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PASSOVER**



Pictured: Dr. Amir Mohammad (2nd from left) and his staff.

TOWN WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Dr. Amir Mohammad plans to share his passion for helping people be healthier to his new position as the town's Director of Health. The new job, which is a part-time position, is really just an extension of what Dr. Mohammad does all day long as an attending physician at the Veterans Administration Hospital

and Assistant Clinical Professor of Occupational Medicine at Yale New Haven Hospital.

The town's Health Department encompasses the Orange Visiting Nurses Association (OVNA), located in the Clark

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\$15 MILLION BOND PROPOSAL GOES TO PUBLIC VOTE

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

On April 18 Town officials will bring a nearly \$15 million bond proposal to residents to approve for a host of improvements to town roads, schools and facilities. Voting will be held from 12 to 8 p.m. at the High Plains Community Center.

The Board of Selectmen approved the plan for \$14,950,000 which will fund projects that include widening Derby Milford Road by the University

of New Haven, and the Derby Milford Road Bridge (\$10,630,000); making a second driveway at Fred Wolf Park, (\$300,000) and paving the parking lots at Turkey Hill School, Race Brook Road School, and the Orange Police Department (\$1,041,000). The money will also be used to upgrade the locker rooms and install a new dehumidifier at the

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LOWER PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS FOR VETS APPROVED BY BOARD

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Veterans who live in Orange will get a few dollars off their property assessments as a thank you for their service. The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously on a proposal by Clerk of the Veteran's Affairs Committee at the CT General Assembly, Paul Tarbox, to increase the reduction on a veteran's

current property assessment from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

To qualify for the deduction, recipients must be over 65 years of age and meet income requirements. Currently, about 172 of the more than 14,000 resi-

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Town Pool (\$650,000); renovate the exterior of the Case Memorial Library (\$119,000); and to purchase a new communication console and generator at the Orange Police Department (\$675,000). The south wing and north corridor of the High Plains Community Center are also scheduled to be refurbished at an estimated cost of \$550,727. Contingency, financing and issuance costs for the bond are expected to cost \$734,273.

First Selectman Jim Zeoli admitted he's "not comfortable piling on debt" but the scheduled projects need to be addressed. "We've put it off as long as we could," he said, adding that the town won't spend the entire \$15 million up front. "We need to ask for authorization for the entire amount, even if we don't plan to use it all at once." He also pointed out that several bonds that the town borrowed almost 20 years ago will be paid off in the next few years.

According to town Finance Director John Cifarelli, the state has promised to reimburse the town \$5,380,000 towards the cost of some of the improvements. "Even though the amount of bonding we

are asking for is nearly \$15 million, if we get state money it's quite a difference," Cifarelli said. The state has agreed to pay for all costs associated with the widening and improvements to Derby Milford Road and 50 percent of the costs of the Derby Milford Road Bridge. "Obviously the state is having budget problems and we won't know for sure until we have the money in hand but I have a good feeling they will pay," he said.

Town infrastructure and facilities are pinpointed for improvements and refurbishing depending on which receive the heaviest use by residents. "We try to do the school and places that have the most traffic," Cifarelli said. "And also places or equipment that haven't had improvements for years. For example, the Town Pool locker rooms and pool dehumidifier are the original ones from when it was built in 1975. The police communication console is almost 20 years old and is still using analog. It's always breaking down and it's difficult to find parts now."

The town last applied for bond money a few years ago to make improvements to several of the school buildings in town.



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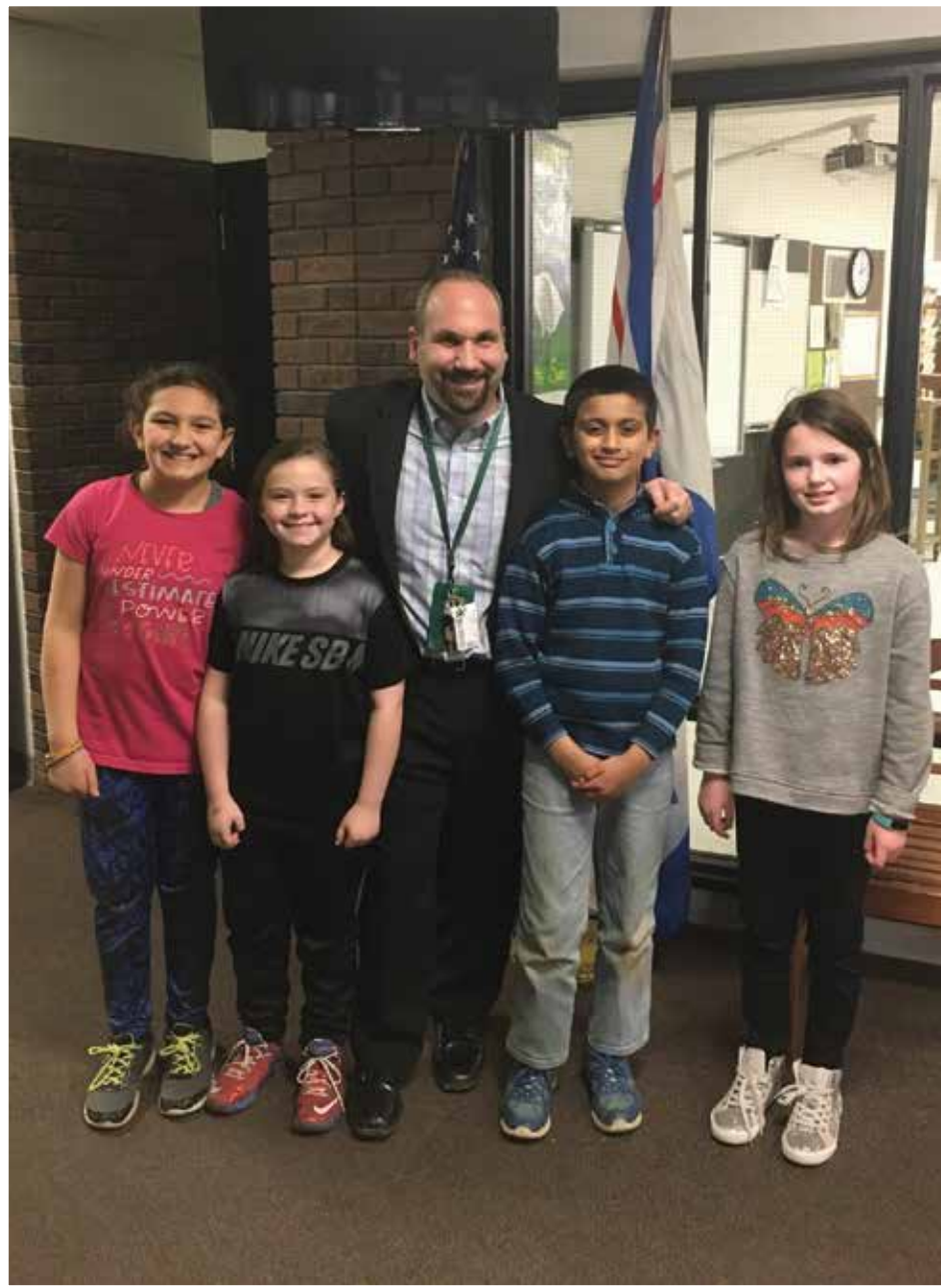
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Children's author, Jason LeFebvre, shared his hilarious story *Too Much Glue* with the preschool and kindergarten students of Mary L. Tracy during a recent visit. The children sang songs, listened to a reading of the book, and learned a bit about the publishing process. Jason shared many positive messages during his presentation, all of which underscored the value of being a reader and the importance of working hard to achieve your dreams.



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Congratulations to Peck Place School 6th graders who graduated from the DARE Program! This year marked 20 years of DARE education in the Town of Orange! Pictured are the four DARE Essay winners who spoke at the DARE Graduation Ceremony about living a drug and violence free life.

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CONNECTICUT RECEIVES A- FROM ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND

CT 1 of Only 3 States to Achieve the Highest Grade from EDF

The state Departments of Consumer Protection (DCP) and Public Health (DPH) announced that Connecticut has received a grade of A- in a new report issued by the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) grading all 50 states on lead pipe disclosure policies. Connecticut was one of only three states to receive the highest grade awarded, while 20 states received a D or F.

The report evaluated each state's lead pipe disclosure policy and its ability to help homebuyers make informed decisions about lead service lines prior to purchasing a home. Lead service lines (LSLs) are lead pipes that carry water from the street to homes and other buildings and are the largest source of lead in drinking water. Connecticut, Delaware and New York were the only three states that require mandatory disclosure of lead pipes to homebuyers.

"Our homes are often the most valuable purchase we make in our lifetime. They can be the most expensive, in need of the most upkeep and repair, a place where we raise our families, make memories, and one of the most emotionally valuable," said Consumer Protection Commissioner Jonathan A. Harris. "We're proud of the work we've done in Connecticut to make sure families know what they're purchasing when

they commit to buying their home. Connecticut has paved the way for the rest of the country when it comes to protecting public health and safety, and we look forward to continuing our work with businesses and homeowners to improve even more."

"The safety of Connecticut's drinking water has long been a priority for the State and the Department of Public Health, and we are proud that our efforts have been recognized by the Environmental Defense Fund," said DPH Commissioner Dr. Raul Pino. "Even at low levels, lead can cause lifelong developmental damage in infants and children who are particularly vulnerable to lead exposure. Homebuyers should have all the facts regarding lead pipes before they purchase a home so that they can make the best, most informed decision for the health and wellbeing of their family."

Lead enters drinking water primarily as a result of corrosion of materials containing lead in the water distribution system and plumbing. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipe, brass and chrome plated faucets, and in some cases, pipes made out of lead. Lead levels can be reduced by replacing fixtures and piping that may be contributing lead to the water.



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Upcoming Issue Dates

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May 19th.....

June 21st

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April 28th

May 26th

June 28th

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FROM OUR READERS

Community Key
For Case Library

On behalf of the Friends of the Case Memorial Library, I wish to thank members of the community for supporting our March 10th GREAT! Basement Book Sale. We are currently in the midst of celebrating our 25th Anniversary and we are planning two additional sales--one in July and the other in November. Please continue to bring your gently donated books to The Library.

Leslie Wasserman
President of the Friends

you live!
With sincere gratitude,
Lynn Garrand

AARF Available
For Community

Amity Animal Rescue Fund, Inc. (AARF), a volunteer, non- profit organization, was recently awarded a mini grant from the Orange Lions Club. The money will help AARF continue its efforts to make a difference in our community aiding people and their companion animals with low cost spay/ neuter services, food and medical care.

We would like to thank Marion Nugent, who put AARF in touch with this wonderful group of citizens, and all the Lions on the committee who made the decision to recognize AARF with this award. The Orange Lions Club is comprised of a wonderful group of people who help a variety of organizations in the community. It was a privilege to meet some of these dedicated people at the awards ceremony. Thank you again.

Cheryl Lipson, AARF volunteer

Orange Rescue Team
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STUDENT NEWS

Achievements

Jillian Ball Recognized At University of Sciences 2017 OT Pinning Ceremony

Philadelphia, PA -- As they transition to the professional phase of their education, 58 occupational therapy students at University of the Sciences took part in the 13th annual OT pinning ceremony on Saturday, March 18, 2017. The master's students will soon be going out into clinics, schools, community centers, hospitals, and homes to practice under skilled therapists in order to perfect their skills as entry-level occupational therapists or to conduct research for their capstone projects. The doctoral students will be working on their research for their capstones and will be completing their clinical rotations in a year. Among those recognized was Jillian Ball of Orange, CT, a Doctor of Occupational Therapy student.

Dean's/Honor's List

Maia Wohler Named to Eckerd College Dean's List

St. Petersburg, FL -- Congratulations to Maia Wohler of Orange who was recently named to the fall 2016 dean's list at Eckerd College. To qualify for the dean's list a student must earn a grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list honors.

Students Named To Dean's And Honors Lists At Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus

Madison, NJ -- Students at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus, located in Madison, NJ have been named to the Dean's and Honors Lists for the Fall 2016 semester. Those from Orange named to the Honors List are: Lauren Ide. To qualify for the Honor's List, a student must carry a 3.5 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours (four courses). Those from Orange named to the Dean's List are: Katelyn Ide. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must carry a 3.2 or better grade point average out of a possible

4.0 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours (four courses).

Area Students Named To Merrimack College Fall 2016 Dean's List

North Andover, MA-- Merrimack College recognizes Orange students who have achieved dean's list for Fall 2016: Christopher Cimmino, Meghan Jones, Cassidy Kirby, and Matthew Ronai. Each semester, Merrimack College undergraduate students earn the right to be named to the dean's list by earning a minimum 3.25 GPA based on a 4.0 GPA grading system.

Cord Depalma Named To Morrisville State College Dean's List

Morrisville, NY -- Morrisville State College recently announced that Cord DePalma of Orange, CT was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve an average of 3.0 to 3.99 for the semester and complete 12 credit hours.

Georgia Kral Named To Syracuse University Dean's List

Georgia Kral of Orange was entered on the The Dean's List for the Fall Semester 2016 at Syracuse University, College of Arts & Sciences.

Graduations

Southern Connecticut State University Lists December 2016 Graduates

Those students from Orange who graduated in December 2016 from SCSU are: Taylor Baker, BS,SED; Taylor Baker, BA, LBS; Christine Boppert, BS, EDU; Christine Boppert, BA, LBS; Annmarie Demichiel, MS, ENG; Giovanni D'Onofrio, MS, SMT; Huma Khalid, BS, BUS; Sara Livoti, BA, IDS; Sara Livoti, BS, EDU; Rebecca Matyasovsky, BS, BUS; Andrew Mushin, BA, MUS; Sarah Provenzano, MS, EDU; Sarah Reeves, MA, WMS; Daniel Robles, BS, PSC; Lauren Tomaselli, BS, EDU; and Lauren Tomaselli, BA, IDS.

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dents in Orange meet the requirements which will amount to an actual reduction in a veteran's tax bill of about \$644 per year. Under the currently policy, veterans receive an annual tax break of about \$322. The pool of recipients dwindles each year due to death or sale of the house.

First Selectman Jim Zeoli said increasing the assessment deduction will result in an additional \$50,000 less in the town's tax coffers each year. With the current \$10,000 assessment reduction, the town has a cash loss of \$55,384. "We support this 110 percent," Zeoli said on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. "The

loss of tax dollars to the town is well worth the investment in our veterans."

Tarbox, who is also a veteran and resident of Orange, was very happy about the Board's decision. As for a quote, "Orange has a long history of being 'pro-veteran'. It is an appreciated gesture to those that have sacrificed much to preserve our democracy."

Tarbox reported his department does not have current figures about how many of the state's 169 municipalities offer the tax program for veterans but according to information from 2015, 77 municipalities out of the 148 who responded to the survey said they participate to some degree.

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ORANGE SCHOOLS BUDGET
PLAN SHOWS SLIGHT GROWTH

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The Orange Board of Education presented to the town’s finance commission a \$20 million spending plan that is 1.09% higher than this current year’s budget. The town has asked each school board to keep any increase in spending to a minimum. At press time, the town was in the midst of finalizing its budget, which includes both Orange and Amity schools.

A decrease in state funding to a variety of funds is resulting in a \$4.2 million gap. “Obviously, the biggest thing that will be closing the gap will be raising taxes. But first we start reducing expenditures at every point before you start paying more,” Jim Leahy, vice chairman of the finance commission said. Amity Schools’ proposed budget carries a 1.26% increase.

Superintendent of Orange Schools Vince Scarpetti said that when he wrote the budget, he kept teachers in mind as well as students, “I might have a little bit of a bias with our elementary teachers. I believe they have more of a challenge than other teachers do because they have to focus on a multitude of subjects and it’s very important that we always empower them and support their learning.”

This year’s budget drivers include salaries and benefits, textbooks and supplies and transportation. An additional \$646,512 in spending was offset by decreases totaling \$327,927 found in curriculum, special education and technology. “In next year’s budget, we would like to include devices for grades one and two, two-to-one as we did one-to-one for the older grades. We would also like to supply kindergarten with newer devices. We have a strong belief that students who have access to a laptop will increase their learning,” he said. “We also want to continue to enforce safe schools. I’m sure you’re aware of the investment that has been made and we want to continue to offer the safest schools to our students

and staff.

“The budget does not account for any growth in school population as the Board of Finance asked us to not use projections, only use what we have in the classroom today,” Scarpetti said, admitting that presents a bit of concern since there is always increase in enrollment.

Scarpetti’s initial plan carried a 2.45% increase and after some work, presented the board with a 1.99% increase and after workshops with the board, it finalized at 1.09%. The budget plans for some reorganization in special education. “I wanted to point out to the board the addition of a board certified behavioral analyst as a new position. Typically we hire two part-time BCBAs and that could cost the district over \$100,000 and that’s only for two and one-half days of service. What we did in order to save money and also to get a better benefit for our students, we are going to post the position at \$75,000 in order to save money, but also to have someone here five days a week and 10 days over the summer,” Scarpetti said.

At the conclusion of the presentation after the board had gone through the budget line by line, Leahy asked, “We now have 68 classrooms and 1097 students. Just four years ago, we had 100 more students and one less classroom?”

“I’d have to look and see what was happening at that time. I think that’s about the value that the community puts on class size. That’s one element,” Scarpetti said.

“When I bought my house in Orange in 1983, I came for the school system. In 2005, the average classroom had 19.5 students. I guess what I’d like to offer is that historically it’s as much about the community and environment that is in Orange than it is the one metric that talks about the number of students.”

The town budget presentation and public hearing is scheduled for April 27 at High Plains Community Center.



Left to Right: Nolan Smith, Ryan Cohutt, Joseph Nucifora, Faith Bernier, and Rocco Antonucci [Photo: Eleanor Stephens]



Pi dessert by Anna Varholak [Photo: Eleanor Stephens]

AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL
ORANGE PI DAY

Team X celebrated Pi Day with activities that were interdisciplinary. March 14th is recognized as Pi Day because of its connection to the first three digits of Pi, 3.14. Students wrote poems and made artistic creations to explain Pi. They also had a computer scavenger hunt to learn interesting facts about Pi, one of which was to locate the position of their birthdate in the numbers of Pi.

Mathematically they measured several objects to find the relationship between the circumference and the diameter of their circular object and see how close they could get to 3.14. Lastly, they made a histogram, identifying how many of each digit there were in the first 50 digits of Pi. Of course, they were also treated to pie and oranges! Many students also made treats for their classmates.

AMS DELIVERS VALENTINES
TO COACHMAN’S SQUARE

Team X students created their annual Valentines this year using their English (poems and stories) and artistic skills. They were delivered to Coach-

man’s Square at Woodbridge, a senior living community. The residents were ecstatic to receive them. It truly brightened their day.

ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



ORANGE SCHOOLS REVISITS POLICIES ON FOOD IN CLASSROOMS

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

An Orange mom with two children at Race Brook School is pleading with the Board of Education to consider adopting a food-free celebration policy at Orange Schools. Roo Ciambriello has daughters in first and third grade at Race Brook School and one entering kindergarten in the fall. Two of her daughters have severe food allergies, she explained to the board of education at its March meeting.

“I realize this has been a long and arduous process and I am thankful for the board’s consideration and long hours being spent on the food policy,” she said. “I think the general public has a hard time understanding food allergies. We can’t wrap our heads around it. We don’t know how kids get them.

“While I was disheartened that the first read of the revised policy did not include a move to a food-free celebration policy, I was encouraged to hear that follow-up correspondence and policy meetings with the committee did include conversation around implementing those changes,” she said.

“A food- free celebration not only benefits the food allergic, there are benefits to all students regardless of disability or special need. A move to a food-free policy is in line with national recommendations with the CDC as well as the American Heart Association,” she said.

Board member Mara Saccente thanked parents and school nursing staff for feedback since the policy committee began to review the policy. “We took information we received from parents and reviewed the policy, which also caused us to open review of the student wellness policy, which would govern food in the schools for all students. The food allergy guidelines are very specific to students with allergies, but the student wellness policy would govern all food in the classroom. In order to address the issue, we need to look at both of those policies,” she said.

The board approved a motion to table a second read and vote on the change until the April meeting. The board will be holding a special meeting to further review the policy.

SUPERINTENDENTS RECOGNIZE STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

South Central Area Superintendents’ Association (SCASA) held its 11th annual Student Awards Luncheon on Friday, March 17, 2017 at Cascade in Hamden, CT. This program provides area Superintendents with the opportunity to recognize students’ accomplishments based on high academic achievement, strong extra-curricular involvement, and an important commitment to com-

munity service.

The students recognized from the Orange Public Schools were: Kwesi Asiedu and Grace Mahon from Race Brook School, Lucas Ketchian and Emma Kirck from Turkey Hill School and Nicholas Massey and Anna Saccente from The Peck Place School.

Congratulations to our students and their parents.

NEW PRINCIPAL TO TAKE THE HELM AT AMSO

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The Amity Board of Education unanimously approved the hiring of Kathy Burke as the Orange Amity Middle School’s next principal. Burke comes to Amity from Helen Keller Middle School in Easton, where she currently serves as the assistant principal. Prior to her six years in Easton, she was a mathematics and history teacher and instructional coach at Rochambeau Middle School in Southbury. A graduate of Excelsior College, Burke earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Studies. She earned a Master of Arts degree from the University of Bridgeport in Education and is awaiting her Sixth Year Certificate in Educational Leadership from the University of Bridgeport.

Before entering executive session to receive the superintendent’s recommendation for principal at a March meeting, Board of Education Chairman William Blake said, “Unfortunately Mrs. Fuller-Cutler is leaving us at the end of the year and she will be greatly missed. We do need to continue to operate at the Orange Middle School under the enlightened and kind and warm leadership Kathi has shown over the years. We’re going to try to find someone who we think can continue to do that.”

When interviewing for the position, Dumais kept in mind that Amity Regional Middle School Orange is the first step that nearly 50% of Amity students take when entering the district. He sees the middle school as setting the groundwork for a plethora of experiences and opportunities that are available to Amity students.

“The school’s leadership has been strong and steadfast in developing a culture that welcomes students and their families to the Amity educational experience. Our priority in this selec-

tion process was to augment the existing team with an individual who would help us unearth opportunities to expand on the successes that we have had and foster an environment of growth and learning for all students,” Dumais shared with the board when making his recommendation.

The position attracted more than 50 qualified applicants. All of the applications were screened by the superintendent and a hiring consultant (a former superintendent very familiar with Amity). Seven applicants were selected to be interviewed by a committee of district teachers, a student, and a parent. Working with the consultant, the school/community-based committee developed questions and scenarios that best represented the strengths and growth areas of Amity, based on solicited feedback from the staff, students, parents, and community.

Three semifinalists were selected by the committee to advance to a round of individual interviews with district administrators, central office personnel, and the teachers’ union president. All three semifinalists were interviewed by the superintendent. A site visit, including interviews with parents, students, staff, and administration, was conducted for the single finalist. During the site visit, students indicated that Burke is “fair, hard-working and always willing to help you,” according to Amity Superintendent Charles Dumais. Parents said that she “understands the kids and wants to help find solutions,” while staff said that she has “a strong academic eye and is a pleasure to work with,” and the administration indicated that she is a “strong curriculum leader with a tremendous respect for the middle school student”.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 127 LAUREL GIRLS STATE

Laurel Girls State is a leadership action program course designed to develop a working knowledge of the structure of government to all girls interested in government. This is a one week program of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 127 devoted to citizen training. It is open to all Orange high school senior girls and secondly to any Wood-

bridge or Bethany senior girl. Applications may be obtained at the Amity Senior High School Guidance Department or by completing it online at www.alalgs.org. Candidates should fill applications out, print them and get them to the Auxiliary coordinator (Marianne Bauer; 203-795-6489) or Guidance Department by April 21, 2017.



"Passover and Easter are the only Jewish and Christian holidays that move in sync, like the ice skating pairs we saw during the winter Olympics." — MARVIN OLASKY

CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

176 Tyler City Road, Orange, CT 06477
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Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Registration is required where noted. Library hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4. The Library will close on Thursday, April 13 at 5 p.m. and will be closed Friday, April 14 in observance of Good Friday.

Weekly Storytimes

3-5 Year Olds Storytime

Mondays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Enjoy storytelling, books, music, fingerplays, and puppetry at this story time series especially for three to five-year-olds! A story-related craft is offered following each session.

Lapsit Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Little ones from birth up to age two and their caregivers are invited to this high-energy story time with Ms. Michelle. We'll practice nursery rhymes, sing and move together, plus explore touch-and-feel books.

2-Year-Old Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Audience participation is highly encouraged at this storytime session just for twos. Enjoy books, stories, music and movement, fingerplays, and puppetry together.

Events for Children

No Bake Kids' Cooking Class

Wednesday, April 12, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

For children in grades K-6 - Ready to roll up your sleeves and learn some easy, allergen-free recipes? We'll make delicious, nutritious bites and bars with Courtney Huggins, Retail Dietician at ShopRite in Orange. Courtney works with the local community doing cooking classes, cooking demos, nutrition presentations, store tours and one-on-one consultations. Registration is required and begins March 22.

"Caps for Sale" Drama Workshop

Thursday, April 13, 1-2:30 p.m.

For children ages 5-10 - Re-enact this humorous and timeless tale about a peddler, some townspeople and a band of monkeys who believe they have played a trick on all of them. Everyone will get a part and a costume piece to wear as they act out this funny folktale and we'll end with a creative art activity. Registration is required and begins March 23.

Earth Day Craft

Wednesday, April 19, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

For children grades K-6 - Roll up your sleeves and celebrate Earth Day with a one-of-a-kind mystery craft! Note: our

activity may get messy, so please dress accordingly. Registration is required and begins March 29.

Events for Teens

Book Chat Café

Tuesday, April 18, 2:15 p.m.

For teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Held at the Amity Middle School Media Center. Please see Ms. Liebrock for more information.

Events for Adults

Cookies and Coloring for Adults

Tuesday, April 11, 2-3:30 p.m.

Think of the fun you had and the hours you spent with your coloring books and crayons in your childhood. Let's return to those happy days and in the process reduce your stress, make new friends, and nibble some cookies. All supplies will be provided. Presented by the Friends of the Library in celebration of its 25th anniversary.

Wellness Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 12, 11 a.m.

A discussion of Rising Strong: The Reckoning, The Rumble, The Revolution by Brené Brown. Led by Adult Services Librarian Marianne Pysarchyk at the Senior Center. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk. This program is free and open to participants of all ages. Please call the Senior Center at 203-891-4784 to register.

2017 Oscar Film: Moonlight

Monday, April 17, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, April 19, 1 p.m.

A timeless story of human self-discovery and connection, Moonlight chronicles the life of a young black man from childhood to adulthood as he struggles to find his place in the world growing up in a rough neighborhood of Miami. 1 hr. 51 min. Registration is required and begins March 27.

The Bookcase: Evening Discussion Group

Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m.

A discussion of Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng. Led by Toby Zabinski. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk. Registration is required.

Music in the Library: Belle of the Fall

Saturday, April 22, 1 p.m.

Belle of the Fall is fast becoming known for their vocal harmonies, and the interplay between Tracy Walton's upright bass and the hauntingly beautiful voice of Julia Autumn Ford. Their sound has been described as a modern Simon and Garfunkel, if Art Garfunkel were female. In their performance, expect plenty of stories and interaction

with the audience. Presented by the Friends of the Library in celebration of its 25th anniversary. Registration is required and begins April 1.

2017 Oscar Film: Fences

Monday, April 24, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, April 26, 1 p.m.

A working-class African-American father tries to raise his family in the 1950s, while coming to terms with the events of his life. 2 hrs., 19 min. Registration is required and begins on April 3.

Aging Gracefully: Practicing Self-Care with Meditation and Massage

Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m.

Learn to lead a more relaxed, mindful, and open state of living with insight meditation and self-massage. Guided practice will be led by Barbara O'Neill and Rita Lombardi of the Anam Cara Center. Presented by Case Memorial Library and Orange Community Services as part of Boomers and Beyond: A Lifelong Learning Center. Registration is required and begins April 6.

2017 Oscar Film: Hidden Figures

Monday, May 1, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, May 3, 1 p.m.

The story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. 2 hr. 7 min. Registration is required and begins April 10.

Aging Gracefully: Yoga for Peace and Well-Being

Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m.

The ancient science of yoga offers easy access to tools for rest and relaxation. Learn to use breathing techniques plus meditation to relax your nervous system and bring you to a state of calm and peace. Led by instructor Sue Neufeld. Bring a yoga mat or towel. Held at the High Plains Community Center. Presented by Case Memorial Library and Orange Community Services as part of Boomers and Beyond: A Lifelong Learning Center. Registration is required and begins April 11.

2017 Oscar Film: Lion

Monday, May 15, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, May 17, 1 p.m.

A five-year-old Indian boy gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of kilometers from home. He survives many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia; 25 years later he sets out to find his lost family. 1 hr. 58 min. Registration is required and begins April 24.

Aging Gracefully: Ingredients for a Healthy Lifestyle

Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m.

Learn how to make a delicious

chicken sausage and vegetable pasta dish and hear tips about overall nutrition and wellness from Courtney Huggins, Registered Dietician for Shoprite of Orange. Held in the High Plains Cafeteria. Presented by Case Memorial Library and Orange Community Services as part of Boomers and Beyond: A Lifelong Learning Center. Registration is required and begins April 28.

2017 Oscar Film: Jackie

Monday, May 22, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, May 24, 1 p.m.

Following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy fights through grief and trauma to regain her faith, console her children, and define her husband's historic legacy. 1 hr. 40 min. Registration is required and begins May 1.

ART IN THE LIBRARY

April: Artwork by the children of Orange elementary schools, on view April 3-28.

May: Three-dimensional artwork by Amity seniors and artwork by the senior citizens on view May 2-30. Reception: Thursday, May 9, 5-7 p.m.

NEW SERVICES

Homebound Service

If physical limitations keep you or someone you know from visiting the Case Memorial Library, we can help. The Library will match you with a volunteer who will visit you with a variety of books hand-selected by our librarians based on your reading preferences. Your volunteer will pick up your materials and bring them back to the Library at no cost to you. Together, you and your Homebound Volunteer can arrange visits so that you always have books to enrich your life. To inquire about receiving Homebound Service or becoming a Homebound Volunteer, please call the Library at 203-891-2170. You must be an Orange resident to receive Homebound Service.

Museum Pass to Long Wharf Theatre

The Library is pleased to announce a new museum pass for the Long Wharf Theatre which is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The pass is available on a first come, first-served basis and allows patrons to call Long Wharf Theatre and reserve two free adult tickets for a performance of the current show at Long Wharf. Here's how it works: Call or stop in the Library up to one week in advance of the performance you would like to attend to inquire about its availability. If the pass is available, you will have two days to come to the Library to check it out with your valid library card. Once you have the pass from the Library, call Long Wharf Theatre to reserve your seats. The day of the performance, bring the library pass to the box office to exchange it for your tickets.

HISTORY CORNER

By Ginny Reinhard



Don't They Know This?

Our young people and, I must admit, some not so young, don't have a clue about the oddities spoken by the "older" people. I find myself using terms of my youth and seeing blank faces of disbelief before me. So here goes nothing, or something, whichever way you want to take it.

Pin money – was literal, just enough money a wife could buy pins in early England.

Highfalutin – has been in the written language of America since 1839 meaning the higher end of society, not necessarily born to it but grasping it for ones own sake.

Black Maria – in some instances, it refers to the van used by policemen to transport prisoners. Tradition says that it was name for a black woman known as "Black Maria" in Boston in the early 1800s. She cooperated with the police department in arresting anyone in her boarding house that was unruly.

Shenanigan – this seems to have its origin in California during or soon after the Gold Rush. It means deceit or trickery with the possible source from the Spanish chanada and the Irish sionnachuighim with a possible entry from the German schin-nagel. In any case, who in the younger generation hears this one very often?

Skedaddle – this term has historians scratching their collective heads. Is it English or American? Is it Greek? Maybe. How about Welsh??? Let's try the Irish, sgedadol meaning scattered. I'm voting for that one.

Shilly-shally – this one has a double-barreled explanation with another slang expression, Caspar Milquetoast. This poor soul, devoid of a backbone, standing and murmuring, "Shall I, shall I" led the way, as literature evolved to shally-shally and onto its present form shilly-shally.

Macaroni – as in "called it macaroni" in Yankee Doodle. The hair style in the early 18th century found men of means, wearing an outlandish hair-style, high up on their head needing a great deal of goop to keep it in place. The style was thought to be pretentious and putting a feather in the hat of the colonials gave the British the idea that they were putting on "airs".

Loophole – in the Middle Ages a loop was a narrow window in a castle. Enough said.

Ferris wheel – everyone knows what this is. It was invented by George Washington Gale Ferris and first seen at the Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893, the World's Fair. But I digress.



Scalawag – two different approaches to this one. A wag in the American language was a scamp and scaly meaning a shabby, mean person or in the modern, a crumb bum.

Lollipop – alas this is a deep, dark secret. It was known as a treat in England for at least 150 years before it came to America in 1910. Maybe it can be traced to the English slang lolly meaning tongue. Any ideas?

Bamboozle – this seems to be fairly obvious if you understand that thieves, beggars, gypsies and other nefarious

sorts would call out as they roamed the street preying on local English citizens. A bam was a cheat or a sham. It became popular in the late 17th century and no one is coming forth to give us a clue to its origin.

Fifth wheel – no one wants to be a 5th wheel, but aside from its derogatory meaning, it was actually a horizontal wheel or circular plate used to support the forward body of a wagon or carriage.

Hoodwink – I like this one. In the 16th century when it was the fashion

to cover ones head with a cowl or hood, wink, the word for having ones eyes closed, was attached to it becoming blinded when the hood fell over their eyes. Thieves and purse-snatchers took advantage of this to hoodwink their victims.

Hallmark – no, not the card company, the mark placed on pewter by a group in London, called the hall. The mark was placed on the pewter to show it passed its purity of ingredients that made up pewter, in the proper amounts. Such stamping took place in the 1300s with King Edward.

OK – here goes. Are you ready for this one? The initials date back to 1840 with the political organization backing Martin Van Buren for president. He was known as Old Kinderhook, a name given him from the name of the village where he was born. The members called themselves the Democratic O.K. Club.

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Ramshackle – oh my, did I hear this word as a kid. The Icelandic language has not added too greatly to our American way of speaking, but there is good reason to believe that the Ice-

landers gave us ramshakk r meaning tumble down or on the verge of falling to pieces. My toy box seemed to fit this description.

Pot cheese – remember highfalutin? Well add bonnyclabber and smearcase to it and you have the elite name for cottage cheese. Originally in grandmother's day, the curds were separated from the water by heating the coagulated milk in a pot.

Cranberry – low German kraanbere or crane berry from the fact that the plant grows in marshy lands frequented by....are you ready for this? Cranes.

Slipshod –oh my, can I attach this to today! A slipshoe was at one time used for a shoe or slipper that fitted loosely and worn for comfort in the home during the 16th century. However, there were certain citizenry who valued comfort more than propriety and allowed themselves to be seen in public with the slipshoe. Proper people looked down their noses at such a site and it then became known as slipshod. To this end it became used to describe anything performed in a careless or slovenly fashion.

Goldbrick – alas, it is time to end this culmination of extraneous information with a word used in less than polite society to describe a person who fakes industrious work, shirking his or her duties, just hanging around looking busy...so ends my "looking busy".



TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL



As the warm weather approaches, families are turning their attention to indoor cleanup and outdoor projects. This is the ideal time to tour the home and yard for dangerous materials and unsafe conditions and to correct problem areas. The Orange Fire Marshal's Office suggests these important fire safety guidelines to help ensure a pleasant season.

Please remember: OPEN BURNING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE TOWN OF ORANGE. There are numerous fire and safety concerns such as smoke, flying embers, and the possibility of the fire spreading out of control. In addition, open burning is a violation of the Connecticut Clean Air Act. Our office understands that this may be an inconvenience and appreciates your cooperation.

The following tips are important to remember while working in the yard. Prior to starting lawn care, walk around the area and remove debris that could damage equipment or cause injury. Clean leaves and needles from gutters and cellar windows. Keep a fire safe zone around the house. Prune away limbs and trees along the driveway that could prevent easy access for fire trucks or ambulances. Know how to operate outdoor equipment properly. Extension cords must be in good condition and rated for outdoor use. Always unplug electrical tools and disconnect spark plugs on gasoline-powered tools before making any adjustments or clearing jams near moving parts. Never work with electrical tools in wet or damp conditions. To prevent electrocution, use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). If you leave your tools unattended, always make sure they are turned off and inoperable. This helps to avoid unauthorized use, accidents and injuries. Never fill the gas tanks while equipment is operating or when it is still hot. Do not fill the gas tank inside of a garage, shed or other enclosed area. Remember to quickly wipe up any spills. Always store gasoline in approved containers away from your home - never inside. Never smoke or use any type of flame around gasoline.

Use gas and charcoal grills outside only. They pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation, if used indoors or in any enclosed space. Position the grill away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic. Declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill and keep children and pets away from this area. Periodically, remove grease or fat buildup in the trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited. Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and

there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, have the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call 911. Do not attempt to move the grill. Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages.

For the most part, indoor spring cleaning consists of storing away winter clothing and items and cleaning and sprucing up the home's interior. However, it is also the ideal time to check for dangerous materials and unsafe conditions. Take a few minutes to look for clutter in each room, including the attic and the basement. Clutter, such as stacks of old newspapers or magazines, empty boxes, broken or obsolete appliances and furniture, is "Food for Fire". If a fire should occur in your home, the clutter would provide material to be consumed and help to spread the fire. It could also block or hinder your escape, as well as the incoming path of firefighters. Remove all hazards. Never use gasoline as a cleaning solvent. Replace or fix frayed or damaged appliances cords, wiring, breakers or fuses. Check for water leaks, especially near electrical appliances. Properly store flammable liquids and chemicals in a cool, dry place. Items should be well marked and out of the reach of children. Be sure there is clearance between combustibles and heating appliances and other heat and ignition sources. Clean up work areas.

If it was not done at the beginning of daylight savings time, replace the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. This is a simple step that takes only a few minutes, but can save lives. The alarm will alert occupants and allow time for an escape. Test alarms every month by using the test button or an approved smoke substitute. Do not use an open flame device. Even though the alarms may work when tested, install a new smoke alarm after 10 years and a carbon monoxide detector in accordance with the manufacturers' suggestion to protect against failure, as older models may be less reliable. If an alarm "chirps" to indicate a low battery, immediately replace the batteries.

It is important to have and practice a Home Escape Plan. Know two ways out of every room and make sure doors and windows can be opened easily. Designate a place for family members to meet outside. Call 911 after exiting the home.

Carbon monoxide alarms are available free of charge to Orange residents. They may be obtained at the Orange Fire Marshal's Office, 355 Boston Post Road. If you would like alarms installed, assistance with changing the batteries in an existing alarm, have questions or need further information about any fire prevention and/or safety matter, please call the Orange Fire Marshal's Office at (203) 891-4711, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or visit the website at: www.orangefiremarshal.com.

NEW STORAGE BUILDING TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT FAIRGROUNDS

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

A plan to build a new, 68-foot long storage garage at the Orange Fairgrounds met with unanimous approval from the Board of Selectmen last month. The project, expected to cost about \$125,000, will be paid for with funds from the Orange Fairgrounds Association with little input from tax dollars, according to First Selectman Jim Zeoli. Currently the Fire Department, Park and Recreation, Rotary Club, Highway Department and the Fairgrounds Committee store equipment and items in various buildings at the fairgrounds. The old, unused bathroom facilities located behind the Fairgrounds' pavilion, which is one of

the areas currently used as storage, will be demolished and an area of trees will be taken down as part of the project.

The facility will be divided into 16 foot bays with 12 X 12-foot garage doors, concrete floors and minimal electrical outlets. With no windows or small doors, the design of the structure is expected to deter vandalism. It will be constructed in the same color and style as other structures on the property. "The Orange Fair Association has more than enough money to pay for this, I can't say no tax dollars will be used, but it would be minimal," Zeoli said. Construction is slated to begin in June.

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TOWN OF ORANGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2017

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



10th	Traffic Authority	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Board of Police Comm	4:30 pm	Police Dept
11th	Inland Wetlands Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
12th	Board of Selectmen	7:30 pm	Town Hall
13th	Elderly Housing Liaison Cmte.....	12 noon	Silverbrook Estates
	Memorial Day Cmte.....	6:30 pm	HPCC
	Community Services.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
17th	Family Counseling.....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Amity Board of Education	6:30 pm	Woodbridge
	Board of Health	7:30 pm	HPCC
	Orange Board of Education	7:30 pm	Mary L. Tracy School
18th	Town Plan & Zoning Comm	7:30 pm	Town Hall
19th	CERT	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Recycling Cmte.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
20th	Case Memorial Library Comm	7:00 pm	Case Mem. Library
24th	Youth Services Advisory Board	7:00 pm	HPCC
26th	Park & Recreation Comm	7:30 pm	Town Hall
27th	OVNA Professional Advisory Cmte ...	5:00 pm	Clark Bldg
	Memorial Day Cmte.....	6:30 pm	HPCC
	Bond Construction Cmte.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Board of Finance – Budget Hearing...	7:30 pm	Town Hall
28th	Emergency Management Cmte.....	8:00 am	Police Station

TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

BUDGET UPDATE #2 TO ORANGE TAXPAYERS

By James A. Leahy, Vice Chairman; Orange Board of Finance

Since my last article (March 10, 2017, Orange Town News), the Orange Board of Finance has met four times and is working diligently with town leaders to develop a budget that minimizes property tax increases. We are doing our best and have made progress. But if State budget proposals are adopted as they stand now, the news is still not good for Orange taxpayers.

The purpose of this article is five-fold:

- Provide background context information
- Deliver an update on budget component & state aid data
- Detail the highlights of the budget development process,
- Summarize the budget increase and the major drivers of that increase, and
- Communicate a set of “Did You Know” statements to Orange taxpayers as they enter the assessment & voting phase of the Budget process.

Background Context

The budget is composed of three expense components: Town Services, Orange Elementary Schools (Orange BOE), and Amity Regional Schools. We receive revenues from local property taxes, fees, and State government aid. With requests for additional funding for schools and towns services combined with major cuts in state aid, we are facing a budget gap. An additional factor is Governor Malloy’s proposed transfer of a major portion of teacher pension payments to towns. Orange’s share of this proposal amounts to \$1.9 million in 2018 and over \$2.3 million in 2019.

Current Budget & State Aid Data

NOTE: All data in this article is as of March 30:

- Town of Orange, \$23,981,517, an increase of \$327,279

- Orange Public Schools \$20,150,063, an increase of \$150,000
- Amity Regional Schools \$24,017,483, an increase of \$1,411,745
- Total Requests: 68,148,063, an increase of \$1,889,024
- State Aid Revenue: \$3,927,045, a decrease of \$830,453

Budget Development Highlights

We are still working to do more with less while doing as little harm as possible to the important programs and projects that our community needs. Below are highlights of the Board of Finance actions taken since the last article and some important observations:

- Cut Town Services by more than \$1,200,000 million
- Planned for an 83% reduction in capital items requested
- Reduced the Orange BOE budget to a 0.75% increase
- Amity is requesting an increase of 1.26% but when you compare actual monies spent to the requested budget, it is an increase of over 4%.
- The Orange Board of Finance has voted unanimously to limit the Amity budget increase to 0.75% but the Amity Board of Education has voted to keep the increase as originally requested.
- The final decision on the Amity budget is up to voting taxpayers on May 3
- Non-Tax Revenue is down 25% compared to the prior year, a decrease of nearly \$1,200,000 which is primarily caused by State changes to the Educational Cost Sharing (ECS) funding
- Used the Amity Surplus of \$366,058 refunded to the Town from FY 15-16 to reduce the impact on Orange taxpayers
- Raised the Motor Vehicle tax

back to 32 mills from 29.3 resulting in about a \$400,000 positive impact to the budget

Drivers of the Budget & Tax Increase

In light of the current proposed budget, the taxpayers now face a 3.48% increase, an average increase of \$279 to the Orange taxpayer. If the Teacher’s Pension funding were to be added in, it would be a 6.64% increase, an average increase of \$532 to the taxpayer.

DRIVERS of the TAX INCREASE: Here is the breakdown of the impact from each component of 3.48% tax increase including non-tax revenue funding:

- Town Services: 12.0%
- Orange BOE: 5.5%
- Amity: 51.9%
- Non-Tax Revenue decline: 30.5%

If you are unhappy with the State cuts to education and municipal aid or the bill that Orange may be receiving for \$1.9 million in teacher pension payments, contact your State Representatives. You can also contact your State Senator who is chair of the appropriations committee and whose party is in the majority.

Did You Know

Below is a list of observations and key dates for budget votes that will occur in the April & May timeframe. I suggest you post this on your refrigerator:

- That Orange Board of Finance has already cut over \$3,000,000 out of budget requests from Town departments and achieved the goal of reducing Orange BOE increase to 0.75% increase;
- That without the ECS revenue shortfall from the state, the spending increase from all budgets (Town, Orange BOE, Amity) would have been \$1,889,024, a 2.77% increase, well within historical budget

norms;

- That the VOTES on the Amity Budget and the Town of Orange Budget (which includes the Amity budget) are separate referendum & on different dates;
- That the AMITY VOTE is May 3rd. The vote on the Amity budget occurs prior to the vote on the Town budget which will occur at a mid-late May, exact date TBD by the Board of Selectmen;
- That the Orange BOF does NOT support the Amity budget increase since it did not achieve the 0.75% increase passed unanimously by the Orange Board of Finance on Feb 3;
- That the Orange BOF requests that you consider this unanimous cross-party Orange BOF position when you vote on the Amity budget on May 3rd;
- That if the Amity budget is passed and the Town or Orange budget is rejected, the only place to cut the Overall budget would be Town services and the Orange BOE, the budget components with the LEAST financial impact on the overall budget increase;
- That the Town Budget Hearing is April 27th 7:30PM at the High Plains Community Center cafeteria where all the budget components get presented and people can ask questions on any component. All Taxpayers are encouraged to attend & participate.

Naturally, the Orange BOF is concerned about the impact a budget like this would have on the taxpayers of our Town. We encourage people to keep up with the facts as things could shift on the path forward. We also encourage people to share this information with your neighbors & friends and make your voices heard to the members of the Orange Board of Finance and to elected officials at State & local governments.



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How often do you see posts on social media about a young adult being diagnosed with a terminal illness or suffering major injuries in a car accident?

Think About It:

No one likes to think that it could happen to them, but according to the CDC, 24% of people who died in 2013 were under the age of 40 at the time of death.

Estimated Prevalence of Adults with Advanced Directives by age

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51%	65 & over

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NEW FINANCIAL BASKETS

By Roberta L. Nestor

How many times have we heard the old adage “Don’t put all of your eggs in one basket”? In the past that advice was specific to making sure you had a well-diversified investment portfolio. Meaning you wouldn’t want to have 100% of your retirement dollars in one stock, or one holding. Over the years investment diversification expanded to mean not just stocks and bonds, but having large cap stocks, mid cap and small cap as well as a mix of different types of bonds. Fast forward and diversification now includes having different asset classes that include international, emerging markets, real estate and non-correlated market sectors. What is the newest diversification basket? Tax Diversification.

Baby boomers are retiring at the rate of 10,000 people a day (Investopedia 03/08/2017) and most are learning that tax diversification does not exist in their retirement portfolios. While many people have multiple sources of income at retirement such as social security, some with pensions and, of course, withdrawals from 401k plans; all of those sources are taxable as ordinary income. Further, at age 70½ the IRS requires withdrawals from tax deferred retirement plans often pushing retirees into yet higher tax brackets as well as impacting their Medicare premiums. Not a pretty picture and most retirees will tell you that taxes are their biggest expense in retirement.

Today saving for retirement in a 401k plan offers many choices that will allow you have tax diversification when you retire. Not all employer sponsored retirement plans offer these options, so check with your employer to make sure you understand what choices have been made available to you.

Pre-Tax Contributions – this has been the traditional way to save. You do not pay taxes on your contribution and all of the earnings on your contributions grow tax deferred. Withdrawals at retirement are taxed as ordinary income.

Employer Contributions – if you have an employer match your contribution you do not pay current taxes on these. However, like pre-tax contributions the earnings are tax-deferred and all withdrawals are taxed as ordinary income.

After-Tax Contributions – allows you to pay taxes on your contributions now,

while the earnings on these contributions grow tax deferred. When you start withdrawals you will only pay tax on the earnings, not on your contributions giving you the opportunity for some tax free income at retirement.

Roth 401k Contributions – allows you to pay taxes on your contributions now and the earnings on these contributions grow tax-free (subject to a 5 year hold period). When you start withdrawals from Roth 401k you will not pay any income taxes as you have already paid tax on your contributions and earnings are tax-free.

Tax diversification is very important for your future. Your first step is to find out what types of contributions your plan allows. Then you should consult your tax advisor to see what impact changes to your contribution type will have on your taxes. For example, changing from 100% pre-tax to 100% Roth might affect your tax bracket and may mean having an adjustment on your tax withholding. If tax-deferral has been built into your tax return for many years, start slow and ask your tax preparer for guidance.

Deferring taxes does have many benefits, especially the accumulation of earnings over decades. But remember what you are deferring, an unknown tax liability for the future. It is easier to pay taxes when you are working than when you are retired. Don’t forget to explore your options with your financial advisor and see the impact it will have at retirement. Keep your investment baskets and your tax baskets well diversified!

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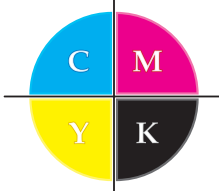
The Orange Historical Society recently hosted a joint meeting with the Milford Historical Society featuring Judith Ann Schiff (left), Chief Research Archivist, Yale University Library and New Haven City Historian, as guest speaker. In honor of Women's History Month Schiff (pictured here with Phyllis Gwatkin, chair of the event) share stories about the contributions of some remarkable local women to American culture.

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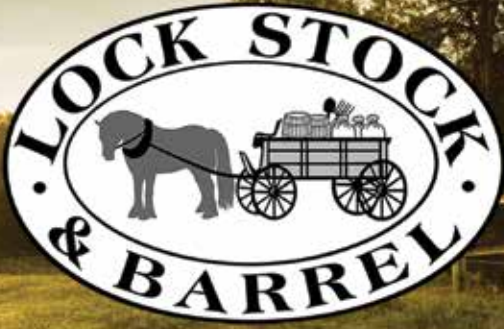
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coli, oil & garlic sauce, Tossed garden salad, Roasted potatoes and cake, coffee and tea. Please make check payable to K of C Father Breen assembly and mail to Joseph Lucisano at 93 Berkeley Terrace, Milford, CT 06460. If you have a group of 8 or 10 people, please contact Joe so I can reserve a table for your group. Any questions, call Joe at 203-878-8343 or email me at lucejk@aol.com.

ORANGE LIONS CLUB 55TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Orange Lions Club is holding its 55th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, at the High Plains Community Center grounds in Orange. In case of inclement weather, a "rain or snow date" has been set for Saturday, April 15th, at High Plains Community Center, with the same schedule of events as on April 8th. The Easter Bunny will arrive at 12:30 PM, one half-hour before the start of the Easter Egg Hunt itself. There will be face painting for the children, and hot coffee for the adults.

The Easter Egg Hunt is divided into four (4) age groups. This allows each child to have an equal opportunity to collect the thousands of chocolate eggs which the Lions Club will have to distribute. The four age groups are: (1) Pre School through Kindergarten; (2) First Grade & Second Grade; (3) Third Grade & Fourth Grade; (4) Fifth Grade & Sixth Grade. Thousands of chocolate eggs will be distributed during the hunt. Prizes will be awarded to children in all age categories for finding specially marked eggs.

An adult should accompany all participating children. Each child should have a bag or basket to collect their eggs. Parents may wish to bring a camera for a picture of their child with the Easter Bunny. Please note that parking for this

event should be on paved parking areas only.

Nick Bencivengo is the Chairman of this year's event. Anyone who wishes to make a donation to this event is asked to contact Nick at 203-901-9062. All donors will be acknowledged for their generosity at the Easter Egg Hunt.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is but one of many community events and activities sponsored by the Orange Lions Club each year. Among the other annual events are: the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, the Senior Pizza Party, a Comedy Night fundraiser, eye screenings for pre-schoolers, an annual Wine Tasting fundraiser, and giveaways for children at the Memorial Day parade. In addition, the Orange Lions make contributions to many community organizations; and for many years, the Lions have run a Community Grants Program for local groups who are seeking funds for a special reason. In particular, the Orange Lions Club has made many gifts to the Case Memorial Library over the years for the purchase of large print books and audio tapes for the sight impaired and the general public. The Orange Lions also fund two \$1,000 scholarships each year for students graduating from Amity High School.



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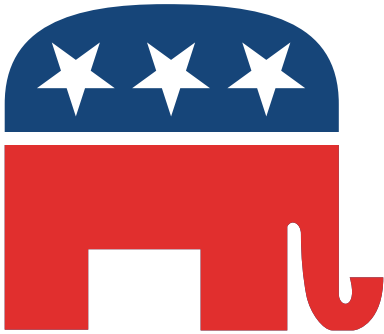
Marion Rizzo, Lana Ho instructor, and Pat Nixon discuss which flowers to use in their arrangements. Lana divided the class into groups and each group was assigned to make a specific type of design. After all were made Lana critiqued the arrangements discussing the principles of design. We all had fun and learned something new.

April 11, 2017 the Garden Club will meet at Maplewood in Orange at 245 Indian River Road. Luncheon 11:30, Business Meeting 12:15, Program at 1:00, Orange Conservation Commission

Overview and Goals will be presented by Cindy Ruggeri.

Members will Design "Make Room for the Butterflies", a line mass arrangement expressing spring. Members are encouraged to bring Horticulture from their gardens, daffodils of all sizes, and any other meritorious specimen.

April 19, FGCCT annual meeting will be held at Aqua Turf. For more information about the garden club, please call Joanne Friedrich 203-794-4266. Mark your calendar "May Market". May 13, 2017 8:30-12noon.



WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB SPRING BRUNCH

Marjorie Schenk, president of the Women's Republican Club of Orange, has announced there will be a Spring Brunch and Installation Ceremony at Racebrook Country Club on Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 11:30am-3:30pm. Cost will be \$30 per person. There will be a gift raffle table and we encourage all in attendance to bring a contribution gift. Laura Chadwick of Premier Jewelry

will present a brief talk about her jewelry and a display of items for sale for the program. Invitations will be mailed for reservations. For more details, contact Beth Michael, Treasurer at 203-799-1223.

Please join us for a lovely tribute to Spring. Perspective members and those interested in our club are encouraged to attend.

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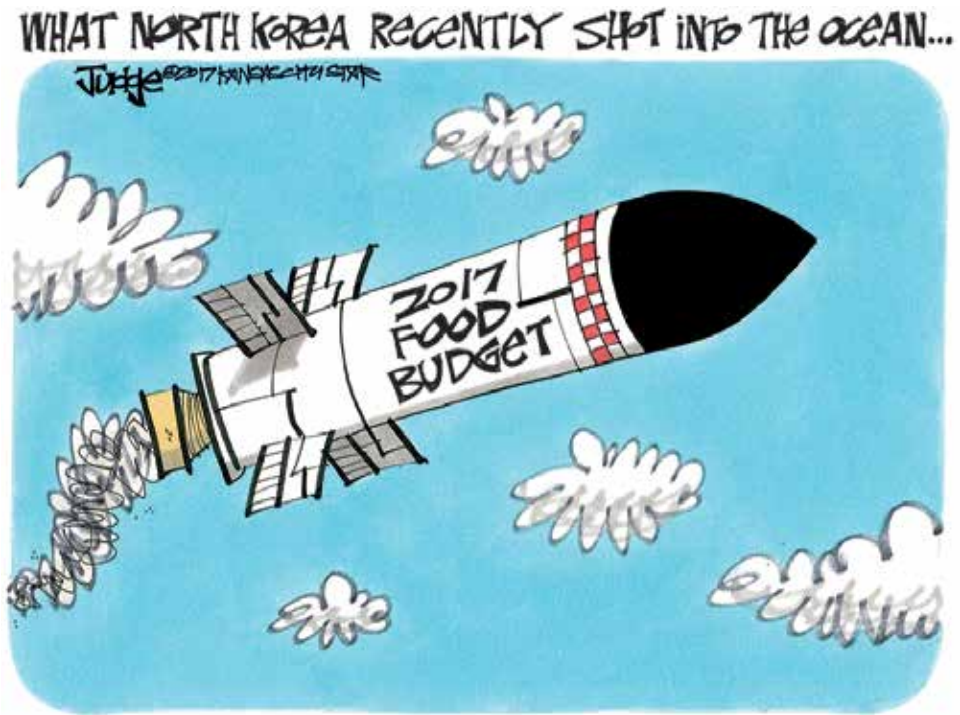
Applications are now being accepted by The Orange Foundation for grants to be distributed in the spring of 2017. Funding is available for projects benefiting the residents of Orange. Those eligible for grants include non-profit organizations, parent-teacher organizations, and service organizations. According to Janice Lettick, Distribution Committee Member and Chair of Grant Distribution, "Since it began giving out grants, the Foundation has distributed over \$156,500 to various local civic and community organizations. The grants range in size from

\$500 to \$1,500.. We encourage Orange community organizations to apply for funding to support their activities." Past recipients include: Amity Teen Center; Camp Cedarcrest; Orange Senior Services; Orange Historical Society; and the American Legion Post 127. Deadline for applications is April 30, 2017. Applications are available online at www.orangefoundation.org and at the Orange Town Hall, and Case Memorial Library. Completed applications may be mailed to The Orange Foundation, P.O. Box 729, Orange, CT 06477-0729.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FROM THE ORANGE FOUNDATION

Applications are now being accepted by The Orange Foundation for scholarships to be distributed in the spring of 2017. Scholarships are available to Orange high school and college students. In addition, students of Lithuanian or Ukrainian extraction, from Ansonia and Derby are invited to apply for the Frank P. and Louise Horbal Tripp Scholarship. According to John Wesolowski, Distribution Committee Member and Chair of Scholarship Distribution, "The

Foundation has distributed more than \$430,000 since its inception. Deadline for applications is April 15, 2017. Applications are available online at www.orangefoundation.org and at the Orange Town Hall, Case Memorial Library, Amity Regional High School, Ansonia High School, Derby High School, and area private high schools. Completed applications may be mailed to The Orange Foundation, P.O. Box 729, Orange, CT 06477-0729.



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Q: I just binge-watched all 10 episodes of “**Shut Eye**” on Hulu, and I am hooked. Has it been renewed for another season? -- Maddie T., via email

A: The original Hulu drama, which stars **Jeffrey Donovan** (“**Burn Notice**”), has been renewed for a 10-episode second season. The series centers on Charlie Haverford (played by Jeffrey), a scammer with a small chain of fortune-telling storefronts who also contracts building tricks for a family that controls business in most of Los Angeles. A blow to Charlie’s head from a client’s angry boyfriend intersects with a hypnosis session while auditioning a new “clairvoyant,” and suddenly a man whose entire life has been based on fraud begins to see and feel some very real and fundamental truths. The series also stars **KaDee Strickland, Emmanuelle Chriqui, David Zayas, Angus Sampson, Susan Misner** and **Isabella Rossellini**.

Q: I haven’t seen a lot from **Will Ferrell** lately. Can you tell me what he’s up to? -- Ben D., Hartford, Connecticut

A: While Will is keeping busy starring in the half-dozen movies he’s got in the pipeline -- “**The House**,” “**Zeroville**,” “**Daddy’s Home 2**” and “**Holmes and Watson**,” to name a few -- he and **Adam McKay** have been given the green light by HBO to executive-produce a new political drama, “**Succession**.” The series, which has been given a 10-episode order, centers on the Roys, a fictional American global-media family that is not only rich and powerful, but also powerfully dysfunctional. The series stars **Brian Cox, Jeremy Strong, Kieran Culkin** and **Sarah Snook**. As of this writing, HBO had not released a premiere date.



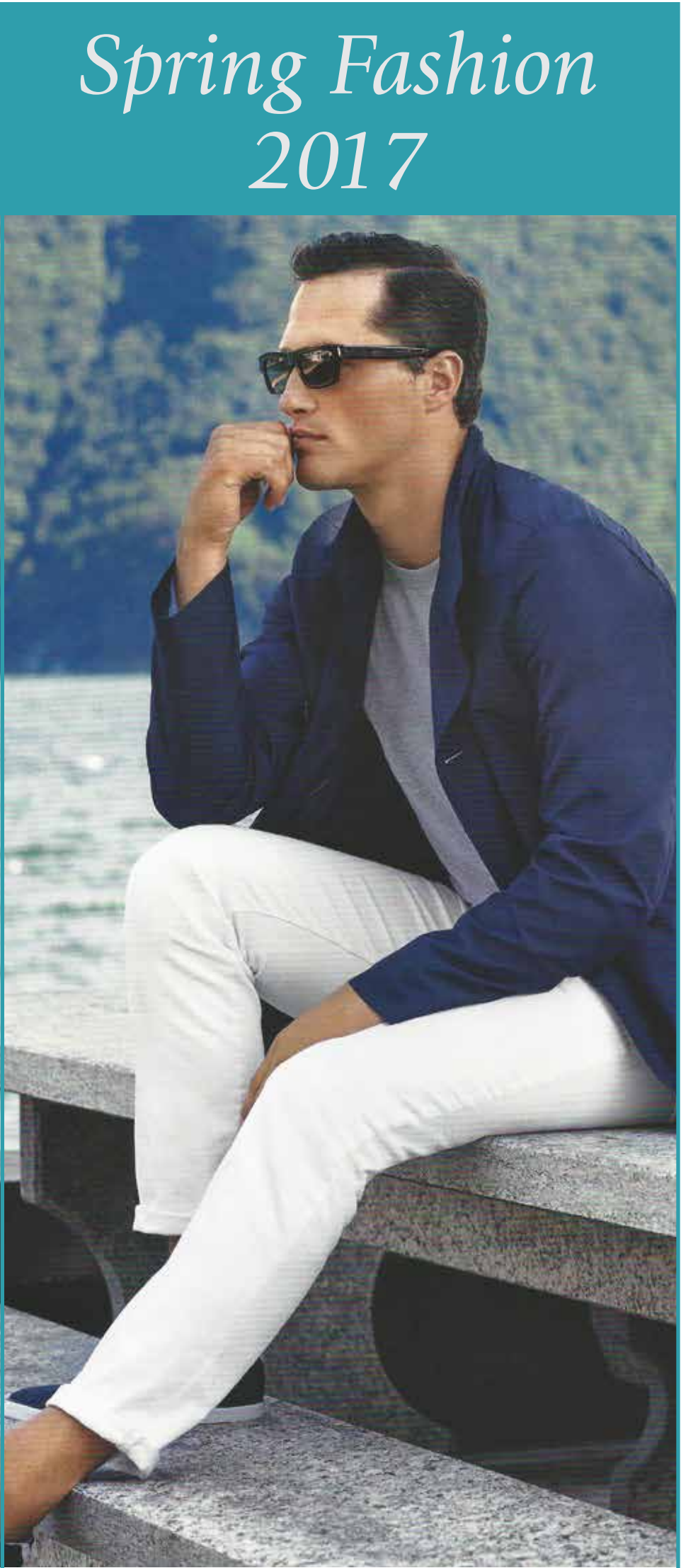
Will Ferrell [depositphotos.com]

Q: I was so happy to read in your column that **Sean Astin** would be on the next season of “**Stranger Things**.” What else has he been doing lately? -- Dre F., via email

A: The “**Lord of the Rings**” and “**Rudy**” alumnus has joined the cast of TNT’s “**The Alienist**.” The series also stars **Daniel Brühl, Luke Evans, Dakota Fanning, Robert Wisdom, Q’orianka Kilcher, Matt Lintz, Matthew Shear** and **Douglas Smith**. Based on the 1994 best-seller of the same name by **Caleb Carr**, “The Alienist” is a psychological thriller set in the Gilded Age of New York City in 1896, a city of vast wealth, extreme poverty and technological innovation.

When a series of haunting, gruesome murders of boy prostitutes grips the city, newly appointed police commissioner Theodore Roosevelt (played by Sean) calls upon criminal psychologist (aka alienist) Dr. Laszlo Kreizler (Daniel) and newspaper illustrator John Moore (Luke) to conduct the investigation in secret. They are aided by a makeshift crew of singular characters, among them the intrepid Sara Howard (Dakota), a young secretary on Roosevelt’s staff who is determined to become the first female police detective in New York City. Using the emerging disciplines of psychology and forensic science, this band of social outsiders tracks down one of New York City’s first serial killers.

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Suzuki music school visited Orange Community Nursery School 4s and 5s Kindergarten readiness classes for a lesson in tempo and violin. Orange Community Nursery School 3s class learned about birds from Mrs. Jean from Science Snoopers.

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The Visitor Center celebrated its 5th Anniversary in December. To commemorate this event, a limited edition anniversary dispenser was sold and all the proceeds from the sale were donated to the Hole in the Wall Gang charity. In total 495 dispensers were sold in the Visitor Center and 5 were auctioned on eBay, raising \$5,594.18. Shawn Peterson, PEZ Direct to Consumer Business Manager presented the check to representatives from the Hole in the Wall Gang in January.

ORANGE COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL CELEBRATES 60 YEARS!

Orange Community Nursery School, located in the High Plains Community Center, has been a staple in early education for the families of Orange and surrounding towns since it opened its doors in 1956! A traditional preschool program focusing on 3 & 4 year olds, OCNS has recently seen tremendous growth. With the addition of a 5s Kindergarten Readiness class and an afternoon 3s class, OCNS continues to provide exceptional activities and is ever-growing to meet the need of its families. The experienced teaching staff at OCNS strives to prepare children for Kindergarten by providing a quality, play-based program that focuses on FUN!

OCNS offers many opportunities for families to be an active part of their child's first school experience. Parents are invited to help out daily in the class-

room and enrich the student's program by sharing their talents. Over the years our teachers have welcomed parents to school that were once students at OCNS. Grandparents drop off their grandchildren and comment how they remember dropping off their own children for preschool at the very same door! The OCNS tradition continues with new generations!

OCNS is thrilled to be celebrating 60 years of offering exceptional, early childhood education to our community. As part of our 60th Anniversary celebration we would like to invite OCNS Alumni to join us for our Trike-A-Thon & School Wide Picnic on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Please contact the school at 203-795-3869 for tickets (by April 21st) or to find out more about joining our school family for the 2017-2018 school year!

SHOPRITE BRIGHTER, MORE EFFICIENT AFTER UPGRADES

It takes a lot of resources to run an expansive 63,500 square-foot grocery store, but through an Energize Connecticut initiative, ShopRite is operating a new location in Orange as efficiently as possible. United Illuminating (UI), a subsidiary of AVANGRID Inc., provided programs and services through the Energize Connecticut Energy Blueprint program to help ShopRite make energy saving upgrades to its lighting and refrigeration systems. The store, owned and operated by Garafalo Markets, is projected to experience an annual energy savings of about 659,909 kWh, equating to an estimated \$118,783.

Sustainable technologies were used when renovating the store, which was completely overhauled from an outdated grocery store under different ownership. All LED lighting and environmentally friendly refrigerant systems were installed, putting the store in line with Garafalo Markets' five-year plan to reduce energy, water and gas by 20 percent. "We continue to improve efficiency and promote health initiatives as part of our company's mission," said owner Harry Garafalo. "We have expanded our recycling programs and also incorporate Green Teams, utilizing associates to assist in raising recycling efforts in all locations. These energy upgrades make for clean, bright supermarkets, which are contemporary in design and appealing to a larger group of shoppers looking for more healthy and natural alternatives."

Beyond direct cost savings and aesthetics, the benefits of the energy efficiency upgrades touch on many areas of operation. Adding sensors and central monitoring to control temperatures and to identify problems also enhances reliability of equipment performance. This improvement frees up employees who

often dealt with maintenance issues and allows them to focus on ensuring that customers are provided with top quality product and experience.

Similar energy efficiency measures were taken when the owners transformed an old movie theater in Milford into a ShopRite location in summer of 2016. Estimated savings from the installation of efficient lighting and refrigeration systems at that location will save an estimated \$125,074 and 694,860 kWh in energy compared to standard systems.

Garafalo Markets, which also operates ShopRite stores in East Haven, Stratford, West Haven and Hamden, is no stranger to these available energy programs. The success of upgrades in other locations has increased the programs' appeal. "Garafalo Markets has taken advantage of various efficiency programs available, we worked with them to identify financial incentives to help make these improvements more fiscally feasible," said Glen Eigo, Lead Engineer, United Illuminating. "These success stories serve as great examples for others in the community, showing how being more efficient provides tangible energy cost savings and supports sustainable business practices."

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the State of Connecticut, the Connecticut Green Bank, Eversource, UI, SCG and CNG, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at EnergizeCT.com or by calling 877.WISE.USE.

Led by Harry Garafalo, Milford Markets, LLC has been in business since 2003 and employs approximately 1,100 associates in its stores. The company currently owns and operates ShopRite stores in Milford, East Haven, Stratford, West Haven and Hamden.



ATTORNEY COPPOLA SPEAKS AT CT BAR ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Attorney Mario Coppola of Orange spoke on March 25 to a group of 350 municipal land use officials at a seminar held at Wesleyan University sponsored by the Connecticut Bar Association Planning and Zoning Section. Attorney Coppola, the current Section chair, moderated the all-day session, offering commentary on a variety of land use topics. Attorney Ira Bloom, Senior Partner of the firm, spoke at this event

for the eighth time. Bloom discussed the affordable housing statute, Section 8-30g of the General Statutes, from a municipal perspective. The event attracts planners, enforcement officials, and commission members from throughout the state.

Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C. has offices in Milford, Norwalk, and Westport, Connecticut. For more information, visit www.bmdlaw.com.

ARTS & LEISURE

KINDNESS ROCK GARDEN

The Orange Arts and Culture Council has partnered with Orange Community Services to create a Kindness Rock Garden. So put on your creative cap and join others in creating your own totally outstanding painted rock on Fridays, April 21 and 28 at 1 pm at Community Services on Orange Center Road at 1 pm. Start searching for that perfect rock, paint and brushes will be provided. There is no charge for participation.

Rocks can be painted with a favorite quote, one meaningful word or just a simple design, such as a flower or heart. Participants can be expert painters or just no-talented citizens who want to be part

of what is fast becoming a National phenomenon.

Rocks are placed in a garden to inspire others. Participants are encouraged to join in the pursuit of inspiring others through random acts of kindness. Some people will place a rock in the garden; others will exchange their rock for another or simply take one that helps them get through a bad day.

Painted rocks will be placed in a garden near the entrance to the cafeteria at the Community Center. Dedication of the Kindness Rock Garden will take place on June 21 – Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.



WE CAN'T CALL IT GRAFFITI ANYMORE BUS TRIP

The Orange Arts and Culture Council is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Tuesday, May 16 to view graffiti art. “A must see!” said Marcia Jamron, tour organizer. “What we once looked at with some admiration and thought “That’s Graffiti” is now called “Street Art”, said Jamron. “It is truly amazing what an artist can produce on streets, buildings, walls and in subways. This is an opportunity to learn different ways one can consider art. It is not all hanging in museums.”

The tour includes: 191 Street Subway Tunnel “scene”, Audubon Mural Project, murals of climate threatened birds in the John James Audubon neighborhood. Gitler & Gallery - talk with Gallery owner and street artist art scenes in the Bronx-Mott Haven - see some architectural gems in the Historic District plus a café luncheon.

Tickets are \$125.00 per person. Make out checks to OACC and mail to: Marcia Jamron, 229 Karen Drive, Orange, CT 06477, (203) 795-4444.

Bus leaves promptly at 8:30am from Orange Congregational Church parking lot. Reservations are due by Tuesday, May 2, 2016.



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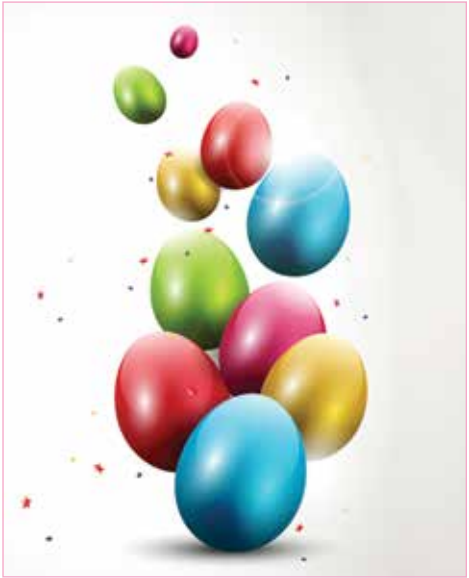
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INDIE VOCAL DUO ENTERTAINS AT THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library invite you to enjoy an afternoon of sweet harmonies with Belle of the Fall, an acoustic duo, singing in a “folky yet modern sound”. They will entertain us on Saturday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the library Meeting Room.

Tracy Walton and Julia Autumn Ford will play their unique indie sound, “in the tradition of Simon and Garfunkel if Art Garfunkel were female”. Tracy Walton is the 2014 and 2015 New England Music Award nominee for Best

Male Performer. He is an accomplished bassist and songwriter. Julia Autumn Ford is the CT Music Award Nominee for Best New Artist 2014 and Song of the Year 2015. “Her debut solo album has gained her well-deserved attention as a singer of rare talent.”

We hope the community will enjoy the intoxicating sound of this duo sponsored by the Friends in honor of its 25th Anniversary. Register for this performance at the library or by calling 203.891.2170.

BEATLES MUSIC FEST CELEBRATING SGT. PEPPER 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On June 1, 1967, The Beatles put out “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band” and music was never the same again. It was the kick-off of “The Summer of Love” and the beginning of album rock and conceptual recordings. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of this historic release, Liverpool Productions has announced that this year’s “Fab 4 Music Festival” will be held in June, on Saturday the 10th, to commemorate the occasion.

For the first time, the event has changed locations, from its previous home in Danbury to the Oakdale Theater in Wallingford, CT. Also for the first time, there will be two stages of performances, doubling the number of acts from ten to twenty. Half of the groups will be performing indoors, under the Dome, while the other half will be playing outside on the patio.

It will all “come together” from 1pm until 10pm on June 10th, and, again in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of

“Sgt. Pepper” and the year 1967, advance “Ticket to Ride” general admissions are only \$19.67. There are also V.I.P. tickets available. Note that admission will be higher at the door. Advance tickets available at Ticketmaster. Along with the great entertainment of 20 bands (line-up to be announced), there will be Beatles and music memorabilia, dealers & vendors, exhibitors, attractions, kid-friendly activities, along with a large variety of food options available.

The “Fab 4 Music Festival” on Saturday, June 10, 2017, is presented by Live Nation in association with Liverpool Productions, the same Connecticut Beatles fan club that presented “NYC FAB 50: The Beatles’ 50th Anniversary Celebration” in New York City, and have produced the Connecticut Beatles Conventions since 1978. They also organize the annual fan vacations to Liverpool and London known as the “Magical History Tour.” For further info, visit www.Fab4MusicFestival.com or call (203) 795-4737.

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

We invite all members of the community to join us at 5 Meeting House Lane, for the following **Holy Week Services** being held in the Meeting House except as noted.

Palm Sunday Worship Service - April 9, at 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae - April 13, at 7 p.m.

Good Friday - Meditation and Readings - April 14, from 10 a.m. - Noon

Easter Sunrise Service with Easter Story - April 16, at 6:30 a.m. on the Church Green. Breakfast following the service in the Parish House.

Easter Sunday Worship Service - April 16, at 10 a.m. Special music provided by the Choir, Bell Choir and Organist.

We also invite all members of the community to join us for our regularly scheduled services and events:

Sunday Services - 10 a.m. including our Intergenerational Service the first Sunday of each month. Nursery care for small children is available during the Sunday services.

Church School - Sunday at 10 a.m. On **Palm & Easter Sundays**, Children



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dren are welcome to worship with their families. Special Easter stories for children ages 3-5 in the nursery on Palm Sunday. Sunday School classes resume on April 23rd.

Middle School Youth Group for 5th - 8th graders will join the Men's Fellowship in cooking and serving the annual Pancake Brunch for the congregation in the Parish House following the Sunday Service.

Weekly Bible Study - Wednesday, 10-11 a.m. in the Parish House. We study both Old and New Testament passages based on the Lectionary.

For more information on these events, please contact us at (203) 389-2119 or office@uccw.org.

HOLY WEEK & RESURRECTION AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

205 Meeting House Lane (at the corner of Orange Center Road)

Palm Sunday

April 9

8:00 a.m. - Worship in Chapel

9:45 a.m. - Palm Processional

Meet us in the back parking lot to receive your palm and process with bagpiper into the Sanctuary. If you wish not to process please go directly into the Sanctuary.

10:00 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. - Prayer Walk offered by the Confirmation Class

12:00 p.m. Easter Egg hunt (on the Town Green)

Maundy Thursday

April 13

Service of Tenebrae at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Lights will be extinguished as we hear the passion of Christ in his final hours. Communion by intinction will be offered.

Good Friday

April 14

7:00 p.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 16

6:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service at Hannah's Hill

A service offered by our Youth to celebrate the risen Christ. After worship meet at Chip's Restaurant for breakfast.

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

Music from our Junior Choir, Bell Choir and Senior Choirs

UPCOMING B'NAI JACOB EVENTS

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Shabbat

April 8, Shabbat, following Kiddush
- Mellila Hellner-Eshed, Ph.D.,
Professor of Zohar in Jewish Studies
at Hebrew University; researcher
at Hartman Institute, Jerusalem

Leaving Egypt, On Being Born, Yetziat Mitzrayim. An expert on Jewish spirituality, and a central figure in the Israeli renaissance of the study of Jewish texts, Dr. Hellner-Eshed will teach us about the Exodus as seen through the Jewish mystical tradition. Come and learn about Passover from an entirely new perspective.

B'nai Jacob Special Events

Celebrate Tzvi April 29

Please join us for a very special Shabbat morning, April 29th, to celebrate and honor Tzvi Rapaport. This Spring, Tzvi will retire as the Education Director of our religious school. Let us say 'Shalom' to Tzvi with all the ruach and joy that he has brought to the children of B'nai Jacob for so many years.

- 9:45am - Shabbat Service
- 10:30am - Children's Programs
- 12:00pm - Kiddush Lunch & Celebration

celebration in Tzvi's honor

Honor Tzvi!

Please consider making a donation to B'nai Jacob in honor of Tzvi's Legacy & Commitment to Jewish Education. Your contribution will be recognized in a special Tribute Book for Tzvi. The Tribute Book is a way you can honor Tzvi and help ensure Jewish education at B'nai Jacob for the future. Learn more about the Tribute book and donation levels! Tribute Book contributions must be received by April 2, 2017. DON'T MISS THIS DEADLINE!!

Leonard Cohen: A Jewish Bard

Saturday, April 29, 5 pm - Cantor
Malachi Kanfer and Dr. Barry Zaret

Malachi Kanfer and Barry Zaret will reflect together on the meaning of Cohen's work. We will gather over a light Sabbath meal to enjoy music and poetry as Shabbat draws to a close.

Sunday Morning Adult Ed Speaker

Sunday, April 30th at 10:00am
- Michael Berkowitz, PhD,
Professor, Modern Jewish History,
University College London

American Jews and Moviemaking During the Second World War - Despite the flurry of books and articles on Hollywood Jews, one of the most fascinating parts of their legacy is waiting to be told. Using film clips, Berkowitz will take us on a tour of movies of the 1940s, demonstrating how Hollywood Jews played an exaggerated role in shaping America's understanding of events unfolding in Europe. These Jews changed the form and content of feature films forever.

ANNUAL MAY FAIR AT CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Charlie Brown and Snoopy's Fair" will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 526 Amity Road, Bethany, on Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mary Karoll and Carol Pugas, co-chairs of the popular, annual event, state that "Fairgoers from tots to grandparents are sure to enjoy the nostalgic Peanuts theme in decorations which will be for sale along with Peanuts collectibles".

Booths will include popular vendors plus Peanuts Pal's Grand Slam Tag Sale,

Lucy's Luncheonette, The Peanuts Gang Grill, Peppermint Patty's Pies and Pastries, Good Ol' Charlie Brown's Chocolate Chip Cookies, Snoopy's Buried Treasure Trove, Linus's Pumpkin Patch Country Store, Little Red-Haired Girl's Boutique, Sally's Stitchery, Woodstock's Wonderful World of Cook Books, Daisy Hill Puppy Farm Children's Games with Prizes, Happiness is a Winning Raffle Ticket, Schroeder's "Waltz of the Flowers" Plants, and Belle's Baubles, Bangles, and Beads.

HOLY INFANT CHURCH WOMEN'S GUILD COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Holy Infant Church Women's Guild is having a Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 30 after the 9:30 am Mass, in the Guild Hall. The guest speaker will be Sr. Elaine Betancort, C.S.J. She will be talking about the importance of healing and protecting our Mother Earth, referencing Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si, and his recent addition as a "corporal work of mercy" - caring for creation. The cost of the breakfast is \$10. Tickets may be purchased by calling (202)799-2379. All tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The Guild's annual Installation Dinner will be on Monday, May 8 at Biagetti's



Holy Infant Church

Restaurant, at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$32 with a choice of Prime Rib, Stuffed Shrimp, Chicken Marsala. Call (203)799-2379 for reservations.

Officers for the next year will be installed and there will be a scholarship presentation.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

The Church of the Good Shepherd invites you to attend any of our upcoming services and events during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. Holy Week begins on April 9th, 2017 with Palm Sunday. At 8 a.m. please join us for Holy Eucharist without music. Our traditional enactment of The Passion along with music from our choir takes place at 10 a.m. Maundy Thursday's Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing will take place on Thursday, April 13th, 2017 at 6 pm. On Good Friday, April 14th the church will be open for quiet meditation between the hours of 12noon-3pm. The Youth Group will lead The Stations of the Cross starting at 3 p.m., including a "Walk the Way of the Cross" through the Good Shepherd neighborhood. In addition, Good Friday Solemn Collects with Holy Eucharist will take place at 7:00 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Devon. Easter Sunday, April 16th, is celebrated with two services. Please join us at 8 am for Holy Eucharist without music and at 10 am for Holy Eucharist with our choir accompanied by musicians. An Easter Egg Hunt will take place immediately following the 10 am service for children of all ages.

The Church of the Good Shepherd in conjunction with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Devon are providing 200 bagged lunches to be handed out at the Chapel on the Green service on Easter Sunday. Chapel on the Green is a ministry of Trinity Church in New Haven that offers an open-air Eucharist every



Church of the Good Shepherd

Sunday. Please consider donating items to be included in the bagged lunches including: bottled water, plastic sandwich bags, soft or chewy granola bars, soft fruit (e.g., bananas, grapes, oranges), loaves of bread (white or wheat), deli meat (ham or turkey), sliced cheese, and napkins. All are welcome to hand out lunches and/or join in worship at Chapel on the Green on Sunday, April 16th, 2017 at 2 pm. For more information, please contact Jennifer D'Inzeo at 203-645-8427 or jenndinzeo@gmail.com.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is located on 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, Connecticut. Sunday service times include Rite II Holy Eucharist without music at 8 a.m. and Rite II Holy Eucharist with music at 10 a.m. For more information about The Church of the Good Shepherd's many other programs, please call the Parish Office @ (203) 795-6577, email us @ thegoodspheherd@optonline.net, visit our website @ www.thegoodshepherdorangedt.org, and, of course, check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cg-sorangedt for frequent postings.



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Easter Sunday (4/16) 9:00am Mass.

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ASD FITNESS HONORS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Thil Schwarz, former board member of the Autism National Committee and former Vice-President of the Asperger/Autism Network is the confirmed guest speaker at the fourth annual Wine & Craft Beer Tasting Fundraiser event hosted by the Bethany Leapley Autism Spectrum Disorder Scholarship Fund on Saturday, April 22nd at 7pm at St. Barbara's Church in Orange.

Schwarz will be presenting "Autism Inside Out: My Family, My Community and I," a personal reflection of his own experience with autism. A parent of a current scholarship recipient will also share the impact the ASD Fitness Center has had on her son. The event, emceed by award-winning Fox CT News Reporter Tony Terzi, will also include live acoustic music by The Mediums, hors d'oeuvres catered by Orange's popular Ola Restaurant, desserts donated by Thurston Foods, Inc., a selection of fine wine donated by Connecticut distributors, as well as an assortment of craft beer donated by a local distributor, and a silent auction including coveted tickets to the Walter Camp Football Foundation's 2018 Black Tie National Awards Dinner, Red Sox tickets, and much more.

Funds raised from the previous three annual events currently fund scholarships for individuals, allowing them to receive one-on-one personal training and attend small adaptive group classes at the ASD Fitness Center in Orange, CT. The ASD Fitness Center is a groundbreaking facility and service providing a safe, comfortable, and structured environment for empowering ASD individuals to improve their level of physical fitness, nutrition and social/emotional well-being.

Currently in its third year, the ASD Fitness Center has demonstrated that the result of exercising for those with ASD provides a boost in confidence, improved social awareness, and decreased anxiety. "We are grateful to everyone who participates in the annual benefit which enables us to continue, and hopefully increase, the number of scholarships offered each year," said Adam Leapley, co-founder of the ASD Fitness Center.

The Bethany Leapley ASD Scholarship Fund, established by Adam and Dedra Leapley in honor of Adam's mother who fought a 25-year battle against breast cancer, was created to provide financial assistance to those who cannot afford supervised training and adaptive group classes including karate, yoga, circuit

cardio, strength and training, team building and Zumba-type classes at the ASD Fitness Center in Orange. The concept of the importance of exercise for those with special needs, as introduced by the ASD Fitness Center, has been embraced by many people and organizations throughout New Haven and Fairfield Counties. Several local schools are utilizing ASD Fitness Center as their provider for adaptive P.E. programs for their special needs students. Chapel Haven, known for its award winning program for serving adults with autism and other developmental disabilities, has also partnered with the ASD Fitness Center to offer an adaptive fitness program for the adults they serve. The ASD Fitness Center not only provides fitness, it is a place where individuals and their families find comfort, connection and community.

"The annual Wine & Craft Beer Tasting event has something for everyone and we have received great feedback about this annual event from the community, businesses, philanthropists, and friends and family of those with ASD," said Leapley. "It has been sold out each year and we encourage those interested to secure their tickets right away via the Bethany Leapley ASD Fund website. Our goal is to help as many adults and children with Autism Spectrum Disorder as possible and the scholarship fundraisers help us reach people who do not have the means for this unique and impactful type of support."

For questions about the Wine & Craft Beer Tasting Fundraiser or the ASD Fitness Center, please email ASDScholarship@gmail.com. To learn more about the Bethany Leapley ASD Scholarship Fund, for event tickets or donations, go to www.BethanyLeapleyASDFund.org. To learn more about the ASD Fitness Center, please visit www.asdfitnesscenter.com.

Those looking to support the fundraiser in other ways can donate to the silent auction or sponsor the event at one of four levels: Platinum \$5000 (Full page program ad, table of 10, banner identification, and website and social media identification); Gold \$3000 (Half Page program ad, table of 10, banner identification, and website and social media identification); Silver \$1500 (Quarter page ad, table of 8, banner identification, and website and social media identification); and Bronze \$500 (Quarter page ad, banner identification, and website & social media identification).

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SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh

Social Tea – Change of Plans

Gretchen Trapp cannot make it. Instead join us for a Social Tea on April 13, from 11:30-2 as Velya Jancz-Urban presents “Pudd’nhead: Childhood in Colonial America” in the Senior Lounge. Cost is \$10. Stop by the office! Be sure to RSVP to (203) 891-4784.

Kindness Rock Garden

The Orange Arts and Culture Council has partnered with Orange Community Services in creating a Kindness Rock Garden. Join us in painting rocks with inspirational and motivational sayings Fridays April 21 & 28 at 1:00pm. Dedication of the Kindness Rock Garden will be June 21—Summer Solstice. So search for a rock you want to paint and bring your favorite quote and join us in creating some positive energy! Let’s make Orange the “Kindness Town Around!”

Hot Lunch

The Orange Senior Center offers a lunch Monday through Thursday, 11:30am – 12:00pm. A \$3.00 donation is suggested for persons 60 years and over. To register, call (203) 891-4765 before 1pm the day before.

Friday Lunch

Friday lunches will be provided by various programs for seniors. To register, call (203) 891-4765 the week before.

April 7: Comfort Keepers
April 14: Closed for Holiday
April 21: Maplewood of Orange
April 28: Carriage Green

End of Life Care & Choices

OVNA & Seasons Hospice will

present an End of Life Care & Choices discussion on April 20, 2017 from 2:00-3:00, in the Senior Lounge. Coffee & a light snack will be provided. Call (203) 891-4784 to register.

Living Treasure Awards Ceremony (Formerly Pasta Festa)

Join us on Friday, May 5 from 5 to 8 for our annual Living Treasure Award Ceremony (formerly Pasta Festa). We will be at a new location, the beautiful, Birchwoods at Oaklane, 1027 Racebrook Road, Woodbridge. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of this year’s Living Treasure Awards to our deserving recipients. Winners of the raffle will go home with some great prizes donated by individuals and local businesses. Tables of 8 to 10 are available. If you wish to be seated with particular people, payment for the group must be made at the same time; otherwise we cannot guarantee that you will be sitting together. Please let us know if you would like to donate a prize for the raffle. Tickets go on sale Friday, April 1 at \$30 per person.

New Class! Introduction to Computers

Calling all newbie computer users! Frank Marini has agreed to teach an introductory computer course! This 5 week starts April 27, 9:30-11:30am, for only \$25. Sign up at the Senior Center office.

Peck Place Senior Prom

Peck Place School will once again host a Senior Prom at the Peck Place School on Friday, April 28 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. There will be a buffet

style lunch and beverages. This is an actual prom with music and dancing, at no charge, just RSVP to (203) 891-4784.

New Club! Cribbage Club

Join us on Mondays as the senior center and Assisted Living Services sponsor Cribbage Club Mondays from 1:00—3:00pm. Mark Halliday of Assisted Living Services will instruct students on how to play cribbage for the first hour. The second hour will be time to play. Call (203) 891-4784 to reserve a seat!

Wellness Seminar with Shop Rite

Shop Rite of Orange’s Registered Dietitian, Courtney Huggins, RD will lead a discussion on whole grains with a dish to try on Monday, April 3 from 11:30-12:30pm.

Wellness Book Club

Marianne Pysarchyk of the Case Memorial Library and the Orange Senior Center will host the Wellness Book Group at HPCC on April 12 (the 2nd Wednesday of the month) at 11am. April’s title is: Rising Strong: The Reckoning, the Rumble, the Revolution by Brene Brown. Coffee and a light snack will be provided. Call (203) 891-4784 to register.

Money Management

Money Management meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30am. On Tuesday, April 18 the Drazen Law Firm will present “My Spouse’s Health Crisis: How to stay out of the poor house?” All are welcomed to attend.

Movie of the Month

Friday, April 21 “Deepwater

Horizon”, 1:00pm. A dramatization of the April 2010 disaster, when the offshore drilling rig Deepwater Horizon exploded and created the worst oil spill in U.S. history. Popcorn & soda will be served. Call for a seat (203) 891-4784.

Book Club

The monthly book club will meet on Friday, March 24. The next book will be “Underground Railroad” by Colson Whitehead.

2017 Trips

FOLLIES at the Warner Theater - no minimum trip, Sunday, May 7, 2017. Cost: \$98pp. Lunch will be a choice of Veal Parmigiana, Stuffed Sole, or Chicken Marsala at San Marino. After lunch we will head over to the Warner Theatre, to see Follies. The show is about a reunion of past performers of the 1940s “Weismann’s Follies”. Includes transportation, lunch, show, & driver gratuities. Full payment is due at reservation.

THE TREASURES OF NYC, share a bus trip May 18, 2017. Visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art to view one of the world’s largest art museums with lunch on your own in the museum’s café. Then a step on guide boards to take you along 5th Avenue to some of the highlights of Central Park, where you will walk some of the delights. Cost: \$73pp., includes transportation, admission, & driver gratuities. Full payment is due at reservation.

LUNCH WITH MRS. BASKIN - Newport Playhouse no minimum trip May 25, 2017. Despite the fact she has no intentions of buying anything Mrs. Baskin continuously sets up appointments with sales people solely to have lunch & conversation in today’s play. Cost: \$100pp. Includes transportation, lunch, show, & driver gratuities. Full payment is due at reservation.

WEEDING THROUGH LAWN CARE SERVICE OPTIONS

Millions of acres across North America are devoted to lush, green lawns. According to Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment, lawns take up 40.5 million acres and individuals spend \$30 billion on average for lawn and garden upkeep in the United States alone. People certainly love their lawns and often wonder if those lawns are best left in the hands of professionals.

The National Gardening Association states that 72 percent of American households do some work in their yards. However, a growing number of homeowners also hire others to make their lawns look pristine. Homeowners who want to leave lawn care to the professionals can consider the following factors as they search for a company that best suits their needs.

Work with a licensed and insured company. Lawn care services that are li-

censed and insured provide more peace of mind to homeowners than the alternatives. Should an injury occur on your property while work is being done, an insured business will be able to take care of it and you won't be liable.

Ask about membership in a professional or trade organization. Businesses that belong to an organization invest in continually learning about the evolution of lawn care. This increases the likelihood that member companies will be up-to-date regarding the latest, most environmentally friendly lawn care techniques. Participation in a trade organiza-

tion also may indicate education in the landscaping field.

Research reviews before hiring. Although public reviews may not paint the entire picture and they often reflect only the very positive or very negative experiences previous customers have had with a given business, they can provide an idea of how a lawn care company interacts with its customers. Prospective customers who contact the Better Business Bureau may learn if there have been any glaring complaints against a particular contractor.

Find out which services are offered.

Ask each business what services they provide. While nearly every lawn care contractor will mow the lawn and trim shrubs, many homeowners prefer companies that can adapt when the yard needs a change. This may include pest treatments, fertilization, aeration, and seasonal cleanups.

Look for a company that's organized and connected. Customer service should be a factor when choosing a lawn care service. You want to be able to reach the company promptly. A company that responds quickly is ideal, especially if you need to change a service or need to inquire about additional or emergency work.

Shopping for a lawn care service can take time and effort, but the results will be well worth it when homeowners have lawns and landscapes that make their neighbors green with envy.



Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



SPRING HAS SPUNG, THE GRASS HAS RISEN

I Wonder Where The Deck Wines Are

It may not look it for another week or so but Spring is here. It is time for us to start to clean off our decks and make ready for the warm and lovely nights associated with Spring in Southern Connecticut. Once the deck furniture is in place and all is ready, it is time for the wines of Spring.

But there is another California chardonnay, produced by a small band of winemakers who have held out against the big and buttery style. Using an older style of winemaking, they are producing a crisper, more lively chardonnay, one that sacrifices showy power in favor of steely subtlety.

The older method goes by the clumsy name of nonmalolactic fermentation. While wine jargon like that may tempt people to press the mute button, it can also unlock a style of chardonnay radically different from the cocktails of oak, tropical fruit, butter and vanilla that have come to be regarded as traditional. "They're so cloying I don't see how anybody can stand them," said Ric Forman, the owner and winemaker at Forman Vineyard in the Napa Valley, which has been producing nonmalolactic chardonnays since the early 1980s. Michael Chelini, the winemaker at Stony Hill Vineyard in Napa, the granddaddy of the nonmalolactic style, calls the newer chardonnays tutti-frutti wines. Wineries like Stony Hill and Hanzell Vineyards in Sonoma County were chardonnay pioneers in the 1950s, with a grape that was little known in California, though it was the exalted white grape of Burgundy. Working in isolation, making decisions by impulse, they made chardonnays without malolactic fermentation.

Everything has changed since then, of course. Chardonnay is now the most popular wine in the country, with California producing 42.2 million cases in 2009, almost all in the buttery-oaky style. But Stony Hill and Hanzell, joined in the 1970s and 80s by wineries like Far Niente and Forman, stubbornly clung to the older style. Now they are being joined by Russian Hill Estate Winery in Sonoma County and Melville Winery in the Santa Ynez Valley. Winemakers see the old style as more balanced and also better with food. Many of these wines benefit from a subdued use of oak, which adds to the overall impression of harmony. "The result is a more fruit-driven wine that has richness and creaminess but not the harshness of double fermentation Chardonnays.

"The true old-fashioned way of California chardonnay winemaking was pick the fruit, ferment it in the tank and get it in the bottle," said Dirk Hampson, winemaking director for the Far Niente Winery in the Napa Valley. "Only in the 1960s did they start using oak, and malolactic only became popular in the 1980s." The shift to malolactic came when many California winemakers were responding to criticism of their chardonnays as clumsy compared with the Burgundian model. Mr. Forman

was one of more than a few young California winemakers who went to France in the late 1960s and early 70s to observe French methods. "We discovered it was a pretty good idea to use French barrels and to ferment chardonnay in them," he recalled. "But I felt that the grapes we had in Napa didn't have enough acidity for malolactic fermentation, and I resisted it all along."

While working for other wineries Mr. Forman didn't always have the final word. In a rich irony, Mr. Forman was a consultant at Kendall-Jackson and played a vital role in making its Vintner's Reserve chardonnay, which became a popular standard bearer of the sweet-oaky school. When Mr. Forman started his own winery in 1983, he forswore malolactic fermentation. "The wines age better, and they taste better," he said.

Far Niente, which went into business a couple of years before Forman, also avoided the secondary fermentation. "We've looked to Burgundy for the proportions of our wines," Mr. Hampson said. "But we have to recognize that we have very different conditions in the Napa Valley than in Burgundy."

Grapes do not get as ripe in Burgundy as in warmer California climates and so usually have less sugar and more acidity. After a secondary fermentation, which almost all white Burgundies undergo, they should have enough acidity to retain crispness and structure. In California, the secondary fermentation, while adding weight and richness, can also leave wines soft and unbalanced unlike many other California chardonnays, which are extravagant early but fold up quickly over time, old-style chardonnays can benefit from aging, which is rare among white wines, but evident in riesling and chenin blanc, other highly acidic whites that do not undergo a secondary fermentation. Stony Hill shows its delicate power only gradually, seducing you rather than beating you over the head. While nonmalolactic chardonnays age well, they need more time to open up, which can make young bottles seem austere.

This single fermentation Chard is a great deck wine and a terrific wine to have with some lite cheese and crackers on a nice Spring night in Southern Connecticut. Try some; you will be glad you did!

The American Wine Society is revisiting Savino winery in Woodbridge. Come join us! See my Contact information. We still have openings for the Milford Adult Ed Wine Classes!! Call me!

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine classes at Moltose Wine and Beer distributors and the Milford Board of Education. He 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 Realstatepro1000@gmail.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Al-Anon Meeting. Monday mornings, 10:00 - 11:30am, Holy Infant Church Hall, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange; a support group for relatives and friends of alcoholics. For more information, contact www.ct-al-anon.org.

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

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

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

Orange Arts & Culture Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm, HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, check chalk board for meeting room. The public is invited.

Orange Recycling Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday 7:00pm, HPCC conference room, 525 Orange Center Road, public is invited to attend. For more information, email Orangerecycles@gmail.com. Meeting dates for 2017 are (except for September and November) at High Plains Community Center as follows: March 15, 2017, April 19, 2017, May 17, 2017, June 21, 2017, July 19, 2017, August 16, 2017, September 13, 2017, October 18, 2017, Thursday, November 16, 2017, December 20, 2017 and January 17, 2018.

Elm City Kennel Club General Meetings, third Wednesday of each month, except during July and August, 7:30pm,

Paws'N Effect, 36 Corporate Ridge Drive (off Sherman Avenue), Hamden. For more information, contact New Member Coordinators Gary Wilson, at 203-996-2245 (gwilson86@comcast.net) or Maureen Anderson, at 203-430-5229 (maureenanderson@snet.net).

Blood Pressure Clinic presented by Gentiva & Maplewood of Orange, 1st Thursday of every month, Maplewood of Orange, 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.rotarycluboforange.org for information about the club.

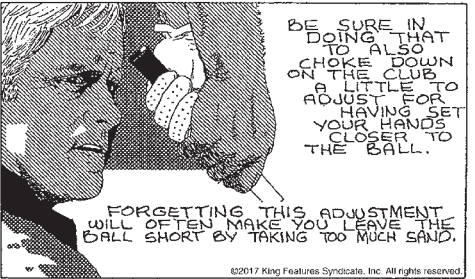
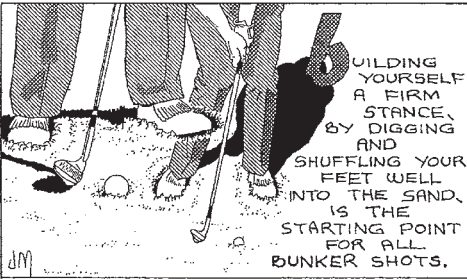
Orange Historical Society Academy Antique & Gift Shop Museum, open Saturdays, 10:00am-3:00pm. For information call 203-795-3106.

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P.V. O'Donnell Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Traditional Irish Music Session, Thursday, April 20, 2017, 7:45 pm, St. Gabriel's Parish Hall, 26 Broadway, Milford, CT, Loretta Egan Murphy joins the P.V. O'Donnell Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. Admission is free. Musicians, dancers, singers and guests are welcomed. BYOB. For information, call Tim at 203-257-8737.

NAMI Support Group Meeting, meetings begin promptly at 6:00pm and end promptly at 7:30pm, BRIDGES, a community support system, 949 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford (entrance in the rear of the building), conference room on the second floor, on the following dates for 2017: May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 14, and December 5. They are free of charge and facilitator led. Family & Friends welcome.

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



DEATH NOTICES



Dr. Felix Monteagudo

Dr. Felix Monteagudo (66), of Orange, entered into eternal rest on March 13, 2017 surrounded by his family at home after a brief battle with glioblastoma. Born on June 3rd, 1950 in Spain, he was the son of the late Felix Monteagudo and Josefa Simo. He leaves behind his wife of 40 years, Vivienne; his sister Teresa; his children, Julie (Andrew Jaensch), Sally, and Luke Monteagudo; and his grandson Max Jaensch.

During his youth he lived in Barcelona, Argentina, and Zimbabwe. He attended medical school in Cape Town, South Africa where he earned his MD and PhD in pharmacology. During his residency in East London he met his wife Vivienne who was working as a nurse. They soon married and moved to Cape Town where they started their family. Felix thrived as a physician and professor of pharmacology.

His success attracted the attention of Bayer Pharmaceuticals who recruited him to Johannesburg. After a few years the family moved to Orange, Connecticut where he earned his MBA at the University of Connecticut. He was quickly promoted to the corporate headquarters in Germany where the family moved and lived in Dusseldorf for two years. Later he returned to work in Connecticut for Bayer and then Purdue Pharma from which he retired.

He will be remembered as a loving husband and father, voracious reader, an early adopter of new technologies, and most recently a doting grandfather. He considered himself fortunate to have had the opportunity to travel and to have the time to spend with family, his greatest joy, in retirement. He made the most of every opportunity to “carpe diem”. He was passionate about providing the best life possible for his family.

A mass of Christian burial was held March 17, 2017, at St Mary’s Church in Milford, CT. Interment followed at the Orange Center Cemetery. Arrangements were in the capable hands of Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT. To leave online con-

dolences, please visit www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.

Robert J. Kretvix

Robert J. Kretvix, age 96, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 6, 2017 at his home in Rutland, VT. He is survived by his wife, Pauline, of 74 years, his two sons, Rob and Kurt, and four grandchildren, Kim, Chris, Hannah and Lucas.

Bob graduated with a Mechanical Engineering degree from the Bridgeport Engineering Institute just prior to World War II. Before graduation in 1940 he joined Voight Sikorsky Aircraft in the Experimental Dept., where he helped Igor Sikorsky develop the VS-300 helicopter and VS-44A Flying Boat. He later worked on the R-5 helicopter designs before joining the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943, where he was assigned to Freeman Field, Indiana, home of the very first helicopter pilot and mechanic training unit. In 1945, Bob instructed pilots and mechanics in the Air Sea Rescue units in Hawaii, Guam, Philippine Islands and Okinawa in preparation for the invasion of Japan. He earned the nickname “Crash Kretvix” after surviving multiple helicopter crashes.

Upon release from the Air Corps in 1946, he rejoined Sikorsky Aircraft for 41 years until his retirement in 1987. During that period he held increasing levels of responsibility starting as Quality Control Manager to FAA Coordinator and Chief of Government Quality Requirements for Sikorsky. After retirement, Bob continued to actively support the Sikorsky Retirees group, who ultimately restored one of only two VS-44A flying boats, the Excambian, which is now on display at the New England Air Museum outside of Hartford.

Bob lived in the Milford and Orange areas for about 70 years. After his retirement he continued to lead Sikorsky plant tours on a volunteer basis until a few years before leaving Connecticut to be closer to family in Vermont in 2013.

Bob now joins his lifelong childhood friends, Ralph Denon and Joe Cuming (among others), with whom he shared many good times, family events and vacations over the years. His family will miss the perpetual “Tuesday Night” gatherings, as well as his loving and steadfast care. His final resting place will be Mountain Grove Cemetery in Bridgeport with other family members.

A family funeral service was held on March 8 in Vermont. An open memorial service is being planned and will be scheduled in the next few months in the Bridgeport, CT area. Please contact his son Rob at 908-397-7506 or Kretvix@comcast.net to be kept informed of those plans.



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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Beauty and the Beast (PG)**
Emma Watson, Dan Stevens
- 2. Kong: Skull Island (PG-13)**
Tom Hiddleston, Samuel L. Jackson
- 3. Logan (R)**
Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart
- 4. Get Out (R)**
Daniel Kaluuya, Allison Williams
- 5. The Shack (PG-13)**
Sam Worthington, Octavia Spencer
- 6. The LEGO Batman Movie (PG)**
animated
- 7. The Belko Experiment (R)**
John Gallagher Jr., Tony Goldwyn
- 8. Hidden Figures (PG)**
Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer
- 9. John Wick: Chapter 2 (R)**
Keanu Reeves, Riccardo Scamarcio
- 10. Before I Fall (PG-13)**
Zoey Deutch, Halston Sage

TOP 10 VOD

- 1. Moana (PG)**
animated
- 2. Jackie (R)**
Natalie Portman
- 3. Doctor Strange (PG-13)**
Benedict Cumberbatch
- 4. Hacksaw Ridge (R)**
Andrew Garfield
- 5. Manchester by the Sea (R)**
Casey Affleck
- 6. Allied (R)**
Brad Pitt
- 7. Arrival (PG-13)**
Amy Adams
- 8. Moonlight (R)**
Mahershala Ali
- 9. Trolls (PG)**
animated
- 10. Nocturnal Animals (R)**
Amy Adams

1. Name the group that released "Heaven Must Have Sent You."

2. Which girl group released "Someday We'll Be Together"?

3. Who wrote and released "Why Don't You Love Me" and when?

4. What was "Mr. Custer" about?"

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "But there are times that you feel you're part of the scenery, all the greenery is comin' down, boy, And then your wife seems to think you're part of the furniture, oh, it's peculiar."
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1. The Eltons, in 1966. Bonnie Pointer followed with a disco cover in 1979. 2. Diana Ross & the Supremes, in 1969. Even though the Supremes were credited in the song, only Ross sang. It was the final No. 1 song of the decade. 3. Hank Williams, in 1950. The song was on the soundtrack of the 1971 film "The Last Picture Show." 4. It was a joke song with a soldier telling Gen. George Custer he didn't want to fight against the Sioux in the Battle of the Little Bighorn. 5. "Take the Long Way Home," by the English rock band Supertramp. It was the last song written for their 1979 album "Breakfast in America," which sold more than 20 million copies.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

1. In 2015, four players were voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. When was the last time before 2015 that a quartet was voted in?

2. Shoeless Joe Jackson holds the career batting average mark for two major-league teams. Name them.

3. In 2015, Tyrod Taylor set a Buffalo Bills record for most consecutive passes without an interception (222). Who had held the team mark?

4. Entering 2017, three teams in men's college basketball had come back from a 14-point or more deficit to win a Final Four game. Name two of them.

5. In 2016, Evgeni Malkin became the second-leading scorer of power-play goals (111) in Pittsburgh Penguins history. Who was No. 2 at the time, and who is No. 1?

6. Chase Elliott, in 2017, became the fifth driver in NASCAR Cup series history to win consecutive Daytona 500 poles. Name two of the other four.

7. In 2016, Karolina Pliskova became the fourth female tennis player to beat both Williams sisters in the same Grand Slam event. Who else did it before her?

1. It was 1955 (Joe DiMaggio, Ted Lyons, Dizzy Vance and Gabby Hartnett). 2. The Chicago White Sox (.340 in five-plus seasons) and the Cleveland Indians (.375 in five-plus seasons). 3. Drew Bledsoe had 175 consecutive passes without an interception for Buffalo in 2002. 4. Loyola University Chicago (1963), Seton Hall (1989) and Duke (2001). 5. Jaromir Jagr and Kevin Stevens had 110 each. Mario Lemieux leads with 236. 6. Fireball Roberts (1961-63), Buddy Baker (1979-80), Bill Elliott (1985-87) and Ken Schrader (1988-90). 7. Martina Hingis (2001), Justine Henin (2007) and Kim Clijsters (2009).



Taraji Henson in "Hidden Figures" [20th Century Fox]

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of April 10, 2017.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Hidden Figures" (PG) -- NASA needed all its brainpower in the 1960s to win the Space Race. That was a problem, because some of its brightest math minds belonged to women who weren't white, and they were kept in separate locations for "Colored Computers." Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson (Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monae) were three such women whose work was vital to America's earliest swipes at the stars.

The movie handles historical topics in a way that is uplifting, but not superficially satisfying with easy solutions and platitudes. Math can be hard, but doing the hardest math while surrounded by bitter racism and backhanded sexism is heroic. This struggle is powerfully

shown while the story manages to stay grounded.

"Lion" (PG-13) -- Saroo (Dev Patel) is a grown man in Australia who can't shake memories of being a lost little boy in India. He was 5 years old when he got stuck on an empty train in rural India and was taken thousands of miles away from his family. An Australian couple (Nicole Kidman and David Wenham) adopted him in Calcutta and raised him with love, but Saroo's vivid memories of his birth mother and brother pull him to the search. His girlfriend (Rooney Mara) and adoptive parents support him, but fear the search could consume him -- the trail is 25 years cold, and the territory is vast.

It's something that could tug on so many heartstrings that you'd be incredulous -- but it's based on a true story, you'll recall. The cinematography does an amazing job of manipulating perspective to put you on the journey, both with lost little Saroo, and determined, memory-driven adult Saroo.

"Toni Erdmann" (R) -- Tightwad Ines (Sandra Huller) has a high-pressure consulting job at an oil company in Romania, where condescending co-workers make sexist remarks to her face as she fights to be taken seriously without rocking the boat. It's dad to the (good-intentioned but unwanted and embarrassing) rescue! Her bored and bumbling father, Winifred (Peter Simonischek), shows up for some unsolicited family bonding. After Ines rebuffs her dad, Winifred returns in a ridiculous disguise as "Toni Erdmann," a life coach to the corporate elite. It's charming and cringe-inducing and sweet without suffocating. The main caveats are that it's nearly three hours long and subtitled, but neither should be a deal breaker for fans of original offbeat comedy.

Sudoku answers on page 34

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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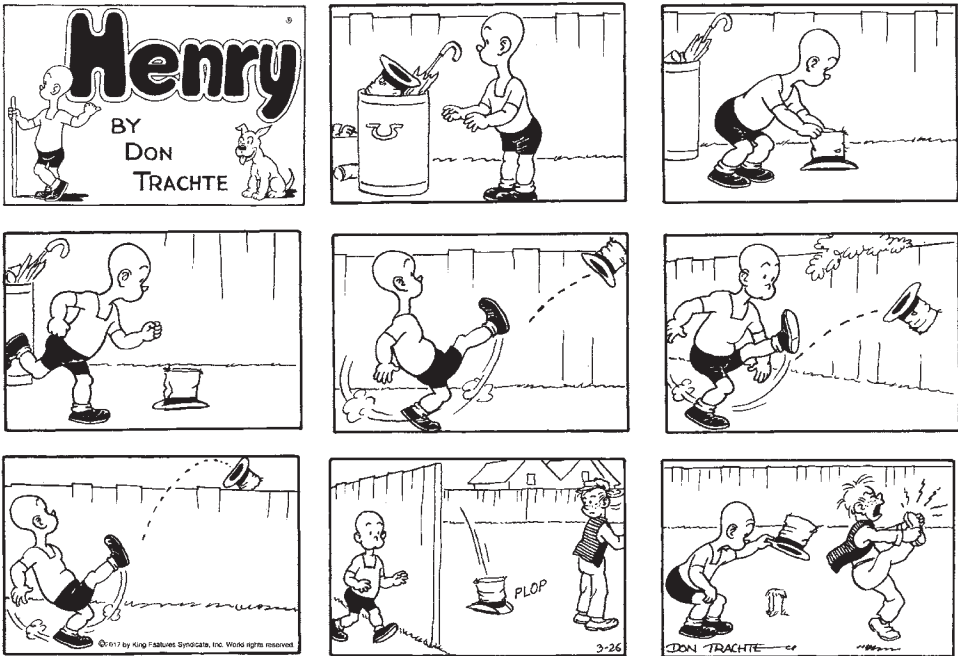
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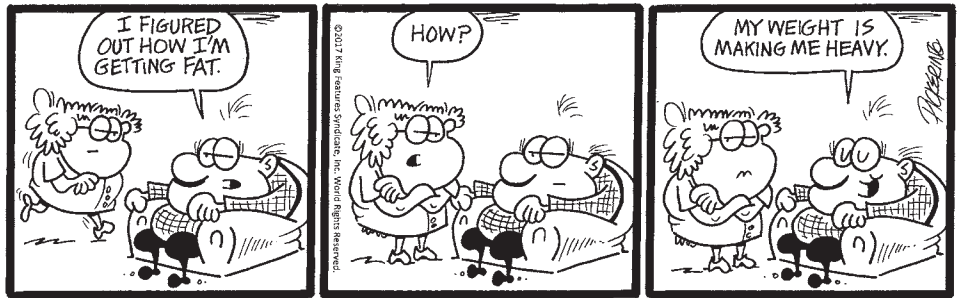
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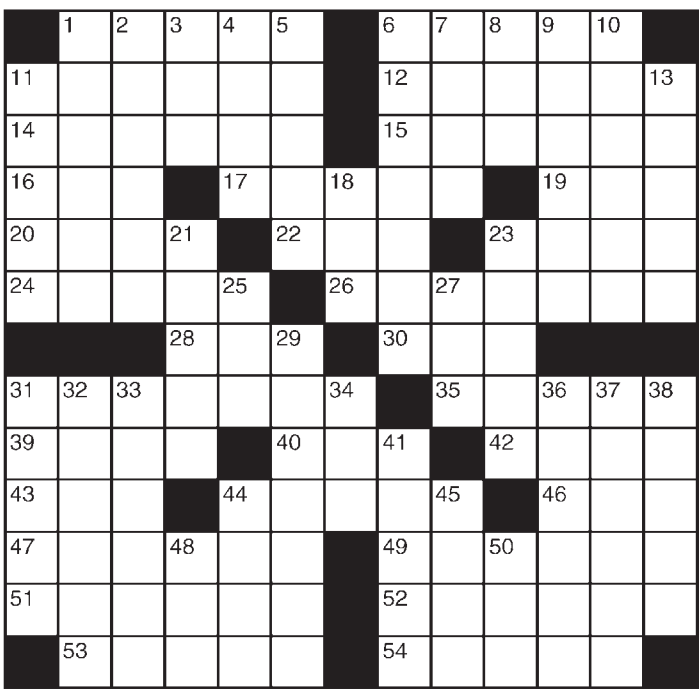
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- 28 Energy
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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- What does earning a best-picture Oscar nomination mean? Here are grosses, after the Oscars, for the nine films nominated: "La La Land" benefited the most (thanks to best actress Emma Stone and best director Damien Chazelle's wins), vaulting \$28 million to \$397 million. "Hidden Figures" won no big awards, but still climbed \$23 million to \$195 million.

"Moonlight's" best picture and Mahershala Ali's supporting-actor win afforded it a \$16 million surge to \$42 million. "Lion," with best supporting nods for Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman, saw a \$14 million boost to \$103 million. "Hacksaw Ridge," with Andrew Garfield and director Mel Gibson's nominations, had a bump of \$11 million to \$175 million. "Manchester by the Sea," despite Casey Affleck's best actor and director Kenneth Lonergan's original screenplay wins, rose only \$8 million to \$67 million, and Viola Davis' supporting actress win didn't help "Fences" beyond a \$2.5 million rise to \$61 million.

"Arrival" and "Hell and High Water" (with Jeff Bridges supporting actor nomination), are out of theatres but had their DVD and Blu-Ray sales elevated from the attention. The real reason for having nine best-picture nominees instead of five is because it pays to advertise, and the Oscars have the biggest audience to do that!

Host Jimmy Kimmel, perpetuating his "fake news" feud with Matt Damon, claimed, on the Oscars, that Matt's film "The Great Wall" was a flop. True, it cost \$150 million to make and only earned \$41 million in the U.S. and Canada, but it also made \$279 million in China and other territories worldwide, for a total of \$320 million.



Bette Davis [www.bettedavis.com]

"Feud: Bette & Joan," the campy eight-part series on FX, takes certain liberties with what actually happened, which sometimes makes for better drama. I got this straight from Bette Davis, who explained how her feud with Joan Crawford began.

"MGM dropped Crawford's contract in 1944 because they were going younger with their contract people, and she slithered over to see Jack Warner, at my studio, Warner Brothers, under the guise of giving her services free for "Hollywood Canteen," the film John Garfield and I were making to benefit the Hollywood Canteen. She managed to talk Jack Warner into a four-picture deal. My people, in the script department, always tipped me off about books bought for filming, and when I asked Jack about "Mildred Pierce," he told me he'd promised it to Crawford. I wasn't thrilled and was less thrilled when she won an Oscar for it."

We'll have more on their famous "Feud," next time. And you thought "Family Feud" was fun!



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TOWN OF ORANGE PUBLIC NOTICE

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Questions or comments may be directed to: DEEP Water Permitting and Enforcement Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106 Attn: Karen Allen or by email: DEEP.StormwaterStaff@ct.gov.

BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz



IS YOUR DOG RESOURCE GUARDING?

By Richard and Vicki Horowitz

Most dogs have a natural urge to protect what is theirs. Dogs can become very stingy when it comes to things like toys, their bed, food items, bones and household items.

In most cases this natural urge does not create any issues in the household because the dog either moves away from them when the owner approaches, or the urge to protect is not that strong and they willingly give up the item. Like children, dogs often need to be taught to share.

In some situations though, the urge is very strong and the dog will fight against anyone entering his space, with determination to hold onto what he believes to be his possession. This is usually where Bark Busters trainers are called in to help solve the behavior. We have lots of ways we can assist dog owners.

These tendencies to protect what is theirs can also begin when they are a young puppy and where an over-zealous owner plays chasing games with their puppy. It's fun and the puppy appears to like it.

The Games People Play - Let's say your puppy has a brand new shoe of yours in his mouth. You may think to chase him. In the pup's mind that item has become a much 'sought after' item and if the game ends with the puppy keeping possession, then the puppy thinks his has won.

This game can turn into a slightly different game, where the puppy sees something on the ground, a sock or a child's toy, and he sees that the human is about to pick it up, so he grabs it first and away he bounds. The chase is on

once more!

Games like this have turned into a situation where an owner drops something, the dog grabs it and runs under the furniture and is refusing to give it up.

Aggression Can Raise its Ugly Head - As the puppy grows and matures, this game can turn into a serious situation where the dog begins to anticipate that when he picks something up in the home, that their human will want that item and the old game 'of catch me if you can' is about to start. Now the grown or adolescent dog might take things to another level, starting to growl or snap at the approaching hand. If the human quickly withdraws its hand the dog sees this as a victory. Now the dog is in control - if he growls - he becomes the king of the household.

The Moral of the Story is Obvious - Regardless of how much your puppy or dog appears to love this game, don't play chasing games with your puppy. It is not the way to demonstrate to your dog that you are his leader.

The leader always leads. Any game you play must be a game that places you in a position of authority and where the dog takes his lead from you, not the other way round.

Always play the kind of games where you are in charge and 'hold all the cards', such as fetch or tug-of-war, where you end up with the item.

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



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LOCAL SPORTS



AMITY RECOGNIZED AS A UNIFIED SPORTS CHAMPION SCHOOL

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

Amity Schools has been recognized by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) for its Special Olympics' Unified Sports program that is offered to students with and without intellectual disability. Athletic Director Ernie Goodwin thanked the CIAC for its support in expanding the Unified Sports program and spoke at the March Board of Education meeting about what an honor it is, not only to be able to offer the program, but to receive recognition for it.

"On December 9, at the annual Unified Sports Leadership Summit, the Amity Unified Sports team was recognized as a Unified Champion Banner School. Unified Sports partners differently abled students with regular education students in athletic competitions with other Connecticut high schools that offer Unified Sports," he said.

"Amity's Unified Sports program offers an inclusive sports climate that emphasizes acceptance and respect for all students," Goodwin explains. Students participate in soccer, basketball and volleyball. On March 16, Amity expanded the program, hosting its first Unified Sports dance with DJ services and food donations from local estab-

lishments.

To qualify for the award, schools must have a Unified Sports team that participates in at least two sports seasons, demonstrate inclusive youth leadership, demonstrate whole-school engagement and ensures the school will support the sustainability of these components. Special Education Teacher Patricia Fitzgerald explained that the sports program is a nice extension to the work that is done beyond the classroom. "This year we are very happy to be starting our own program where we're doing work training in the community. We used to hire agencies to do this, but we're moving toward doing more of this ourselves. It's wonderful for the students because they have paraprofessionals and people that are with them that they know and it's also a cost-savings."

"What we work on in the classroom with our students really needs to be carried through and practiced in the community," she said. "One of the things we did in school that was hugely popular with the teachers is had a holiday cookie sale. The students made over 140 dozen cookies and sold them to staff and it was the best fundraiser we have ever had!" she said.



HERONETTES TAKE MEDALS AT EAST ZONE INVITATIONAL

The Hamden Heronettes Intermediate team recently attended the East Zone Invitational synchronized swimming meet held March 18 & 19 in Norton, Massachusetts, where they competed against twelve other clubs from across the Northeast. For many on the team, this was their first competition, and all had impressive performances. Some Heronettes landed in the top 3 in their categories: Laney Sherry (Madison) won a bronze medal for her 11/12 solo; Collette Lynch (Hamden) won bronze for her 13 & over solo; and Carly Chervenak (Orange) won a silver medal for her 13 & over solo. Collette also won bronze for

13 & over figures, a compulsory event. "The girls were very excited to attend this first competition after watching our elite team perform so well at the East Zone Championships a few weeks ago", said head coach Anna Montgomery. "They feel proud of how well they represented themselves and the Heronettes against other clubs. We are very proud as well, and are looking forward to the rest of the competitive season. "The Heronettes will present their 2017 competitive routines at their annual Watershow at 7 p.m. June 9 & 10 at the Hamden High School. For more information on the Heronettes, go to www.heronettes.org



APPEL'S NO-HITTER LIFTS CCSU OVER MOUNT ST. MARY'S 2-0

Sophomore Mike Appel of Orange tossed a no-hitter to lift Central Connecticut over Mount St. Mary's, 2-0, on Saturday in Northeast Conference baseball action. Appel faced just three batters over the minimum to help

CCSU improve to 8-7 on the year and 2-0 in conference play. It is the first no-hitter for CCSU in head coach Charlie Hickey's 18 seasons. The loss drops Mount St. Mary's to 0-13 overall and 0-2 in NEC play.

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LOCAL SPORTS



Pictured are: Michael Azzarone (Seymour), Dominic Beshara (Stratford), Jacob Bisset (Shelton), Ayden Geltman (Easton), Jayson Gherlone (Orange), Dayton Griffin (Woodbury), Logan Hurd (Shelton), Lucas Husted-Edwards (Trumbull), Jake Kiman (Shelton), Joseph Kovach (Naugatuck), Gavin Luddy (Orange), Matthew Molleur (Beacon Falls), Aidan Westphalen (Easton), Tyler Westphalen (Easton), Owen Zaharewicz (Bethany). Head Coach Gene Kisen (Trumbull), Assistant Coach Mike Azzarone (Seymour) and Assistant Coach Rick Molleur (Beacon Falls).

CT RIVERHAWKS SQUIRT A TEAM WINS REGIONAL TITLE

The CT RiverHawks Squirt A youth hockey team defeated the Southern Stars Squirt A team in the New England District Squirt Tier III Sectional Ice Hockey Championship Tournament on Sunday, March 26th at the Veterans Memorial Hockey Rink in Waltham, MA.

The CT RiverHawks went into this tournament with an overall 27-7-6 CHC league play record and went undefeated during the Sectional Tournament in MA.

During the tournament weekend, the CT RiverHawks played the best Squirt Tier III teams in the New England Region including teams from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine and Vermont. Each game proving to be more difficult than the previous games, the CT RiverHawks never gave up and secured a spot in the Championship Game on Sunday which was the 11th hockey game for the team in 12 days.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR RUTH FISHMAN SPEAKS AT UHN

Ruth Fishman photo courtesy of the Museum of Jewish Civilization at the University of Hartford

Holocaust survivor Ruth Fishman of West Hartford will be the keynote speaker at the University of New Haven's 14th annual Holocaust Remembrance Event on Wednesday, April 19th at 3 p.m. in the Bucknall Theater in Dodd's Hall. The ceremony, free and open to the public, will feature the reading of names of persons who perished in the Holocaust and who have a relationship to a member of the university.



Ruth Fishman

The ceremony will include a rendition of the poem, "The Butterfly" by Pavel Friedman, delivered by students in the theatre department. Friedman was a prisoner at Theresienstadt, a concentration camp in Czechoslovakia near Prague, where Fishman was also held.

"The event has found resonance because it affords a unique opportunity for our students to get clear lessons on the roots of genocide and the importance of tolerance and understanding as bedrocks for a peaceful society," said Ira Kleinfeld, professor emeritus of engineering and retired associate provost.

"Its primary purpose is to honor and memorialize the millions of Jews and others who were targeted and murdered during the Holocaust. In today's climate, such lessons are increasingly important."

Ruth Lichtenstern Fishman was born

in Cologne, Germany, on July 17, 1936, but moved with her family to Amsterdam. She was with her family at Theresienstadt when it was liberated by Soviet troops on May 9, 1945. She moved to the United States when she was 18.

Founded on the campus of Yale University in 1920, the University of New Haven is a private, educational institution which is comprised of five colleges that provide career-focused education grounded in the liberal arts and sciences, fine arts, business, engineering, and public safety and service. The University is a diverse and vibrant community of more than 6,800 students, including 1,800 graduate students and more than 5,000 undergraduates. Information is available at www.newhaven.edu.

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Salome's Stars

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The facts about a new opportunity are still emerging. Wait until they're all out in the open, and then use your keen business sense to help make the right decision.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel confused, even hurt by a friend who suddenly puts distance between you. If she or he won't discuss it, don't push it. An explanation should come in time.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your willingness to be part of the team opens doors that had been shut to you. Keep them open by keeping your promises even when your commitment seems to be wavering.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Congratulations. You're really getting things done to purr-fection. And don't forget to take a catnap now and again to keep those energy levels up and bristling for action.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your "plain-talking" honesty is admirable. But sometimes sharp words can leave painful scars. Be careful that what you say doesn't come back to hurt you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A stress-filled period takes a positive turn as you deal with the underlying problem. Act now to avoid a recurrence by changing some basic rules in your relationship.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your rising energy levels make it easier for you to achieve some important objectives. This could lead to a big boost in how you're perceived, both at home and on the job.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A changing picture begins to emerge as you learn more about an offer that seemed so right but could be so wrong. Look to a trusted adviser for guidance.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Spiritual aspects are strong. Take time to reflect on the path you're on and where you hope it will lead you. It's also a good time to reach out to loved ones.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You could be assuming far too many responsibilities, whether it's at work or in personal matters. Be careful that you're not weighed down by them.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're getting closer to your goals. And since nothing succeeds like success (or the promise thereof), don't be surprised to find new supporters swimming alongside you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are always the first to try new ventures and confront new challenges. You inspire others with your courage to follow your bold example.

TAKE THE HIGH ROAD TO PROTECT CAT

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Before moving out about five months ago we found a good home for our cat, "Figaro." I supplied everything the new owner would need, like his litter box and litter, food, etc. A week later, the new owner called and said Fig's eye was weeping. He did suffer from that a year ago, so I bought the same over-the-counter medicine and delivered it to her. Four months later, she called again and accused me of knowing Fig had a pre-existing condition. She demanded I come retrieve him, and that I also take him to the vet. I was shocked. What should I have done? -- Sorry for the Cat Problems

DEAR SORRY: I believe the new owner just didn't want to take care of a cat. And instead of taking Fig to the vet to treat his eye problem with

a stronger medication, she waited four months and then dumped him back on you.

I'm pretty upset at this, and I know you are, too, because the victim here is Fig. He lost one home already, and now he's losing a second home, and he's sick. He may wind up in a shelter. I'm not sure how this might play out legally, but we're dealing with a living being here, and Fig's welfare is at stake. So, take the high road and be Fig's hero.

If there is any way you can take him in for a few weeks while you rehome him, please try. Or, ask the new owner for time while you find someone else to care for him.

Also, find out if the new owner has taken Fig to the vet. If not, and if you have the resources, offer to pay for the visit and medicine.



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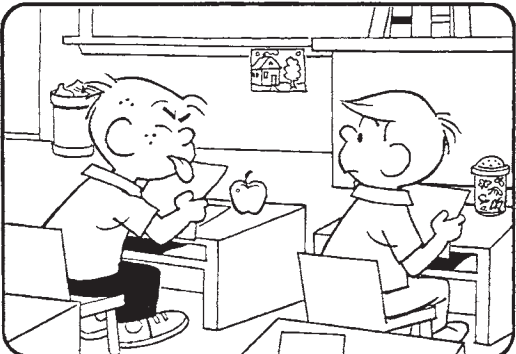
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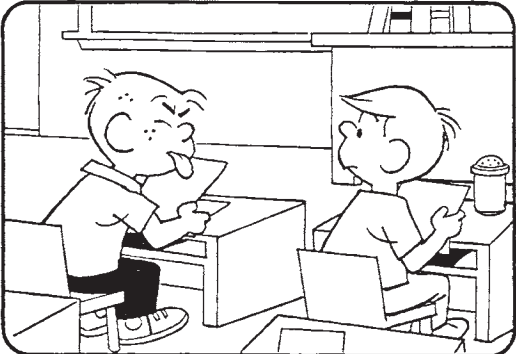
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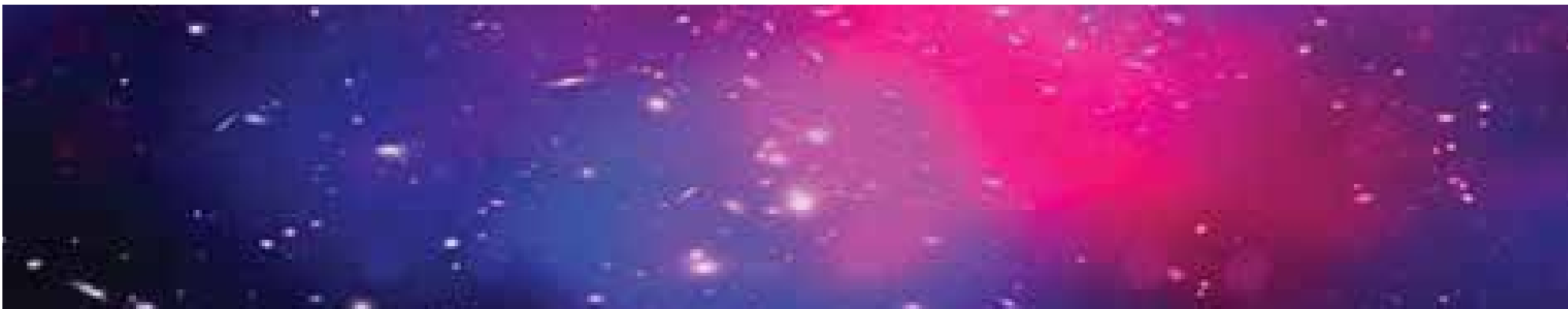
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