse ice cream with blueberries, almond pieces and chocolate flakes.

Each finalist wins free ice cream for a year, and the grand prize winner will have their flavor added to the Baskin-Robbins ice cream library and the new flavor will be featured as the July 2012 Flavor of the Month. The grand prize winner will also receive a trip for two to Boston which includes a three-night stay at a landmark Boston hotel, a night at the theatre, \$1,000 in spending money and a trip to Baskin-Robbins headquarters where the winner will meet the Baskin-Robbins culinary team and spend a day bringing their virtual flavor to life. For more information and official rules, please visit <http://baskinrobbins.com/flavorcontest/>.



Bulletin Board



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

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.

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.

New England Ballet Company Offers 2nd Annual Performance of "Nutcracker Suite", a 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.hitektracing.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.

Death Notices



Joseph E. Stanio

Joseph E. Stanio, age 88, of Orange, beloved husband of Florence Logio-co Stanio, passed away on Friday December 9, 2011 at his home. Born on February 12, 1923 in New Haven, he was the son of the late Louis and Mary Choppa Stanio. Joseph served with pride and honor in the US Army Air Corps during WWII. Prior to his retirement Joe was an electrician and the owner of All Electric Company of New Haven. He was the past president of the New Haven Electrical Contractor Association. Joe loved to play guitar, banjo and the organ. In his younger days Joe played locally with "The Joey Edwards Band". He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will be greatly missed



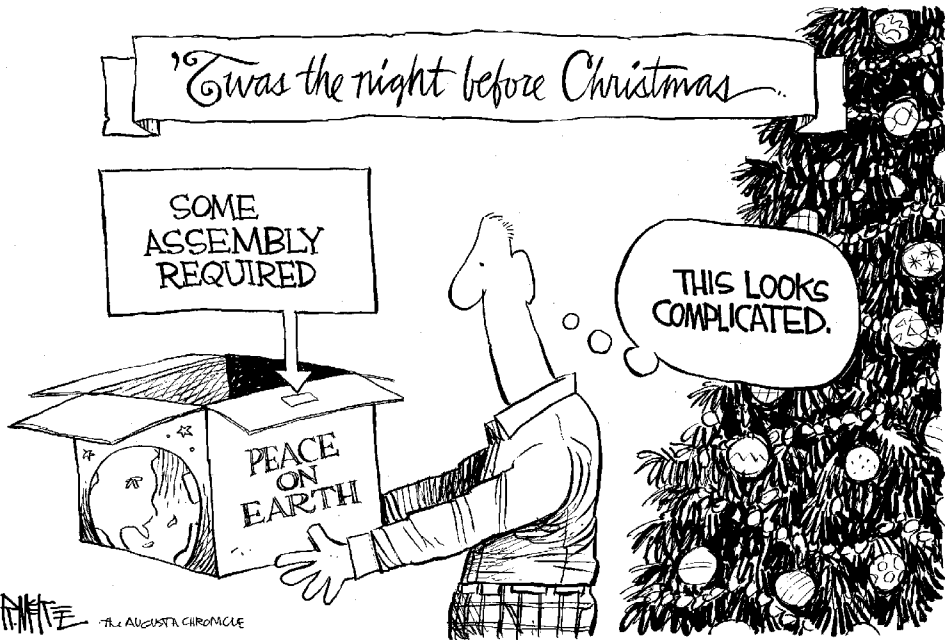
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In addition to his wife Florence of 65 years, he is survived by four children. Lewis Stanio of Seymour, Mary Ann Skidmore of Farmingville, LI, Thomas Stanio of Orange and Joseph Stanio Jr. of North Branford. Joseph is also survived by eight grandchildren; Michael, Danielle, Stephanie, Tori, Joseph, Jason, Christopher and Stephen. He was predeceased by his siblings Emma, Theresa and Fred.

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Death Notices

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Grombacher-Shiner Announce Engagement

Michael and Jayne Shiner of Hamden are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Emilie Anne Shiner to George Lewis Grombacher, son of Jacquelyn Grombacher of Duluth, MN and Charles Grombacher of Scottsdale, AZ.

The bride-to-be earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology/Economics from Quinnipiac University and her Master's Degree in Human Resource Management-Chapman University. Her fiancé earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Valparaiso University. They are both employed by The New York Life Insurance Company in Scottsdale, AZ.

A February, 2012 wedding in Cancun, Mexico is planned.

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Get Ready to Cruise News

By Leslie Marsh



A Holiday Poem

(with apologies to Clement C. Moore and Dr. Suess)

'Twas holiday time, and the family was stressed.
What to get for each other, what would be best?
There's no need to worry, and I'm willing to bet,
If you keep right on reading, you'll know what to get!

A cruise for the family, why that would be great!
You can all go together, hey, let's pick a date!
And then, choose a cruise line, but how will you pick?
Just contact Cruise Planners, we'll fill in for St. Nick.

Cruise like a Norwegian or a princess with Disney,
Or sail with Celebrity, the choice will be easy.
Try something different, a river cruise perhaps?
You can take in the sights while you sit and relax!

You've chosen your cruise line, now where will you go?
The Caribbean, Blue Danube or try Monaco!
You can visit such places as Alaska or Rome,
The choices are endless, why would you stay home?

Once you've made your decision, sit back and relax.
I'll take care of your booking, and provide all the facts.
From your stateroom, your passport, dining choices and more,
Shore excursions, spa treatments there's so much in store!

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Will You Be Gifting This Season?

By Roberta L. Nestor

Most certainly the holiday season is associated with gifts for loved ones, generally the kind that come wrapped and in a box. However, this is also the time of year when people consider making monetary gifts to family members. If you are feeling generous this year, the IRS allows you to gift \$13,000 to each family member. Here's how it works - each year, you can gift away money or other stuff worth up to \$13,000 to a single donee (gift recipient). If you are married, you and your spouse can jointly give away up to \$26,000 per donee. You don't have to pay any gift taxes, and your estate tax exemption remains intact.

Dollars and sense

While that definition may appear over simplified, it is one of the most misunderstood IRS rules. Most often, someone will ask, "How much will I save in taxes if I gift to my children?" The answer is nothing; there is no tax benefit for the donor or the recipient. If you keep your annual gifting under the \$13,000 you are not required to file a gift tax return. The other end of the question is "Will my children have to pay tax if I gift them money?" No, they will not, if you stay within IRS gifting rules, there is no immediate tax benefit or liability.

However, making gifts of property to family members is a useful tool that may accomplish a variety of asset protection and estate planning objectives. A properly structured program of gift giving, to one's children or grandchildren, can result in a minimization of estate and income taxes and can also be useful for achieving a significant degree of lawsuit protection.

But what happens when you exceed that limit? You may have to file a federal gift tax return, using IRS Form 709. It's generally required if you made a gift worth over \$13,000 to an individual or several gifts to one individual that add up to more than \$13,000. Gifts above the \$13,000 annual limit are called "taxable gifts." Don't panic! You won't actually owe any federal gift tax unless your cumulative taxable gifts exceed your \$5 million lifetime gift tax exemption. But you must still file Form 709 if you made any taxable gifts, even when no tax is due.

What's ahead for Gifting in 2012? Prior to the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization & Job Creation Act (aka 2010 Act), your gifting could not exceed \$1 million dollars during your lifetime or you would have to pay gift tax. In 2012 that number changes to a \$5 million lifetime exemption. Certainly this change is expected to have much political pressure to keep it at the one million levels and, it is expected to return to the one million levels in 2013. That makes 2012 an ideal time to consider gifting highly appreciated assets such as real estate as well as closely held family owned businesses. For this type of gifting it is recommended that you work with an attorney and or tax professional.

Large gifts made in 2012 are always scrutinized by IRS, what you may consider fair market value of real estate or a business may not be the same as the IRS's evaluation. In addition, gifting of assets can have serious negative implications in a long term care situation. Despite IRS rules of gifting, state Medicaid laws still have a five year look back for any gifting. The state looks for a pattern of gifting; gifting all of your assets and home to children on the onset of an illness will be subject to the look back period. Most financial advisors will be able to point you in the right direction for legal and tax advice for gifting.

Happy Holidays to All!

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top 10 movies

- 1. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn -- Part 1 (PG-13)**
Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson
- 2. The Muppets (PG)**
Jason Segel, Amy Adams
- 3. Happy Feet Two (PG)**
animated
- 4. Arthur Christmas (PG)**
animated
- 5. Hugo (PG)**
Asa Butterfield, Chloe Grace Moretz
- 6. Jack and Jill (PG)**
Adam Sandler, Katie Holmes
- 7. Immortals (R)**
Henry Cavill, Luke Evans
- 8. Puss in Boots (PG)**
animated
- 9. Tower Heist (PG-13)**
Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy
- 10. The Descendants (R)**
George Clooney, Shailene Woodley

TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

- 1. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part II (PG-13)**
Daniel Radcliffe
- 2. The Change-Up (R)**
Ryan Reynolds
- 3. Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13)**
Chris Evans
- 4. Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13)**
Steve Carrell
- 5. Water for Elephants (PG-13)**
Reese Witherspoon
- 6. Cars 2 (G)**
animated
- 7. Larry Crowne (PG-13)**
Tom Hanks
- 8. Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13)**
Johnny Depp
- 9. Horrible Bosses (R)**
Jennifer Aniston
- 10. Bad Teacher (R)**
Cameron Diaz

Chartbusters

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. David Guett feat. Usher**
"Without You"
- 5. Bruno Mars**
"It Will Rain"
- 6. Maroon 5 feat. Christina Aguilera**
"Moves Like Jagger"
- 7. Flo Rida**
"Good Feeling"
- 8. Gym Class Heroes feat. Adam Levine**
"Stereo Hearts"
- 9. Drake feat. Rihanna**
"Take Care"
- 10. Katy Perry**
"The One That Got Away"



Rihanna

Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Brantley Gilbert**
"Country Must Be Country Wide"
- 2. Jason Aldean**
"Tattoos On This Town"
- 3. Lady Antebellum**
"We Owned the Night"
- 4. Miranda Lambert**
"Baggage Claim"
- 5. Taylor Swift**
"Sparks Fly"
- 6. Blake Shelton**
"God Gave Me You"
- 7. Eli Young Band**
"Crazy Girl"
- 8. Zac Brown Band**
"Keep Me in Mind"
- 9. Thompson Square**
"I Got You"
- 10. Rascal Flatts feat. Natasha Bedingfield**
"Easy"

COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEWS BY DNA SMITH



Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams

EDITOR'S NOTE: New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of December 19th, 2011.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Midnight in Paris" (PG-13) -- Gil and Ines (Owen Wilson and Rachel McAdams) are an engaged couple visiting Paris with family. Gil is a writer struggling with his novel in an age that doesn't seem to value the kind of writing he's passionate about. Gil takes to roaming the city at night and winds up in the 1920s, surrounded by the writers and artists of his favorite era.

It's more whimsical than cynical, and Wilson's awkward charm makes a perfect vehicle for Woody Allen. The romance of the film revolves

around the fantasy of escapism and beauty of the real world when we have the right lens. Sure there's time-travel, but this movie is less about wormholes and more about falling in love with a city.

"Warrior" (PG-13) -- One might think "Warrior" is what happens when all those familiar sports-drama cliches are transplanted onto mixed martial arts, and this is true, but by the end of the movie it won't matter. Like a fighter using tried-and-true moves, execution is what counts.

Brendan (Joel Edgerton) is a teacher and ex-fighter stepping back into the ring to support his family in hard times. His younger brother, Tommy (Tom Hardy), is an ex-Marine who tries to find his way through the sport. Add one washed-up old father/trainer (Nick Nolte), and it's easy to see how this movie is conditioned for climactic ground-and-pound weighted with personal and family baggage.

"Dolphin Tale" (PG) -- While it may have some of the tone and outward trappings of a Hallmark Channel TV movie, this family film based on a true story is surprisingly watchable and uplifting. A boy finds a dolphin whose tail is caught in a crab trap, and he becomes the anchor of the group of people who make it their mission to bring it back to health.

Of course, such a family film has a warm, cheesy center -- apparently a dolphin with an amputated tail has a lot to do with family values. The gags are slow-pitch -- even for kids -- and Harry Connick Jr. plays the handsomest marine biologist ever. Perhaps this one won't find a spot in the video collection, but the family can get a night of warm and fuzzy feelings from this slightly sappy creature feature.

- Name the group that had hits with "Only Sixteen" and "A Little Bit More," and give the year.
- Which solo artist had No. 1 hits with "Longer," "Make Love Stay" and "Believe in Me"?
- Name the band that had Top 10 hits with "Listen People" and "Leaning on a Lamp Post."
- Which female artist released "I'm a Woman" in 1963?
- "Operator" (1975) and "The Boy from New York City" (1981) were released by which group?
- Who released "Devil with a Blue Dress On," and when?



1. Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show, in 1976. That same year, "A Couple More Years" made it (just barely) to the U.S. country chart. 2. Dan Fogelberg, in 1980, 1983 and 1984, respectively. He died in 2007 at age 56. 3. boy. 4. Peggy Lee. Many have covered the song, including Bette Midler, and Raquel Welch/Miss Figgly in a duet. 5. Four-part harmony vocal quartet Manhattan Transfer. Thus far the group has netted 10 Grammys, and a 40th anniversary album of never-before-released material is rumored to be in the works. 6. Mitch Ryder and The Detroit Wheels, in 1966. The song went to No. 4 on the charts.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

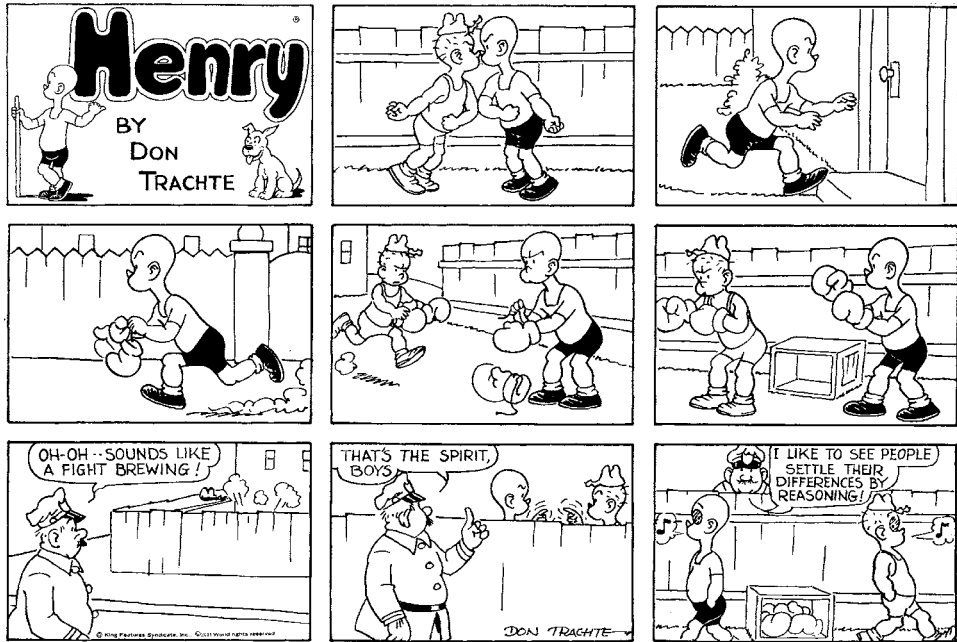
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

COMICS / CROSSWORD / HOLLYWOOD



HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



John Astin, Carolyn Jones

HOLLYWOOD -- Remember "The Addams Family," the creepy, kooky sitcom that ran for 64 episodes in the mid-1960s, starring John Astin and Carolyn Jones as Gomez and Morticia Addams? It was revived for two films with Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston in the starring roles in '91 and '93. With Raul Julia's death, a '98 film reboot starred Tim Curry as Gomez and Daryl Hannah as Morticia. That year, ABC Family revived the series, again with John Astin as Gomez, which ran 65 episodes. This summer I saw "The Addams Family" (the musical) on Broadway with Brooke Shields and Roger Rees (of "Cheers") as Morticia and Gomez. Now Tim Burton plans to write, produce and possibly direct a stop-action animated film of "The Addams Family" along the lines of his "Nightmare Before Xmas" film.

Another spooky sitcom, "The Munsters," also debuted 1966 and ran for 70 episodes, with Fred Gwynne as Herman Munster and Yvonne De Carlo as his wife, Lily. In 1981, NBC made "The Munster's Revenge" with the same cast. In '88, "The Munsters Today" brought back the series for 72 shows. In '95 Edward Hermann and Veronica Hamel took over in "Here Come the Munsters." The following year, Fox TV gave us "The Munster's Scary Little Christmas." Now that "Once Upon a Time" and "Grimm" are grabbing viewer attention, NBC has given "Pushing Daisies" creator Bryan Fuller the green light to develop a one-hour drama series about the Munsters. So, if you're too young to have seen "The Addams Family," "The Munsters" or even "Mr. Ed" -- it looks like you'll be seeing them again ... and again ... and again!

Kristin Stewart and Taylor Lautner -- haven't been able to equal their success in anything else, fellow cast-member Jackson Rathbone seems to be forging ahead with several impressive projects. His band 100 Monkeys had three CDs in 2009, and a new CD, "Liquid 200," came out in June. He's got two films now shooting -- "Truckstop" and "Live at the Foxes Den" -- and two films in the can -- "Cowgirls 'n' Angels" and "Zombie Hamlet" with Shelley Long and John Amos. And, of course, "Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 2." We'll be seeing a lot of Rathbone in the coming year.

David Yates, director of five Harry Potter films, including the final two, plans to direct a big-screen version of the BBC series "Dr. Who." Yates says it will not be related to the current "Dr. Who" starring Matt Smith. He doesn't have a story or script yet, but is definitely set to make it. Sounds kind of like the old Abbott and Costello routine: Dr. Who's on first, What's on second, I Don't Know Who's on third!

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

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Ballet skirt
- 5 "A pox upon thee!"
- 8 Sore
- 12 Microwave, for one
- 13 Praise in verse
- 14 Comrade of Mao
- 15 Clothing store section
- 16 Attendance check
- 18 Wolf in the henhouse?
- 20 "Yes" or "no" follower
- 21 Settled down
- 23 -- generis
- 24 Com-mand to Fido
- 28 Being, to Brutus
- 31 Historic time
- 32 Elaine's surname on "Seinfeld"
- 34 Wire measure
- 35 Air outlet
- 37 Price reduction
- 39 Baseball hat
- 41 Actor Julia
- 42 Antarctic volcano
- 45 Now

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- 49 Race drivers' protectors
- 51 Lumber
- 52 Reed instrument
- 53 Fish eggs
- 54 "Do -- others ..."
- 55 Collections
- 56 Do sums
- 57 Equal
- be-bygones type
- 6 Wedding words
- 7 Morays and congers
- 8 Accumulate
- 9 Special appeal
- 10 Aperture
- 11 Christmas
- 17 Fleur-de- --
- 19 Amorphous mass
- 22 Male voice
- 24 Churchly title (Abbr.)
- 25 Raw rock
- 26 Trusted knight
- 27 Got sick again
- 29 Bracketed notation
- 30 Wapiti
- 33 Insult
- 36 Restaurant furniture
- 38 Enlarge a photo
- 40 Saloon
- 42 Love god
- 43 Pajama cover-up
- 44 Poet
- 46 Zilch
- 47 Carry
- 48 Smell
- 50 Scepter

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) I know, dear Lamb, that you don't like anyone trying to take charge of one of your projects, but try to be a bit more flexible. A new idea could help hasten a positive result.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) I'm sure, like the time-thrifty Taurus that you are, that you've done much of your holiday shopping. But don't relax yet. Wrap those gifts now to save yourself lots of unwanted pressure.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be receptive when a family member or friend asks to confide in you. Your positive reaction could ensure that he or she will have a happy holiday experience.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't be rushed into wrapping up that workplace problem. Consider leaving it until after the holidays. This way you'll have the facts you need to reach the right resolution.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You'll get news that will make you glow brighter than the lights of the holiday season. Be sure to use what you learn both carefully and kindly, to avoid giving the wrong impression.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That frayed relationship could be mended in time for the holidays if you were more flexible. Give a little, and you could get back a lot more

than you imagined.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Things might not seem to be settling down as quickly as you would prefer. But it might be just a little holiday time flutter. You'll soon get news that will lead to more stability.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Stop getting so involved in everyone's personal problems that you lose precious time with loved ones. Remember, even the Supreme Court closes for the holidays.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) All signs point to a bright holiday, with all of those pesky problems finally resolved in your favor. Share the good times with people you love and, of course, who love you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your plans should not be set in stone and cemented over. Leave some openings in case you need to make changes. Spend the holidays with your nearest and dearest.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Surprise! This holiday finds you on the receiving end of the generosity of those who are usually the recipients of so much that you give so freely and lovingly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That piece of good news assures that you'll be swimming in clearer, calmer waters this holiday season. There might be a storm or two ahead, but you'll weather it all in fine style.

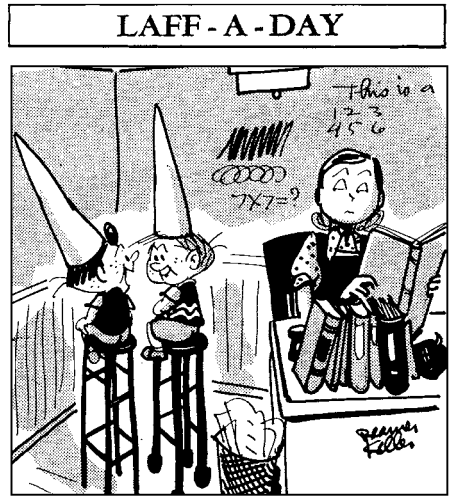
BORN THIS WEEK: You have a flair for seeing things as you'd like them to be, as well as a gift for turning your perceptions into reality.



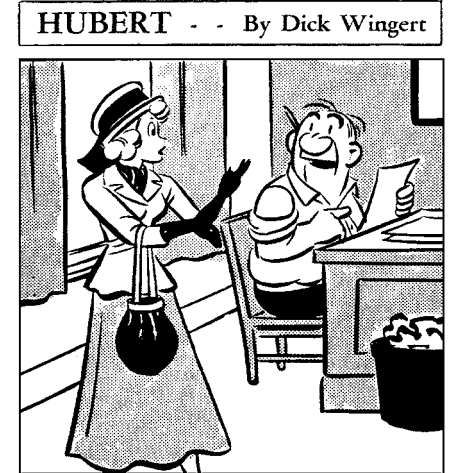
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"Hold on a minute, Gertrude—I think somebody's at the door ..."



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Outing a Sore Spot for Nosey Dog



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: This weekend I took my dog "Marty," a dachshund-beagle mix, out to some property, where she sniffed and sniffed and dug and sniffed and sniffed. I think she had her nose buried in the rocky soil for so long that she gave herself a rather large (maybe the size of a nickel) blister on her upper lip. It's not puffy -- just a raw patch under her nose, and she licks at it. I saw something saying that canola oil or olive oil might help chapped lips, but this seems like a larger area. Any tips? -- Matt P., via email

DEAR MATT: First, I have to caution that it's always wise to consult your dog's vet. With that out of the way, I'd say the best thing to do would be to treat the raw patch like you would a blister or a raw patch on your own nose. Keep the area clean, rub a bit of Neosporin over it two or three times daily and watch it closely.

Marty probably will lick off the antibiotic ointment within a minute or two of application, but in such small quantities it isn't a problem to ingest. A Band-Aid probably will cause more discomfort and trouble than it prevents. You also can ask your vet for topical medicine to reduce any discomfort and thereby reduce her licking of the area so it can heal faster.

If it is indeed just a raw patch caused by friction, the area should heal up within a few days. But do keep a close eye on it: If the patch looks like its getting infected or otherwise changes for the worse, take Marty to the vet right away.

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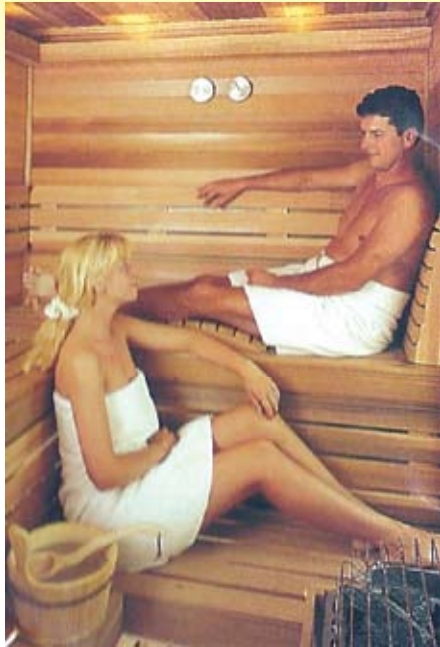
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