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COMMUNITY UNITES TO HONOR 9/11



On Wednesday morning, over 150 people gathered at Cos Cob Park to mark the 23rd anniversary of the September 11 attacks, where cannons fired at key moments of the attacks, and the names of 33 Greenwich victims were read with a bell toll for each. The ceremony included musical performances and a keynote address by Wells Noonan, who lost her brother in the attacks. Later, a second ceremony took place at the Glenville Volunteer Fire Company, featuring a piece of steel from the World Trade Center.

GREENWICH HONORS MARY HULL

Greenwich Green & Clean dedicated a bench in Greenwich Common to honor Mary Hull's volunteer work. Hull, who

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Green Thoughts

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

"It's mighty hard right now to think of anything that's precious that isn't endangered. There are no sacred and unsacred places; there are only sacred and desecrated places. My belief is that the world and our life in it are conditional gifts." Wendell Berry, American novelist, poet, and environmental activist, age 90. As shared with Bill Moyers on October 4, 2013.



A Legacy of Stewardship: Historic Cliffdale Road Estate Listed for \$35 Million

BY BETH BARHYDT

The Beinecke estate at 10 Cliffdale Road in Greenwich, now on the market for the first time since its construction in 1939, offers a rare glimpse into the preservation of historical architecture and land use in the modern era. Listed for \$35 million, the estate's 66 acres reflect a landscape and built environment that have remained largely untouched by the rapid development that has transformed much of the surrounding area.

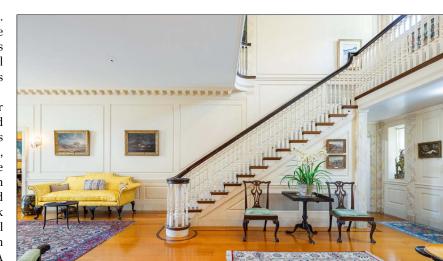
Commissioned by business magnate Edwin John Beinecke, the 9,300-squarefoot Georgian Colonial mansion stands as a testament to an era when architectural design and landscape planning were deeply intertwined. The estate's structures and gardens were not just a reflection of the wealth of its owner but also a representation of the evolving relationship between human habitation and the natural world.

The estate's original use as part of Cragholme Farms, an agricultural complex dating back to at least 1934, underscores its role in a broader history of land conservation and farming in Greenwich. made ponds, and a network of private trails Historical records show that in the early that not only enhance the beauty of the 20th century, the property included large estate but also ensure its integration into swaths of cultivated land, most likely the surrounding natural landscape.

the now-demolished Tompkins House. Structures that remain on the estate include a barn (circa 1900), a caretaker's cottage, greenhouses, and various animal sheds, all of which speak to the property's agricultural past.

The estate's architecture further emphasizes the intersection of luxury and functionality. The main house, with its 10-foot ceilings, custom wood paneling, and multiple fireplaces, embodies the architectural trends of the early 20th century, when grand entryways and expansive living spaces were the hallmark of elite homes. But beyond its formal design, the estate was constructed with the surrounding landscape in mind. A screened porch offers panoramic views of meticulously maintained gardens designed by landscape architect Rudy J. Favretti, whose work is noted for blending aesthetic beauty with environmental stewardship.

Favretti's designs, recognized by the Smithsonian Institution, highlight the estate's historical and environmental significance. His work on the property includes formal terraced gardens, man-



remained under the stewardship of John R. and Barbara G. Robinson, who took ownership in 1982 after several intra-family transfers. The Robinsons' preservation of the estate's historical structures and landscape aligns with the broader mid-20th-century movement toward historic preservation in the United States. This movement sought to maintain the architectural integrity of properties like 10 Cliffdale Road while also conserving the land and its associated uses.

land use, historic preservation, and environmental conservation are more relevant than ever. As new development projects continue to reshape the Greenwich area, properties like 10 Cliffdale Road serve as reminders of the importance of preserving spaces that embody a different relationship between people and the land. The sale of this estate represents not just the transfer of property but the passing on of a legacy that intertwines architectural The estate's listing for sale comes beauty, environmental stewardship, and a

Christ Church's "Joyful Noise"

By Beth Barhydt

Christ Church is launching a new, informal worship service called "Joyful Noise" this September. The 5:00 PM service, held in the church's Main Sanctuary, will feature renowned Christian musicians Rob Mathes and Anna Leinbach, a dynamic feature of contemporary worship as a new element in the Episcopalian congregation.

The inaugural service is scheduled for Sunday, September 29, 2024, at the church's iconic building at 254 East Putnam Avenue. "Joyful Noise" will continue on a monthly basis, with Mathes leading the music on September 29, October 27, and

November 24. On alternate Sundays, Anna Leinbach, a soloist and violinist, will perform in the Chapel, including October 6 and November 10.

According to Rev. Marek Zabriskie, rector of Christ Church Greenwich, this service was born out of the success of earlier musical performances and the desire to offer worship at a time when people may feel more at ease. "We are extraordinarily blessed to have Rob, Anna, and this group of talented musicians join us for the new Joyful Noise services," Zabriskie said. "We are bustling on Sunday mornings, and this is another offering to

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Patricia Chadwick analyzes the Federal Reserve's upcoming decision, predicting potential rate cuts and highlighting the economy's strength. Chadwick recently released her memoir Breaking Glass: Tales from the Witch of Wall Street.

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POLO FINAL



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Energy Drinks Linked to Mental Health Risks in Teens

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containing dangerously high

A new study reveals alarming caffeine levels, increase the risk mental health risks linked to of heart attacks, seizures, and energy drink consumption caffeine overdoses. Additionally, among children and adolescents, teens who consume them are including heightened anxiety, more likely to engage in substance stress, depression, and suicidal abuse. Russell Barksdale, Jr., Ph.D., thoughts. Over 30% of young MPA/MHA, FACHE, President & people aged 12 to 17 regularly CEO of Waveny LifeCare Network, consume these beverages, often stresses the importance of parental vigilance regarding this growing health concern. For more details, see page 3.

Meals-on-Wheels Fosters Friendship By Debra McLaughlin Volunteer drivers, John

Suddell and Jim Mullins, arrive every Wednesday morning like clockwork at Meals-on-Wheels. Together, they deliver meals. In their brown paper bags are loaves of sourdough bread and fresh fruit as a supplement to their clients' daily meal service. Friends volunteer together because it:

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Study Links Energy Drinks to Mental Health Risks in Teens



By Russell Barksdale, Jr.

A newly released study has raised significant concerns over the consumption of energy drinks among children and adolescents, revealing a troubling connection between these beverages and a rise in mental health problems, including anxiety, stress, depression, and suicidal thoughts.

Current data indicates that more than 30% of young people aged 12 to 17 regularly consume energy drinks, with boys partaking more frequently than girls. Many adolescents mistakenly believe these drinks will improve their academic performance or enhance their social standing. Energy drinks are often used to fuel late-night study sessions, boost athletic performance, or are sometimes mixed with alcohol during social gatherings. Despite being readily available in retail outlets with no age restrictions, many youths perceive these drinks as

Promoted for their purported ability to increase energy, combat fatigue, and sharpen focus, energy drinks carry significant health risks, largely due to their exceptionally high levels of caffeine, with some brands containing 500 milligrams or more per can. Medical professionals have voiced concerns over the toxic effects of such caffeine intakes, noting

alarming statistics: more than 5,000 caffeine overdoses occur each year, with half of the cases involving individuals under the age of 19.

The Health Risks of Energy Drink Consumption Research into the health effects of energy drinks on teenagers has intensified in recent years, with findings linking these beverages to serious physical issues such as increased risks of heart attacks, respiratory difficulties, and seizures. There have been documented instances of energy drinks causing irregular heart rhythms in otherwise healthy teens, a risk heightened for those involved in intensive physical activity.

Moreover, there is a rising concern about the negative impact of energy drinks on mental health. Regular consumers report heightened feelings of anxiety, depression, and stress. Additionally, as the stimulatory effects of caffeine dissipate, some teens struggle with concentration and alertness, which may lead them to seek other stimulants, including

Identifying Caffeine Overdose

The potential for caffeine overdose escalates when energy drinks are consumed alongside other stimulants or alcohol. Symptoms of overdose can vary widely and include, but are not limited to:

- Accelerated heart rate
- Breathing difficulties
- · Aggression or confusion Gastrointestinal issues
- Dizziness
- · Increased thirst or dehydration
- Nausea

Studies identify a concerning trend: teens who drink energy drinks are significantly more likely to engage in substance abuse.

- Insomnia
- Stress
- Depression Suicidal thoughts
- A Gateway to Substance Abuse

Compounding these issues, studies also identify a concerning trend: teens who drink energy drinks are significantly more likely to engage in substance abuse. This risk is magnified for those with existing mental health challenges, such as anxiety, depression, or ADHD. Research shows that adolescents who consume energy drinks are twice as likely to drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes, or experiment with drugs compared to their peers who do not.

Demographic factors contribute to this vulnerability, with teens from less engaged families or those lacking knowledge about health risks being particularly at risk. While many will debate that an occasional energy drink may not pose a significant threat, parents are recommended to closely monitor consumption patterns and consider intervention if their child regularly indulges.

THE DANGERS OF MIXING ENERGY DRINKS WITH ALCOHOL

The practice of mixing energy drinks with alcohol is increasingly common among teens, who often believe this combination will enhance the effects of both substances. Studies indicate that approximately 10% of adolescents have combined these drinks, viewing it as a way to prolong their drinking experience.

However, this risky behavior heightens the chances of severe health complications, including heart issues, seizures, and respiratory problems. Additionally, the likelihood of alcohol-related injuries, such as physical violence or impaired driving, increases markedly.

With the transition and disruption of sleep patterns from the start of the school year, coupled with the growing evidence of the dangers associated with energy drinks, it is essential for both parents and youth to navigate these potential health hazards with vigilance and informed caution.

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Smithfield Triumphs Over Audi 10-9 to Clinch the 2024 East Coast Open Title





At Left: Smithfield (green jerseys) battle it out against Audi (white jersey) at the 2024 East Coast Open final held at the Greenwich Polo Club last Sunday, in which they wound up on top of the leaderboard in the final tally, 10-9. (Photo courtesy of Claudia Suica). Above: No Va Mas played by Joaquin Panelo of Smithfield was named the Best Playing Pony of the 2024 East Coast Open final. (Photo by Liz Leamy)

Last Sunday was an affair to remember as Smithfield, the venerable high-goal polo crew based out of the Mashomack Polo Club in Pine Plains, New York and Audi, the formidable highgoal contingent from Greenwich went head-to-head in a heated battle with to claim the 2024 East Coast Open title at the Greenwich Polo Club.

In the final tally, Smithfield wound up at the top of the leaderboard, clinching the famed East Coast Open Perry Cup Trophy by outdistancing Audi 10-9 due to the fact that Facundo (Polito) Pieres, the esteemed number-three Argentinian nine goaler, knocked in his team's gamewinning point during the second-to-last (fifth) chukker.

Throughout this memorable showdown, Pieres, who was named the Most Valuable Player of the match, worked in dynamic and effective concert with his esteemed team colleagues, Joaquin Panelo, the high-octane six goaler, Manuel Villamil and John Klopp, the team's patron.

According to Klopp, winning the East Coast Open was a thrilling on all counts.

"I made up my mind I was going to work as hard as I could to reach this point and today was incredible. We were behind in the first half and knew going into the second [half] that it was time," said Klopp, whose wife, Karen and children, Jake, Adam and Kell, along with their other close family members and friends cheered him and the whole Smithfield team on from the grandstand during the game. "It was fantastic being out there and it was a great match."

This sold-out match, played in front of more than 4,000 spectators, was one for the books as it featured many of high-goal polo's most decorated players and ponies who put the pedal to the metal as they all flew around the massive Conyers Farm field at speeds of more than 35 miles an hour twisting, turning and hitting in

In the first half of this match, Audi, with its stellar roster of players, Mariano Aguerre, Torito Ruiz, Nicolas Diaz Alberdi

Temple Sholom

and Martin Velez Suarez, commanded a resolute lead.

However, in the second half, all of the game-changing drama took place.

In the fourth chukker, Smithfield tied up the game up 8-8 with Audi when Pieres hit in a soaring 40-yard penalty shot.

Then, in the fifth chukker, Panelo proceeded to drive in a goal for his team

Shortly thereafter, Audi's Ruiz knocked in a thriller of a goal whereby he, along with his powerful charge, flew

tranquil with such lush surroundings and with such great energy. This is a place that we are definitely planning to come

By all accounts, this also seemed to be much of the sentiment among the players and their families, friends and fellow team members.

"It's always great to be here," said to put Smithfield ahead of Audi by one Klopp, President of the Mashomack Polo Club, a sprawling 6,000-acre estate featuring six polo fields, a regulation arena for winter play and stalls that house up to 250 horses. "This is a wonderful

in an environment that is so green and including the amiable proprietors and all of our customers and friends." members of the Greenwich Polo Club's tasty fare is always a huge customer draw at the Sunday matches.

'We love it here. The horses are beautiful, it's a gorgeous area and this is a whole different world," said Yuki Nakmichi, who, along with her husband, Shu Nakamichi, operate and own the Japanese food truck, Eshumaru, which has been a fixture at the Greenwich Polo Club since 2019 with its popular menu of sushi, poke bowls, shumai, gyoza an spring rolls, among other things. "We

nice and everything is so well organized.

We always recommend coming up here to

By all counts, the Greenwich Polo extensive lineup of food trucks, whose Club is a one-of-a-kind place with its many incredible offerings, designating it as a premier summer-season go-to spot for so many individuals hailing from the New York metropolitan area and beyond.

"It's been a wonderful experience to be here today and I definitely want to come back," said Maria Sun of New York City who was attending her first-ever polo match at the Greenwich Polo Club. "Everyone was cheering for the horses and players together, which was great. The crowd was incredible and now this has become my favorite sport to watch."

Madeline Groth agreed.

"It's a great team sport to watch. The players and horses are fantastic and do a phenomenal job," said Groth. "Polo involves so much strength, skill and coordination and I try to come here whenever I can."

2024 East Coast Open Final Best **Playing Pony Results:**

Best Playing Pony (Argentine): Machitos Fuyi played by Mariano Aguerre (owned by Annabelle Gundy)

Best Playing Pony: No Va Mas played by Joaquin Panelo

The 2024 Greenwich Polo Club season will conclude on Sunday, September 15th with the Greenwich Cup. For more information, please contact the club at:

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optimal speed to tie the match at 9-9. Several minutes later, Pieres then scored a goal for Smithfield to help his team surge one point ahead of Audi at 10-9, which wound up being the final score of this memorable East Coast Open final

Clearly, the efforts of all the athletes, both human and equine, were very much appreciated by virtually everyone there.

When we first got here, Smithfield was behind and then there was a serious turn of events. To see them come from behind in such dramatic fashion has been incredible. I love an underdog story," said Amanda Bailey of North Jersey, who was attending her first polo match at the Greenwich Polo Club with some friends. "The match has been amazing, the grounds are beautiful and everyone has been so welcoming. It's relaxing to be

down the massive Conyers Farm field at venue with so many terrific people. really enjoy being here. The people are so It's something."

Others concurred.

"It's always great to be here," said Jason Yearwood, Business Development Manager of Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. based in New York City that has been a longtime sponsor and partner of the Greenwich Polo Club and whose organization plans to have a major celebration in honor of Barbados Day at next Sunday's Greenwich Cup match on October 15th. "It's an incredible environment and every time I come here it's always a unique and different experience. It's wonderful to see everyone enjoying the day watching the horses and players in this beautiful environment. The sun, air, grass and trees are so gorgeous, and you feel the excitement right from the

moment you drive in." Others expressed similar feelings,



Shu and Yuki Nakamichi, the proprietors of the popular Japanese food truck, Ei Shu Maru, that has been involved with the Greenwich Polo Club since 2019. (Photo by Liz Leamy)



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"The Time Has Come," the Walrus Said.



By Patricia Chadwick

It is apt today, as we await with anticipation the decision next week regarding a possible reduction in the level of the Fed Funds' rate, to replace "the Walrus" with "Jerome Powell," the current chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Fed).

The Fed has made it abundantly clear over the last two years that its actions regarding interest rates were (are and will be) guided by its duel responsibilities of (a) preserving the purchasing power of the U.S. dollar, i.e., maintaining price stability, and (b) promoting maximum employment. Note: Prior to 1978, the Fed's role was limited solely keeping inflation under control. However, when the price of oil quadrupled in the early 1970s, resulting in soaring inflation and economic recession, Congress added the responsibility of "promoting employment" to the duties of the Fed. Over the forty-five plus years since the passage of that bill into law, balancing those two responsibilities has at times been challenging. However, since 2021, when the COVID-19 pandemic wreaked havoc with the global supply chain, inflation has been the challenge.

Inflation in this country is most commonly measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), a composite based upon a representative basket of goods and services. As we all know, however, inflation is very particular to one's own

circumstances that include geographywhether one is a city dweller, or living in the suburbs, or in a town in the open countryside: the status of one's health: whether one owns a home outright, or is paying down a mortgage, or is a renter; the needs for travel/commuting, and, perhaps most importantly, one's age. That basket of goods and services, one that is deemed to be representative of the country as a whole, is far from the actual experience of individuals and families. Two important components of the CPI are food and energy, both of which are essential costs for everyone, even those who don't own an automobile, but must pay their utility bills. The demand for those two constituents are fairly price inelastic. The price of food has been particularly alarming over the last several years, but much of the inflation has been the result of exogenous forces. The Russian invasion of Ukraine in early 2022 had a multi-year impact on the rise in the prices of wheat, barley, seed corn, sunflowers and oils, as well as other food commodities. In addition, what used to be anomalous weather disruptionsextreme heat, floods and droughtshave become more the norm in the last few years, adding to the scarcity of food on a global basis and the volatility of prices. And here in the USA, avian flu has led to commercial egg farms having to euthanize their flocks. The impact of those cutbacks is expected to continue into at least early 2025.

In the manufacturing and industrial sectors of the U.S. economy, the prices of many products have dropped significantly from their supplyconstrained highs two years ago. That inability to ship billions of dollars of overseas production to this country brought about a change of heart by a I remain convinced that there is a high likelihood of three interest rate cuts between now and next February. I will be happy with .25% in September.

large number of U.S. companies (90% of North American manufacturers, by one investment bank's report) regarding their long-held trend of outsourcing production to facilities in foreign countries where lower wages offer a competitive advantage. According to some reports, more than one million manufacturing jobs—in industries as varied as electronics, automotive parts, semiconductors, consumer soft goods, and health care items-have been repatriated to this country in the last four years in an effort to shorten the supply chain. Those new jobs have been part of the reason for the continued robust employment in this country. In the short run, however, that shift from foreign to domestic manufacturing has added to the price of the final product, as hourly wages in this country are often multiples of those overseas. The advent of AI, however, has already begun to have a favorable impact on productivity in numerous industries. That trend will undoubtedly expand for decades to come, resulting in enhanced profitability and reduced inflation. Productivity gains also allow for increases in wages of the same magnitude without incurring an inflationary cost for the company.

The speed with which the Fed raised interest rates-from near zero in February of 2022 to 5.50% less than 18 data—away from the September 17 – 18

months later-had the desired impact on inflation, which cratered from 9.1% (in July 2022) to 2.5% today, a whopping full 6.6 percentage points two and a half years! That is an unprecedented decline in inflation. Throughout this period of decline in the rate of inflation, the Fed Funds rate has remained unchanged at 5.50%, with the result that "real" interest rates today are very high. An extended period of high real rates could indeed become a recessionary threat at a time when there is no urgency to slow down economic growth. The telltale signs of over-expansion in the economy do not exist today-inventories are not out of line with trendline economic growth; both corporate and household balance sheets are healthy. Employment is strong, and as productivity increases, it will provide the opportunity for continued economic growth at a rate faster than employment. Those are all signs of a healthy economy. It is true that the trend for years has been that Federal debt continues to grow faster than the country's GDP. As of June 2024 it stood at 123.8% of GDP, which is down from an all-time high of 130.6% in 2020 during the COVID pandemic. However, allowing the economy to spill into a recession will do nothing to reduce the Federal debt. As I write this column, we are still days-and mountains of a religious community-turned-cult. www.

Federal Reserve meeting at which it will make a decision about interest rates. The histrionics of the stock market, from my point of view, are silly; extrapolating every piece of economic data in a straight line into the future is a fool's errand. The data in general present a picture of moderate inflation, an excellent level of employment, a healthy consumer and a favorable environment for growth in corporate earnings. All good news!

In my February column, I wrote that the time had come and gone for a recession. I continue to believe that, even more strongly today. The only thing that could jinx that prediction would be if the Fed deliberately allowed real interest rates to remain high. There is no indication that the Fed has that intention; in fact, various Federal Reserve Bank presidents have all but said that a rate cut is likely, with the caveat that the decision will be data-driven. I remain convinced that there is a high likelihood of three interest rate cuts between now and next February and I will be happy with .25% in September. Cassandras will always find something to complain about with the state of the economy. But the preponderance of the data tell a good story and one that should get even better over the next year. Take a deep breath and carry on.

Patricia Chadwick is a businesswoman and an author. Her second memoir, Breaking Glass, with the subtitle: Tales from the Witch of Wall Street, came out on May 14, 2024. It tells of her "growing up" and succeeding in what was then the all-male bastion called Wall Street. Her new book is a sequel to her first Memoir, Little Sister, the story of her childhood in patriciachadwick.com

The Life of Centenarian Mildred Cogliandro

BY ANNE W. SEMMES



Centenarian Mildred Cogliandro in her living room at Hill House in Riverside, Connecticut. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

Mildred Cogliandro of Riverside turned 100 on July 3, 2024. A resident of Hill House since 2016 she was celebrated first on June 29 at a family gathering with 43 "nieces and nephews" attending, then in another celebration two weeks ago at Hill House, with attendees from all 62 rooms. "It was beautiful," said Cogliandro. "And they gave me a crown. We keep the crown - for whoever is 100 gets to wear it."

So, the Sentinel visited with Mildred Cogliandro and asked her the following questions:

GS: Who else in your family has lived to 100? MC: I had a sister who was 101.

GS: So, what do you attribute your longevity to? MC: I have no idea. I just live. I never thought, 'Oh, I'm going to be a 100.' It came, it came.

GS: How many knees, hips, or shoulder replacements have you had?

MC: I had a left hip replacement, period. But I have a lot of aches and pains. Here and there.

GS: What have you done for exercise in your life? MC: I like to garden. I would rather have been there than inside dusting. I shoveled and all that. After supper here, I would walk to the dining room, and I'd do that about three or four times. That was my exercise. I don't do that now. It's too difficult. But we have exercise here on Mondays and Thursdays. We

have a lovely lady who comes, and I do whatever she tells us to do.

GS: What are you most proud of in your life?

MC: I am proud of my children. I have an adopted daughter, Lisa. She is one wonderful person. She came from Italy. She's 66 now. She just retired from being an assistant principal at Framingham School in Massachusetts. And they named the new eating place in the school after her. And then John was born to us 16 years after our marriage. And they get along fine.

GS: What is your progeny?

MC: I now have two great-grandchildren. I had two grandchildren and two step grandchildren from John and my daughter-in-law, Maureen. My daughter has no human children but has a canine child and two feline children.

GS: So, how did you meet your husband, Dominick Cogliandro?

MC: I met him at a dance in Stamford. I was visiting my sister. I was feeling blue...And my girlfriend came to see me. She wanted to go to a dance.... And I didn't want to go. And she and my sister talked me into going to that dance. We had to walk all the way...And I did no dancing all night. At the last dance, this young man came and asked me for a dance... And he asked to take me home... 'Well, if you take my girlfriend home too.' So, he did. I gave him my sister's phone number. But I didn't give him my real name. I said, 'My name is Schwartz.' I'll never see this guy again. So, he keeps calling for a date...So he came to call for me at my sister's house and my brother-in-law answered the door. And he says, "Oh, I'm here for Ms. Schwartz." My brother-in-law says, "There's no Schwartz here," and slammed the door. So, I heard him...I go running out and I had to call him back...We were married for 62 years. He died six years ago.

GS: But isn't there something else you're quite proud of - your volunteering life?

MC: I always liked volunteering and did a lot during the war. I worked for the Nestle Chocolate Company for over 12 years. They had an office in Stamford. And at night, I volunteered as a nurse's aide at Stamford Hospital. After that I volunteered at our church. They opened a thrift shop and I worked there. I loved it.

GS: But what about that extraordinary volunteering for six years and counting for



Praises from the Hill House for Mildred Cogliandro's volunteering work for the Ronald McDonald House. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

Ronald McDonald House. And how did that come GS: What's on your bedside reading table?

about? MC: A minister, Dwaine Newell of First Baptist Church came to Hill House one day and gave a little speech and talked about the Ronald McDonald House. At the end of his speech, he said people could collect can tops for the House. I said, 'I will.' [As the only one who volunteered.]

GS: Do you know overall how many pounds of can tops you've collected and taken to Ronald McDonald House?

MC: In the beginning, I had a scale and I know the very first time I took in 25 pounds. After that the scale disappeared. We're all guessing at it. [And all those can tops get recycled.]

GS: It would be interesting if you knew from all that you've collected how many you have helped at Ronald McDonald House.

MC: Yes, but I don't. But nobody really knows about Ronald McDonald House. So, I tell them what it is very often. And I get pamphlets when I go to the House, and I give them out.

GS: Do you listen to music?

MC: All day long. There's 797 that's just music... It's a station on the TV called Soundscapes.

GS: Do you have a favorite song?

MC: I used to be a big book reader, which I'm not now. I like to skim through magazines. And I'd rather be working with my hands, which I can't do now, but that's about it.

GS: Do you dream?

MC: When I dream my very last sleeping time, because I have a very erratic sleeping time, and sometimes you have those dreams where in the end, you remember

GS: What's your counsel to the younger generation?

MC: Do what you want to do now and do it.

GS: If you could tell the President of the United States one thing now, what would it be?

MC: Get your act together. I don't know what it would be, but things seem so upsetting. GS: Do you believe in life after death?

MC: I believe there's a heaven and a hell and I'm wondering about it.

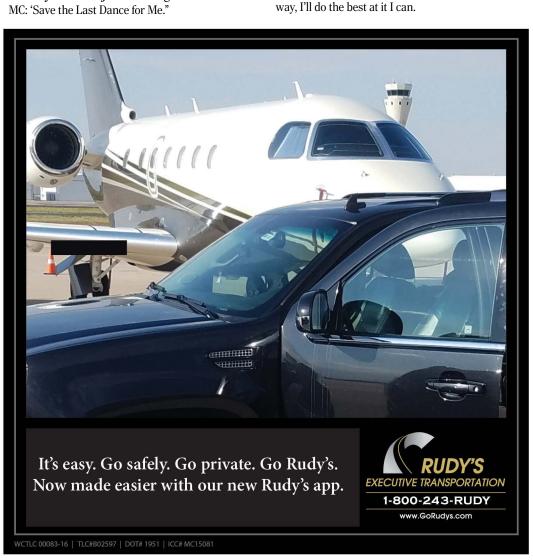
GS: If you had a magic wand, what would you wish for?

MC: Peace really for everybody.

GS: What are you looking forward to? MC: For today or tomorrow. Whatever's thrown my



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Time to Act

Greenwich residents, like many across Connecticut, are facing an alarming rise in their electric bills. As the third-highest in the country, behind only Hawaii and California, these skyrocketing costs are creating a heavy burden on households, especially as we approach the winter months when energy usageand costs—will inevitably increase. Energy prices are part of the equation, as are "public benefit" charges, which are significantly inflating what residents pay each month—sometimes up to 29%. These charges, often hidden in plain sight, need immediate legislative attention. Yet the state legislature remains in recess, while families struggle under the mounting costs.

A special legislative session is needed now, ahead of winter, to confront these rising costs and provide some relief to ratepayers. Connecticut's legislators must get back to work and fix this problem before it's too late.

Electric bills are made up of several components, and one of the most overlooked is the "public benefit" charge. These funds are directed toward various state programs, including energy efficiency initiatives and subsidies for unpaid utility bills. While these programs may serve important roles, they also represent a hidden tax on ratepayers which has not been vetted and is not transparent.

The state's public benefit charges are also used to subsidize infrastructure like electric vehicle chargers. These subsidies—beneficial to some, a burden to all are essentially fuel costs that drivers should be paying themselves, especially when so many are already struggling with their own bills. It's time to rethink these charges and how they are applied.

The legislature can and should take immediate steps to bring relief to residents. The first step is to cap new state energy purchases. Right now, the state is preparing to sign new energy contracts that could lock in prices at four times the market rate for the next 20 to 30 years. Capping these purchases before they are finalized could save millions for ratepayers in the long term.

Another key proposal is to use remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to cover the unpaid utility bills that accumulated during the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are running out, and it is essential to use them wisely before they are depleted. By covering these debts, the legislature can restore fairness for many families who should not be bearing the burden for others who did not pay their electric bills.

Additionally, eliminating subsidies for private infrastructure through electric bills is necessary. Residents should not be paying for services they do not use, and especially not for private infrastructure that only benefits a few.

Winter is fast approaching, and with it, higher energy demands. Connecticut households cannot afford to wait until the regular legislative session in January to address these issues. Every month that passes means more residents struggling under the weight of rising energy costs, with no relief in sight.

In Connecticut, a special session can only be called if at least 50 percent of both the House and Senate agree to return. Right now, 65 legislators have signed on to reconvene and address these urgent energy issues. However, none of the three state representatives from Greenwich—Steve Meskers, Hector Arzeno, or Rachel Khanna—have signed on to a special session. Without their signatures, this vital session could never happen.

It is time for our local representatives to step up and join state Senator Ryan Fazio and the growing list of legislators calling for immediate action. The process is clear: they must sign and then return to Hartford to address the problem. The longer they wait, the worse the situation will get for families across the state. These are not abstract policy debates—this is about helping Connecticut residents who are paying the third-highest electricity bills in the nation, many of Greenwich has announced among children. Frank Gaudio, whom are already struggling.

Greenwich residents can play a crucial role in this process. They need to urge their Representatives to sign on to the special session petition. This is not a partisan issue—it's about getting back to work and solving a problem that impacts every household in our community. Residents can contact their state representatives directly and encourage them to act now, before the winter months bring even higher energy costs.

Editorial Pa

Arzeno's Refusal to Support Special Session to Address Skyrocketing Energy Costs "Confusing"

I am confused by the fact that Hector Arzeno has refused to support a special session to solve skyrocketing energy costs in Connecticut. This issue is reaching critical levels and it is the job of state legislators to go to work and solve the problem.

The fact that he refuses to try to help lower energy costs through a special session combined with his endorsement by the

Connecticut League of conservation and ending better. and of our town.

Unfortunately real opportunities for both. We should be doing

Conservation Voters up ignoring the bigger costs to our energy bills.

organizations, such as can and should also be to further a narrowly CTLCV, have missions equitable, sustainable with a very narrow focus and affordable for all the on an ideological premise residents of the State of causing them to miss Connecticut. We can do for State Representative

It is time to hold (CTLCV) sheds a bright picture. My opponent does our representatives light on his inability not consider the collateral accountable and remind to balance pragmatic damage that these them that they are legislation with special organizations' missions elected to represent interest groups. I believe may cause to many of all their constituents he his misrepresenting the his constituents through (neighbors & friends), wishes of his constituents unsustainable increases in not just special interest groups, organizations or Sustainable legislation corporations looking only focused agendas.

Tod Laudonia, Candidate

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LETTER

September 11 Town Memorials

By Harry Fisher

Thank you to the Greenwich Sentinel for recognizing September 11, and the memorial at Cos Cob Park. The town has another memorial in addition to the one the Sentinel wrote about last week. The other is out on Great Captain's Island near the lighthouse, a bronze plaque with the names of Greenwich folks lost on that date. It is aligned with so you look at the New York City skyline over it.

So when you look out at Great Captain's Island at night, look for the green light and know that there is a memorial nearby.

shredded the hotel to the the team back together, west of the towers. He was including the driving with the fire command force of the SF effort, Ed station that had been Bragg. Importantly Ed moved there from Tower was a Coast Guarder and One.

When we parted at lighthouse. IHYC we talked about the The last time I saw as the most recent had would spark. Ben's widow, my brother Ben was a been the preservation Susan Fisher, identified lunch at the Indian Harbor of the field at Sabine the Lighthouse renovation Yacht Club on Labor Day Farm. We discussed the as a recipient of donations weekend that year. He died stalled effort to put the in Ben's memory. This crushed by the collapse navigation light back in the became a private – public of Tower Two when it Lighthouse, and getting partnership and between

that service maintains

next fundraising effort what September 11th

the contributions and a town contribution the historical building was restored. Unfortunately the Coast Guard refused to put the navigation light back in the tower. But fast forward and Ed Bragg was able to get a low wattage green flashing light installed in

So when you look out at Great Captain's Island at night, look for the green light and know that there Little did we know is a memorial nearby. And if you visit the island, it is possible to walk to the lighthouse, but best at low tide. God bless those we lost that day and all who serve to protect us from further terror.

LETTER

No High Rises Please

Senator Ryan Fazio:

BY G.SCOTT DIDDEL Dear Editor,

As we approach this November's election, I am writing to the town editors as a concerned town citizen. We are at a pivotal 'moment in time' for our beautiful town.

Here's why:

The Democratic elected talking heads in Hartford think it is a great idea to let developers build whatever they want in Greenwich. I mean, why not turn our beautiful town into a gridlocked nightmare saving Greenwich, one filibuster at a time.

with skyscrapers on every bill. Just imagine....

Representatives—Steve high rises. Meskers, Rachel Khanna, voted for it in the state Hartford's cooking up House to please their party something even worse in Hartford.

But hold on-Ryan corner? Enter HB5390, the Fazio had a better idea. By "Let's Ruin Greenwich" threatening a filibuster, he managed to get the bill And who was in favor yanked off the table. That's this brilliant idea? Our right, Ryan saved us from very own Democratic State living in the shadow of

the Fair Share Act, which

would make 8-30g look like child's play. This one could force us to build even more massive developments, and we'd have no say in the

So, if you like Greenwich just the way it is, as do 63,000+ of us, you know who to thank. And you know who we need to vote for this November, yes.... Senator Ryan Fazio: saving Greenwich, one filibuster at a time. And trust me, But don't pop the we're gonna need him to and Hector Arzeno. They champagne just yet. do it again as our voice in Hartford.

Greenlight

a new partnership with Greenlight Financial Technology, aiming to promote financial literacy for families within its community. As part of this collaboration, customers of the bank will receive complimentary access to the Greenlight family finance app through the Greenlight for Banks program.

This partnership underscores the bank's commitment to equipping families with the tools necessary

President and CEO of The First Bank of Greenwich, expressed enthusiasm about the initiative. "The First Bank of Greenwich's partnership with Greenlight will empower our customers to educate their children about money management, fostering lifelong financial habits," Gaudio said. He added that some staff have provided positive feedback.

Greenlight is designed to provide parents with a cashless Greenlight app is Level UP™, an

The First Bank of to foster healthy financial habits solution for managing their in-app financial literacy game payments, manage chores, and set spending controls. The app save, donate, and spend wisely. Through the app, children can which helps them gain realmembers are already using the world experience in money with top-notch financial app with their own children and management under parental education." guidance.

A key feature of the

children's finances. Parents designed to educate children can automate allowance through challenges, rewards, and an engaging curriculum. Matt Wolf, SVP of Business offers a practical approach to Development at Greenlight, financial education, allowing explained the value of the children to learn how to earn, program: "We created the Greenlight for Banks program to assist financial institutions also use Greenlight's debit card, in better serving families and engaging the next generation

Thank you to all the Male Role Models!



Football Season kicks off this time of year for the NFL and the Greenwich Youth Football League (GYFL). I always smile when I pass our fields in town and see these young boys learning to play football and be part of a team. I also think back fondly to witnessing my son's experiences playing football and the lessons they learned from some incredible coaches.

My sons are older, and now I have grandsons. I continue to worry about our boys and young men today. According to experts, boys can struggle more than girls because they have fewer tools to cope with emotions and stressors and are less likely to get the help they need. Without the means to effectively process emotions, boys are more prone to lash out in unhealthy ways or alienate themselves.

Male depression is perhaps the most common among men's mental health issues. According to CDC statistics on men's mental health, 5.5 percent of young adult males suffer from depression. That's about half the number of women of the

Our boys need us now more than ever. You can make a difference if you are a father, grandfather, uncle, brother, caregiver, coach, teacher, scout leader, mentor, clergy member, law, or public official.

anger, increased loss of control, carried out by women. risk-taking, and aggression.

struggle with the fact that Since caregiver, coach, teacher, scout

While there isn't a different 1982, an astonishing 144 mass sort of 'male depression,' some shootings have been carried symptoms are more common out in the United States by in men than women. These male shooters. In contrast, only include irritability, sudden four mass shootings have been

Our boys need us now I support common-sense more than ever. You can make gun laws and am grateful CT a difference if you are a father, has some of the strongest, yet I grandfather, uncle, brother,

leader, mentor, clergy member, autonomy. law, or public official.

can have a significant impact on build trusting relationships. a boy's life, helping him develop in many ways:

Self-esteem and mental health: Positive male role better self-esteem and mental health.

models can help boys develop a moral compass by teaching them the importance of honesty, integrity, and empathy. role models can help prevent

Values and ethics: Male role

respect women and others. Personal growth: Male role

models can help boys develop Selectwoman a sense of independence and

Interpersonal relationships: Positive male role models Male role models can help boys

Confidence: Male role models can help boys improve their confidence.

And, of course, this doesn't models can help boys develop come at any expense to what girls need towards their development; it's not an eitheror focus... it's a both. Thank you to all our male role models in town; your effort is worth it!

Interestingly, I did a quick Google search on whether the Violence prevention: Male Father's Forum in Greenwich is still active. I'm not sure; maybe violence by teaching boys to it's a good time to re-establish?

Mother, Grandmother, Aunt,

LETTER

Tina Courpas is a New Path Forward

By Sabrina Forsythe

The fabric of our nation feels pulled at every seam. That reality makes it more essential that ever to look for leaders who understand both the weight of history and the promise of the future. Tina Courpas, a candidate with a deep and varied background, is that kind of leader.

Tina's story begins with her parents, Greek immigrants who, like so many before them, came to this country seeking opportunity. Their journey is not just one of seeking the American Dream but also of instilling in their daughter a profound respect for the values that make this nation strongeducation, hard work, and a commitment to community. It is from this foundation that Tina Courpas has built her career and her vision for public service.

Educated at Princeton and Columbia Law School, Tina's professional life has been marked by a dedication to both the private and public sectors. She spent two decades navigating the intricate worlds of corporate law and investment banking, gaining a deep understanding of the financial structures that underpin our economy. Yet, it was her work in the non-profit sector that truly shaped her political philosophy-a blend of fiscal conservatism and social

In a time when politics often feels like a zero-sum game, Tina represents a return to the idea that we are stronger together, united by our shared goals and aspirations.

toward individual freedom.

As the Executive Director of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women in Connecticut, Tina led a critical

moderation, always with an eye COVID-19 on women. This was not an academic exercise; it was a data-driven, bipartisan effort to understand how the pandemic affected women across the state and how to use that information statewide study on the impact of to inform sound policy decisions.

rather than rhetoric, that sets Tina apart.

Her Greek heritage also plays a crucial role in her worldview. As the leader of The Hellenic Initiative, Tina worked tirelessly to support the nation of Greece during its economic crisis, uniting the global Greek community in a common cause. This experience reinforced her belief in the power of community and the importance of contributing to the greater good-values that guide her as she seeks to represent us.

Courpas path forward, one that combines a respect for fiscal responsibility with a

It is this commitment to facts, compassionate understanding of the social issues that affect us all. Her approach is not one of divisiveness but of finding common ground, of building bridges where others see only chasms. In a time when politics often feels like a zero-sum game, Tina represents a return to the idea that we are stronger together, united by our shared goals and aspirations.

> As voters, we are often asked to choose between extremes. Perhaps the better choice is one that recognizes the value in both. Tina Courpas is that choice-rooted in tradition, but with a clear-eyed vision for the future. It's time we give someone great the opportunity to lead.

LETTER

The Fragility of Local Power

By John Redmond

There is a kind of fragility to the power that local governments hold, a vulnerability that is often overlooked until it is too late. Tod Laudonia understands this fragility all too well. His campaign is a response to the creeping centralization of power in Hartford, one that sadly our own Democrat representatives have given into - a process that threatens to erode the autonomy

of towns like ours.

Tod's opposition to the regionalization of tax collection and regulations is not just about preserving the status quo; it's about resisting a shift in power that would see local resources redistributed according to a larger state of Connecticut's bureaucratic government agenda. This is not merely a fiscal issue, although that is very concerning in its own right; His criticism of those who vote in lockstep with their party, despite representing politically diverse districts, is a powerful reminder of what representation should be.

it's a question of who controls community. Tod's commitment it is central to his campaign. the everyday reality of our to this cause is unwavering, and

But what truly sets Tod apart

is his understanding of what it means to be a representative. Tod sees himself as a voice for the people. His criticism of those who vote in lockstep with their party, despite representing politically diverse districts, is a powerful reminder of what representation should be.

Tod's campaign correctly warns us all of the fragility of local power and the need to defend it vigorously.

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LETTER

Thank You for OpEd About Energy

By Jake Polari

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my gratitude for Harry Fisher's insightful piece on Senator Ryan Fazio's efforts to address the growing burden of electricity bills in Connecticut. It was well-

written and clear.

and fairness in an increasingly challenging economic landscape.

which you so clearly outlined, underscores the energy, and strengthening oversight through the this critical issue.

This issue strikes at the heart of what so costs are managed in our state. As someone represents a balanced and thoughtful solution. many of us are grappling with-affordability who has personally witnessed the impact of these high bills on seniors and small business ensure that the voices of those affected are owners, I believe Fazio's focus on reducing heard and that responsible governance is Senator Fazio's comprehensive approach, hidden charges, fostering a fair market for clean encouraged. Thank you for shedding light on

pressing need for reform in the way energy Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA)

Your letter on this important topic helps

LETTER

We Need Balanced Leadership in Hartford

BY WYNN E McDaniel

Dear Editor,

While many of us are focused on the upcoming presidential election, we cannot overlook the importance of our local elections. That is why I am

concerned about its future, I resources effectively and ensure with the desire to improve the Stamford have long enjoyed.

writing to introduce you to Tina plan to vote for Tina as she has that taxpayer dollars are used financial stature of Connecticut

Courpas, who is running for the extensive experience in financial wisely. Tina has set forth her - policies which will attract Courpas, a representative who State Representative position for management and leading non-positions on maintaining local large and small businesses and will bring balanced, thoughtful profit organizations which zoning, managed affordable new residents to our state while leadership to Hartford and truly As someone who is deeply makes her an ideal candidate. housing rollouts and public preserving the quality-of-life understand and address the involved in our community and She knows how to manage utility rate proposals along residents of Greenwich and needs of our community.

I urge you to vote for Tina

Thank you.

LETTER

Mary Hull, All Things Green

BY SUZY SIMPSON

Dear Editor,

I just read your article hanging regarding the the baskets. They are such a special touch to the ambiance Post Road, but one person Greenwich. She always had a that was not included in the car load of clippers, gloves, and article was Mary Hull. She was buckets. The Japanese ladies the director of Green & Clean were surely a big part of the for many years, and worked basket arranging, but my dad

of Greenwich Ave and the tirelessly in all efforts to beautify

In this effort, I am most grateful.

after he had his stroke, Mary effort, I am most grateful. encouraged Daddy to continue

also enjoyed working with the with the effort, as she knew baskets. As a naval officer, he how important it was to his well made many trips to Japan, so he being. Mary worked her buns off fit right in with the ladies. Even for everything green, and in this

LETTER

Vote for Better Representation

BY MICHAEL C. NEDDER

In these divisive times, voters often line up behind a candidate for the party with whom they primarily identify. The problem is that politics gotten more extreme including on the local and state level. This year when the citizens of Greenwich vote on November 5th, they have a choice for moderates or a choice to further divisiveness within our town.

Should you want,

higher taxes

· losing control of local zoning to Hartford

 property taxes being sent to Hartford instead of Greenwich where they will decide best how to allocate them

· zero accountability on

the sale of Aquarion Water

· a lack of responsiveness on burgeoning utility bills

Company to the Regional Water Authority (RWA) your choice is simple: vote for

the slate of Democrats, BUT if you are tired of Greenwich undermined Hartford, cast your vote for

Ryan Fazio for State Senator, Tina Courpas for State Rep in the 149th District as well as the other Republicans running to represent Greenwich in Hartford. Together, they will keep Greenwich as our own.

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recently stepped down as director after 38 years, received a certificate of recognition from First Selectman Fred Camillo. The bench is located near a garden Hull worked on and was installed with the help of the town's Parks & Trees staff.

PAULIE'S PUSH HONORS 9/11 FLIGHT CREWS



Paul Veneto passed through Greenwich today, pushing an airline beverage cart as part of his journey from Boston to the 9/11 memorial. His effort, called "Paulie's Push," honors the flight crews who died in the September 11th attacks. More information can be found at PauliesPush.com.

POLICE & FIRE

GREENWICH POLICE LEAP LUNCHEON



The Greenwich Police Department hosted a luncheon for members of the Abilis Greenwich LEAP community at Innis Arden Cottage. The event included a meal provided by Chicken Joe's of Cos Cob. Officers and community members participated in the gathering.

ONLINE EXPLOITATION WARNING FOR PARENTS

The U.S. Attorney's Office for Connecticut issued a public service announcement warning parents about "sextortion," a form of online blackmail targeting minors. The announcement advises on protecting children and reporting exploitation to authorities or the CyberTipline. Further details are available at www.justice.gov/ct.

AROUND TOWN

LEAF BLOWER BAN ENFORCED

Greenwich's gas-powered leaf blower ban took effect on May 25, leading to 162 calls in the first month and 149 calls through the summer. Most calls did not result in violations.

BELLE HAVEN CLUB PROPERTY REASSESSED

The Belle Haven Club reached a settlement with the town, lowering its property's assessed value by 7.9 percent after a dispute over excessive valuation. The club's total assessed value is now \$18.94 million, down from \$20.99 million. The club will receive a credit on future tax payments instead of a refund.

TOWN HALL OVERVIEW EVENT

The Board of Selectmen and Greenwich Newcomers will hold "Greenwich Town Hall 101" on September 19, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Town Hall. The event will explain how local officials and staff operate within the town. It will take place in the Cone Room, 101 Field Point Road. To sign up please visit https://www.greenwichnewcomers.org/ event-5848232.

ROUTE 15 SIGN REPLACEMENT

Work has started to replace and renumber over 70 exit signs along Route 15, with completion expected by July 2026. The project spans several towns and will involve periodic lane closures during off-peak hours. The renumbering aligns with national standards, and the new signs will meet updated federal requirements.

BINNEY PARK CLEANUP

A community cleanup at Binney Park in Old Greenwich is scheduled for tomorrow, September 14 from 2 pm to 4 pm, organized by student Thomas McKinney. Volunteers should bring gloves and wear long pants. Community service hours will be provided.

FORMER GROCERY SITE PROPOSAL

The owners of the former Mike's Organic site at 600 E. Putnam Ave. are seeking to convert the property into a restaurant and presented the plan to the Greenwich Planning & Zoning Commission. Parking requirements were a primary concern during the review. The commission will revisit the proposal at a future meeting.

AUTUMN SKATEPARK HOURS

As of the beginning of September, the Skatepark will close daily at 6 pm.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

FLINN GALLERY TO OPEN YAMASHITA EXHIBITION

The Flinn Gallery at Greenwich Public Library will open its 2024-25 season with the solo exhibition "The Elusive Art of Kumi Yamashita," running from September 19 to November 6. Yamashita, a Japaneseborn artist, has exhibited internationally and in major U.S. institutions. The gallery's season will feature five shows from September through

SPIN EVENT SUPPORTS SMILOW

The Greenwich Hospital Freedom Riders participated in Spin in the Garden to raise funds for Smilow Cancer Hospital as part of the Closer to Free event. Thirteen riders used spin bikes provided by the YMCA of Greenwich, with a YMCA instructor leading the sessions. The funds will support cancer care services at Smilow.

YOUTH PHILHARMONIC AUDITIONS

The Young Artists Philharmonic (YAP) in Greenwich is holding auditions for its three orchestras, flute choir, and masterclasses. Musicians of all ages and abilities can audition on September 13, 20, and 29 from 4 to 6 pm at the First Congregational Church in Old

GREENWICH REACCREDITED AS HEARTSAFE COMMUNITY

The Town of Greenwich has been re-accredited as a HEARTSafe Community by the Connecticut Department of Public Health. This designation reflects the town's effective cardiac care system, including prompt 911 access, CPR, defibrillation, and advanced medical care. supported by Greenwich Emergency Medical Service (GEMS). Greenwich's survival rates for cardiac arrest significantly exceed national averages, with an 18 percent overall rate and up to 50 percent for witnessed cases.

YMCA REOPENS WITH NEW UPGRADES

The YMCA of Greenwich reopened after completing maintenance and upgrades, including a renovated Wellness Center and new gym equipment. The facility also introduced new personal training options and orientation sessions for members. The updates aim to improve member experience and community health services.

TROUPERS LAUNCH AUDITIONS FOR PINAFORE

Troupers Light Opera Company will hold auditions for *HMS Pinafore* on September 23 and 25, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Union Memorial Church in Stamford. All vocal roles are open. Performances are scheduled for March 8 and 15.

NEW SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH



Christ Church Greenwich is starting a casual 5:00 pm worship service called "Joyful Noise," featuring contemporary music by Rob Mathes and Anna Leinbach on alternating dates. The service is designed for those who cannot attend morning services. These live, in-person services will be held at Christ Church Greenwich, 254 East Putnam Avenue.

JERSEY SHORE ACTORS VISIT PASTA BOWLS



Pasta Bowls, a new restaurant in town, recently held its grand opening. Cast members of "Jersey Shore: Family Vacation" visited the restaurant on September 4 after a local comedy show. The restaurant offers customizable pasta bowls and various Italian dishes.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

DARRIN WIGGLESWORTH BIDS FAREWELL **AFTER 35 YEARS**



Darrin Wigglesworth is retiring after 35 years as the Town Parks Operations Manager, during which he rose from a utility worker to a top position. He was instrumental in projects such as the Binney Park Master Plan, park cleanups, and mentoring 37 Eagle Scout projects. His retirement marks the end of a significant era for Greenwich's parks and recreation.

NICKERSON HONORED FOR DECADES OF SERVICE



The Glenville Volunteer Fire Company has awarded the David N. Theis Award for Outstanding Service to the Community to William H. "Bill" Nickerson for his nearly 40 years of service to Greenwich, including his roles in the Representative Town Meeting and as a state representative and senator. The award ceremony will take place on October 17 at Tamarack Country Club. The event is open to the public, and those interested in attending or contributing to the silent auction can contact the fire company.

MALKIN WINS DAVIDSON SCHOLARSHIP

Ashley Malkin, a 17-year-old from Greenwich, won a \$10,000 Davidson Fellows Scholarship for her project using machine learning to identify potential drug treatments for neurological disorders. Her research narrowed 11,575 FDA-approved drugs to 273 candidates. Malkin and other 2024 Davidson Fellows will be recognized at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

GHS SENIORS SHINE AS SEMIFINALISTS

Twelve Greenwich High School seniors have been named 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists. Principal Ralph Mayo praised both the students and educators, highlighting their accomplishments. The semifinalists are Henry Cullen, Calvin Donat, Thomas Erensen, John Howes, YeonWoo Kook, Ashley Malkin, Luke Mendelsohn, Justin Qu, Naomi Rosell, Lauren Rutkoske, Austin Sciulla,

and Michelle Weissler. They will be recognized at an upcoming Board of Education meeting.

FREE NARCAN TRAINING FOR FAMILIES

Greenwich Public Schools is offering free Narcan training for families to teach how to identify and respond to opioid overdoses. Participants will receive a Narcan kit after the session. Training sessions are scheduled for September 18 and October 16 at Central Middle School, with times from 5:00 to 6:00 pm and 6:00 to 7:00 pm

JULIAN CURTISS INTERIM ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Claribel Michilena has been appointed interim assistant principal at Julian Curtiss School, effective October 1. She brings nearly 20 years of educational experience, including her most recent role as a district administrator in New York City. Michilena will work alongside Principal Eduardo Calderón to support the school's goals and student achievement.

GA SENIORS ACHIEVE SEMIFINALIST SUCCESS



On September 11, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the 16,000 semifinalists for its 70th annual scholarship program, including Greenwich Academy seniors Sophie Calise, Rena Georgakopoulos-Ueta, and Emily Hall. They qualified by scoring in the top one percent on the 2023 Preliminary SAT (PSAT). To become finalists, they must submit applications detailing their academic and extracurricular achievements.

SHG STUDENT EARNS PRESTIGIOUS HONOR



Julia Stiker, a Sacred Heart Greenwich senior, has been named a 2025 Semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Out of over 1.3 million eligible students, 16,000 were selected as Semifinalists based on their PSAT scores. Stiker now advances to the next phase, where 15,000 will become Finalists, and 6,870 will receive scholarships.

WESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELDS UPDATES

New fields at Western Middle School are expected to reopen by the end of the year, but lights for nighttime use are not yet funded. Installing the lights is estimated to cost \$2.5 million, and discussions are ongoing about possibly funding it through the Parks and Recreation Department. Further budget talks will take place before the town's budget review next year.

KULOWIEC ADVOCATES BALANCED AI IN EDUCATION

Before the school year began, Greg Kulowiec delivered a lecture on incorporating generative AI into teaching at GCDS. His presentation emphasized a balanced approach to AI, combining skepticism with optimism. GCDS continues to seek innovative methods to enhance student engagement and learning.

GHS FIELD HOCKEY TRIUMPHS 10-0

The Greenwich High School field hockey team defeated Danbury 10-0 after losses to Mamaroneck and Fairfield Ludlowe. Senior captains Kate Donnellan and Sofia Klingbeil led the scoring, with Donnellan recording a hat-trick and Klingbeil adding a goal. Earlier, Greenwich lost 5-3 to Fairfield Ludlowe and 3-2 to Mamaroneck, despite goals from Lilly Evers and Clara Ojea Quintana.

GHS BOYS' SOCCER STARTS STRONG WITH TWO SHUTOUTS

The Greenwich High School boys' soccer team has started the 2024 season with two shutout wins, defeating Fairfield Ludlowe 2-0 and St. Joseph 5-0. Senior Pietro Carvalho scored a hat trick against St. Joseph, contributing to a solid early performance by the team. The Cardinals, who had a successful 2023 season, are expected to be strong contenders for both FCIAC and state titles this year.

FROM HARTFORD

PUSH FOR SOCIAL MEDIA WARNINGS

Connecticut Attorney General William Tong and 41 other attorneys general urged Congress to pass legislation requiring surgeon general warnings on algorithm-driven social media platforms. They cited research linking social media use to mental health issues in young people. The attorneys general called for federal action, noting that social media companies have not addressed these concerns independently.

DOT TRAVEL SURVEY

The Connecticut DOT is surveying residents on their daily travel habits to update data in response to changes from the COVID-19 pandemic and new technology. The survey, mailed to randomly selected households, will gather information on travel frequency, distance, and transportation methods, with results expected next spring.

CHEESEBURGER DAY

National Cheeseburger Day, observed on September 18, is a tribute to one of America's favorite foods. The day spotlights the cheeseburger, recognizing its enduring place in American culinary culture. This simple yet iconic dish remains a symbol of American comfort food.

OUR NEIGHBORS

RAMP REOPENS

The Route 7 ramp to southbound I-95 has reopened, alleviating traffic caused by a tanker fire in May that destroyed the Fairfield Avenue overpass. The Connecticut DOT completed the reopening ahead of schedule, with the replacement bridge expected to be finished by spring.

The Passions That Have Won for Susie Baker the David Ogilvy Award

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

For over half a century the life and contributions of Susie Baker have been woven through the history of the Town of Greenwich. She has been honored by multiple organizations but next Wednesday evening she will receive from the Greenwich Historical Society at its annual meeting, its highest individual honor, the David Ogilvy Award for her "lifetime work" in "the advancement of preservation in Greenwich and beyond."

Just how that is spelled out in "worker bee" Susie Baker's life, this reporter learned of while talking with her in an upstairs room of the Innis Arden Cottage overlooked by an impressive portrait of J. Kennedy Tod, once owner of Greenwich Point, with a window view of Long Island Sound. And she was most proud, she shared, of her part in saving the historic buildings of Greenwich Point.

"The town didn't intend to save the historic buildings here," she said. "What's historic is this was the property of Elizabeth Feake," and "that's 1640. And she bought this property from the Native Americans for 11 coats – a bolt of wool. So that's the history of Greenwich. That's where it begins. And then to think that it was finally owned by Mr. Tod."

The Innis Arden Cottage had played a part in Baker's 25 years of teaching at Greenwich High School in marine biology and oceanography wherein she and teacher colleague Dan Barrett had used part of the Cottage as a marine science lab for their students. "You can study everything here. We have rocky habitats, a sandy beach habitat, a marsh habitat, a mud flat habitat."

But with the deteriorating Cottage and nearby barn, and no town plan to save the buildings - "It was just on the books for a bulldozer..."

To save the buildings Baker ioined with three other women to form the Greenwich Point Conservancy (named first as Friends of Greenwich Point). With the need to learn more of the buildings' history Baker reached out to the Greenwich Historical Society and then president, Claire Vanderbilt.

Baker had been a part of the Historical Society from first moving to Greenwich with her family 56 years ago. "I just joined to become a member in the community," she said. A highlight in those membership vears was serving in 1976 as a docent in the 200th year celebration of the town of Greenwich. "We put together this amazing program for all the third graders in town to have a field trip. But it was not the Cos Cob Art Colony then, it was the old Sarah Bush House, and I just loved every bit of that old history of when the grist mill was out in front - I just learned so much about the town's history acting as a docent."

Returning to her work with the Greenwich Point Conservancy, she noted its aims were for "conservation and preservation. And the Historical Society is more about preservation of the past." Conservation for Baker "is more focused on natural resources and saving what we have." Pointing to the now restored Cottage and next-door Old Barn, she said, "This is building conservation," adding, "This is history preservation."

For Baker's years of working for that preservation and conservation through the Conservancy, the Old Barn and adjoining building were named the Susie Baker Pavilion in 2014.

But Baker continued, "The Historical Society is not in the business of buying historical properties. They're in the business of preserving the history, archiving the history, and educating people... And



Susie Baker stands before the Old Barn at Greenwich Point that she played a pivotal point in preserving. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

"The Historical Society is not in the business of buying historical properties. They're in the business of preserving the history, archiving the history, and educating people."

they built in recent years the Vanderbilt Barn, where they can do their educational programs, and they can sponsor all kinds of events. And they have the new space for the archives, and they also have a wonderful summer camp for children that's teaching history,

and some outdoor activities teaching natural history to all the kids in our town. So, they play a great role."

David Ogilvy for whom her named she cited Ogilvy as

Society in every way. He also was an early board member of the Greenwich Land Trust and one of its presidents. The Questioned about the late Greenwich Land Trust is preserving properties and open Historical Society Award is space, just as the Greenwich Historical Society is preserving "a major contributor to the the history - and they're both

conservation ideas. They're both saving, conserving, and protecting. And so that's where a lot of David's energy and time and treasure went in our town."

For Baker, protecting the open space in Greenwich is "the most important thing we have to worry about," she said. "And it's kind of hard to do. We have good zoning regulations for the backcountry areas of four acres. The Conservation Commission and the Planning & Zoning Commission in the town of Greenwich work hard to assure conservation set asides and conservation easements on all properties that are developed. And when you do that, you start protecting the natural world. You protect the waterways; you protect overdevelopment in terms of the population."

She's also "passionate about Long Island Sound and its being clean," she said, "And I'm passionate about keeping the waterways clean, and the open space preserved. And to do all that you have to honor the history after knowing what was there."

There's a quotation that savs it all for Baker, by a Senegalese engineer and forest scientist, Baba Dioum: "In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught." She found it on "a little plague" she saw at the Bronx Zoo. She wrote it down. "That was long before there were cell phones to take a picture."

She insisted her students memorize it, "and they kept saying, 'Why? Why?' And periodically we'd talk about it. and I would say, 'That's why I'm here.' And then on their final exam, I always said, now they had to write the poem - and it's true. And one of my students wrote it calligraphy-like. decorated it with sparkles, and put it in a frame and gave it to me - it's on my breakfast table."

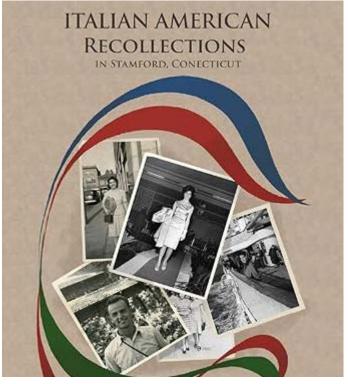
Greenwich Historical Society Launches Fall Series Highlighting Local Autho

fall series to highlight local authors through its Local Spotlight Book Talks. These intimate events, hosted by the Museum Store, will provide attendees with an opportunity to hear directly from authors about their creative processes, motivations, and insights into their works. The program will also include book signings and refreshments, and attendees can enjoy complimentary access to the Bush-Holley House and museum galleries on the day of the talks.

directly with the community," said Dianne Niklaus, Director of the Muppets, his commitment to

The Greenwich Historical Marketing and Communications Society is launching a new at the Historical Society. The fall line-up will showcase a diverse range of authors, covering topics such as contemporary puppet theater. Italian-American heritage, and a personal memoir of survival during the Holocaust.

The series kicks off on Wednesday, October 2nd, with a presentation by Leslee Asch, a longtime Greenwich resident and former colleague of Jim Henson. Asch, who served as the producing director of the Henson International Festival of Puppet Theater, will share her book Out of the Shadows, "The success of our past which delves into the world of author lectures inspired us to puppet theater and its evolution, create a more structured series much of which was influenced that allows authors to connect by Henson's passion for the art. "While Henson is best known for



international puppet theater left experiences as a child fleeing an indelible mark on the field," Asch notes.

On Wednesday, October 16th, American life in Stamford from rebuild their lives. the 1930s to the 1960s. Drawing Italian-American community during a period of rapid change registration is recommended. in lower Fairfield County.

Wednesday, November 13th, registration is recommended. is Judith Alter Kallman, a Greenwich discuss her memoir, A Candle in spotlight-book-talks/ the Heart, which recounts her

Nazi persecution in Slovakia and surviving the Holocaust. Her story also reflects on the author Kim Harke will present kindness she encountered in Italian American Recollections England and Israel in the years in Stamford Connecticut, a following the war, where Jewish detailed portrayal of Italian- communities helped survivors

Books by the featured from the Historical Society authors will be available for archives and over 80 interviews, purchase at the Museum Store, Harke's work highlights the and a 10% discount will be contributions of Stamford's offered to attendees. Space for the events is limited, and

Admission to the talks is Closing the series on FREE, but space is limited, and

For more information on the resident and series: https://greenwichhistory. Holocaust survivor. Kallman will org/museum-store-local-

JOYFUL NOISE Continued from Page 1

bring people closer to God wherever they are on their spiritual journey."

The Loft Concerts: Genesis of a New Movement

The idea for "Joyful Noise" began earlier this year, following the success of The Loft concerts in February. Mathes, a Grammy-nominated producer, arranger, and composer who has worked with the likes of Sting, Bruce Springsteen, and Panic! at the Disco, brought a new energy to the church with these performances. His ability to blend his deep Christian faith with contemporary music appealed to a broader audience, many of whom had not attended regular Sunday services in years.

Reflecting on his experiences, Mathes said, "Many of us grew up in religious households and left the church for a myriad of reasons — me included. Yet that tradition contains so much food for the soul. I can listen to Aretha Franklin's Amazing Grace or go to Christ Church on Christmas Eve and feel close to something ineffable, purposeful, full of love and grace."

It was these sentiments, combined with the positive reception of The Loft series, that led to the creation of a regular Sunday evening service aimed at those who may be seeking a more casual, reflective, and musically rich way to connect with their faith.

A Blend of Tradition and Modernity

While Christ Church Greenwich is renowned for its exceptional choral music and traditional liturgy, "Joyful Noise" breaks from convention by offering music not typically associated with the Episcopalian tradition. The service will feature a variety of contemporary Christian music, arranged and performed by Mathes and his fellow musicians. According to the church, the service will have an informal tone, encouraging attendees to "come as they are."

"I like the phrase 'church for the rest of us," Mathes said, capturing the spirit of the new service. His career in music has taken him from directing the Kennedy Center Honors to producing and arranging for internationally recognized artists, but he continues to return to the subject of faith in his own compositions. "So much of it is melodic, warm, and deeply felt music," he said of his work, which will now take center stage at Christ Church's latest offering.

A Welcoming New Way to Worship

The addition of "Joyful Noise" comes at a time when many faith communities are seeking to engage a new generation of worshippers. By offering a later service with a relaxed format, Christ Church hopes to attract those who may not be able to attend the traditional morning services due to work, family commitments, or other responsibilities.

"People are busy on Sunday mornings," Zabriskie said, "but that shouldn't be a barrier to experiencing worship and community. 'Joyful Noise' provides an opportunity for people to connect with God and with one another later in the day, in a way that feels more accessible and relevant to their lives."



Upcoming Service Dates

"Joyful Noise" will be held monthly in the Main Sanctuary with Rob Mathes on the following dates:

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Sunday, October 27, 2024 Sunday, November 24, 2024

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Sunday, October 6, 2024

Sunday, November 10, 2024

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Understanding "The Writing on the Wall"



BY RABBI MITCHELL HURVITZ

Rembrandt's Painting of "Belshazzar's Feast" captures a challenging Biblical narrative from the Book of Daniel, a reminder that chapters in our lives close, even as new ones begin.

Each of us addresses life transitions, the moments that act like the tides as we move through our days.

For many people who live with a belief in God, or Fate, we look for and see the Hand of God within our lives. Some see God's Hand in their individual lives, and some see it through a more macro lens, working in society, events, wars, accidents, natural phenomena, and even elections.

Sometimes, we are aware of God's Hand in our choices. Perhaps we make choices concerning what we know about God, justice, mercy, morality, and frivolity.

Every day, we all make choices from when we wake up until we lie down to sleep. Choices can include: How will we work today? How will we cope? How will we love? How will we strive with the purpose of repairing the world?

When I consider my daily choices, I think, "Do I see the Hand of God in this choice is there some guidance?"

I often contemplate when considering my choices Rembrandt's depiction of "Belshazzar's Feast," an illustration that featured God's Hand.

The story of Daniel is about choices and consequences, as well as pasts and futures.

From this story, we derive the origin of the expression "the writing on the wall," which refers to perceiving warnings of troubles. Perceiving warnings is a significant part of how we learn and make choices.

The story of "Belshazzar's Feast" features, to Balshazzar's horror, a disembodied hand that is writing on the wall.

Belshazzar was an emperor who lived an immoral life. He enjoyed a life pursuit solely of frivolity, and the Book of Daniel records how he celebrated his profane joy by drinking from the sacred cups of the Great Temple of Jerusalem that his father had destroyed while plundering their sacred

During Belshazzar's feast of gluttony, a hand appears and writes on the wall: Mene Mene Tekel Upharsin (roughly meaning: number, number, measure, divide). No one initially consulted was able to interpret these words.

Finally, the exiled Jew, Daniel, who led a Godconscious life, was called upon to interpret the words the hand had written on the

Belshazzar offered Daniel a reward to give his interpretation, but Daniel declined. Without the reward, he nevertheless shared his thoughts on the message anyway.

Daniel interprets that the Hand of God wrote each word, Mene Mene Tekel Upharsin, as addressing counting:

• Mene - God has numbered the days of the Babylonian Empire.

When we reflect on the past and think about our future, we can look for guiding truths to help us make decisions.

- Belshazzar.
- Tekel God has choices. measured Belshazzar's deeds and found them wanting.
- and be divided.

After Daniel's interpretation, Belshazzar hands. died that very night, and the foretold, happened.

of Daniel can come to mind when considering our large and small choices. When we reflect on the past and think about our future, we can look for guiding truths to help us make decisions.

Belshazzar's father was of the Jerusalem Great Temple while plundering and desecrating holy ritual objects.

of the Babylonians' siege and the observance of Tisha B' after sunset on August 12.

Day of Remembrance, and that victimized the Jewish history.

disasters but contemplate a *publications*. more hopeful future. We try to take the opportunity to

• Mene - God has perceive God's guidance in numbered the days of living our unfolding future as we engage in our daily

The Talmud tells a story of when the Temple • Upharsin - The was destroyed by the Babylonian Empire will end Babylonians, a group of young priests gathered the keys to the Sanctuary in their

They ascended a roof division of his Empire, as and declared: "Ruler of the World -- Since we have not This story from the Book merited to be trustworthy custodians, let the keys be given back to You." They then threw the keys toward Heaven. Something like a hand emerged and received them, and the priests threw themselves into the fire.

We must be worthy of the King who led the siege our choices and successful and ultimate destruction custodians of the world God has gifted us.

Shabbat Shalom.

Temple Sholom's Senior Each year, Jews observe a Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz is three-week commemoration a scholar, teacher, community activist and preacher, and destruction, culminating in is recognized as one of the prominent religious leaders Av, which began this year in the Greenwich area and beyond. A frequent guest Tisha B'Av is a somber speaker at synagogues and churches, study groups, in recalling the tragedy that community institutions befell Jerusalem, we also and universities, he is a mourn the multiple disasters charismatic personality who engages individuals and People throughout our stimulates hearts and minds. His teachings can be found On Tisha B'Av, we in Greenwich Sentinel and remember these past in other local and national

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Mental Health Tools and Strategies for Back-to-school



As summer break ends and the new school year begins, it's essential for families in Fairfield County to prioritize their children's mental health alongside the usual preparations like shopping for school supplies. Mental health challenges can arise as students face the stress of returning to the classroom, and it's crucial for parents to be proactive in addressing these

concerns. In Connecticut, youth mental health statistics are concerning. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, 1 in 5 children between the ages of 3 and 17 experience mental, emotional, behavioral, or developmental issues. Additionally, half of all lifetime mental illnesses begin by age 14. These issues can stem from various factors, including social isolation, childhood trauma, poverty, long-term physical health conditions, and discrimination.

Locally, Kids In Crisis has observed a rise in the number of children needing mental health support as they transition back to school. Our organization offers a range of services to

help families navigate these challenges, including the TeenTalk program, which places master's-level counselors in schools throughout Fairfield Helpline, available to support children and families in immediate need.

Kids In Crisis encourages families to establish a mental irritability. health toolkit to help children adjust to the new school year. child struggles to recover from a Here are some tools and strategies:

Preparation: Set Your Child need additional support. Up for Mental Health Success

regular sleep schedules, mealtimes, and screen-time li to help your child adjust to the school routine.

Discuss what your child is looking forward to in the new school year, whether it's new school supplies, meeting friends, support to ensure that no child or a favorite subject.

child anticipate the first day of school-based counselors and school by visiting the school, crisis intervention services, discussing the route to the bus stop, and planning where you need to support their children's will meet after school.

Open communication: Encourage your child to share their feelings about returning school year, you can make a to school, validating their emotions, and discussing coping strategies for stressful situations.

Distress

for signs such as withdrawal from activities, changes in eating habits, or increased hour Crisis Helpline, to the support.

If your child struggles to recover from a tough day or consistently County, and the 24-hour Crisis avoids school, it may be a sign that they need additional support.

Difficulty coping: If your tough day or consistently avoids school, it may be a sign that they

Persistent issues: If Create routines: Establish challenging days become the more about how you can get norm rather than the exception, involved. it's time to seek help.

committed to expanding our Talk about the positives: services to meet the growing programs provide essential has to face these challenges Plan ahead: Help your alone. With resources like our families can find the help they mental well-being as they head back to school.

critical services, such as schoolbased counseling and our 24-

children and families who need them most

Together, we can create a community where every child feels supported, understood, and equipped to thrive. Visit www.kidsincrisis.org to learn

Shari L. Shapiro is the At Kids In Crisis, we are Executive Director of Kids In Crisis. Located in Cos Cob, Connecticut Kids In Crisis mental health needs of children provides emergency shelter, crisis in Fairfield County. Our counseling, and community education programs for children of all ages and families facing crisis. Crisis can include domestic violence, mental health concerns, homelessness, substance abuse. economic difficulties, and other critical challenges. The Kids In Crisis Helpline is staffed 24 hours a day with trained Crisis Counselors, and provides free, How You Can Help: This confidential phone and face-toface intervention, counseling. difference in the lives of children and referrals. Since its founding facing mental health challenges in 1978, Kids In Crisis has by supporting Kids In Crisis. provided vital 24-hour services Consider becoming a volunteer to almost 170,000 children Be Aware: Recognize Signs or making a donation to our and teens, and their families. programs. Your contribution Providers, educators, community Behavioral changes: Watch will help us continue to offer members, and family members are encouraged to call the 24hour helpline at 203-661-1911 for



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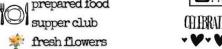


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Ken Miller's New Exhibit Opens at Trimper Gallery

Artist Ken Miller will showcase his latest work in an exhibition opening at Trimper Gallery, in Greenwich, on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024. Known for his representational style, Miller's paintings often display strong graphic design elements with pop art influences.

"This show is exciting because there are actually no people in any of the pieces," Miller said. "Most of it is a collection of landscapes and seascapes that are representational but also somewhat surreal. It's been really fun to curate and see it all come together."

Miller, who has painted since his teens, is largely selftaught, although he studied at both the Fashion Institute and the School of Visual Arts in New York City. His background photography, including assisting fashion photographer

kept at it. Then I became a photographer, which crossed over with my work in the fashion industry. As digital photography took over, I started focusing more on painting, which has brought me a lot of joy and freedom."

Miller's exhibition will feature 24 pieces, according to gallery owner Alex Trimper. "His art is soft and emotional," Trimper said. "The subject matter may be simple, but the way he executes it allows people to make deep, personal connections. You don't need to have a profound understanding of art to be moved by it."

When asked what he hopes visitors will take away from the show, Miller said, "I hope they leave with a new perspective, a different way of looking at things. And I hope my work makes them smile."

In addition to showcasing his art, Miller is using the

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Ken Haak, shaped his sense of composition. In 1993, Miller authored *The Hamptons, Long Island's East End*, a coffee table book published by Rizzoli.

Reflecting on his journey from photography to painting, Miller shared, "I was sort of discouraged from painting exhibition to raise awareness for ALS. "I'm donating a portion of the proceeds to ALS United Connecticut," Miller said. "It's a cause that's very important to me. As an artist living with ALS, this show is really meaningful."

ALS United Connecticut will have representatives at the



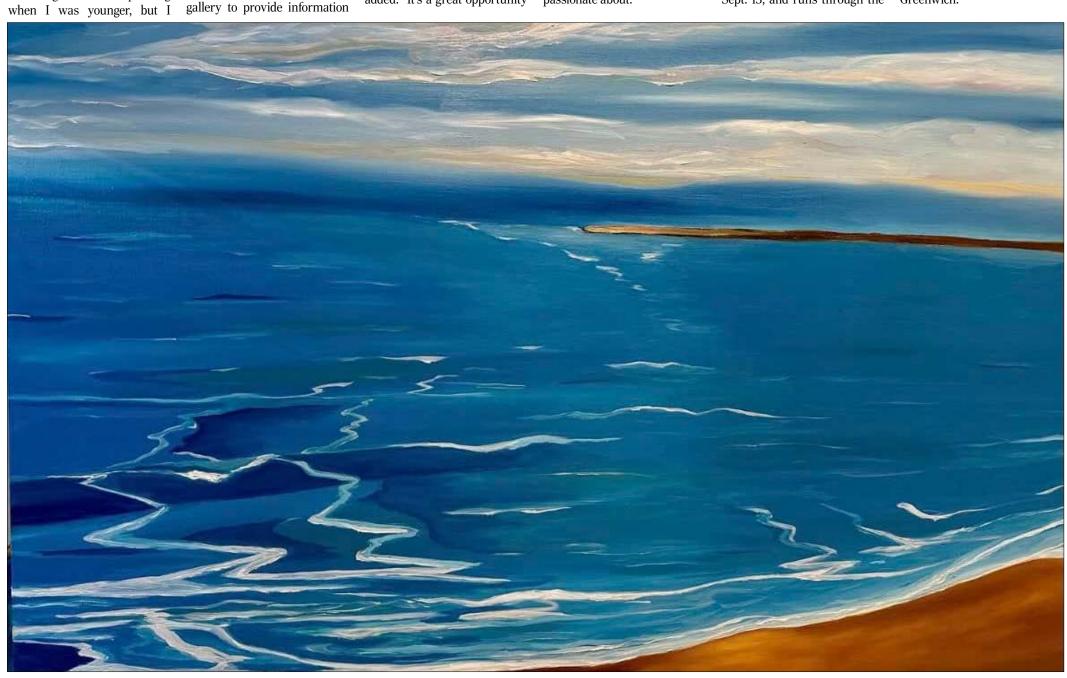
Butterfly Koi By Ken Miller

on the disease. "It's not just to educate people about ALS, about the paintings," Miller added. "It's a great opportunity

which is something I'm very passionate about."

The exhibition opens with a private reception on Friday, Sept. 13, and runs through the

fall. Trimper Gallery is located at 40 West Putnam Avenue in Greenwich.



Gardeners Bay by Ken Miller



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Getting Russia Right

BY JIM DEAN

At the September 4 meeting of the Retired Men's Association Bob Phillips introduced the day's speaker, Thomas Graham, a distinguished fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and co-founder of the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies program at Yale, who delivered a talk on Russia and the US's future role in global affairs: "Getting Russia Right: Why Russia Became an Adversary and How to Deal with It." His extensive background includes serving on the National Security Council and as a foreign service officer at the US Embassy

in Moscow. Graham argued that contrary to some predictions, Russia is not on the verge of collapse or disintegration. The country is held together by strong centrifugal forces, including patriotism and xenophobia. Russia is unlikely to experience a democratic breakthrough, as the Kremlin has systematically dismantled opposition. Russians generally support a strong ruler who can protect them from internal chaos and external threats. Despite Western sanctions, Russia's economy grew by about 3% in 2023 and is projected to maintain similar growth in the coming years. While facing challenges like demographic decline and underinvestment, Russia is more likely to experience gradual decline rather than sudden collapse. Importantly, 70-75% of the Russia population is ethnically Russian, making it unlikely to break apart.

Graham emphasized that whatever happens in Ukraine, Russia will remain a significant global player. It possesses the world's largest nuclear arsenal and has world-class cyber and space capabilities, as well as the United States must continue significant military potential. Russia's involvement is crucial for addressing strategic stability, cybersecurity, and nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction. In Europe, Russia will continue to be a major factor in security arrangements. Europe must address how to manage relations with Russia, whether through cooperation or containment. The continent cannot escape the challenge of dealing with its large eastern neighbor, which has been a persistent issue for at least the past 200 years.

largest continental shelf. As economic resilience and its deliberations. global warming opens new potential for gradual rather than development. In the Middle East, Russia maintains good relations with most major powers, including Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Iran. It has military bases in Syria, projecting power into the Eastern Mediterranean. In the Indo-Pacific region, Russia provides resources also has the potential to develop relations with South Korea and Japan, potentially acting as a constraint on Chinese ambitions. to be a significant player in the region's geopolitical dynamics.

Graham highlighted Russia's importance in addressing transnational issues. As one of the four largest emitters of greenhouse gases, Russia's participation is change. Additionally, Russia's expertise in vaccine development could be valuable in addressing global player.



Thomas Graham spoke about the challenge and necessity of maintaining engagement with Russia, in spite of its aggression in Ukraine and other fronts.

The United States must continue to engage with Russia on multiple fronts, despite current tensions.

future pandemics.

Given Russia's continued a lengthy Q&A session. global significance, Graham outlined three main objectives for US policy towards Russia. First, maintain strategic stability to reduce the risk of nuclear conflict between the two countries. Second, manage competition responsibly to avoid direct military confrontation that could escalate to nuclear conflict. Third, cooperate on a narrow range of transnational issues where collaboration is essential. Graham also hinted at a fourth objective, namely managing the relationship with Russia so as the Extraordinary Collaboration to be able to deal effectively with that Won World War II, will the growing competition from focus his talk on all the factors China over the years ahead.

These policy goals suggest that to engage with Russia on multiple fronts, despite current tensions. Diplomatic channels should be maintained to address strategic stability and manage competition. Engagement on transnational issues like climate change and pandemic preparedness is necessary. US policy in Europe, the Middle East, and the Indo-Pacific must account for Russia's influence and interests, while Arctic policy should anticipate increased Russian activity in the

Russia's influence extends implemented, policymakers to the Arctic, where it has the should be aware of Russia's maritime routes, Russia will play sudden decline. US military and a significant role in the region's cybersecurity strategies must Colgate University, will draw on continue to factor in Russia's capabilities and potential actions. Policy should be crafted with the understanding that Russia and Marshall and will spend a bit will remain a unified state and of time discussing the background significant global actor for the foreseeable future.

In conclusion, Graham's so much responsibility was given. crucial for China's growth. It analysis emphasized the need for a nuanced, long-term approach to US-Russia relations. While acknowledging the current challenges and conflicts, he argued This positioning allows Russia that Russia's continued global significance necessitates ongoing engagement and strategic planning by US policymakers across various domains of international affairs. The complexity of the relationship and Russia's enduring influence in key regions and issues underscore essential in addressing climate the importance of maintaining a balanced and pragmatic approach in dealing with this significant

Graham's talk was followed by

The talk can be viewed by going to the RMA website at https://greenwichrma.org, and clicking on "Speakers."

The RMA's upcoming presentation, "It's Complicated: The Decision by the United States on How-Not If-To Use the Atomic Bomb During World War II," by Edward Aldrich, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. Ted Aldrich, author of The Partnership: George Marshall, Henry Stimson, and that went into the decision by Stimson who — working closely with Marshall - was given the responsibility by President Roosevelt and later President Truman to recommend how to use the atomic bomb once it was developed. Addressing many of the misconceptions which formed in the years after Hiroshima and Nagasaki as to the reasons the US used the new weapon of mass destruction. Aldrich will place the audience in the shoes of Stimson, Marshall, FDR, Truman, Jimmy Byrnes, other civilian and military figures, and the American public during the brief period of time While sanctions have been the decision about the bombs was made and will outline all the considerations that went into the

extensive research he conducted while writing his book on the wartime collaboration of Stimson of Secretary of War Stimson to give a sense of the man to whom

Edward "Ted" Aldrich was born and raised in Rowayton, CT, attended Colgate University, majoring in economics and political science, and earned an MBA in finance from

Boston College. He has had a distinguished career in banking beginning with UBS with posts in New York, Zurich, and London, and has held senior positions at Deutsche Bank, Fortis, and Mizuho Bank. He currently works as the head of corporate development for Auramet Trading, one of the world's largest physical precious metals merchants.

Ted's love of history began on the day he entered the second grade at Rowayton Elementary School and saw portraits of all the U.S. presidents on the classroom wall. Ted and his wife, Susie, have lived in Westport since 1999 where they raised three sons.

To stream the presentation by Edward Aldrich at 11 AM on Wednesday, September 18, click on https://bit.ly/30IBj21. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79. The public is also invited to attend the presentation in person at the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich at 1 West Putnam Avenue.

Note: The views expressed in these presentations are those of the speakers. They are not intended to represent the views of the RMA or its members.

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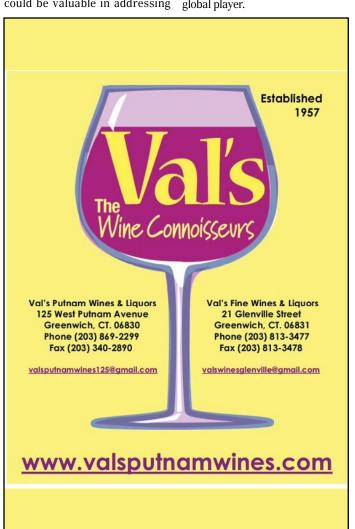
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What is Your Hope?



If you're like me, your life has included a series of high and lows. There have been times of great heartache and loss in many areas of my life. In one of the lowest moments, I told a friend, "The word hope feels like a fourletter word right now. It hurts. I don't like hope." Hope asks me to push ahead, to not quit and run away from a challenge, and to want better for tomorrow than I am experiencing today. Hope is risky, it means being willing to get hurt again, to fail, to long for something that may or may not arrive. Hope is hard.

Hope is something we might assume people of faith would

have in abundance. However, life in a broken and fallen world can be difficult for everyone. The Bible says, the rain falls on the just and the unjust. Suffering is indiscriminate and universal.

So, what do you hope for? Are there areas in your life that you've given up hoping? What's the alternative? To not be a person of hope is to be apathetic and even despairing. It is to cease to live fully, or as Jesus put it, to have life abundant (John

In order to have more hope, I realize that it really matters what we put our hope in. Do we hope in ourselves, our own strength, smarts, earning power or able bodies? Do we put all our hope in another person, a parent, child or spouse? That person is human and therefore imperfect and will let us down. Bearing all our hope, is too much to ask from a mere mortal. We were designed for more, for a relationship with another who is

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confidence.

worthy of all our hope, faith and line is clear. There will be a day, when King Jesus returns and At our church, we just has ultimate victory over all that finished a five-week series on is evil, broken and unjust, and the book of Revelation. For a new heaven and a new earth Christians, this is a book full will reign. He will set all things of symbols and mystery, of right and bring perfect justice angels, battles, lampstands, a to all that is broken, evil, and beast, a lake of fire, a tree of seeking to destroy life. Those life, a wedding banquet and a who trust in God and receive his resplendent city of peace. Most gift of salvation co-reign with people avoid this book for a him as well. All are invited to Bible study because there is so the banquet table, as the bride much about it that cannot be of the King of heaven who is also easily understood or explained. the lion and the lamb. We know It is a book that appeals more in our hearts that we long for a to our imagination than our place where all is made well, reason. However, the bottom whole, free, healed. CS Lewis

were made for another world." The book of Revelation gives a window into that other world.

In preparing for my continued to reset my day and to remind me what I put my hope in. It grounds me in the spiritual reality that is beyond what I can see directly. John begins his letter to the churches with these words, "Grace to you and peace and who is to come" (Rev. 1:4). IS and who WAS and who is TO COME. He's outside of time. I find the order significant. God is not focus is on God in the present moment, now. What this tells me is that God is with us now no matter what we are dealing

put it, "If we find ourselves with today. God "is" with us. In with a desire that nothing in our joys and sorrow, on our good this world can satisfy, the most days and hard ones, when we probable explanation is that we are troubled, despairing, sick or celebrating.

On hard days, I hold onto hope from the God who is above all and in this present moment. sermons, one scripture has I am comforted and encouraged knowing Jesus is here and now in everything. God was with me in the past and looking back I can gain strength from his faithfulness. That memory can rekindle my faith today. God will be - my hope and future are from him who is and who was secure in his hands. That is the God who loves me and invites He puts his hope in the God who me to more. He is and was and is to come and invites you on this journey of hope as well.

The Rev. Dr. Heather Wright described chronologically "was is a Transitional Co-Lead Pastor and is and is to come." But this at Stanwich Church. She is also a line begins with who "is". The licensed therapist, board certified chaplain and author of four books. For more information, visit heatherpwright.com.

Worship Directory and Services

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Harvest Time Church 1338 King St., 203-531-7778 www.htchurch.com

Worship Services: Sun, 9 & 10:45am. All services are streamed on the church's website and YouTube channel. In addition to Sundays, there are also groups for children and teens on Wednesday evenings. Creative Team Open Call Sept. 14, 9am. Anchor Night! for Young Adults: Sept. 20, 7pm.

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church 10 Northfield St.; 203-869-7988 www.firstbaptistgreenwich.com

Sunday Servings: 11:30am, Facebook Live or for Devotion: 11-11:25am (Dial in 701-802-5355, Access code 360922).

Greenwich Baptist Church 10 Indian Rock Ln; 203-869-2807 www.greenwichbaptist.org

Worship: Sun, 11am (in person and online through Facebook & YouTube). Children Sunday School: 9:30am, ages 9-14y. Adult Bible Study: Sun, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall. Prayer Gathering: Wed, 7pm, Pastor's Office or virtual on Google Meets.

CATHOLIC

Sacred Heart Church 95 Henry St.; 203-531-8730

Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am (in the Chapel); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3-3:30pm or by appointment. Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Wed, 7-9pm. Prayer Group: Thu, 4-5pm, in the Chapel, 38 Gold St, All are welcome. Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the Church, All are welcome. Religious Education classes begin on Wednesday, September 18.

St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes 4 Riverside Ave; 203-637-3661 www.stc-sta.org

* All Masses at St. Catherine of Siena Church are in-person and livestreamed (View our Livestream and recordings here: https://events.locallive.tv/worship/ stc-sta)

Masses: Saturday, 3-4pm - Confessions (Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.) Vigil Mass, 5pm. Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Family Mass), 10:30am (Traditional Mass), 5pm (Teen Mass), all at St. Catherine's Church). Masses in other Languages: French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month, 11am. Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month, both at St. Catherine's Chapel. Spanish Mass, 6:30pm, St. Catherine's Church. Daily/Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu & Friday: 7am - Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Church; 5:15pm Daily Mass, St. Catherine's Chapel. Tuesdays: Rosary, 6pm, St. Catherine's Chapel. Wednesdays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, St. Catherine's Church. Ongoing: Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine's church on Tuesdays, 9-11am. Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals - Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Cherub, Family Mass Choir - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at music.director@stc-sta. org with questions. Walking with Purpose: Thursdays, through March 28, 10-11:30am (off Feb. 15 & March 14), stc-sta. org/walking-with-purpose. New Day Bereavement: starts March 5 (There's no cost and you need not be a member of the Parish of St. Catherine and St. Agnes or even Catholic, you just need to be registered. If interested, please contact Parish Partners at (203-637-3661, ext. 375). Adult Faith Formation "Bible Study"

Wednesdays, Sept. 11 - Nov. 13, 9:45-

11:30am. Family Fellowship: Sunday, Sept. 15, after the 9 & 10:30am Masses, outside on the lawn next to St. Agnes Chapel. Fall Kick-off Potluck Dinner (BYO happy hour, dinner-dessert): Friday, Sept. 20, 6pm, all are welcome.

St. Mary Church 178 Greenwich Ave.; 203-869-9393 www.stmarygreenwich.org

Public Mass: Sun: 9, 10:30am, 12:15 & 5:15pm. Sat Vigils: 4 & 7pm (Spanish). Daily: Mon-Fri, 12:05pm (Church doors will open from 10am-3pm). Confessions (English): Tue: 7-8pm; Sat: 3-3:45pm. Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri of the month: 12:30-5pm. Regular Thursday night rehearsals for the adult choir will resume on Sept. 12. Soup Kitchen: Wednesday, Sept. 18.

St. Michael the Archangel 469 North St.; 203-869-5421 www.stmichaelgreenwich.com

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30 & 9am. Sat: 9am & 5pm. Sun: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45am, 12 & 5pm. Confession: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm; Wed: 9:30-11am & 6:30-8pm. Eucharistic Adoration: Wed, 9:30am-8pm. New Day Bereavement Program: through Nov. 17, Thu, 7-8:30pm & through Nov. 30 (skipping Nov. 23), Wed, 4-5:30pm, 203-869-5421. Bereavement Group with Father Richard - (Registration required): Monday, Sept. 16, 6:30-8pm. SMWA Blessing & Breakfast: Wednesday, Sept. 18, 9am. Men's Group Bible Studies: Saturday, Sept. 21, 8-9am.

St. Timothy Chapel 1034 North St.; 203-869-5421

Mass: Sat: 4pm (Vigil Mass). Sun: 11am.

St. Paul Church 84 Sherwood Ave.; 203-531-8741 www.stpaulgreenwich.org

Mass: Mon-Thu: 9am: Sat: 4pm (Vigil): Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confession: Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thurs of every month, 7:30pm. Women's Guild Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1pm. Bereavement Group: Wednesday, Sept. 18, 5:30-6:30pm.

St. Roch Church 10 St. Roch Ave; 203-869-4176 www.strochchurch.com

Mass: (Reservations and/or for viewing via live streaming): Mon-Fri: 7:30pm; Sat: 5pm; Sun: 7:30am (Concelebrated for Previously Scheduled 9:30am Mass Intentions), 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish). Mass Intentions: consult the bulletin for

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist 11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555 christiansciencect.org/greenwich

Sundays: 10:30am. Sunday School: for students up to 20yrs, 10:30am, Wed. 7:30, testimonies of healing - call in for all services 203-680-9095 code 520520*. Reading Room, 333 Greenwich Ave. 203-869-2503, M-F, 11-3, some Saturdays. Bibles and children's books for sale.

COMMUNITY

First Church of Round Hill 464 Round Hill Rd; 203-629-3876 www.firstchurchofroundhill.com

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am.

Round Hill Community Church 395 Round Hill Rd; 203-869-1091 www.roundhillcommunitychurch.org

Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online roundhillcommunitychurch.org anytime. Children's Worship (grades K-5) meets during the 10 am service. Please

call the Church Office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules. Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary. Bicycle Event: Sept. 14: 8am-4pm. Family Outreach - pick up your Operation Christmas Child shoebox: Sept. 15: 11am-12pm.

CONGREGATIONAL

The First Congregational Church 108 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-1791 www.fccog.org

Worship: In-Person & Virtual: Sundays, 10am. Live-streaming on YouTube and Facebook, and broadcast on WGCH (1490 AM). Connect during the week: Friday: Friday Email Blast (sign up by calling the church office); Church school before worship most Sundays, 9am for preschoolers through grade 6. Online programming available via Zoom. A joyful community diverse in spiritual backgrounds and beliefs. Friends & Family Festival: Sept. 14, 4-7pm, Front lawn of the church.

North Greenwich Congregational 606 Riversville Rd; 203-869-7763 (Instagram photos and videos @ north_greenwich_church)

Worship Service: Sun, 10:30am, in

Second Congregational Church 139 E Putnam Ave; 203-869-9311

Sunday worship: 8:30 & 10:30am. Children's Chapel during worship. Music Together Baby & Toddler Music Class: Sunday, 9:15a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal on Sunday after worship. Teddy Bear Story Hour at Coffee for Good: Saturday, Sept. 28, 8am.

EPISCOPAL

Anglican Church of the Advent 606 Riversville Rd; 203-861-2432 facebook.com/greenwichanglican

Service: Sun, 9am, Holy Eucharist. Sunday School during academic year.

<u>Christ Church Greenwich</u> 254 E. Putnam Ave; 203-869-6600 www.christchurchgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sund, 9am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. Youth Confirmation: Sundays, Sept. 15 - June 7, 11:15am-12:15pm. The Disciples of Christ in Community: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Volunteer: Back to Fall Treat Boxes: Saturday, Sept. 21, 8:30-10am, Parish Hall.

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church 954 Lake Ave.; 203-661-5526 www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 10am (in person & livestreamed). Join us as we celebrate all the new beginnings brought by the fall in the company of one another and of our Lord. Every Sunday features joyful preaching by our clergy, Father Justin and Rev. Phoebe, beautiful music by our director of music, Marnus Greyling, and the St. Barnabas Choir, and a warm welcome for kids and parents. Our exciting Sunday School programs for kids take place every Sunday during the 10am service: Children's Church for kids 4-8 years old, and YC (Youth Church) for those 9+. Children are also always welcome in church, and childcare is provided all morning in our nursery. Come kick off your fall in faith. Visit us in person, on our website, and on social media (Instagram: @ st.barnabasgreenwich). Small church feel - Big church experience.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church 200 Riverside Ave.; 203-637-2447 www.stpaulsriverside.org

Worship: Sundays, 10:15am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately following worship service in Selleck Hall. Sunday School (including frolic Fatih class for toddlers 2+) in the Children's Chapel downstairs - drop-off starts at 10am. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive box by office door. Pick-up is every Thursday morning. Reading the Bible through Rembrandt's Eyes: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7pm, on zoom, to register visit this link: paulsriverside.org/reading-the-bible.

St. Saviour's Episcopal Church 350 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-2262 www.saintsaviours.org

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

IEWISH

Chabad Lubavitch of Greenwich 75 Mason St.; 203-629-9059 www.chabadgreenwich.org

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. Judaism 101 for Moms: Thursdays, 9:20am. Community BBQ: Sept. 22, 12pm.

Congregation Shir Ami One W. Putnam Ave: 203-274-5376 www.congregationshirami.org

All services, programs and celebrations are available online via Zoom. Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays, 7-8:30pm, First Presbyterian Church. Soul Spa - Torah Study: Saturdays, 10-11:30am, on Zoom. Shabbat Service: Friday, Sept. 20, 7pm, on Zoom.

Greenwich Reform Synagogue 92 Orchard St.; 203-629-0018 www.grs.org

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday, 6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom. Being the Columbia University Rabbi since October 7: Sunday, Sept. 15, 10am. GRS Reads -"One Hundred Saturdays": Thursday, Sept. 19, 12pm, RSVP.

Temple Sholom 300 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-7191 www.templesholom.com

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. Lunch 'n Learn Mini-Series: "The Power of Speech and the Ability to Repent": Tuesdays, Sept. 17 & 24, 12-1pm. Fall Social for Adults Sponsored by Temple Sholom's Empty Nesters: Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6pm, at a private home.

LUTHERAN

St. Paul Lutheran Church 286 Delavan Ave.; 203-531-8466 www.firstpaul.com

Sunday Divine Service: 9am. Sunday Bible Study: 10:30am. Wednesday Dinner: 5:30pm. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30pm.

METHODIST

Diamond Hill United Methodist 521 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-2395 www.diamondhillumc.com

In-person & Online Worship Service every Sunday, 10am, followed by a time of Fellowship. Wednesday Noonday Prayer & Wednesday Evening Bible Study. (Details at diamondhill.com).

First United Methodist Church 59 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-629-9584 www.fumcgreenwich.com

Sunday Worship, 9:30am (except the last Sunday of the month at 10:30am). Virtual Daily Gathering: Mon-Fri, 3pm, Zoom. Talking with Your Hands: Mon, 3pm. Reading this World as a Christian: Tue, 3pm. Back to Rock - music with Mr. Bruce: Tue, 3pm, via Zoom. Reading the Shape of Scripture: Wed, 3pm, via Zoom. Spring Bible Study: Thu, 3pm, via Zoom. Tea & Talk: Fri 3pm, via Zoom.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal 42 Lake Ave.; 203-661-3099

Worship via teleconference: Sun, 11am and until further notice (Dial-in number: 425-436-6380, Access code: 612220).

NONDENOMINATIONAL Dingletown Community Church

376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane

Sunday Service: 10:30am. Philip Antinone - Chaplain.

Revive Church 90 Harding Rd., Old Greenwich (Old **Greenwich Civic Center)** www.myrevive.org

Worship Service: Sun, 10am, Holiday Inn 980 Hope St, Stamford. Online Sermons available on Facebook (facebook.com/ myrevivechurchgreenwich) and on Youtube. All groups are online. Direct any prayer needs to the prayer chain at $203\text{-}536\text{-}2686 \text{ or } \underline{\text{revivecfm@gmail.com}}.$

Stanwich Church 202 Taconic Rd.; 203-661-4420 www.stanwichchurch.org

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 9am & 10:45am. Kids Ministry for grades 5 and under, and Student Ministry for grades 6 and above, are offered. stream and recorded media available at stanwichchurch.org. We'd love to meet you here!

Center for Spiritual Development. **NSAC**

293 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-4615 www.Center4SpiritualDev.org

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children's Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). Psychic Fair: Sept. 14, 11am-4pm, free admission. Healing Service: Thursday, Sept. 19, 7-7:30pm (3rd Thursday of the Month), Contact: CSDPastor@gmail. com for Zoom link.

Trinity Church 5 River Rd.; 203-618-0808 www.trinitychurch.life

In-Person Services: Sun., 9:45am, Hyatt Regency Greenwich, 1800 E. Putnam Ave., Old Greenwich; 10am, Trinity Westchester, 2111 Boston Post Rd, Larchmont, NY; 11am, Saxe Middle School, New Canaan. CT Men's Breakfast: Sept. 21, 8am. Welcome to Trinity Greenwich: Sept. 22, 5:30pm.

PRESBYTERIAN First Presbyterian Church

1 W. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-8686 www.fpcg.org Worship: Sundays, 10am.

Grace Church of Greenwich

89 Maple Ave. 203-861-7555

www.gracechurchgreenwich.com

Worship: Sundays, 8:45 & 10:45am, Woman's Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. Bible Studies and Sunday School meet in person. All are welcome.

<u>Living Hope Community Church</u> 38 West End Ave; 203-637-3669 www.LivingHopect.org

In-person & online (LivingHopect.org/ livestream) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm, Online. Register and more information: livinghopect.org/ resources/alpha. Old Greenwich **Farmers** Market: **Wednesdays** through Oct. 30, 2:30-6pm, Rain or shine, oldgreenwichfarmersmarket. com. Flpha, Delta & ReGenerate course: Wednesdays through Nov. 20, 7-8:30pm.



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- Children's Choirs (ages 8 +)
- Grapes & Grains Holy Communion Classes (grades 1-3)
- Bagels + Bibles (Grades 3-5)
- Youth Group (High School & Middle School)
- Confirmation (8th grade)

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How Greenwich's Richie Prager's Duck Stamp Collection Led to the Bruce Museum Exhibit



The now 91 Federal Duck Stamps dating back to the founding 1934. Photo by Patrick Sikes.

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

Next Thursday and Friday the Bruce Museum is likely to become a mecca to those with an interest in the artistic depictions of waterfowl, with the Museum's first-time hosting of the live Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest. Over two days five expert judges will examine hundreds of entries to select the winning duck painting to become the 2025 Federal Duck Stamp. And the five eligible species featured by the artists this year are the Northern Shoveler, Brant, Greater Scaup, Spectacled Eider and Hooded Merganser.

So, how is it that a threeinch square Duck Stamp, debuting in 1934, has led to the most successful conservation program in our nation's history, with some six million acres of critical habitat being conserved in federal refuges in almost every state, including in Connecticut the Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge, with over a third of the refuge purchased with Federal **Duck Stamps?**

The present Bruce Museum exhibit spells it out clearly with its title "Conservation Through the Arts, Celebrating the Federal Duck Stamp." And, who better to explain the Federal Duck Stamp program than Greenwich's noteworthy Duck Stamp collector, Richard "Richie" Prager, whose collection of 70 winning duck paintings, now donated to the Bruce, grace the exhibit which opened last week. We caught up amazingly with Prager on his travels in the Democratic Republic of Congo!

16 plus able to buy a duck stamp needed "as part of the licensing for water fowling."

"If you think of the duck stamp program," he continues, "there's really three legs to the stool. There's the hunter who has to buy a stamp, there's the stamp collector, and then there's the artists themselves. And the artists in many ways are the unsung heroes."

Fast forward to 2012, having long heeded his mother's counsel with his burgeoning duck stamp collection, when he was contacted by one of his stamp dealers. Would he be interested in purchasing 18 winning duck stamp artworks? Not really, he thought - he was a stamp collector.

But, thinking again, he recalls, "I realized there was a greater challenge in collecting the original [artwork] winners... And with that original purchase I had 18, and then I bought six more...And that just became my obsession to collect the original winning artwork."

Fast forward to Covid time "It was a lot of blessings and a lot of pain," says Prager. "And one of the blessings for me was I always knew I was going to donate this, but I realized why not do it earlier in my life and enjoy the public seeing it. And most importantly, to use it [that donation]) as a conservation education tool. The more people that really understand this wonderful conservation program, the art competition, hopefully everyone goes out and buys a duck stamp for \$25, with 98 percent going to conservation. That is my message."

creation of the Duck Stamp.

"Let's say it's the year 1800," he tells, "You go out with your shotgun to shoot a duck or two for dinner for your family... no problem. At the turn of the century... people are forming dense population aggregates in cities. And so now you can hunt with this punt gun...You can kill a hundred birds with one shot... And this was causing huge depletions of duck populations." Count too the dust bowl conditions leading to drying up marsh lands where ducks like to feed.

Enter Ding Darling, political cartoonist, "agitating protections." "And FDR said to him, 'If you care so much about the ducks, you're in charge,' and made him director of the Bureau of Biological Survey, a forerunner of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. He came up with a lot of different regulations to help protect birds and more responsible hunting...And all of this helped the populations rebound."

"And he actually designed the first duck stamp himself," said Ksepka. "Basically working all day, all night, he had stacks of shirts ready to go if he needed to sleep on the floor. So, he had the cardboard thing they'd stiffen the collar with...He drew a little sketch of a duck on it...Someone from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing took it and made it into the first stamp without him even approving it...And that's how the first duck stamp came to be."

Thus, today with the Duck Stamp, said Ksepka, "Hunting is much more regulated. And



Bruce Museum Curator Dr. Daniel Ksepka pointing out Greater Scaup Taxidermy in the Federal Duck Stamp exhibit - as part of the Museum collection.

Photo by Anne W. Semmes.



Hooded Merganser, winning Federal Duck Stamp artwork in 1978 by Albert Earl Gilbert, Bruce Museum, Gift of Richie Prager, 2021.15.33. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

"The more people that really understand this wonderful conservation program, the art competition, hopefully everyone goes out and buys a duck stamp for \$25, with 98 percent going to conservation." Richie Prager.



Richie Prager, as pictured in the Selous Game Reserve in Tanzania. Contributed photo.



"Design for the first Federal Duck Stamp" in 1934, by Ding Darling. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.

they sell about one and a half million of these stamps a year, and only a little more than half are bought by people who intend

to use them to hunt." "A lot of people buy them for three other reasons," he shares. "They just want to support conservation; It gets you in free into any National Wildlife Refuge that charges entry fee; And three, probably the most important is people collect them. There are coin collectors, comic book collectors, then there's a community that loves these stamps. And getting a complete collection in mint condition or with rare errors or signed stamps is very important to

people."

Addressing the upcoming Duck Stamp Art Contest, Ksepka shares that it was in 1950 that the artwork design contest was opened to the public. "Anyone in the United States could submit a picture, and the winner would be on the stamp." He adds, "It is the only art contest that is run by the federal government." And when the judges look at the art, "it's all anonymous."

And that winning artwork brings more than just being on next year's duck stamp. "The only prize you get is a set of 25 stamps signed by the Secretary of Interior. So, do the math, at \$25 each, it's a little more than

a thousand dollars, but it's the Super Bowl of wildlife art."

Ksepka continues, "If you win this, you can expect to sell thousands of prints. You can license your image. You'll be very well known. You can sell your other artwork." Back in the 1970's and 1980's he tells, "They called it sometimes the milliondollar duck, because you can expect to issue a series of 5,000 prints and sell them at a couple of hundred dollars each, or a couple thousand dollars for the really high-end ones. So, it's such an important accomplishment for a wildlife artist."



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31 Stoney Ridge Lane	Riverside	\$3,129,000	Sat 1-4 PM	BHHS New England
247 Riverside Avenue	Riverside	\$6,650,000	Sat 1-4 PM	Coldwell Banker
58 Quaker Lane	Greenwich	\$20,000,000	Sat 1-4 PM	Sotheby's
13 Havemeyer Lane	Old Greenwich	\$999,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
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Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
39 Aiken Road	\$6,495,000	\$6,495,000	\$6,400,000	25	4	4	4	6,836
42 Dawn Harbor Lane	\$10,950,000	\$10,950,000	\$10,950,000	28	6	6	1.24	9,995
295 Riversville Road	\$3,895,000	\$3,650,000	\$3,585,000	76	6	5	2.61	4,371
46 Burying Hill Road	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$3,900,000	63	5	6	4.43	6,054
351 Pemberwick Rd, 102	\$899,000	\$899,000	\$860,000	37	3	2	0	1,540
225 Valley Road	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,900,000	55	4	2	0.36	2,218
52 Crown Lane	\$4,895,000	\$4,895,000	\$4,400,000	40	6	6	4.24	6,600
100 Strickland Rd 10	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$940,000	13	2	3		2,055
42 Richland Road	\$1,199,000	\$1,199,000	\$1,190,000	20	3	2	0.1	
808 North Road	\$9,995,000	\$9,995,000	\$8,800,000	19	7	10	4.65	
26 Anderson Street	\$2,495,000	\$2,495,000	\$3,125,000	15	6	3	0.52	2,876
18 Bishop Drive North	\$1,639,000	\$1,639,000	\$1,640,000	11	4	3	0.34	3,355
20 Church Street B66	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$740,000	11	1	1		1,038
50 LafayettePlace 3F	\$589,000	\$589,000	\$605,000	25	3	2		1,250
1 Martin Dale	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	0	6	6		
25 Edgewood Drive	\$14,250,000	\$11,100,000	\$9,000,000	270	9	11	3.7	12,586

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Address	List Price	Price/ SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
10 Cliffdale Road	\$35,000,000	\$3,763	9,300	66	8	7	North Parkway
537 North Street	\$15,495,000	\$1,021	15,171	2.97	6	8	South Parkway
406. Stanwich Road	\$13,900,000	\$1,187	11,715	2.61	6	6	South Parkway
31. Baldwin Farms	\$10,900,000	\$836	13,039	2.46	6	7	South Parkway
8 Dempsey Lane	\$8,995,000	\$837	10,749	2.1	6	7	South Parkway
373. Taconic. Road	\$7,100,000	\$580	12,232	4.28	7	9	North Parkway
247. Riverside Ave	\$6,650,000	\$701	9,485	0.45	6	7	Riverside
530 Lake Ave	\$5,395,000	\$811	6,656	2.12	5	6	South Parkway
219 Overlook Drive	\$4,995,000	\$624	8,001	0.67	6	5	South of Post Rd
127 Stanwich Road	\$4,850,000	\$695	6,981	1.09	5	6	South Parkway
8 Stoney Wylde Lane	\$4,800,000	\$1,066	4,502	2.01	5	5	South Parkway
49 Indian Mill Road	\$4,695,000	\$626	7,500	2.15	5	5	Cos Cob
63 Byram Shore Road	\$3,695,000	\$930	3,975	0.49	3	4	Byram
500 Valley Road	\$3,295,000	\$615	5,356	1.13	4	3	Cos Cob
88 Buckfield Lane	\$3,250,000	\$782	4,158	2.08	4	3	North Parkway
27 Harding Road	\$2,990,000	\$786	3,802	0.18	5	4	Old Greenwich
14 Lincoln Ave	\$2,900,000				5	5	South of Post Rd
70 Round Hill Road	\$2,850,000	\$538	5,302	1.23	6	4	South Parkway
6 Miltiades Ave	\$2,375,000	\$947	2,508	0.18	5	3	Riverside
18 Sandy Lane	\$2,095,000	\$437	4,793	4.16	5	4	North Parkway
9 Swan Terrace	\$1,895,000	\$946	2,004	0.41	4	2	South of Post Rd
59 Le Grande. Ave 15	\$1,699,000	\$685	2,482		3	3	South of Post Rd
523 Lyon Farm Drive	\$1,675,000	\$761	2,200		3	2	Glenville
627 Lyon Farm	\$1,575,000	\$553	2,850		3	2	Glenville
147 Holly Hill Lane Unit 2	\$1,325,000	\$822	1,611		2	2	South of Post Rd
78 River Road Unit 9	\$1,299,000	\$588	2,210		3	2	Cos Cob
172 Field Point Road 9	\$1,199,999	\$615	1,952	0	2	2	South Parkway
403 Stanwich Road	\$1,000,000	\$398	2,512	1.23	3	2	South Parkway
13 Havemeyer Lane	\$999,000	\$610	1,639	0.15	4	2	Old Greenwich
3 Relay Court	\$975,000	\$1,036	941	0.09	2	1	Cos Cob
351 Pemberwick Rd, 505	\$899,000	\$584	1,540		2	2	Glenville
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1. What's your communication style and frequency?

constant communication and setting response time expectations the first offer holds weight with some sellers. Lastly, being is crucial. Working together is a relationship, and open communication is essential to any relationship - particularly in a fast-paced market where minutes can cost you. I always try to put myself in my client's shoes and remember they are trusting me with one of the most important transactions in their lives. Even if it's just instant acknowledgment that I've received their message and am working on it - I think people appreciate that.

2. What marketing strategies do you use for sellers?

You really only get one shot to make the best first impression, so you must use it wisely, otherwise you will chase the market down - even in a sellers' market. I like to employ a "360-marketing" approach using both digital & traditional methods. Timing and proper preparation of decluttering to present the home in its best light is key. Buyers today form their opinion instantly based on photos online, and whether or not they can envision themselves in your home. You are truly selling yourself as much as the home. We've also seen in the recent market that using the listing price as a marketing tool to attract the largest pool of buyers can support driving up the selling price. On top of these fundamental building blocks, the luxury marketing materials and options offered at Sotheby's are unparalleled in Fairfield County.

3. How do you handle bidding wars for buyers?

I've been on the other side of this as a buyer myself, so I fully understand the emotional rollercoaster that comes along with an extremely competitive market. For a buyer, they really must

consider "At what price will I be OK with losing this property?" Whether I'm working with a buyer or a seller, keeping in and beyond the offer price, being the first appointment and flexible with terms the seller wants, like the closing date, can be very beneficial.



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Real Estate in August 2024 - A lot like August 2023



By Mark Pruner

Townwide, we have an amazingly low 1.8 months of supply compared to 2.4 months of supply last year. That might look like a big difference on a percentage basis, a further 25% drop, but tight is tight. If you are a buyer, neither amount seems like very much inventory, since six months of supply is considered the dividing line between a buyer's and a seller's market and both years, we have had a fraction of that.

Traditionally, house sales peak in June or July, and this monthly sales pattern remains consistent from year to year. Rentals, on the other hand, peak from May to July and exhibit a reasonably steady monthly sales pattern. Condominium sales are much more variable. This year, condo sales reached their peak in April only to match that number of sales last month in August. In prior years condo sales have peaked in September and even December.

This erratic monthly sales pattern can be attributed in part to the law of small numbers. Compared to house sales and rentals, Greenwich has many fewer condo sales. In the last couple of years, monthly condo sales have varied from 9 sale to 25 sales. (BTW: All numbers in this article include co-op sales as part of the condo totals. Our 135 "condo" sales include 21 co-op sales so far this year.)

Over the past quarter century, the average annual condo sales in Greenwich have been 196, with annual sales fluctuating between a low of 91 sales in 2009 during the recession and a high of 265 sales in the boom year of 2021. We did see a jump up in the boom year of 2021 when we had 265 sales. but we are on track to be around 203 sales this year, which is just 3.5% above our 24-year average.

On the other hand, when you look at month to month condo sales, they jump around, but this appearance of jumpiness is deceptive in that most months, the small number of sales each month a few more or less sales leads to significant percentage difference. Most months are within 8 sales of each other varying between 15 and 23 sales; a big percentage difference, but

not a big numerical difference. You might be wondering why this lack of seasonality in condo sales matters. It's important if you are a condo owner contemplating selling or if you are in the market to purchase one. In reality, every month can be a good or bad month for condo sales, and this uncertainty means you can't predict the ideal month to either buy or sell.

We have a spring market in single-family homes, because that is when the largest number

of homeowners decide to sell their houses, and dormant buyers awaken and rush to buy. That doesn't apply in the less seasonal Greenwich condo market. In 2024, we had a lot more percentage variation, opening the year with only 16 condo listings and nearly doubling our listings to 31 condo listings this week, but it has not been a straight line. We've never had a lot of condo listings in Greenwich and our 31 present listings are a fraction of what we normally have had over the last 24 years.

Since seasonality isn't a good guide for buyers what is? If you're a buyer looking for a bargain, pay close attention to the days on the market for each specific condo. Listings with significantly above-average days on market are typically overpriced, have some significant issues (like being located near a highway), or require extensive renovations.

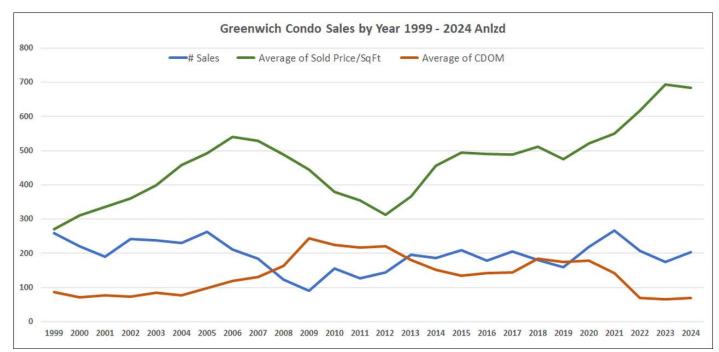
Reducing the price can address all three issues, even if it results in a lower price per square foot compared to the competition. It's surprising how often a seller with high DOM and a high price, will accept a reasonable offer. If you do really want the condo that has been sitting on market just don't start out with low-ball bid or you are likely not to get a counter.

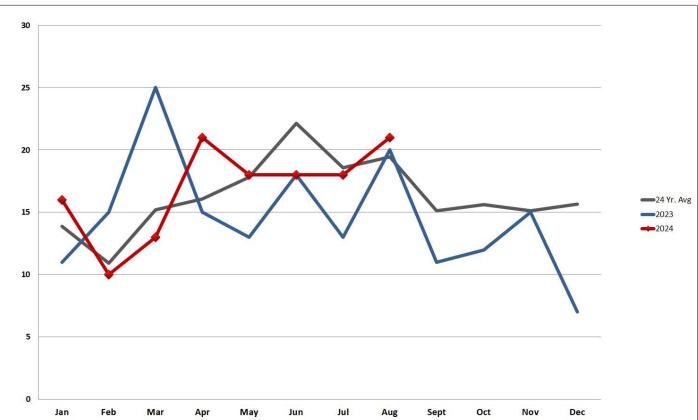
Over the past three years, the condo market in Greenwich has experienced a surge in sales. Sales have increased from 159 in 2019 to an all-time high of 265 in 2021. Up to August of this year, there have been 135 sales, which, when annualized, would be 203 sales for the year, slightly above the 196-average condo sales over the last 24 years.

Other market indicators show how tight our condo market is. The price per square foot increased from \$475/sf in 2019 to \$616/sf in 2022, a 29.7% increase in three years. Last year, the price per square foot went even higher at \$692/sf, a 12% increase from the previous year. These large jumps can't be sustained, and so far this year, we have dropped back 1.4% to \$683/sf. That still a lot for a smaller number of square feet that you get in condo compared to a house.

Right now, all price categories are well under 6 months of supply, except for \$3- - 4 million where we have 4 listings and have had 5 sales so far this year resulting in 6.4 months of supply. It's a good time to list.

Days on market has also dropped a lot from 2019 to this year. In 2019, our last pre-Covid year, condos sat on the market for an average of 175 days. The days on market number was essentially unchanged in 2020, as some very slow to sell listings finally sold keeping the average DOM at a high level. By 2022, many of our long-term listings had sold and our days on market started to drop. Presently, we have an average of 69 days on





Our sales price to original list price ratio has also taken off in that same period. For the years from 2013 to 2020, our average sales price to original list price was right around 93%. Then in 2021 it ticked up to 95.6% and went up to 101.1% of original list price this year. This is the highest SP/OLP we have ever

Our median condo sales price is \$1.03 million compared to \$2.86 million for houses in Greenwich. In 2018, we had 36 condos listed over \$2 million dollars and right now we only have 7 condos over that price. High-end downtown condos are still the holy grail for Greenwich condo buvers.

Our total condo and co-op sales volume was a record high of \$288 million dollars in 2021. This year we will come close to breaking that record with 24% less sales.

Condos provide a great place for people that really want to live in Greenwich at more reasonable prices. They also provide a diversity of homeowners and lifestyles in Greenwich. Young people can buy their first starter home and downsizers have places to go without having to endure a Florida summer. You just need to be ready to move quickly, when the right condo comes on the market.

Mark Pruner is a founding principal of the Greenwich

Year	#Sales	erage of d Price	Sold	1.75	Average of SP/OLP	Average of CDOM	Su	ım of Sold
1999	259	\$ 395,459	\$	270	94.5%	88	\$	102,423,827
2000	221	\$ 440,152	\$	310	95.7%	71	\$	97,273,550
2001	190	\$ 517,617	\$	336	96.4%	76	\$	98,347,169
2002	241	\$ 582,880	\$	361	97.1%	74	\$	140,474,087
2003	238	\$ 612,623	\$	399	94.9%	84	\$	145,804,235
2004	230	\$ 711,456	\$	457	96.6%	78	\$	163,634,890
2005	262	\$ 816,904	\$	492	96.1%	98	\$	214,028,717
2006	212	\$ 922,366	\$	540	94.4%	118	\$	195,541,658
2007	184	\$ 1,024,669	\$	530	93.6%	131	\$	188,539,037
2008	123	\$ 919,786	\$	488	90.3%	164	\$	113,133,624
2009	91	\$ 818,066	\$	444	84.3%	243	\$	74,444,033
2010	155	\$ 756,796	\$	380	85.1%	224	\$	117,303,392
2011	127	\$ 770,248	\$	354	87.6%	217	\$	97,821,550
2012	145	\$ 804,519	\$	313	89.3%	220	\$	116,655,187
2013	195	\$ 794,838	\$	366	92.6%	180	\$	154,993,352
2014	187	\$ 861,862	\$	456	92.8%	152	\$	161,168,158
2015	210	\$ 982,956	\$	494	94.2%	135	\$	206,420,657
2016	179	\$ 939,931	\$	491	93.5%	143	\$	168,247,679
2017	206	\$ 948,054	\$	489	94.0%	144	\$	195,299,185
2018	181	\$ 967,502	\$	512	92.1%	184	\$	175,117,796
2019	159	\$ 904,872	\$	475	92.7%	175	\$	143,874,625
2020	219	\$ 1,003,644	\$	520	92.7%	178	\$	219,798,079
2021	267	\$ 1,076,597	\$	550	95.8%	142	\$	287,451,355
2022	208	\$ 1,138,093	\$	616	99.5%	70	\$	236,723,295
2023	175	\$ 1,173,328	\$	693	98.6%	65	\$	205,332,468
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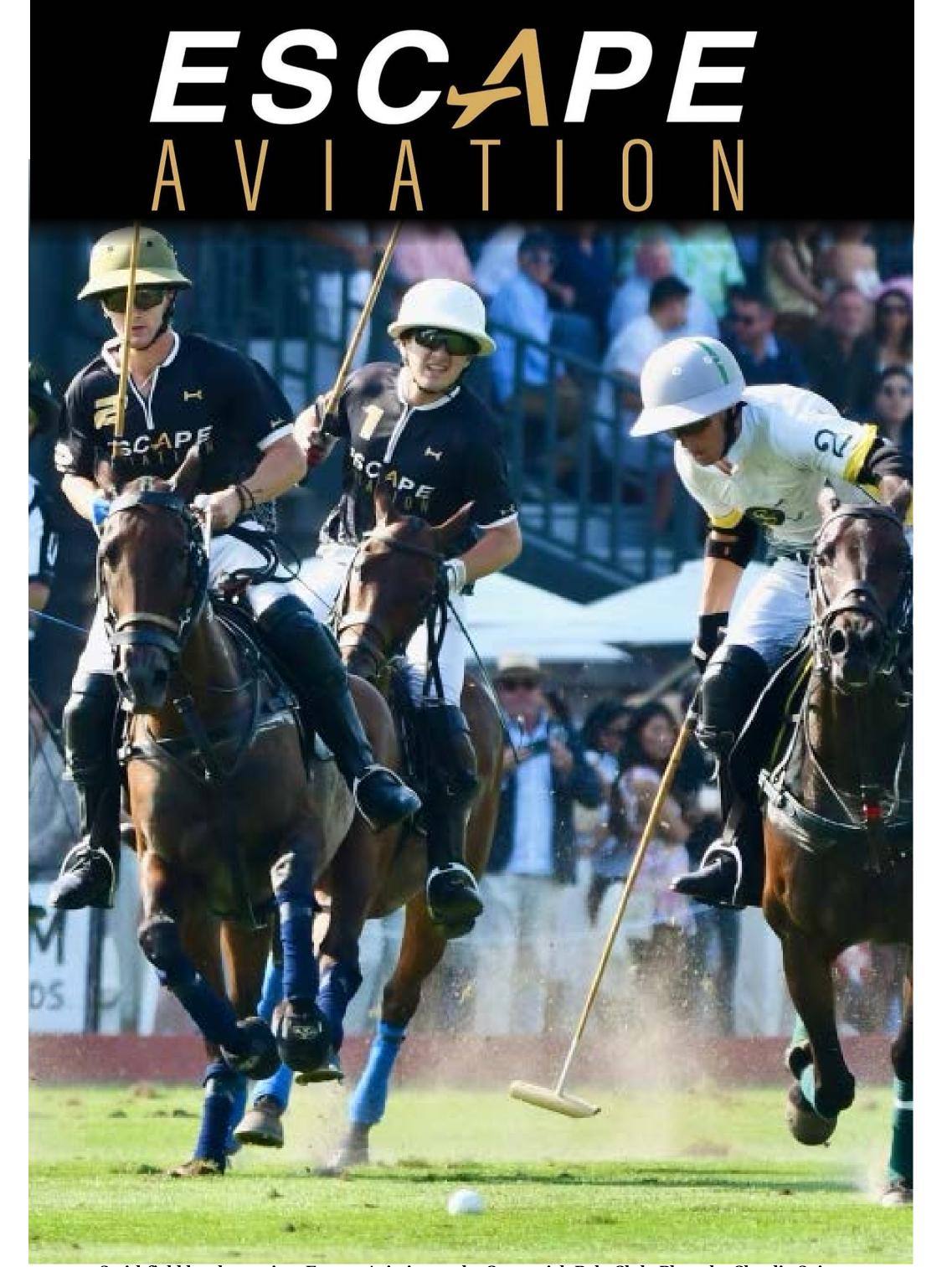
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REVIEW

From Pasta to Lattes: A Delicious New Destination in Chickahominy

By Emma Barhydt

In Chickahominy, Constantino's Pastabowls has arrived with a burst of flavor, offering a fresh and vibrant twist on the classic Italian dining experience. The atmosphere strikes a perfect balance between comfort and style. With counter service that feels as warm as a family gathering and an airy, spacious room adorned with photos of famous faces enjoying pasta, this place radiates charm and authenticity.

Robyn and Michael Bordes now have three restaurants in Greenwich, Constantino's Pizzeria & Ice Cream, Love You a Latte, and now, Constantino's Pasta Bowls. When asked how Robyn started in the restaurant industry, she shared, "I started in restaurants when I was 13, and I was in my 20s and I started waitressing and bartending at Villaggio's in Parksdale. When the owner started to get a little bit older, I had said to him, 'When you're interested in selling, will you let me know? Just in case."

From there, it was a true community effort to get Robyn the restaurant. She borrowed money, a patron of the restaurant co-signed with her for a loan, and it almost got scooped out from under her. In the end, she made it happen. It's that grit and passion that drove her to open up in Greenwich, and I'm so happy she

offers a menu that's robust without being overwhelming. Whether you're craving a classic pasta dish or something with a bit more pizzazz, the options are thoughtfully curated, ensuring just enough variety to keep things interesting. The restaurant's roots are evident—having started with the idea of just fresh pasta and sauce, they've since built a menu that revolves around the culinary expertise of their chef. And while pasta remains the star of the show, the supporting acts shine just as brightly.

One of the standout appetizers, accompaniment adding depth to the creamy cheese. Pickled dish. red peppers offer a delightful zing that complements the dish's service, thoughtfully crafted tastes like hot chocolate. If you're richness, while the presentation is as appealing as the flavors. of community, Constantino's spent around the fire, the S'more

burrata might be too runny, it restaurant—it's a place where and was mopped up by the fried together in the best possible coating creating an indulgent way. The next time you find experience that didn't overwhelm yourself in Chickahominy, stop and wasn't too messy.

skewers are like nothing you've the family. ever had. Seasoned with warming freshness.

Of course, no meal is complete without indulging in the potatoes—the "Best Potatoes Ever," a dish that lives up to its name. Imagine buttery, creamy potatoes topped with melted cheese that got just a little bit In the back, there's a comfortable crispy on the bottom on the grill. couch perfect for leisurely reading It's comfort food elevated.

Pastabowls is a true highlight. The staff exudes kindness and care, making every guest feel like a priority. A testament to their commitment? When a young guest spilled his soda, he was quickly checked on to make sure he was okay and offered a replacement without hesitation. offerings is the Nutella Latte. As Robyn proudly noted, "They This fan favorite combines the care, they really care. They decadence of a mocha latte with respect the business and can take the indulgent richness of Nutella, care of it when I'm not there."

Constantino's Pastabowls red pepper flakes, parmesan cheese, salt, pepper, oregano, and olive oil, allowing diners to personalize their dishes to their heart's content. Whether you're grabbing a quick bite to-go or brew, the Nitro Cold Brew is a settling in for a meal, the drink well-rounded option. Smooth selection perfectly complements and strong, it's an excellent pickthe menu, offering just the right me-up, especially on those hot mix of options.

room for dessert. The churros, warm your soul as the weather served with whipped cream cools, the Abuelita Hot Chocolate and strawberries, are crunchy, is the answer. This hot chocolate, beautifully coated in sugar, and with its delightful cinnamon the perfect sweet ending to your notes, is a hug in a mug-perfect

the burrata, is a masterpiece of embraces the community spirit contrasts. Though fried, the dish with their Family Pasta Night Hot Chocolate, Love You a Latte's remains light, with a perfectly where kids aged nine or younger fun take on the classic frappe. balanced pesto and balsamic glaze eat free on Mondays with the It's cool and sweet with just the purchase of an entrée or pasta right amount of chocolate flavor

dishes, and a genuine sense reminiscing about summer nights

melded seamlessly with the sauce food, family, and friendship come by Constantino's Pastabowls for For those craving a heartier a meal that's sure to leave you dish, the bang bang chicken feeling full, satisfied, and part of

Another great reason to spices that offer a kick without meander down that way is for my overwhelming the palate, the favorite coffee shop in town, Love chicken remains tender and juicy. you a Latte. Nestled right next Served with a refreshing side door to Constantino's Pastabowls, salad and extra chipotle mayo, this cozy café is serving up love this dish finds the perfect balance in a cup. Its inviting atmosphere, between heat and cool, spice and creative menu, and stellar service make it a standout in the neighborhood.

The space itself is warm and bright, with a little bar near the front where you can sip your drink while watching the hustle and bustle of Hamilton Avenue. and a small table with high chairs Service at Constantino's for those who need to get a bit of work done.

But it's not just the atmosphere that draws you in-Love You a Latte's menu is as delicious as it is creative. They've managed to balance classic coffee shop staples with inventive drinks.

One of the café's most popular creating a drink that's both Each table is equipped with comforting and delicious. It's perfect for anyone with a sweet tooth, providing just the right balance of coffee and chocolatehazelnut goodness.

For those who prefer cold Connecticut early fall days. And And don't forget to save if you're looking for something to for a chilly fall morning when you Constantino's Pastabowls also need a little extra warmth.

Another treat is the Frozen to satisfy any craving. It's not just With its combination of stellar a chocolate frappe either, it truly Despite initial concerns that the Pastabowls is more than just a Latte will take you right back.



Grand Marshall Bea Crumbine in front on right with the recent St. Roch Church Procession in Chickahominy that follows the St. Roch Feast, with a statue in rear carried of Saint Rocco, the patron saint of the Italian town of Morra de Sanctis, Contributed

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perfect pick for both summer and

the end ensures you're definitely always ready to help. awake after that first sip. This is

overpowering, and the honey adds just the right amount of sweetness

and marshmallow flavors, it's a delicate, soothing drink that's sitting down with an Abuelita perfect for a relaxing afternoon.

For those looking for a little isn't just a place to grab a drink, perfect spot to unwind, savor the spice, the Hot Honey Mocha Latte though. The staff here are as moment, and enjoy a bit of cozy is a hidden gem. This drink isn't warm as the beverages they listed on the regular menu, but serve. Whether you're a coffee once you discover it, you'll be aficionado who knows exactly hooked. The honey and chocolate what you want or someone who provide a deliciously rich needs a little guidance in choosing sweetness, while the spicy kick at the perfect drink, the baristas are

If you're in the mood for my absolute favorite coffee, hot or something to eat, Love You a Latte's pastry selection won't On the lighter side, the disappoint. From croissants Lavender Honey Latte is a to muffins to cookies and even surprisingly refreshing choice. donuts, there's something to Lavender can be a polarizing satisfy any craving. Many of their flavor, but this latte manages delicious pastries come in fresh to strike the perfect balance. from a fantastic bakery in the The floral notes are subtle, not Bronx, but some are handmade with the owner's family recipes.

Whether you're grabbing a

With its blend of coffee, chocolate, to round out the flavors. It's a Hot Honey Mocha Latte to-go or Hot Chocolate and a good book, Love You a Latte Greenwich Love You a Latte Greenwich is the

"We're a family-owned business that truly appreciates the community support," said Robyn, "I really, truly love the support and being a part of such a beautiful community of people."

Constantino's Pastabowls 160 Hamilton Ave, Greenwich Phone: (475) 55-PASTA Monday-Saturday: 11A-9P Sunday: Closed

Love You a Latte 160 Hamilton Ave, Greenwich Open 7 Days a Week Phone: 203-487-8181 6:30 AM - 4:30 PM









Top: The crispy burrata at Constantino's Pastabowls, paired with roasted red peppers, pesto, and a drizzle of balsamic glaze, offers a delightful mix of textures and flavors.

Above right: A creamy pesto rigatoni dish at Constantino's Pastabowls, topped with fresh Parmesan, delivers a satisfying and herbaceous experience in their new Chickahominy spot.

Bottom right: Crunchy, sugar-coated churros topped with whipped cream and fresh strawberries make for the perfect sweet finish at Constantino's Pastabowls, a new must-visit spot in Chickahominy. Photos by Emma Barhydt. Sentinel Celebrations

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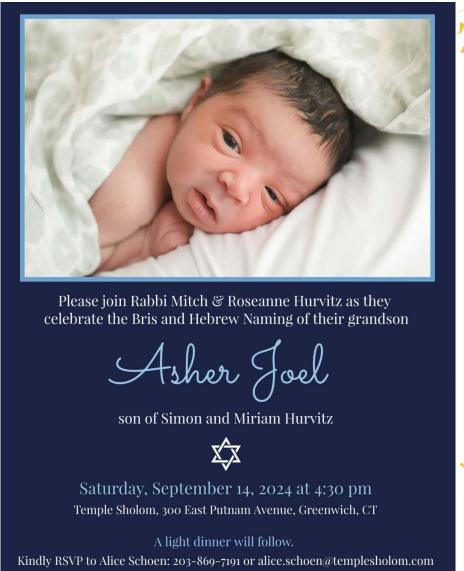
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A CONTEST IN THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW YORKER MAGAZINE

Sentinel Literary Competition

The Sentinel Literary Competition has returned from the Sentinel's annual hiatus tanned, rested, and ready to fill the indoor seasons with lighthearted intellectual diversion.

Here's what's new:

MORE TIME TO ENTER

The Competition will now run monthly (rather than weekly) to allow ample time for our local Wordsworths to contribute. Enter as many times as you like!

MORE AND BIGGER PRIZES!

The First Prize entry now brings home a check for \$100. The Runner Up wins \$50, and two Honorable Mentions each win \$25.

Email your entry(s) to:

Dawson@GreenwichSentinel.com



The September Competition:

Give Us the Prompt: Please Prompt Promptly!

What should you write about? You tell us!

Mr. Dawson is looking for great prompt ideas, and his favorites will turn up as prompts for future Competitions.

Prompts should be pithy and clever and include an example of an entry.

Please email your entry(s) to the Competition's trusty judge, Joe Dawson, at: Dawson@GreenwichSentinel.com.

ENTER BY FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, Sept. 27. Winners will be announced in the Oct. 4 issue of *The Sentinel*.

COLORING CHALLENGE



What's the Difference Between Mice and Rats?



House Mouse Rat Rabbit Hare Beaver Guinea Pig Capybara Hedgehog Squirrel Chipmunk Hamster

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Mice and rats are both rodents, but they differ in several ways:

Mice are generally smaller, with an average body length of 3-4 inches, while rats are larger, typically 9-11 inches.

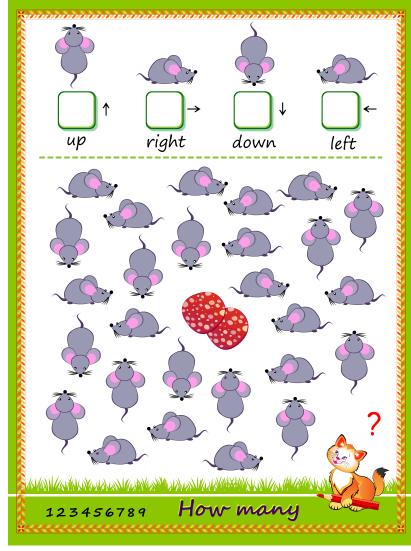
Mouse tails are longer relative to their body size and mostly hairless. Rat tails are thicker and scaly.

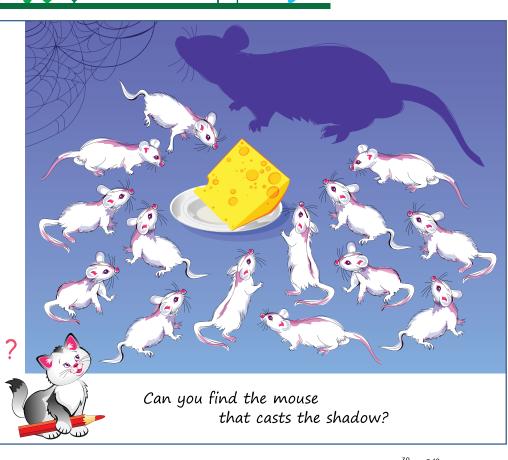
Mice have larger ears and a pointed snout, whereas rats have smaller ears and a blunter snout.

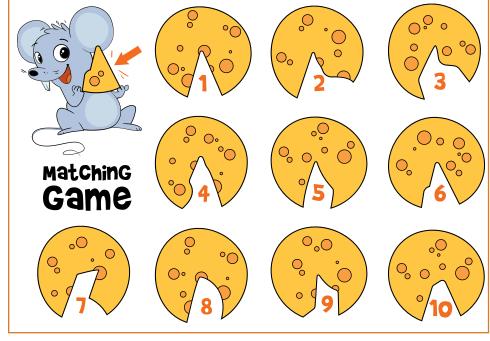
Rats are often more aggressive and also more social, and they live in larger groups. Mice tend to be more solitary although they are still social.

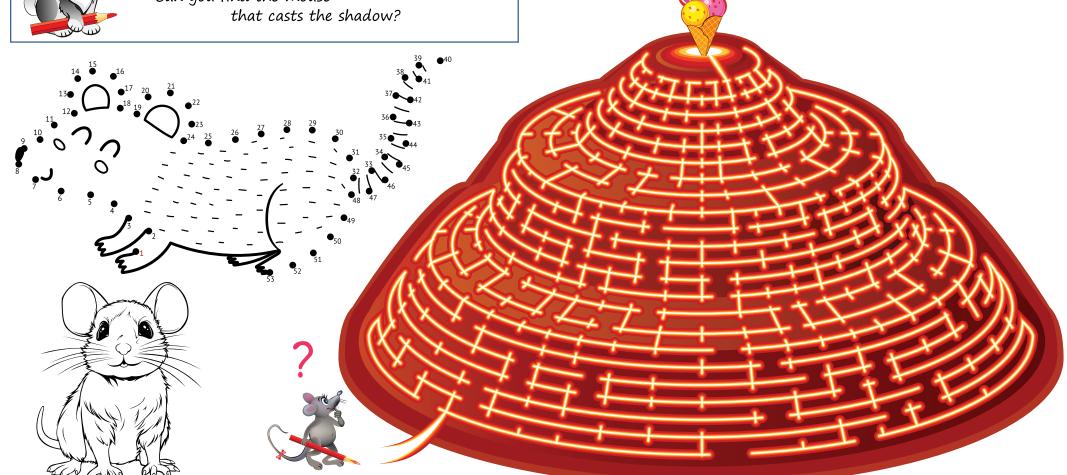
Both rats and mice are omnivores, but rats are more opportunistic and can eat a wider variety of foods.

Mice are faster breeders than rats, with shorter gestation periods and larger litters.

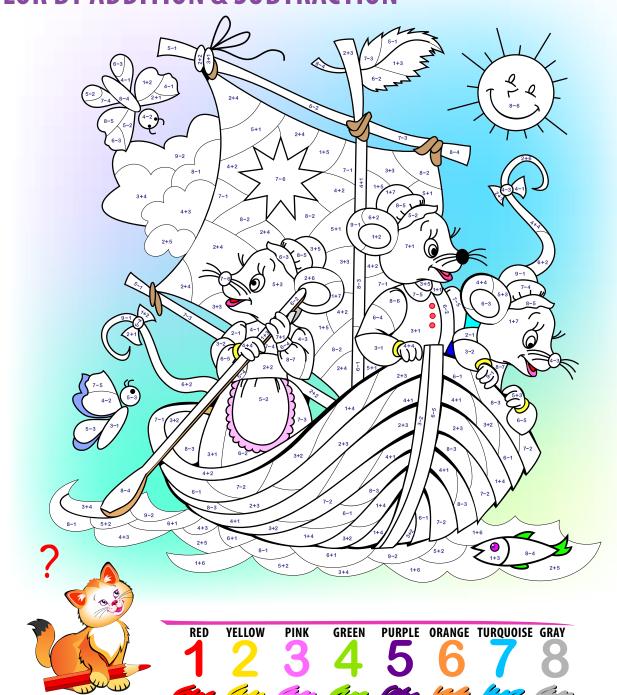


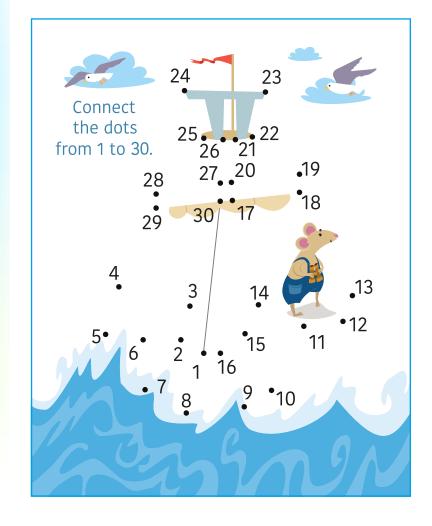


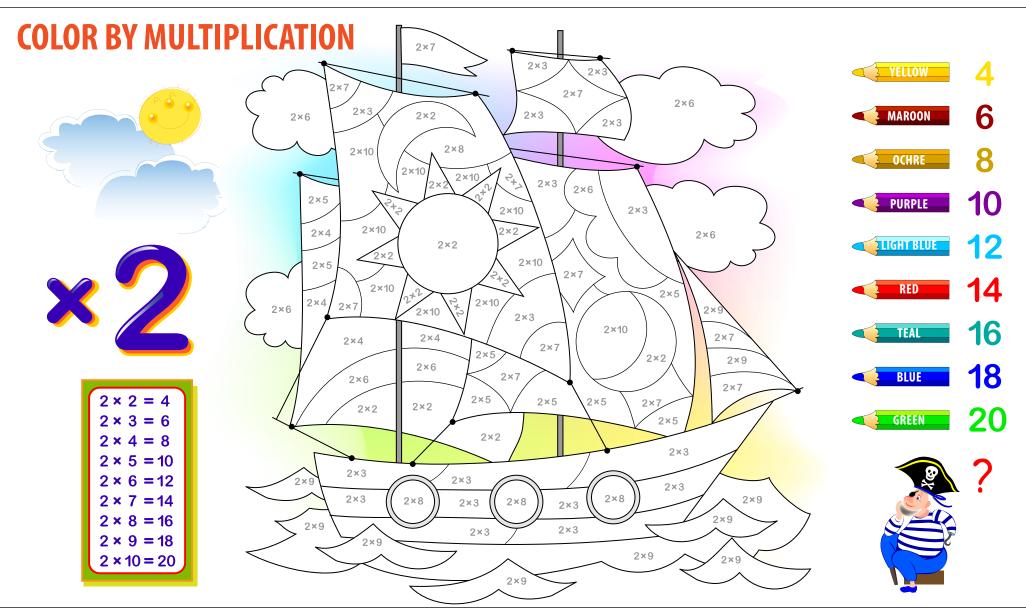


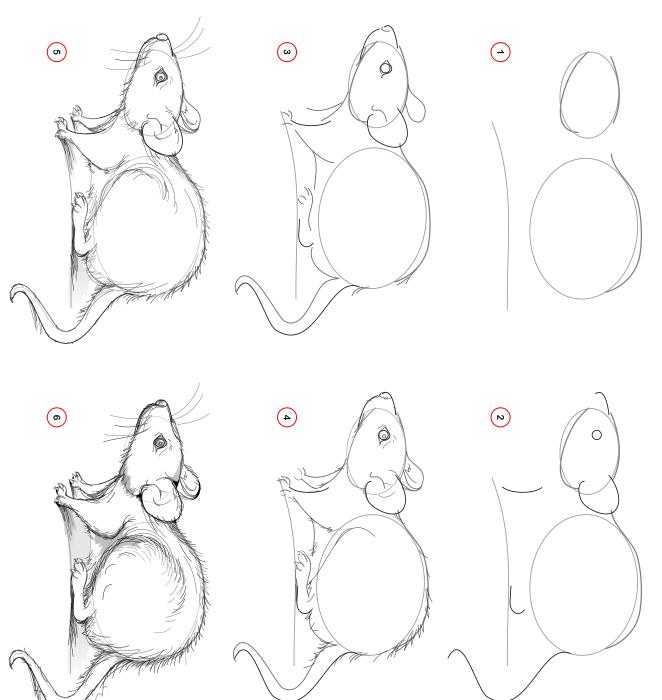


COLOR BY ADDITION & SUBTRACTION









Grab Your Sketchbook

DRAW A MOUSE, STEP BY STEP

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Woman's Club of Greenwich Tag Sale. Woman's Club, 89 Maple Avenue. Also held Saturday, Sept. 14. All proceeds benefit the Club's philanthropies and scholarship fund. 203-869-2046. secretary@ womansclubofgreenwich.org

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

3:45 p.m. **Youth Services Family Movie:** "Jumanji." Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Advance sign-up is recommended. perrotlibrary.org

4 - 6 p.m. Young Artists Philharmonic (YAP) auditions. First Congregational Church, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. youngartistsphilharmonic.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

Fall Migration Bird Tour (Ages 6 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Free (donations are encouraged). Register. greenwich. audubon.org/events

9:30 a.m.

International Coastal Cleanup Day at Great Captain Island. Meet at Grass Island Marina for boat pickup. 203-622-6461. rebecca.poirier@ greenwichct.org 9:30 a.m.

Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free.

audubon.org/events

Register. perrotlibrary.org. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Connecticut Waterfowl Conservation** Day. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Free. greenwich.

Yoga @ the Library. Perrot Memorial

Art Adventures: Secret Flowers (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, Sept. 15. brucemuseum.org

Talk by Modern Master David Hayes' son, David Hayes, Jr. Sorokin Gallery, 96 Greenwich Ave. sorokingallery.

Ken Miller - Charity Art Exhibition. Trimper Gallery, 40 West Putnam Ave. Free. eventbrite. com/e/1004776322027

2 - 4 p.m.

Community Cleanup at Binney Park. Meet near the gazebo by the pond. Community Service hours offered. (Bring gloves and wear long pants). litterfreeocean@gmail.com.

4 - 7 p.m.

Friends & Family Festival. First **Congregational Church of Greenwich** - front lawn, 108 Sound Beach Ave. All are welcome. fccog.org/events

6 p.m.

Greenwich International Film Festival: Spotlight On Billions. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Drive. greenwichfilm.org.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

9:15 a.m.

Fall back into Music and Movement for babies and toddlers. The Second Congregational Church, 139 East Putnam Ave. 12-week fall tuition is \$410, sibling discounts. 203-256-1656. Jenny@2cc.org. ctmusictogether.org

Fall 2024 Seed Library Launch. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. 203-637-1066 x15. judys@ perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org.

MONDAY, SEPT. 16

11:30 a.m.

Art of Design: Blending Vision and Environment - Luncheon & Panel Discussion. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. RSVP@BruceMuseum. org. brucemuseum.org

12 p.m.

Lecture: Fall Prevention by the Orthopaedic & Neurosurgery Specialists of Connecticut. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free. 203-869-1630. info@gwymca. org. greenwichymca.org/welcome.

5:30 p.m. **BackCountry Jazz presents**

Greenwich Jazz Festival. Great Lawn location information provided with reservation. Free. RSVP required. classy.org/event/greenwich-jazzfestival-2024-september-16/e613215. 7 p.m.

Book Discussion: "Total Garbage," by Edward Humes. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. lending@ perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17

10 a.m.

'Perrot Walks' - walk through Binney Park. Meet at Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org 10 & 11 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings: Ducks Galore (Ages 21/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, Sept. 18. brucemuseum.org

1 p.m.

Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Exporting: International Expansion for Every Business Type. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

Debate Club (for Ages 9-12). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

Vegetable Garden Composting. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Free, GBC Members; \$15, Non-Members. greenwichbotanicalcenter.

7 p.m.

Perrot Memorial Library Book Discussion with Rosanne M. Leipzig, Author of "Honest Aging". On Zoom. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x20. lisat@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

10 a.m.

Lights Out Greenwich - New Lighting Regulations Illuminate Our understanding of Light Pollution. Greenwich Town Hall Meeting Room, 101 Field Point Rd. & on Zoom. Free. bit.ly/4dXMHcT

10 a.m.

Panel: Women & Wealth. YWCA Greenwich, 259 East Putnam Ave. Members, Free; non-members, \$25. Register. ywcagreenwich.org

10 a.m. Women & Our Bodies: Hormone

menopause. Greenwich Water Club, 49 River Rd. Free. RSVP. eventbrite. com/e/1002591256437 10 a.m.

Therapy & Bone Health during

Bruce Beginnings Junior: Ducks (ages 12 Months-30 Months). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. First come, first served. brucemuseum.org

11 a.m.

Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: Ted Aldrich, Author of "The Partnership"; "It's Complicated: The decision by the United States on How -Not If - to Use the Atomic Bomb During World War II". First Presbyterian Church, 1 W. Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

4 p.m. **Crafting Connections - Snuffle Mats** for PAWS (for Ages 9-12). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

Bruce Experiences: The Million Dollar Duck - Q&A. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free for Members & Non-Members (does not include nonmember admission to the Museum). brucemuseum.org

6 p.m.

India Cultural Center (ICC): Bengali Cooking with Michelin-starred chef Hemant Mathur. 700 Canal St., First Floor, Stamford. \$50. iccgreenwich.

An Evening of Music with Mariachi Artistico. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x20. lisat@ perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org.

8 - 10 p.m.

Astronomical Society of Greenwich: Bowman Observatory Public Nights. Bowman Observatory, on the grounds of the Julian Curtiss School. Free. GreenwichStars@Gmail.com. astrogreenwich.org

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

1 p.m.

Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Promote & Prosper: Promote your business for growth. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/ class-listings

3:45 p.m.

Read to a Dog (All Ages). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. perrotlibrary.org

Fall Planters. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$10, \$70, \$90,

\$110. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org 5:30 p.m. Warrior Bootcamp (Ages 14 & older).

YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free. 203-869-1630. info@ gwymca.org. greenwichymca.org/ welcome

6 p.m.

Greenwich Arts Council: "Looking Forward Through the Past" Opening Reception. Bendheim Gallery, 299 Greenwich Ave. greenwichartscouncil.org

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

8 - 10 a.m.

International Breakfast: share your cultural heritage by bringing a dish from your roots (optional). YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free. RSVP. 203-869-1630. info@ gwymca.org. greenwichymca.org/ welcome

10 a.m. Fall Planters. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$10, \$70, \$90, \$110. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

4 p.m. **Apocalypse Life Skills: DIY** Compasses (for Ages 8-13). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

4 - 6 p.m. Young Artists Philharmonic (YAP) auditions. First Congregational Church, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. youngartistsphilharmonic.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

Fall Migration Bird Tour (Ages 6 & up). Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Free (donations are encouraged). Register. greenwich. audubon.org/events

12 p.m.

Pemberwick Glenville Association: Valley Jam 2024! Western Greenwich Civic Center Park, 449 Pemberwick Rd. Free admission. pemberwickglenville.com

Science Solvers: Pointillism (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, Sept. 22. brucemuseum.org

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

The 36th Annual 'Puttin' on the Dog'. Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. adopta-dog.org

4 p.m.

Friends of Greenwich Point Summer Concert: Oh La La! Founders Rock at Greenwich Point. Free. For inclement weather information, visit instagram. com/friendsofgreenwichpoint.

THROUGH WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

2:30 - 6 p.m.

Old Greenwich Farmers Market. Living Hope Community Church (parking lot), 38 West End Ave. Rain or shine. oldgreenwichfarmersmarket.com

THROUGH SATURDAY, NOV. 23

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Greenwich Farmers' Market. Horseneck Parking Lot, Arch Street and Horseneck Lane. (Parking is free during market $hours).\ green wich farmers mark etct.com.$

MONDAY - FRIDAY

3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Arch Street Homework Heroes - Free after school tutoring (6th-12th grade). Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. info@ archstreet.org. archstreet.org

TUESDAYS:

10 a.m. Beginner Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA members, \$30; nonmembers, \$35. New players welcome. (Register by Monday, 6pm). 203-524-8032. greenwichymca.org

5 - 7 p.m.

Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis: LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting. On Zoom. Free. Open to all LGBTQ Youth & allies. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis. org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse

WEDNESDAYS:

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

"Tools for Aging Well" (2nd Wednesday of the Month). Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Relaxed Duplicate Bridge with The

Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Members, \$10; nonmembers, \$12. New players welcome. (Register by Tue). 203-524-8032. greenwichymca.org 12 - 2 p.m.

Waste Free Greenwich's Food Scrap Recycle Program: Drop off scraps at Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. roundhillcommunitychurch.org/news/ composting-at-rhcc

12:15 p.m.

Greenwich Rotary Club Weekly Lunch Meeting. Putnam Cottage, 243 East Putnam Ave. RSVP. 203-832-3654. sheila.goggin@cbmoves.com. greenwichrotary.org

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Arch Street Teen Center High School Support Group for boys: Stress, Success, and Teenage Setbacks - moderated by Executive Director Kyle Silver. 100 Arch St. Register. Kyle@archstreet.org. archstreet.org

6:30 p.m.

NAMI-CAN (Child and Adolescent Network) Online Support Group - for parents and primary caregivers of children & adolescents, under age 21, with behavioral and emotional issues. Free. namisouthwestct.org/onlinesupport

2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Aging Well - an informal conversation about different aspects of aging well. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Road. Free & open to all. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org

THURSDAYS: 8 a.m. & 4 p.m.

Tai Chi Basic Moves. First

Congregational Church of Greenwich. 108 Sound Beach Ave. Registration required. Tuition is paid as a donation made directly by the participant to abilis, Neighbor to Neighbor, or the First Congregational Church. experiencetaichi.org

3 - 7 p.m. Arch Street After School Programming (All Ages) - every Thursday starting

5 - 7 p.m.

Arch St. archstreet.org

Kids In Crisis Lighthouse LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting - open to all LGBTQ youth in middle & high school. Wilton Historical Society, 224 Danbury Rd, Wilton. Free. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@

Feb. 22. Arch Street Teen Center, 100

Greenwich Calendar of Events for Your Fridge kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/gethelp/lighthouse

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Book Exchange - choose from a huge selection of books. Holly Hill Recycling Center. Free, or, donate books. (Open every Fri & Sat. books4everyone.org

GREENWICH LIBRARIES: greenwichlibrary.org

Friday, Sept. 13

10 a.m.

Cos Cob Library Storytime. Cos Cob Library Front Lawn. 203-622-6883. 11:30 a.m.

Qi Gong. Online. 203-622-6883. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org.

Friends Friday Films: "Remembering Gene Wilder" with Reel Talk speaker

7 p.m.

cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org. Saturday, Sept. 14 11 a.m. Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-

625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.

Karen Wilder. Berkley Theater.

12 p.m. Passport Services (By Appointment Only). Community Room #5. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/ event/12624704

1 p.m.

Cloak and Dagger Book Club. Online.

Palisades Opera: "Introduction to Opera for Children and Adults." **Byram Shubert Library Community** Room.. 203-531-0426.

3 p.m. Peterson Concert: Edmar Castañeda

Sunday, Sept. 15

7910. dsalm@greenwichlibrary.org.

Monday, Sept. 16 9:30 a.m. Little Learners (Registration Required). Children's Constellation

Quartet. Berkley Theater. 203-622-

11 a.m. All Together Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

LEGOS for the Wee Ones with Beth. **Byram Shubert Library Community**

Blood Pressure Screening. Community

Room. 11:30 a.m.

Room #5.

4 p.m. Battle of the Books with Ms. Flynn. Byram Shubert Library Conference

Room. 7 p.m.

AuthorsLive: James Shapiro Lecture and Book Talk. Marx Family Black Box Theater. Tuesday, Sept. 17

11 a.m. Petite Concert. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

Storytime with Patty (Birth to Pre-K). Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

1:15 p.m.

Baby Lapsit (Registration Required). Children's Constellation Room. 3:45 p.m. Pen to Paper. Cos Cob Library

5 p.m. International Book Club: "Huckleberry Finn" By Mark Twain. On Zoom.

Introduction to Patents and Trademarks. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

Community Room.

Wednesday, Sept. 18

7 p.m.

9:30 a.m. Movers & Shakers (Registration Required). Children's Constellation Room.

Baby Lapsit in the Stacks. Cos Cob

Library Turret. 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Career Coach - MS Word. Byram Shubert Library.

Brown Bag Book Club. Online.

3 p.m.

12 p.m.

Library Community Room. Science Girls!: Chemistry (Grades 3-5).

R.E.A.D. to a Dog. Byram Shubert

Children's Constellation Room. 6 p.m.

SCORE Simple Steps: Part 1 Marx Family Black Box Theater.. Thursday, Sept. 19

Japanese Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 11 a.m.

Bilingual Birdies (Registration Required). Children's Constellation Room.

Technology Help. Learning Lab. 4 p.m.

Children's Constellation Room. Opening Reception: The Elusive Art of

Kumi Yamashita. Flinn Gallery.

P is for Pirate (Registration Required).

6 p.m.

Grabbing Great Media for Video Sharing. Learning Lab.

Teen Science. Teen Commons.

Jazz with the Peter Hand Quintet. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

Friday, Sept. 20

10 a.m.

Cos Cob Library Storytime. Cos Cob Library Front Lawn. 203-622-6883.

Qi Gong. Online. 203-622-6883. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org.

Friends Friday Films: "One Life." Berkley Theater. cgibbs@

Saturday, Sept. 21

Certification. 2nd Floor Meeting Room. 203-625-6549. alaughlin@ greenwichlibrary.org

Byram Shubert Library Community Room.. 203-531-0426. 10:30 a.m.

children@greenwichlibrary.org

Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary. org.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL:

Wednesday, Sept. 18 1:30 p.m.

Room. 203-531-0426.

1 p.m. MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Support

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

- for people with Parkinson's, their

Talk: Preventing Falls and Improving Balance. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

CPR Friends & Family (Infant/Child). 38 Volunteer Ln. \$65. For discount information call 888-305-9253. 9:30 a.m.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR:

ntngreenwich.org Everyday, all day • 24/7 Food Drive Collection site at North Greenwich Congregational Church, 606 Riversville Road. The

the Parish Hall.

Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m. from the rectory entrance, 4 Riverside Ave. (Non-perishable foods, personal care products, large sized diapers (5 & 6) and pull-ups, and knit hats (hand knit or

store bought). Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

1101 Bedford St., Stamford. Tuesday, Sept. 17

11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99

39 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford. TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/

Stamford Museum and Nature Center,

Architecture Review Committee (ARC)

Sign-Meeting. 12 p.m.

4 p.m.

1 p.m. **Planning and Zoning Commission**

RTM Full Meeting. Central Middle School. Tuesday, Sept. 17

Meeting.

Zoom Webinar.

6 p.m.

11:30 a.m.

7 p.m.

greenwichlibrary.org.

9:30 a.m. Red Cross Babysitter's Training &

10:30 a.m.

Adventures in Craft with Nicole.

Music with Tom Weber. Marx Family Black Box Theater, 203-622-7940.

Jerry's Movies: "Doubt" (2008 Movie) **Byram Shubert Library Community**

greenwichhospital.org/events 888-305-9253

families and caregivers. 260 Long Ridge Road, Stamford. Free. Thursday, Sept. 19

Group. Online. Free. 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 21

AARP-Safe Driving Course. Greenwich Hospital. \$20.

weatherproof bin is located outside of

• Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard St., Cos Cob. Food Drive (drive-thru) at St. Catherine of Siena's parking area across the street

Food Drive at St. Paul's Episcopal Church parking lot, 200 Riverside Ave.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: RedCrossBlood.org Monday, Sept. 16

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. First Presbyterian Church Stamford,

Indian Field Rd. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

calendar Monday, Sept. 16 10:30 a.m.

Nathaniel Witherell Legal Affairs & Governance Committee Meeting.

Briefing. 7:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission 7 p.m.

Board of Human Services Meeting.

Greenwich Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

Wednesday, Sept. 18 12 p.m. **FS Nominating Advisory** Committee Meeting. Via

6 p.m. **Harbor Management Commission Regular Meeting.**

Mazza Room. Architecture Review Committee

(ARC) Regular Meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 19 8:30 a.m. FS Active Transportation Task

Force Meeting Virtual. Via Zoom. 11 a.m.

FS Sustainability Committee Meeting In Person @ Town Hall Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom.

12 p.m. **Nathaniel Witherell Finance** Committee Meeting.

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, Sept. 13 6:30 p.m.

At Home in Greenwich Gala. Delamar Greenwich Harbor. athomeingreenwich.org

Monday, Sept. 16

8 a.m.

Annual Greenwich Council, BSA - Perry L. Burns Memorial Golf Tournament. Round Hill Club. greenwichscouting. org/24PBMGFT

Tuesday, Sept. 17

11 a.m.

Breast Cancer Alliance Annual Golf Outing. GlenArbor Golf Club Bedford NY breastcanceralliance.org

Thursday, Sept. 19

11:30 a.m.

Family Centers Center for Hope Luncheon. Wee Burn Beach Club. Rowayton. familycenters.org/product/cfhluncheon

Friday, Sept. 20

6 p.m.

Greenwich United Way's "Brew Ha Ha". Eagle Hill School. greenwichunitedway.org

Saturday, Sept. 21

12 p.m.

Pemberwick Glenville Association: Valley Jam. Western Greenwich Civic Center. pemberwickglenville.

6 p.m.

Friends of Greenwich Point: Comedy Night. Tod's Point. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

Saturday, Sept. 28

9 a.m.

DART to the Finish! Charity Walk. Tod's Point. danasangels.org

Monday, Sept. 30 10:30 a.m.

Habitat for Humanity of **Coastal Fairfield County 31st Annual Benefit Golf Outing.** The Country Club of Fairfield. habitatcfc.org

Saturday, Oct. 5

9 a.m.

Kids Helping Kids 5K Walk/ Run for Good. Kosciuszko Park - Harbor Point, Stamford. kidshelpingkidsct.org

• Greenwich Riding & Trails Association's "Day in the

Country" Horse Show. thegrta. org/day-in-the-country-2024

Sunday, Oct. 6

11:30 a.m.

YWCA Greenwich Walk the Walk Against Domestic Violence. Bruce Park. ywcagreenwich.org/events/ walk-the-walk-againstdomestic-violence-2024

Monday, Oct. 7

12:30 p.m.

Greenwich United Way's 8th Annual Golf Tournament. Tamarack Country Club. greenwichunitedway.org

Saturday, Oct. 12 & Sunday, Oct. 13

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Bruce Museum's 43rd Annual Outdoor Arts Festival. 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.

Sunday, Oct. 13

Walk/Run for Abilis - 1-Mile Walk & 5K Run. abilis.us

Saturday, Oct. 19 2 p.m.

REACH Prep 30 Years Anniversary Gala. Belle Haven Club. reachprep.org

Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo 5th Annual Gala. Inn

beardsleyzoo.org Sunday, Oct. 20

family-field-day

6 p.m. Greenwich Land Trust's "Go Wild! Family Field Day. gltrust. org/special-event/go-wild-

at Longshore, Westport.

Tuesday, Oct. 22

5:30 p.m.

Avon Theatre Lifetime Achievement Award Gala honoring Michael Douglas. Avon Theatre, Stamford. avontheatre.org

Wednesday, Oct. 23

11 a.m.

Breast Cancer Alliance Annual Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show, Westchester Country Club, NY. breastcanceralliance. org

Thursday, Oct. 24

6 p.m.

Greenwich Historical Society's History in the Making Award. Belle Haven Club. greenwichhistory.org/history-inthe-making

Saturday, Oct. 26

ICC (India Cultural Center) Gala Benefit -'A Celebration Of Light'. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. iccgreenwich.org

Saturday, Nov. 16

Greenwich Riding & Trails Association's "Silver Horse Ball". Greenwich Country Club. thegrta.org/silver-horseball-2024

Saturday, Nov. 9

• YWCA Greenwich's 'The Fall Party'. Belle Haven Club. ywcagreenwich.org/events/thefall-party-2024

6 p.m.

Special Education Legal Fund S.E.L.F. Homecoming 6th Anniversary Gala. Arch Street Teen Center. bit.ly/ SELFHomecoming

Wednesday, Nov. 13

6 p.m.

GIFF (Greenwich International Film Festival) 10-Year Anniversary. l'escale restaurant, Greenwich. greenwichfilm.org

Saturday, Nov. 30

Greenwich Alliance for Education's 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk. greenwichalliance.

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

11 a.m. **Balance Boost: Injury Prevention through Physical** Therapy. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

7:30 p.m.

Curtain Call presents "Tootsie". The Kweskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm (Sept. 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, Oct. 3, 4, 5). curtaincallinc.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Fairy Tails Day. Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo, 1875 Noble Ave., Bridgeport. beardsleyzoo.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

BooZoo's Adoption Expo. **Stepping Stones Museum** for Children - Mathews Park, 303 West Ave., Norwalk. Through Sept. 13. steppingstonesmuseum.org 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friends of Ferguson Library **Book Shop Sidewalk Sale.** Outreach. fergusonlibrary.org

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Honey Harvest Festival. Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens, 151 Brookdale Rd., Stamford. Free. bartlettarboretum.org

2 p.m.

A Celebration of Song & Dance, a Hispanic Heritage Month Program. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

7 p.m.

CONNECTICUT'S BEARDSLEY ZOO Lecture Series Lecture Series: Bats Miranda Dunbar SCSU Biology Professor. Hanson Building, 1875 Noble Ave., Bridgeport. \$10. beardsleyzoo.org

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

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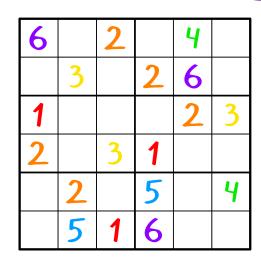
Parenting workshop: "Navigating Screen Time: A Parent's Guide to Managing Tech Frustrations with Ease." The Alliance Center, 16 Wire Mill Rd., Stamford. \$40. thealliancecenterct.com

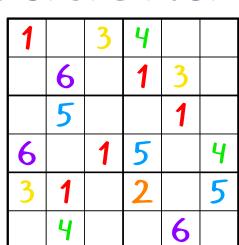
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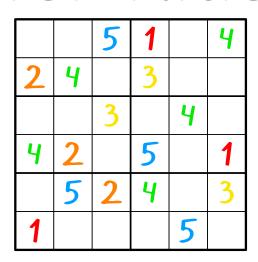
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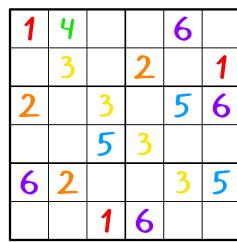
Red Dirt Girls performs. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY, Free admission, no reservations required. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

Sudoku for Kids



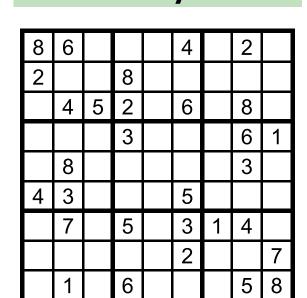




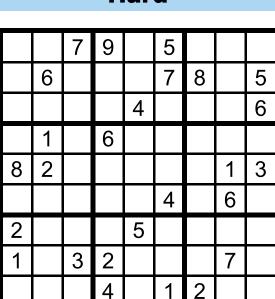


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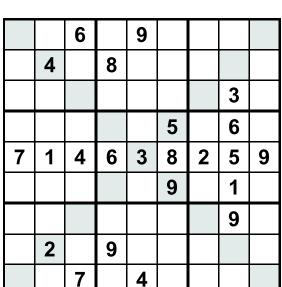
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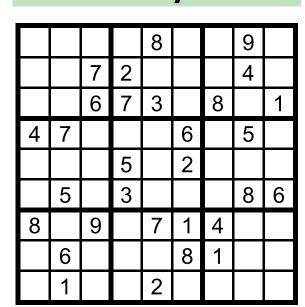
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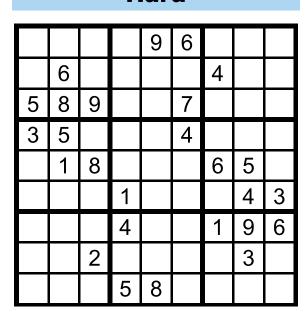
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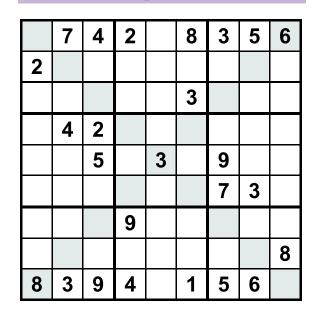
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SPORTS

Greenwich High football team aiming to contend for a state championship

By David Fierro

Like last year, the Greenwich High School football team will open its season in September against a team it ended its season against the previous year.

The Cardinals began their 2023 season with a game against non-conference opponent Fairfield Prep, the team they defeated in the championship game of the CIAC Class LL Tournament in 2022. Soon, Greenwich will kick off its 2024 season against West Haven, the squad it was eliminated by in the semifinal round of the CIAC Class LL playoffs last fall. Greenwich visits West Haven on Sept. 13 for a 6 p.m. matchup the teams have looked forward to for quite a

"It's a tough place to play, but there's no better motivator than going up against a team that knocked you out of the playoff run last year," said Greenwich head coach Anthony Morello, who is starting his sixth season at the helm. "It's a lot easier motivating a football team after a season-ending loss than it is after a season-ending win."

The 2023 season saw the Cardinals register a record of 10-2. Greenwich began the season with nine consecutive victories before losing to FCIAC rival Staples on Thanksgiving, 24-13. In the quarterfinal-round of the Class LL Tournament, Greenwich topped Stamford, 47-21, setting up a semifinal-round showdown versus West Haven at Cardinal Stadium. The game was tied at 6-6 at halftime, but West Haven rallied for a 26-13 victory to advance to the Class LL final.

"There are a lot of things we wish we had of done differently in that playoff game," Morello noted. "We felt we had just as much an opportunity to win that football game as West Haven did and West Haven made the plays when it counted. It's been a great motivator for us."

Indeed, the Cardinals aren't exactly easing into the new season. After visiting a Knights are a team on the rise, one to certainly be reckoned with. In Week 3, GHS plays unfamiliar foe Bishop Hendricken High School, a perennial powerhouse/ championship program from Rhode Island.

off the bat," Greenwich junior linebacker/running back Jack Kelly said. "It's a revenge game for us. That loss last year to West Haven in the semifinal has been fueling us all offseason and we are all really excited to play that game. They're a fast team, we're just going to have to match that speed and play aggressive and play as a team."

"It's going to be a really tough opponent, they're a good, solid team," Cardinals senior quarterback Michael D'Angelo said of facing West Haven. "But I trust my guys, we're ready to go on all cylinders. Everyone is firing out. We have a lot of young guys and we're ready to see what

we can do." D'Angelo and fellow senior Nick Wells are competing for the role as the Cardinals' starting quarterback, a position Rocco Grillo impressively performed at during his senior season in 2023. Grillo is continuing his football career at Fordham University.

"I could see both of these quarterbacks contributing on a week-by-week basis based on the situation of the game," Morello said. "MJ (D'Angelo) has done a great job of running our base with a methodical approach, so utilizing him and his physicality is something we're really excited about. Nick has demonstrated an ability to drive the team down the field in a short amount of time. Our two-minute drill he is excelling in. They both have a different set of skills and I'd be a fool to not use them both football game."

The season is starting a bit late for the Connecticut-based high school football teams. In most of the previous years, the season opened a week earlier.

"We are all happy to be game day." back, we just got back from our sleepaway camp," D'Angelo said. "We're all fired up, amped up and Week 1 couldn't come sooner. to see what we can do."

Blake Martin of the later start: practice." "We'll be ready when the time comes. I think it's fine, an extra week means extra practice. It's always better to be prepared than athletes at tight end. not be prepared."

D'Angelo, Max Marek and Peter Vomvolakis are Greenwich's senior captains. Vomvolakis recently committed to attend the United States Naval Academy in Anapolis, Maryland, where he will play Division I football. to lead the Cards' offensive line at center, a position he flourished at

Register First Team All-State is looking very promising, we're player and two-time All-FCIAC a little young, but we'll figure it First Team selection, Vomvolakis out. I feel good about our offense, (6-foot-2, 290 pounds) has been a our running game is going to be football team since his freshman sure. Our offensive line looks year and immediately made an very good and our receivers look impact, earning a starting role really good." on the offensive line as a ninthgrader. He shifted to center a in 12 games last season, averaging season ago.

beginning, having to make a lot more calls, having to be responsible at the offensive line," Vomvolakis said of his transition to playing center. "But once the offseason and August went through it really became natural to make the right calls. "It's a really stressful position having to make all the calls, but it's a great position, being the captain of the and our offense is looking so offensive line, being the captain good. We've been putting in a lot up front," he continued. "It's a of work during the offseason." really nice thing."

tackle Richie McMurray are some of the athletes that will should power the Cards' offensive defensive line.

formidable West Haven team on the 6-3, 270-pound McMurray strength," McMurray said. the road on Sept. 13, the Cardinals $\;$ said. "The biggest thing for us travel to Stamford on Sept. 21. As is we have the ability to identify outstanding group of linebackers they exhibited last fall, the Black problems quickly and move last season in John Insinga,

"I feel great about our offensive line and when you feel great about your offensive line, typically your running game is successful as well," Morello said.

George Vomvolakis and Ian "It's a tough game right Kim sparked the squad's running game a year ago during their senior seasons. Hector Lopez, a junior and Kelly will be counted on to help lead Greenwich's running attack this fall.

"I feel like it's a big role I'm playing on offense this year," Lopez said. "Replacing George Vomvolakis, there are some big has more talent than any shoes I have to fill. Overall, we're secondary that we've had, so looking great on offense. I'm

looking forward to the season." backfield like George Vomvolakis did throughout his highly

productive Cardinals career. "He's very shifty and has a low center of gravity," Morello said of Lopez. "He can find a crease and can turn a 3-yard gain into a 60-yard gain in the blink of an eye. We also have Jack Kelly - he is more of a bruiser. He is going to do really good for us."

'We're definitely going to be a great running team, our O-line is looking great this season," Lopez noted. "Peter Vomvolakis is looking to lead our line and is looking good. Our running game they all have talent. They are is going to be up there."

Wide receiver is certainly a position of depth for the Cardinals with Martin returning, along with senior Matthew O'Donnell, senior George Minchin, Guy Germain (senior) and Michael Minyo (senior). Hudson Squires (junior), Bobby Stanley (sophomore), Dan Black and Andy Stedem are among some the first-season varsity athletes that hope to make their mark at the wide receiver position.

"Practice has been great, whenever needed to win a we've been working our hardest Martin said. "The offense is really coming together and so is against the run, strong against that we're ready when it comes to it will be a good year."

Throughout the preseason, the quarterbacks and receivers have clicked.

"It's gotten better every day Everyone is firing out. We have a both quarterbacks are competing lot of young guys and we're ready and gaining chemistry each day," Martin noted. "I think we're Said senior wide receiver growing more and more every

Junior Michael Golden (6-6, 225), Jack McElwain, a junior and Stedman are among some of the

"We are going to be featuring Jack Carroll, Michael a lot of tight ends this year," Morello pointed out. "We big tight ends that can block, run and catch. Between our tight ends and our receivers, we have more than enough weapons for our quarterbacks to target."

Golden could be one of Vomvolakis will be looked upon Greenwich's main targets at the tight end spot.

"I'm looking forward to a great season and helping out the A two-time New Haven team," Golden said. "The team member of the Cardinals' varsity a strong point of the team for

Greenwich scored 389 points 32 points per matchup. Of course, "It was a little tough in the the offensive unit is aiming to be extremely productive once this

> "We have a lot of potential," Martin said of the offense. "We have a lot of guys that are going to step up this year - a lot of juniors and seniors."

"Our offense is going to be a big key to our team," Lopez said. "We have some great receivers

Vomvolakis, McMurray and Vomvolakis and junior right senior Kyle Ebanks are among among some of the athletes that be relied upon to anchor the

"On the D-Line, we are really "The line is really good," aggressive that's our biggest

> Greenwich graduated an Sebastian Parra and Jayden Scott. Santi Parra, Sebastian's brother, a junior, begins his first year as a varsity starter at linebacker and is joined by sophomore Justin Carroll, Jack's brother and Kelly.

> "We're a young group, we are losing some big starters, those three (Insinga, Parra, Scott), but we have been working a lot and I think it will be good," Kelly said. "We just want to be physical, aggressive and play hard."

> The secondary is a definite strength for the Cardinals.

"We think the secondary we expect really good things from our secondary," Morello Lopez brings speed to the said. "They're one of the more experienced groups that we've had out here."

Jack Carroll, a safety, senior Noah Steele, a senior cornerback, who has committed to play football at Carnegie Mellon and Germain are among some of the athletes that should anchor the secondary.

"I'm feeling really good, because we have four DBs that got a lot of playing time last year," Jack Carroll said. "So, we all got experience. I would say that's a strong point of the defense. Our linebackers, they're young, but getting better every day."

Cardinals yield just 162 points in 12 games (13.9 points per game).

We are working on physicality every day in practice," Jack Carroll said. "The name of the game for Greenwich is physicality and we want to keep it that way this year. We've got to have a team bond, that's what wins games in the fourth quarter. Just getting the little things right is going to help us go far this season.

Said Kelly: "I think we have trying to get better every day," a really strong unit this year, I think we are going to be strong the defense. We've been trying the pass. Our coaches have some to give each other good looks, so great schemes for us and I think



Photo courtesy of Dylan Goodman Photography: Greenwich High School senior quarterback Michael D'Angelo in action during the Cardinals' varsity football team's practice on August 24, 2024, at Greenwich High School.

The 2023 season saw the Cardinals yield just 162 points in 12 games (13.9 points per game).



Photo by Dylan Goodman Photography: Greenwich's varsity football team's placekicker practices during a training camp session at Greenwich High School on August 24, 2024.



Photo provided by Dylan Goodman Photography: The Cardinals' offensive line in action during a recent practice at GHS.

Morello has liked what he's 1) and Westhill (Nov. 16). The 2023 season saw the seen from the defense during the preseason.

> the run in past years, so if we (Nov. 8) and Staples (Nov. 28). can lock down the pass as well, I think our defense is going to be a major strength of this football team," he said.

On special teams, senior Jack Jedlicka has garnered attention from colleges with his standout skills as a longsnapper.

or kicking, it is a pivotal moment in the game," Morello said. "For me not to worry, because Jack is have done a great job of leading snapping the ball is a blessing."

included Bishop Hendricken always a fun group to coach. (Sept. 28), Danbury (Oct. 5), They know they have things to

Road games include West Haven (Sept. 13), Stamford (Sept. "We've been good against 21), Trumbull (Oct. 25), Ridgefield

'We want to go all the way, that's what we're aiming for another state championship, which we had two years ago," McMurray said. "I think this team definitely has the capabilities to get it done."

Morello has been impressed 'Whenever you are punting with the captains and the entire senior group.

"The captains, the seniors by example," he said. "This team Greenwich's home games wants to be great and that's Wilton (Oct. 18), St. Joseph (Nov. work on, they know they are not the team."

where they want to be at this point, so they are willing to put the time in off the field."

"When they are out here they are listening, the team is actively trying to improve every minute of practice and those are teams you love to coach," Morello continued. "There is really good energy out here, a really good vibe going into the season. As long as we are improving as the season goes on, the sky's the limit for this group. If you ask any player, they will say we want to win the state championship. That is the goal of

GHS Field Hockey Opens 2024 Season with Impressive Home Win Over Fairfield Warde

By David Fierro

Unfinished business.

That's the Greenwich High School field hockey team's slogan for the 2024 season as Sofia Klingbeil, one of the captains, noted following the Cardinals' season-opening game against Fairfield Warde on Tuesday.

"Our slogan for the year is unfinished business," Klingbeil said. "We are trying to be a 60-minute team and as always, we are going to try to get to the state championship and the FCIAC championship.

Greenwich was certainly a 60-minute team in its seasonopener against FCIAC foe Fairfield Warde Tuesday afternoon at Cardinal Stadium. Scoring three first quarter goals and tallying four times in the opening half, the Cardinals began its 2024 season with a dominant 8-0 victory over Fairfield Warde.

"We have a good group of returners and a really solid group of new girls," Greenwich head coach Megan Wax said. "We have been working a lot on our decision making and ball movement. I thought today we did an excellent job of that, especially right out of the gate."

The Cardinals are coming off a successful 2023 campaign, one that saw them register a record of 12-5-0-2, advance to the FCIAC Tournament semifinals and the CIAC Class L Tournament semifinals. Greenwich defeated Wilton, 7-0, in the FCIAC quarterfinals, before being edged by top-seeded Darien, 3-2, in the semifinals in a game GHS led by one goal with less than four minutes remaining. In last season's Class LL state tournament quarterfinals, Greenwich topped Newtown, 3-0, in the first round, then played well in a tough 2-1 loss to Staples in the quarterfinal-round.

Kate Donnellan, Klingbeil, Isabel Pol and Stella Thibeault are the Cardinals' 2024 senior captains.

"I'm really excited to be a captain, I've been working with been a second half team," said Donnellan, a forward, who earned FCIAC All-West Team honors for the 2023 season. "Today, we came out with high energy and I'm excited to keep Thibeault started the scoring, that going into our next game. We want to be a 60-minute team and come out and score quickly, need to in the second half and a 2-0 lead on Warde at the 7:53 FCIAC Tournament titles to its keep it going throughout the mark of the opening quarter. whole game."

season-opener for both squads, another goal in the second Lattuada and Klingbeil added one goal apiece in the winning effort.

and we proved that in the game," said Thibeault, a 2023 All-FCIAC First Team selection. "A lot of board quickly." people scored and I think we really showed our talent."

Kelly Janssen and Aly Janssen captains last season. Kelly Janssen was a First Team Allis playing field hockey at Trinity College and Babb and Caminiti received All-FCIAC Honorable and Giselle DiPietro had three Mention recognition. Hanna interceptions against Fairfield Klingbeil (All-FCIAC Honorable Warde as did Donnellan. Mention selection) and Bernie Quintana posted three Thompson were among some of interceptions, while Pol, Sophia the graduates from last season's DiPietro, Gilroy, Lopez, Lattuada successful squad.

"That was a great group that potential. We're taking it day-byday, acclimating the older players with the freshmen."

plenty of goals at the forward position for the Cardinals. Among some of the returning midfielders are Lattuada, a 2023 All-FCIAC First Team honoree, Klingbeil, Emilia Arroyo and Carlota Lopez.

on defense. The defense certainly excelled in the season-opening triumph against Fairfield Warde.

transfers, but today the defense season. did a really good job transferring job from the right side to the left captain, it's something that I've side and from the left side to the right side, so that's something said. "It's so fun to lead these to be proud of," Pol said of the girls they are some of my favorite these girls for almost four years team's defensive effort versus people." now and every year we just fell Fairfield Warde. "We are a very short, because we have always good attacking team, but it's also hockey team has had an impact important for our midfielders on my high school experience and forwards to drop back and as a whole," Donnellan noted. become good defensive players. We already are, but even more."

tallying off an assist from Ojea Quintana with 13:28 remaining in the first quarter. Donnellan's program has a distinguished so that we can work on what we unassisted goal gave Greenwich tradition. Greenwich has 17

In Tuesday's triumph against seconds after Donnellan scored title with Darien in 2012. The Mamaroneck High School at

Greenwich received goals from quarter, giving GHS a 4-0 six different players. Thibeault halftime advantage. Klingbeil, and Donnellan each tallied twice, Thibeault and Ava Cocozza each while Clara Ojea Quintana, Julia posted second-half goals for the

"We had great in-and-"In the past couple of weeks out passes up the side with a and in the summer, all of our lot of cutting up the baseline," training and hard work paid off Donnellan pointed out. "We are doing a very good job at getting quick goals and getting on the

"Honestly, we've been working really hard throughout Caroline Babb, Liv Caminiti, the preseason and in practices - small things in drills, like served as Greenwich senior communication - those small details really matter and I think we executed them today," FCIAC goalie and is continuing Klingbeil noted. "On a lot of our her field hockey career at corners, we filled in the post, that Hamilton College. Aly Janssen stroke and so it's just filling in the lanes."

> Niene Boezen, Thibeault and Anne Boezen had two apiece.

Greenwich has two firstgraduated," Wax noted. "Now, season varsity goalies, a everybody is really excited about freshman and a sophomore the talent that we have and our and they both performed well against Warde.

"The goalies really showcased how much they can work," Donnellan, Thibeault and Klingbeil said. "We have a Ojea Quintana should provide freshman goalie and we have a sophomore goalie, so we have so much respect for them to go on the field at such a young age and go up against girls we are seniors and juniors."

Said Pol: "The defense Pol, Alexia Gilroy and Lexi looks really good, I think we all Carino are among the athletes play really well together and that will also aid the Cardinals we all have been working on communicating a lot, which is really important."

Indeed, the Cardinals "Something that usually captains are embracing their takes us a while to do well is our added responsibilities this

> "It feels really good to be a wanted for a while," Thibeault

"Being a part of this field "It's not only made me a better field hockey player, it's made Against Fairfield Warde, me a better person. It's been a huge part of my future as a field hockey player."

Greenwich's field hockey collection, the last of which came Fairfield Warde, which was the making it 3-0. Donnellan added Cardinals have also won 10 state 4:30 p.m.



Greenwich's Stella Thibeault takes the ball down the left sideline against Fairfield Warde.

We want to work on meshing as a cohesive unit, push the tempo and we want to be able to be standing there in November



Warde in action during a varsity field hockey game held at Cardinal Stadium in Greenwich on Sept. 3, 2024. The Cardinals won, 8-0.

championships - 2009, 2006, 1988, 1985, 1982.

Ojea Quintana tallied just 33 when it shared the conference again on Thursday against

2005, 1998, 1994, 1992, 1990, and a lot of the same players, so we need to keep working toward The Cardinals were in action a spot in the state championship," Thibeault said.

"We have a lot of new players championship," Wax said. "We are building today for tomorrow. We want to work on meshing as a cohesive unit, push the tempo 'We're always playing and we want to be able to be with the hope of winning a standing there in November."

Greenwich High Boys Soccer Shuts Out St. Joseph, Improves Record to 2-0

By David Fierro

Two games, two shutout victories.

That's exactly how the season has begun for the Greenwich High School boys soccer team, which seems primed to once again contend for both the FCIAC and state tournament championships.

After opening its 2024 season with a shutout win against Fairfield Ludlowe at home on September 4, Greenwich hosted St. Joseph on Friday and cruised to a 5-0 victory behind a hat trick from Pietro Carvalho. The Cardinals are coming off a successful 2023 season that saw them advance to the FCIAC Tournament semifinals and the semifinal-round of the CIAC Class LL Tournament. They posted a record of 15-4-2 one season ago and with a lot of options offensively and a strong group of defenders, the Cardinals should once again, be one of the premier squads in the state.

assisted by Ray Marschall. "We well." have players coming back off injuries and they will only add and up front. We should only the Cadets. keep getting better."

Cardinals to the CIAC opportunity and I put it away," Class LL Tournament championship in 2022, the second state title in the boys Carvalho struck again, this soccer program's history. time scoring off an assist from Greenwich's impressive junior Francisco Luzuriaga, soccer tradition includes eight putting the Cards on top, 2-0. FCIAC Tournament titles. In the Cardinals' season- a lucky slide tackle and the opening game against FCIAC ball came right to my feet and foe Fairfield Ludlowe, they registered a 2-0 triumph. the goal," Carvalho said. Friday, they scored three times in the first half to seize control against visiting St. Joseph.

improved than Ludlowe," Putnam said of the team's Maloney, he gave the Cardinals performance against St. Joe. a 3-0 advantage on the Cadets. 'We had a lot of possession "If we can get our game against Ludlowe but didn't through ball, made the run,

Carvalho, a senior, scored the game's first goal, tallying more potency to the front line. off a pass from senior Micah We have a lot of competition Kim five minutes into the first going on now in the midfield half, giving GHS a 1-0 lead on

"I saw a shot, I had to Putnam guided the follow through and I found my Carvalho said of his first goal.

In the 26th minute,

"God gave it to me, it was again, I put it away in front of

Carvalho completed his hat trick in the first half. Scoring in the 34th minute off a through "I think it was a little more ball delivered by senior midfielder/captain Matthew

"To complete it I found the we have the potential to hoping for. I thought overall, it away again," Carvalho said of

give teams problems," said we moved the ball quite well his third goal. "You can't miss can make or break the game."

job. I asked the starting team the job done. Give St. Joe's championship this year." credit, they were hanging in there for quite a while."

scoring for Greenwich versus win." St. Joseph.

good game against Ludlowe," Maloney said. "We have been working on our attack game captain," he said. "It feels good and in that game, it elevated to to be able to tell people how the next level. Today (against they are doing and being able St. Joseph) we dominated the to meet everyone on the team conference rival on Sept. 21. entire half, so it was a good showing for us."

as one of the captains of Greenwich's boys basketball team in the winter. He knows the Cardinals take the soccer I thought we started off a little going offensively, I think have the cutting edge I was took on the goalkeeper and put field each game with plenty of slow, but we just needed a

Greenwich veteran head (against St. Joe). I think they're out on those opportunities. state championship, we everybody locked in and coach Kurt Putnam, who is an improved St. Joe's team as Those are the decisions that fell a little short last year," Maloney noted. "We made it Said Putnam of Pietro's to the semifinals of the FCIAC scoring surge: "He's done his Tournament and the state tournament. I think we have to go out there and try to get the pieces to win another state team spirit, we're building

"The team has come together the last two games," Senior Thomas Tischler Leon said. "We have a bunch tallied in the 69th minute, of very talented players, I think then senior Eduardo Araujo there are eight players on the converted a shot from team from when we won states approximately 20 yards in the a couple of years ago. I think 77th minute to seal the game's we know what it feels like to

Like Maloney, Leon works "I think we played a very hard in his role as team

> "It feels great to be a as well."

Through the first two Maloney will also serve games of the season, Greenwich has outscored the opposition 7-0.

"I thought we played well, little more intensity," Carvalho we're at."

"Our goal is to win another said. "And after the first one, we were able to get a couple

> "We are finding out what's working for us, we're building chemistry, we're working well together and we're doing well," Carvalho continued.

Nicholas Martschenko looks to run down the ball for the Cardinals varsity soccer team against the Cadets of St. Joseph.

Greenwich visits Wilton on Tuesday, then travels to Bridgeport Central on Thursday. The Cards host New Canaan on Sept. 16, before traveling to rival Staples on Sept. 18 and Trumbull, another

"We have a lot of competition going on now in the midfield and up front," Putnam said. "We should only keep getting better. Staples and Trumbull will be the first good litmus test for us to see where

SPORTS

Brunswick Football Team Enters the New Season Intent on Excelling

By David Fierro

Competing in close games was one of the themes of the Brunswick School football team last season, which saw the Bruins experience both success and a couple of tough setbacks in the tight matchups they were

Despite facing adversity in several of its games against its formidable Northeast Prep League foes, Brunswick registered a representative record of 5-4 in 2023, after finishing 9-1 in 2022, including a victory in the NEPSAC Mike Silipo Bowl. Practice began this week for the Bruins, who are eager and intent on reestablishing itself as a premier team in the Northeast Prep League and the NEPSAC.

"Two years ago, we went 9-1, we won the top bowl game and I said to the team - every bounce went our way," said Brunswick head coach Wayne McGillicuddy, who is entering his third season at the helm. "Last year, we went 5-4 and easily could have gone 8-1, the bounces didn't go our way. Now we are preparing so we are not going to let the bounce of the ball decide a close game. We want to make sure that we are mentally and physically focused and prepared. Let's not have the win."

The Bruins open their 2024 season at home in the friendly confines of Cosby Field on September 13 against Cheshire Academy, a Northeast Prep League rival they lost to one season ago in the final minutes of play, 20-14. Brunswick also has home games against Northeast Prep League opponents Avon Old Farms School (Oct. 5), Phillips Academy (Oct. 19) and Phillips Exeter Academy (Oct. 26).

Road games for the Bruins include Salisbury School (Sept. 20), Deerfield Academy (Sept. 28), Suffield Academy (Oct. 12), Trinity-Pawling School (Nov. 2) and Williston Northampton School (Nov. 9).

"There's a lot of excitement about the season," McGillicuddy said. "We have 26 or 27 seniors. McGillicuddy continued. "They A lot of them have been area tight-knit group." contributors for a long time. A to three-year starters."

The Brunswick football program has been represented by numerous athletes who have proceeded to play football at the collegiate level, a tradition that should continue.

We have 16 kids who are trying to play college football." McGillicuddy said. "Twelve of them are committed and nine of them are playing Division I ball. They are a tight-knit group and they spend a lot of time together outside of here."

Here's a look at this season's Bruins.

QUARTERBACKS: Blake as a transfer student from Central Catholic in Lawrence, interception in 12 games.

Hebert (6-foot-3, 225 pounds) suffered a season-ending ankle

game of the season in 2023.

"Blake has been phenomenal," McGillicuddy said. "He is one of the best leaders that I have ever been around. You would not know that he wasn't on the team last year. He came in and he's worked his tail off to the point that the team has already named him a captain. He's won the team over, he is someone that everybody looks up to and he is someone that eats, sleeps and breathes football."

quarterback the previous captains. two seasons, effectively and impressively leading the offense. Cromartie is continuing his Perez. football career at the University of New Haven. Sophomores Harrison Hantman and Walker McClure are among Brunswick's 2024 quarterbacks.

Brunswick will rely on Zay Smith and Patrick Hiebert, both seniors, to carry the load in the backfield. The duo should provided a spark in the running game for the Bruins, who previously, were powered by running back Bryce Davis. Davis is playing football at the University of Albany.

ball have to bounce our way to speed, could also aid the offense season ago. Safety Ethan Long, out of the backfield.

Augustine, a 6-7 297-pound his football skills to Notre Dame offensive tackle returns to the and should provide a challenge offensive line, a group that he's solidified since his freshman ball. season. A fifth-year varsity player, Augustine announced his commitment to play football at the University of Notre Dame this past February. He begins his second season as a captain.

"What he has meant to our program has been the world," McGillicuddy said of Augustine. "He's worked his tail off, he's been a leader. He has done everything that we asked him to and he has put in the extra work, getting extra field work in doing the little things."

"He's pulled those guys together on the offensive line,"

Owen Swenson (6 good chunk of that group are two pounds), a junior, returns at the the guys who want to play college center position and senior Sam Barsante (6'3, 265) also brings experience to the offensive line. Barsante has committed to compete at Amherst College. Michael Marini, a junior and Rowan Ahrens (6'6, 280) also a junior, return to the offensive line, while Sean Berntsen, a junior, joins the Bruins from Trumbull High School.

defensive line, will also see some time on the offensive line. Perez, a captain, will continue his football career at Brown University in 2025.

Hebert, a senior, joins Brunswick Jaylen Noisette, who is headed to the United States Military football at Clemson University wide receiver corps. Tyler Lloyd, and the strong-armed, mobile also a senior, is primed for a of the Bruins' captains. As a Matthew Colella and Will Fels, sophomore at Central Catholic in both of whom had their moments 2022, Hebert completed 111 of 185 last fall. The unit will be bolstered passes for 1,748 yards, with 24 by the return of sure-handed touchdown passes and only one receiver Will Graves, who was sidelined all of last season with

Noah Park, a sophomore, who to them.

injury in Central Catholic's first transferred from Greenwich High School, should be a receiving threat in his first season with the squad. Junior Max Gabelli and sophomore Caden Tate are among some of the other wideouts.

> "They are a versatile group," McGillicuddy said of the receivers. "Blake (Hebert) has done a great job of getting them together, making sure they see what he sees and they are starting to jell."

DEFENSIVE LINE: Perez A 2024 graduate, Elijah (6'2, 270) is starting his second Cromartie was Brunswick's season as one of the squad's

"He has been a mainstay on the line," McGillicuddy said of

Jaylen Pray (6'7, 265) a senior defensive end who has committed to play at Syracuse University, brings strength and experience to the line and senior RUNNING BACKS: Arnaz Dowe also returns to the defensive line.

> Tyler Georgs, a senior captain, Henry Johnson, a senior and Jake Greene, a junior, comprise a formidable trio of linebackers accustomed to competing in significant league games.

DEFENSIVE BACKS: The Bruins graduated seven players Colt Inman, a freshman with from their secondary from a is a senior playmaker in the OFFENSIVE LINE: Matty secondary. Long will soon bring for opposing offenses to pass the

> Maxwell Tejpaul, a senior cornerback, is a Boston College commit who will also be relied upon to lead this deep group of defensive backs. Noisette is also a dynamic cornerback in this secondary, which includes Graves, junior cornerback Kieran Edwards, senior corner Charlie Tortorella and junior defensive back Charlie Hausmann.

Indeed, the Bruins know they must be focused and in top form to produce the type of successful season they are aiming to accomplish.

"Our schedule is really tough," McGillicuddy noted. "I want to make sure these guys continue to improve. I want to make sure football have the opportunity to play college football. I want to make sure these guys are learning life lessons and continue to get better."

Coaching football and working at Brunswick School has helped McGillicuddy deal with the tragedy and adversity he has faced. His father Don, EJ Perez, a standout on the a beloved basketball referee in Massachusetts for decades, died after suffering a heart attack while officiating a girls basketball game in Watertown, Massachusetts in early March. WIDE RECEIVERS: Senior Don McGillicuddy was 56 years

Wayne's mother died when Academy West Point, where he he was a sophomore in college. Massachusetts. Hebert has is planning to play cornerback, He discussed his father's death committed to play Division I brings breakaway speed to the with the Brunswick football

"This year I want to open up quarterback will serve as one strong season, as are juniors to them and let them see who I really am," the Bruins head coach said. "One of the things I've been working on is opening up."

> McGillicuddy has witnessed the commitment the athletes on the squad are making and knows how important being a Bruin is



Photo provided by Brunswick School: Matty Augustine (No. 58) on the offensive line for the Bruins varsity football team.

"Two years ago, we went 9-1, we won the top bowl game and I said to the team - every bounce went our way"



Photo courtesy of Rachael Stover: Brunswick School's varsity running backs take part in a drill during practice at Cosby Field on August 22, 2024, in Greenwich. The Bruins open their regular season on Sept. 13 against Cheshire Academy.



Photo by Rachael Stover: Brunswick School running back Zay Smith in action during a drill at a recent varsity football team practice at Cosby Field at Brunswick School's King Street campus in Greenwich.

Greenwich High School Volleyball Starts Season With Win vs. Joel Barlow

By David Fierro

The Greenwich High School volleyball team started its 2024 season in style recently.

The Cardinals opened their new season with a 3-1 win over in the winning effort. visiting Joel Barlow in a nonwon the match by set scores of 25-15, 25-16, 17-25, 25-15. Sarah Bernann, a setter, recorded an impressive 40 assists to go one ace to power the Cardinals Trumbull. (1-0).

Heidi Zieme registered 14 kills, five digs and two aces, while Talia Muir had 17 digs and five kills for Greenwich. Alina Sarkissian tallied nine kills, one assist and one block

Cameron Clark contributed conference match. Greenwich nine kills and nine digs, while Kaya Armstrong had nine kills and two blocks for the Cardinals, who are in action again on Monday at along with 10 digs, one kill and FCIAC opponent St. Joseph in

The Cardinals are coming



off a successful 2023 season last season. in which they advanced to the quarterfinal round of the CIAC Class LL Tournament where they were edged by Southington, 3-2. Southington went on to lose to Darien in the championship match of the

Greenwich has won the Class LL state title three times, capturing the championship in 2021, 2017 and 2010. The Cardinals won the FCIAC Tournament championship in CIAC Class LL Tournament 2013, 2017 and 2021.

Photo by Kathleen Bonney: Sarah Bernann of Greenwich in action during the Cardinals varsity volleyball team's victory against Newtown in the second round of the CIAC Class LL Tournament in 2023. Bernann helped paced Greenwich to a triumph against Joel Barlow in its first match of the season this week.

Obituaries



ROSANNE BIANCHI

wife, mother, Loving and grandmother, Rosanne Iaconis Bianchi (nee Iaconis), 88, of Livingston, NJ, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 5. She was born in Queens, NY on November 29, 1935 and raised there until the family moved to Attleboro, MA. After she graduated from Attleboro High School, her family moved to Croton-on-Hudson, NY, at which time she began work as a flight attendant for Capitol Airways and then a secretary during the heyday of advertising on Madison Ave. for Cunningham & Walsh. After Rosanne met and married John Francis Bianchi in 1962, they moved to Briarcliff Manor, NY and eventually Riverside and Greenwich, CT where they raised their family. During the 1980's and 1990's, Rosanne worked as an administrator in the Greenwich public school system, and as an administrative worker at Greenwich Hospital.

Rosanne imparted her love of theater, opera and ballet to her children, for which they are grateful. A voracious reader and linguist, after retirement, she and John moved to New Jersey to be closer to her daughter's family. In her role as grandmother, Rosanne shone most brightly and was at her happiest. Travels with her grandson throughout Europe and the West Coast were epic.

Rosanne's husband John, her parents Vincent and Rose (nee Urgo) and her brother, Vincent Iaconis, predecease her. She is survived by her loving daughter Andrea Bianchi, son-in-law John Wooten and grandson Jack of Glen Ridge, NJ; her son John, daughter-in-law Kathleen, and granddaughters Julia and Dinah of New York City; and numerous beloved nephews, nieces, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, Rosanne requested donations be made in her name to the Harris-Walz campaign. A private memorial service in Montauk, NY, her favorite place, is planned.



ERNESTO ESCALANTE

Known by many names, Panita, Ernie, Feo, Papá, Tío, Viejo, he was always the gentleman.

Ernesto D. Escalante, beloved husband, father, friend, and uncle, passed peacefully at his home on Wednesday, September 4, with his loving family at his side. Ernesto was born in Lima, Perú, on November 29, 1933, to the late Oscar and Felicita (Cesar) Escalante. He was 90 years old at the time of his passing.

The youngest of 5 children, he was playful, full of advice, and a reader of the Bible; adored his mother; was always up to dance a salsa; and loved writing poetry. He had great memories of growing up in Lima and shared vivid stories of swimming in the River Rimac and the shenanigans he and his brother got into.

After marrying Aurea in 1965, he immigrated to the US, ready to make the most of the land of opportunity. He landed in Chickahominy, where he and Aurea raised their family. He loved being the father of daughters. He referred to his daughters as the 4 Marias, and his vanity plate read MMMME. He worked long hours to provide

for his family, sending all 4 to college, something he wasn't able to do for himself. While his heart was always in Perú, he loved his adopted country and was so proud when he became a United States citizen in 1998.

He retired from Arnold's Bakery, where he wrote poems for co-workers when they retired. The poems were presented in a frame and translated from Spanish to English by one of his daughters. Poems were also written on birthday cards for his wife and daughters. He loved a game of dominoes and happily taught people to play so they could join him in a few rounds.

Retirement was good to him. He played tennis; made extended stays to Peru, along with a big European trip with his wife; and loved becoming a grandfather, 'Tito'.

Ernesto is survived by his lovely wife of 59 years, Aurea Calle Escalante, who took beautiful care of him; daughters Magali Escalante and her husband Anthony Salvucci of Waltham, MA; Mabel Escalante Herson and husband George Herson of Stamford, CT; Monica Escalante and husband Daniel Raffin of Colorado Springs, CO; Margot Escalante and her husband Joshua Palmes of Stamford, CT; grandchildren Julian and Dante Salvucci; Luke and Jacob Herson; Violeta Raffin; and numerous nieces and nephews and their children.

Ernesto was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Felicita, and siblings Haydée, Felicita, Amanda, and Gregorio.

From one of his poems to his wife: "Mi Flaca se ríe a todo pulmón y mandíbula abierta porque su viejo de siempre es un imitador de la juventud. Ja! Ja!"

A Wake service for Ernesto was held on Monday, September 9 at the Nicholas F. Cognetta Funeral Home, in Stamford. A prayer service was followed by a procession to St. John Cemetery, Darien, for the committal service and interment.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ernesto's memory to a charitable organization of your choice.

HENRY PILDNER

Henry Pildner, Jr. of Madison, CT, formerly of Greenwich, CT, died peacefully on September 2, after battling a recurrence of cancer. He was 90 years old. Born in Cleveland, OH, his father, Henry Pildner, Sr., was Musical Director at WGAR radio in Cleveland and his mother, Elizabeth (Tabor) Pildner, was an educator. A graduate of University School in Shaker Heights, OH, Henry went on to earn degrees from Harvard College and Columbia Law School.

Following law school, Henry met and fell in love with Patricia, his wife of sixty-four years. After their wedding Henry and Pat lived in New York City, where Henry practiced law for many years, later moving with their young sons to Greenwich, CT. They shared an extraordinary union together, filled with much travel and laughter and time spent with friends, family, and their beloved grandchildren.

Henry was a truly remarkable man with many interests and a wonderful sense of humor. His friendship and counsel meant the world to all who knew him. He was adored by, and is survived by, his wife Patricia (Coker) Pildner, his sons Henry Pildner III and his wife Lisa, Philip Pildner and his wife Julie, his loving grandchildren Alison (Pildner) Cohen and her husband David, Amy Pildner, Gabrielle Pildner and Axl Pildner, and his greatgrandson Patrick Cohen. He leaves his brother, Gary Pildner and his wife Claire, and his sisters Susan Pildner and her husband Julien Peet and Anne Ahrens and her husband John.

No formal memorial service

Henry and Pat enjoyed the beauty and peacefulness of the Adirondack Park. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be directed to the Indian Lake Theater at www.indianlaketheater.org.

THOMAS MORRISON

Thomas Caldwell Morrison passed away on September 4. He was born at home in Baltimore, Maryland on December 5, 1932. He was a 1956 graduate of the McDonogh School for Boys in Owings Mills, MD. His education continued at the University of Maryland College Park.

The Men's League of the University of Maryland named him one of the ten outstanding seniors in the class of 1956. Phi Delta Theta was his fraternity, and during his stay, the fraternity was awarded the HILLOCK Trophy. It was retired soon after.

After graduation, his neighbors called him to serve two years in the U.S. Army. After discharge, PFC Morrison was hired by Philipp Brothers Chemical of NYC Agriculture Chemicals.

In 1974, he became one of 3 founders and president of Nitron Chemical located in Greenwich, CT. 35 years later, the company was sold to International Commodities of Houston, Texas. Tom is a 60-year member of the New York Athletic Club.

In 1988, after a whirlwind romance of 4 months, he married his beloved wife, Vera Ivanov of Queens, NY. They were happily married in the Eastern Orthodox Church for 37 years.

Tom's family received friends on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Leo P. Gallagher and Son Funeral Home, Greenwich. A funeral service took place Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the funeral home. Entombment followed at Putnam Cemetery, Greenwich.



SYLVIA REUTER MAY 23, 1938 -AUGUST 29, 2024

Sylvia Stewart Reuter, 86, passed away on August 29.
She was the loving mother

She was the loving mother to Cindy (Michael) Miller of New Haven and Karen (John) Vitiello of Stamford.

Sylvia emigrated from Dublin, Ireland at age 19 to work as an Au pair in Greenwich, CT and later took her first sales job at W.D. Webb Jewelers on Greenwich Avenue where she met the love of her life, Charlie. It was said that Sylvia was immediately offered a sales position based on her Irish brogue and big smile, and she then soon won the affection of her new jeweler coworker. Sylvia and Charlie continued to work together in their family jewelry business, Reuter's Ltd., also on Greenwich Avenue, for over twenty years with Charlie's brother, Donald, and his wife, Barbara.

Sylvia and Charlie shared a special, loving bond and marriage for 38 years. Sadly, she was predeceased by her adoring Charlie in November 2000.

One of Sylvia's greatest joys in life was being a grandmother to her one and only, Nicholas Charles Miller, born in 2001. Nick was the love and treasure in her life and she was immensely proud to be his "Grammy".

Sylvia led a simple and humble life; filled with humility, kindness, sincerity, and humor. She greatly loved and appreciated all of the extended

She greatly loved and appreciated all of the extended families and friends of both daughters, having enjoyed many years of Miller and Vitiello holidays and events.

Sylvia was proud of her Irish heritage celebrating countless

St. Patrick's Day parades and events in New Haven, Greenwich, NYC, Mystic, and more. She was well known to kick up her little jig and enjoyed dancing well into her eighties.

Firm in her roots, Sylvia was equally proud to be naturalized as an American citizen on April 27, 1973.

Unfortunately, Sylvia suffered serious illnesses over many years, most recently complications of strokes and breast cancer. Sylvia was incredibly brave, stoic, and strong-willed throughout.

Sylvia's daughters extend their heartfelt appreciation to her daily caregivers, Reyna Carcamo and Andrea Scully, who compassionately cared for and loved her over the past year of her life.

They also wish to thank her many doctors and nurses affiliated with Greenwich Hospital, the staff at Nathaniel Witherell Nursing Facility in Greenwich, and Constellation Hospice service.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, September 10, at the W.S. Clancy Memorial Funeral Home, Branford, CT. A private burial will occur at a later date in Putnam Cemetery, Greenwich.



ELIZABETH BONSAL

NOVEMBER 19, 1933 - AUGUST 22, 2024

Elizabeth (Betty) Lord Bonsal died peacefully on August 22, at the age of 90. The daughter of Iverson and William (Willie) Christie Lord, she was born on November 19, 1933, and initially raised in Pooler, GA, before her family moved to Savannah, where she graduated from Savannah High School, class of 1950, and Armstrong College, class of 1952. In 1958, she moved to Greenwich Village in New York City, where she met Stephen Bonsal. They married in 1960 and lived in Stuyvesant Town with their growing family before moving to Riverside, Connecticut, in 1966. She and Steve remained in Riverside until they moved to Lewes, Delaware, in early 2020.

Betty was politically active in Democratic Party politics in Greenwich, working diligently to get candidates elected as selectmen. She served as chair of the Greenwich Democratic Town Committee from 2001 to 2003. Both political allies and rivals would appreciate, sometimes begrudgingly, her outspokenness about political matters of importance to her. In the 2000s, she began serving as a justice of the peace for Greenwich, and she valued having officiated many weddings for gay, as well as heterosexual couples, following the legalization of gay marriage in Connecticut. In 2016, she officiated the wedding of her daughter Liz and daughter-inlaw Tracy, marking her 246th gay marriage.

Betty was an avid tennis and paddle tennis player at Innis Arden. She treasured the times she spent with family on Squam Lake for summer vacations, starting in the 1970s. The love of classical music that she and Steve shared led them frequently to performances at the Metropolitan Opera and, in the summer, to the Glimmerglass Festival in Cooperstown, NY. They also pursued their love of music, the arts, and time spent with friends in New York at the Century Club and in Greenwich at the Greenwich Symphony. For 40 years, they were members of a community play group known as Turkey-of-the-Month Club, giving memorable

acting performances and enthusiastically staging their own living room productions. With her family, Betty regularly attended the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, for which she also served as a deacon and volunteered one day a week to work at the Rummage Room on Sound Beach Ave.

Talented, hilarious, and

loving, Betty was dearly loved in turn by family and friends. She was predeceased by her husband, Stephen, her son Stephen, and her brother Iverson Lord. She is survived by her sister, Caroline Wilson and twin brother William (Billy) Lord, as well as by her daughter Elizabeth (Liz) Bonsal and her wife Tracy Toscano of Lewes, DE; son Dudley Bonsal of Harrisonburg, VA; daughter Virginia (Jenn) Nickell and her husband Jeffrey Nickell of Fairfield, CT, and their children Elizabeth (Ellie) and John (Jack).

A memorial for Betty and her husband, Stephen, who died on July 14, 2022, will be held at the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, on Wednesday, October 16, at 3:00 PM.



DAVID AVITABILE 1937-2024

David Anthony Avitabile, 86, of Cos Cob, CT, passed away peacefully of old age on August 2

David, affectionately known as "The Shirl" to some, was born in Paterson, New Jersey, to Guido and Lucy Avitabile. He grew up in Port Chester, New York and built a vast and strong network of lifelong friends who remained with him until the end. His family owned The Atlantic Bottling Works, on Bush Ave. in Port Chester, NY and as a kid he delivered bottles to the local shops. He later attended Iona Prep in New Rochelle, NY Class of 1956, though he was, according to his friends, an adopted member of Port Chester High School's Class of 1957, even attending class reunions for many years. After serving his country honorably in the U.S. Army as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, Dave returned to Port Chester. where he continued to cultivate these enduring friendships that were a source of great joy and support throughout his life.

Dave was a man of many roles and talents. A veteran who proudly served his country. Dave continued to give back to his community as a dedicated member of the Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol for 28 years. He joined the Patrol in 1996 and remained active until his health prevented him from responding any longer. During his time with the Patrol, Dave became known for his dedication, bravery, and the positive influence he had on those around him. He was a sound ear to listen to problems at the firehouse, personal issues, or simply share his wisdom on body building, nutrition, and life, always accompanied by a few good-witted jokes. The Patrol remembers him fondly: "Dave will be missed by all of us. We could all use a few more Daves in our lives."

Daves in our lives."

Dave played an active role in the fabric of the Greenwich Country Day School community serving in many capacities as a weightlifting coach, a Lower School Science Lab caretaker, among others. Over the years, Dave could be found at the faculty lunch tables sharing stories with faculty and staff alike and always had time and energy to give to his colleagues and the students.

His faith was a guiding force in his life, and he was a devoted member of his church. He was a man who loved unconditionally,

both people and animals, always showing kindness and generosity to all.

Dave was the kind of person who would brighten your day with a reliable Sunday conversation, lending a listening ear or a comforting word when needed. His warmth and wisdom made him a cherished confidant and a loyal friend. Those who knew him describe him as a steadfast presence in their lives, someone who could always be counted on for support and a good laugh.

Dave is survived by his brother, Paul, and his niece, Rena, and an immense extended family of friends and loved ones who will deeply miss him.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 7, at St. Timothy's Chapel, Greenwich, where family and friends gathered to celebrate his life. Following the service, there was a celebration of Dave's life at the Greenwich Water Club, Cos Cob.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol would be greatly appreciated, honoring Dave's spirit of service and commitment to his community.

Dave's passing leaves a void that will be felt by all who knew him, but his legacy of kindness, service, and love will continue to inspire. He will be remembered as a father figure, a brother, an uncle, a man of faith, and above all, a true friend to many.

Donations may be made at http://www.ccfpp.org or mailed to Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol, PO Box 202, Cos Cob, CT 06807.

ANN-MARIE TAI

Ann-Marie Tai passed away Sunday, September 1 at age 78. She is survived by her two sons, Christopher and Jeffrey of New York, NY as well as her sister Cathy and half-brother Frank. Ann-Marie was born on May 26, 1946 as the first daughter of Alexander Pan and Linda Huang in Shanghai, China. Ann-Marie lived with her parents and her siblings in her early childhood before immigrating to the United States in 1959 and moving to Port Washington,

New York.

Ann-Marie went on to attend Paul D. Shreiber High School and in addition to her studies, she was a cheerleader. Ann-Marie continued her education at a Medical Technician School in Philadelphia. It was during this time that she moved to the Bronx and met her husband, Roland Tai who lived across the street from her in the Bronx,

Ann-Marie married Roland

Tai in May of 1972 and had two sons, Christopher and Jeffrey. Christopher was born in 1980, and Jeffrey in 1982. Ann-Marie devoted her time raising both of her two sons with a focus on discipline, learning and education to give them the best educational opportunities within her reach. Ann-Marie spent her time investing in helping her two sons with homework assignments, Chinese school, and violin lessons. As her sons progressed into high school, Ann-Marie was a PTA volunteer at Greenwich High School and continued investing time and energy to help her sons succeed to prepare them for higher education. In her free time Ann-Marie loved classical music and choir, and devoted herself to singing with the Greenwich Choral Society. Christopher and Jeffrey are living proof of the values both she and Roland have taught and passed down. Ann-Marie will always gaze down on her family with joy and great pride.

A celebration of life was held at Stanwich Congregational Church on Saturday, September 7 followed by a reception. A visitation was held on Friday, September at Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home, Greenwich.

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Universal Crossword

Edited by Jared Goudsmit

- **ACROSS 1** Type of boat in "The Old Man and
- the Sea' 6 Black gunk 9 After-school
- helper **14** Group of
- judges 15 Primate such as
- Dr. Zaius **16** Egyptian
- dam citv Act overdra-
- matically **18** Arroz
- leche Knightley of 19
- 'Colette' 20 Starts of French
- cabarets? "Big Little
- Lies" airer 24 Nintendo console
- Off-_-wall "Billy, Don't 28 Hero" ('70s song)
- **31** (I'd like to speak now)
- **34** Most intense point in a story
- Last word in a story
- **37** Disco performed while doing the limbo?
- 39 Union's foe 41 Ear: Prefix
- 42 Dark green superfood **43** Digit used to
- beat a drum? 48 "Parks and " (Amy

ACORSS

1. (K) Ten cents

12. (K) Spoken

out loud

13. It can be

a bust?

15. Monastery resident

16. (K) Make a

18. (K) Fade to

19. "To Kill a

author

feature

animal

23. Exceeded 65

mph in a

45 zone

25. The next life

28. (K) That girl

seeker

skipping rope

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?

Reason there's a shed in the house?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

Previous riddle answer:

Sausage center?

41-A) USA

31. Political asylum

21. (K) "The One

and Only Ivan"

20. Trousers

the sound

serious attempt

17. "I agree, Lord"

black and cut

Mockingbird"

14. Part of "C/O"

5. (K) Common fuel

8. (K) Space object

Poehler show, casually)

- **49** Like a
- beefcake **50** Fuss
- "The A-Team" 51 actor
- 52 Capital of Japan? **53** Icky stuff
- 55 "Absolute garbage water," per Ted Lasso
- **57** Big baseball events ... and a hint to 20-, 37- and
- 43-Across **64** "This is so sad, ___ play Despacito" (meme)
- 66 Owed Gwangju's
- region 68 Ocean
- explorer 69 #MeToo or
- Mesozoic Doctor going to work sick,
- 71 Use a debit card
- **72** Biodegrade 73 "Cheep" homes?
- **DOWN** 1 Architect's
 - deet Sutra"
- **3** Privy to 4 "Get the stick, Rover!" 5 Phoebe
- Waller-Bridge series **6** Crunchy
- Tex-Mex food Each 8 Ask for more

Time?

9 Get sick, quaintly

10 App downloader "Make me

do it"

13 Genetic

21 NYC

12 Rowing tool

messenger

neighbor-

hood near

Village

27 Anticipate

date

30 Apple

32 Award

33 Insects

Kind

round

38 Boxing

35

drawn

to light

29 "Again!" at

a concert

consumers?

quartet for

Rita Moreno

26 Big rig

22 "Awesome!"

28 Words before

an expiration

Greenwich

40 Texter's

alert

"Also ...'

44 Defensively

45 "Butt out."

briefly 46 Tiny arachnid

47 Force the

54 Further on

in years

56 Love to bits

beasts

Brussels

Rome :: _

Greece

62 "I'll Cover

63 "Simon

64 Spots for

65 Back talk

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

TAKINGDELIGHTIN

S E D A N O H O U P S

M S N G O G H B E E P S

| F | O | R | S | A | L | E | A | D

OATS

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USES

GROWINGOLD

CHOWLINE

INNAATS

STER

(keep cool in

the summer)

You" musical

Spotify, say

E N D O W S

TOUCHE

BLUR

B O L D

SPACE

UCLAAPSO

BOHRBGPA

N E I G H B O R O N

59 Bread in

60 Beat the

61 Cupid:

58 Yoked

door open

- stadium roof 2. Uncrease a shirt
- 35. Peach kin with languages smooth skin
- **37.** (K) Farmer's locale, in a song

32. (K) Desserts

and milk

that tree

34. (K) Race me to

- 38. Cheerleaders
- have it 39. Fencing piece?
- **42.** (K) Things crunched in
- a gym 44. (K) Chicken
- serving 47. (K) Bee's place
- 48. Take to court 49. (K) Moving
- magma 50. (K) Inventor's
- need
- **51.** (K) Quiet mouse (2 words)
- **52.** A fresh
- beginning
- 53. Sew up that big sock hole
- 54. (K) Type of 9-Down animal
- 55. Benefit

15

DOWN with ice cream

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parke

7/18

- 1. (K) Rounded
- 3. One of China's
- 4. (K) Caribou
- relative **5.** (K) Part of a
- fence 6. What the police
- do sometimes 7. (K) Boar's abode
- 8. Too-hot bathwater
- will do this 9. (K) Wild's
- opposite 10. (K) Length x width
- 11. (K) Apartment payment
- 19. (K) Added to one's knowledge
- 20. (K) Possibly 22. (K) Stick-y
- ring-toss target 24. Annoying person or bug
- **25.** (K) That girl skipping rope
- **26.** Fowl of **Australia**

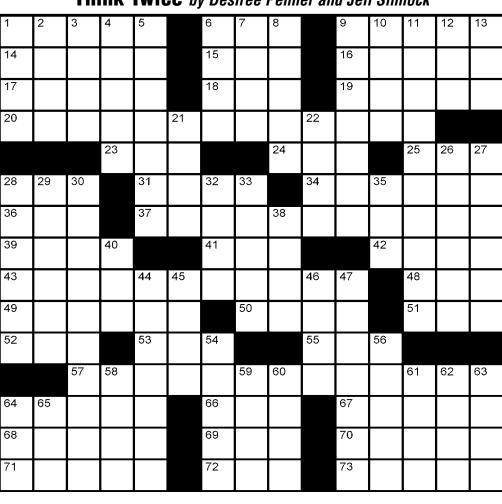
- 27. (K) Get touchy? 28. It can land on a snowfield
- 29. (K) Barnyard biddy
- 30. (K) Suffix with 'Japan"
- **33.** (K) "We ___ on the way to
- the park 36. Contract provision
- 37. Anticipate
- with fear
- 39. Table leveler 40. (K) Broad
- 41. (K) Easy-Bake (baking toy)
- 43. (K) Output from a drummer
- 45. (K) "Have you been to
- Cleveland?" 46. Go "What am I seeing?" with
- the eyes **48.** (K) Maple tree
- output 49. (K) One time around a track
- 29

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The answers to this week's puzzles can be found in next week's issue.

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Think Twice by Desiree Penner and Jeff Sinnock



Astrology for Next Week

VIRGO

7/19

24 Aug-23 Sept You'll be impulsive and impervious to logic and won't care who you annoy. You know what you like and what you want and, if nobody gives it to you, you will reach out and take it. That will be very dynamic but it's not the real you, is it? Chill.

LIBRA

24 Sept-23 Oct It's pointless to argue with someone who disregards facts and sees faith as the answer to everything. The approaching Eclipse will inspire you to try to convince them there's a more logical way to look at the world but it's a waste of

SCORPIO

time - you won't succeed.

24 Oct-22 Nov A rival thinks you're easily intimidated, ready to give in rather than fight for your rights. How wrong they are! An emotional Lunar Eclipse will make you hit back with everything you possess and that's a lot. You don't have to put up with that kind of rubbish.

SAGITTARIUS

23 Nov-21 Dec You can handle a family issue with care but it will be better for everyone if you stamp your authority on the situation. Let them know you've no intention of playing games. If they want to waste their own time, that's fine, but don't let them waste yours.

CAPRICORN

22 Dec-20 Jan You can worry over things that may never happen or you can banish negative thoughts and live every moment as it comes. A Pisces Lunar Eclipse will tempt you to indulge in a bout of doom and gloom but you don't have to give in to it. There's always a choice.

AQUARIUS

21 Jan-19 Feb A Pisces Eclipse will increase your desire to squander money but you'd be wise to resist. The Sun in thrifty Virgo urges you to put cash away for a rainy day but just as strong will be the urge to splash out on feel-good fripperies. What's your willpower like?

PISCES

20 Feb-20 March A Lunar Eclipse in your sign marks the halfway point of your solar year. It may be too late to turn back and change things but it's not too late to review your successes and failures. You must, however, be honest. The success of the next six months depends on it.

ARIES

21 March-20 April The Pisces Eclipse warns you must face facts - at home and at work. Something is wrong and you can't change it until you accept your critics were right: you rushed things when a gradual approach would have worked better. There is still time to change.

TAURUS

21 April-21 May You may not want to lay down the law but you've no choice. The Lunar Eclipse will highlight differences that, if not resolved by decisive action, may cause all kinds of problems. This is also a good time to get involved in a community or environmental cause.

GEMINI

22 May-21 June Someone is stirring up trouble just to see how you react. You know who it is and you know you should do something about it but is it really worth the hassle? Sometimes the best way to deal with such people is to ignore them completely

CANCER

22 June-23 July You may think you're ruthlessly logical but you're fooling no one but yourself. As Cancer is ruled by the Moon your emotions wax and wane: at times, you have superhuman self-control, at others you are all over the place. The Eclipse warns this is one of the latter. Stay calm.

24 July-23 Aug You're pushing too hard and too fast on something that needs to be taken more leisurely. It's unnecessary to finish it in record time, or to stretch yourself beyond your natural physical and emotional limits. Slow down and savour the creative process.

SOLUTIONS

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7 LITTLE W©RDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses $\frac{1}{20}$ represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

1 actress Stewart (7)

3 wedding (8) **4** green light (10)

5 weak points (8) 6 Dewey Decimal experts (10)

2 empty space in the head (5)

7 wound wrapper (5)

TEN RA US KR NG LIN SIN GS MAR MIS RYI RIA SION IS **GAU PER** NS LIB FAI

Previous Answers: 1. BALANCED 2. GRAPE 3. UNANIMOUS 4. DESPERADO 5. VANQUISH 6. THUNDEROUS 7. THOSE

Find 17 differences













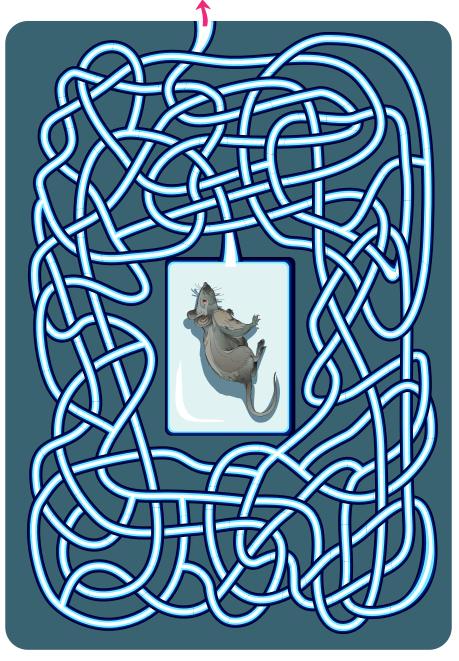
FROG AND RAT.



A frog and a rat were out travelling one day.

"Kind sir," said the rat, "will you tell me, I pray,
Why are all the people so civil to you,
But glare upon me as though death were my due?"

"My friend," said the frog, "now the reason lies here;
The water is cheap, but the grain it is dear.
If you lived on water, or mud, or such stuff,
The people to you would be civil enough."





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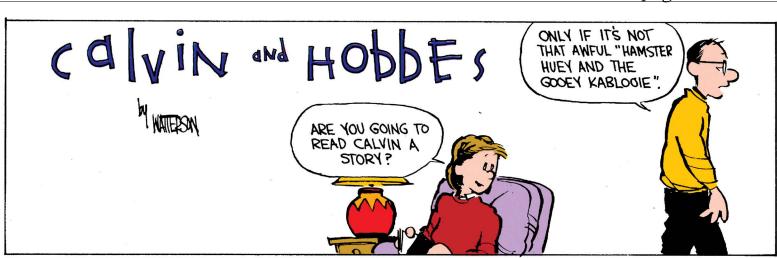
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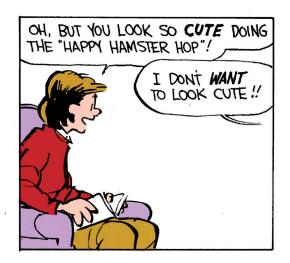
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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE CHIMNEY SWIFT

Aerodynamic Design Gives This Bird High Maneuverability

BY JIM KNOX

The peal of their clear twittering calls drifted down to me as I watched the small birds zip and wheel against a deepening summer sky high above town hall. While I couldn't make out their quarry, I could tell they were on the hunt, banking and swooping to snatch their prey in midflight. Never seeming to relent, their swirling hunting flight in the sky above pulsed with energy.

The Chimney swift,

Chaetura pelagica, is a wonder of the natural world. At first glance inconspicuous, the small ashy gray bird lacks the pomp of the peacocks or the palette of the parrots, but a closer look reveals a creature of engineering beauty. At 4.5 to 6 inches in length, with an 11-12inch wingspan, the swift is small, and with a body mass of a mere ounce, it is an ultra-light wisp on a wing. Equipped with long, crescent-shaped wings twice the length of its bullethour in level flight—and their tiny speedy prey, swifts are seemingly always one step ahead of predator unpredictable darting flight paths, these tiny creatures can evade all but certain raptors such as the ultraswift Mississippi kite, and the 225 mile per hour Peregrine falcon!



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highly maneuverable prey. and select individual Built for an unbeatable prey while still avoiding more than 60 miles per Similarly, possessing a tiny aerodynamic beak, the the ability to outmaneuver bird's mouth is cavernous, extending past its eye. This provides the bird with a huge gape to engulf prey and prey alike. With their on the wing-up to an astonishing 12,000 insects each day!

> Eastern United States and America, the Chimney

a suite of adaptations to to nesting in chimneys, successfully target their barns, cupolas, churches, airborne prey. Visual lighthouses, outhouses, hunters, swifts possess sheds, silos, wells, cisterns, like body-it slices the air. recessed independently boat houses, and other This unique design confers focusing eyes protected structures. In fact, they the aerodynamic edge by bristle-like feathers, are one of the few bird needed to evade nearly all enabling them to fly deep species equally adapted to predators and lock in on its within swarms of insects urban, suburban, and rural habitats. Possessing tiny sharpy-clawed feet, swifts combination of speed- collisions with other swifts. are incapable of upright perching and must perch on vertical or near vertical surfaces. Hyper adapted to a life of flight, and perching only to roost or nest, they are the aerial specialists in the world of aerialists. Their refined anatomical design provides swifts with Ranging throughout the the ability to remain aloft for extended periods. In Southeastern Canada, and fact, Chimney swifts are so wintering in Northern South adapted for airborne life, they drink and bathe on the floating on silk strands, cliff, cave, and tree nesters, and rivers, and bathing by of between 100-1,000 birds,

these insectivores employ Chimney swifts adapted splashing water on their leaving them susceptible to bodies.

Yet, as superbly adapted as Chimney swifts are, they possessing seemingly struggle with the often- ethereal flight ability, accelerated changes to our Chimney swifts are marvels Curator of Education for planet. With populations of the natural world. Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo declining throughout their Their mosquito munching range since the 1960's, ways are among our best the federally protected defenses against the spread passions include studying our Chimney swift has been of mosquito-borne zoonotic planet's rarest creatures and accorded Near Threatened diseases. So, what can sharing his work with others species status with rapidly we do to protect Mother who love the natural world. declining populations by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The reasons for these declines are not well understood. Preliminary research indicates pesticide usage has led to a decline of many insect prey species, while climate change, habitat alteration, and chimney capping have affected populations Favoring wasps, bees, swift likely expanded its wing, drinking by skimming significantly. Though not flies, mosquitos, ants, population with New World their tiny beaks over the colonial nesters, they often and airborne spiders colonization. Originally, surface of ponds, lakes roost in large aggregations

breasts to shake over their disturbance or alteration of just a single roosting site.

Highly beneficial and

Audubon Society, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and The Connecticut Department of **Energy and Environmental** Protection all have excellent resources for conservation measures we can take on our properties, and in our communities, to protect these amazing creatures. Seeming to defy the limits of endurance, and the

Nature's turbo-charged

bug zappers? The National

laws of flight, and roaming the vast expanse of the sky, the Chimney swift is unlike other creatures. Observance of these tiny birds redefines what is truly attainable. By pushing beyond what others consider possible, to evading forces that threaten to bring us down, to employing innovation that untethers us from the competition, the Chimney swift offers us a skyward model for performance. While life invariably presents us with challenges both great and arduous, with boundless energy and an unconstrained spirit, nothing is beyond those who are swift of heart

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