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The Kulpovich triplets. [Photo by Jacklyn Greenberg of New Haven]

Woodbridge Triplets Set for 2nd Birthday

By Laura Fantarella, Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

It's been 18 months since the Kulpovich triplets were patients in Yale New Haven Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and when the family returned to the unit earlier this month it was for a celebration, not a hospital stay. An oversized photograph of multiples Andrew, Anastasia and Addison were among 23 pictures featured in the unveiling of the hospital's new "Wall of Hope" designed to highlight all the former NICU alumni who are thriving after a precarious start in the world.

Mom, Ann Marie, and dad, Chris, thought they would sail through the pregnancy, even though they knew multiples are at higher risk of premature birth. "I didn't even read those last chapters in the book," Ann Marie said. "I had a friend who had triplets that carried to term and I just assumed I would do the same." But after a month of bed rest, she delivered the babies at 32-weeks, two at four pounds and one at 2 pounds, 13 ounces. The babies stayed in the unit for different lengths of time, the tiniest, Addison, staying 41 days. For all that time the Kulpovichs' were fixtures on the unit, arriving early in the morning and not leaving until late at night. "It was a very scary, very overwhelming time," Ann Marie said. "But the doctors and nurses on the unit are wonderful, I can't say enough about them." She was thrilled to be invited to be part of the project, which involved bringing her children – and Elmo – to a Hamden park to be photographed. The photographs were taken by Jacklyn Greenberg of New Haven, a professional photographer who volunteered her time and expertise.

"It's such a positive thing," Kulpovich said. "I hope the Wall gives peace

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OUTSIDE LIVING BOX

When Dina Nocerino came upon the photo of a sad-looking, abandoned pit bull-mix with a bandaged head on a dog adoption website, she knew immediately she had found her new pet. "I just felt a strong connection to her picture," Nocerino said. "She looked like such a sorry little soul, she seemed really desperate." Nocerino had planned to adopt a rescue dog but she didn't plan on what happened next. Not only did her girl, "Asa" steal her heart, she inspired Nocerino to found Karuna Bully Rescue, a non-profit organization dedicated to finding homes for these often abandoned and unadoptable dogs. "I ended up falling in love with the breed," she said. "The pit bull is the most afflicted species because they are strong dogs and if they land in the wrong hands they are trained to be aggressive and to fight." But what she's found is actually the opposite; the dog is, by nature, affectionate, fun loving and social. "They



Dina and her rescue pit bull Fern.

have big personalities and great eye contact and even though many of them come from awful situations, they don't hold grudges," she said.

Picking Asa up from the Waterbury shelter where he had landed after being rescued from a bad situation, introduced Nocerino to the rescue culture. "Asa opened my eyes to the immense need and the concept and culture of rescue. I met some remarkable people who loved dogs," she said. She immediately began volunteering for a northeast rescue where she worked for five years before founding Karuna Bully. She became a "foster," taking in "Fern," an "urgent death row" animal, one that was in immediate danger of being euthanized. Fosters typically provide a home, training and socialization for

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**Former Amity Student
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By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Former Amity High School student Marla Morris is making her mark as a country singer in Nashville. A junior studying music business at Belmont University (Nashville), Morris recently released her second CD, "Ready for the Rain."

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Left to right: Alison Staak, Amity High School Counselor, Rotarian Bud Priest, Julia's father, Tony Maricano, honoree Julia Marciano, and her mother Patty Maricano.

Rotary Club Names Student of the Month

The Woodbridge Rotary Club recently honored Amity High School student Julia Marciano as Student of the Month. Ms. Marciano was presented with a certificate of recognition signed by Woodbridge Rotary President Anna Dickerson and presented by Rotarian Dr. Guy Stella.

Ms. Marcaino was honored for her academic achievement. Julia is a member of the National Art Honor society, is the drum major for the Amity High School Marching band, is a member of the Amity High School Leo Club, a Link Crew leader, and is co-facilitator of PLAID. In addition, she has been an active member and volunteer at Amity Teen Center where she has worked on art shows and the Chili Chili Run fundraiser and is a member of Winterguard.

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For those who missed the November testing, Sacred Heart Academy will offer an Entrance Exam on Thursday, December 6 at the Academy, 265 Benham Street, Hamden. We ask students to arrive at 8:45 a.m. Testing concludes at Noon. Students who plan to take the test must submit an application for admission with \$60 fee and contact Mrs. Elaine Lambole, Director of Admissions at 203-288-2309, x307. Visit the website at www.sacredhearthamden.org to apply online or download and print the application for admission.



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December 7th	<i>Holiday Issue</i> December 14th
January 11th	January 18th
February 1st	February 8th

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

FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor

I'm writing to thank everyone who volunteered to help with my campaign as well as folks who voted for me on Election Day—the great support I received throughout the 114th District was truly humbling.

I look forward to continuing my work on our district's behalf in Hartford, where I'll continue to focus my efforts on the issues you told me matter most: our state's budget, Connecticut's economy and its job market.

I'll make certain that the voices of residents in Woodbridge, Orange and Derby are heard loud and clear at the Capitol. Thanks for placing your faith in me—I won't let you down.

*State Rep. Themis Klarides
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and comfort to the families going through the same things we did." Today town residents might recognize Ann Marie and Chris as the parents who jog near their Amity Road home pushing a triple stroller! A twin herself, Ann Marie takes being the mom of triplets in stride. "It's my new normal!" she said simply. "There are so many resources today, from internet sites for mothers of multiples to mom groups. I'm not the only mom who has three kids; I just had them all at once!" Next month the triplets will celebrate their two-year birthday.

According to Renee Molnar of Guilford, a volunteer with the NICU Family Advisory Council, the Wall was two years in the making. Molnar, whose twins also stayed on the unit, said when parents see their newborns in incubators, connected to all sorts of medical equipment, "you wish and you hope and you wonder what they will look like without all the tubes". According to Molnar, the Wall of healthy, thriving children gives parents a hopeful glimpse of the future. "The NICU staff is saying the new Wall is already having a huge, positive impact," Molnar said.

Veteran's Day Speech - 2012

The following is the text of a speech given by Woodbridge First Selectman Edward Sheehy at the town's Veteran's Day Ceremonies.

Today, November 11 is Veteran's Day, a National and State holiday to honor and remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly on the seas, in the air and on foreign shores to preserve our freedom including our freedom to vote.

In that regard, I would like to congratulate State Senator Joe Crisco and State Representative Themis Klarides for their re-election on November 6 and thank them for their service to the Town of Woodbridge.

I would also like to thank Joseph Hellauer, Colonel United States Air Force Retired, Woodbridge Administrative Officer and Commander Dan Russbach, United States Navy Retired for making the arrangements for today's ceremony.

As we honor the Veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, we also pause to honor the men and women who are currently serving our Country in Iraq and Afghanistan. We hope and pray that they will return safely and that their efforts along with the efforts of our government will result in a peaceful resolution of the conflicts in those countries.

2012 is the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation given by President Lincoln on September 22, 1862. We also pause today to honor the 61 men and boys including two African Americans all from Woodbridge who served in the Union Army including 12 who gave their lives to preserve our union.

We also remember Kenneth G. Bronson Bedworth and Private First Class Eric Soufrine who made the supreme sacrifice in service to our Country whose memorials are on display before us today.

So on this beautiful November morning let us give thanks to all those men and women who have served our Country from the Revolutionary War to the present so as to make the United States of America the greatest country on earth.

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WTN ELECTION 2012 COVERAGE

Woodbridge Supports the Democratic Ticket

Klarides Notches Lone Republican Victory

By Bettina Thiel, Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

With a voter turnout of 87%, Woodbridge voters reelected all of its government representatives – both on the national as well as the state level – for another term.

The majority of those reconfirmed in office were Democrats, but Themis Klarides was the only Republican who garnered a majority, with a total of 2,866 votes.

Of the 6,583 registered voters, 5,723 were checked as having voted, according to the numbers submitted to the Secretary of the State's office.

With 3,018 votes the Obama/Biden team beat Romney/Ryan by a 2:1 margin. The Republican ticket came in with 2,104 votes. With 87 votes from the Independent party, Linda McMahon received 2,025 votes in Woodbridge – not enough to beat Chris Murphy in his quest for the US Senate seat currently held by Joe Lieberman. With the Working Families' vote, Murphy had a total of 2,940. The Woodbridge vote mirrored the results state-wide, with 647,776 voting for McMahon, and 830,221 voting for Murphy.

Rosa DeLauro handily won reelection with 3,516, the highest vote count

of all candidates this year in Woodbridge. Throughout the Third District, she had 196,770 Democratic votes plus 20,188 from the Working Families line, as opposed to her opponent, Wayne Winsley, who received 70,683.

For the state legislature, Woodbridge voters re-elected long-term Senator Joe Crisco to his 11th term. Together with votes from the Working Families, Crisco received 2,903 votes. His challenger, Tony Szewczyk, a Derby Republican, received 1,210 votes in Woodbridge. Given that he only joined the campaign in August, he managed to get a good amount of name recognition.

Themis Klarides carried the 114th House District against Aldon Hynes, a Woodbridge Democrat. With the cross-endorsement of the Working Families party, Hynes got 2,095 votes. Klarides was cross-endorsed by the Independent Party.

In Woodbridge's newest voting District, referred to as Voting District 2, voters re-elected Gayle Slossberg to office in the 14th Senatorial District. She received 463 of the 1,058 registered voters. Her opponent, Michael DeGrego, got 313 Republican and 17 Independent votes.

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Obama/Biden (D)	3,018
Anderson/Rodriguez (I)	9
Johnson/Gray (L).....	33

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Christopher Murphy (D)	2,940
Paul Passarelli (L).....	70

Representative in Congress

Wayne Winsley (R).....	1,502
Rosa DeLauro (D).....	3,516

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Tony Szewczyk (R).....	1,210
Joe Crisco (D).....	2,903

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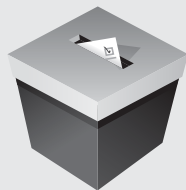
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Gayle Slossberg (D).....	463

State Representative

Themis Klarides (R).....	2,866
Aldon Hynes (D).....	2,095

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Free Solar Energy Workout

A free Solar Energy Workshop will be held Tuesday, November 27th at 7:00p.m. at the Woodbridge Town Library. Workshop attendees will learn about residential solar opportunities and CT rebates and tax incentives. An approved solar energy contractor will be present to answer individual questions. The workshop will also cover the successful implementation of solar PV at the Massaro Farm in Woodbridge.

This event is hosted by the Bethany Clean Energy Task Force, Woodbridge Clean Energy Task Force and the Bethany Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge. The Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge is a town-sponsored program that aims to reduce energy consumption in Bethany households by 20%. In addition to Bethany, 13 other CT towns are participating in the Challenge. By taking steps to become more energy efficient, residents will help Bethany meet its goals and win town rewards, such as solar powered street lights.

This Solar Energy Workshop is scheduled for November 27, 2012 from 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. at the Woodbridge Town Library, 10 Newtown Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525. Interested residents can register by calling (860) 372-4406 or emailing Madeline at mpriest@ctenergychallenge.com.

"Home for the Holidays"

A Decorative House Tour and Tea

The Garden Club of Orange's biennial Holiday House will be held on Sunday, December 16, from 1-4 PM. Tour five Orange homes beautifully decorated by The Garden Club members and then enjoy a delicious tea at Fieldstone Village. Non-refundable tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased prior to December 8. No children or pets. For more information, please contact Nettie at 203-795-3692.

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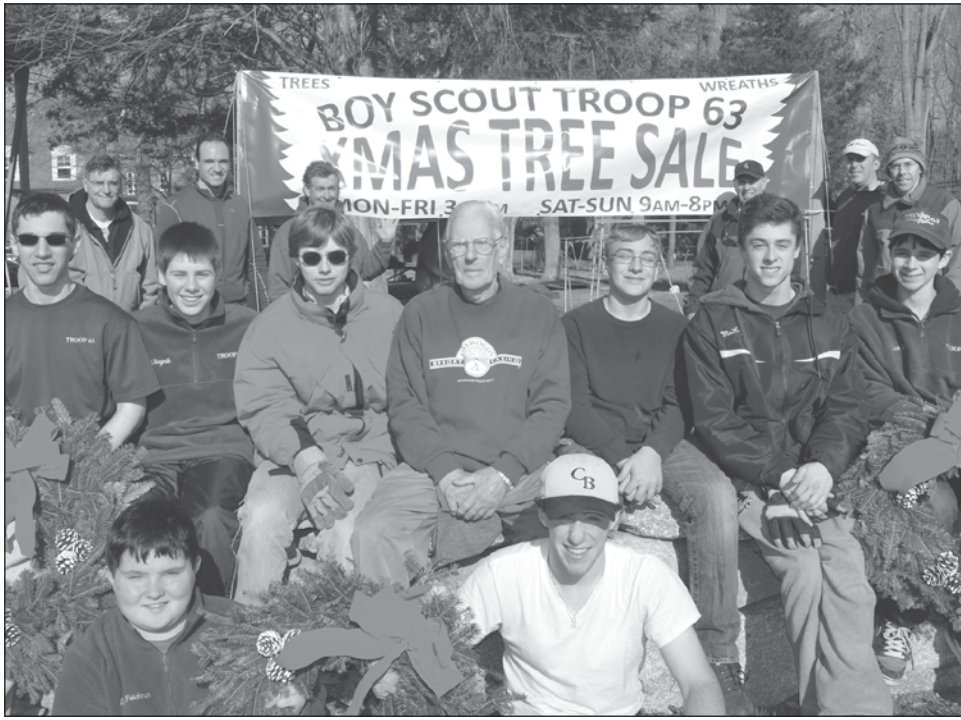


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Boy Scout Troop 63 Annual Christmas Tree Sale

Boy Scout Troop 63 is holding its annual Christmas Tree Sale. For over 35 years Troop 63 has been selling trees, wreaths, kissing balls and baskets. Located behind the old firehouse in Woodbridge on Center Road, the troop will sell fresh balsam pine trees beginning the Friday after Thanksgiving. The sale runs weekdays from 3-7pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 9am-7pm until Christmas. Various sizes and prices are available to meet every need and budget. Free local delivery is available.

Boy Scout Troop 63, founded in 1963, is one of the oldest Troops in the Connecticut Yankee Council. Our objective is to bring scouting to boys in the Woodbridge, Bethany and surrounding communities. Known as the "outdoor troop" we are active all year. Our outings include all types of camping, hiking, backpacking, skiing, canoe trips, white water rafting as well as cultural events such as visits to historical parks and monuments and much more. We also plan and participate in community service projects each year.

Join the adventure. Join the fun and see what scouting is all about. Meetings are held at Our Lady of the Assumption "Mother" Church located at 1700 Litchfield Turnpike (Rte. 69) in Woodbridge on Monday nights from 7:00 – 8:30 and all boys ages 10 and up or who have completed the fifth grade along with their parents, are encouraged to visit.

For more information, visit our web site at <http://www.troop963.org> or email Troop63CT@gmail.com.

Lions Club Hosts Charitable Wine and Beer Tasting Event

The Orange Lions Club announces it will be hosting its annual charitable winter wine and beer tasting event at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road in Orange between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. on Friday, January 18, 2013. This year's wine-tasting event will again be sponsored by Forest Package Store of West Haven, and will feature a wide variety of select wines and beers from several area distributors, soft drinks, and entertainment by Craig Calistro. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and a raffle will take place. Tickets are \$25.00 per person, available from any Orange Lions Club member, from Forest Package Store at 444 Forest Road, West Haven or by calling chairperson Marianne Miller at 799-6526 and should be purchased in advance.

Guests may sample any or all of the wines, and may place wine orders at discount prices during the event. Proceeds go to Lions' charities that support the Orange community, national and international blindness programs. These include the Connecticut Eye Research Foundation, Camp Hemlocks, Connecticut Diabetes Association, Low Vision Centers, Orange community grants, scholarships for Amity High School graduates, Case Memorial Library, Fidelco Guild Dog Foundation, the Orange Senior Center, the Leo Club at the Foundation School, the annual Thanksgiving Dinner for seniors and the annual Easter Egg Hunt for local children, to name a few of its many charitable activities.

Lions Clubs worldwide are recognized for their service to the blind and visually impaired. Its motto is "WE SERVE".



Woodbridge Rotary Club Annual Poinsettia Sale

PROJECTS INCLUDE: Southbury Training School Cottage 27 annual Christmas Party and outings, Beecher Road School DARE program, Thanksgiving Food Baskets, Fantasy of Lights, Flowers for Shut-Ins, Oxford Special Olympics, Amity High Student of the Month, District Animal Shelter, Literacy Programs, Ring One Boxing, Annual Clothing Drive, Vials for Life, Woodbridge Senior Luncheon, Woodbridge Library, Woodbridge Concerts on the Green, and Clean Water projects in India and Africa.

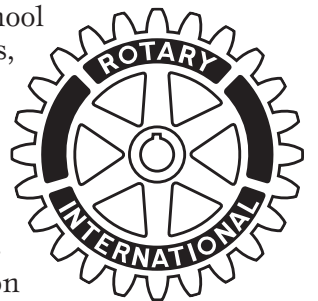
Dictionaries are also given to 3rd graders in Bethany Community School, Beecher Road School and Katherine Brennan School every year.

Two sizes are available, 6½ inch and 10 inch plants. You can also offer to pay for plants for shut-ins. Rotarians will deliver all plants, unless otherwise requested. Our order deadline is Friday, November 30th. Flowers will be delivered or picked up on Thursday, December 6th.

Please give orders to any Woodbridge Rotarian or mail with check (payable to Woodbridge Rotary) to:

Woodbridge Rotary Club
c/o Anna Dickerson
425 Amity Road
Woodbridge, CT 06525
Phone: 203-710-0223

Call Anna Dickerson for more information.



Woodbridge Rotary Welcomes New Member

The Woodbridge Rotary Club has recently installed Dan Weintraub as a new member. Dan Weintraub is the Gift Planning Officer for the American Red Cross, serving Connecticut and Rhode Island. In that capacity, he develops current and special gifts, including bequests and gift annuities, to support the life saving, life changing mission of the American Red Cross. Along with his wife Beth, he lives in Woodbridge. Their two daughters attend Amity schools. They are members of Beth El Keser Israel congregation in New Haven, where Dan serves on the Board. He's also on the Board of the Planned Giving Group of Connecticut and volunteers time to several local causes including the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. Dan is a second generation Rotarian, as his father Paul was long active in the Rotary Chapter in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.

The Rotary Club is an organization of business and professional people united worldwide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace throughout the world. The Woodbridge Rotary Club meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 7:30 a.m. for a breakfast meeting at the Country Corner Diner, 756 Amity Road, Bethany and the 2nd and the 4th Friday of the month at 12:15 p.m. for a luncheon meeting at Carmine Tuscan Grill, 1500 Whalley Ave., New Haven. Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary should contact Anna Dickerson at 203-710-0223 or email annadickerson@yahoo.com.



Dan Weintraub

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This past year has been a whirlwind for Morris who, in addition to attending college, is also hard at work pursuing her dream in the music industry. She is performing her own shows at venues around Nashville and has also been the opening act for country singers Chuck Wicks, Kix Brooks of Brooks & Dunn and Lorrie Morgan. "The energy in Nashville is so amazing. It is a very welcoming place that is thriving right now and I am honored to be a part of it," Morris said. "The talent and creativity here is so inspiring and really pushes me to the next level. I've had the opportunity to work with some phenomenal artists."

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Town of Woodbridge Meetings for the Month of November 2012

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Town Hall

12/3	Human Services Commission..... 7:00pm	The Center
	Recreation Commission 7:00pm	Beecher School S.
	Town Plan & Zoning Commission. 7:30pm	Town Hall
12/4	CUPOP 7:30pm	Sr. Center Lounge
12/5	Police Commission 6:00pm	Police Dept.
12/10	Library Commission..... 6:00pm	Library
	Zoning Board of Appeal..... 7:30pm	Town Hall
12/12	Board of Selectmen..... 6:00pm	Town Hall
12/17	Fire Commission 7:00pm	Fire Station
	Woodbridge Board of Education..... 7:30pm	Beecher School N.
12/18	Economic Development Comm 6:00pm	Town Hall
12/19	Inland/Wetlands Agency 7:30pm	Town Hall
12/20	Board of Finance 6:00pm	Town Hall
	Conservation Commission..... 7:00pm	Town Hall
12/26	Country Club of Wdbg Comm 6:00pm	Town Hall

After the Storm - Know the Issues to Protect Your Rights

Many homes and businesses in our State suffered major damage during Hurricane Sandy. For some property owners, the aftermath of the storm may raise local zoning and wetland concerns in addition to questions of insurance coverage. Although picking up the pieces after this massive storm will be challenging, this article provides basic tips to help you maximize your insurance claim and recovery.



Vincent Marino

1. Find your insurance policy – the entire policy.
2. Contact your insurance company or agent immediately.
3. Take photos of the damage.
4. Make a list of damaged or lost items.
5. Do not make permanent repairs until your insurer has inspected the property.
6. Keep a diary of all contact and conversations with your insurer.
7. If you can still live in the home, talk with your agent about critical repairs that need to be made. Whether you make the repairs or hire someone, save the receipts for your claim.
8. Keep receipts for everything: e.g. - hotels, meals, or gas for generators.
9. Do not feel like you have to agree on a settlement. If you cannot reach an agreement with your insurance company, consider hiring a public adjuster or an attorney.
10. Review your local zoning regulations.

If you have a disagreement with your insurance company, you have options. Don't be afraid to negotiate, especially if the insurance company's first offer does not meet your expectations. If you believe you are being treated unfairly, you should consider filing a claim with the Connecticut Insurance Department or by contacting an attorney.

Before you resolve claims with an insurance company, it is important to understand the true impact to your property and know your rights. Changes in local zoning, wetland or costal management regulations can have a significant impact on a property owner's ability to rebuild a home or business. In such an event, an individual's claim may be significantly larger than one may think.

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a dog temporarily until a permanent home is found. “I ended up being what we call a ‘foster failure’ – I fell in love with ‘Fern’ too and ended up keeping her,” Nocerino said. “That’s actually pretty common.”

Working closely with Naomi Ribiero and a small volunteer staff of six, Nocerino’s organization is now on the front lines of animal rescue, working closely with animal control officers in several towns and even across the United States. “It’s important to have connections among the staff in local public shelters and organizations since we typically foster dogs where information is provided about its behavior and temperament,” Nocerino said. “It’s a big commitment to take in an animal and we want to make sure they are dog-friendly.” Karuna even works with animal control departments in Ohio as the breed is banned there and all pit bulls are put to death. Focusing on quality, not quantity, she takes on only what she can handle. Her staff is currently fostering ten dogs they hope to place in “forever homes”. “Social media is an incredible tool for highlighting our adoptable dogs,” she said.

Though Karuna is typically not the first responder to an animal in need, they have had their share of plucking dogs straight from the streets. Like the time they were notified by neighbors that the former tenants had left their dog chained in an apartment when they moved away and another instance where they had to free an emaciated dog left behind a fence at a demolition site. They will also respond to ads on Craigslist posting pit bulls for sale as such dogs are often bought with the intent to fight them. “Pit bulls also have large litters so the females are overbred then just ‘thrown away’. The females will often be abandoned or left in shelters with their teats still distended to the ground, the puppies taken from the mother weeks before they should be,” she said. Karuna has paid its share of medical expenses for dogs that needed care with money raised through donations and annual fundraisers.

Running a rescue is emotionally grueling and the 34-year-old does what she can to not let this volunteer work take its toll. “I wanted to save all of them and at first you feel it’s safer to not get involved at all because when you do it’s heartbreaking. But then you’re not saving any animals and that’s no good. At least we’re doing something, you can’t cry every day. I’ve learned to put up barriers and filters and it helps to have a group mentality. You tell yourself, “If this person can do it, then I can too,” she said.

Nocerino also hopes to raise awareness and change the public’s perception of the breed. “We’re small but we’re making a difference,” Nocerino said. “We’ll find homes for our dogs and it will all work out in time. We want our dogs to start their lives – our goal is to match them with the right family in a forever home.”

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Programs for Adults

Book Discussion with Mark Schenker

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, Tuesday, December 4th @ 7:00 pm - Join us for our next Book Discussion Series entitled Charles Dickens at 200: The Novels in the Context of His Time and Ours. Yale Associate Dean Mark Schenker will explore the fiction of Charles Dickens (born February 7, 1812) in a series of four book discussions that consider him both as a product of the Victorian Age and as a writer who has transcended his time, his place and his medium. The four novels we will read span nearly the entire range of Dickens' novel-writing career; taken together they give insight into his talent, the intersections of his life and art, and his development as a writer.

September 4: Oliver Twist (1839)

October 2: David Copperfield (1850)

November 8: Great Expectations (1861)

December 4: A Christmas Carol (1843)

Part 4 of the series will focus on A Christmas Carol. This is a free program and all are welcome to join. Add your voice to our lively discussion, led by our favorite literary expert, Mark Schenker! Registration is required. Copies of all works will be provided to registered participants.

Sweets & Treats for the Holidays Cooking Class with Robin Glowa

Tuesday, December 11th @ 7:00pm - Appetizers? Desserts? Beverages? We've got it covered! Robin Glowa will share her healthy, holiday-inspired recipes for hors d'oeuvres, desserts and cocktails that will inspire you to throw your own party this season! Samples and recipes will be provided. This free program is open to the public. Space is limited, and registration is required.

Snow Globe Floral Class with Michael Derouin

Wednesday, December 12th @ 7:00pm - Award-winning floral designer Michael Derouin returns with another hands-on floral class. Capture the magic of the holidays by creating a modern interpretation of a snow globe. You will artfully arrange seasonal decor inside a glass container. Class size is limited to 20 and registration is required. A \$20 materials fee is payable to Michael at the program. Please bring wire cutters, scissors and a sense of humor to the class.

Christmas Legends: The Folklore and Origins of Today's Traditions

Tuesday, December 18th @ 7:00pm - From Advent Calendars to the Yule Log, there are many ways we celebrate the holidays, but these traditions all came from somewhere! What do the red and white stripes on a candy cane symbolize? Why do we decorate a tree? Are all of Santa's reindeer really female? When did Old Saint Nick start delivering presents? And why did he set up shop at the North Pole? Join us for this presentation by the Smoking Gun Research Agency - you might be surprised to find out just how much mystery exists in the celebration of this holiday! This free program is open to the public. Registration is required.

Jewelry Workshop: Bracelet & Earrings with GERALYN TAGATAC

Wednesday, December 19th @ 7:00pm - Just in time for holiday gift-giving! Join us for this hands-on jewelry class. GERALYN TAGATAC will teach you how to create beautiful hand-crafted jewelry. Participants will design and string a bracelet and earrings using a variety of different beads, including semi-precious stones, glass and wood beads, and gold and silver plated beads. You will only be limited by your imagination - let your creativity loose! Class size is limited to 20 and registration is required. An \$8 materials fee is payable to GERALYN at the program.

Programs for Children

Cigar Box Purses (For Ages 10 And Up)

Monday, December 3rd @ 6:00pm - Our 10+ Art and Teen Slap Art sessions unite for this awesome craft! Make a cigar box purse to give as a gift... or to keep for yourself! You will not believe how cool this project is - you do not want to miss it! Registration is required.



The Woodbridge Library

Eager Readers Book Group (For Grades K-2)

Monday, December 10th @ 6:30pm - Join us for our new Eager Readers Book Group - especially for kids in Kindergarten through second grade! We'll read Square Cat, discuss the book, make a craft, and enjoy a snack! Books are available to borrow at the Children's Desk. Please register in advance.

Mathemagics With Ethan Brown (For Grades 3 And Up)

Wednesday, December 26th @ 4:00pm - Mathematician Ethan Brown performs feats of mental math in his head!! He does faster-than-a-calculator mental mathematics. Quick...what is the square root of 987?? Ethan started performing at a 5th grade talent show and since then he's amazed audiences all over the world. Come and find out just how much fun math can be! Advance registration is required.

Film Screenings

All film screenings begin @ 7:00pm in our Meeting Room. Screenings are free, open to the public, and seating is on a first come, first served basis.

November 29th - Brave [rated PG]

December 6th - The Dark Knight Rises [rated PG-13]

December 13th - Hope Springs [rated PG-13]

December 20th - Beasts of the Southern Wild [rated PG-13]

November/December Art Exhibit - Patty Meglio

The Woodbridge Library is proud to present the art of Patty Meglio during the months of November and December. Patty Meglio was born and raised in Orange, Connecticut. She attended design school in Boston, Massachusetts and later moved to Houston, Texas where she lived and worked for twenty-two years. She moved back to CT in 2000 and currently resides in Northford, Connecticut.

In pursuit of a lifelong dream, Patty began taking drawing and painting lessons in the late 90s, and in 2003, she began studying painting with local artists, including Marc Antony Massaro in Branford, CT, Terry Oakes-Bourret in Durham, CT, and Hagop Keledjian in Putney, Vermont. She paints mostly in oil on canvas or linen that she carefully prepares herself. Patty's work is modern impressionist style, mostly depicting country landscapes, seascapes, and still life. Her inspiration stems from twentieth century impressionist art, including works by Sargent, Sorolla, de Lazlo, and Boldini, and modern artists including Schmid, Handell, Guzik, and Liberace. She draws her inspirations, as they did, from early twentieth-century architecture, the art deco and Greek classical styles of urban buildings, weather worn barns and open pastures of the country farms, and rocky and sandy beaches lined with classic New England cottages.

Patty is a past participant in juried competitions for the Clinton Art Society, Madison Art Society, Artwalk for the West Hartford Art League, and the Mavis Fenner Memorial for the Rowayton Arts Center, and is a winner of the Merchant's Prize at the Madison Art Show in 2007. She has exhibited in numerous venues throughout the state of Connecticut and New Hampshire. Her work is held in private collections throughout the country. She is a member of the Milford Fine Arts Council, Clinton Art Association, and the Madison Art Society. For more information, visit her website at www.pattymegliostudio.com or her blog at www.pennpaint.blogspot.com. This exhibit is free and open to the public. All are welcome to visit.

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

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



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

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

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

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

The benefits of donor-advised funds

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

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

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

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

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

Possible drawbacks of donor-advised funds

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

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

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

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

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

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Starring in the musical are senior Maggie McAndrews of Milford as Judy, sophomore Kayla Hanson of West Haven as her sister Betty and senior Tess Cersonsky of Oxford as Martha "The Megaphone" Watson. Freshman Rose Iannacone is also featured as the granddaughter Susan. Male actors include Chris Mazzacane of West Haven High School as Bob, Gavin McNicholl and Scott Redmond of Hamden High School as Phil and Mike, Peter Charney of Amity High School as the General, Ian Spak of Notre Dame as the Dance Captain and Jesse Ferrara of Xavier High School as Ed Sullivan.

As part of the mission of Sacred Heart Academy, students are encouraged to respond to the needs of others. "Our musical always incorporates a service component and this year we will center on veterans," offered MaryLee Delaney, Director. "White Christmas speaks to the plight of veterans who have served our country and returned home to difficult circumstances." Students are involved with outreach projects to benefit House of Heroes and the Fisher House.

White Christmas opens Friday evening, November 30 at 8 p.m. There will be two performances on Saturday, December 1 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$10 - \$25 for the three performances and can be purchased at the Shubert Box Office in downtown New Haven, online at www.shubert.com or www.tickets.com or in the library at Sacred Heart Academy, 265 Benham Street, Hamden.

Holiday Dinner Dance

Grassy Hill Lodge will be decorated in its usual Holiday splendor again this year for our annual Senior Center Holiday Dinner Dance on Sunday, December 2 from 12 to 3:30. The Frank Porto Band will provide music for listening and dancing from 1 to 3:30. The menu choices are Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala, or Stuffed Shrimp. There will be a cash bar. The cost this year will again be \$20 per person thanks to the generosity of the Olga Fund of the Orange Foundation who gave us a grant to pay for the music and to reduce the price of the ticket. Payment and meal choice must be made at the time of reservation. Tables will seat 8 to 10 persons. If you wish to be seated with particular people, payment for the group must be made at the same time. Checks are made out to Treasurer, Town of Orange. Tickets are on sale now!

Music, Lights and Santa

It's the Season of Celebrations

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

It's that time of the year when the days become short and the temperatures make us huddle a little bit closer so as to keep the warmth in. It comes as no surprise then that we celebrate this season by surrounding us with strings of lights and candles and by bringing evergreens indoors and dressing them up as if the trees were going to a dance.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting the Woodbridge Firehouse Saturday, December 15 in the early afternoon. Fire Chief Sean Rowland has yet to speak to Rudolph or whoever else may be pulling the sleigh that day to find out what time Santa will be in. For parents who don't want to miss the visit, check the Fire Department's Facebook page at facebook.com/woodbridgefire; you can also call Amy Bogush at 203-389-3441 to find out. Bring a camera for photos with Santa. Children are encouraged to write a letter to Santa, and send it as an e-mail to Santa@woodbridgefire.com.

Boy Scout Tree Sale: More and more Woodbridge residents have come to enjoy the convenience of having their Christmas tree delivered right to their homes. The elf to do that for them is Charles Whiting, Boy Scout leader and tree sale organizer extraordinaire. For over 35 years, Troop 63 has been selling trees, wreaths, kissing balls and baskets behind the old firehouse on Newton Road. The sale runs weekdays from 3-7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. until Christmas or until they are sold out, whichever comes first. The Scouts will be available to help you pick the tree you want and help you strap it onto your car or truck. If you prefer, you can have it delivered. Donations will be accepted for the benefit of the Boy Scouts.

Music Offerings: Not only do we enjoy special food, colors and dress during this season, there is probably nothing more uplifting than that special holiday music, which conveys the festivity of it all. Trinity Church's Christmas concerts are popular events, so much so that concertgoers have to reserve a ticket, and they quickly run out. As of last week, there were still tickets available for the concert on Friday, December 7 and Sunday, December 9. Call Trinity at (203) 387-4711.

Assumption Church also offers a Christmas concert on Sunday, December 2 at the Center Road Church at 4 p.m. All are invited to this free festive occasion sponsored by the adult and children's choir.

Those who like to sing Christmas carols are invited to the traditional carol sing at the First Church on Meetinghouse Lane Sunday, December 16 at 3 p.m. All the carols you love to sing are on the program, along with some special features, a few surprises, and a coffee reception planned by the Women's Fellowship. The Carol Sing has been a tradition at the First Church through three or more generations with an open invitation to the Woodbridge community to join the congregation in this family event where friends, neighbors and children are welcome. The church will be decorated for the holidays, and verses for all the carols are provided. Win Davis will be master of ceremonies and church organist Dean Beckert will provide accompaniment.

Hanukkah Party: Special music, special food and candle lights also mark the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah. The first night of Hanukkah is Saturday, December 8 and it lasts eight nights. Congregation B'nai Jacob on Rimmon Road is having a Chanukah party Wednesday, December 12 from 5:15-7 pm. Bring your own menorah for a communal candle lighting, dinner, games, music and dancing. Typical foods for Hanukkah are latkes and donuts. Call (203) 389-2111 to sign up.

Senior Center Party: The Rotary Club is sponsoring the holiday party and luncheon for seniors December 7 at the Senior Center at 12:15. To sign up, call the Senior Center at (203) 389-3430.

Giving: The Woodbridge Fire Department is collecting toys for the Yale New Haven Hospital toy closet. Bring new, unwrapped toys to the firehouse and drop them into the designated box in the lobby. Toys will be accepted until Christmas Eve.

The Human Services Department is organizing the Adopt-a-Basket program. Groups and individuals can sign up to prepare a holiday basket for residents who are having difficulties to make ends meet. The baskets will be distributed on December 19.

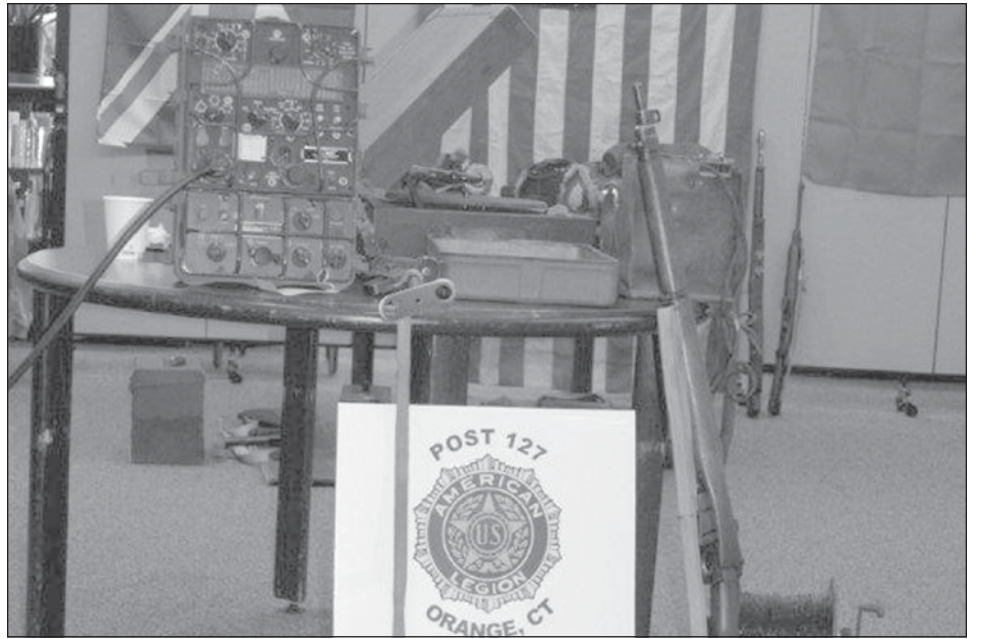
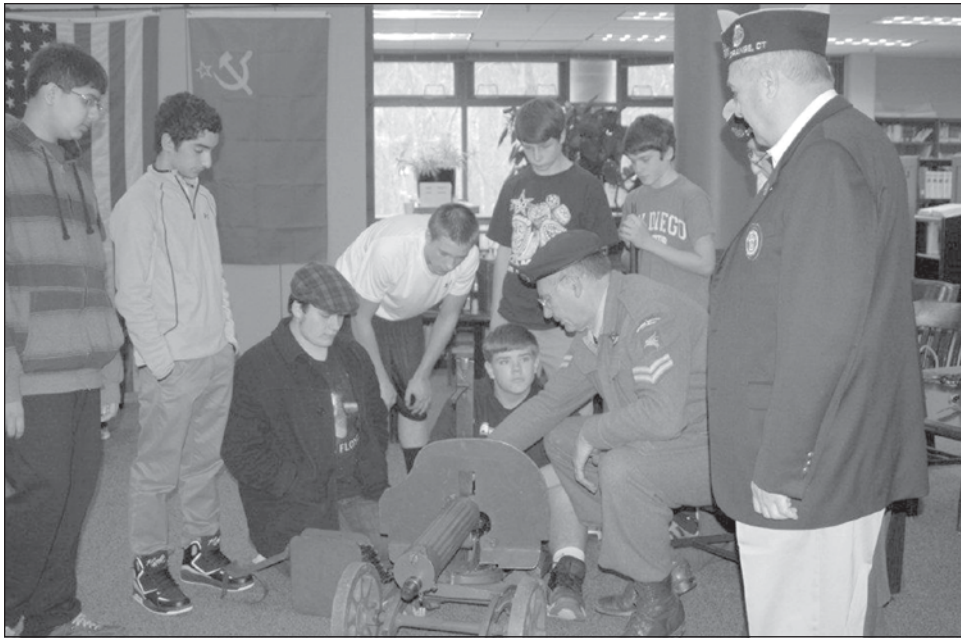
Human Services is also collecting toys for TEAM, the regional social services agency. You can leave new, unwrapped toys in the designated box by the Center School gym and in the Senior Center. Team will set up toys for parents to "shop" for their kids. Local families can also sign up to get toys locally if the trip to Derby is a problem.

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Veterans Bring a Piece of Living History to Amity High

By Bettina Thiel, Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Students at Amity High School experienced a piece of living history Monday, November 12, when veterans from the American Legion Post 127 in Orange visited them to talk about their experiences in the different branches of the military. The veterans brought along pre-1950 weaponry and field gear, which students were encouraged to handle and carry so as to experience its weight and size.

Soldiers during World War II were carrying gear equivalent in weight to their own weight, Phil Grande told students in his presentation. Grande, dressed in the Uniform of the 82nd Airborne, and Lewis Merritt, dressed in the uniform of Canadian parachutists, talked about the history of World War II, how the United States at first stayed out of it, considering it a European conflict, but were drawn into the war by the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941.

American Legion Post Commander Larry Czajkowski introduced the other veterans, starting with Arnold Casola, a World War II veteran who experienced the Battle of the bridge at Remagen in Germany as an 18-year-old. Also in the group of veterans were Peter MacDonald and Ken Leaf as Vietnam veterans, and Mike DeGrego who participated in the Gulf War. Sylvester Salcedo, a Navy lieutenant commander, served during the 1980s and 1990s on board the USS Capodano.

Salcedo had his own slide show for the students, starting off with a Spanish language love song. He pointed out how being fluent in Spanish helped him communicate with the peoples of South America when his ship was deployed there. He also passed around a list of favorite books he read at the time, ranging from Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms," to authors that became icons of the peace-seeking 1960s, such as Hermann Hesse, Simone de Beauvoir and others. But even though the slides showed happy faces in sunny climates, deployments actually meant a lot of work, he said.

Six waves of students visited the Library-Media Center that day, between

7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Grande, a sergeant first class, represented the Army; Merritt, a lieutenant in the Submarine Service, the Navy. It is primarily Merritt's personal collection of field gear that was displayed on tables in the center of the library. Students were invited to inspect the exhibits and talk to the veterans about their experiences.

The boys in particular were interested in the weaponry, veterans said over lunch. Merritt had brought communications apparatus from World War II, including a short-wave radio that facilitated communication between the allies. Inscriptions were in English and Cyrillic lettering. Communication is crucial, during war even more so than otherwise, Grande told the students. Radar had just been invented when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, but the people on watch that night didn't trust the warnings of an imminent attack coming from the "newfangled" instruments. The Japanese bombers destroyed ships and killed hundreds of Americans stationed in Hawaii at that time. But what they destroyed were old ships, Grande told the kids; and as tragic as it was for the whole country, the attack made way for a new generation of modern ships and aircraft carriers. "As a result you're free," he told the students, "you don't speak German and you don't speak Japanese."

"I'd hate to have another war," he said. "But those who have experienced it have a better appreciation of life." World War II and its needs for modern weaponry inspired a lot of innovation, Merritt said, ranging from aviation to communication devices. The War machine helped pull the economy out of the big slump known as the Great Depression. And even though the exhibits on display seemed old, they were considered cutting-edge in their time.

Larry Czajkowski, addressing the students, talked about nuclear, biological and chemical warfare. The danger is in the widespread destruction of the living environment these weapons can cause. "A nuclear weapon today can be carried in a briefcase," as opposed to being delivered by a missile, he said. "The threats you face today are a lot more complicated," he said.

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Two important and notable new state laws, enacted earlier this year, are now in effect. I was proud to support passage of each as they progressed through the legislature and want to keep you informed about their contents.

One of these new laws addresses what those on the front lines of the battle against domestic violence describe as an 'epidemic'. It is estimated as many as one-third of all new criminal cases filed in Connecticut can be traced to domestic violence. More than 50,000 state residents receive services ranging from short-term emergency shelter to long-term criminal protective orders. The new law expands the criminal definition of threatening, stalking, and harassment and now qualifies the victims of these forms of intimidation for restraining orders. The law also extends the duration of these legal protections from six months to a full year.

These are the most recent improvements in the state's response to domestic violence. We're working in three areas to reduce the number of future incidents and help the victims of these violent – and tragic – circumstances:

- education to increase awareness and help prevent violence;
- crisis response and social services for victims; and
- better law enforcement and judicial strategies.

Another new law advances state protections against human trafficking, said to be the fastest growing criminal industry in the world – it is estimated that nearly a million victims are trafficked across international borders each year and between 17,000 and 20,000 are brought into the U.S.

To combat this in Connecticut we created a new class C felony – with commensurate penalties – to further restrict commercial sexual exploitation of a minor. In other words, a person or company commits this crime when he, she, or it knowingly buys advertising space in which a commercial sex act includes depiction of a minor. This battle against trafficking must be fought at all levels in our communities because very often victims have limited exposure and access to the outside world and don't want their situation known for fear of reprisal and worse.

The abuse, exploitation, and out-and-out theft of people – especially children – is an epidemic that cannot stand in our 21st century civilization. Fighting it requires this kind of vigilance and persistent modification of state law. Those who engage in the untenable crime of trafficking should know we're working on many fronts to expose their immorality and will continue to do so.

Joseph J. Crisco, Jr. represents the 17th Senatorial District, which includes Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Hamden, Naugatuck, and Woodbridge.

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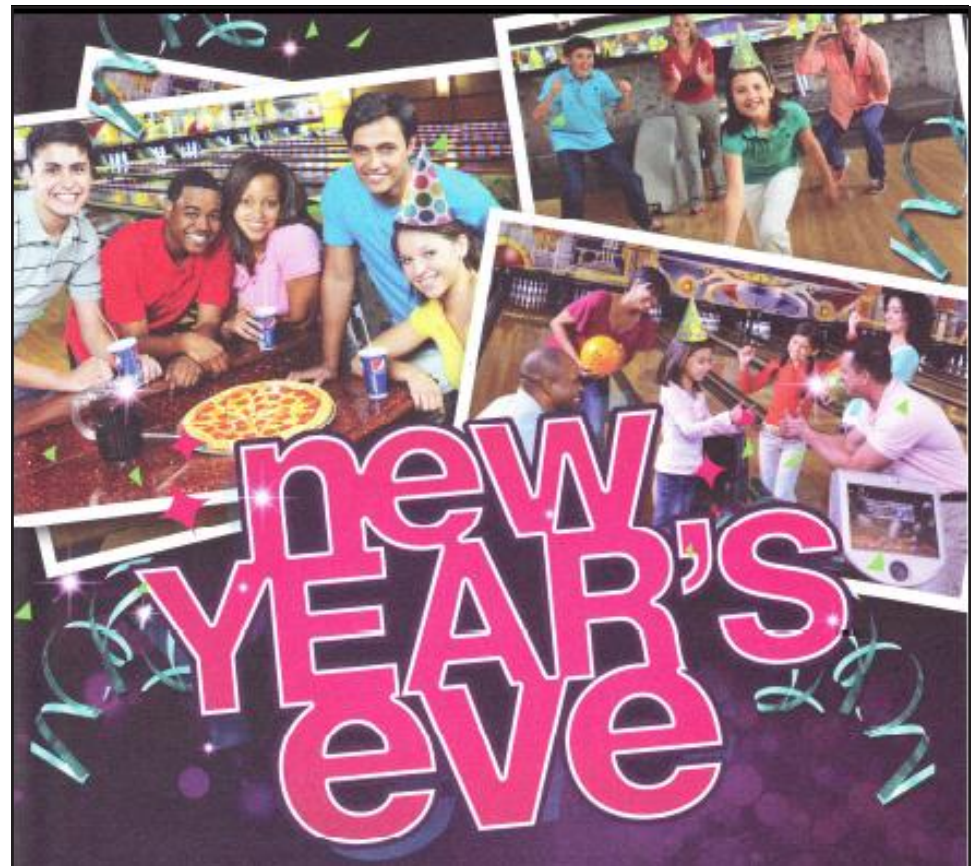
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Connecticut Food Bank 2012

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

Scores of individuals, families, civic groups, schools, religious organizations and companies come forward each year to help make Connecticut Food Bank's "Thanksgiving for All" campaign a success. Last year, more than 25,000 turkeys and more than 360 tons of trimmings were collected. With everyone's help, Connecticut Food Bank was able to provide nearly 779,503 meals for people in need of food assistance. It hopes to surpass this total for 2012.

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

Founded in 1982, Connecticut Food Bank is the largest centralized source of donated emergency food in Connecticut. Its main warehouse is located in East Haven with branch warehouses in Waterbury & Fairfield along with distribution sites in New London & Stamford. Connecticut Food Bank provides food and other resources to approximately 600 food-assistance programs such as soup kitchens, shelters, food pantries and low-income senior and children's programs. Connecticut Food Bank has distributed over 200 million pounds of food over the years.

Everyday operations of Connecticut Food Bank are overseen by President & CEO Nancy L. Carrington, who has served the Food Bank for more than 28 years. The Board of Directors, made up of dedicated community members from the fields of finance, law, business, fundraising, public relations, human resources, warehousing and the food industry, have enabled and encouraged growth and forward thinking at Connecticut Food Bank. A dedicated staff of 50 ensures that Connecticut Food Bank continues to fulfill the mission of alleviating hunger.

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

To learn more about Connecticut Food Bank, visit www.ctfoodbank.org. Tours of all three warehouses are offered. What a great idea for a class trip (ATTENTION TEACHERS)! Connecticut Food Bank also offers a Speaker's Bureau where you can arrange for a staff member to speak at your organization's meeting or event, free of charge, along with Hunger 101, an interactive learning experience for groups to better understand what it means to be food insecure. Connecticut has many households grappling with hunger, according to a federal report recently released. More than 490,000 people in our state struggle to put food on their tables.

Everyone can help fight against hunger! Donate food, raise funds, volunteer, host friends or neighbors who are down on their luck to a meal (don't forget our senior citizen population on fixed incomes). Encourage political leaders to be more involved in fighting hunger in our country, support businesses that donate to hunger related efforts, be mindful of waste at home, and last but not least, teach your children to be compassionate to those less fortunate.

Connecticut Food Bank-Main office & warehouse - 150 Bradley Street, East Haven, CT 06512; Phone 203-469-5000; Fax 203-469-4871; Website: ctfoodbank.org. Keep up-to-date about Connecticut Food Bank and hunger issues by following it at www.ctfoodbank.org/blog, www.facebook.com/ctfoodbank or www.twitter.com/ctfoodbank.

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

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Bill Pullman

Q: My Thursday nights just aren't the same without "Community." When will the show return, and will it be on Fridays, which is what I heard last? -- David S., via e-mail

A: NBC recently announced that "Community" -- which stars **Joel McHale, Gillian Jacobs, Danny Pudi, Yvette Nicole Brown, Alison Brie, Donald Glover and Chevy Chase** -- has ping-ponged back to its original Thursday night at 8/7c time slot, beginning Feb. 7. "Community" takes the place of "30 Rock," which will have concluded its final season by then. We'll both have to wait patiently for 13 more episodes of one of the best, and most underrated, comedies on television today.

Q: On your recommendation, I watched **Bill Pullman** in **Scott Turrow's "Innocent,"** which carried on the story of "Presumed Innocent" main character Rusty Sabich 20 years later, where he is accused of murdering his wife. I absolutely loved it, and it got me to thinking that in my opinion, Bill Pullman is underutilized in Hollywood. Can you tell me what I can see him in next? -- Virginia F. in Connecticut

A: Beginning Thursday, Jan. 10, at 9:30/8:30c, Bill does a 180 from his "Innocent" role to star as the president of the United States in the NBC comedy "1600 Penn." The series was co-created by **Jason Winder**, director for "Modern Family," so I can only hope that some of that comic genius carries over to this new series. And Bill is no stranger to being the POTUS (see: "Independence Day"), nor is he averse to being funny. In fact, when I spoke with the star of the dark comedy "Mr. Wrong" earlier this year, he told

me he was eager to get back into comedy if he got the right script.

Q: My roommate told me that there is going to be a new "Battlestar Galactica" movie on the Syfy channel. Is that true? If so, when? -- Harold W., Boston

A: "Battlestar Galactica: Blood & Chrome" is set to debut this March on Syfy, and stars **Luke Pasqualino** and **Ben Cotton**. According to reps for Syfy, the film "takes place in the midst of the first Cylon war. As the battle between humans and their creation, the sentient robotic Cylons, rages across the 12 colonial worlds, gifted fighter pilot William Adama (Pasqualino), finds himself assigned to one of the most powerful battlestars in the Colonial fleet: the Galactica.

Full of ambition and hungry for action, Adama quickly finds himself at odds with his co-pilot, the battle-weary officer Coker (Cotton)." The film already is airing in weekly seven-to-10-minute segments on the Machinima Prime YouTube channel for those who can't wait until March, as long as you don't mind short segments with a week between airings.

Q: I can't stand the waiting! When will "Smash" be back? --- Eric P., via e-mail

A: You'll have to wait just a little bit longer. The musical melodrama returns to NBC on Feb. 5.

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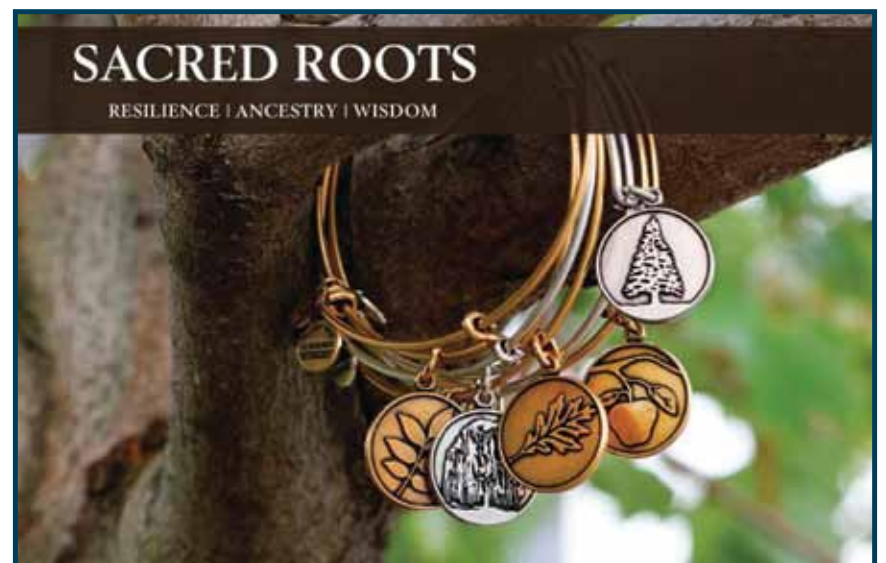
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One day Andrew, along with his Mom, Liz, Dad, Mike, and younger brother, Alex, were planning their 8th annual Pumpkin Carving Party for this year. Andrew came up with the idea of enclosing a little note into each invitation asking those to consider bringing a gently worn article of clothing the day of the party to be donated to the kids at the Boys and Girls Club. Mom said, "I was pretty blown away by Andrew's thoughtfulness. We constantly remind our boys that although there are many people who have more than we do, there are also many of those with far less. It's rewarding to us to know that Andrew had kids in mind that may need a little extra support." The response was fantastic!! The Molleurs placed a large box from the grocery store that had pumpkins in it and set it out in the driveway the day of the party. It filled up quickly!

When his parents asked Andrew to tell them why he had this generous idea, he said, "there seem to be so many less fortunate kids these days, and the thought of them not having warm jackets or sweaters is really sad. I figured if 75 people come to our party and everyone donated just one item, we can give the kids 75 items, like pants, jackets, sweaters, etc." He added, "Originally I thought of everyone bringing a toy instead, but realized a coat or a sweater might be more practical seeing how winter isn't far away."

Shaye Roscoe, Director of the Boys & Girls Club of LNV said of Andrew "We are ever so grateful for such a generous & thoughtful donation from such a kind-hearted young boy." Andrew's parents' place of business is also in Shelton (A&A II, auto rental) and they pass by the Boys and Girls Club often.

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Two centuries of family belongings include such treasures as Darling’s desk, tall case clock and Windsor chair. The collection is especially rich in 18th century letters, journals and deeds. Of particular note is Darling’s copy of the Declaration of Independence. It is a rare version printed in Boston. The Historical Society has employed SCSU trained Orange Librarian, Rebecca Harlow to organize and oversee work on the papers which are housed in an Archives Room named in honor of Woodbridge resident Elsie Ford. The house is overseen by caretakers who

live on site in the “caretaker apartment” designed in the 1970’s by Woodbridge architect, F. Farney Eilers. At the back of the house, the Woodbridge Garden Club maintains a fragrant, period herb garden planned by local landscape designer, Leslie Martino. The most recent addition to the Darling farm is a flock of chickens brought in by the caretakers!

Highly esteemed by his contemporaries, Thomas Darling was a man of eclectic interests and business enterprises. Born in Newport, Rhode Island in 1720, he arrived with his parents in New Haven in 1722. After attending Hopkins Grammar School, he graduated from Yale in the class of 1740. Among his 19 classmates was Benjamin Woodbridge after whom our town was named. Darling studied for the ministry with Rev. Joseph Noyes of the First Church in New Haven, was licensed to preach, but instead accepted a two year position as tutor to the Yale class of 1746. His students included Ezra Stiles who became a lifelong friend as well as president of Yale. On display at the Yale Art Gallery is an inscribed silver punch bowl given to Darling by his students.

His business ventures ranged from establishing a ropewalk for producing cordage to importing goods from London for wholesale as well as retail sales at a store he shared with Nathan Whiting, another Yale graduate. The two men served as agents for Benjamin Franklin in set-

ting up the first printing house in New Haven. In April of 1755, the state’s first newspaper, The Connecticut Gazette, began publication there. Darling also corresponded with Franklin on the topic of opening a “glass house” to manufacture glass. Although he received encouragement from Franklin and a grant from the General Assembly, he did not proceed with the project. Darling also served as a justice of the peace both in New Haven and Woodbridge after its incorporation in 1784. He was also a selectman and Deputy to the General Assembly.

At present the house is not open on a regular schedule, but there are numerous opportunities to visit. Just last week third graders from Beecher Road School came to learn a bit about life in colonial days. While touring the house, they experienced butter churning, cider pressing, wool carding, calligraphy, and met the fabled “scary lady”. The annual Winter Open House is coming up on Sunday December 2 from 2-4 p.m. The house will be decorated with greens, the Amity Chamber Singers will perform and Dean Beckert will play familiar songs on Miss Baldwin’s piano. Hot cider, cold punch and homemade cookies will be served by the fire, and you can take a chance on winning a freshly made wreath. This popular event is wonderful time to see Mr. Darling’s elegant home enlivened with music and cheer.

For more about events at the darling House, see www.woodbridgehistory.org.

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The talk is based on Bascomb's book, titled *Hunting Eichmann: How a Band of Survivors and a Young Spy Agency Chased Down the World's Most Notorious Nazi*. It recounts one of history's most fascinating, dramatic and significant secret operations. The adage that truth is stranger than fiction applies to this extraordinary narrative. Bascomb uses the actual accounts of the "Nazi Hunters" who were there and who lived every moment of this amazing drama.

From the planning stages to the final momentous climax, you will be mesmerized by the detail and historical significance of the unfolding events. Bascomb offers a riveting account of the operation to capture Adolph Eichmann, the architect of the mass murder of Europe's Jews, and the effort to bring him to trial. Using new information and recently declassified documents, Bascomb explains how the operatives were able to carry out this most dangerous assignment and in the end triumph over evil. Bascomb relates never before published details about the entire Mossad operation and the inherent dangers within. In the book, there is information about Eichmann's life in hiding and the events which finally brought him to stand trial for his crimes.

This story has the intrigue of a detective story, the thrill of a great spy novel, and an account of the chase and capture of Adolph Eichmann. You will not want to miss this extraordinary evening with the gifted author of this fascinating piece of history. Bascomb's tale about how he researched and wrote *Hunting Eichmann* have intrigued audiences across the country, at Jewish organizations, libraries, bookstores, and even the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.

General Admission is \$10, Students \$5, and an Evening Sponsor will be \$180 which includes cocktails and conversation with the author before the talk at 6:30 PM. For more information and/or to RSVP please email events@chabadOW.org or call 203-936-8770.

Congregation Or Shalom Upcoming Events

Sisterhood Books & Bubbly: Thursday, November 29, 7:15 pm: Wine and cheese tasting with a presentation by Tom Smith, Racebrook Wine & Liquors and a fun book exchange (bring your books and go home with new ones). R.S.V.P. to Leslie Wasserman (lesliew6959@yahoo.com) or Toby Zabinski (tobyz80@hotmail.com).



Congregation Or Shalom

Coffee & Learn with Rabbi Wainhaus: Wednesdays, 11:00 am: Each week the Rabbi addresses interesting and sometimes amusing topics regarding Hot Topics, Judaism, Bible, Yiddish, and much more. The class begins at 11:00 am and runs until Noon. These classes are held every Wednesday through March (no class November 21). All are welcome. There is no charge and no reservations are required. Refreshments (Coffee And) are served.

Latkes & Magic, Friday: December 14, 7:00 PM: We celebrate Hanukkah with a menorah lighting in the lobby followed by a brief service and then celebrate more with latkes and a magic show. All are welcome.

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

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

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

All events are open to non-members.

HAPPY
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WORSHIP EVENTS

In Response to Hurricane Sandy

Celebrating Chanukah at the Judaica Shop

Through menorahs, dreidels and other symbols of Chanukah, the Judaica Shop at Congregation B'nai Jacob showcases unique items among its collection that reflect the sense of community spirit in recovering from Hurricane Sandy as well as the spirit of the Jewish holiday. The Community Menorah by Ivan McLean, depicts energetic figures as candleholders, twisting and turning, bounding with joy while still joined to each other. This metal menorah beautifully expresses how, when people come together, as they have in response to recent events like Hurricane Sandy, they bring light. The menorah's simple, good-natured design celebrates the warm feelings of every Chanukah celebration and makes a striking conversation piece all year-round.



The Judaica Shop at Congregation B'nai Jacob, located at 75 Rimmon Road in Woodbridge, is a non-profit service of the synagogue. The Shop is open to the community either by appointment (call 203.389.2111) or during its regular hours: Sunday, 9:30am-12:30pm; Tuesday, 12pm-2pm; Wednesday, 9am-11am & 3:30-5:30pm; Thursday 12-2pm; Friday, 10am-12pm.

The first candle lighting for Chanukah is Saturday night, December 8th.

Our Lady of the Assumption Church

Fall Fundraising Breakfast

On Sunday November 25th, 2012 the Social Action Committee of Our Lady of the Assumption Church is sponsoring a Fall Fundraising Breakfast at the Church Hall located at 81 Center Road at approximately 10:15am (immediately following the 9:30am mass).



Our Lady of the Assumption Church

Tickets are \$8/adults; \$3/children 5-12 years old; with children under 5 being free. Menu items include eggs, home fries, ham, sausage, fresh fruit salad, coffee, tea, orange juice, a variety of cold cereals, bagels and donuts. A 50/50 raffle will also be held. Proceeds go directly to funding a number of social ministry programs.

If you are interested in donating a theme basket for the raffle or if you would like further information please contact Mrs. Barbara Bessinger at 203.389.7709. All Are Welcome!

Christmas Bazaar & Craft Fair

On Saturday December 1st, 2012 the Ladies Guild of Our Lady of the Assumption Church is sponsoring a Christmas Bazaar & Craft Fair at the Church Hall located at 81 Center Road from 10am to 4pm. Space is limited and all interested vendors are encouraged to reserve space ASAP. Table Fee is \$50 for an 8' x 6' space/Corner Table Fee is \$75 (Limited Quantity). Proceeds go directly to funding a number of social ministry programs, scholarships, etc.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Diane Ritucci at 203.387.7428 or at dmr0830@gmail.com. All Are Welcome!



The Eight Days of Hanukkah

by Aviva Yaffa

The eight-day holiday of Hanukkah, or the "Feast of Lights," which this year is observed from the evening of Saturday, Dec. 8, to Sunday, Dec. 16, commemorates what many historians as well as religious scholars consider to be the first organized revolt by a nation against tyranny.

The story of Hanukkah goes back well over 2,000 years to when the Jewish people, under the leadership of Judah Maccabee, revolted against the Greco-Syrian forces of Antiochus, who had despoiled their holy temple in Jerusalem and who tried to force them to worship their many gods instead of the one God. When the conquerors were routed, the temple was reclaimed. However, the lamp for the Eternal Light (which had to be kept lit at all times over the ark containing the sacred scroll called the Torah) had only enough oil for one day. But that one-day supply burned for the eight days it took for more oil to arrive. Ever since, Jews have celebrated Hanukkah in commemoration of that miraculous event.

Hanukkah is a family holiday. Small gifts are handed out to the children on each one of the eight nights. Charitable donations also are made as a reminder that since we are all part of the same human family, we must share our blessings. Games are played, including one using a top called a dreidel. Usually made of clay, it's marked with four Hebrew letters that stand for "A Miracle Happened Here."

On Hanukkah, small candles are placed in an eight-branched candelabra called the Menorah, with one additional candleholder set higher than the other eight. This is called the shamus, which some people believe stands for God who oversees the lights. On the first night, one candle and the shamus are lit; on the second night, two candles plus the shamus are lit, and so on until the eighth night, when all eight candles, plus the shamus, glow in memory of the miracle of that first "Feast of Lights."

The following is a way of recalling significant concepts that make up the Hanukkah message on each of the eight days of candle lighting:

- H** is for Hammer, the English word for Maccabee
- A** is for Awareness of the blessings of our liberty
- N** is for Never submit to tyranny's call
- U** is for Universal -- because freedom is for all
- K** is for Kindness -- we are morally committed to practice
- K** is for Knowledge -- that lights our way through the darkness
- A** is for Always to appreciate our families and friends
- H** is for Hope, which never, ever ends.

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2012 Annual Fund Drive for Bethany's Clark Memorial Library, contributions requested to help for the cost of a website to update services, etc.

Hooked on the Sound Crochet Guild, Saturdays, December 1, 2012, 10am-1pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, small meeting room on 2nd level (elevator available); share stitch successes, assist with pattern problems and have a great time crocheting, no fee. For more information, Visit <http://hotscrochetguild.yolasite.com/>, Email HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com.

Amity Senior High School Class Of 1992 ~ 20th Reunion, Saturday, November 24, 2012, 7:00pm, Eli's on Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT. For information and/or tickets, email naluciano@yahoo.com.

Carol Aebersold Story Time & Book Signing, "The Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Tradition", Sunday, November 25, 2012, 10:00am, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1375 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT; space is limited, come early.

ACES Village School Holiday Fair, Friday, November 30, 2012, 5:00pm to 8:30pm, 31 Temple Street, North Haven, CT; festivities include food, crafts, raffles, and lots of fun for the whole family; proceeds benefit special needs children. Table rentals available to outside vendors, call 203-234-7611 and leave a message for Monica Bish. Limited space available on first come, first served basis.

Our Lady of Assumption Church Christmas Bazaar & Craft Fair, Saturday, December 1, 2012, 10:00am - 4:00pm; \$50/table fee, \$75/corner tables. Crafters Wanted! Looking for handcrafted jewelry, artwork, clothes, or accessories. Contact Diane Ritucci 203-387-7428 for further information.

Woodbridge Senior Center Health & Wellness Fair, Saturday, December 1, 2012, 10:00am-1:00pm, Woodbridge Senior Center, guest speaker Dr. Bernie Siegel, have lunch with Bernie, door prizes, learn about wellness, yoga, home, health, in home services, over 55 living communities and so much more.

The Davis Gallery Presents Carol Raccio's Oil Paintings "Ancient Cities", Saturday, December 1, 2012-Saturday, January 5, 2013, Opening Reception, Saturday, December 1, 2012, 1:00-4:00pm, 200 Boston Post Road (inside VideoLab), Orange; free and open to the public. Hours: Monday-Friday/10:00am-6:00pm, Saturday/10:00am-4:00pm. For more information, call 203-795-4705 or go to www.DavisGalleryCT.com.

Woodbridge Historical Society Presents a dramatic reading of Truman Capote's A Christmas Memory, Thomas Darling House, Saturday, December 1, 2012, 2:00pm and 7:00pm., hot chocolate, mulled cider and holiday cookies served prior to the reading. Tickets: \$15.00 for adults/\$10.00 for children (recommended for children 10 years and older). For reservations, contact Joanna Keylock at jojokeylock@yahoo.com.

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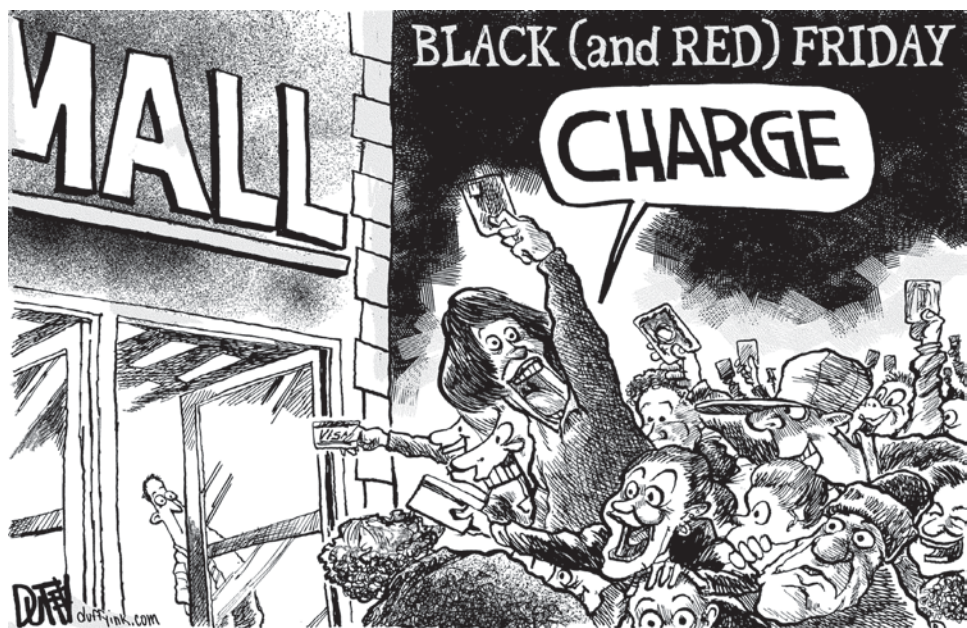
Some brands, like Barbour, are only carried locally at Peter Dermer. Barbour was heavily promoted on TV last summer during the Olympics and is the favorite brand of British royalty. The British flag is often seen on jacket pockets. Handsome looks, combined with superb fabrics, quintessential style and durability are the hallmarks of this brand. Barbour is de rigueur on every hunt in England and wears equally well for all American outings, especially sporting events.

This past September, Peter Dermer held his first Trunk Show. Custom suit and shirt fabrics from the finest manufacturers were brought in to compliment his custom clothing offerings and personalized services. After one or two shopping experiences, customers come to rely on Peter's impeccable taste.

Peter was brought up in the garment industry, working alongside his father at the well-known Arthur M. Rosenberg Co., in downtown New Haven. After twenty years, he went to work directly for a manufacturer, learning everything there was to know about fine quality clothing. Along the way, Peter visited just about every fine men's clothing store in the country. His one-of-a-kind sculptured door, flora that says "chic" and clothing that follows this same theme greet all visitors. His comfortable "man den" offers a relaxing respite to a busy week, especially on Saturdays, when watching and discussing sports is a favorite pastime.

Peter Dermer is located at 245 Amity Road, better known as Bradley Road, Suite 109, in Woodbridge. For more info, call 203.389.3297. Soon, Peter's new website, PeterDermer.com, will be live. Store hours are: M-F 9:30 to 5:30 and Sat till 5P. For the holidays, Peter Dermer will be open Sun 12-5P, with complimentary wine and cheese.

For more information on this topic, or to schedule an interview with Peter Dermer, call Peter at his store: 203.389.3297, or email: peterdermer@att.net.



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TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

From the Youth Services Coordinator

By Nancy Pfund



Adventure Program

Woodbridge Youth Services sponsored 13 students from Amity High School who attended the Adam Kreiger Adventure Program at Hopkins School in New Haven. Students used the opportunity to fine tune their physical and mental skills as they strategized ways to complete tasks within their groups. The cold, damp day did not dampen the camaraderie of the participants as they assisted each other with challenges. The course requires use of listening skills, patience, leadership, and cooperation from students as well as teachers and facilitators.

Woodbridge Job Bank

The Woodbridge Job Bank is looking for young Woodbridge residents between the ages of 13 and 17 who are interested in earning some money. If you want to do yard work, childcare, pet care, snow shoveling, housework, or party help, please call us at 203-389-3429 to join the Job Bank. We'll help you find work with Woodbridge residents who need a hand around the home or office. It's a great way to gain work experience close to home.

Woodbridge Youth Services Job Bank matches Woodbridge youths ages 13-17 with Woodbridge residents who want to hire someone to assist with odd jobs. Please contact us at 203-389-3429 for more information.

Teens Need Jobs

The Woodbridge Job Bank has numerous teenagers who are experienced in babysitting, leaf raking, yard work, snow shoveling and other odd jobs. Many have completed the American Red Cross Babysitters Training Course. If you are a Woodbridge resident and would like more information about babysitters, call Woodbridge Youth Services at 203-389-3429.

Bethwood Bash

Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany will sponsor the Bethwood Bash program at the Bethany Town Hall Gymnasium, 40 Peck Road in Bethany, on December 7, 2012 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. The event, for 7th and 8th grade Woodbridge and Bethany residents only, will be a driving success! Private school students welcome. We'll have Big Daddy's giant racetrack and the remote control cars. Just step up to the steering wheels and you're off! Enjoy music and games by an interactive Boppers D.J., enter in the fun for cool raffle prizes and munch on great pizza. Bring a donation for District Animal control and receive an extra raffle ticket. Admission is just \$5.00. No early drop-offs and prompt pick-up, please. Amity Dress code applies.

We Need Your Help

Adult volunteers and raffle prizes are needed. We cannot run these programs without parent or grandparent volunteers. High School juniors and seniors looking for volunteer hours may contact Youth Services. Donations of raffle prizes and event supplies are gratefully accepted. Please call 203-389-3429 or E-mail youthone@ci.woodbridge.ct.us for more information.

Cancellations

Watch Channel 8 or listen to KC101 for cancellations due to inclement weather.

After School Programs for Amity Middle School-Bethany Students

Digital Photography for Teens -with Instructor Luciana McClure

On-going enrollment: This is an introductory class on digital photography for Amity Middle School-Bethany students who want to get the most out of their digital cameras and improve their photographic skills as well as for those more experienced students who want to enhance their skills. The class is offered on Thursday afternoons in the computer lab at the Middle School from 2:25pm-3:55pm.

The course will cover camera basics while working through creative assignments on composition, natural and artificial light and color. Students will work in Adobe Photoshop in the computer lab learning professional techniques to maximize their photography. Participants will print their best photos each week to build their portfolios. Weekly projects will allow plenty of time for experimentation. If a student does not have access to a camera, arrangements may be made. Learn about the many careers in photography.

A materials fee of \$60.00 per student must be paid in advance and will be pro-rated if a student joins the class later in the ten week session. A discount for siblings and financial assistance available for qualifying families may be arranged. Class will begin Thursday, November 15 and run through January 31st with a make-up date on February 7, 2013. For more information, to sign up and to complete permission slip, please call Youth Services at 203-389-3429 or see the flyer at our website www.woodbridgect.org under Youth Services. Register today and join in when you can.

Fun Fitness Cooking - with Instructor Donald Stankus Jr.

Learn how to cook in a hands-on, fun environment! This 10-week class is offered in the Middle School's kitchen after school on Tuesdays from 2:25-3:55pm. Class is limited to 12 participants. Students will receive a notebook with recipes, nutrition and food safety information, a glossary of techniques and terms and an apron. We'll start with basic skills and techniques and enhance the fundamentals to help develop a lifetime of great cooking and creativity.

- make and eat healthy and nutritious food
- learn about foods from many cultures
- prepare party foods, healthy snacks
- learn to create garnishes and develop food decorating skills
- bring home what you make to share with your family

A great after school activity! The materials fee of \$80.00 per student must be paid in advance and will be pro-rated if a student joins in later in the ten week class. A discount for siblings and financial assistance is available for qualifying families. Class continues Tuesdays through January 22nd with a make-up date of January 29, 2013. For more information, to sign up and to complete permission slip, please call Youth Services at 203-389-3429. Visit our website for the flyer at www.woodbridgect.org under Youth services. Register today and join in when you can.



"Toys 4 Kids" Program

Woodbridge Human Services is working collaboratively with TEAM Inc. to collect toys for children in need for the Christmas holiday. TEAM Inc. Toys 4 Kids Program provides new toys for children from birth through age 12 and will include serving Woodbridge children. New toys unwrapped can be left in the collection box at Woodbridge Center Gym or Woodbridge Senior Center, 4 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge from Wednesday, November 7th through Saturday, December 10th. TEAM Inc. is a Community Action Agency that serves 10 towns including Woodbridge.

Woodbridge Human Services is also seeking sponsors to participate in the Adopt-A-Family Program. This program provides holiday food baskets for the December holidays to Woodbridge families in need. "At this time, there are several families and seniors that need to be adopted," stated Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director of Human Services.

Distribution of holiday baskets will take place on Wednesday, December 19th. Anyone interested in sponsoring a family should contact Woodbridge Human Services at 203 389-3429.

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ARTS & LEISURE

2012 C. Newton Schenck III Award Recipients

The theme of The Arts Council of Greater New Haven's 2012 Arts Awards is Against the Grain, reflecting our admiration for those who take creative risks and stand out from the crowd. We are proud to announce this year's award recipients: Helen Kauder, Ruth M. Feldman, Steven Dest, John Cavaliere, and New England Ballet Company's Adaptive Nutcracker. Carol Ross will be the recipient of the lifetime achievement award.

The annual Arts Awards Luncheon to celebrate awardees will take place on Friday, December 7, 2012, at the New Haven Lawn Club, beginning at 11:45am. Tickets are available for this extraordinary event for \$80 for Arts Council members and \$90 for non-members.

Carol Ross is the 2012 recipient of the C. Newton Schenck III Award for Lifetime Achievement in and Contribution to the Arts. In Carol Ross, New Haven's creative community has a spirited and loyal champion whose remarkable vision has produced meaningful impact. A longtime high-school Latin teacher, she has instilled her students with a compassionate understanding of history and culture. A steadfast arts leader and supporter, she has helped to enhance audiences' experiences with many memorable performances. As past president of the board of Neighborhood Music School, she chaired and championed a successful capital campaign to renovate the organization's Audubon Street facility. Through her leadership and philanthropic generosity, she was instrumental in strengthening eight cultural institutions as part of the Greater New Haven Arts Stabilization program. As a board member of the New Haven Museum and Historical Society and the New Haven Symphony Orchestra, and as the current chairperson of the National Guild for Community Arts Education, Carol has reinforced our common belief that the arts represent who we are, not just what we enjoy. Carol is lauded for shepherding us toward a culturally rich and vibrant future.

Helen Kauder's recent return to Artspace has re-established the organization as a tangible manifestation of a belief that artists and their art can foster a pride of place and imbue a community with spirit. This fall, New Haven celebrated the "Crystal Anniversary" of City-Wide Open Studios, the beloved visual-arts festival that each year celebrates and showcases the many remarkable artists who call this magnificent cultural destination home. As one who helped launch that annual event, Helen opened doors to creative opportunity, introduced established and emerging visual artists to new enthusiastic audiences, and invited those from beyond our city's borders to be part of our yearly appreciation.

Ruth M. Feldman reminds us that however differently we as individuals experience the arts, the universal accessibility of that experience goes a long way toward erasing that which divides us. Over ten seasons as the Yale Repertory Theatre's director of education and accessibility services, Ruth has made sure that those among us who are hearing or visually disabled share the profound experience of live theater. It has been Ruth's steadfast determination that the delivery of these services matches the exceptional quality of the productions being staged and performed. Feldman has been a recipient of the state Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind's Raymond E. Baldwin Award and the City of New Haven, and Yale University-bestowed Ivy Award.

Through film, **Stephen Dest** has introduced those beyond New Haven to the fascinating and uncomfortable truths inherent in every community and the motivations of those who call any place home. As he's used his filmmaking (*The Forgotten Elm*, *Blind*, *My Brother Jack*) to connect us to compelling personalities both real and imagined, Stephen has directed the development of character among our imaginative youth, imparting his knowledge of stage and screen to a new generation of storytellers at Neighborhood Music School and the Tabor Arts Center and ensuring that the craft is in able and ambitious hands.

By re-imagining a neglected building into a cultural destination, **John Cavaliere** has contributed to a neighborhood's newfound personality and fostered creativity among its prideful residents. What John saw, when he purchased the long-forgotten Westville property that is now home to Lyric Hall Antiques and Conservation, was a future as vital as its past. By salvaging design elements from the erstwhile Hyperion Theater, John offered a nod to the city's artistic legacy while creating Lyric Hall, an intimate venue and community performance space for innovative theater, concerts, and cabaret in which inspiration knows no age.

New England Ballet Company's Adaptive Nutcracker, with dancers from the Milford Recreation Department's Merry Musical Theater program, is produced for special-needs performers to introduce audiences and participants alike to the transformative power of one of the most beloved works in the repertoire. In each of the three past years, the organization's production of Tchaikovsky's widely adored ballet has featured a cast whose dancers include young people with autism, Down syndrome, and other emotional and physical disabilities. Beyond organizing and presenting its annual "Adaptive Nutcracker," the New England Ballet has been dedicated to establishing an environment in which dance students mentor their peers with special needs, practicing and rehearsing adapted choreography, and performing Tchaikovsky's iconic ballet.

For more information about the 2012 Arts Awards call the Arts Council of Greater New Haven at (203) 772-2788.

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Woodbridge Residents to Perform in *The Nutcracker*

New England Ballet Company, featuring Orange residents Cynthia Celone, Chloe Proto, Sydney Sachs, Mimi Zschack, Rachel Webber Lindsay Wiehl, and Catherine Peavy of Woodbridge are once again busy rehearsing for its Nutcracker season. This is the company's 21st year of entertaining people with the holiday classic, delighting everyone with the magical snow scene and trip through the world of sweets.

The season kicks off Thanksgiving weekend with The Sugar Plum Party in the Stratford Theater, Stratford. This is perfect for younger children; the performance includes a Nutcracker Suite, Clara reading the classic story and children will have fun making a simple craft and enjoying a holiday treat.

The company will also have three full performances of the Nutcracker on December 8th, 9th in the Parson's Complex Milford and December 15th at the Klein Auditorium in Bridgeport. For information or tickets, please call 203-799-7950 or visit the company website at www.newenglandballet.org.

The Amity Theater Department Presents: *Whose Life is it Anyway?*

Who should decide when or if a patient may end his or her own life? That is the dilemma of the play *Whose Life Is It Anyway?* by Brian Clark, produced by the Amity Creative Theater this coming December. After a horrible car accident, an artist is left paralyzed from the neck down. Confined to a hospital bed with feeding tubes providing nutrients, the artist believes there is nothing left to live for while a well-meaning hospital staff tries to convince their patient not to give up hope. Everything leads to a court hearing held in the artist's hospital room as a judge must determine who gets to make the final decision for the patient.

The Amity production stars Amity senior Peter Charney as Ken Harrison in a very demanding role which requires him to play a paraplegic. Ken's concerned and caring doctor Joan Scott is played by senior Sabrina Brier. Rounding out the cast is April Rock, Miriam Roday, James Ottaviano, Matt Burkhart, Ted McNulty, Alida Ballou, Maya Rose, Bowen Kirwood, Kahari Blue, Rishi Mutalik and Gabrielle Airdo.

As is tradition at Amity, the play will be presented to all the students grade 8-12 from December 4th to the 7th as part of the Spartan Seminar program. Students will discuss the plays legal and moral issues before viewing the play and engage in a question and answer session after each performance with the cast, crew and Amity teacher Jim Clifford who is also an attorney. The play is directed by Amity Theater teacher Rob Kennedy, with costumes by Julie Chevan and Lighting by Dan Hassenmayer.

There will also be two public performances of *Whose Life Is It Anyway?* on Friday December 7th and Saturday December 8th at 8pm. All performances will be held at the John J. Brady Center for the Performing Arts on the campus at Amity High School. Tickets can be purchased online at www.amitytheaterdepartment.com; all seats are \$10.

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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani

From 9/11 to Connecticut Winemaker



I have met many winemakers throughout the years and many of them started out in different careers with different interests and with many different backgrounds. They all have an artistic and creative talent and willingness to try new techniques and accept difficult challenges. Jess Jackson, who died recently, was a successful California Lawyer who was looking for a weekend retreat and settled in the California wine country. He then decided to get involved in the wine business and developed one of the largest wine producing groups in California under his Kendall-Jackson label. David Forsyth was a world class skier and parachutist before settling into winemaking.

Warren Winarski of Stag's Leap winery in California was a Philosophy professor in Chicago before venturing out to California to become the owner/winemaker of his winery. He recently sold his facility for \$178 million dollars. Thomas Forgarty, a world-known cardiologist at the Stanford Medical Center and holder of more than 100 patents including the stent, which has saved numerous lives, has turned a weekend hobby into a successful commercial winery in the Santa Cruz Mountains of California. The list goes on and on; so many of the present winemakers came from many different areas of interest.

There is a winemaker at Connecticut's Chamard Vineyard in Clinton who has had an interesting background as a pilot Captain for United Airlines for 20 years after serving in the US Air Force. He retired and started crafting furniture and he became a home winemaker. He joined the American Wine Society and he and his wife Carol, became Directors of the Hartford chapter of the AWS. He became proficient in his home wine making activities and became "Connecticut Home Wine Person of the Year" in 2010. Two years ago he was offered the job as commercial winemaker at the Chamard Vinyards in Clinton. He accepted the challenge and with the assistance of Ray Ambrose, a long time respected and honored amateur home winemaker, they have produced some world-class medal-winning wines in their first vintage, featuring wines made from premium grapes from Chile, their own estate grapes and grapes purchased from New York.

These days, Tom is enjoying his winemaking at Chamard and looks forward to each vintage with enthusiasm and accepting new challenges with confidence. However, there was a day in Tom Mannello's life that he will never forget. In his 20 year tenure with United Airlines, Tom visited the world as a long-range pilot of the Boeing 767. He visited Europe, South America and Asia many times, crossed America often, and enjoyed all of the trips that he made and his work as a pilot.

Then the calendar turned to September 11, 2001. Early that morning, Tom was sitting in the cockpit of his 767 at Kennedy Airport in New York preparing to take flight 23 non-stop to Los Angeles. His co-pilot was Carol Timmons, an Air Force vet like Tom, and a he was the first General in the Delaware Air National Guard. They started going through their pre-flight countdown when suddenly a message came through about a "ground stop". The disaster at the World Trade Center was announced and Tom was instructed to secure the cockpit at all costs. They looked out and could see the twin towers going down. Mannello uncased a crash axe and Timmons got a fire extinguisher and they prepared for the worst. They looked out through a peep hole and saw four young men with turbans sitting in the seats next to the cockpit. The plane was evacuated and it was later found there were seven Arabs aboard. There was an innocent family of three that was released and the four young men that were detained and arrested but not convicted. The FBI interviewed the flight crew the next day and the story made the New York Times. Tom flew with United for another seven years following the event and retired in 2008. Mannello's memories of 9/11 often return as flashbacks. He admitted, "do I think it could have been something? Sure. But it could have been just an ugly coincidence. Who knows?" Visit Chamard and say hi to Tom. You will be glad you did.

Best Buy of the Week: 2011 Chamard Vineyard Chile Cabernet Sauvignon \$18.00 A Gold Medal winner in this year's Amenti del Vino International Wine Competition in which I was one of the judges. The wine is garnet, cherry-like fruit flavor and aromas. Firm tannins for longevity, nice balance and robust. Well worth the price!

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine appreciation classes at Gateway Community College, and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine. He is an award winning home wine maker. Email Ray with your wine questions and wine events at Ray.Spaziani@gmail.com.

SENIOR CENTER

For information or reservations on the following events call the Senior Center at 203-389-3430.

Senior Center

Offers exercise (combination of cardio, strength training, flexibility, & aerobic) on Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 am in the gym. All are reminded to bring their own weights.

Lunch Program

Lunch is served on Tuesdays and Fridays at 12:15 pm. Call in reservations at least one day in advance.

Shopping On Wednesdays

Shopping at Amity Shopping Center-- if you need a ride to pick up groceries, do banking, go to the drug store, etc.; please call the office at 203-389-3430 to make a reservation. The cost is \$4.00.



Senior Center Craft Group

Meets every Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm. Knitting, Crocheting, Sewing, and Socializing are some of the activities of the group.

Free Friday Afternoon Movies

At the WSC (\$3 lunch and free popcorn will be served), movies are shown at the Senior Center on Friday afternoons at 1 pm. Join us at 12:15 for a nutritious \$3 lunch, followed by a movie with free popcorn (or just attend the movie at 1 pm).

Mah-jongg Group

Meets every Monday and Friday in Room 15 from 10 am to 12 noon. Novices are welcome – they will teach you.

Trips

Trips must be paid for at registration. Checks are payable to Getaway Tours.

February 2, 2012 — Saturday — UCONN Women's Basketball Game, Queens, NY. \$54 transportation, tickets to UCONN game, and driver's gratuity.

February 16, 2012 — Saturday — UCONN Women's Basketball Game, Piscataway, NJ. \$57 includes transportation, tickets to UCONN game, and driver's gratuity.

New! Book Club

The Senior Center is interested in starting a monthly book club. If you are interested, please call Mary D'Ostilio at 203-389-3429.

New! Walking Group

Put your sneakers on and join us for a walk at the Fitzgerald Walking Trail (AKA the cornfield) on Beecher Road, Fridays at 10 A.M. We will meet every Friday at 10 in the parking lot, weather permitting. Call 203-389-3429 with any questions.

New! Lunch Bunch

Share lunch and friendly conversation at a local restaurant. Everyone is welcome, and it is "dutch treat". Van transportation can be arranged for a \$3 fee. Please call Lee at 203-389-3430 to make a reservation for the lunch and/or transportation.

November 28th: The Bear and Grill, 385 Boston Post Road, Orange

Medicare Open Enrollment

If you have any questions about Part D coverage; or you are thinking of switching plans; now is the time to take action. Open enrollment ends December 7th; so please call our CHOICES counselor, Mary D'Ostilio at 203-389-3429.

Death Notices



Patricia "Ms. D" DeMattie

Patricia "Ms. D" DeMattie of Seymour, formerly of Woodbridge, entered into rest on Tuesday October 23, at age 80, after a short illness. She was predeceased by her husband William "Mountain Boy" DeMattie, also of Woodbridge, her parents Charles and Ruth Truhart and siblings Charles Truhart and Ruth Skolnick.

Ms. D, also left her 5 children - Marylou Sablitz of Hamden, Nicholas DeMattie of Seymour, William DeMattie of Oxford, Julia DeMattie of Seymour and James DeMattie of Florida. She also leaves behind her pride and Joy, grandson Matthew Goldberg of Hamden. She will be equally missed by her grandcats-Mitt Mitt, Charlie and Tilly.



Patricia "Ms. D" DeMattie

Ms. D will be remembered for her love of playing games like Bingo, Yahtzee and going to the casino. All who knew and loved her, knew that her door was always open to all of the kids from The Flats. She greeted them all with big smiles, big stories, and big dishes of meatballs.

Dr. Louis B. Fierman

Dr. Louis B. Fierman, an innovator in the field of psychotherapy and psychiatry, a much loved therapist, a longtime Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Yale University, Medical Director of Elmcrest Psychiatric Institute in Portland, CT, and of Psychotherapy Associates in New Haven, CT, died on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at the age of 90. Dr. Fierman was born in Cleveland, Ohio, graduated from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in 1947, and came to Yale after serving as public health officer stationed in the town of Fukuoka while a Captain in the US Army in occupied Japan. He was appointed chief resident at the Yale Psychiatric Institute and the Yale-New Haven Hospital Psychiatric Service and remained an associate clinical professor at Yale until 2011.



Dr. Louis Fierman

Dr. Fierman was the foremost authority on the work of Hellmuth Kaiser, who pioneered the field of nondirective psychotherapy. Dr. Fierman edited and published a collection of Kaiser's works, Effective Psychotherapy. He is the author of several other books, including his latest, Shrink: On Becoming a Psychiatrist, as well as countless professional articles. Those works are on permanent display as part of the Louis B. Fierman and Hellmuth Kaiser Archives, opened at the Allen Memorial Library at Case Western Reserve Medical School in April 2011.

While serving as the medical director for Elmcrest Psychiatric Institute, Dr. Fierman pioneered a community-oriented approach to in-patient treatment. The hospital was the first to prohibit tobacco use on the grounds and provided patients with opportunities to engage in art, music and horticulture therapy. Dr. Fierman put together a team of therapists, architects and designers to create a truly "therapeutic environment". In connection with his innovative work, he was a frequent speaker on Connecticut television and radio programs on topics connected with mental health.

Dr. Fierman was also President of the Connecticut Psychiatric Society, Chief of the Psychiatric Service at the West Haven Veterans' Administration Medical Center, a member of the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals, and Medical Director of Psychotherapy Associates, a private practice group in New Haven, Connecticut. He was a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. Dr. Fierman was an active participant, former president, and first chair for French horn in several local orchestras, include the Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra and the Hamden Symphony Orchestra. He began playing the French horn while in grade school, and music was a life-long passion. Dr. Fierman is survived by Dr. Ella Yensen Fierman, his wife of 65 years, his son Daniel, his daughter Lauren and son-in-law Daryll, and his beloved grandchildren Kelsey and Nicholas.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Louis's honor may be made to: The Medical Annual Fund Case Western Reserve University, School of Medicine, 10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106-7095. Burial was private. A memorial service was held at Beecher & Bennett Funeral Home, 2300 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT on November 18. To send a condolence to his family please see: www.beecherandbennett.com.

Thomas Joseph Sincavage

Thomas Joseph Sincavage, 88, a resident of East Haven since 1967, passed away on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 in Hamden. Husband of the late Angeline Gianfriddo Sincavage, he is survived by a son, Thomas Sincavage, Jr. and his wife Anna of Woodbridge; 3 grandchildren, Michael and his wife Louise Sincavage, Yvette Sincavage, and Marc and his wife Minola Sincavage; all of Hamden; 2 great-grandchildren, Massimo and Rocco Sincavage; a brother, Joseph Sincavage and his wife Martha of West Haven and sisters Victoria Talarczyk of West Haven, Helen Soltys and her husband Steven of North Haven and Mary Hamon of West Haven. In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by a brother, Stanley Sincavage.



Thomas Sincavage

Thomas was born in New Haven on December 18, 1923, a son of the late George and Rose Torba Ksiazkiewicz. He served his country as a Corporal in the U.S. Army during World War II stationed in the Asiatic Pacific Theater and then had been a tool and die maker at Sargent. His love was owning a community store, Tom's Market on Davenport Avenue in New Haven and in West Haven, where his patrons knew him as Tim. He was a butcher until retirement. His retirement was dedicated to expressing his love for his wife by visiting her grave each day.

His funeral was held at Beecher & Bennett, 2300 Whitney Ave, Hamden on November 16, 2012 with a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Pompeii, Foxon Road, East Haven with interment with Military Honors in All Saints Cemetery. Memorial Contributions in his memory may be made to Friends of Fisher House CT, c/o The Creed Law Firm, LLC, PO Box 575, Bristol, CT 06010. To send a condolence, please see obituary @ www.beecherandbennett.com.

Death Notices

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LEGAL NOTICE

POSITION AVAILABLE

POSITION: Short-Term Substitute – Biology *
To Cover Leave of Absence

REQUIREMENTS: 030 Biology, Gr. 7-12 - Connecticut certification

LOCATION: Amity Regional High School – Woodbridge

RATE: Per substitute scale

START: On or about January 22, 2013
(Assignment running thru mid March)

APPLY TO: Amity Regional School District No. 5
ATTN: Personnel-S/T Sub-Bio-W
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525

DEADLINE: Friday, November 30, 2012.

Interested candidates please submit: Cover letter; Resume; Letters of recommendation (min. of 3); Transcripts (legible copies acceptable initially); Copy of proper, valid Connecticut certification.

Any questions, contact Paula Cofrancesco at 203-397-4861 or Email – paula.cofrancesco@reg5.k12.ct.us

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LEGAL NOTICE

POSITION AVAILABLE

POSITIONS: Long-Term Substitute – Reading * (Part-time – 60%)
To Cover Leave of Absence

REQUIREMENTS: Connecticut certification: (Prefer 097)
097 Reading & Language Consultant and/or
102 Remedial Reading & Remedial Language
Arts, 1-12

LOCATION: Amity Regional High School – Woodbridge

RATE: To be determined

START: On or about November 29, 2012
(Assignment running thru a minimum - mid Feb)

APPLY TO: Amity Regional School District No. 5
ATTN: Personnel-L/T Sub-P/T-Rdg-W
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525

DEADLINE: Wednesday, November 21, 2012

Interested candidates please submit: Cover letter; Resume; Letters of recommendation (min. of 3); Transcripts (legible copies acceptable initially); Copy of proper, valid Connecticut certification.

Any questions, contact Paula Cofrancesco at 203-397-4861 or Email – paula.cofrancesco@reg5.k12.ct.us

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ENTERTAINMENT

top 10 movies

1. **Wreck-It Ralph (PG)**
animated
2. **Flight (R)**
Denzel Washington, Nadine Velazquez
3. **Argo (R)**
Ben Affleck, Alan Arkin
4. **The Man With the Iron Fists (R)**
Russell Crowe, Lucy Liu
5. **Taken 2 (PG-13)**
Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace
6. **Cloud Atlas (R)**
Tom Hanks, Halle Berry
7. **Hotel Transylvania (PG)**
animated
8. **Paranormal Activity 4 (R)**
Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat
9. **Here Comes the Boom (PG)**
Kevin James, Salma Hayek
10. **Silent Hill: Revelation 3D (R)**
Adelaide Clemens, Kit Harington

TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

1. **Titanic (PG-13)**
Leonardo DiCaprio
2. **The Avengers (2012) (PG-13)**
Robert Downey Jr.
3. **Snow White & the Huntsman (PG-13)**
Kristen Stewart
4. **Battleship (PG-13)**
Taylor Kitsch
5. **Dark Shadows (PG-13)**
Johnny Depp
6. **Think Like a Man (PG-13)**
Chris Brown
7. **Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG)**
animated
8. **The Lucky One (PG-13)**
Zac Efron
9. **The Five-Year Engagement (R)**
Jason Segel
10. **The Cabin in the Woods (R)**
Kristen Connelly

Chartbusters

Top 10 Pop Singles

1. **Maroon 5**
"One More Night"
2. **PSY**
"Gangnam Style"
3. **fun.**
"Some Nights"
4. **Ke\$ha**
"Die Young"
5. **Rihanna**
"Diamonds"
6. **Justin Bieber feat. Big Sean**
"As Long As You Love Me"
7. **Bruno Mars**
"Locked Out of Heaven"
8. **Alex Clare**
"Too Close"
9. **Ne-Yo**
"Let Me Love You (Until You Learn to Love Yourself)"
10. **Chris Brown**
"Don't Wake Me Up"



Alex Clare

Top 10 Country Singles

1. **Taylor Swift**
"We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together"
2. **Carrie Underwood**
"Blown Away"
3. **Florida Georgia Line**
"Cruise"
4. **Lee Brice**
"Hard to Love"
5. **Luke Bryan**
"Kiss Tomorrow Goodbye"
6. **Hunter Hayes**
"Wanted"
7. **Jake Owen**
"The One That Got Away"
8. **Miranda Lambert**
"Fastest Girl In Town"
9. **Easton Corbin**
"Lovin' You Is Fun"
10. **Jason Aldean**
"Take a Little Ride"

COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEW BY DNA SMITH



Josh Brolin, Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones in "Men in Black 3"

EDITOR'S NOTE: New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of November 26, 2012.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Men in Black 3" (PG-13) -- This third installment about agents policing the secret world of space-alien immigration adds a twist with time travel -- and it's still watchable! Agent J (Will Smith) loses track of his partner, tight-lipped Agent K (Tommy Lee Jones.) The Men In Black HQ says K has been dead for more than 40 years. Agent J has to travel back in time and team up with the young K (Josh Brolin) to stop an alien assassin. Don't worry, it's better than MiB 2. Brolin's performance as a 29-year-old Tommy Lee Jones (Brolin is in his 40s) is the highlight of the movie. The villain, Boris the Animal, is played by comedian Jemaine Clement, who dons a perfectly over-the-top persona instead of his usual dry humor. It may not recapture the magic of the original, but this "threequel" is worth a watch.

"ParaNorman" (PG) -- Norman is an outsider with a bully problem and a supernatural gift. When zombies and ghosts terrorize his tiny town, the hapless citizens can turn to only one person, Norman, the weird little kid who says he speaks with the dead. With the help of his only friend, his annoying sister, a brain-dead jock and the local bully, Norman has to fight a witch's curse to save the town.

It's a lot of fun and a lot spookier than you would expect. It's all done in 3D stop-motion animation by the same company that made the creepy "Coraline." Adults as well as young'uns will be plenty entertained, provided everyone is at least 7 years old and can handle a scary and emotionally weighty finale.

"Lawless" (R) -- In the hills of Virginia, the Bondurant brothers were legendary Prohibition-era outlaws. This movie takes the facts and tries to pull out a gritty, dramatic, visually stunning crime drama. It almost succeeds. The cast is fantastic: Tom Hardy as an outlaw older brother, Jessica Chastain is a strong woman drawn to the wrong men, Gary Oldman is the infamous Floyd Banner, and Guy Pearce is the chilling federal investigator come to shut the brothers down. The film has a healthy dose of violence, matching pound for pound what it has in acting talent.

"Step Up Revolution" (PG-13) -- The greedy corporatists are about to bulldoze a beloved working-class neighborhood, and only a diverse team of young dancers can save the community center, with their dancing. It's a plot as old and predictable as "war veteran loses his family, then kills all the bad guys," floated along only by its action thrills (or in "Step Up's" case, dance numbers). The dancing is fine and flashy, but it's not worth the soulless exchanges in between that pass for "drama."

1. What was the biggest break the band Elephant's Memory ever had?
2. Who were the Bar-Kays, and whatever happened to them?
3. Which jazz great recorded the "Blue Train" album, and when?
4. Name the singer who had a stint with the circus.
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I'll just use you then I'll set you free."



1. They snagged the gig as backup for Lennon and Ono on the "Some Time In New York City" album in 1972 under the name Plastic Ono Elephant's Memory Band. 2. The Bar-Kays started as studio musicians in Memphis, at one time backing Otis Redding. In 1967, on the way to a gig, their plane crashed in Wisconsin. Six of them died, including Redding. 3. John Coltrane, in 1957. The shortest track on the five-song album was seven minutes. A 2003 re-release added two bonus tracks. 4. Stacey Q, best known for her 1986 hit "Two of Hearts." She spent two years with Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus as a showgirl and then an elephant rider. 5. "Baby, Don't Get Hooked on Me," by Mac Davis, 1972. Some people objected to the song's sexist lyrics: "I'm not ready for no family ties, ... don't start clinging to me."

Sudoku answers on page 39

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

- ★ Moderate
- ★★ Challenging
- ★★★ HOO BOY!

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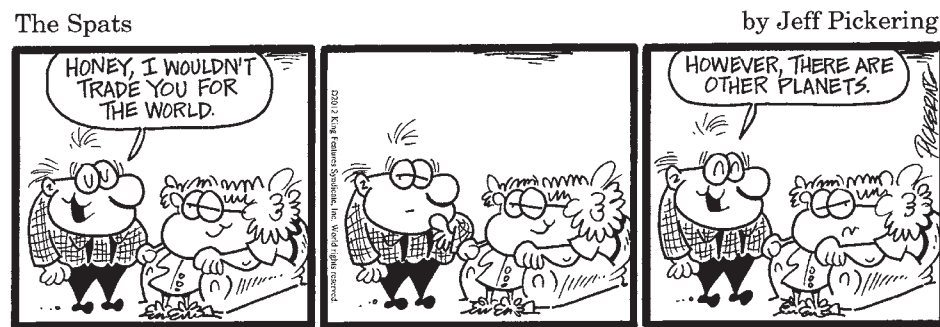
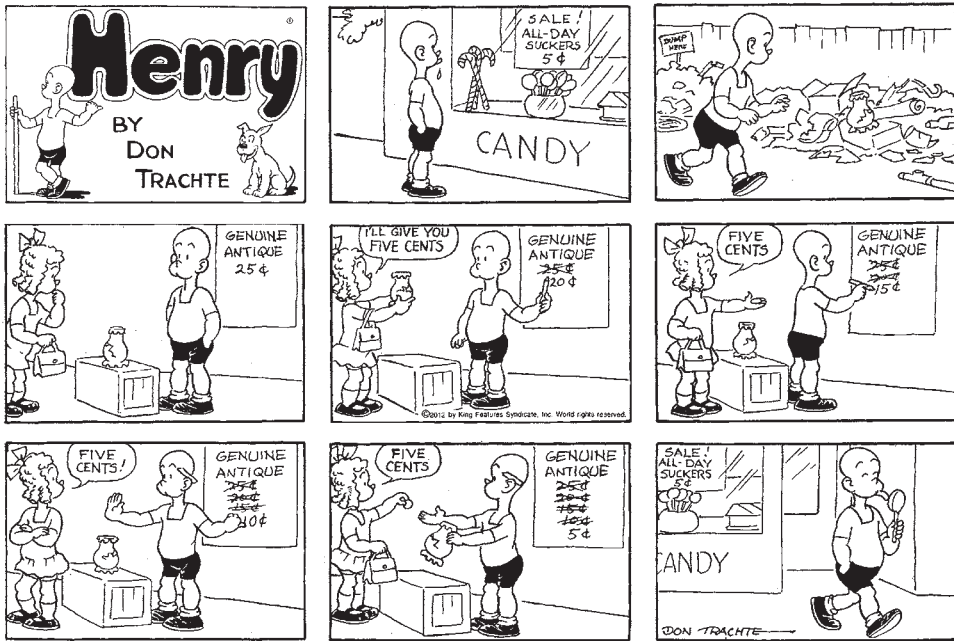
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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Peter Billingsley

HOLLYWOOD -- Alfred Hitchcock was the master of suspense and the macabre, and earned his fame through classic films such as "Rear Window" (1954), "The Man Who Knew Too Much" (1956) and "Vertigo" (1958), all starring James Stewart; "North By Northwest" with Cary Grant (1959), "Psycho" with Anthony Perkins (1960) and "The Birds" with Rod Taylor (1963), to name just a few. In the recent HBO film "The Girl," Tippi Hedren (played by Sienna Miller) reveals how Hitchcock (played by Toby Jones) attempted to blackmail her for sexual favors.

Now, Fox Searchlight has pushed up the release date for its "Hitchcock" biopic, due out Nov. 23. The film, which stars Oscar-winner Anthony Hopkins as Hitchcock, premiered at the American Film Institute Festival, is sure to figure heavily in the Oscar race. Oscar-winner Helen Mirren ("The Queen") plays his wife, and Scarlett Johansson and newlywed Jessica Biel co-star. It tells the love story between Hitchcock and his wife during the filming of "Psycho."

He'd always had a penchant for beautiful blondes, as demonstrated by the females in his films: Joan Fontaine ("Rebecca"), Ingrid Bergman ("Spellbound"), Grace Kelly ("Rear Window"), Doris Day ("The Man Who Knew Too Much"), Kim Novak ("Vertigo"), Eva Marie Saint ("North by Northwest"), Janet Leigh ("Psycho"), and Tippi Hedren ("The Birds" and "Marnie"). Rent any of these films, and you'll wind up renting them all ... they're that great!

Jeremy Renner, Oscar nominated for "The Hurt Locker" and "The Town," who took over the "Bourne" legacy from Matt Damon, has replaced Steve Carell in "Imagine." It's

a dramedy that stars Julianne Moore and Al Pacino, who plays a 60-something Springsteen-type rocker who discovers an unopened letter written to him by John Lennon when he was 19. That inspires him to find the son he's never met (Renner). Lucky for us, Pacino can play anyone, even Bruce Springsteen.

Vince Vaughn, who normally does comedies like "Lay the Favorite" with Bruce Willis and Catherine Zeta-Jones, and the upcoming reteaming with Owen Wilson in "Internship" out June 7, will next do "Triple Time," an action-thriller being directed by his "Couple's Retreat" director Peter Billingsley. Remember the little boy in the perennial holiday movie "A Christmas Story"? That little boy, 12 years old then, is now 40 and the director of "Triple Time." When you play in an iconic film like "A Christmas Story" it becomes a part of your life forever. For several years he's been trying to exec produce a musical adaption of it. So when you watch that film again this year, know that the little boy with glasses who longs for a Red Ryder BB Gun can demand Vince Vaughn to move in "Triple Time" ... and he'll do it!

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

King Crossword

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- 8 Help with a crime
- 12 Beehive State
- 13 Every last bit
- 14 Crooner Jerry
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- 17 "... and to -- good-night!"
- 18 Alaskan brown bear
- 20 "GWTW" hero
- 22 To the -- degree
- 23 Trail behind
- 24 Spoof
- 27 Locales for snuffing
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LOCAL SPORTS

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Don't Let an ACL Injury End Your Season

From competitive athletes to weekend warriors, we all know both the benefits as well as the dangers to our bodies while performing exercise and sports related activities. Few are as nagging, and potentially devastating, as knee injuries. In particular, damage done to the Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL).

We have all heard of the ACL before, but what is it that it truly does? The ACL is one of the 4 major ligaments in the knee along with the Posterior Cruciate Ligament (PCL), Medial Collateral Ligament (MCL), and Lateral Collateral Ligament (LCL). The ACL prevents excessive forward movement of the femur, the upper leg bone, on the tibia, one of the lower leg bones. Unlike muscles which contract and shorten a muscle to create movement, a ligament is meant to prevent excessive movement of the joint. The million dollar question is why is the ACL such an integral component of the knee function? Most sports these days require quick starts and stops, jumping and landing. This puts tremendous strain on the knee. During these activities, the ACL is strained to prevent the forward movement on the tibia. This ligament becomes overstressed when the quadriceps and hamstrings are not strong enough to stabilize the knee with sharp cutting movements and jumping during sports activity. We have all seen some of our favorite athletes land on the disabled list after they tear their ACL. With surgery required it can keep even a professional athlete out of action for 9-12 months while they are rehabbing from their injury.



Michael Dow

So how do we prevent our young athletes from being stricken with this serious injury? The answer is implementing the proper ACL prevention protocol into an athlete's regimen both prior to a game and/or practice. Parents, coaches, and athletes alike should be well versed in the proper static and ballistic warm-up techniques in order to prevent an ACL from ending an athlete's season. Orthopedic physical therapists are highly trained in proper ACL prevention methods and can provide, not only to individual athletes, but also entire teams and coaching staffs the methods on how to minimize and athlete's risk of injury. Take the time to contact your local physical therapist to keep the athlete in your life off the rehab table and on the field!

Michael Dow, MSPT, received his degree from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. The founder of Amity Physical Therapy in Woodbridge, he has been recognized by the U.S. Health and Human Services for his work with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. He works with patients of all ages, pediatrics to geriatrics, as well as local high school and college athletes. Michael can be reached at 203-389-4593. www.amitypt.com.

Amity Youth Lacrosse Spring 2013 Registration

Amity Youth Lacrosse (AYL) is open to new players starting December 31st 2012 for boys in grades 1st thru 8th. The season runs mid-March to mid-June with two practices per week and games on weekends (3rd thru 8th graders). Teams are age-based and by skill level; i.e., A, B, C level. AYL is a member of the Connecticut-New York Lacrosse Association (CONNY), the organizing body for youth lacrosse in Connecticut & NY.

AYL follows the youth sports philosophy espoused by the Positive Coaching Alliance, a Stanford University-based organization that with a mission to "transform youth sports so sports can transform youth." For registration and other information on AYL, please go to www.amityyouthlacrosse.org.

Junior Volleyball Accepting Applications

The Connecticut Junior Volleyball Association is now accepting applications for its winter volleyball programs for girls in grades 4-12. Program offer practice locations in Woodbridge at the CT Sports Center, at Staples High School in Westport, and at the Newtown Youth Academy. For more information, please visit our website at www.ctsportscenter.com or call (203) 387-1181 for a free brochure.

Attolino Leads Football Spartans To Victory On Senior Night

Amity football sent its 17 seniors off in style on November 11 with a 44-20 stomping of Wilbur Cross. Running back David Attolino led the senior group with 179 yards and two touchdowns as the Spartans tacked up 372 yards of total offense — 340 of which came via the ground game — and improved to 4-4 on the season. Dave Buono added 98 yards and quarterback James Semmonella returned from a concussion in the victory as well.

Amity ran out to a 14-0 lead on a pair of quick 54-yard drives. A Joey Choineire 22-yard carry around the right side was the highlight of the first drive before a 39-yard Buono scamper set up a 1-yard keeper from Semmonella to cap the second possession with 4:24 left in the first quarter. After sacking Governors' quarterback Jaylin Fuller on the ensuing possession, 17- and 10-yard runs from Attolino and Tyler Burns set up Semmonella for another 1-yard scoring sneak. Ben Feola then picked off a Matt Ricketts pass, Burns found Nick Buttone for a 14-yard connection and Attolino broke free for a 30-yard score to push the Spartans lead to 30-0 with 4:01 left.

Wilbur Cross cut the lead to 30-6, but never seriously threatened. Attolino tacked on a 45-yard TD run in the fourth quarter before Buono finished the Spartans' scoring effort with a 46-yarder of his own. Amity held the 2-7 Governors to only 78 rushing yards and intercepted their three quarterbacks four times.

Amity Boys' Soccer' Upended in LL Quarterfinals

The No. 2 seed Spartans fell to No. 7 seed Greenwich 3-1 in the Class LL state tournament on November 14. Amity entered the tournament 14-2-2 and defeated 31st seeded Fairfield Warde in the first round and No. 15 seed Simsbury 2-0 in the second round before falling to the Cardinals.

Joey Guerra played the role of hero in both victories, scoring all three goals to close out his season total at 24. Guerra tallied a score against Warde from the top of the 18-yard box in the 22nd minute off a pass from Justyn Broderick. Guerra followed that up with a goal in the 33rd minute of the Spartans' matchup against Simsbury — Matt Whitehall assisted on that one — and completed the trio 46 minutes later, beating out-of-position Trojans goalkeeper Chris Morris from 35 yards out.

With the two clean sheets, Amity goalie Griffin Volta improved his season total to eight shutouts.

Lady Spartans Girls' Volleyball Falls In Second Round Of LLs

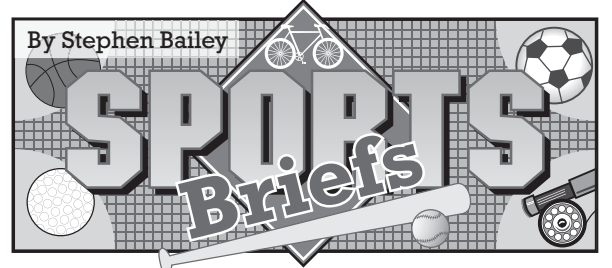
The 11th-seeded Lady Spartans defeated No. 22 seed Norwich Free Academy 3-0 on November 9 before falling 3-2 to No.6 Newtown a day later. Sydnee Sousa led the co-SCC champion Spartans in its first-round win over NFA connecting on all 18 of her serves and tallying seven kills. Amanda Vecchio missed only one of her 18 tries from the service and chalked up six aces while Kathryn Pisano added 26 assists. Claire Foster recorded a team-high 17 digs and Allison Denny chipped in with 12 kills and three blocks.

Two dinks from Rebecca Denny helped cap a match-opening 13-4 run as Amity eventually took the first set 25-19. Leading the second set 11-10, a Sousa ace started a 10-5 run that included a pair of Allison Denny kills. After the Wildcats battled back to 23-21, another Sousa kill and an ace from Pisano put the Lady Spartans ahead 2-0.

Amity jumped out in front 7-2 in the third set with aces from Pisano and Vecchio and two more kills from Allison Denny helped push the lead to 14-6. An 11-2 NFA run gave the Wildcats their first lead of the match at 17-16, but the Lady Spartans prevailed again winning three straight points to take the decisive set 28-25. Amity led twice against Newtown, winning the first and third sets, but dropped the fifth and final one 15-9 as their season came to a close.

Amity Girls' Soccer Ends Season With Loss To New Milford

After defeating No. 23 seed Danbury 2-1 (2OT) in the opening round of the Class LL state tournament, Amity fell to 26th-seeded New Milford in the second round. After a Tara Ramirez goal tied the score 1-1 late in regulation the Lady Spartans were eliminated by the Green Wave via penalty kicks (3-2). Maeghan Howard knocked home her PK on Amity's first attempt, but Ramirez and Cassie Giza were denied and Maddie Dellert's try sailed over the net to end the Lady Spartans' season.



LOCAL SPORTS



Kenefick Relishes Falcon's Success

By Stephen Bailey – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

The storylines surrounding the Great Northeast Atlantic Conference men's soccer tournament championship could not have been more epic. No. 2 seed Albertus Magnus was set to host No. 4 seed Norwich. It was a chance for redemption: a rematch of last year's semifinal, in which Norwich had upset the Falcons 1-0. But it was also a chance for prestige: Albertus Magnus had not won the GNAC in 15 years, and the Falcons would earn an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament with a win — potentially its first berth in program history.

The Falcons and Cadets had played to a 0-0 (2OT) tie in the regular season and after 110 minutes of scoreless play in the title game, still, neither team was able to find the back of the net. "It was extremely nerve-wracking," sophomore midfielder and Woodbridge native Patrick Kenefick said. "At no point in the game was I confident. I was always nervous throughout the entire thing, hoping we'd come out on top." And ultimately, they did. In penalty kicks, Angel Velazquez gave Albertus Magnus a 6-5 lead before Falcons goalkeeper Donato Piroscapo denied Norwich's Ryan Curley to seal arguably the greatest win in school history. Madness ensued. "We all just rushed onto the field and tackled each other. Everyone was crying with tears of joy. The coaches were stunned. We were stunned. The fans went nuts because they haven't experienced that for the soccer team in 15 years. It was pretty ridiculous."



Kenefick celebrates the GNAC tournament championship after the game with his father and grandfather.

Kenefick and junior defender Dan Foldy are both former Amity Spartans on the GNAC-winning squad which is loaded with players from the SCC area. While the Falcons lost to Swarthmore 3-0 in the first round of NAAs, for Kenefick, the season outshined all other accomplishments, including an SCC championship on the soccer field (which he was sidelined for due to a broken leg) his junior year at Amity, being named captain as a senior and winning multiple state championships on the track & field team.

As a freshman at Albertus Magnus, he started six games for the Falcons and scored in a 5-1 victory over Norwich. He also recorded two assists on the season. "It felt completely different than scoring in high school because it was just a college goal," Kenefick said. "A bigger stadium, a bigger crowd and just being complimented by your teammates and coaches afterward was just amazing."

This year, while Kenefick has been used primarily as a reserve, he's seen the team thrive. The Falcons went 13-3-2 in the regular season before shutting out Suffolk (2-0) and Emerson (1-0) in the first two rounds of the GNAC tournament. Kenefick said Albertus Magnus relies on strong build-up play from the midfield to the forwards to score the bulk of their goals. "We don't have that much speed up top so we can't really send a ball over the top of the defense and run on so we have to connect more than play over the top of the defense," Kenefick said.

Traveling to Swarthmore, Pa., for the NCAA tournament—despite the opening-round loss—was an incredible experience, said Kenefick. The hotel accommodations, t-shirts and free food all contributed to the "celebrity" treatment. The Falcons were even walked into the stadium and around the field before the game as 'NCAA' signs hung throughout the venue. "It was just a completely different environment," Kenefick said. "So it kind of felt like you were not just a college soccer player anymore, but an NCAA college soccer player."

Now, Kenefick and Co. look ahead to next season. Individually, Kenefick hopes to start for the Falcons, and from a team perspective, he hopes the 2012 season becomes a building block for a deeper run into postseason play. "1. We win the GNAC championship again and 2. Go on to NAAs and actually make a mark for ourselves," Kenefick said. "Not just go to the first round and lose, but go to the first round, second round, quarterfinals and so on."



Orange residents: Matt Perrotti, Michael Allen, Paul Buda, Brian Forbes, Clayton Fischman, Michael Gulia, James Sansone, Nu-Kwan Fair, Cameron Jurzyk. Woodbridge residents: Kai Ellis, and Ice Kane. The rest of the team is made up of players from Derby, Milford, and Shelton.

Black Knights End Successful Season

The American Youth Football League's Black Knights travel team just ended another successful season as the undefeated champions in the national Big Blue Bash tournament in Richlands, Virginia. The team won all three games in the tournament, wrapping up an undefeated season. Many of the teammates, who are now in junior high school, started playing together at just seven years old in a local Pop Warner league before joining the American Youth league. The team, which is made up of boys from Orange, Woodbridge and surrounding towns, is coached by Jim Sansone and plays teams from New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New Jersey. In the three years the Black Knights have played together, it has yet to lose a game! EVER!

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your work on a recent job assignment is impressive and is sure to be noticed. Meanwhile, expect to receive news about an upcoming holiday event you won't want to miss.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Saving the world one person at a time is what you were born to do. So accept it when people ask you for help, especially during the holiday season.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Now that you've resolved all doubts about an important decision, you can surprise a lot of people by defending your stand with your strong and well-reasoned arguments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The holiday mood stirs your need to nurture everyone from the family cat to great-grandma. But don't overdo it, especially with teens, who like to feel grown up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Enjoy basking in the warm love of family and close friends. But don't fall into a prolonged catnap yet. There's still much to do before you can put up your paws and relax.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid pushing others to work as hard as you do on a common project. Instead, encourage them to do their best, and they might well reward you with a pleasant surprise.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Like the sensible Libra you are, you no doubt started your holiday shopping already. But be careful to keep within your budget. Shop around for the best buys.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Love and friendship remain strong in your aspect over the next several days. This is a good time to develop new relationships and strengthen old ones.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A beloved family member has news that will brighten your holidays. Also expect to hear from friends who had long since moved out of your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family and friends are in for a surprise when you accept the need to make a change without being talked into it. (Bet it surprised you, too -- didn't it?)

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Restoring an old friendship might not be as easy as you hoped. You might want to explore the reasons for your former buddy's reluctance to cooperate.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your party-going activities pick up as the holiday season takes off. Enjoy your plunge into the social swim as you make new friends and renew old friendships.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are caring and considerate -- two wonderful attributes that endear you to people of all ages.

Bark Bytes...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz

Managing Your Dog's Holiday-time Stress

The holidays are a busy time for many households. Friends and family come and go, deliveries are made to the door, delicious smells emanate from the kitchen, and a general happy hubbub means that something special is happening. Among those affected by these changes is the family dog.

While one dog may revel in the change of pace, another may find it a confusing, stressful time. Your normally placid dog may suddenly begin to exhibit unusual behaviors, such as stealing food, jumping up on people, or growling or snapping at visitors. As pack leader, you need to communicate and demonstrate to your dog that while his world may be different, you will continue to keep him safe and secure.

When an insecure dog—no matter his size or breed—encounters a new situation, he doesn't know what to do. If he feels threatened, he may react defensively with a snap or bite.

On the other hand, a well-socialized dog is comfortable meeting and being with others, both dogs and people. He has been introduced to a variety of situations and knows he and his pack have remained safe through them all.

The following are some tips to help calm your dog and keep everyone in the home safe during the active holiday season.

Children Visitors

Dogs that live in a household with no children may not be comfortable when kids come to visit. The chaos created by youngsters like grandchildren will inherently raise the energy level in the house, causing the dog to worry or stress. Here are some ways to control such situations if your dog does not cope well with children.

- Always supervise kids (especially very young children) and dogs when they are alone together. This is when most dog bites to children occur.
- With a very young child, parents must be vigilant and monitor their tot's interactions with the dog. Parents should teach children of all ages to treat dogs with respect and gentleness.
- Never invite a child to feed the dog by hand—this teaches the dog it is acceptable to take any food from a child. Because of a child's small size, the dog may view her as an equal and thus may try to take advantage of the situation.

Boundaries and Security

Dogs need to have their own "home," a place where they feel secure and calm. If your dog doesn't already have a place of his own, create one for him.

- A crate or pet carrier provides a natural safe haven for your dog. Keep his crate or dog pillow in a quiet area of the home, and direct your dog to go there when you need to set boundaries. While he may not like being separated from you, he will still feel secure.
- If your dog begins to bark or nip at visitors, remove him from the area and keep him in his safe place until your guests have gone.
- Keep the dog out of certain rooms where he can get underfoot. For example, training your dog to stay out of the kitchen—where most household accidents occur—is a good safety measure. It also helps to prevent your dog from begging for food.
- If you travel during the holidays, taking his crate/carrier will help your dog feel more relaxed, since "home" is wherever he finds you and his familiar bed.

Elderly Dogs

Elderly dogs may not enjoy the extra hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Be mindful of keeping your older dog comfortable when his routine is disrupted.

- If your elderly dog gets cranky around visitors, simply take him to his special quiet place where he won't be bothered and can feel secure.
- Remind children to be respectful of your older dog. Always provide supervision when dogs and kids are together.

Front Door Behaviors

A knock on the door can be a stimulating event for a dog, whether he sees it as fun or alarming. It is natural for him to want to know who the visitors are to determine if they are friendly or not. However, a dog that explodes with excitement at the sound of the doorbell is both annoying and unsafe—he may dash out the door and run into harm's way, he may get underfoot and become a trip hazard, he may knock people over, or he may become aggressive to the visitor.

- To help your dog be calmer, exercise him prior to the arrival of guests. After 30 minutes of walking or playing, your dog will more likely be relaxed or want to nap.
- As a general rule, don't allow the family dog to greet unfamiliar guests because commotion and unusual circumstances can cause stress for dogs.
- Consider putting your dog on a leash as guests arrive to maintain better control of him.
- Teach your dog to sit and stay on command. When the doorbell rings, put him in a sit-stay and do not open the door until he calms down.
- If your dog gets overly excited with arriving visitors, remove him from the scene ahead of time. Place him in his crate in a quiet room, and then let him join the party later.

By anticipating how your dog may react to new activities and visitors, you can help ensure that everyone—both two- and four-legged—has a fun and safe holiday season.

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

Puppy Thinks Shoes are Chew Toys



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Help! Our new puppy, "Elwood," is getting into everything, chewing up my kids' shoes and tearing the stuffing out of stuffed animals. Any advice on getting him to stop? -- Jessica G., via email

DEAR JESSICA: Getting a puppy to completely stop exploring and chewing is a job that requires time and patience. You also need to reconfigure your house to keep Elwood safe. If he ingests a shard of plastic or some other indigestible item, a poisonous plant or medicines from lower bathroom cabinets, he could be in serious danger.

First, pet proof the house. Invest in toddler safety gates (if you don't already have some) to limit Elwood to parts of the house where he's less likely to find shoes, toys and other objects. In that gated-off area, remove kids' toys, clothing, stuffed animals and other chewable objects. Lift potted plants out of his reach (the leaves of many houseplants are poisonous to pets).

Make sure Elwood has access to his pet bed and to appropriate chew toys, and check on him frequently. Puppies should not be left alone for long periods of time, for many reasons.

Next, get that basic obedience training regime going. Grab a book or three on dog training, all of which will cover important basic commands like "sit," "stay," "come" and "heel." Spend at least 30 minutes every day working with Elwood, in addition to twice-daily walks and generous amounts of playtime.

Chewing behavior is very common in puppies, but tends to diminish as they mature. If he continues to destroy everything in sight, talk to his veterinarian or try a group dog-training class. Anxiety or other issues can be at the root of long-term chewing problems.

Send your question or comment to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Find more pet advice and resources at www.pawscorner.com.

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