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Zeoli Rolls as Republicans Sweep Election

BY LAURA FANTARELLA
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Newly re-elected First Selectman Jim Zeoli described his nearly 66 percent win – with 3,374 votes over Democrat challenger Jody Dietch's 1,795 – as “quite humbling.”

“To have more than 50 percent of the town's registered voters come out and to get over two thirds of their votes was quite an honor,” he said. “I'm pleased to remain sitting in the chair and will do the best I can for Orange as I have been.”

In fact, in the 14 years Zeoli has held the job, he received the most votes in this election. Reflecting on his victory, Zeoli contends his opposition of a plan to merge the town's elementary schools under the Amity Regional banner may have played a role in his win. “My stance was opposite my opponent's and I think a large part of the voting population was happy with that,” he said. “I think residents also recognize my hard work on the town's behalf.”

This year's turn-out was similar to past years, with barely more than half the town's registered voters coming out to the polls. Though Republicans swept the election, Zeoli maintains



Jim Zeoli was re-elected as First Selectman

it's not likely a reflection of the national climate. “The Democrats took a major shellacking in this election, but I think people are starting to understand there is a big difference between local and national politics. Our

people here do the best they can for this town,” he said.

For contender Jody Dietch, the fight was an “up-hill battle,” beginning with a late campaign start that kicked off in August. Dietch did not earn a seat on the Board of Selectmen finishing last among the 8 candidates. “I knew there would be challenges going against a 14 year incumbent but I'm proud that we

nominated 11 women to the Democratic slate to the Republican's four,” she said. “We brought more diversity to the election and to the Democratic Town Committee and I'm proud of that. We got a lot of good people involved and gave the people of Orange choices they might not otherwise have had.” Saying it's too soon to think about whether she'd make another run for the job in two years, Dietch laughingly added, “Never ask a woman after she gives birth when she'll have her

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Wetlands Commissioners Consider Cluster Housing

BY LAURA FANTARELLA
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Residents and Inland Wetlands Commissioners expected to hear findings from experts the town hired about the impact a cluster housing application could have on surrounding wetlands, but the experts had more questions than answers.

The application for Turkey Hill Crossing, submitted by Miland LLC, NB LLC and Genvest, LLC, proposes a residential development of 10 multi-family residential buildings and a single community building on more than 22.5 acres. The parcel adjoins the Wilbur Cross parkway which fronts on Turkey Hill Road and includes an undeveloped portion of Cranberry Lane.

In separate presentations to the board, wetlands expert George Logan from REMA Ecological Services and Stephen Benben, engineer and Vice President at Triton Environmental Inc. highlighted parts of the plan where more information is needed from the applicant before they can submit their reports. Among the items cited were whether the depth of a proposed retaining wall would affect wetlands; the possible lack of space for sidewalks near the proposed community center; if emergency vehicles would have appropriate access; how roadway run-off will be handled; whether septic system drainage would create unhealthy nitrogen levels in the wetlands and how extensive bedrock in the area will affect the project.

Robert Wheway, civil and environmental engineer and Vice President of Codespoti and Associates, and a

representative for the applicant, said the project is being set up as three separate parcels of land so it will fall under the jurisdictions of the state and local health departments and not the Department of Environmental Protection. “There's been a lot of talk over density and the number of units, but very simplistically, when you look at these leaching systems they are really no different than what comes before this commission on a pretty frequent basis in terms of a residential subdivision. Basically these units are being designed as they would for a six bedroom house,” he said.

The project has met fierce opposition from residents in the surrounding neighborhoods who fear the density of the project will negatively impact traffic, quality of life, safety and the environment. Several residents in the audience addressed the board during the public hearing all voicing opposition to the project. Turkey Hill Road resident Ron Michaels said what he heard from the experts should be cause for concern to the board. “These are the phases that stuck out to me,” he said. “Missing information...unknown impact...concerns about septic issues...non-standard design...change of chemistry of the wetlands...I'm hearing ‘potential disaster.’ You can't accept the risks of this application.”

Surrey Road resident Dr. Lawrence Messina said if the project is accepted, the town should hold hundreds of thousands of dollars in escrow in the event of a “catastrophic failure” of the

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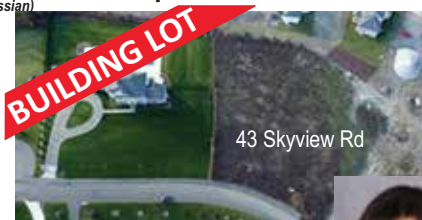
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LOCAL BUSINESS



Coldwell Banker Collects Toys for the Yale Toy Closet

The Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Orange has been designated as a local drop site for the Yale Toy Closet program again this year. Founded in 1993 by Ann Nyberg, WTNH News 8 anchorwoman, the Toy Closet helps ensure that pediatric patients come away from their hospitalization with a pleasant memory. In addition, the toys serve as gifts for special occasions such as birthdays and holiday celebrations for hospitalized children. Toys, gifts and financial contributions are needed throughout the year. The success of the Toy Closet

program is directly related to community involvement.

The Orange Office, located at its new home at 236 Boston Post Road, will be accepting donated toys through December 13th. Once the reception area of the office is full of toys, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage staff and sales associates will deliver the toys to the Yale Toy Closet.

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December 13 Holiday Issue	December 6
January 10 New Year's Issue	January 3
February 7 Valentine's Day Issue.....	January 31

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FROM OUR READERS

BOF Leadership Thanks Orange Residents

We wish to thank voters of Orange for their support in the last election, re-electing us to the Orange Board of Finance. The goal of balancing Town needs with taxpayer affordability is a challenging one. Over the years, one way to achieve that balance is to communicate a message of "Doing More with Less," an approach that is both consistent with the Town's heritage

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Jim Leahy, Vice-Chairman Orange Board of Finance.

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Holly Hill Collecting Teddy Bears for Children's Hospital

Once again, Holly Hill Childcare and Learning Center is collecting brand new teddy bears (or other brand-new stuffed animals) to be given to children in Yale New-Haven Children's Hospital and Connecticut Children's Medical Center during this upcoming holiday season.

Anyone interested in donating a

BRAND NEW (with tags) stuffed animal can drop them off at Holly Hill Childcare & Learning Center, 308 Peck Lane, Orange. The deadline for drop-off is Tuesday, December 10th.

This is our 10th year collecting...let's make it our best!! For more information, contact Debbie Manson Fedorko at (203) 799-6300.



Nothing could dampen the excitement of Halloween at Mary L Tracy. The students and staff dressed in their favorite Halloween costumes and paraded around the school while family watched and cheered.

ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



Race Brook School Honors Veterans

The students and staff of Race Brook School in Orange gathered to honor veterans during a very special assembly on Friday morning, November 8th. The majority of the attending veterans were relatives and friends of the school's families. The veterans were very grateful and impressed with the heartwarming welcome and attentive behavior of over four hundred elementary students during the hour and a half assembly. The assembly and the activities afterwards were planned and organized by the Veterans Day Committee: Kellie Martino, Kathy Battles, Janet Greenspan, Tina Denton, Jill Volmar, and Marie Olden. Kellie Martino and school principal, Mike Gray, began the assembly with a special thank you to attending veterans for their service and sacrifice to our country. Student Council was also able to provide over \$400 in collected donations for House of Heroes, an organization that accepts donations to assist veterans with much needed home repairs.

"This year's Veterans Day Activities were a tribute to a man who dedicated himself to serving his country and received many honors," thoughtfully notes third grade teacher and committee member Janet Greenspan. "He and his family are now treasured members of the Race Brook Family, past and present," she adds. Veteran Bob Swirsky would have been the oldest veteran at 99 years old from the Orange Community to attend the Assembly but passed away earlier in the year. Retired former teacher, JoAnne Escandon, gave the opening dedication to Mr. Swirsky, honoring him for his service. She and Principal Mike Gray were able to visit Mr. Swirsky in his home before he

passed and present him with an honorary plaque. Mr. Swirsky was a radio operator in the Third Army Division of the United States First Army in Normandy during World War II. Among the three books he published in his nineties, is the book titled *My War, A Story Which Involves Horror and Humor*, by Tech Sergeant Bob Swirsky. Mr. Swirsky's grandchildren attended Race Brook School, and he was a long-time guest at the school's annual Veterans Day Assembly. He is remembered for his many treasured war stories and always taking the time to mention his fellow veterans.

Under the direction of the school's music teacher, Marie Olden, the children sang well-rehearsed songs to pay tribute to the veterans, including the song "Proud of Our Veterans." A powerful onscreen MS PowerPoint presentation displayed photos of veterans from the Race Brook Community with identifying captions. The children also wrote heartfelt poems of gratitude and handed them out to their guests during the assembly. Band members played Taps in honor of the veterans.

The veteran guests were further honored in the classrooms after the assembly where they had the opportunity to share their backgrounds in serving our country and answer questions for students. The veterans had the opportunity to continue their conversations in a continental breakfast reception provided by the Student Council and held in the school's gymnasium. The guests were very touched by the school's efforts to acknowledge all of the veterans as patriots and heroes who showed courage and strength and made many sacrifices for the freedom of our country.



From left to right the members pictured are: Riannie D., Telmo I., Ethan P., Brennan W., Xavier J. (not pictured), and Nate R. (not pictured).

Race Brook School's Families Helping Those in Need

The Race Brook School Student Council under the leadership of third grade teacher, Janet Greenspan, organized a generous and compassionate food and personal items drive this fall to benefit the Orange Food Pantry serving residents of Orange and the Pizza People. The Pizza People is made up of a group of empathetic citizens who volunteer their time to work together and help provide food, necessities, care, and clothing to those that are homeless and needy in New Haven.

The entire Race Brook School student body, with the help of their fami-

lies, participated in donating food and personal items to these organizations which included shampoo, conditioner, lotion, powder, soap, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, cereal, crackers, chips, applesauce, tuna, chicken, chili, and Spam.

Dedicated Student Council members collected and organized the donated food and personal items for the drive. The children and families of Race Brook School in Orange have proven once again that they are always willing to put their hearts into giving to those in need.

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EDUCATION

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- › They have a declared a major in the mass communications, or media studies. Along with pursuing a career in this field, they are taking classes or engaged in independent studies.
- › They are in good standing with their academic institution.
- › They must submit a short essay under 500 words describing their creative coursework, portfolio or project and how it relates to this scholarship award. Supplemental links to media projects are welcome.

The two winners will be selected on the basis of their overall academic performance, portfolio and their personal statement.

Deadline to apply is December 31, 2019. To apply, please email postmaster@cacarea2.com.

STUDENT NEWS

Achievements

Lasell University

Newton, MA -- Daniel Chodos, a Sport Management student from Orange, CT, is a member of the Lasell University Student Alumni Association (SAA). Chodos is an active member of the organization. The SAA is composed of student leaders ranging from first-years to seniors, each of whom engage with Lasell University's alumni community. SAA members are student leaders who seek opportunities to develop professional skills, and have a passion for Lasell's history and traditions with a commitment to lifelong engagement with the institution. Since the start of the semester, SAA members have visited with alumni at their homes for dinner to learn more about potential career paths and the alumni's experiences at Lasell. Throughout the year, SAA members will host Thank a Professor Day, alumni career visits, a networking night, and the organization's annual student-alumni service volunteer trip to Charlotte, NC.

Dean's List

Goodwin College

Hartford, CT -- Patrick Welch has earned a spot on the Goodwin College Dean's List for Summer 2019. Patrick, a student from Orange, CT, is one of 627 students to make the Dean's List, reserved for those who demonstrate great academic performance. Dean's List inclusion requires a student to

earn a minimum 3.5 GPA, the equivalent of an A- average, during a given academic session. The student must also be enrolled in a minimum of six academic credits to qualify.

Enrollments

Eastern Connecticut State University

Willimantic, CT -- Eastern Connecticut State University welcomed 1,200 new students to campus this fall 2019 semester. The new enrollees include first-time and transfer students who are enrolled in full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate programs. Gianna Santangelo of Orange is a full-time undergraduate freshman who is majoring in Pre-Secondary Education and English.

Tufts University

Medford, MA -- Robert Jaques, from Orange, has joined more than 1,600 undergraduate students from around the world as they begin their academic careers at Tufts University, located in Medford/Somerville, Massachusetts.

University at Albany

Albany, N.Y. -- UAlbany has welcomed nearly 5,700 new Great Danes to campus for the fall of 2019. The University at Albany welcomes the following student from Orange for the fall of 2019: Madeline Mason is an undergraduate.

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FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

BY DENNIS MARSH

Christmas Holiday Cabaret

Come join us on December 9 from 1:30 to 3:00 with Michael Rea. There will be no cost this year as we thank the Orange Foundation for its generous donation. We will have appetizers, coffee and dessert from 1:30-2:00pm then Michael Rea will perform from 2-3:00pm. Contact the Senior Center to register in advance (203) 891-4784.

Holiday Door Decorating

Clubs, Community Groups, Civic Organizations, Schools and Town Departments are invited to decorate one of the hallway doors at the Community Center for the annual Holiday Door Decorating Contest. Stop by the Community Services office and pick up an entry form. The entry deadline is November 27. All doors need to be decorated by December 2. Voting will take place between December 2nd and 13th. The winner will be announced at Monday with Maplewood on December 16.

Orange Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling

The Orange Lions club will be collecting, cleaning, packaging and ship used glasses to its recycling center in New Jersey on December 11 from 9:30-11:00am at the High Plains Community Center. Donations of glasses and volunteers are wanted. If you wish to help or donate used eye glasses, please contact the Orange Senior Center at (203) 891-4784. The refurbished eye wear will be distributed to organizations and doctors in developing nations.

On the Border Chips & Salsa at Monthly Movie

Join us on December 13 when Orange's own On the Border Mexican Restaurant will donate its tasty chips and salsa for our Movie of the Month, "Mary Poppins Returns". What a great opportunity to try something different and tasty! Thank you On the Border Restaurant!

Mind Fit from Home Care Assistance

Just like the body, the brain will show signs of aging over time. While this is a natural result of growing older, there are positive lifestyle changes you can make to keep your mind sharper for longer. In the Mind Fit Series, we will learn about the various factors that contribute to brain health, while engaging in group activities based on the Cognitive Therapeutics Method offered by Home Care Assistance. Join us for a fun and informative six-part series, led by Home Care Assistance brain fitness experts. Part 2 will be on December 17th at 12:30pm. We will be making a brain and heart healthy snack! Call us to let us know you are coming (203) 891-4784.

New Haven Chamber Orchestra

Join us on Saturday, February 29 for a very special concert in New Haven. The New Haven Chamber Orchestra will be performing at the Fair Haven School. Park at High Plains and ride with us into New Haven for this free concert. Call (203) 891-4784 to register. Departs at 1:00pm.

Classic Movie Friday

Join us for Classic Movie of the Month: "Heaven is for Real", December 6 at 1:00pm. A small-town father must find the courage and conviction to share his son's extraordinary, life-changing experience with the world. Popcorn and soda to be served. Call for a seat (203) 891-4784.

Movie of the Month

Join us December 13 for "Mary Poppins Returns" at 1:00pm starring Emily Blunt. Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives. Chips & Salsa to be served. Call to reserve a seat (203) 891-4784.

Documentary & Discussion

Join us for Michael Jackson's "This Is It" on December 27 at 1:00pm. A documentary of footage as Michael prepares for sold-out shows in London.

Call for a seat (203) 891-4784.

Living Treasure Nominations

Nominations are being accepted through March 2, 2020 for the 2020 Living Treasure Awards. The three individuals chosen will be honored at Pasta Festa in May 2020, at the High Plains Community Center.

Maplewood Monday

Join us for a Holiday Maplewood Monday when Chef Leif returns with his culinary delights for you to sample on December 16, from 2-3pm. Your taste buds are sure to be pleased! Call (203) 891-4784. We are very fortunate to have an Assisted Living in town.

Afternoon Fun!

Arts & Crafts on Monday, Name 5 or Scattergories on Tuesdays, Mexican Train Dominos on Wednesdays, Bingo on Thursdays, Scrabble on Fridays at 1:00pm in the Cafe. So, come on out and join us and be part of the fun!

Movie Club

Join us on a celluloid adventure! Our group will discuss a current movie playing locally. We will then meet to critique the film as we discuss the script, acting, cinematography and directing. Meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at 3pm in the town conference room at the HPCC.

Hot Lunch

The Orange Senior Center offers a lunch Monday through Friday, 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.

Trips

Miracle Of Christmas held at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre Miracle of Christmas is back in 2019 showcasing the touching Nativity story and offering an impressive show for the season. Be part of a Christmas Celebration unlike any other at the Sight & Sound Theatre. The trip will also visit the Amish Country Christmas Tour. Enjoy a PA Dutch Holiday feast by can-

dlelight at Plain & Fancy Restaurant. Cost: \$355 double pp. Full payment due at registration. Trip includes Baggage Handling, tax & service, and tour director (considerable walking).

IN THE MOOD CHRISTMAS: at the Aqua Turf - No minimum, December 12, 2019. This world famous orchestra is the most popular and sought after swing band in the world. Family-style lunch menu includes: garden salad, pasta, roast turkey & broiled scrod with cracker crumb topping, vegetable, potato, rolls, dessert, and beverage. Cost: \$99pp, includes transportation, lunch, admission & driver gratuities. Full payment due at registration (minimal walking).

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT at Old Sturbridge Village, MA. December 14, 2019. A celebration of Favorite Holiday Traditions, Music & Food. Like a Holiday Card come to life! Victorian Carolers, Father Christmas, Santa Claus, and join in a Christmas carol sing-a-long. Enjoy a Holiday Buffet. Cost \$159pp includes lunch, transportation, admission and driver's gratuity (considerable walking).

WESTCHESTER THEATER: It Happened One Christmas Eve – No minimum, December 19, 2019. Enjoy lunch & a show. Choice of entrée upon arrival. After lunch, enjoy the heartfelt story of an infant left on a Brooklyn door step. Cost: \$111pp, includes transportation, lunch, admission & driver gratuities. Full payment due at registration (some walking).

A CAPITAL NEW YEAR'S EVE—Washington DC, December 30, 2019—January 1, 2020. From the National Christmas Tree to holiday displays, your favorite music, ice-skating at an outdoor rink, stroll through "Seasons Greetings" at the US Botanical Gardens, and visit the Smithsonian Buildings, Tour Washington DC. Cost: \$489pp for double room. Includes transportation, 2 nights at Hyatt Hotel in Arlington, VA. 2 breakfasts, Toby Dinner Theater, baggage handling & Tour gratuities. Full payment due at registration (considerable walking) Pick up the bus at the Baldwin Center, 100 W Broad St, Stratford, CT.



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next child! I guess I’d never say never but I’m not to prepared to say I’d run again.” With the campaign behind her, Dietch’s next role will be as mother of the groom as she helps to plan her son’s upcoming wedding.

At Town Hall its business as usual as Zeoli focuses on several projects already in the works – a state-funded new playground slated for Fred Wolfe Park; dredging the Wepawaug River to help prevent flooding in the Greenbrier and Derby Milford Road neighborhoods; and the construction of a new age-restricted assisted care facility in town. “I was even approached by a developer today about another type of

housing project that I can’t say much about, but I look forward to meeting with them,” Zeoli said.

There will be a new face on the Board of Selectmen next month as 2017 First Selectman challenger Margaret Novicki was elected to take the seat vacated by Paul Davis’ resignation. Novicki is looking forward to bringing her previous experience in public service, much of it spent at the United Nations, to her new post. “I feel honored and really grateful for the support I received and I will do my best to represent everyone to the best of my ability. I think together we will do all we can to improve the quality of life in Orange and I think that’s what the job is all about.”

CANDIDATE PARTY / NAME	VOTES	VOTES %
FIRST SELECTMAN		
Jody Dietch.....	1,795	34.73%
James M. Zeoli	3,374	65.27%
SELECTMEN		
Mitchell R. Goldblatt	2,460	16.44%
Margaret Novicki	1,838	12.28%
Angela McNabola	1,813	12.12%
Judy W. Williams	2,863	19.13%
Ralph Okenquist.....	2,975	19.88%
John Carangelo	3,014	20.14%
TOWN CLERK		
Patrick B. OSullivan	3,539	100.00%
TAX COLLECTOR		
Sandra D. Pierson	3,959	100.00%
BOARD OF FINANCE		
Kevin Moffett	2,665	20.53%
Elliot A. Dubin.....	1,761	13.56%
Edina Oestreicher	2,256	17.38%
James Leahy	3,076	23.69%
Kevin Houlihan.....	3,224	24.83%
BOARD OF EDUCATION		
Jared Millbrandt	1,742	11.93%
Susan Riccio	2,301	15.76%
Betty Hadlock	2,105	14.42%
Kenneth M. Vitelli.....	3,010	20.62%
Ken Ziman	2,778	19.03%
William Kraut	2,661	18.23%
TOWN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOUR YEAR TERM BEGINS 2019		
Patty Compagnone-Post	1,739	17.59%
Santo J. Galatioto Jr.	1,968	19.91%
Judy Smith.....	3,220	32.58%
Ralph Aschettino.....	2,957	29.92%
TOWN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOUR YEAR TERM BEGINS 2020		
Paul M. Kaplan	3,309	100.00%
CONSTABLES		
Santo J. Galatioto Jr.	2,109	11.15%
Robert C. Shanley	2,120	11.21%
Randy Thomas	2,231	11.80%
Jay Carrier.....	1,759	9.30%
Jeff Vargo	2,848	15.06%
Jody Daymon	2,775	14.68%
Glen Papelo.....	2,489	13.16%
Mike Donadeo	2,577	13.63%
AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION FULL TERM		
Polly Demirjian	1,893	10.89%
Amy Esposito.....	2,234	12.86%
Paul Davis.....	2,570	14.79%
Gail Chotiner.....	2,022	11.64%
Christopher Browe.....	2,822	16.24%
Shannan Carlson.....	2,962	17.05%
John C. Belfonti.....	2,873	16.53%
AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION TO FILL VACANCY FOR TWO YEARS		
Lubna Pal	1,854	38.92%
George Howard	2,910	61.08%

Did You Know? Can I Sign My Will Electronically?

Connecticut law requires that a Will must be a written document that is signed by the Testator, the person who is making the Will, and witnessed by two witnesses. Often, a Will is accompanied by a self-proving affidavit, which must be signed by the same two witnesses and a notary public or an attorney.

The Uniform Law Commission (ULC) approved the Uniform Electronic Wills Act (the E-Wills Act) in July of 2019, allowing for Wills to be signed electronically. Established in 1892, the ULC is a non-profit association of attorneys who research and draft legislation on areas of state law where uniformity is desirable and practical.

Connecticut has yet to adopt the E-Wills Act.

While the E-Wills Act would allow for Wills to be signed electronically, the Act still requires:

- The Testator to acknowledge/sign his/her Will;
- Witnesses to the Will;
- States to decide if the witnesses must be physically present or present remotely by visual or audio mechanism (i.e. Skype);
- That any “Self-Proving Affidavit” be signed simultaneously with the Will itself (even incorporated into the Will).

If you are interested in learning more about the benefits of properly drafting a Will under current Connecticut law please visit our website and read our blog for recent posts. For advice specific to you or your family, please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you for a no hassle, no charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.



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TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES



Girl Scout Dylan Zuffelato, 6, of Orange, reaches the top of a short ladder that is part of an obstacle course in the firehouse



Girl Scouts look at Firefighter Drew Panapada through a thermal imaging camera which is to help firefighters to look for heat generated by people or by hot spots in a smoke-filled room



Lisa Kaplan gets a little extra love as she leads Scouts on a hose maze designed to encourage kids to stay low if they must ever crawl out of a smoke-filled house



Firefighter Angela Bachman addresses a group of Girl Scouts about being a firefighter



Girl Scout Adrian Alves, 6, of Orange handles a hose line with a little help from Firefighter Bryan



Cub Scout Timothy Barnes, 5, of Orange, reaches the top of a short ladder that is part of obstacle course in the firehouse

Orange Fire Department Welcomes Girl & Boy Scouts

Visit with firefighters helps Scouts see what firefighters do, learn fire safety and earn merit badges

The normally tranquil Orange Volunteer Fire Department station on Boston Post Road was filled with laughter and excited voices from groups of young Scouts as they learned about fire safety and performed tasks that firefighters often do.

Firefighters welcomed members of different Orange-based Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops and packs to the fire station Monday night. Firefighters talked about fire safety and then helped them try skills ranging from handling a hose line to searching a smoke-filled room with a thermal imaging camera. Firefighter Angela Bachman also talked with the girls, telling them becoming a firefighter isn't just for boys.

"Helping Scouts earn their merit badges is one of the fun things we get to do," said Firefighter Robert Panapada, who oversaw the evening. "By having all the Scouts come on one night, we can set up more exercises, have more people here to help and give them a more exciting experience. And while they're having fun, they're also learning."

In addition to using a thermal imaging camera in a room filled with non-toxic fog that imitated smoke, Scouts moved a bucket using a charged hose line, followed a firefighter through an obstacle course and practiced staying low to get out of a house filled with smoke. Parents looked on and chatted among themselves.

"Preventing fires and teaching people how to escape injury in case of a fire is as important to us as fire suppression," said Fire Chief Vaughan Dumas, who was also at the event. "This is a great way for the kids to get to know us, know our equipment and not be afraid of us if they ever have to meet a firefighter during an emergency."

Perhaps the biggest thrill for the kids, however, could have been when the evening ended with back-to-back fire alarms, sending apparatus out of the station with lights flashing and sirens wailing.

Fire prevention and public education programs are available to groups and organizations. For more information, call (203) 891-4703, contact the Fire Department at www.orangevfd.org or find it on Facebook.

The Orange Volunteer Fire Association provides fire protection to residents and businesses in Orange and, through mutual aid, surrounding

towns. Members receive training in fire suppression, rescue, hazardous materials response, homeland security issues and other emergency services.

Operating strictly with revenues from fund-raisers and donations, the Orange Volunteer Fire Department is one of the remaining few all-volunteer incorporated fire departments in Connecticut. Active members are on-call to serve the community on a 24-hour/seven-day basis, responding from stations on Orange Center Road and Boston Post Road.

In addition, the fire company offers public education services including lectures, demonstrations and training. For information about membership, donations or public education, call (203) 891-4703, visit www.orangevfd.org or find us on Facebook.

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." — OPRAH WINFREY

TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

Orange Holiday Festival

The Town of Orange invites you to attend the Annual Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 1, 2019. Festivities on and around the Orange Town Green will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Visitors may tour the Stone-Otis House to learn what a Victorian Christmas was like.

The Academy Building and the antique shop will be open and invites you to view the Historical Society's antique collections and Emily Prudden Watercolors, as well as the New Haven to Derby line model railroad in the lower level from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The Orange Congregational Church will hold a cookie sale, hand bell concert and carol sing in the church sanctuary from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. featuring the Amity Chamber Singers.

The Case Memorial Library will be splendidly decorated, and will host a performance from Al deCant of Half Moon Music who will perform a children's musical program in the library meeting room from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Guess how many candies in the jar at the library and win a prize, write a letter to Santa Claus and make a craft in the craft room. The Library will be open from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Annual Gingerbread Contest will be featured in the Clark Building. Friends of all ages are invited to enter a gingerbread creation. Entries must be dropped off at the Clark Building from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. on December 1st and must be picked up between 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Prizes will be given to the winner of the contest.

An ice carving demonstration will take place in front of the Clark Building from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Hot chocolate will available compliments of Starbucks in Orange.

A Lighted Tractor Parade will take place down Orange Center Road at 5:00 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive at the conclusion of the Lighted Tractor Parade and the Lighting of the Tree will follow. Children can visit with Santa on the Town Green after the Tree is lit. The Holiday Festival will end at 6:00 p.m.



The Orange Land Trust would like to thank all who donated for the Dr. Edmund Tucker Memorial Bench to honor our past president of 35 years. It is located on Tuckers Ridge, High Ridge Road in Orange. It's a beautiful place to relax and enjoy the view and quietude.

Youth Services

BY JESSICA SIMONE, MSW, ORANGE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR



Funtober at the Fairground, held on Saturday, October 26th, was a huge success! Activities included a Trunk or Treat, a costume parade with awards, a photo booth, games, crafts, and more! Music was provided by Entertainment Unlimited. Thank you to all who decorated their cars and all who participated! Also, a huge thank you to all of our sponsors who helped make this event possible!



A big thank you to the Orange Juniores and the Turkey Hill School 21st Century for making over 75 cards for Veterans Day! The cards thanked vets for their service and their bravery. The cards were given to the New Haven Vet Center, located in Orange, and the West Haven VA to be given out on Veterans Day.

Happy Holidays and be sure to follow us on Facebook @OrangeYouthServices and Instagram @OrangeYouthServices for regular updates!



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Town of Orange Meetings for the Month of December 2019



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

2nd	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm	Town Hall
3rd	OVNA Professional Advisory Cmte.....	4:30 pm	Clark Bldg
	Economic Development Comm		
	(holiday dinner)	5:30 pm	Gusto's Restaurant, Milford
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
4th	Conservation Comm	7:00 pm	HPCC
5th	Bond Construction.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	OGAT	7:30 pm	Town Hall
9th	Traffic Authority	4:30 pm	Police Dept.
	Board of Police Comm.....	4:30 pm	Police Dept.
	Amity Board of Education	6:30 pm	Woodbridge
10th	Inland Wetlands Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
11th	Board of Selectmen	7:30 pm	Town Hall
12th	Elderly Housing Liaison Cmte	12 noon	Silverbrook Estates
	Community Services Comm	7:00 pm	HPCC
16th	Family Counseling Advisory Council.....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Orange Board of Education	7:00 pm	Mary L. Tracy
	Board of Finance.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Board of Health	7:00 pm	HPCC
18th	Safety Comm	9:00 am	Town Hall
	CERT	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Recycling Cmte	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Park & Recreation Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
23rd	Youth Services Comm	7:30 pm	HPCC

CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free, except as noted for materials charges, and open to the public. Library hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Library will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in observance of Thanksgiving. Registration is required for all events, unless otherwise noted.

Did you know you can register for events online?
Registration for events opens three weeks in advance of the event date online at casememoriallibrary.org/events.

Events For Adults
Make & Take: Needle Felted Ornaments
Monday, November 25, 7 p.m.

Create your own needle felted animal ornament or figurine at this small, hands-on workshop. All supplies will be provided. Led by Librarian Rebecca Harlow. This event is full but there is space on the wait list.

Fall Film Series
Registration is highly recommended for all films. Registration opens three weeks in advance of the film screening. All Wednesday afternoon screenings are shown with subtitles.

The Farewell
Monday, December 9, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, December 11, 1 p.m.

A Chinese family discovers their grandmother has only a short while left to live and decide to keep her in the dark, scheduling a wedding to gather before she dies. 1 hr., 40 min. PG. Registration is required and begins Monday, November 18.

Book Discussions
The Bookcase: Evening Discussion Group
Thursday, December 12, 7 p.m.
"Trinity" by Laura Hall. Led by Toby



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Zabinski. Registration is requested.
Mystery Book Discussion Group
Thursday, January 23, 7 p.m.
"I Let You Go" by Clare Mackintosh. Led by Librarian Samantha Jasulavic. Registration is requested.

Events For Teens
Book Chat Café
Join Ms. Harlow from the Case Memorial Library and AMSO Media Specialist Mrs. Yeakel at this fun after school club for AMSO students who love to read and share their opinions about books over pizza and snacks. Held once a month on Tuesdays in the AMSO media center. Students can see Mrs. Yeakel for more information.

Hygge Holiday Party: Needle Felted Ornaments & Hot Cocoa Bar
Monday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.
For teens in grades 7-12.

Get in the hygge (pronounced "hoo-gah") mindset with this peaceful holiday party for teens. Create a needle felted ornament to hang on your tree or in your locker and enjoy a customized hot cocoa at our hot cocoa bar. Space is limited. Registration is required and begins Tuesday, November 12.

Events For Children

& Tweens Chess Club
Wednesday, December 11, 3:45 p.m.
For children in grades 1-6.
Learn about this strategic board game and play against other club members. Registration is required and begins three weeks in advance of each session.

Kids' Cookie Decorating Class
Wednesday, December 4, 3:45 p.m.
For children ages 5-8.
Frost, sprinkle, and decorate cookies with ShopRite's Registered Dietician, Courtney Huggins. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, November 13.

Hot Chocolate Slime
Monday, December 16, 3:45-4:45 p.m.
For children in grades 1-3.
Use our ingredients to make a cool sensory slime that smells just like hot chocolate! Please note: this slime is not meant to be eaten. Registration is required and begins Monday, November 25.

Tween Cookie Decorating Class
Wednesday, December 18, 3:45 p.m.
For children ages 9-12.
Frost, sprinkle, and decorate cookies with ShopRite's Registered Dieti-

cian, Courtney Huggins. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, November 27.

Storytimes
Lapsit Storytime
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
No storytime on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve

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

2-Year-Old Storytime
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
No storytime on Christmas Day or New Year's Day

Audience participation is highly encouraged at this story time session just for 2s. Enjoy books, stories, music and movement, fingerplays and puppetry together.

3-5 Year Olds Storytime
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
Enjoy storytelling, books, music, fingerplays, and puppetry at this story time series especially for 3-5 year olds! A story-related craft is offered following each session.

Art In The Library
November: Artwork by Alexandra Crocco and Marian Wittink.
December: Waterworks: Artwork by students of Audrey Galer. Reception: Thursday, December 5, 5-7 p.m.

Services
Homebound Delivery Service
Are you a book lover who is unable to leave your home? If so, the Library will bring the books to you! Orange residents who are homebound may contact the Library to arrange for regular library book delivery service to their home at no charge. Some restrictions apply. For more information, call the Library's Head of Circulation Services, Samantha Jasulavic, at 203-891-2170 or email sjasulavic@casememoriallibrary.org.

Library Mini Golf Event Planned for April 2020

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library is planning its first mini golf fundraiser event at the library in April 2020. The Case Memorial Library will be transformed into an 18-hole miniature golf course and patrons of all ages will putt their way through the Library at this fun, family-friendly event.

Sponsorship opportunities are available to local businesses, individuals, and organizations. For more information on how to become a sponsor, please contact the Friends of the Library at friendsofcase176@gmail.com or call 203-795-4549.

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development's septic system.
Salvatore Attianese of Summit Drive questioned what the economic impact would be if the town had to hire more police, fire and public works personnel. "What would it cost taxpayers? Will our taxes go up?" he asked. "I think the commission should deny

these people anywhere they want to go. As a matter of fact, why don't they just go to Woodbridge and get the hell out of Orange?"

The Commission granted the applicant an extension to address the experts' requests for more information and to reconvene for a fourth public hearing at 6:30 p.m., December 2 at High Plains Community Center.

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Amity High School Creative Theater

The Amity Creative Theater at Amity High School will kick off its 2019-20 theatre season with “Dancing at Lughnasa,” a 1990 play by Irish dramatist Brian Friel. The production will be directed by Rob Kennedy and will take place in the John J. Brady Center for the Performing Arts on the Amity Campus, December 6th and 7th 2019. Tickets are now on sale.

Set in rural Ireland in the summer of 1936, “Dancing at Lughnasa” is the story of the five unmarried Mundy sisters, Maggie, Chris, Agnes, Rose, and Kate, as told through the memory of the illegitimate son of one of the women. Though he was only seven when the events of his memory occur, a grown-up Micheal guides us through this late summer tribute to the spirit and courage of the past, full of mystery, music, nostalgia, and bitter truths. Recipient of the Tony Award for Best Play in 1992, “Dancing at Lughnasa” addresses the plight of Irish women during a particularly difficult time for women in the country.

“Our fall productions often tackle social issues. In the past the Amity productions have dealt with difficult topics like Autism, Hate Crimes and Anti-Semitism. This year we thought it was important to amplify the stories of women,” said Kennedy. In the play the Mundy sisters have found themselves on the margins of their rural community because one of the sisters became pregnant and had a child out of wedlock. Instead of being outcast she was kept in the home and embraced by her sisters, and later by her brother, a missionary priest who had been in Africa for 25 years. “The decision ultimately cost her family their livelihood,” continued Kennedy. “It is a truly beautiful play — deeply poetic, highly moving, and profoundly atmospheric.”

The cast includes familiar names from the Amity student body. Senior Talya Braverman (“Catch Me If You

Can,” “Curious Incident”) of Woodbridge plays the eldest sister Kate, the stern school teacher. Sophomore Macie Cox (“Catch Me If You Can,” “Curious Incident”) of Orange plays the lively Maggie. Fellow sophomore Audrey Jurzyk (“Catch Me If You Can”) also of Orange plays the brooding sister and knitter Agnes. Bethany junior Grace Blanchard (“Catch Me If You Can,” “Curious Incident”) plays the simple but sweet Rose. Sophomore McKenna Maxwell (“Catch Me If You Can”) also of Bethany plays youngest sister Christina. Senior Jacob Lee (“Catch Me If You Can,” “Curious Incident”) of Orange plays the long-lost brother and priest back from Africa; Father Jack. Marty Gnidula (“Catch Me If You Can,” “Addams Family”) also a senior from Orange plays the ne’er do well drifter Gerry Evans. Rounding out the cast is the play’s narrator Micheal played by Bethany junior Ryan Kennedy (“Catch Me If You Can,” “Curious Incident”).

“Dancing at Lughnasa” was the winner of the 1992 Tony Award for Best Play, the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Broadway Play and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Play. Chosen by Time magazine as one of the ten best plays for 1990s, saying it is “The most elegant and rueful memory play since “The Glass Menagerie.”” “...this play does exactly what theater was born to do, carrying both its characters and audience aloft on those waves of distant music and ecstatic release that, in defiance of all language and logic, let us dance and dream just before night must fall.” — NY Times. “This is no way a play to be missed—simply a wondrous experience. Experience it.” —NY Post.

Ticket prices for all shows are \$12 with free student rush tickets on the night of the performance. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office 203-392-2019, or online at www.amitytheaterdepartment.com.



A Winter Concert At The Library

Join the town’s festivities on December 1st by coming to the Case Memorial Library where you will be entertained by Patty Carver’s Songbook Trio. The program starts at 2 p.m.

Patty Carver is a professional singer, actress, and writer of over 40 original musicals for young audiences. She is also the writer of “many award-winning and critically acclaimed one-woman musicals.” She delighted the members of the Friends of the Library in the spring at a special presentation of “This Old Hat – Leading Ladies” which tells the stories of American women who were the first to enter traditionally male professions.

At this appearance, she will be joined by Keith Coakley on keyboard

and Jim Goodwin on bass. They will perform songs of the winter season. Maybe we’ll hear “What Are You Doing New Year’s Eve?” or “Let It Snow” or “I’ve Got My Love to Keep Me Warm.”

This program is sponsored by the Friends who would like to thank everyone who supported our Fall Book Sale earlier this month. The proceeds from our book sales fund all kinds of programs for children, teens, and adults. Your gently used books and DVDs have a second life when someone else purchases them and the Library benefits.

Let’s ring in the season with songs and refreshments. Registration is required. Call 203-291-2170 or go to <http://casememoriallibrary.org/events> to make a reservation.

THS Drama Club Announces 10th Anniversary Reunion Concert

The Turkey Hill School Drama Club is celebrating its 10th Anniversary with a reunion concert featuring performers from the last ten years. Tickets go on sale December 1st for this one-night show, Friday, January 10th at 7 p.m. at Turkey Hill School, 441 Turkey Hill Road, Orange, CT.

“We are excited to celebrate ten years of drama performances,” says Denise Arterbery, Principal, “The concert will feature musical performances from all of our amazing shows including; “Wizard of Oz,” “Peter Pan,” “Beauty and the Beast,” “One Man’s Dream,” “Alice in Wonderland,” “Little Mermaid,” “Cinderella,” “Toy Town” and “Halloween, Again.””

Many Turkey Hill School alumni are

returning for the Reunion Concert including popular singers Audrey Jurzyk, Marty Gnidula, Michaela Kraut, Ava DiVincenzo, Maria DalleAve, Ledgm Washington, Nili Chetrit, Maya Patel, Kasey Smith, Elizabeth Bodie, Raegan French, Anna Laganovska and many more!

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for seniors/students and can be purchased at www.dramaclub-ct.com. Get your tickets fast as they are limited. Tickets will be available at the door if seats are still available. A snow date of Saturday, January 11th at 7 p.m. is scheduled. All proceeds go to THS Drama Club. For any questions about the show or tickets, please contact ths-dramaclub@gmail.com.

ARTS & LEISURE



Holiday “Lights On” Kid-Friendly (Non-Scary) Family Fun Day

Orange resident Charles Rosenay is proud to announce that the state’s largest and largest indoor haunted attraction, Fright Haven, will be a lot less scary on Saturday, December 21. On this day only, from Noon-2:00pm, there will be a very special Holiday “Lights On” Family Fun Day Matinee, designed especially for youngsters. Special guides will escort young ones and their families through the indoor maze, completely renovated and decorated for the Christmas season.

Fright Haven, located at 411 Barnum Avenue Cutoff in Stratford Square Shopping Plaza in the former Bally’s Fitness/Showcase Cinemas building (next to L.A. Fitness and Ninety Nine Restaurant across from Home Depot), is made up of three entirely different themed Halloween haunted houses encompassing over 20,000 square feet, all under one roof. This month, it has gone through a complete transformation into a Holiday attraction, “A Nightmare Before Christmas,” but the scares come only in the evening, though. During the day, it’s a pure kids’ paradise.

Whereas Fright Haven is a world-class haunted extravaganza meant to chill and thrill, on these kid-friendly matinees, all the lights will be turned on, the scary music will be turned off, and no actors will be jumping out. The

all-ages appropriate atmosphere will be completely fun and educational. Educational? Yes, the “scaremasters” will reveal all the hidden secrets to what would normally startle visitors, and what actors are taught to startle the guests during normal evening hours, when the attraction is far more chilling. In fact, the all-ages walk-through will be conducted by not only the owner of Fright Haven, Charles Rosenay, but also by his 13 and 14-year old sons, Ian and Harry. There will also be Christmas favors and an array of ornaments and souvenirs available.

Fright Haven is completely indoors and parking is free. The seasonal attraction has benefited Stratford PAL (Police Activities League) as well as the CT Burns Care Foundation in the past, and has served as a fund-raiser for numerous area schools and non-profits. This Christmas event is collecting canned good donations for the Connecticut Food Bank, and anyone bringing a food donation is entitled to a free gift. Tickets to the Holiday “Lights On” Kid-Friendly Family Fun Day Matinee are only \$9.99 all ages. Advance tickets are available, along with further information, at www.FrightHaven.com, or by phoning (203) 795-4737. Schools, Churches and Group discounts for over 10 are also available.



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Peck Place School showed its gratitude to dozens of Veterans on November 11th. The PTO hosted breakfast and the school community participated in a moving ceremony that included students singing patriotic songs and sharing essays to express their appreciation for our Veterans’ service to our Country. The Student Ambassadors also raised \$333 by selling red, white & blue ribbons for students to wear to the assembly. The money will be donated to Homes for our Troops.

celebrity
extra
by Dana Jackson

Q: What happened to the TV show “The Resident”? Did it get canceled? -- W.C.

A: Season three of the FOX medical drama “The Resident” actually premiered Sept. 24, but you might be missing it because it’s on a new night -- Tuesdays. Actor **Morris Chestnut** joins the show this season as smooth-talking surgeon Dr. Barrett Cain. He has played a physician on two other shows recently: “Rosewood” and “Nurse Jackie.”

“The Resident” also stars several other actors familiar to TV audiences: **Matt Czuchry**, who plays Conrad, was on “The Good Wife” and “Gilmore Girls”; **Emily Van Camp**, who plays Nicolette, starred in “Revenge” and “Everwood”; and **Malcolm-Jamal Warner**, who plays AJ, is of course best remembered from “The Cosby Show.”

Q: Will the PBS show “My Mother and Other Strangers” from 2017 ever return with more episodes? -- R.K.

A: Set in Northern Ireland, “My Mother and Other Strangers” depicted a family and its neighbors as they struggled to adjust to the addition of a U.S. Army Air Force base -- and its 4,000 servicemen and -women -- in their rural village during World War II. Despite originally airing on BBC One with only five episodes, it was considered an anthology series under PBS’ “Masterpiece” umbrella. Masterpiece (formerly known as Masterpiece Theatre) has aired many acclaimed British productions.

There is, however, another WWII-based drama on the PBS Masterpiece schedule for 2019. “World on Fire” stars Oscar-winner **Helen Hunt** (“Mad About You”) and is set in Britain, Poland, France, Germany and the United States. There’s also “Sanditon,” based on an unfinished story by **Jane Austen**, that will air in January. Also



John Cena [wikimedia.org]

look for a new version of “All Creatures Great and Small,” based on the books by **James Herriot** about a country veterinarian in the 1930s.

To sign up for an email newsletter that notifies you of all the upcoming Masterpiece shows, go to www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/.

Q: Are **John Cena** and **Nikki Bella** not together anymore? I know she has a new boyfriend, but I keep hoping they’ll get back together. -- J.A.

A: Pro wrestler **Nikki Bella** has been dating dancer **Artem Chigvintsev** for several months now. They met when they were partnered up on “Dancing with the Stars” and got together after her breakup with **Cena**.

Cena, a former WWE pro wrestling star, recently stepped out on the red carpet with his new girlfriend, **Shay Shariatzadeh**, at the premiere of his movie “Playing with Fire.” He met the Canadian engineer while filming the movie in Vancouver, where she lives.

As for whether **Cena** and **Bella** will ever reunite, their split seems pretty final. A big issue during their longtime romance was **Cena** stating he didn’t want to have children, and **Bella**, now age 35, longing to be a mother. Hopefully she’s found true happiness with her new man.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWs, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Shown in the photo behind Stephanie's designs are Joanne D'Angelo, president of the Garden Club of Woodbridge, Stephanie Fusco, and Linda Bradford, president of the Garden Club of Orange.

Garden Club of Woodbridge Hosts Garden Club of Orange

The Garden Club of Woodbridge hosted the Garden Club of Orange on October 15.

There was a full house as guest speaker Stephanie Fusco of Terri's Flower Shop in Naugatuck created designs for the four seasons. Orange and pink "Free Spirit" roses, yellow mums, kangaroo paw, seeded eucalyptus (to

give texture) and alstroemeria were used in the designs. Stephanie used dried, curly willow branches to make a trellis for the summer design, and showed the group how to make a tied floral bouquet by adding flowers at a 45-degree angle to keep the design balanced. Club members entered a raffle to take home Terri's designs.

Jobs and Careers for Military Spouses

If you are debating whether to re-up and one of your concerns is your spouse's employment opportunities, perhaps the Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) program will help you decide.

There are currently 350,000 job listings for military spouses on the MSEP website. In a partnership with 390 employers, the Department of Veterans Affairs has expanded opportunities as part of its Department of Defense MSEP program. Those employers have committed to hire, promote, recruit and retain military spouses in portable jobs. At this point they have hired over 134,000 military spouses.

Portable means you can take your skills with you, possibly to one of the many other employers in the program, should you need to relocate.

There are big names in the list, but not just retailers or convenience stores. Also included are organizations with community networks that provide career resources and mentoring, and federal agency partners.

The program is part of the Spouse Education and Career Opportuni-

ties program that aims to reduce the horrible 25% wage gap that military spouses face. It offers career guidance, education, resources, tools, training, licensing and more.

To search for open jobs, go online to msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil/msep and click Search Jobs, or call 800-342-9647 to speak to a career coach. You'll need to sign up. Once you reach your personal online dashboard, you can search by location or special skills.

Or if you think you're not quite ready to land a job, go online to myseco.militaryonesource.mil. Click on career exploration, education and training, and employment readiness. Do not miss the list of coaching packages further down the page. They have everything to get you ready, some very specialized: health care coaching package, cybersecurity coaching package, K-12 education coaching package and more.

If you want to advance your career, there is a scholarship program with funds up to \$4,000 in tuition assistance.

The Garden Club of Orange

On October 30, The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut Inc. held their annual Awards Meeting at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville. Ten members of the Garden Club of Orange were able to attend the meeting to accept awards for themselves and other members who were not able to attend.

Bunny Hine, member of the Garden Club for 47 years, received the Tribute Award in Horticulture; Marion Rizzo received the Joyce P. Harris Award for outstanding horticulture achievement within the Orange Garden Club.

Elly Torello received the Ellen Carder Memorial Award for her lifelong interest in the field of horticulture; Betty Hadlock received an individual achievement award for her work in conservation with monarchs. The Club also received first place awards for our newsletter, yearbook and publicity. Terri Azoti received a national award for our newsletter.

The Garden Club of Orange is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut and the NBGC. For membership information, contact Eileen Eisenman (203) 878-9597.



The girls from Brownie Troop 60274 with the children's book donations for Read to Grow #BeKind.



A New Look for the Orange Historical Society antique shop. Open on Saturdays from 10-3. The holidays are upon us so come visit and stock up on the unusual for those friends and family members who are the hardest to buy for. We are located at 605 Orange Center Road. For information, call 203-795-3106.

HISTORY CORNER

BY GINNY REINHARD

Why Did They Disappear?

I was recently made aware of the fact the some of the Tyler City residents do not know the story of Tyler City and its beginnings in the 19th century and its ending in the 20th. From obscurity, a city rose from what was considered to be the best farm in Orange, the Bradley farm and adjacent to it, the Russell farm. Billed as the "Gateway to the West," 2000 building lots became available for sale on July 2, 1872. So, who were these potential homeowners, businessmen, shopkeepers and retired railroad personnel?

There is a map listing some of the buyers and as the New Haven Register wrote there were "several gala days" with a flurry of buying. Forty eager buyers left the auction with high hopes of being landowners of 88 lots, each 150' x 50'. The names of the streets were derived from members involved with the New Haven and Derby Railroad. Marble, Halliwell, Ferry and Quintard are still names along New Haven Avenue. Russell and Bradley were also used, but Bradley was changed to Race Brook Road as seen today. The name Tyler was named for the railroad president, Morris Tyler. The naming of the streets is an obvious way to ingratiate the railroad company and others to come on board with the envisioned metropolis of Samuel Halliwell, a proprietor of the Elm City Tea Store and Philander Ferry who operated a confectionary shop that made and sold baked goods.

Now, to the reason for this flurry of land buying. The New Haven and Derby railroad was undertaken after New Haven had refused an opportunity to become a part of the Naugatuck Valley system in 1845. Francis Harrison began to push for a railroad to facilitate public travel and transportation of the mail between New Haven and the valley. By the way, one of the streets was originally named for Harrison, but is no longer. Distinguished supporters of the project included Charles Atwater (another street no longer in use) who owned a large iron and hardware business in New Haven and Birmingham (Derby) and Morris Tyler who would soon become Connecticut's lieutenant

governor.

The road was commissioned in 1864 to be “built from some suitable point in the town of New Haven, through the town of Orange to some suitable point in the town of Derby.” Stock was issued starting in 1866 and the corpo-

ration was formed in 1867 with Henry Dawson, president, Morris Tyler, vice-president, Charles Atwater as treasurer and Francis Harrison, secretary. The first train, named the Branford ran on

April 25th, 1871, going from Orange to Ansonia. The newspaper Palladium proudly announced the next day “The Derby road is done” as the last spike was driven in New Haven.

Lager beer from the famed Rock Brewery livened up an evening trip with the Branford, whose whistle was well-known, causing citizens to clap their hands and shout for joy carrying signs that said "On to Derby" and "Derby in 30 minutes." The first regular service began August 9th with 40 passengers. One story to follow the history comes with passengers having to push the train up the grade at Turkey Hill. In another event, two miles from Orange, while a dummy engine was used to inspect the Little Derby, the locomotive turned a complete somersault without injuring anyone. The Little

Derby brought elation to New Haven and fostered civic pride while serving the bustling industrial centers where it offered competition to roads many times its size, while catering to small-town interests with Orange, right in the middle of it all.

A station was needed in Orange and ground was broken in September of 1871 with completion by the end

of the month in time for the Orange Agricultural Society's Fair. Postmaster Sidney Oviatt moved the post office from his house to the station and took on the stationmaster's role as

well. Reduced fairs and extra late-night runs were enough to make the fair a rousing success. The *Palladium*, the newspaper of the time, took the opportunity to hawk the newly organized real estate “out there.” Thus we see that Tyler City was being marketed to the middle class for the advantages of suburban living and quick rail access to the nearby industrial centers.

Another station was built in Tyler City along New Haven Avenue. One can envision the station by looking toward Racebrook Road while in front of house #80. It was destroyed by fire long after the railroad ceased to be. Another anecdote of the line was the Blizzard of 1888 where the train, headed for Ansonia got stuck at

the area known as Platt Valley (a section of Lambert Road near Tyler City Road). The train was marooned for 4 days with the 13 passengers being well-fed with 600 pies, 300 lbs. of pork products, and 5 gallons of oysters. It took 100 men

to clear the 20 ft. snowdrifts. In the 1880s timetables show six to eight trains daily, each way.

So now we have railroad crossings through town and Messrs.' Halliwell and Ferry eyeing a financial opportunity to bring the urbanites to the suburbs, Orange. This is where the Bradley farm comes into the picture. Consisting of about 175 acres the two bought the land and some land adjacent to it owned by Ell Bradley. A few avenues were cut among the trees and foundations laid for two luxurious mansions. You guessed it...both for the two prospectors. Neither of the homes exist today.

To get the trains to stop in Tyler City, a fancy two-story station was built and one of the waiting rooms

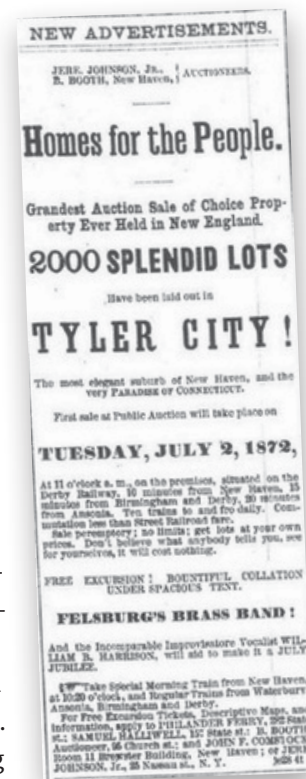
was used as a school until one could be built down the road, the 5th district school.* A well-attended public auction held in 1872 saw folks on foot, in carriages, in carts and by a full seven-car train leaving New Haven returning with another trainload of people to buy the wonderfully advertised home lots with the sale price of \$250. Buyers were mostly buying two adjacent lots with as many as 7 for one buyer and 6 for an out of state party from New York. With no zoning restrictions the customers with one lot were allowed to live on half and rent or sell the other half.

Almost immediately the post office was established by Charles Amesbury across from the station with a grocery store downstairs and his home upstairs. The Sackett Manufacturing Company started there with the Peerless Buttonhole Attachment Company eventually taking over the factory. A creamery, where butter was made was established by Edward Russell and in 1897 a company that made tricycles and baby carriages took hold while near the station, a man started making plaster-of Paris centerpieces used to decorate ceilings. The layout consisted of 8 avenues north-south and New Haven Avenue east and west serving as Main Street. Each was 70 ft. in width and one mile in length.

Both the Little Derby railroad and the Tyler City boomtown couldn't hold onto a future in Orange. The passenger service ceased in 1825, with commercial ending in 1941. With the lack of town services of public water and ma-

chine well drilling, the area did not invite future buyers and the houses that were built, deteriorated and Tyler City ceased to be. Ferry found some of Halliwell's business dealings outside of Tyler City to be less than honest so he sold out to

Halliwell and after Halliwell passed away in 1898, the property went to his widow Jane who then sold the lands south of New Haven Avenue to the Orange Hills Golf Club. The rest of the parcel was incorporated into the lots you see today in the once glorious town called Tyler City.



HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

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Monday, November
25, 2019 at 7:00pm

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CBJ Book Group

Wednesday, December 4,
7:30 pm in the library

Join in a discussion of The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish.

The First Church Of Christ Announces Annual Carol Sing

We invite all members of the community to save the date for the Annual Community Carol Sing for the entire family on December 15th at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Parish House. Bring your singing voices, your jingle bells and join in the fun. That day is a great day to also join us for our 10 a.m. service where our Bell Choir will be performing.

Further advent events will be announced in the December 13th issue.

We also invite members of the community to join our regular weekly 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. the second through fifth Sundays during the school year, presently with children aged 3-6 with older children helping with the younger children until



The First Church of Christ

we hire a new Director of Christian Education.

Middle School Youth Group for 5th – 8th graders will be reforming later in the school year.

Boy Scout Troop 907 – meets weekly on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

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.

Orange Congregational Church Welcomes New Senior Minister

Orange Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, has called a new Senior Minister. The Reverend Jennifer Campbell studied anthropology at SUNY Purchase, received a Master of Divinity degree at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and studied Faith Formation at Fordham University. She was ordained in 2007 and has served churches in Fairfield, Connecticut and Portland, Oregon.

Rev. Jennifer is married and has two adult children. She co-founded The Loft Community in Fairfield, CT; a community of love, support, and resources for lgbtq+ teens and young adults. She teaches yoga and meditation and is passionate about building community and working toward peace and justice for all people.

Orange Congregational Church is an Open and Affirming congregation. This means that we welcome into our life, leadership, and ministry ALL people who are seeking a spiritual home and a Christian community in which to grow in faith and serve in the world.

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Orange Congregational Church

Lane on Sundays at 8am and 10am. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome to join us!

Our Advent season begins on Sunday, December 1st with morning worship, our Annual Cookie Walk after worship services (where for \$8 you can fill a box with delicious assorted cookies), and the Christmas Handbell Concert and Carol Sing in our Sanctuary at 4pm which is free to the public.

Find out more about our church at www.orangecongregationalchurch.org. You can reach Reverend Jennifer by email at revjenocc@gmail.com or by phone at 203.795.9749.

Congregation Beth El – Keser Israel Events

Daily Services

- › Sunday 9:00 am and 5:45 pm
- › Monday 7:00 am and 5:45 pm
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- › Friday 7:00 am

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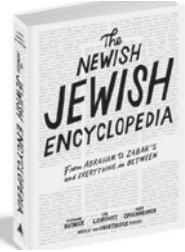
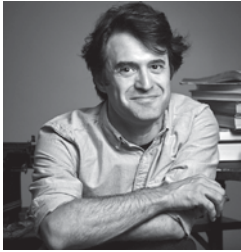


Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel

Oppenheimer is the former Beliefs columnist for the New York Times and the author of "The Bar Mitzvah Crash-er: Road-Tripping Through Jewish America." He has a PhD in American religion from Yale and lives in New Haven with his wife and five children. The podcast for which the three are hosts, Unorthodox, is the most popular Jewish podcast on iTunes.

Paintings about the Binding of Isaac

"Akeidah Verbs and Others," paintings by Richard McBee, is on exhibition through January 11. "Akeida Verbs" is a series of 30 paintings that attempt to plumb the mystery of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac's terrifying final encounter with their God. In contrast, "Urban Akeida Diptych" focuses on the Angel of Death coming for the soul of Isaac;



Book Talk and Brunch

On Sunday, December 15 at 10 AM, the community is invited for a book talk and brunch to celebrate the publication of "The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia: From Abraham to Zabar's and Everything in Between," written by the hosts of Tablet Magazine's Unorthodox Podcast—Stephanie Butnick, Liel Liebovitz, and BEKI's own Mark Oppenheimer. Reservations, please, to office@beki.org or 203.389.2108 x114.

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP



Town Christmas Carol Sing and Handbell Concert

On Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. the talented Handbell Choir of the Orange Congregational Church will lead the popular annual Christmas Concert prior to the Town Green tree lighting ceremony. The members will play five octaves of brass bells and complimentary handchimes. The audience

joins in, singing some favorite carols and holiday songs. Members of the Amity High School Concert Choir will be our special guests as they will perform also. The concert is free of charge. The church is located on the Orange Town Green at the intersection of Orange Center Road at Meeting House Lane.

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thwarted, the Angel of Death is forced to turn his icy gaze to the matriarch Sarah.

A reception for the artist will be held in the BEKI Art Gallery on Thursday, December 5 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with a presentation by the artist at 7:00 pm.

Jewish Learning

The Shabbat Shalom Torah Study group gathers every other Saturday at 10:45 am, led by Steven Fraade, with Rabbi Alan Lovins, Nadav Sela, Isaiah

Cooper and others, in a nurturing exploration of practice and theory presented in a participatory, non-threatening and multi-generational setting.

The Rashi Study Group, which meets Mondays at 7:45 am with Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen, is now reading First Kings. Knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary.

A weekly study of the Talmud Bavli Berakhot with Rabbi Tilsen meets on Thursdays at 10 am. No prior knowledge is required.

Located at 85 Harrison Street (corner of Whalley Avenue - Route 63 - in Westville)

LOCAL SPORTS

Orange Little League Challenger Division Seeks Athletes

Orange Little League is excited to announce registration for the 2020 Little League Challenger Baseball program. The Challenger Division of Little League is focused on encouraging students ages 4-18 with intellectual, developmental and physical challenges to enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation in an athletic environment structured to various abilities.

More than the skills of baseball learned through the experience, the value of the Orange Little League Challenger Division is found in the proven therapeutic and socialization benefits of participating in sports; the strengthening of athletes self-esteem; the opportunities to mainstream into other divisions of play and the disciplines of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play - all hallmarks of the Little

League program. We don't keep score and there are no outs. The sole purpose is to have fun while being physically active.

The cost of this program is \$50 per player which includes a uniform shirt and hat. Orange Little League will defray the cost for any athlete that is unable to afford the registration fee. Students from Orange as well as any surrounding towns are welcome to participate.

Practices and games will be held in the Spring of 2020 at Old Tavern #2, a fully accessible field under ADA guidelines. Dates and times are to be determined.

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DEATH NOTICES



Patricia O'Sullivan Lucey

Patricia O'Sullivan Lucey, 93 of Orange, widow of C. Gerald Lucey, former Mayor of Brockton, MA, passed away peacefully at home on November 6, 2019. Born on September 1, 1926 at Grace New Haven Hospital, she was the daughter of the late Marguerite Lawton and Chief Justice Patrick B. O'Sullivan. She was predeceased by brothers, Thomas, James and Robert and survived by many nieces and nephews.

Patricia attended Orange Center School, and graduated The Day School, Katherine Gibbs and Bradford College. She worked at Mid Pines resort near Pinehurst, North Carolina and Southern New England Telephone Company in West Haven and New Haven.

Patricia was a member of Race Brook Country Club since 1942. She was a pioneer in women's golf. She had an illustrious golfing career including the 1951 Titleholders Championship, U.S. Curtis Cup Team, CWGA Match-Play 10 times, CT State Women's amateur 3 times, New England 3 times, North & South 3 times, Endicott Cup five times, inducted into CT Golf Hall of Fame and in 1954-55 became a professional golfer and joined the tour. In 2008, Race Brook Country Club formally dedicated the inside nine course

"the O'Sullivan" in recognition of Pat O'Sullivan, as a lifelong member and ambassador of the club.

Special thanks to her longtime friend Fran Bendler, Dr. Benedict Fernando and the staff at Maplewood at Orange Assisted Living.

A Mass and Christian Burial was celebrated on November 13, 2019 at Holy Infant Church 450 Racebrook Road Orange, CT. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Community Soup Kitchen, 84 Broadway, New Haven, CT 06511. To leave online condolences, please visit our website at www.cody-whitefuneralservice.com.



Irma B. Ryan

Irma B. Ryan, 87, of Orange, beloved wife of the late James F. Ryan for 61 years, passed away peacefully on November 13, 2019. She was born in Erie, PA on December 28, 1931 to the late Thomas and Minnie Paddock Boyd.

Irma was a dedicated and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Irma leaves behind her children, Ruth Ryan Baraquin, Catherine (Jim) Richards, Margaret Ryan, Joe (Carolyn) Ryan; her grandchildren, Megan

(Matthew) Ramos, Michael and Amy Baraquin, Shauna Richards, Anthony and Ryan Linsley, Joe Moncheski, and James, Stephanie, Allison, and Kevin Ryan; and her great-grandchildren, Patrick Bruneau and Madelyn Linsley.

All services were private. The family is being compassionately cared for by the staff at the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT. To leave online condolences, please visit www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.

John P. Wong

John P. Wong, 77, passed away Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Born in Guilin, China, on October 5, 1942, his family moved to Hong Kong when he was a boy and he came to the United States for college in 1963. In 1967, he graduated from New York University with a Biology degree. He married his devoted wife, Lana, in 1971 and they moved to Orange, CT in 1979 to raise their family and lived there for 40 years. John held a variety of jobs during his life, including: working in a medical lab, owning a dry cleaning business, owning multiple Chinese restaurants, driving a school bus, working behind a deli counter, and selling furniture. He was a people person with a strong work ethic.

John cherished his family and friends. He was genuine and would gladly give a helping hand to anyone in need. John loved to cook, garden, fish, and travel. He was often found behind a stove, happily serving up de-

licious meals to guests. He was known for his green thumb and could grow anything - vegetables, flowers, trees, and other plants all flourished under his care. He delighted in living on a lake where he could take out his boat and fish. He enjoyed traveling, especially road trips with his siblings, and visited many beautiful places. He was also a wonderful storyteller who often recounted his adventures, bringing smiles to those around him.

Besides his wife, John is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Kevin Wong and Agnes Kalinowska; his daughter and son-in-law, Irene and Stephen Lachance; his five grandchildren, August Wong, Katie Wong, Kyra Lachance, Camryn Lachance, and Graysen Lachance; his sister, Rowena Yung; and his brothers, William Wong and Frank Wong.

His family would like to thank Connecticut Hospice for the compassion and care shown to John during his final weeks.

Arrangements were in the capable hands of the Flynn Memorial Home, 1652 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY. A funeral service followed. Burial took place at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405 or www.hospice.com/memorial-gift-2/. To share a memory or leave an online condolence, please visit www.flynnmemorialhome.com.

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Act Now To Secure Energy Assistance This Winter

United Illuminating, Southern Connecticut Gas and Connecticut Natural Gas — the Connecticut operating companies of AVANGRID, Inc. (NYSE: AGR) — today reminded customers that a variety of programs are available to help families through the cold-weather months.

Customers who anticipate the need for heating assistance or winter service protection should take action now to determine their eligibility and get enrolled before the cold weather sets in. Acting early will help ensure they can take advantage of available energy assistance funding. Even customers who don't meet income guidelines for hardship status can take advantage of programs to help them manage their

bills and reduce energy costs.

Get Started: Customers with concerns about whether they can maintain UI, SCG or CNG service this winter should start by calling Connecticut's Infoline at 2-1-1 to find the Community Action Agency that serves their town or city. These organizations can determine whether customers meet income guidelines and other criteria to qualify for hardship status. Once eligibility is confirmed, customers can contact their energy company to enroll in energy assistance, matching payment plans and winter service protection.

Get Protected: Winter service protection, which prevents shut-off from November 1 to May 1, is available for gas heating and electric customers

who qualify for hardship status, as well as for some electric customers who meet certain other criteria, such as medical necessity. Customers must call their energy company to enroll in winter protection, and will be required to document their eligibility, financial or medical hardship.

Other Resources: Customers who do not meet income guidelines for hardship status may still qualify for assistance through the statewide Operation Fuel program. Customers can learn more about Operation Fuel from their local Community Action Agency. UI, SCG and CNG customers can choose to add a dollar to their electric bills to help Operation Fuel provide energy assistance to needy Connect-

icut families. Visit operationfuel.org for information.

Customers can call the UI, SCG or CNG Customer Care Centers to learn about payment arrangements to help them pay down balances, and Budget Billing programs, which average out bill payments across the year so customers can avoid high bills during seasonal peaks.

UI, SCG and CNG also offer award-winning energy efficiency programs, which can help customers reduce energy costs and usage. These include the Home Energy Solutions energy audit, which for a limited time is available for a \$75 customer

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BULLETIN BOARD

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.

Shelton Art League (formerly Bridgeport Art League), meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month, noon, Shelton Community Center, 41 Church Street, Shelton, CT, 2nd floor, room #2, a diverse group of artists, future meetings include acrylic landscape, watercolor and oil painting demos. Visit <http://www.sheltonartleague.org> for additional information. Guests are always welcome.

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

Nicotine Anonymous Meetings, Mondays, 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.

Alzheimer’s and Dementia Family Support Group Meeting, last Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge in the West Rock Room. For more information, contact Averil Kelly, Ms, R-DMT, 203.389.2911.

Bereavement Support Groups, Tuesdays 4:00-5:30pm and Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm, Griffin Hospital, 130 Division Street, Derby, support groups for anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one. Contact Janice Lautier at 203-732-1100 or jlautier@griffinhealth.org to register.

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 Orangerecyc-cles@gmail.com.

Elm City Kennel Club General Meetings, third Wednesday of each month, except during July and August, 7:00pm, North Haven Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, North Haven. For more information, contact New Member Coordinators 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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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Terminator: Dark Fate (R)

Linda Hamilton, Arnold Schwarzenegger
2. Joker (R)

Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro
3. Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (PG)

Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning
4. Harriet (PG-13)

Cynthia Erivo, Leslie Odom Jr.
5. The Addams Family (PG)

animated
6. Zombieland: Double Tap (R)

Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg
7. Countdown (PG-13)

Elizabeth Lail, Jordan Calloway
8. Black and Blue (R)

Naomie Harris, Mike Colter
9. Motherless Brooklyn (R)

Edward Norton, Gugu Mbatha-Raw
10. Artic Dogs (PG)

animated

TOP 10 V.O.D.

1. The Lion King (PG)

animated
2. Toy Story 4 (PG)

animated
3. Crawl (R)

Kaya Scodelario
4. Stuber (R)

Dave Bautista
5. Spider-Man: Far From Home (PG-13)

Tom Holland
6. Yesterday (PG-13)

Himesh Patel
7. John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum (R)

Keanu Reeves
8. Aladdin (PG)

Will Smith
9. Annabelle Comes Home (R)

Vera Farmiga
10. 3 From Hell (R)

Sherie Moon Zombie



Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham in "Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw" [Universal Studios]

PICKS OF THE WEEK
"Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw" (PG-13) -- Cybernetically engineered villain Brixton Lore (Idris Elba) seeks a dangerous supervirus. To secure it, MI6 agent Hattie Shaw (Vanessa Kirby) injects it into herself and goes on the run. The powers that be pair up charming, larger-than-life lawman Luke Hobbs (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson) and sophisticated fringe operator Deckard Shaw (Jason Statham) -- who's also Hattie's brother -- to track her down. The two men are fire and ice with an adversarial history, and as they fight to save the world, there's a whole lot of banter and one-upmanship. It's standard action with good chemistry, a ferocious bad guy and a wink to the audience, and there's nothing wrong with that.

"Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark" (NR) -- In a small Pennsylvania town in

the 1960s, a group of teens goes looking for trouble on Halloween night, and what they find is much more than they went looking for. Stella (Zoe Margaret Colletti) is into tales of horror and lore, and she sets out with a few friends to creep on a dilapidated house at the edge of town where the town's founders lived with their disturbed daughter. There, they find a book of stories, in which new narratives are being written -- each one a new threat to the kids. Stella and the others must find a way to stop the stories and ward off the monsters they spawn while keeping the mayhem from getting worse. Inspired by the 1980s horror anthology written by Alvin Schwartz.

"The Art of Racing in the Rain" (PG) -- Milo Ventimiglia stars as Denny, an aspiring race car driver whose life is seen through the eyes of his golden retriever, Enzo (voiced by Kevin Costner). The best friends share an exhausting number of life's up and downs as Enzo narrates while cheering on Denny's racing career and watching over his wife (Amanda Seyfreid) and daughter. It's a dog movie, so yes, you will choke up and possibly cry. But director Simon Curtis really pushes the limits on emotional overload.

"The Kitchen" (R) -- In Hell's Kitchen in the 1970s, three mid-level Irish mobsters go to prison and their wives are like: "Forget that! Sisters are doing it for themselves!" and decide to just take over the business. The ladies are played by Melissa McCarthy, Tiffany Haddish and Elisabeth Moss, whose character is the victim of domestic abuse and turns self-empowered. Moss has that look of terminally submissive down pat. As for the other two, this is a drama with two exceptional comedians, which is just as well, since it can't decide if it's a black comedy or a gritty drama. In the end, it doesn't do either one very well.

1. Which band member was temporarily fired from The Who, and why?

2. Name the Los Angeles group that changed their named to The Upfronts after the Bay of Pigs Invasion in 1961.

3. Name the Beatle whose middle name came from Winston Churchill.

4. Who made a hit of "Blue Suede Shoes" before Elvis Presley did?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I can't forget the day you left, Time is so unkind, And life is so cruel without you here beside me."



1. Roger Daltrey, in 1965, for allegedly punching drummer Keith Moon. Daltrey had flushed Moon's stash of drugs. Moon went berserk and Daltrey hit him. 2. The Cubans. They eventually called themselves Little Caesar & the Romans. The doo wop group broke up partly because they couldn't agree about which one of them should be Little Caesar. 3. John Winston Lennon. However, in 1969 he changed that to John Winston Ono Lennon. 4. Songwriter Carl Perkins, in 1956. His version convinced to release it anyway. It zoomed to No. 1 on the Hot 100 chart and stayed there for 11 weeks.

Sports Quiz

BY CHRIS RICHCREEK

1. Tony La Russa is No. 1 on the St. Louis Cardinals' list of managerial victories (1,408). Who is No. 2?

2. Name the only San Diego Padre to belt 50 or more home runs in a season.

3. When was the last time before the 2018 season that the University of Texas football team won 10 or more games in a season?

4. Name the last time before 2017-18 that the Boston Celtics made the NBA Eastern Conference Finals in consecutive years.

5. Who was the last NHL goaltender to win the Vezina Trophy (top regular-season goalie) in consecutive seasons?

6. Name the last French-born cyclist to win the Tour de France.

7. Phil Mickelson is one of two golfers who have won three of the four men's majors at least once, but have never won the U.S. Open. Who is the other?

1. Red Schoendienst, with 1,041 wins (1965-76, '80, '90). 2. Greg Vaughn hit 50 in 1998. 3. It was the 2009 season, when the Longhorns were 13-1. 4. It was 1987-88. 5. New Jersey's Martin Brodeur, in 2007 and 2008. 6. Bernard Hinault, in 1985. 7. Sam Snead.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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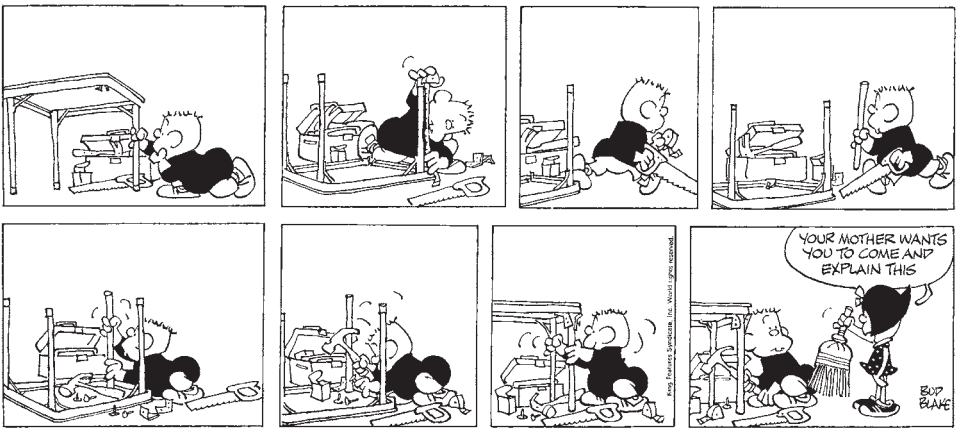
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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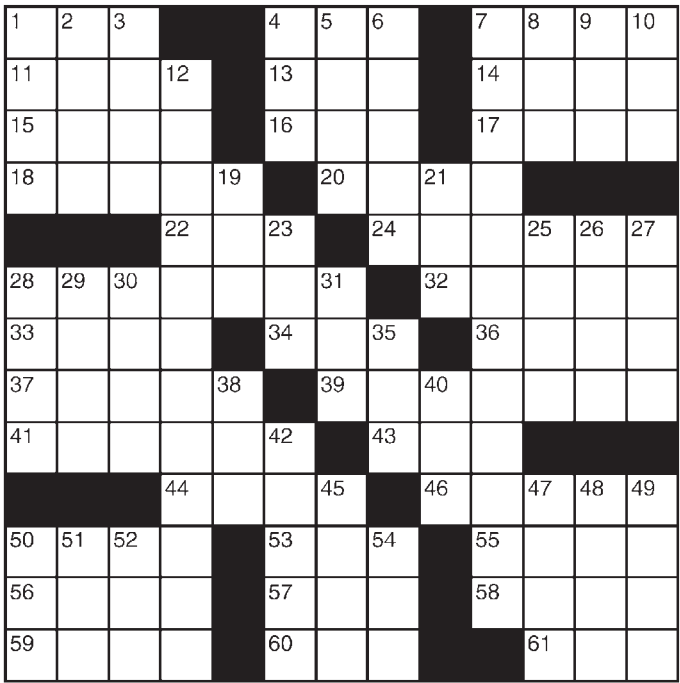
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- 16 Everything
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- 20 Burg
- 22 Sedona auto-maker
- 24 Electronic dance music
- 28 George who played 007 once
- 32 Sandbank
- 33 Lotion additive
- 34 Massachusetts cape
- 36 Knitting stitch
- 37 Pays attention
- 39 Balearic island
- 41 Went to a restaurant
- 43 Cow's comment
- 44 Responsibility
- 46 Formal decree
- 50 On the rocks
- 53 Jazz style
- 55 "Damn Yankees" vamp
- 56 Pickle herb



- 57 "See ya"
- 58 And others (Abbr.)
- 59 Benefit
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- 61 Wonderment
- 8 Legislation
- 9 High card
- 10 Apiece
- 12 Pony rider of song
- 19 Can metal
- 21 Horror director Craven
- 23 Kimmel's network
- 25 60 minutes
- 26 Drug dealer's foe
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- 29 Came down
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- 38 Helios' realm
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- 45 Nutritious bean
- 47 Greek vowel
- 48 Talon
- 49 Story
- 50 Egos' counterparts
- 51 Spy novel org.
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HOLLYWOOD

By TONY RIZZO

As Martin Scorsese and Francis Ford Coppola fight to retain the traditional release of films into movie theaters instead of streaming services, the last vestige of true movie stars (created by the major studios during the Golden Age of Hollywood) -- Jane Fonda (81), Shirley MacLaine (85), Sophia Loren (84) and Robert Redford (83) -- struggle to retain their stardom.

Jane Fonda starred last year in "The Book Club," with Diane Keaton, Candice Bergen and Mary Steenburgen, and has retained visibility thanks to the Netflix series "Grace and Frankie" (65 episodes and counting since 2015), with Lily Tomlin, and being arrested for protests such as the recent global warming demonstration.

Shirley MacLaine starred in Hallmark's "A Heavenly Christmas" (2016), with Eric McCormack, Netflix's "The Little Mermaid" (2018) and in Disney's just-released "Noelle," with Anna Kendrick, Bill Hader and Julie Hagerty. Sophia Loren is shooting "The Life Ahead" (due in March), based on a Romain Gary novel and directed by her son Edoardo Ponti. Sophia, who plays a holocaust survivor who forges a bond with a 12-year-old boy, vows it will be something to remember.

Robert Redford's last film as an actor was "The Old Man & the Gun," but he couldn't resist doing cameos in "Avengers: Endgame" and the HBO series "Watchmen." A special mention for Olivia de Havilland, last surviving star of 1939's "Gone with the Wind," who turned 103 July 1 in Paris.

Not to be outdone, two old pros, Angela Lansbury (94) and Dick Van Dyke (94 on Dec. 13), will finally get see their 2018 Christmas film "But-



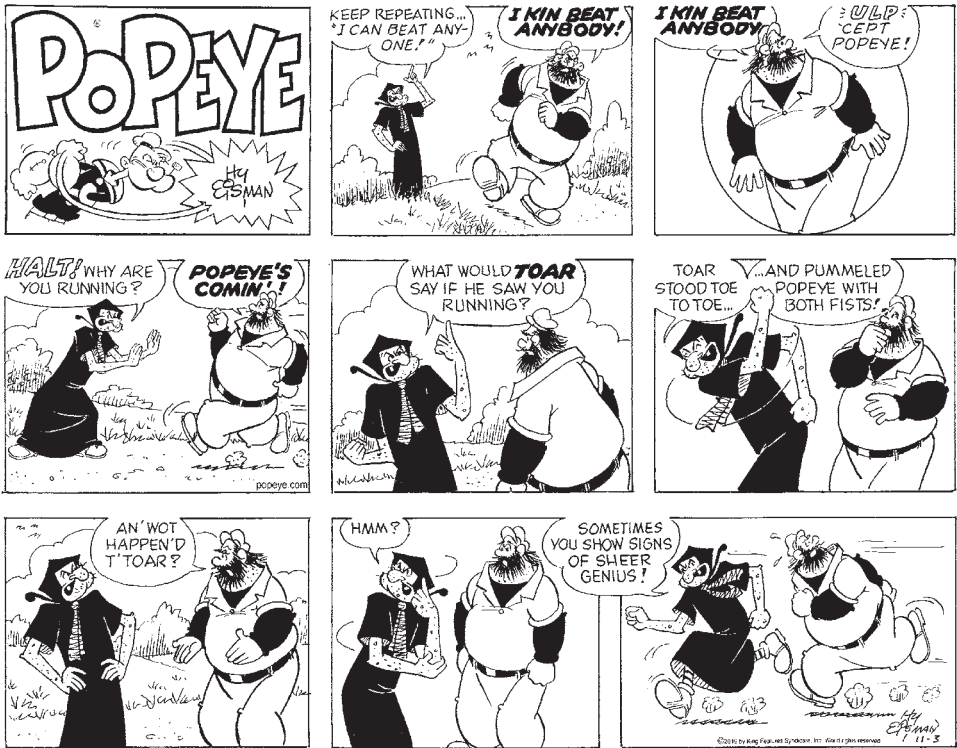
Jane Fonda in "Grace and Frankie" [Melissa Moseley/Netflix]

tons," which was shown for only night in theaters last Dec. 8. The film, narrated by Robert Redford and Kate Winslet, and co-starring Jane Seymour and Roma Downey, will be released digitally Nov. 19 and on DVD Dec. 3.

Ben Affleck will star in and produce (with Matt Damon and Aaron Gilbert) "Falling to Earth," based on Kate Southwood's novel about the Tri-State Tornado, the deadliest in U.S. history. It hit Illinois in 1925, killing 695 people, injuring more than 2,000 and leveling a number of towns.

"A Quiet Place: Part II" has completed filming in upstate New York, mostly around Buffalo. When John Krasinsky chose Buffalo as his main location, he created 400 hires of staff and technicians and 300 background extras, which pumped \$10 million into the local economy. Shooting on the \$1 million refurbished Buffalo Film Works soundstage was kept under wraps to keep spectators at bay, but that proved impossible when they shot on location (especially when they closed down the nearby Grand Island Bridge for 13 hours). Buffalo never looked so good and remains a very "Quiet Place."

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Left: Dr. Tara Nanavati, with Amazing Grace. Top left: holding numerous awards presented in 2007. Top right: holding a basket of kittens which were dropped off at his offices and all put up for adoption. Bottom right: Dr. Nanavati, with veterinarian assistant Becky Mahon and a staff member with Haiti Relief Funds, in 2010.

Veterinarian Retires After 39 Years of Service

The day has finally come. On September 18, 2019, Dr. Tara Nanavati tended to his final patients and retired after 39 years of service to the Valley community. Dr. Nanavati, an Orange resident, spent his final day of work with his wife and daughter by his side, greeting patients who were picking up prescription food and medications for their pets. Now, a month after that day, he spoke about his humble start and the work that was a true passion.

Like many immigrants, he left his native India for the United States at the age of 30, eager to establish a practice, but nearly penniless, with \$100 in his pocket. He has studied veterinary medicine at the University of Udaipur in India and continued his studies in Virginia while working for a veterinarian, who is now 90 years old. He passed the state board exams in 1978, then began a one-year internship in Kentucky with another veterinary service.

In 1980, Dr. Nanavati arrived in the lower Naugatuck Valley and started his practice by making house calls. He said he was “paid” with food, coffee and other goods and services. When he saved enough money, he converted space in a former hot dog stand on the Ansonia-Seymour line to open his practice. Four years later, he returned to India to marry, then brought his wife Dwarka to America. In 1988, he

opened the Ansonia Animal Hospital at 876 South Main Street in Seymour, which is located just next to his original location.

When asked about his most memorable rescue, he immediately replied that it was the first one, which took place when he was “young and stupid.” It involved a dog and thin ice in December 1980. Dr. Nanavati had recently opened his veterinarian office when the Seymour police arrived at his door to bring him to a nearby spot on a pond near the Naugatuck River. A dog had been trapped out on the thin ice for quite some time.

Nanavati executed his own rescue plan by walking onto the ice, picking up the dog and carrying it back to shore. “Even today I think about how stupid I was,” he said. “The police had told me that the ice was too thin to walk on, but I still walked on it. Luckily I made it safely. Had the ice given in, I would have drowned, along with the dog.”

His second walk on thin ice came a few years later, also in Seymour. This time, it involved an injured swan who tried to bite everyone who attempted to capture it. It had swallowed a fish hook and required surgery. “So, I did it again,” Dr. Nanavati laughed. “I went out there, picked up the swan, operated, and when it was better, I put it back in the pond.”

So many more rescues followed. Some of the cases he assisted in were heart-breaking: Amazing Grace, the puppy who had suffered serious injuries due to severe abuse in 2006; a kitten and a female brindle pit bull, who both lost limbs after suffering significant injuries; a puppy with broken legs, another found injured in a dumpster; and three cats who were found in rusty traps. All of the animals recovered after being treated by Dr. Nanavati, and they all found forever homes.

In response to needs both local and international, Dr. Nanavati began running rabies clinics, raising money for organizations like the Seymour Methodist Church, which was rebuilding after a fire, and working hand in hand with the animal control officers in the region. He provided support for Big Brothers/Big Sisters (twice!) and also for the Salvation Army in Ansonia.

In 2010, when an earthquake struck Haiti, he hosted several rabies clinics and collected essential supplies for Haitian survivors, filling three trucks with more than 200 boxes that weighed more than 3,000 pounds. Why did he do it? He remembered, as a young child, what it was like to lose your home and live in horrible conditions in a tent city. This happened to his family as a result of the Indo-Pakistani war in the late 1940s.

Nanavati continued to respond to the national and international disasters. In 2011, he hosted another collection for the Japan Tsunami victims, and he helped with the settlement of Nepalese refugees in the region. In August 2013, he hosted yet another clothing and personal item collection to benefit the survivors of the Oklahoma tornadoes.

His work to benefit the community has not gone unnoticed. Through the years, Dr. Nanavati has received numerous awards from local mayors and first selectmen, the Ansonia Police Department and U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, in which they thanked him for his service to the animals of the Valley. Dr. Nanavati helped to raise money for local dog shelters and provided free services for 30 years to the animals and wildlife cared for by the Ansonia Nature Center.

When asked what he plans to do now that he is retired, Dr. Nanavati said he will travel to Virginia to see his mentor, who is 90 and is still practicing. He hopes to see other friends in other states, and will spend more time with his family.

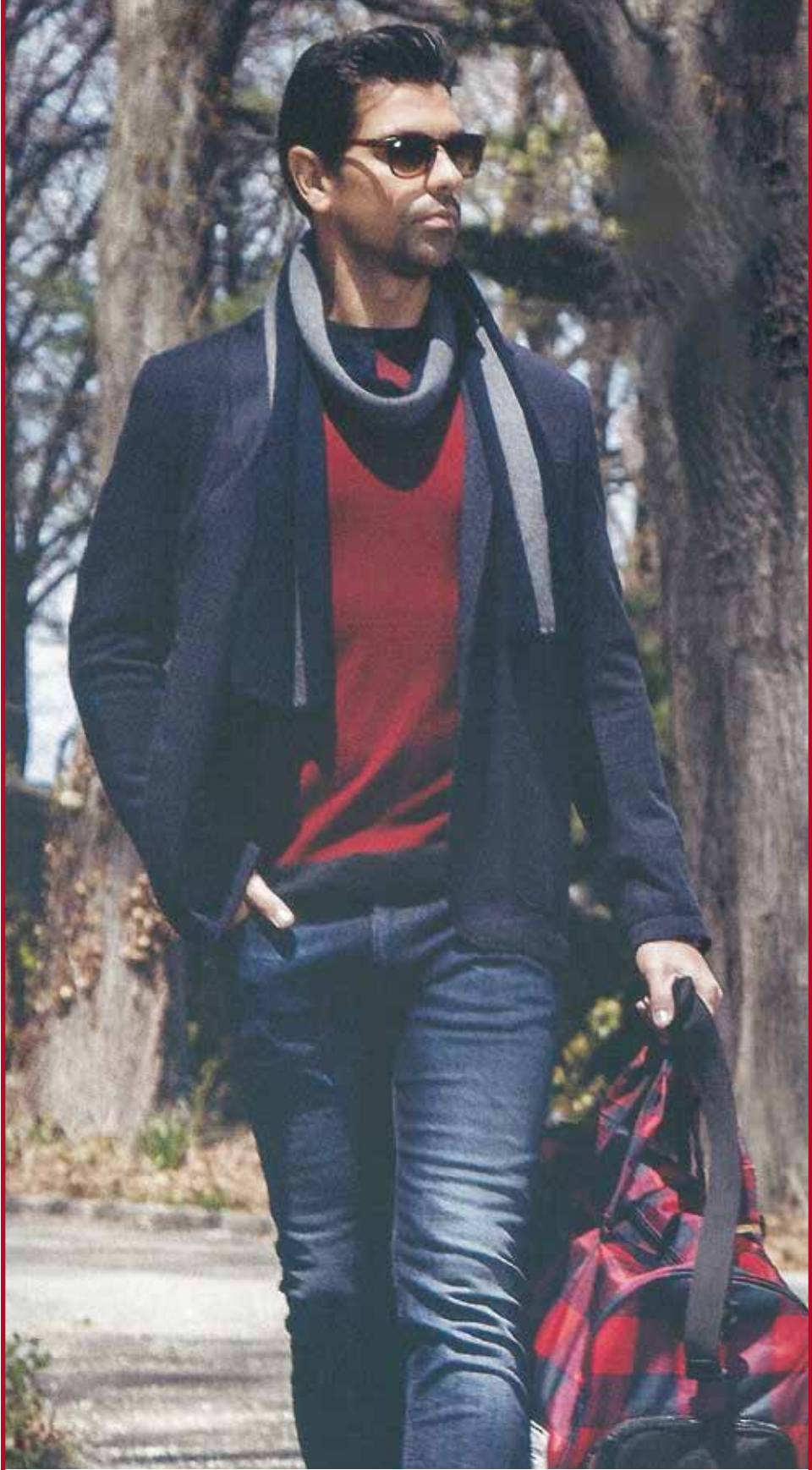
For 39 years, he gave so much to so many others. Now, Dr. Nanavati says with a smile, it is time to sit back and be glad that the ice on that Seymour pond in December 1980 was not too thin.

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Caregiving – The New Normal

BY ROBERTA L. NESTOR

Each year our President signs a proclamation declaring November as National Family Caregivers Month. This year's proclamation begins with: "Selfless Americans across our country consistently dedicate themselves and their resources to providing ailing and aging loved ones with the care and support they need to live in their own homes and communities. Throughout National Family Caregivers Month, we pause to recognize the men and women who tirelessly work to improve the quality of life for Americans in need of care..."

As the Baby Boomer generation ages, there are about 10,000 people turning age 65 each day. For the first time in U.S. history, there are more than 50 million seniors – a trend that is expected to continue until the year 2029 when the youngest baby boomer will turn age 65. This aging population combined with the high cost of in-home care creates a demand for family caregivers.

The National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP have done periodic surveys and the most recent from 2015 estimated that 34.2 million Americans provide unpaid care for an adult for 12 months. Other statistics are equally staggering: More than 82% provide unpaid care for one other adult while 15% provide care for two adults. Most often we associate caregiving with the elderly, however, over 16% of Americans (39.8 million) provide care for an adult over age 18 that has a disability or illness.

The cost for informal caregiving is overwhelming at the tune of \$500 billion dollars annually. If these family members who provide help were replaced with skilled nursing care, the cost would jump to \$642 billion each year. It is hard to imagine that the value of unpaid care actually exceeds Medicaid spending.

It is not surprising that the majority of caregivers are female (75% of all caregivers are women), they are married with an average age of 46 and most all, work outside of the home. Caregivers spend, on average 13 days each month (24 hours per week) on tasks such as food preparation, laundry, shopping, transportation and administering medication. They spend another 6 days a month providing feeding, dressing, bathing, grooming and other personal care needs. Lastly, they spend another 13 days each month researching care services or online searching for information about illnesses, handling finances and coordinating healthcare.

Is this the new norm for Americans? What can families do?

If you have aging parents or family members, it is critical to have this discussion before the onset of illness. Family members must communicate their wishes. If it is determined that they want to be cared for at home, then the discussion has to go further. Who will provide that home care? How will home care be paid for? Universally, parents do not want or intend for their adult children to provide care—they don't want to be a burden. Unfortunately, with a lack of planning, often adult children are left with no options but to become caregivers - whether their parents want this to happen or not.

Families with aging parents should be researching home care programs now, before the onset of an illness or a long-term disability. If "aging in place" is a high priority, then you have to determine if this is feasible. Older homes may not allow space for wheelchairs, laundry might be in the basement, and having stairs in a home will also present a challenge. You have to determine if their home is age friendly and if it is not, what has to be done or changed so that caregiving can be provided at home.

Caring for a family member may be a labor of love, but the impact on the caregiver takes its toll, physically, mentally and financially. If you know a caregiver, recognize them and all that they do during National Family Caregivers Month. Say thank-you, offer to give them a day off, bring them their favorite meal, go grocery shopping for them, offer to help the caregiver decorate their home for the holidays or a hand-written thank-you card goes a long way. Acknowledge our caregivers who give so selflessly at such a personal cost.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A long-sought workplace change could be happening soon. Consider reworking your ideas and preparing a presentation just in case. A personal relationship takes a new turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your persuasiveness doesn't really start to kick in until midweek. By then, you can count on having more supporters in your camp, including some you doubted would ever join you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your workload is still high, but -- good news! -- you should start to see daylight by the week's end. Reserve the weekend for fun and games with friends and loved ones. You deserve it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Regardless of how frustrating things are, keep that "Crab" under control. A cutting comment you might think is apt right now will leave others hurting for a long time to come.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be more sensitive to the emotions of loved ones who might feel left out while you're stalking that new opportunity. Be sure to make it up to them this weekend. A nice surprise could be waiting.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The gregarious Virgo rarely has a problem making new friends. But repairing frayed relationships doesn't come easily. Still, if it's what you want to do, you'll find a way. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A misunderstanding with a partner or spouse needs to be worked out before it turns into something really nasty. Forget about your pride for now and make that first healing move.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Communication dominates the week. Work out any misunderstandings with co-workers. Also get back in touch with old friends and those family members you rarely see.

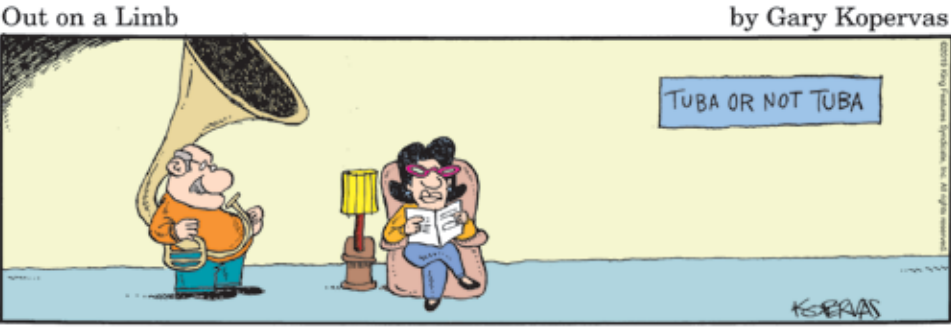
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) As busy as your week is, make time for someone who feels shut out of your life. Your act of kindness could later prove to be more significant than you might have realized.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations. Your busy workweek leads to some very satisfying results. Sports and sporting events are high on your weekend activities aspect. Enjoy them with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your generosity of spirit reaches out once again to someone who needs reassurance. There might be problems, but keeping that line of communication open eventually pays off.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You are among the truth-seekers in the universe, so don't be surprised to find yourself caught up in a new pursuit of facts to counter what you believe is an insidious exercise in lying.

BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in loyalty and in keeping secrets. All things considered, you would probably make a perfect secret agent.



top ten

ALLERGY-PRONE BREEDS

1. American Pit Bull Terrier

2. Bichon Frise

3. Boxer

4. Brussels Griffon

5. Bull Terrier

6. Cocker Spaniel

7. German Shepherd

8. Golden Retriever

9. Labrador Retriever

10. Maltese

Source: Ollie

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Girl's bow is missing. 2. Collar is different. 3. Boy's pencil is gone. 4. Name on briefcase is different. 5. Shrub is missing. 6. Picture on box has changed.

'Was My Dog Poisoned?'

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We have three dogs that freely roam our 26-acre property almost year-round. In August, our youngest dog, "Striper," went out for a couple of hours and when he returned he was panting heavily. He began drooling and then vomiting. As we got ready to take him to the vet, he collapsed and stopped breathing. We weren't able to revive him. Our vet said he could have eaten something poisonous.

Since then I've walked or ridden all over our property to see what he might have eaten, but I've found nothing. My neighbors couldn't have given him something bad. What could have happened? -- Mystified in Northern New Hampshire

DEAR MYSTIFIED: First, I am truly sorry that you lost Striper so tragically. Finding the reason may require a little more investigation.

Did the veterinarian give any indication of what the poison may have been? Did you look at what Striper vomited up just before he collapsed, or take a sample to the vet? While it's not always possible to tell without more testing, looking for clues to what happened can help to keep your two surviving dogs safe.

Some wild plants are poisonous to dogs, though the worst types usually taste terrible. Standing water with a blue-green algae bloom is a possibility; this cyanobacteria, deadly to pets, often blooms in Southern states in late summer but is creeping northward due to climate change. Household garbage may have cleaning chemicals or old medications mixed in with tempting food scraps. Could old antifreeze have been dumped near the edge of your property? Consider any and all possibilities.

Meanwhile, you can keep your other dogs safe by securing outdoor garbage can lids, separating household cleaning containers from regular trash and monitoring the dogs' outdoor roaming more closely.

SEND YOUR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS TO ASK@PAWSCORNER.COM.

The Garden Bug

Agrimony is also called *sticklewort* or *church steeples*. It traditionally holds the meaning of "thankfulness" or "gratitude."

Its yellow flowers are fragrant and bloom throughout the summer months. It can grow as high as 40" tall, in such areas as meadows, forest edges, pastures, and river banks. It is used in folk medicine to treat inflammation and other diseases. Parts of the plant are used to make teas, infusions, bath soaks, mouthwash and topical preparations. Its seeds can be dried and ground into a meal.

- B. Weaver

Source: wikipedia, www.ediblewildfood.com

Holiday Festival & Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 1st, 3-6pm • Orange Town Green



Town Green

Lighted Tractor Parade - 5:00pm
Santa Arrives and Tree Lighting -
at the conclusion of the parade

Clark Building Front Lawn

Ice Carving Demonstration
by Ice Matters - 3:00-5:00pm

Case Memorial Library

Children's Musical Performance by Al deCant - 3:30-4:00pm
Children's Crafts - 3:00-4:45pm
Guess How Many Candies in a Jar & Letters to Santa - 3:00-5:00pm

Clark Building - 3:00-6:00pm

Gingerbread House Making Contest Free Hot Chocolate
sponsored by Starbucks of Orange 3:00-5:00pm

Stone Otis House - 3:00-6:00pm

Come see a Victorian Christmas!

The Academy Building - 3:00-6:00pm

Visit the Historical Society's Antique Collections & Emily Prudden Watercolors
New Haven to Derby Line Model Railroad – Lower Level

Orange Congregational Church

Cookie Sale - 3:00-5:00pm
Hand Bell Choir & Carol Sing featuring Amity Chamber Singers - 4:00-5:00pm

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Gingerbread House Making Contest

Drop-off on Dec. 1 from 2-3pm at The Clark Building

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