

Local News You Need to Know

EDITED BY EMMA BARHYDT

The Big Picture Arts & Crafts Store Opening

The Big Picture, a Riverside arts & crafts store, celebrated its opening just a couple days ago on July 13. Operating on 1162 East Putnam Avenue, the store is located right next to CFCF Coffee. The Big Picture will be open this summer Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 AM to 3 PM, and on Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. The store's hours and days of operation will be extended during the school year.

\$1.2 Million Transfer Request

The Board of Estimate & Taxation approved a request for the school district to transfer \$1.2 million within the completed 2021-2022 budget. Funds for this transfer were acquired from salaries, maintenance, and supplies, in order to cover special education costs, which exceeded the district's initial estimates.

New Trains for the New Haven Line

On Monday, July 11, seven new weekday trains on the Waterbury Branch Line and six new express trains on the New Haven Line entered service. Three weekday morning rush-hour express trains on the New Haven Line will depart from New Haven, making stops in Bridgeport, Stamford, and Grand Central Terminal. Additionally, three weekday evening rush-hour express trains will depart from Grand Central Terminal, stopping in Stamford, Bridgeport, and New Haven. The number of trains on the Waterbury Branch Line will increase from 15 to 22, with three new northbound trains and four new southbound trains running on weekdays.

Greenwich Sidewalk Sales July 14 to 17

From July 14 through July 17, Greenwich Sidewalk Sales will be in progress on Greenwich Avenue and the surrounding streets. Shopping hours will be 9 AM to 6 PM, save on Sunday, when sales will close at 5 PM.

Bruce Museum Public Closure Extended

The Bruce Museum has extended its closure to the public through August 15. Although the driveway to the front entrance is currently awaiting paving, supply chain issues have arisen that will delay its completion. Landscaping work, however, will continue, alongside interior work throughout the building.

School Building Committee Application Deadline

Today is the deadline for residents to apply for nomination to the Old Greenwich and Julian Curtiss school building committees. The Board of Selectmen will be conducting interviews with candidates throughout July and August. The chosen candidates will be nominated for appointment by the Representative Town Meeting. Those interested in applying, or just in the application process, can find information on the Town of Greenwich website.

Parks and Recreation Photo Contest Continues Through July

Greenwich's Department of Parks and Recreation is holding its second annual community photo contest in celebration of National Parks and Recreation month. The contest will continue through July 31, with the winners slated to be announced in mid-August. Every member of the community is invited to submit up to four photos taken in Greenwich, expressing what you love most about Greenwich's parks. Photos taken by minors under 18 may be submitted by a parent or guardian. Information about contest rules and prizes, as well as a location to submit your photos, can be found at <https://www.greenwichct.gov/photocontest>.

OGRCC Youth Baseball Teams to Compete in Cooperstown, NY

Greenwich kids of the OGRCC's 12-member Thunder Blue and 11-member Thunder Red teams are traveling to Cooperstown, NY, to participate in the 2022 World Series held there. The competition features as many as 90 teams from around the country. The two teams, coached by Rob Collins, Jonathan Hartofilis, and Angie Hartofilis, were recently visited by First Selectman Fred Camillo, who offered them words of support and encouragement.

Greenwich's Annual Paving Program

The Town's annual paving program began on Monday. DPW will be working west to east across

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Green Thoughts

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

We did not think of the great open plains, the beautiful rolling hills and winding streams with tangled growth as "wild." Only to the white man was nature a "wilderness" and only to him was the land "infested" with "wild" animals and "savag" people. To us it was tame.

Chief Luther Standing Bear

100 Years of Vintage Volkswagon

BY JULIA BARCELLO

No one enjoys sitting at a red light; however, waiting at the red light on the corner of Prospect Street is a better experience than usual thanks to the Freccia Bros. Freccia Bros is a family-owned vintage car repair shop.

The garage was established in 1922 by Frank Freccias (The Third) great-grandfather Frank Freccia and his son. Frank worked alongside his great-grandfather, great-uncle, and father for many years.

"My father got out of the Marine Corps, and he joined his father, and he started working here in the '60s," Frank recalled. Frank has harbored the tradition on to his daughter and son, Guinevere and Gene, along with numerous family members who are now skilled in mechanics.

Freccia Bros is known for its vintage aesthetic and a vast selection of antique cars. Freccia Bros' specialties consist of working with air-cooled cars and restoring vintage treasures—predominantly Volkswagens. This year, they are celebrating the garage's 100th anniversary.

The Freccia Bros' began in the '20s by painting and repairing the classic and elegant horse-drawn carriages such as those featured in museums across the country.

It was not until the '30s when cars became more habitual that they started what they are known for today. In their early years, the Freccia Bros' would travel during World War II "up and down the East Coast and up to Washington DC" explained Frank in search of used cars to restore. During the 1960s, the family began restoring Volkswagens, which is now their specialty. Frank stated, "The Volkswagen business just never went away."

Throughout the last century,



Vintage Volkswagon restored by Freccia Bros.

"My father got out of the Marine Corps, and he joined his father, and he started working here in the '60s"

"honesty, friendliness, and guaranteed work" is what has kept the garage running, explained Guinevere Freccia-Frank's daughter. When walking into the shop, it is guaranteed that the vintage gem will look brand new without losing its aesthetic allure.

The Freccia family is exceptionally skilled in their craft, merely thanks to their passion for restoring pieces of history, "They'll [customers] come just to say hello and say 'Don't change, stay here forever.' That's really fun, I mean that's the goal, to make people happy. Yeah, it's amazing... we love what we do, that's for sure," expressed Frank.

During these past few years of

the COVID-19 virus, the Freccia Bros' has remained strong, passionate, and successful— an accurate representation of their determination. When discussing the impacts of the pandemic, Frank explained that people were purchasing

more vintage cars simply because they had more spare time. Frank noted, "I really thought that COVID was going to kill us... People are buying these things more than ever... this is just a good outlet for them to have fun."

Perfect Day for Summer Sandblast

BY JULIA BARCELLO



This enthusiastic team sculpted Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Last weekend, Tod's Point was teeming with joyful and tenacious sand artists, determined to build the winning sand sculptures.

On July 9th, Tatiana Mori from the Greenwich Arts Council and Andrew Karen from the Department of Parks and Recreation worked together to run the annual Sandblast at Tod's Point.

This tradition is a reliable bonding activity for families and friends. Whether they preferred to create the sculpture or to sit back and watch creative sculptures being built, the contest is a fun community-wide event and the weather this year was perfect.

Building began at noon, but some dedicated crafters started early, "We feel pretty confident... We started at 10 am," explained

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Build a Team

Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry



BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

It is wise to encourage children to cultivate a team of people beyond their parents to whom they can turn for advice. It's ideal to begin this when they are in grade school. At first, their team may include relatives, older friends, teachers, and grandparents. As they age, it will include peers and people whom we don't know. The concept of building a team allows them to consider who is wise and trustworthy. This pays dividends in adolescence when parents are not usually popular.

It helps our children when we, too, have

a team. Our team might consist of people we call when we have difficult decisions to make, or when crises arise. Our adult team keeps us from relying too heavily on ourselves, our spouses, or our children for support. Letting our children see that we have a team of advisors and encouraging them to have their own teaches them the strength of community.

When Kristin was applying to colleges, her parents suggested that she ask three people on her team to read and comment on her college essays. When Samuel had questions about his sexuality, his coach and his aunt were helpful resources. When Sean was considering a career move, his mom's friend was his go-to person. These young adults made more confident decisions because their teams were bigger than just their parents.

Excerpted from Greenwich resident, Jill Woolworth's book, *The Waterwheel*, available at Diane's Books, Dogwood Bookstore, Amazon, and barnesandnoble.com. Jill is a therapist at the Greenwich Center for Hope & Renewal.

See Everything



BY ELIZABETH BARHYDT

Weird and wonderfully original, *Everything Everywhere All at Once* is a multiverse, martial arts, action comedy filled with heart that you might really enjoy. Into a multiverse with infinite possibilities, comes Evelyn (the amazing Michelle Yeoh), currently stuck in an unfulfilling, tedious, but hectic life.

Evelyn learns she's the one person who can stop a threat to all the universes. She joins the battle, acquiring the skills her other selves have developed in other universes along the way. A lesser cast could never have pulled off this movie, but this cast nails it all... from the serious to the glamorous to the strange.

I really loved the relationship between Evelyn and her daughter. It rings true to mother/daughter relationships in our universe and gives us all a chance to see them in a new way.

With a Rotten Tomato critics score of 95% and audience score of 89%, the consensus is that this is a movie worth watching and I most certainly agree. It is available in theaters and on Prime Video.

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Lila Christensen, who created a Harry Potter village.

Sculptors of all ages were very busy transforming sand into castles, guitars, animals, dragons, and even into Buenos Aires, Argentina. Marina and her friends decided to sculpt Buenos Aires, Argentina, "because today is July 9th, and it's the day of Argentina's Independence," explained Marina.

Children enjoy the contest for numerous reasons. "It's a good opportunity to see the creativity of others," expressed Juliet Prezioso. All the children enjoyed exploring their imagination and critical thinking while crafting their sculptures, "I put rocks along the sand as a structure for the castle," explained Sophia Difilippo, who placed in the top five.

The Sandblast is also a teachable moment for children to acquire experience in team-building. "Well we wanted to build a Harry Potter castle, but they wanted to build a village, so we compromised and built a Harry Potter Village," explained Lila Christensen. "We had to find something everyone would agree with. Last year we arrived before the agreement, now it's much easier," said Mrs. Prezioso when discussing the value of working together and maintaining a strategy.

Mackenzie and Warren Stewart, along with Sadie, Lily, Luna, and Annie Shacketer, constructed two large volcanoes which were remarkably detailed. "We started with a little river, then we started building the volcano with lava seaweed coming out

of it. We made little spots for shells and rocks, then we made houses all-around," explained Mackenzie and Lily.

"Well, I had to go for something big. I was thinking our alligator would be a good option," said Dylan Tobin who had the help of his father, Shane.

Some sculptures even had scholarly descriptions, like Amanda Arevalo's, who had the help of her friend Emily Smith. "We are building a penguin in the middle, then building things around like melting icebergs to show climate change," explained Amanda.

Others were inspired by classic books and movies. "I'm building a boat because of the Titanic. I've read the books and I like boats," stated Eric Charling.

At around 1:15pm, judges Mori and Karen walked the beach and distributed participation ribbons to each participant. During this time, Mori and Karen selected the top five sculptures, all of whom received prizes ranging from beach bags to shovels.

First place was awarded to Vivian and Sebastian Crisan, Isamina Usvat, and Thomas Oltan, who constructed a paradigmatic fairytale castle lined with seashells and a sea turtle. "We are very happy we won!" exclaimed Vivian.

Emma, Ben, Ian, and Kelly Johnson, Mary Muse, Stella Reese, Jodie Brym, Harrison Milner, and Bonny Davis were awarded second place with a fascinating octopus sculpture. "It took a village," stated Ian when discussing the building process.

Third place was presented to Lucas Grandjacques, who created a complex three-headed alligator.



Christ Church Pilgrimage of the Camino in Spain

By ALI MULDOON

In the beginning of June, Reverend Marek Zabriskie and 19 parishioners from Christ Church Greenwich embarked on a pilgrimage of the Camino in Spain. The Camino de Santiago, also known as "The French Way," is a set of trails leading to The Santiago de Compostela Cathedral in Santiago, Spain. The pilgrimage route totals 490 miles, and the parishioners walked parts of it while embracing Spanish culture through the music, food and people.

Zabriskie has walked parts of the Camino nine times, and when talking about the stops, he explained "I've been through all these places, so for me it was really about introducing others from my church to them." Joanna Wivell at Corazon Travel was the organizer of the trip, and she designed it for the group to stop at the locations that she believes hold the most history and beauty. Zabriskie recorded the details of every day of the trip in his blog "Bible in my Backpack."

The group began their journey in Madrid at the Westin Palace Hotel. In this beautiful setting at the core of Madrid, they

met author, historian, speaker and journalist Giles Tremlett who gave them an overview of Spanish history.

On the second day of their travels, the parishioners were immersed in the culture of Spain. They took a tour of the Prado Museum, famous for its rich collection of Spanish paintings. Later, they were invited into the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain for a special service by Bishop Don Carlos. In his blog, Reverend Marek explained that at the service the Bishop, "blessed scallop shells – an ancient symbol of the Camino – for us to wear on our pilgrimage."

That wasn't the end of the magic. Later in the day, the pilgrims ate at Botin, the oldest restaurant in the world according to the Guinness Book of Records. The establishment serves traditional Madrid cuisine, so the group was able to truly embrace the culture. They finished off the day by watching a demonstration of Flamenco, a Spanish dance form.

The next day they traveled from Madrid to León, another city in Spain. Here they saw The Casa Botines and León Cathedral, which the travelers found to



Parishioners in Cacabelos, Spain - Photo courtesy of Bible in my Backpack

be extraordinarily beautiful. They had dinner at a former monastery-turned hotel.

On day four the group hit the trail starting in Astorga, a town in North Spain. Marek described the trail as very freeing because "the noise and busyness of ordinary living is let go," freeing them to "give [themselves] to walking with God."

In the blog, Zabriskie explained that each day the participants would get a card with a biblical quote on it including some questions to help them reflect on their journey. He said "we carry these with us to focus our minds on God and the things that really matter most in life as

we walk and spend the day."

After their walk, the parishioners strayed from the trail and toured Antonio Gaudi's Episcopal Palace, the Roman Museum, and The Cathedral of Astorga.

The next day they returned to the trail for another day of hiking. This time they journeyed through Bierzo in Asturias. The participants were able to walk as little as one point seven miles or as many as eight depending on their skill level, as the group members ranged from 60 to 80 years old. They stayed in Cacabelos at the Prada winery, a crowd favorite.

After a night spent

overlooking the vineyard, the pilgrims continued to walk seven miles with a terminus of O'Cebreiro – a Celtic village atop the mountains. They celebrated the Eucharist in the local village Church and listened to the gaita, the Spanish version of bagpipes, during dinner.

After a week of traveling, the group made it to their final destination. On their last day together, the group celebrated their pilgrimage in Santiago de Compostela. Here they worshiped in the cathedral and explored the city. They attended the Pilgrims Mass and took a private tour of the cathedral and city before meeting the Episcopal priest.

The blog explains that they ended the trip with a banquet dinner in the private dining room of the parador with a balcony overlooking the cathedral.

It is clear that the trip was a great experience for everybody involved. Marek explained that he would love to visit the Caminos again because, "they're just so enchanting." There is so much history involved, and the trail can offer lots of clarity in such a fast-moving world.

While every stop was special, the reverend would most recommend Camino Frances, which takes hikers through the rolling hills of Spain, and Camino Del Norte, which is along the coast. He found that walking through the countryside is most desirable because "walking by the roadside is not as interesting or attractive."

The group concluded their pilgrimage feeling very bonded both to their faith and to their fellow congregants.

More information on Reverend Marek Zabriskie and the parishioners' travels can be found on the Christ Church Greenwich website under the column "learn" and "Marek's Blog."

Celebrating 90 In a Gatsbyesque Setting

By ANNE W. SEMMES

Come Saturday evening, October 1, a unique dinner-dance event created by the Greenwich Historical Society to celebrate its 90 years of service to the community will take place on the grounds of the neoclassical Beaux Arts-style waterfront estate, Easterly, circa 1902. A giant tent will evoke the glamorous Café Society, so transformed into the famed zebra-striped New York El Morocco nightclub. Inside, guests will be dancing to the tunes of Cole Porter and George Gershwin.

"The theme ties nicely on several levels with the Historical Society's anniversary," says Historical Society Executive Director and CEO Debra Mecky, "as El Morocco was founded in 1931, the same year as the Historical Society." Surely Greenwich folk would gravitate there over the years to mingle with the likes of Marilyn Monroe, Clark Gable, and Maurice Chevalier, but Mecky adds Greenwich was also "home to more speakeasies and 'rum holes' than any other town in Connecticut."

A more serious note will be struck by guest keynote speaker, Doris Kearns Goodwin, the Pulitzer-prize winning author-historian, who will address "Leadership in Turbulent Times," the title of her newest book. "Her ability to put things in perspective will be an important help to all of us," Mecky notes. "It will be really relevant to where we are October 1."

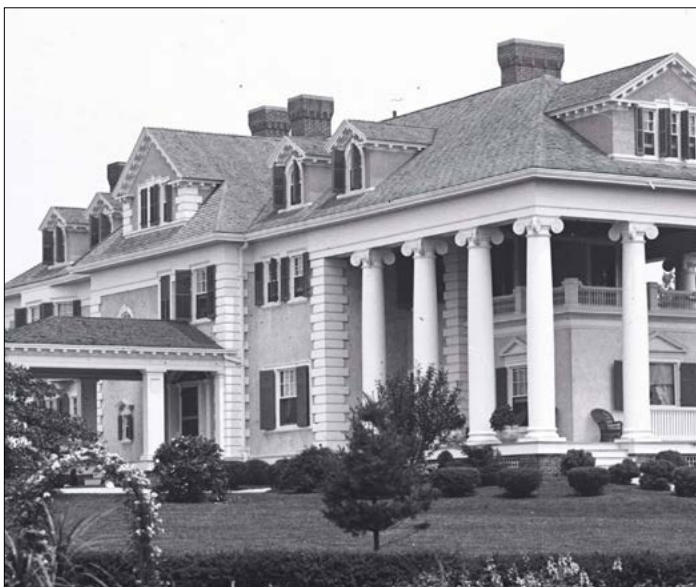
But overall Mecky sees this 90th anniversary event as "a wonderful opportunity" she says "to recognize all of the people who have been instrumental in both creating a historical society and forwarding its mission over this 90-year period. We're in the process of gathering information about all of the people that were presidents, board chairs, and all the people that served as chairs of Antiquarian, our primary fundraiser for over 25 years, who contributed to developing the goals and advancing the organization."

Mecky has served the Society as executive director for 26 years, nearly a third of its history, and seen it grow into "an amazing asset to our community." Its origin in 1931 came from the curiosity of Helen Binney Kitchel, then president of the Old Greenwich Garden Club, wanting to trace the families of the early settlers of Greenwich buried in the Tomac Cemetery located next door to the First Congregational Church. That curiosity inspired the creation of the Historical Society with Kitchel's mother, Mrs. Edwin Binney serving as first president with meetings held at the Perrot Memorial Library.

By the mid-1950's the Historical Society had been transplanted to its historic Cos Cob campus site with its Bush-Holley House, a 1730 Historic Landmark, giving witness to slavery, the American Revolution, and the first American Impressionist art colony, a history now stretching across nearly 300 years. "It's just a wonderful,

beautiful place to be," adds Mecky. "So, I think that message of being thankful is certainly what it means to me."

Under Mecky's aegis there's been a steady growth of the Society's educational programs, exhibitions, and "Signs of the Times" program to place plaques on houses of architectural and historic merit now numbering 318, including the Easterly estate, one of the last pre-WWII mansions to survive. That steady growth has kept Mecky enthralled, she states, "at just what this institution is becoming. And we recognize that as a community changes, the Historical Society has to change with it. We want to be as inclusive as possible, both in the stories that we tell and the history that



The Easterly estate as photographed as The Howard E. Spaulding House, Field Point Park. Contributed photo.



A George Dominick vintage postcard of the Easterly estate. Contributed photo.



Author-historian Doris Kearns Goodwin will be the keynote speaker at the Greenwich Historical Society's 90th anniversary celebration on October 1. She will address "Leadership in Turbulent Times." Photo by Annie Leibovitz courtesy Washington Speakers Bureau.

we collect - that people see us as a place to preserve or protect that history and share it. So, yes, all those things come together in an evening, when you stop for a moment to celebrate an anniversary as significant as 90 years."

"The Historical Society serves every school child in our town," tells Anne Ogilvy, long-serving Historical Society board member and co-chair of the 90th anniversary event. "They all go

through the Bush Holley House at some point in their school career." But it's important to note she says, that unlike the town-supported Bruce Museum and Greenwich Library, "all the Society funds raised are private, that's why this fundraiser is so important."

"There's so many new people in town," Ogilvy is seeing, "and I would just love to see them get involved and see how exciting our programming is, and what the Historical Society is doing. There is

always something going on there, whether it's our Tavern Garden Markets, dinners, or exhibits. I can't keep track of all the different things going on there and I'm on the board!"

Ogilvy describes the October event as a "sort of Cafe Society Gatsbyesque." She praised the owners of the Easterly estate for opening it up for the event. "It is magnificent. I've never seen a property maintained to this level. They just honor everything there is to honor about the home, the site, the gardens - this incredible alley that you drive down, centered on the front of the house. I just can't get over their level of generosity."

The idea of creating an El Morocco Club look had come from her co-chairs brainstorming.

"We just wanted something fun and festive and relatable and elegant. Since the pandemic we haven't done anything in so long. To get dressed up in black tie and have a dinner-dance and be with your friends." With music coming from the Bob Hardwick Sound Orchestra. "He does all the society parties in New York and weddings. He sort of took over from Lester Lanin."

And yes, Bob Hardwick will be playing that music from the 1930's and 1940's including Cole Porter and George Gershwin. Coincidentally, Gershwin was in Greenwich backcountry in the early 1930's composing "Porgy and Bess."

For more information visit, <https://greenwichhistory.org/90th-anniversary/>



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Top: Dee Mayberry, Susan Wohlforth, and Bobbi Eggers
Bottom: Alessandra Long, Hilary Watson, and Icy Frantz.
Bob Capazzo photos.

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LETTER

Clarifying Community Confusion

On Climate Change Resolution and St. Roch Feast



By FRED CAMILLO

I am writing to clarify information regarding two issues that have been in the news and discussed on social media the past few weeks.

First, the climate change resolution put forth by students here in town will not be voted on by the Board of Selectmen any time soon. Among the concerns I have are the resolution's title (emergency declaration) and some other language contained in the resolution. The students and their mentors have been terrific and eager to engage with Town officials to develop language

that is acceptable to all. For example, the mentioning of groups to the exclusion of others, while not done with malice, is something we all agree can be corrected easily.

Likewise, many believe that energy independence is critical to our economy and national interests. So rightly pursuing alternative energy sources while tapping into the natural gas reserves here in our country makes for a measured, reasoned, and common-sense approach. Natural gas, the cleanest fossil fuel, is something we have in abundance and should be able to hold us over until we are at the stage where solar, geothermal, and other energy sources are more readily available. The Selectmen's Energy Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) is hard at work on that front.

Some have questioned

even entertaining this resolution. The reality is that even car manufacturers have acknowledged that our future must involve alternative energy sources, as evidenced that all have pledged to only produce electric vehicles by 2040.

The other issue I want to address is the misinformation circulating throughout the community regarding the annual St. Roch Feast. It is unfortunate that an email was circulated that implied the Town will not allow this cherished annual event to take place. Actually, by Thursday morning (July 14) the Board of Selectmen will likely have

approve the request for road closures and detours to accommodate the feast next month. (*this newspaper went to press before that meeting took place*)

The issue involves whether the Church be allowed the use of the Hamilton Avenue School baseball field for rides, something that has not happened since at least 2009. The decision on whether to use the field rests with the Board of Education (BOE). While many of us weighed in with the hope of considering rides on the field (a 2009 agreement was made to not allow rides on the weight sensitive field due

to the location of underground geothermal wells).

The BOE did agree to look at the possibility again if an accredited engineering firm weighed in with a positive response. When one did, I asked to have the 2009 letter removed and the newer report considered. Then, more feedback and information came to light that suggested the BOE might not be ready to allow rides on the field despite the report. The BOE has yet to take up the issue. Whether one agrees with that or not, we must respect their decision and the good relationship between the BOE and the Church.

The Town's support of the Church dates back for decades and more recently when the COVID pandemic threatened to cancel the event entirely. In 2020, my office worked with Paul Cappiali and the feast committee to facilitate a scaled down version of the feast in the middle of the pandemic when NO other parish in the state held one. Because of the precautions initiated then, the feast wasn't a super spreader of the virus and was a historic success for the time-period in which it was held.

I am looking forward to the 2022 feast and encourage the BOE to work with citizens looking to expand the Feast's ride capacity in a safe and agreed upon manner for next year.

See you in a few weeks at the pizza frita booth!

First Selectman, Fred Camillo

COLUMN

The Fear of Uncertainty

And the Logic of Historical Data



By MERLE YODER

Declines in prices of financial assets occur regularly. Some of the declines are epic. They trace a destructive path. The media report that declines are inherently unpredictable. Should we ignore painful episodes such as the current one? Or, with astute analysis prepare ourselves to take advantage of declining asset prices? Highly credentialed analysts from varied disciplines predict epic declines and often accurately describe how the declines will unfold. The late Martin Feldstein wrote three articles (WSJ and NYT) that predicted the current episode of decline.

The analysts, the experts frequently focus on the financial and normative characteristics of the market, e. g., price earnings ratios, the amount of and location of leverage, the concentration of nominal wealth in favored assets (Big Names), the appearance of speculation (SPAC's, cryptocurrency).

There is a simple method to measure risk though on a small data sample, the modern era 1926 to the current date. The datum is the dividend yield on the dominant average, the S&P 500. When the dividend yield declines to 2% and less, the amber light of caution flashes. When the dividend yield approaches 1%, the red light of danger flashes crimson.

Why does that light flash crimson? Because the data show that the return on equities is almost entirely income and the compounding of that income. The logic is that when there is almost no income, there is close

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to zero "return." Is not the rising price, i.e., the growth, a return? The data show that in recent years the rising price "return" dwarfs, renders insignificant the cash income return.

Let's clarify what return is and what it is not.

Joe purchases equity X at \$25. Twelve months later X is \$30. Joe's 12 month total return is 20%. Wrong! Erroneous vocabulary. Absent a dividend there is zero return.

Joe sells the equity X at \$30. Now the TR is 20 percent absent income taxes. Wrong! Erroneous vocabulary. There is no return. There is a transaction. Joe has sold X to Jill. She paid \$30 in cash and holds X, the very same

shares previously owned by Joe. By definition no return occurred. Joe profited from Jill's decision to purchase X. X itself returned nothing to Joe.

Definitions and precise use of words are important. Here are some common abuses of precise definitions.

1. Common stocks are "investments." (No, they are money denominated financial assets.), 2. Entities "invest" in common stocks to "make money." (No, entities buy common stocks because they have money.) 3. Common stocks have the ability to "make money." (No, only money makes money.), 4. 1 - 4, enables 5. Many common stocks are "liquid." "Liquid" means

easily buyable and salable. They are "money good." (No, as Henry Kaufman wrote in a monograph from Solomon Brothers years ago, the only liquid asset is cash, i.e., money.)

The weak logic in 1 - 5 and unsustainable price increases allow the S&P 500 dividend yield to decline to insignificance. The insignificant dividend yield is temporary because the yield will eventually rise to 3% to 4%, what we believe is its natural state. To reach its natural state the S&P 500 should encounter little resistance by declining 50 percent from current levels.

The common denominator of the financial markets is money. Money may become

"hot," full of energy. The energy inflates market prices unsustainable by long term value. Such unsustainable increases fuel employment growth in the financial industry amid shortages of real life necessities.

Conditions for the epic decline are propitious. Money's temperature fluctuates. The cooling period has commenced.

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Why Diverse Democracies Fall Apart; How They Can Endure

By JIM DEAN

At the July 6 meeting of the Retired Men's Association, Bob Meaney introduced the speaker, Yascha Mounk, who appeared via Zoom. Dr. Mounk discussed his new book *The Great Experiment: Why Diverse Democracies Fall Apart and How They Can Endure*. Dr. Mounk explained that modern democracies have increasing numbers of groups identifying on race, political beliefs, and other factors. The resulting chaos is a challenge to the survival of fairness and order in society. Mounk believes that solutions to this challenge are at hand and are playing out, though too slowly. There are policies and behaviors that can move us more quickly toward a more enduring model of democracy that, instead of stumbling on diversity, embraces it. Mounk argues that the transition is the greatest experiment of our time.

Speaking on German television in 2018, the liberal scientist remarked that Germany was "embarking on a historically unique experiment - that of turning a monoethnic and monocultural democracy into a multiethnic one."

His talk stressed the importance of protecting the members of tight knit religious communities from coercion within their group, and advocated cultivating a progressive civic patriotism in order to undercut ethnic nationalism. He noted that the marginalization of minorities can have the result that people "feel that their membership in the only club that they have ever known will forever remain conditional."

Dr. Mounk discussed how democracy is a fragile pact. As elections approach politicians seek to assign blame and resort to name-calling. Sometimes they warn: the soul of the nation is at stake. Passions run hot. But after the votes are counted, the fragile pact makes strict demands. The losers must concede. In exchange the winners promise grace and restraint.

Yet Mounk counts himself as "unfashionably optimistic." Democracies, especially western democracies, are doing a better job these days at integrating immigrants than you might think. A lively Q&A followed the talk.

For those interested in

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seeing the full presentation, go to the RMA website or click this link to the video: <https://vimeo.com/727730364>.

The RMA's upcoming presentation "The Outlook for Greenwich Real Estate: Boom or Bust?" by David Michonski is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, July 20. A national authority on residential real estate, Mr. Michonski will discuss past and current trends in Greenwich. Michonski will review the most recent results for single family homes and condos/coops in Greenwich, then look at longer term trends. He will compare Greenwich to the national real estate market, which may be an eye-opener as Greenwich has seriously underperformed. He will look at some of the factors that underlie recent trends, such as the mortgage market, the doubling of rates, the shortage

of inventory and other factors. Finally, he will review factors that may influence the next 3-6 months, including the massive layoffs at mortgage and real estate companies and Federal Reserve strategy, and what happens in 2023 and beyond.

David Michonski has been responsible for some of the largest and most celebrated real estate sales in America for some of America's most notable families. Over the past 30 years he has lectured, marketed, taught and consulted on real estate sales and marketing around the world. He has served as chairman of international operations for the National Association of Realtors (the largest trade organization in the U.S.), on the Board of Directors of FIABCI, the international real estate federation, and currently serves on the Board

of Directors of the IHC Global, the successor organization to the International Real Property Foundation which he helped found in 1991. He has been a real estate consultant for the U.S. Department of State. He has also managed the Greenwich office of Coldwell Banker.

Michonski is the founder, chairman and CEO of Quigler, Inc., which offers a free real estate app for consumers. He is the author of three award-winning real estate books, including *Get Your Highest Price*, a guide for consumers about what they should expect from their agent to get the highest price for their home, which book served as the inspiration for Quigler.

David graduated from Colgate University, and studied at Harvard, Boston College and the Wharton School.

To stream Mr. Michonski's presentation at 11 AM on Wednesday, July 20, click here (<https://bit.ly/301Bj21>). This presentation will also be available on local public access TV Channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

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Time to Stop Doomscrolling

A lot has been happening lately beyond Greenwich's borders that has friends and neighbors talking. There is an anxiety or fear that seems to have slipped into our lives and taken up residency. National politics, mass shootings, the economy, and the war in Ukraine, just to name a few, are filling our airwaves and our psyche with an onslaught of negative and violent stories. It can be overwhelming. We hear it wherever we go in town. It is as if we all are getting too used to these dark images and are letting them dominate our conversations and everyday lives.

Plato said: "We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light."

Yes, there are always bad things happening in the world. These days they are even more amplified by constant access to information. How we deal with the fear and stress this manifests is important. It is when we do not manage it well that it becomes debilitating. Our friend and Sentinel Columnist, Reverend Dr. Heather Wright and her colleague George Faller have written a book called *Sacred Stress*. It is a fascinating look at turning our traditional notion of stress upside down and using the stress we all face to actually enrich our daily lives. It is a good read, easily obtained at the Dogwood Bookstore in the Christ Church campus (if you mention the Sentinel you can get a free cup of coffee too).

It may also be time to unplug the wifi router, turn off the TV, store the iPad, and put your phone down. It is summer after all, a chance to pause looking at screens for awhile to remember/see what that is like. By looking at each other and talking, we share information that is helpful in our managing stress in our daily lives. Take the time to be present not only in your own life, but others lives as well. It is easy to get lost in a screen for hours on end and to forget the benefits of having conversations with people.

C. S. Lewis wrote: "What you see and what you hear depends a great deal on where you are standing."

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It also depends on what sort of person you are." If you are looking for the negative and violent stories - a habit now referred to as doomscrolling - you will find them. There is no shortage.

Unfortunately, many social media networks are incentivized to push trending topics into your feeds. Add in that trending topics these days are wrapped up in tragedies and global chaos and the problem of doomscrolling intensifies, becoming more a survival-oriented behavior. We are literally putting ourselves in fight-or-flight mode every morning and every evening.

As humans, we do pay more attention to negative information. It is a longstanding survival mechanism. This, along with social media algorithms, makes doomscrolling difficult to escape.

Here are a few things you may want to try:

Set up technology-free zones, rooms that are emptied of telephones, iPads, televisions, and other technological gadgets where you and your family can congregate or unwind.

Create a home library and begin always keeping a book or newspaper or magazine with you. Printed material will not accidentally morph onto the internet.

Turn off phone notifications for emails and social media. It's too challenging to ignore alerts.

Try a digital detox this summer. Let people know, just like you would if you were taking a vacation.

Taking a simple breather can work miracles.

At the end of the day, our hometown is the perfect place to unplug precisely because it has so much to offer. Yes, there is a lot of bad in the world, but there is a stunning amount of good as well, particularly here. All you have to do is look around town to find an example. Take a breath, and use your new found time to visit a museum or art gallery, go for a hike in one of our many preserves or walk in the parks, and enjoy the beauty Greenwich has to offer.

Check out the Community Calendar on page B3 in this paper for even more ideas. Happy unplugging!

Editorial Page



"A deadly new insect coming? As soon as next year?
You know..this might be more fun if you put away the phone."

OPED

When the Price of Free Money Finally Gets Paid



By STATE REP KIMBERLY FIORELLO

News that inflation soared to another four-decade high takes my mother-in-law's breath away. U.S. Labor Department reported this week that the consumer price index surged 9.1% last month from a year earlier in broad-based gains.

She tells me she remembers the late 1970s like it was yesterday. She was raising three young children in Fords, New Jersey (my husband is her youngest). My father-in-law was a self-employed electrical contractor. Gas was rationed. Money was tight and getting tighter.

Right now, in the past year, grocery prices are up by 12%, gas up 60%, electricity up 14%, new cars up 11%, travel flights up 34%, and more, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"People are going to hurt," my mother-in-law says.

While prices for individual items fluctuate all the time, inflation is the ongoing rise of prices in the broad group of goods and services over time and the resulting loss of your purchasing power.

Meaning, inflation is the eroding away of your money's worth. Or, put another way, consider any money you had in a savings account last year and now 9.1% of it is not there. What happened to it?

Politicians happened. Government spending happened.

I'm so sorry that it is people like my wonderful mother-in-law who will be hurt most by inflation, because she lives on her savings. To those on a fixed income or who have few or no assets that can appreciate in value in these times, inflation is cruelly eroding their purchasing power.

If you earn a wage or get profits, your income will likely get adjusted to keep pace with inflation. But be aware that the 2% or 3% or more "adjustment"-raise-because-of-inflation can put you into a higher income tax bracket. This can and does happen to many people and it is not right.

In fact, inflation is a revenue machine for our Connecticut state government. We are one of 15 states that does not index tax brackets to inflation, according to the Tax Foundation. In our first term together, State Senator Ryan Fazio and I co-introduced SB57: An Act Requiring Indexing of Income Thresholds for the Personal Income Tax. This is a much-needed reform.

Inflation also hurts business owners who are seeing their costs rise wildly. In such a distorted environment, entrepreneurs cannot read pricing signals to discern market opportunities. It's unclear what is real demand vs. what is inflation so they hold off on taking risks that could grow their

businesses.

The beautiful benefits of economic activity - work, self-esteem, high morale - are diminished in inflationary times. Headlines that say recession is here and stagflation is coming are scary. Still, we must fight the urge to become bitter and disillusioned.

We must keep a clear head and understand what brought us inflation - politicians and government spending. In the name of COVID relief, our federal government went on a printing binge and spending spree. Total money supply in the U.S. increased by over 41% in the last two years. This is unprecedented.

Inflation is the price of free money finally getting paid.

While Connecticut government cannot print money, it certainly can spend. Despite claims by Governor Lamont and Democrats that the FY23 adjusted budget were "historic" tax cuts, they actually increased spending by \$574 million or 6.4%. This is on top of the biennial budget put in place last year that was already \$878.2 million higher than the previous year, bringing their new increase in spending to \$1.5 billion.

Today, the state's long-term liabilities are over \$20 billion higher than they were two years ago.

To be sure, Connecticut is listed as #8 in CNBC's "Top 10 most expensive states to live

in as inflation keeps rising."

While it may be difficult medicine to swallow, our state government should do what families across our state are doing - only spend on the things that are absolutely necessary. And if we keep up this discipline all the time, Connecticut will become a better place for everyone. My voting record reflects my commitment to this vision of a brighter future for Connecticut.

And while the federal government will raise interest rates to fight inflation, at the state level we can remove impediments to productivity and economic activity, in order to increase the supply of goods and thereby help combat inflation. Workplace mandates drive much of the costs of doing business in Connecticut. Between 2016 and 2021, the state legislature enacted an astonishing 28 new workplace mandates.

I love my mother-in-law. She's wise and plucky.

"Inflation?" she says. "They should just call it 'robbery.'"

It's always darkest before the dawn. Understand that your vote in November is your opportunity to make a difference to choose a brighter future for Connecticut and our country.

Kimberly Fiorello is a state Representative serving parts of Greenwich and Stamford.

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS

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town. Paving will start in Byram and Pemberwick and finish in Old Greenwich. Although dependent on multiple factors, including weather, the paving program is projected to be completed in September. Visit the Town's website for more information and to view the tentative paving schedule.

July 11th 2022 Declared Parks and Recreation Day

First Selectman Fred Camillo proclaimed July 11th, 2022 as Parks and Recreation Day in Greenwich and reminds residents to recognize the contributions Parks & Recreation officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

Amogerone Post Office Parking Lot Changes

The Department of Parking Services is now conducting a Pilot Program adjusting the time constraints on metered parking in the Amogerone Post Office parking lot. Parking changes went into effect on July 5th and will continue until November 15th. The small 16-space lot in front of the Amogerone Post Office is now for 15-minute parking only. Parking Enforcement Officers have dedicated additional coverage to the area.

June 15 Last Day For Treasured Tree Nominations

Do you have a tree on your property that you treasure? A tree is treasured for many reasons: it may be part of a special memory; it may have a special history or shape; it may be a particularly beautiful tree; or its size or age may be special. Nominate your treasured tree at <https://greenwichtreeconservancy.org/treasured-trees-nominations/>

If your tree is selected, your tree will have a nameplate installed and you'll be awarded a framed photograph of the nameplate installation ceremony at a special reception in the fall. Your tree will also be enrolled in the Greenwich Tree Conservancy's roster of Treasured Trees.

Fall 10U Girls Softball Program

Due to high demand, Greenwich Parks and Recreation has added a 10U Girls Softball program this fall. Registration is now open. Space is limited. Visit the Parks & Rec department to sign up.

Greenwich Fire Department Responds to Vehicle Collision

On Tuesday morning, Greenwich Fire Department crews reported to a scene of a building collision car wreck on railroad avenue. One person was extricated from the car, and three people were transported to the hospital via GEMS.

Alexander Hazlett Lucas Hodgson Among Six Brunswick Swimmers that Earned All-America Accolades

The National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association recently announced its 2021-2022 High School Swimming All-America athletes and Brunswick School was represented by a wealth of standout swimmers. Six Bruins swimmers earned NISCA All-America honors in a combined nine events, with Brunswick 2022 graduates Alex Hazlett and Lucas Hodgson earning All-American honors in numerous events.

Greenwich Enters the Football Season with Depth at Wide Receiver, Tight End Positions

With a quarterback entering his second season as a starter and numerous athletes returning at the wide receiver and tight end positions, Greenwich High School's football team's passing attack should once again be one of the squad's strengths.

Greenwich High School Rising Senior Jack Wilson Brings

New Experience to GHS' Cardinals

One year ago, Jack Wilson was competing for the role as starting quarterback of Greenwich High School's football team. Today, the 6-foot-4 rising senior is the Cardinals' starting signal caller after he started all of the team's 11 games during the squad's successful 2021 season. Indeed, Greenwich's 2021 campaign was one in which Wilson learned plenty about the position and what it took to successfully compete at the varsity level.

Greenwich BOE Pivots Towards Smaller Building for CMS

The Board of Education has changed plans for the size of the new Central Middle School building, opting for a new, smaller plan. Consultants put together a plan for a new building sized for 720 students after the last school board meeting. However, members of the BOE said this model seemed too large. Instead, the school board decided on specifications for a school of 660 students. BOE members referred to this as a hybrid plan, as it also incorporates elements of the 720-student specifications.

Celebrating Bastille Day

Alliance Française of Greenwich celebrated Bastille Day by raising the French flag over Greenwich on Thursday, July 14 at 9:00 AM. First Selectman Fred Camillo read a proclamation honoring the contributions that French Immigrants, Franco-Americans, Francophones and the nation of France have made to the United States. Meanwhile, Consul General Jérémie Robert spoke about the long standing friendship between France and the US.

Westchester Airport Updates

First Selectman Fred Camillo was joined by the leadership of Greenwich Police, Fire, EMS and Planning & Zoning departments

as well as state Sen. Ryan Fazio in a meeting regarding Westchester County's efforts to update the Westchester Airport. During the meeting with County Executive George Latimer and his team, town officials were assured that the updates will not include any expansion of the facility. There will be a review of operations including how to reduce the number of arrivals and departures of private planes to decrease noise and pollution.

Gov. Ned Lamont Answered Questions on Tuesday via Twitter Hashtag #AskNedAnything

Here are a few highlights:

Connecticut will likely open its recreational cannabis retail market by the end of the year. Municipalities can have one cannabis retailer and one licensed micro-cultivator per 25,000 residents, but municipalities also have discretion to prohibit retail sales.

Lamont said that COVID-19 infection rates are rising in Connecticut, but hospitalizations have been stable.

Lamont said digital driver licenses for those who want them will be the next innovation for modernizing state government.

DEATHS

Thomas Frank Bisanzo, 76, of Greenwich, passed away on July 7.

Jeanette S. Garofalo, a life-long Greenwich resident, died on July 3.

Robert Holbrook Whitby, 81, of Greenwich, died peacefully on Sunday, June 26.

Mary Danielle "Dani" Sandor passed away unexpectedly on June 24.

Charles Joseph Fitzgerald "Chuck" passed away on June 23 after a lengthy illness.

Mary Cassidy Burns passed away peacefully on May 23.

See page 10 for full obituaries.

Local Public Company Market Watch

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COMPANY	SYMBOL	52 HIGH	52 LOW	PRICE*
AmBase Corporation	ABCP	\$0.43	\$0.15	\$0.15
Ellington Financial LLC	EFC	\$18.95	\$12.74	\$15.51
Hudson Global	HSN	\$44.00	\$15.46	\$30.62
Interactive Brokers Group, Inc.	IBKR	\$82.83	\$52.18	\$54.32
Oxford Lane Capital Corp.	OXLC	\$8.53	\$5.49	\$6.25
Oxford Square Capital Corp.	OXSQ	\$5.00	\$3.45	\$3.73
Retail Opportunity Investments Corp.	ROIC	\$20.09	\$15.06	\$15.65
Starwood Property Trust Inc.	STWD	\$26.66	\$19.69	\$21.55
Townsquare Media Inc.	TSQ	\$15.33	\$7.94	\$8.66
Urstadt Biddle Properties Inc.	UBA	\$21.66	\$15.43	\$16.09
W.R. Berkley Corp.	WRB	\$71.77	\$46.17	\$65.62
XPO Logistics Inc.	XPO	\$90.78	\$45.25	\$47.77

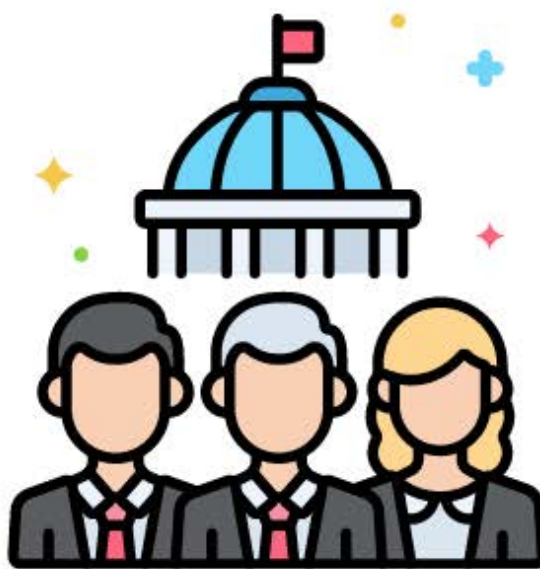
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Chris Moran Addresses Rotary

By ALI MULDOON

The Rotary Club of Greenwich is a club that meets weekly at Greenwich Water Club for an afternoon filled with lunch and conversation. One of the goals of the club is "to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world" as is stated on their website, explaining why the club often welcomes guest speakers to educate them on all sorts of business-related topics.

This week, the group welcomed Chris Moran, owner and manager of The Happy Coin in Cos Cob, to enlighten the rotarians on the intricacies of buying and selling coins and precious metals.

Moran, who is a member of The Rotary Club himself, started off by explaining how he operates his small business. During his speech, he discussed what types of collectables he sees most often, industry trends, and the most notable business interactions he has had in his time at The Happy Coin. Many were surprised to hear Chris say that "the vast majority of the collectable coin business takes place on Ebay."



Rotary Club President Jim Alfaro with Happy Coin owner and Rotary member, Chris Moran at right.

For professionals who spend so much time focussing on one field of practice, The Rotary Club meetings are a time for members to broaden their knowledge on all aspects of the business world. For example, all businesses were affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, but during the meeting Moran explained more specifically how his trade was impacted. He said that the store experienced an influx of phone calls from people who had luxury items they were looking to sell

because "they were out of a job and didn't want to sell their jewelry, or didn't have jewelry to sell."

Later, the members were given time during the meeting to ask questions and process all of the information they heard.

Not only is The Rotary Club about expanding members' knowledge about the business world, but it is also about socializing and introducing similar-minded individuals into a subcommunity of Greenwich. In

the Rotary Club's 20 Reasons to Join Rotary, friendship is number one. At the beginning of every club meeting, they set aside a time for members to share the happiest parts of their week, whether it be a promotion at work or the pretty flowers they bought at the store.

The Rotary Club promotes personal growth through friendship and business development in addition to stimulating community growth. The club serves Greenwich in numerous ways both financially and through their community service in nursing homes and other areas of need.

When talking to member Marcia Preston, it was clear that she takes pride in her membership to such a prestigious club. She explained that it is an international organization that has been around since 1905, and as explained in 20 Reasons to Join Rotary, "It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background."

The Rotary Club is always looking to add new members, so if any of this is of interest to you, find more information on their website greenwichrotary.org.

Fabricare Relaunches BRIDALCARE

By MICHAEL ASTORINO

Fabricare Cleaners, a trusted leader in dry cleaning & clothing care has been doing business in Fairfield County for over 30 years. In the last decade, owner Michael Astorino and his team have launched a variety of other cleaning services under the Fabricare Brand using their expertise in cleaning all types of fabrics. These services include HomeCare (home furnishing cleaning), LaundryCare (a subscription-based laundry service), and LinenCare (a linen cleaning service that includes membership opportunities). Fabricare is excited to announce its latest service relaunch: BridalCare.

BridalCare has existed as a Fabricare brand in years past but never before was there a team of half a dozen experts whose job is solely to clean, repair, and preserve wedding gowns. Proper bridal gown, veil, and accessory care commands a special set of expertise that most cleaners simply don't have. The highly trained BridalCare team are experts in the intricacies of cleaning and preserving gowns and bridal accessories, and their high level of craftsmanship (which is all done by hand!) is evident in the beautiful work they do.

"I knew I wanted to get my wedding dress cleaned & preserved, but didn't know where to start," explained Emma Capar. "I found Bridalcare and am



The BridalCare team of experts (from left to right): Ernst J.Eloi, Faith Nagy, Betty Mendoza, Ellen Evans, Rocio Lopez, Victoria Zambrano

so happy I did. When I scheduled my consultation and met the team who explained the process, I immediately knew I could trust them with my gown. They did an amazing job getting all the grass stains out of my dress from our wedding at the farm and were so easy to work with. I would, and have, recommended BridalCare to properly take care of a gown."

With more weddings taking place this year in the U.S. than there have been in nearly 40 years, Fabricare saw the need for brides to properly care for their gowns after they say their

"I Dos". There are an estimated 2.5 million weddings expected to take place in 2022, which is the largest number since 1984.

When the excitement and memories of the wedding day have been captured and newlyweds return from their honeymoons, many forget about cleaning & preserving the gown.

The average cost of a wedding gown in 2021 was between \$2,000 and \$4,000 with some brides paying over \$15,000, a significant investment.

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Roller Rabbit 13-8 Victory Over IGEA

By LIZ LEAMY

It was a glorious July afternoon at the Greenwich Polo Club last Sunday as Roller Rabbit, a powerhouse team based out of the New York metropolitan area, rolled out a valiant 13-8 win against IGEA, the high-octane contingent from Wellington, Florida, in the first round of the 2022 East Coast Gold Cup 16-goal series.

Playing in front of more than 4,000 people, the four accomplished members of Roller Rabbit, along with their stealth charges, flew around the vast Conyers Farm field with immense speed, acumen and strategy, knocking in a steady stream of points to wind up at the top of the leaderboard in the final tally.

According to the players, the match was a memorable one on all fronts.

"It was a lot of fun to be out there," said Andrew Siebert, Roller Rabbit's number-one player and Chief Executive Officer of Roller Rabbit, a travel-inspired lifestyle fashion retailer centered around exotic and sophisticated homewear, accessories and homegoods sold through specialty stores, a wholesale operation and an e-commerce website. "This is such a friendly and welcoming place and you can feel that when you're here. It was also really great to feel the support of the crowd today when we were out there playing."

Siebert, who lived locally in town for several years and whose company has a retail location based on Greenwich Avenue, one of nine total stores situated in and around the U.S., said the energy among everyone on hand at the match was palpable and seemed to distinctly capture the storied spirit of the Greenwich Polo Club, which was established in 1981 by Peter Brant.

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Kris Kampsen, the renowned Roller Rabbit six goaler (left) who was named Most Valuable Player of the match rides in pursuit of the ball alongside Nick Manifold as they rally against IGEA. (Photo by Claudia Suica)

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Kris Kampsen, the electric Roller Rabbit six-goaler who was named Most Valuable Player at the conclusion of the match and is regarded to

be one of the most renowned marquee stars of the Greenwich Polo Club, echoed similar sentiments.

"I always love playing here at the Greenwich Polo Club. I think this is one of the most beautiful [polo] clubs in America," said Kampsen. "The number of people who consistently come here for the

Sunday matches is amazing and collectively represent some of the biggest crowds I've ever seen attend public games. They always get behind the teams."

Based upon the clear enthusiasm of the spectators, this sentiment certainly seemed to be mutual.

"Everything about this club is amazing. The players and

horses are incredible, the crowd is so engaged and the whole environment here is electric," said Brett Neri of Greenwich, an owner of the iconic Neri Bakery Products Inc. in Port Chester, who was attending the match with her husband, Paul, and their two children, Nico and Bella. "Everything is exciting here and you can see how

everyone is having a lot of fun and making great memories."

The optimistic energy of the afternoon was further elevated by the presence of all the food trucks with their diverse variety of delicious offerings, as well as the presence of the popular pop-up retail tents that included the busy Roller Rabbit merchandise area.

"It's been such a fun experience to be here. There are so many people and everyone is just so friendly and great," said Natalie Whiteman, Sales Associate for Roller Rabbit, whose famous Peruvian and Portuguese cotton-manufactured fashions have been in such demand recently that the company reported a 500 percent increase in production over the past year. "The polo is incredible and it's so exciting to see the [Roller Rabbit] team playing out there. We can't wait to come back." (The Roller Rabbit pop-up retail tent, which also was handled by Mia Tammara, a Sales Associate, is slated to be featured at the Sunday matches through the beginning of August.)

Ralph Pietrafesa, President of Longford's Ice Cream that is based in Stamford whose blue Mobile Scoop Shop is always a main Greenwich Polo Club hub for so many hundreds of spectators every Sunday, agreed.

"It's tremendous here," said Pietrafesa, who has been working with the Greenwich Polo Club for six years running. "This is such a huge event each week and there's nothing else around like it. The polo is amazing and to see it live is incredible. The property is beautiful, the food is great and even if you don't know a lot about polo, it's always a fun to be here."

The East Coast Gold Cup tournament will continue on Sunday, July 17th at the Greenwich Polo Club.

For more information, please go to www.greenwichpoloclub.com

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Thomas Bisanzo



Thomas Frank Bisanzo, 76, of Greenwich, passed away on July 7. Son to the late Frank (Ace) and Rose Bisanzo, Tom grew up in Chickahominy, graduated from Greenwich High School, and subsequently the University of Memphis.

In 1971, at the age of 24, Tom opened Bruce Park Sports in the heart of Greenwich, where he served as a staple of the community for 51 years. Tom was consistent, you could find him at his store everyday at 6am, until his last. He loved all things sports and all of the lessons that came with it. He instilled teamwork, hard work and being a good person in all of his kids, of whom he wouldn't shy away from telling store-goers how proud of them he was. He recently became a grandfather and in his words, was "tickled pink" at the thought of teaching his two grandsons golf or how to slide into home plate on the kitchen floor.

Tom's world was turned upside down in 1979 when he met Sue, who quickly became the brightest light in his life. They were engaged 9 months later, married for 41 years and raised a loving home for 4 children. He was the ultimate family man, the true moral compass to everyone that knew him intimately. He celebrated everyone's wins and milestones, while having a knack for saying the perfect thing in difficult situations, even if it meant sharing the same story you had heard from him ten times over.

Tom is survived by his wife, Sue; children, Mark (Megan), Catherine (Ben), Gigi (Ariel) and Chris; grandsons, Jack Thomas and Joey Ace; sister, Terry; and many many Bisanzo, DeAngelo and Robben relatives.

Services were held Tuesday, July 12 at Castiglione Funeral Home, Greenwich. A Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, July 13 at the First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich. Burial followed at St. Mary Cemetery in Greenwich.

Jeanette Garofalo

Jeanette S. Garofalo, a life-long Greenwich resident, died on July 3. Jeanette was born on January 17, 1935 to Mauro (Mike) and Emilia Brxa Garofalo. She spent her entire career as a teacher in the Greenwich school system, teaching at Greenwich High School for many years in the commercial program. Jeanette was a quiet but independent individual who never wanted to call attention to herself.

She was predeceased by her parents and her beloved older sister, Mary.

A Graveside Service was held on Wednesday, July 13 at St. Mary Cemetery, Greenwich.

To leave online condolences, please visit

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Charles Fitzgerald

Charles Joseph Fitzgerald "Chuck" passed away in Lake Mary, FL on June 23 after a lengthy illness.

Chuck was raised in Old Greenwich, attended Riverside Convent School, Iona Prep and graduated from Mt. St. Mary's University in 1964 with a degree in English. After college, Chuck joined the Marine Corps serving several tours in Viet Nam. He received three Purple Hearts. Chuck enjoyed a lengthy consulting career in business management and development and traveled extensively, both domestically and internationally.

He is survived by his wife Judy (Korn) Fitzgerald, son Sean (FL), daughters Heather (CT), Elizabeth and Caitlin (Finland), several grandchildren and his twin sister, Anne (CA).

Robert Whitby



Robert Holbrook Whitby, 81, of Greenwich, died peacefully on Sunday, June 26, with his beloved wife of 58 years, Kathleen, at his side. Robert was born on Nov. 24, 1940, in Salt Lake City, Utah to Arva Holbrook Whitby and John Elvin Whitby. He grew up the eldest of five siblings, brothers Paul, Von, John and sister Marianne, all of whom survive him.

Robert graduated from Yale and earned an MBA from Harvard Business School (Baker Scholar) in 1966. He enjoyed a diverse business career spanning 40 years, primarily in investment banking and management consulting, working in senior executive positions at Booz Allen Hamilton, Thyssen-Bornemisza, Citicorp, Ernst & Young and Arthur Andersen. He served as a decades-long advisor to and director of Coal Fillers, Inc.

Robert had a passion for mountain climbing, born from his days as an Eagle Boy Scout in the Rockies. At 51, Robert set out to climb the highest peak on each continent, a feat known as "The 7 Summits." While he successfully climbed 6, he was evacuated off Everest after reaching Camp 2, a story he told often. Robert was also an avid sailor that included leading multiple international cruises and adventures and an epic transatlantic crossing.

Robert was generous with his energy and mental acuity. He was particularly proud of his 15 years of service on the board of Harvard Business School Club of Connecticut where he used his management consulting expertise to lead several HBS Community Partners program projects each year for non-profit organizations such as the Bruce Museum, where he also served on its Development Committee, SoundWaters, Abilis and Avon Theatre. He was past regatta chair, nominating committee co-chair and board member at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club in Greenwich; past board member of The Explorers Club of New York; past board member of the Yale Alumni Association of Greenwich; and board member of Stamford Symphony and Helen Armstrong Concerts.

Robert is survived by his beautiful, devoted wife, Kathleen Louise Smith Whitby, his two daughters, Michelle Whitby Vanparys and Annabelle Whitby Zastrow and their spouses, Thierry Vanparys and Shannon Zastrow; two grandsons, Tyler Zastrow and Reed Zastrow; four siblings, brothers Paul Whitby, Von Whitby and John Whitby, and sister Marianne Whitby, whose kidney gave him new life and vigor; 17 nieces and nephews; and his beloved Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Bogart.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at leopgallaghergreenwich.com for the Whitby family.

Mary Sandor



Mary Danielle "Dani" Sandor was born on Nov. 12, 1969 and passed away unexpectedly June 24. Born and raised in Greenwich, she graduated Greenwich High School, class of 1987. She was a member of the Color Guard/Band and loved to play softball in rec leagues with cousins and friends. She was creative and artistic.

Upon graduation, Dani entered the work force and worked bookkeeping and retail most all her adult life. She relocated to North Carolina in her early 20s and would come to call Apex, NC her home.

Dani was kind, loving and would do anything to help anyone. She was prettier, smarter, kinder and funnier than she believed herself to be...She loved music of all types from a very early age and loved to dance. Some songs (of course) or lyrics to remember Dani (or to connect with her):

"Reach out for me...I'll be there with a love that will shelter you." - Four Tops

"Wake me up before you go-go... take me dancing tonight!" - WHAM!

"I say love it is a flower and you it's only seed... Just remember in the Winter far beneath the bitter snow, lies a seed that with the sun's love (and your love) in the Spring, becomes a rose." - Bette Midler

"Let my love open the door, to your heart." - Pete Townshend

"Dancing in Heaven (orbital be-bop)." - Q Feel
Did we mention she was funny?! She loved to laugh and be with people. She also loved animals; strays just seemed to find their way to her home!

Most importantly, she had a tremendous heart. Those who were lucky enough to know her, knew that.

She leaves behind many friends (near and far), loved ones and family: her mother Margaret Sandor of Connecticut, brother Stephen (Rhonda) Sandor, nephews Stephen and Henry of Cos Cob, sister Margaret "Peggy" Sandor of Monroe, sister Celine Sandor of Milford, as well as many loving cousins. She was predeceased by her father Stephen Sandor.

Burial was at St Mary's Putnam Cemetery, Greenwich. Services were private.

Dani was ALWAYS one to say, "I love you, never forget that."

In her honor, plant a rose or a tree, donate to

an animal shelter or children's charity, or most simply do something kind for another, offer comfort when someone is in need; laugh, dance, enjoy the time with friends, animals and family!

Dani, WE LOVE YOU! Never forget that!

Mary Burns



Mary Cassidy Burns, of Naples, FL, passed away peacefully on May 23. Born January 21, 1927 in Chicago, IL, Mary was the eldest daughter of Margaret Fitzgerald and John Joseph Cassidy. She was predeceased by her husband of 40 years, John Valentine Burns who died in 1991 and their infant son, David Anthony in 1958; her older brother, Jack (Marilyn), her sisters, Margaret "Peggy" Burns (the late Bart), and Barbara De Smet (Harry).

Mary married John in Chicago, 1950. They moved with their growing family to Cincinnati, OH, Winnetka, IL and later to Greenwich, where they settled with their 5 children: Valerie Winebrenner (the late John), Jack Burns (the late Katrena), Bridget Bucknall (Stafford), Richard Burns (Cricket) and KK Lowther (George).

Mary attended St Scholastica Academy and Marquette University. She was a prolific and award winning artist and returned to college in her 40's to continue her studies in art.

A woman of faith, fortitude and courage, in the late 60's Mary was the first former patient volunteer at Memorial Hospital in NYC (MSK). Subsequently she volunteered at Greenwich and Naples Hospital(s).

In 1980 upon retirement, Mary and John, who loved to travel, took an extensive trip "around the world" before settling in Naples, Florida.

Mary loved golf, playing at Hole-in-the-Wall into her 90's. She celebrated a hole in one and won the first Ladies Gold Medal Championship.

A longtime member of the Port Royal Club, a favorite spot where she gathered with family and enjoyed bridge with her friends.

Mary was known as Nana to her grandchildren: Mary Beth Winningham, John Burns, Christen Bucknall Ryan (Matthew), Ford and Jonathan Bucknall, Manzi and India Burns, Cassidy, Wellsley and George Lowther. "Nana called it like she saw it but always elicited a smile with her delivery."

Mary was a strong woman, smart, kind and had a great sense of humor. While talented and accomplished, she was humble and shied away from the spotlight. And never discussed her age!! She will be dearly missed.

A celebration of life for Mary Burns will be held at 2pm on Thursday, July 21 at St. Michael's Church, 469 North Street, Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105.

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Real Estate in the First Half of 2022

A Fast Car with Expensive Gas on a Stormy Night



BY MARK PRUNER

Real estate in Greenwich set a couple of records in first half of 2022. We had both the highest average price and highest median price at the end of 1st half. Our average sales price for a single-family home is now \$3,089,555, this is up 24% over the \$2.54 million average price that we had in June of 2018.

Price Change 1st Half 2018 to 2022	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	3 Yr. Avg. '18 - 21	6/22 vs 3 Yr Avg
Average Price	\$2,541,557	\$2,438,681	\$2,484,299	\$3,004,161	\$3,089,555	\$2,488,179	\$601,376
Average Price %	100%	96%	98%	118%	122%	98%	24%
Median Price	\$1,865,000	\$1,950,000	\$1,965,750	\$2,350,000	\$2,525,000	\$1,926,917	\$598,083
Median Price %	100%	105%	105%	126%	135%	103%	32%
Price/SF	\$528	\$522	\$491	\$579	\$656	\$514	\$143
SP/Assmt	1.53	1.46	1.39	1.63	1.92	1.46	0.46
SP/OLP	92%	90%	90%	96%	100%	90.7%	9.3%
DOM	141	148	183	76	44	157	-113
Avg Appr vs 2018	100%	99%	97%	115%	127%	98.5%	28.1%

Record Median Sales Price

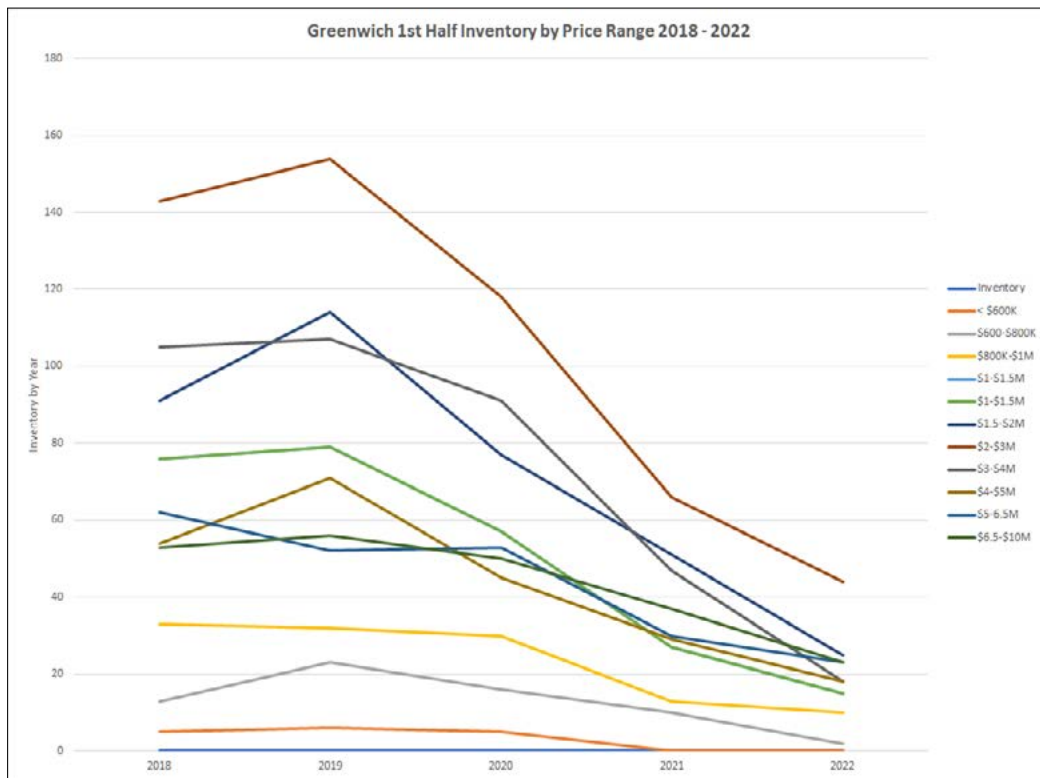
Amazingly, our median price appreciated 32% over the same period from \$1.87 million to \$2.53 million. What this indicates is that demand in price ranges under the median price are going up faster than our high-end houses. Not to worry if your house is over \$3.1 million, every price range is up.

Record Low Inventory

All of this is driven by another record; the lowest inventory we have ever seen. Back in the middle of March, we actually got down to 136 single family home listings. Since then, we have "strongly" recovered to 207 listings. This is 71 new listing in inventory and an increase of 52%. However, we are still down 39% from where we were at the end of June last year. We are also down 72% from the 729 listings that we had at the end of H1 2019.

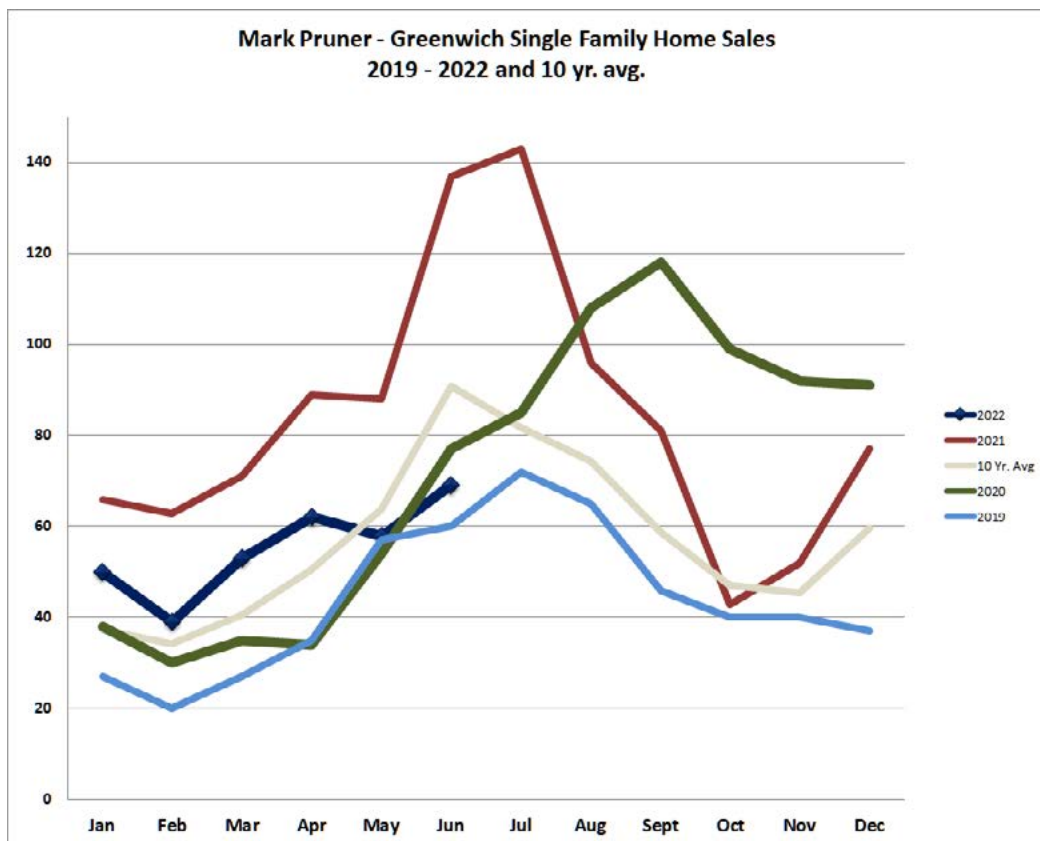
Inventory as of 7/1/22	Inventory	Contracts	Last Mo. Solds	Last Mo Solds+	YTD Solds	YTD+ Contracts	Mos Supply	Mos w/ Contracts	Last Mo. Annld
< \$600K	0	1	1	2	2	3	0.0	0.0	.
\$600-\$800K	2	4	0	4	13	17	0.9	0.9	#DIV/0!
\$800K-\$1M	10	6	4	10	24	30	2.5	2.5	2.5
\$1-\$1.5M	15	12	8	20	46	58	2.0	1.9	1.9
\$1.5-\$2M	25	19	10	29	46	65	3.3	2.9	2.5
\$2-\$3M	44	34	20	54	68	102	3.9	3.2	2.2
\$3-\$4M	18	18	3	21	44	62	2.5	2.2	6.0
\$4-\$5M	18	16	9	25	42	58	2.6	2.3	2.0
\$5-\$6.5M	23	15	8	23	22	37	6.3	4.7	2.9
\$6.5-\$10M	23	18	4	22	18	36	7.7	4.8	5.8
> \$10M	29	1	2	3	6	7	29.0	31.1	14.5
TOTAL	207	144	69	213	331	475	3.8	3.3	3.0

That inventory number was in itself a remarkably low number. Go back two more years to 2019 and had 729 listings at the end of the June. This 52% increase in inventory in the last couple of months is actually a decrease of 72%. Some our car has never had much gas in the tank, but it was replenished regularly just not as much as last year.



Low Inventory Limits Sales

In the first half we had 331 sales down from the 511 blockbuster sales that we had last year. While we didn't have the Bugatti Chiron of sales that we had last year, we still had a pretty peppy Audi TT driving sales (my favorite car, I've every owned.). Given the record low inventory we had every week this year, those 331 sales are remarkable. If we'd had more inventory, we would have a lot more sales.



What about those sky-high interest rates?

You would think reading many of the news reports that sales have stopped due to sky-high interest rates. Sales haven't stopped, and by just about any measure interest rates are not sky high. We had 69 sales in June this year, which is below our 10-year average of 91 sales, but it's only 24% down, when our inventory is down 72%.

Interest rates were reported over 6%, but I don't know that anyone in Greenwich saw that rate. All of the mortgage bankers that I work with have been sending me with their weekly emails with 30-year jumbo rates in the low to mid 5%. ARM's are often under 5% and at least one bank will offer you a mortgage under 4% if you are willing to move your

banking relationship over to them.

In Greenwich, thought most buyers aren't using mortgage contingencies. Normally, we are about 50:50 in contracts, with half of our sales contracts having mortgage contingencies and half, being non-contingent deals.

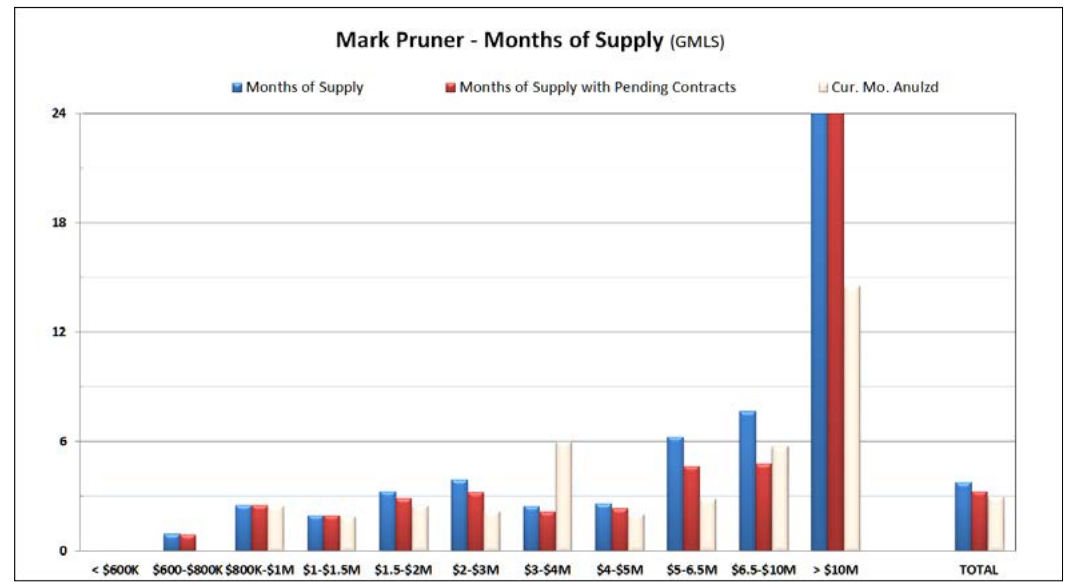
For the month of June, it was more like a 25:75 ratio. It was a competitive market and removing the mortgage contingency would get the buyer a better price and moved to the front of the line in multiple offer situations

The 75% of buyers without mortgage contingencies, may well be financing their house purchase. Smart buyers in this market are underwritten pre-approved and are willing to take the small risk, that the house might not appraise out and they will need to come up with more money.

Other buyers are eschewing the typical mortgage, especially now that federal interest deduction only applies the first \$750,000. Buyers are using long term margin loans, art loans, and a wide variety of non-standard financing. Still, lots of those 75% of buyers without a mortgage contingency are all-cash buyers, reallocating funds from a risky asset into the relative security of a Greenwich real estate investment where supply still can't meet demand.

Months of Supply also at Record Lows

You can see just how much excess demand we have for our limited inventory by looking at the months of supply numbers. This number tells you how long it would take to sell the present inventory based on how fast houses have sold year to date. The problem with this one number for months of supply is that if you have a hot first quarter and a slower June, months of supply may not accurately reflect the market right now.



Two things you can do to get a better feel for the market is to add in the contracts that are signed but haven't closed yet and assume they will close, on average, in a month and a half. A second method is to take what closed this month and annualize that one month's sales to see how hot the market is now. If months of supply with contracts is a lower number than months of supply only using closed sales and annualizing the current month of sales is even lower, you have an accelerating market.

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When you do that in this market you see accelerating markets in several price ranges. For example, from \$1.5 - \$2.0 million, months of supply is a low 3.3 months, throw in the 19 contracts waiting to close and you are down to 2.9 months and annualize June sales and MoS is only 2.5 months of supply. If you are looking in that price range you presently have a choice of 25 listings, but 46 have already sold this year and 19 are under contract. It is not a soft market.

This accelerating market is seen in 4 of 11 price ranges. The other price categories are best characterized as flat with now clear signs of accelerating or decelerating. Having said that, they are already at ridiculously low levels all the way up \$5 million. The only real pro-buyer market we have is over \$10 million, where we have 29 listings and only 7 sales and contracts, but that was also true last year. If you are selling a house in that price range, you need to price it competitively and do a good staging job.

An Example of Today's inventory

Russ and I put on 562 North Street on Tuesday last week at \$3,395,000. It's an architect-designed house sitting on 2 acres with a pond in mid-country. There is a large deck that overlooks the pond and plenty of room for a pool. It also comes with two downstairs bedrooms with a full bath. One of the first-floor bedrooms has a separate entrance. This gives the owner the option of two offices, a staff suite, mother-in-law apartment, or a two-bedroom guest suite.



We had the realtor open house that Tuesday, 7/5, and had several appointments for showings right after the realtor open house. Showings have gone well and the market for that house in that location is good. It's also good, for most other Greenwich properties, which are newly listed at market prices.

It is not the market that we had in March. Today, listing too high is much more of a problem now than it was then. Today, there is a fair amount of uncertainty, and most buyers need a reason to move when such uncertainty is present. Smart buyers see this as an opportunity.

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WILDLY SUCCESSFUL

The Bald Eagle



By JIM KNOX

As kids, my brother Bruce and I explored Fairfield County's beaches. At first, hand-in-hand with our dad, we scanned the high tide wrack lines for sea shells, crab shells and skate egg cases. To us, Long Island Sound was the ocean, and the ever-changing trove of ocean treasures never disappointed. In time, under our dad's watchful eye, we'd venture into the tide pools and the beckoning grasses of the salt marshes beyond to search for live creatures, yet before we'd climb into our Volkswagen Beetle for the ride home, we'd always gravitate back to the wrack line. We'd lift the brown and green kelp mats to reveal smoothed blue and green beach glass, colorful shells and untold sizes and patterns of feathers. For each of the largest, black, brown or white feathers, I'd hold them up and ask,

"Hey dad, is this an eagle feather?"

"It might be," he'd answer hopefully. "Let's find out," he'd respond.

Together, we'd look at the bird books and field guides he bought us and invariably, my "eagle" feathers proved to be those of Herring Gulls, Great Black-backed Gulls and other common Connecticut species. Yet, I always held out hope.

Well, my hope held strong. A generation later, when my wife and I brought our kids to our local beaches or rivers to swim or hike, we answered the same question dutifully, yet this time there was a difference. The eagles were back. After a virtual absence of decades, the birds had returned, and with them, a sense of awe.

Boasting an 8-foot wingspan, 2-inch long, recurved talons and more than double the gripping force of an NFL lineman, the Bald Eagle is

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one impressive creature. This apex predator has no known enemies at adulthood and will prey on creatures more than three times its body weight. It's no wonder this regal bird was selected as the national symbol of the United States of America. Yet the Bald Eagle has stiff competition. Other species which share its wild haunts possess equally impressive armament and skills. How does this iconic raptor gain the upper hand to rule from the Alaskan coast to the shores of the Potomac? How does it command dominion over resources for years on end? In a word...vision.

Perhaps chief among the Bald Eagle's astounding adaptations is its unparalleled eyesight. Birds of prey, and eagles in particular, have been renowned for their eyesight for millennia. Capable of spotting a fleeing mouse from more than a mile aloft, the eagle reminds us that the term "eagle-eyed" is no casual expression. Bald Eagles in particular employ their visual acuity to compensate for intense glare, reflection and refraction to detect swimming fish below the water's surface before executing their swift, precise prey grasp.

While the eagle is equipped with proportionately large and extremely powerful eyes conferring exceptional sight, it is the eagle's vision which truly leads to its success. In establishing territory, Bald Eagles very carefully select habitat dominated by water, which supports copious prey

and especially advantageous nesting spots. Specifically, they seek the protection of massive limbs just below the crowns of towering trees adjacent to water courses which are both readily defensible and offer superior, unimpeded views of their hunting territory. In so doing, they are "commanding the high ground" in the intensely competitive world of predator and prey.

Once a nest site has been selected, the bonded pair begin the construction of their nest. This is a true investment and no small undertaking as it will be used season after season in rearing their eaglets for decades. The nests are immense, reaching widths up to 9.5 feet, depths up to 20 feet and weights in excess of two tons! What's more, Bald Eagles are sexually dimorphic, with females averaging 25% greater size and mass than males. This difference enables the pair to expand its range of potential prey by size and mass; with the females tackling larger, heavier prey while the males focus on smaller, more fleet species. This divide and conquer approach serves both parents and ever-hungry, rapidly-growing eaglets extremely well.

From the Mianus, to the Housatonic, to the Connecticut, soaring Bald Eagles are no longer a rare sight high above Fairfield County waterways. With rigorous protection, the birds have rebounded. If there was ever a species worthy of emulation, this is it. By investing in each other, dividing rearing



responsibilities and selecting key habitat in which to raise their broods, each eagle pair displays a keen sense of vision, commanding prime access to resources from year to year and generation to generation. Having the privilege of caring for these magnificent creatures over the years, I have gained a unique and valued perspective

on both their behaviors and the lessons those behaviors can impart. Ultimately, it is the synergy of the eagle's physical and behavioral vision which yields a creature that employs its strengths to conquer the day, and rule its world.

Jim Knox serves as the Curator of Education for Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo and as a Science Adviser for The Bruce Museum. A member of The Explorers Club, Jim enjoys sharing his passion for wildlife conservation with audiences throughout Connecticut and beyond.



Very Hard	Easy	Hard	Very Hard	Hard	Easy
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TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar
Friday, July 15
 9 a.m.
 FS Sustainability Committee Greenwich Food Alliance Meeting.
 Cancelled: BET Audit Committee Meeting. Town Hall Cone Room.
Monday, July 18
 10 a.m.
 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting. Via Zoom.
10:30 a.m.
 Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Sign-Meeting. Via Zoom.
1 p.m.
 Planning & Zoning Commission Briefing. Via Zoom.
6:30 p.m.
 BET Regular Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.
7:30 p.m.
 Land Use Committee Meeting. Via Zoom.
 Legislative & Rules Committee. Via Zoom.
Tuesday, July 19
4 p.m.
 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting. Via Zoom.
7 p.m.
 Board of Human Services Meeting. Via Zoom.
Wednesday, July 20
10 a.m.
 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting. Via Zoom.
6 p.m.
 Harbor Management Commission. Town Hall Mazza Room.
7 p.m.
 Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Regular Meeting. Via Zoom.
7:30 p.m.
 District 8 Meeting. Via Zoom.
Thursday, July 21
7 p.m.
 District 1 Meeting. Via Zoom.
 District 10 Meeting. Via Zoom.
 District 12 Meeting. Via Zoom.
 District 2 Meeting. Via Zoom.
 District 5 Meeting. Via Zoom.
 District 6 Meeting. Via Zoom.
 District 7 Meeting. Via Zoom.
 District 9 Meeting. Via Zoom.
7:30 p.m.
 District 11 Meeting. Via Zoom.
 District 3 Meeting. Via Zoom.
 District 4 Meeting. Via Zoom.
8 p.m.
 RTM Special Full Meeting. Via Zoom.

UPCOMING EVENTS mark your calendar:

Monday, Aug. 8
 1 p.m.
 BWGA & GWGC annual Swing Fore Hope – benefiting Kids in Crisis and The Unides Project. Griff Harris Golf Club. ow.ly/RtI550JJ4ea
Wednesday, Aug. 17
 6:30 p.m.
 Greenwich Young Professionals Benefit with the Alzheimer’s Association CT Chapter. Greenwich Country Club. \$75-\$100. alz.org


Friday, Sept. 16
 6:30 p.m.
 At Home in Greenwich Cocktail Party. Delamar Greenwich Harbor. RSVP: Sept. 9. athomeingreenwich.org
Saturday, Sept. 17
6 p.m.
 Studio 54 for S.E.L.F. - Special Education Legal Fund Gala. Burning Tree Country Club. e.givesmart.com/events/qc3
Saturday, Sept. 24
8:30 a.m.
 DART To The Finish 2022 charity walk to cure NP-C SAT. Tod’s Point. danasangels.org
Saturday, Oct. 1
 Greenwich Historical Society’s 90th Gala Celebration. greenwichhistory.org

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, JULY 15
1:15 p.m.
 Marine Life Encounter Cruise. Maritime Aquarium dock, next to Parking Lot at 4 North Water St. \$34. maritimeaquarium.org
2 p.m.
 Friday Flicks: “Sonic The Hedgehog.” Ferguson Library - Main Library, Stamford. Free. 203-351-8292. fergusonlibrary.org
SATURDAY, JULY 16
10:30 a.m. (Sat & Sun)
 Meet Reptiles with NJ Snakeman. Mathews Park, 303 West Ave, Norwalk. Register. steppingstonesmuseum.org
11 a.m. & 2 p.m. (Sat & Sun)
 Skyhunters in Flight. Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo, 1875 Noble Ave., Bridgeport. 203-394-6565. beardsleyzoo.org
5 p.m.
 Sherlock Holmes: Redheads and Bohemians. Bedford Playhouse Lawn, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. \$12.75-\$30. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org
SUNDAY, JULY 17
5 p.m.
 Winfield Street Coffee/A Musical Program on the Plaza. Main Library, Stamford. Free. 203-351-8292. fergusonlibrary.org
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20
7 p.m.
 Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo Lecture Series: Nowhere is a Place – Travels in Chilean Patagonia - Gerri Griswold. Via Zoom. \$10/household. Register. beardsleyzoo.org/evening-lectures
THURSDAY, JULY 21
5 p.m.
 Teen Movie Night: “Spider-Man: No Way Home.” Ferguson Library - Main Library, Stamford. Free. 203-351-8292. fergusonlibrary.org

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Sudoku

Each row, column, nonet can contain each number only once. Answers on B1.

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Very Hard

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Easy

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Very Hard

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Answers on page B6

CODEBREAKER WORD PUZZLE

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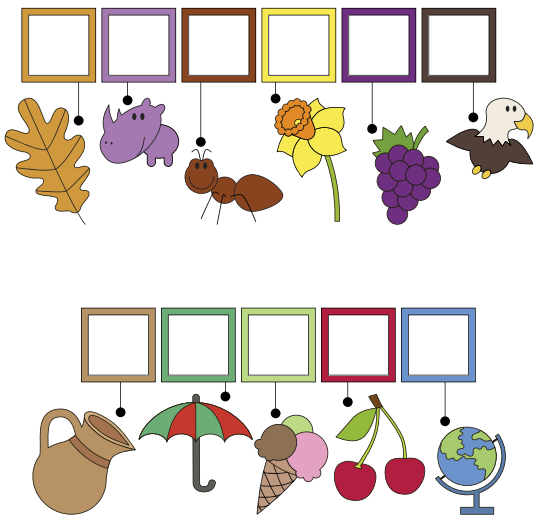
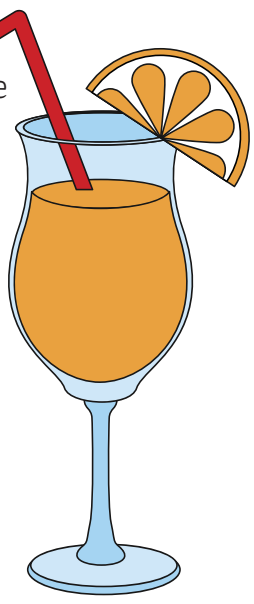
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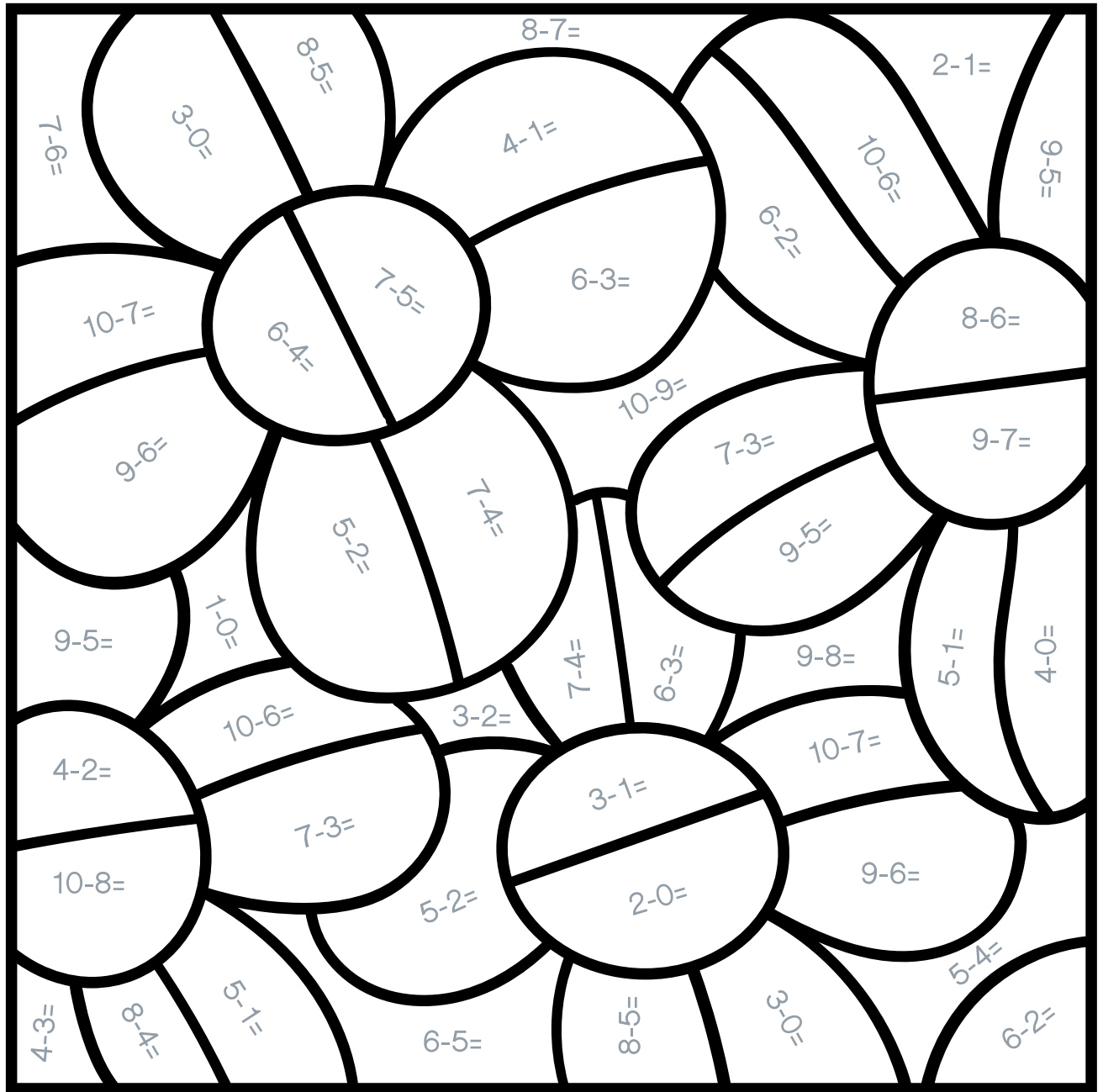
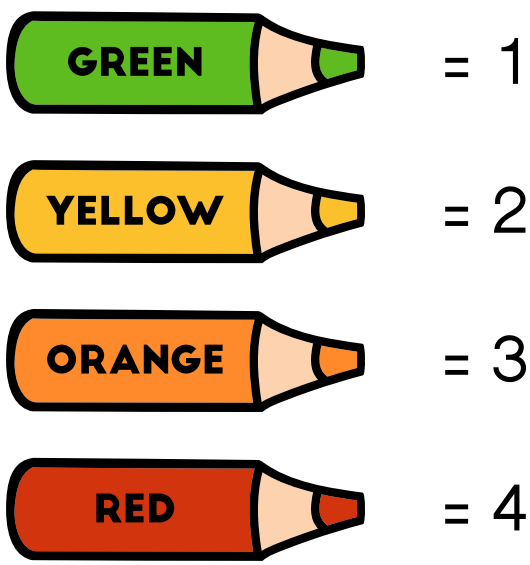
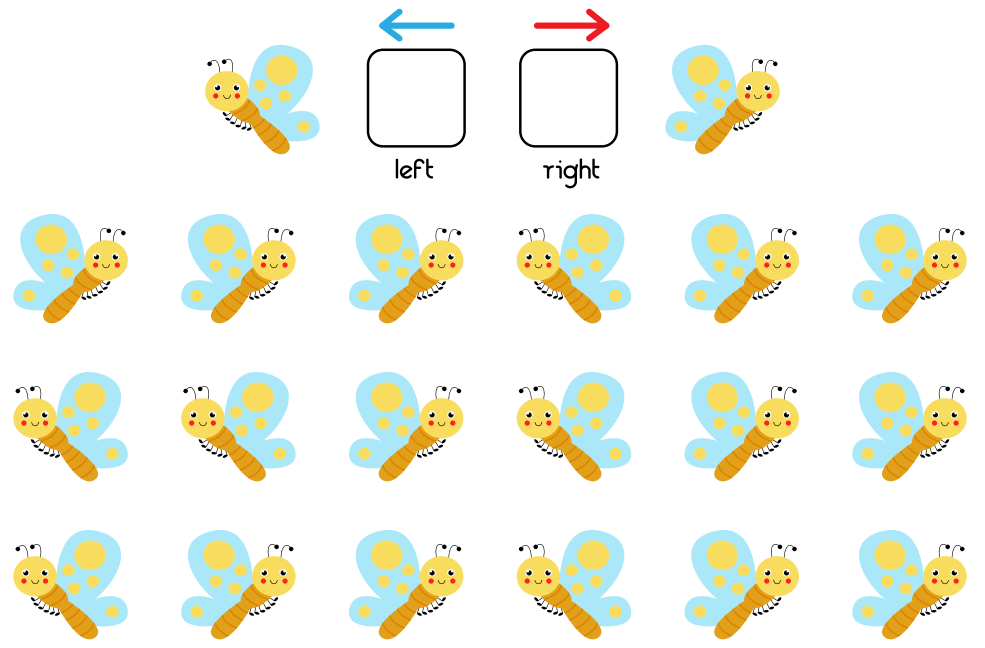
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Puzzles and Coloring for the Weekend: Have Fun!

Write in the first letter of each image in the attached square to solve the puzzle. Answer on page B9.



HOW MANY TO THE LEFT, HOW MANY TO THE RIGHT?

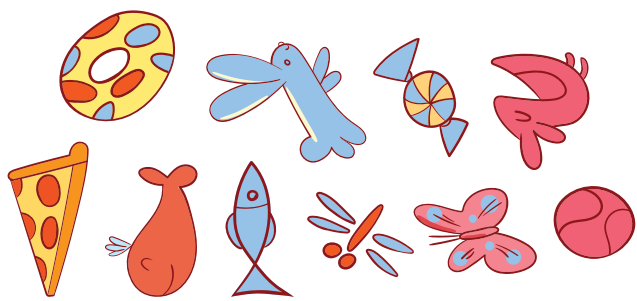


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 $\text{pig} + \text{pig} + \text{cat} = 18$
 $\text{chicken} + \text{chicken} + \text{pig} = 11$
 $\text{pig} + \text{cat} - \text{chicken} + \text{cat} = \square ?$

$\text{cat} = 7$
 $\text{cat} = \text{cat} - 2$
 $\text{cat} = \text{cat} + 4$
 $\text{cat} - \text{cat} + \text{cat} = \square ?$

$\text{cookie} = 3$
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