

The Week's News, In Brief

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POLICE & FIRE

Greenwich Police Officers Receive Commendation



Earlier this week, Greenwich Police Officers Franco, Sanchez, and Solomon were given a commendation for their apprehending a group of would be car thieves in the Byram Section of Greenwich. Greenwich is still experiencing high levels of motor vehicle thefts. Please remember to remove your keys and fobs from your vehicles and lock the doors.

Master Police Officer Receives Commendation



Earlier this month, Master Police Officer Al Moavero was recognized with a commendation for his life-saving actions administering aid to an unconscious patient who's airway was completely blocked and who was unable to breathe.

New Officer Sworn Into Police Department

Kaelan Gillick was sworn in as a new member of the Greenwich Police Department earlier this week. He began his training at the Connecticut Police Academy earlier this month.

Police Dept. Offers Women's Self Defense Class

The Greenwich Police Department is hosting the 2022 Fall Women's Self-Defense Course at Police Headquarters from October 18th thru November 17th. The class is open to women ages 18-55, no experience is necessary. The class will be held at the Greenwich Police Department, 11 Bruce Place, Greenwich, CT 06830. For more information and to get an application visit <https://www.greenwichct.gov/345/Police>

The 2022 Fall Citizens Police Academy Begins

The nine-week program will commence on Wednesday, October 19th and meet weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Greenwich Police Department, with one additional Monday class on Monday, November 7th. The Department's Program Coordinator must receive all applications and a copy of the applicant's driver's license by Wednesday, October 12th. The Citizen's Police Academy provides Greenwich Residents with a first-hand overview of law enforcement and community-related functions of the Greenwich Police Department.

LOCAL POLITICS

RTM Approves Old Greenwich School Building Committee Nominee

At the RTM meeting earlier this week, members from many different committees across town came together to discuss, and for the RTM to vote on, a nominee for the OG School Building Committee. The concern was if combative statements made online would create too much of a tense, partisan atmosphere for Old Greenwich School Building Committee members. Ultimately the RTM voted to

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Green Thoughts

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

No one can be left in any doubt that the spiritual leaders believed very firmly that the species Homo sapiens has a responsibility for the care of all the living species which share this planet Earth with us, and that it is morally right and good to ensure we do not cause their extinction. His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. "Down to Earth: Speeches and Writings of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, on the Relationship of Man with His Environment," 1989.

Another HUGE Success

Dancing Stars of Greenwich Charity Gala a stellar event for Abilis



The dancers stand with Brendan Fraser at the conclusion of the competition. (Photo courtesy of Cara Gilbride of Callalily Studios)

BY LIZ LEAMY

Last Saturday, the Abilis organization hit the ball out of the park with its fourth annual Dancing Stars of Greenwich Charity Gala event that was held at the Tamarack Country Club.

This celebrated annual ballroom-themed fundraiser drew more than 160 attendees and 11 teams that featured one or more local residents who faced off against one another to help raise funds for the venerated Abilis organization based in town that provides more than 800 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in the Fairfield County area with life services programs, therapy and advocacy, among other vital things, and was a runaway hit

on all counts.

Hosted by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Greenwich and Brendan and Afton Fraser, all of whom are dedicated supporters and advocates of the Abilis organization. This event, with its competitive format, reflective of the famous 'Dancing With the Stars' television show, featured highly skilled contestants who kept the audience on the edge of their seats with their entertaining Swing, Cha Cha, Paso Doble, Foxtrot, Rhumba, Tango and Charleston programs.

Along with the dance competition in which the winners, 13 year-old Carly Samalin and her Fred Astaire of Greenwich dance partner,

Matthew Ames received a mirror-ball trophy for their fantastic 'Aladdin' routine, this year's Dancing Stars of Greenwich event also featured a champagne reception, meet and greet session with contestants and judges, silent auction, gourmet dinner with hors d'oeuvres and live music provided by the Hot Cat Jazz Band.

Adding to the excitement of this event was the fact that the judging panel featured Brendan Fraser, star of the 1990s blockbuster film hits, *The Mummy* and *George of the Jungle* who recently made international and domestic headlines for his stellar acting in the film *The Whale*; Meg Tolin Piper, the esteemed Broadway actor who was featured in *The Sound*

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Growing a Stanwich Church in Stamford

Senior Pastor Nathan Hart tells the story of this remarkable idea

BY ANNE W. SEMMES



Senior Pastor Nathan Hart stands before his Stanwich Church in backcountry Greenwich. Photo by Kimberly O'Hara

Rev. Dr. and Senior Pastor Nathan Hart presides over a congregation of 600-plus in his historic (1731) backcountry Stanwich Church. But he's also presided over a Sunday evening service in the south end of Stamford. "We were renting a room in the Revolution Boxing Gym on Pacific Street," he tells, "and it was really cool. We packed the place out - well over 120 people most weeks, just to worship and to hear the word.

But then the pandemic came. "We lost the rental of that room," says Hart. "Are we going to let it die, or restart it," he pondered. "Or is this an opportunity for a bigger idea for Stamford, not just a once-a week worship service?" He prayed with his church elders (elected members) and he "heard the Lord saying, 'I want you to have a much bigger idea for Stamford, not just a once-a-week worship service.'"

Hart's big idea is now, near-

miraculously, a three-story architectural site plan with the Stamford downtown address of 252 Atlantic Street, posted for all to see inside the administration offices of his church, to become a reality sometime towards the end of 2023.

He walks this reporter through the plan's ground floor (on page 8). Picture "really cool looking, industrial style, garage doors," he tells. "I want to be able to pull up those garage doors and have live music or something really wonderful happening in here...This is the coffee shop where six days a week people can gather. It's going to have a living room feel. We're partnering with a local small business owner, a coffee shop owner of Winfield Street Coffee. He's going to be completely operating the coffee shop."

That coffee shop will lead to a sanctuary able to seat 400, and beyond a small chapel, and restrooms. Hart explains his vision for this "Stamford

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No One Gets a Perfect 52-Card Deck

Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry



Your cards are your cards. Some of them are gifts. Some aren't. What will you do with them? Blaming someone else won't change the cards you hold. Some of your difficult cards may turn out to be the most valuable ones in your life.

It's your move.

Heather was physically abused as a child. She now writes music and poetry. She speaks in public forums and blogs about the issues that caused her so much pain. In so doing, she is turning her worst card into a gift for others, while she heals herself.

Parker hated his learning difference. He was often teased in childhood. Now as a beloved teacher at a school for children with learning differences, he knows that his personal experience is one of the reasons his students trust him.

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.

COLUMN

USAforUKR.org: The Road to Independence



BY OLGA LITVINENKO

- 1 hour taxi ride to JFK.
- 8 hour flight from New York City to Warsaw, Poland.
- 2 hour layover in Warsaw.
- 1 hour flight from Warsaw to Rzeszow, Poland.
- 1.5 hour taxi ride from Rzeszow to Medyka, Poland.
- 30 minutes to cross the border by foot into Ukraine.
- 1.5 hour taxi ride from the Ukrainian border to Lviv, Ukraine.
- 10 hour train from Lviv to Kiev, Ukraine.
- 30 minute taxi from the Kiev train station to home.
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- 26 hours from Greenwich, CT to Kiev, Ukraine.

There was a time when I would come to Ukraine on an 8 hour direct flight from NYC to Kiev, before the war. Before the war Ukraine didn't have an 11pm curfew or boisterous sirens interfering throughout the day warning civilians of potential rocket or bomb strikes. This was

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approve the nominee.

Democrats Kick Off Campaign Season at the Botanical Center with an outdoor picnic and Gov. Lamont Headlining



It was a beautiful day for Democrats who gathered to hear from their candidates on Sunday Sept. 18 and to kick off the campaign season. Speakers included candidates Trevor Crow, Rachel Khanna, Hector Arzeno, Stephanie Thomas, Erick Russell, and Sean Scanlon as well as State Rep. Steve Meskers, Congressman Jim Himes, Senator Richard Blumenthal, Governor Ned Lamont, Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz, Connecticut Attorney General William Tong, and State Rep. Matt Blumenthal.

Joe Angland, Democratic Town Committee chairman (pictured in the bottom photo with Congressman Himes) was master of ceremonies. *Photos by Cheryl Moss.*

Republicans Kick Off Campaign Season with their 90th Anniversary Clambake at Tod's Point and Record Attendance



The largest attendance on record for the Republican Clambake held on September 18 topped out at over 240 participants. Speakers included special guest Senator Rick Scott; Congressional Candidate Jayme Stevenson; Gubernatorial candidate Bob Stefanowski; Treasurer candidate and current state Rep. Harry Arora; State Senator Ryan Fazio; State Representative Kimberly Fiorello; State Representative candidates Ed Lopez and Peter Sherr as well as several other candidates on the Republican statewide underticket. Pictured above is part of the crowd in the pavilion at Tod's Point.

Edward Dadakis (pictured in bottom photo) was the master of ceremonies. *Photos by Marc Ducret.*

Statewide Realtors Assoc. Endorses Fiorello

The state's association of Realtors has endorsed State Representative Kimberly Fiorello for re-election, urging agents and brokers in this area to support her effort to serve residents. The Connecticut Realtors Association represents 20,000 members involved in all aspects of real estate in Connecticut. The Association carefully evaluates candidates in determining who may best ensure there is a positive environment for living in or transferring property in Connecticut.

Jayme Stevenson, Candidate for Congress, Signed Support Letter Urging the U.S. Senate to Pass "Respect for Marriage Act"

Earlier this month, Jayme Stevenson signed her support for the "Respect for Marriage Act". The act essentially reaffirms that marriage for gay and lesbian couples is settled law.

Greenwich RTM Opts-Out of State Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance

Earlier this week, the RTM voted to opt-out of the model state ordinance on Accessory Dwelling Units. 163 in favor; 22 opposed; 12 abstentions. At the time of publishing just under half of the towns in Connecticut have chosen to opt out.

Funds Approved for Town School Security Enhancements

At their meeting earlier this week, the RTM approved the use of just over \$800,000 (eight hundred thousand dollars) to increase and improve school security hardware and police presence at Greenwich Public Schools.

SPORTS

Visit GreenwichSportsBeat.com for more on these stories.

GHS Girls Volleyball Team Winning Streak

On Tuesday, September 20th, the Greenwich High School Girls Volleyball Team won against Trumbull. And on Thursday, September 15th they also won in an away game against St. Joe's.

GHS Girls Soccer Teams Wins



Earlier this week the Greenwich High School Girls soccer team won in a home game against Norwalk.

Vivi Caruso scores four goals for Sacred Heart field hockey



Sacred Heart Greenwich raised its record to 3-0 with a 7-0 victory over visiting Hopkins School in an FAA game held on Monday. Senior Vivi Caruso tallied four goals to propel the Tigers to their third straight win. During their three-game winning streak, Sacred Heart has outscored its opponents, 22-0.

GHS Powers Past Brien McMahon



Greenwich High School's field hockey team evened its record at 2-2 with a decisive 8-0 win over Brien McMahon in an FCIAC matchup held in Norwalk on Monday evening. The Cardinals were ignited by a four-goal performance by Klara Mueffelmann. A senior forward, Mueffelmann recorded four goals, all of which came during the third quarter, to pace the winning effort.

Sacred Heart Greenwich volleyball team tops Hamden Hall in FAA matchup, 3-1



Sacred Heart Greenwich improved its record to 2-1 with a tight

3-1 road victory over Hamden Hall Country Day School in an FAA volleyball match held on Monday.

Lola Tirabassi's first-half goal sparks Greenwich Academy soccer team past visiting School of the Holy Child



With inclement weather making the playing conditions increasingly difficult during the second half of the game between FAA soccer foes Greenwich Academy and School of the Holy Child, one goal was enough to decide the outcome of this matchup.

Greenwich Academy edges GCDS in FAA volleyball matchup



Greenwich Academy's volleyball team started its 2022 season by edging Greenwich Country Day School in a well-played FAA volleyball match held on Saturday at Greenwich Country Day.

Sacred Heart Greenwich field hockey team rolls past Kent

Receiving four goals from Delfina Gonzalez Lobo, the Sacred Heart Greenwich field hockey team cruised to a convincing 8-0 victory over visiting Kent School in a NEPSAC matchup held on Saturday afternoon.

Brunswick football team defeated by powerhouse Hun School



A loss often serves as a valuable learning lesson and the Brunswick School football team certainly learned plenty from Saturday's setback against The Hun School.

Greenwich Academy volleyball team new coach



With a new head coach and several freshmen joining the program, Greenwich Academy's volleyball team has a different look to it this season. However, GA, of course, wants to produce the same type of results it posted for numerous seasons under former coach Christy Girard.

Greenwich overcomes 21-point deficit to defeat FCIAC football rival Ridgefield, 49-42, improves its record to 2-0



Falling behind Ridgefield by 21 points in the first half was obviously not in the Greenwich High School football team's plans Friday night, but the daunting deficit didn't deter the Cardinals from turning to their ground and pound running game.

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Spezzano Returns to First Bank of Greenwich Sept. 28

BY ANNE WHITE

The walls of Frank Gaudio's office at the First Bank of Greenwich are covered with paintings and photographs from past events held at the bank showcasing local artists and their work.

On Wednesday, September 28 at 5:30pm, the bank will welcome back artist Michael Spezzano, Jr. Greenwich native Michael Spezzano featuring his work accompanied by music, food and drinks.

"It makes for an interesting day for us, because we bank all day," Gaudio, the CEO and the president of the bank, said at one such show. "I like to buy one painting from each artist for the bank. It's a memory for us at the bank and it memorializes them being with us."

Included in his personal office gallery is a piece from



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Spezzano, a self-taught artist from Greenwich who doesn't limit himself to a single subject or style.

"I do a lot of landscapes, but it's really whatever is my whim that day," Spezzano has said. "I learn so much more just by being with the other artists and watching their techniques. I don't necessarily want to copy

what they do, but they inspire me to do something. I'm often asking, 'How did you get that?' and I've never met one artist who didn't help me."

Artists of past events typically flock to the reception to show support and to see the decorated walls of the bank where they were once featured.

"This is really alumni night," Gaudio said. "Usually at every one of these events, all the other ones come back to support the other artists. There are nights where we've had five or more of the past artists show up just to support the other artists."

"It's been a blast," he said, "and it's something I really love to do."

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Greenwich resident and local artist Michael Spezzano stands in front of his artwork displayed at the First Bank of Greenwich during his first art show there.

COLUMN: ON MY WATCH

Seeing the power of partnership in marriage, in community

BY ANNE W. SEMMES



Last Wednesday evening there was a crush of guests for the Greenwich Historical Society's annual meeting held at the Riverside Yacht Club. The Society reported it had "finished FY22 ahead of budget and exceeded its fundraising goals" with its new programs. The evening proceeded with the presentation of the David Ogilvy Preservation Award to Charles "Chuck" Royce. But surely the following fireside chat to feature Honorary Trustee Peter Malkin questioning Chuck Royce about preservation helped double the number of pre-Covid annual meeting attendees to 140.

Peter Malkin's own preservation footprint in Greenwich is writ large, with so many trees planted with the help of his co-founding the Greenwich Tree Conservancy, with his saving the historic Greenwich Post Office, now inhabited by RH Greenwich (Restoration Hardware), and nearby, renovating the Greenwich Commons (along with Ray and Barbara Dalio) to allow the pedestrian path to Town Hall. And then there's that out-of-town preservation, the Empire State Building.

But Peter couldn't make the fireside chat due to a fall and sore hip. So, he greeted us by video and introduced his daughter,



Left to right, Cynthia Malkin Blumenthal, Anne Ogilvy, Chuck and Deborah Royce at the Greenwich Historical Society's annual meeting. Photo by Elain Ubina.

Cynthia Malkin Blumenthal to take his place. Cynthia's husband, U.S. Senator Richard "Dick" Blumenthal was not present but Chuck's wife, Deborah joined him on stage.

Pretty soon, the power of partnerships (in marriage) was to be seen in this fireside chat,

with Peter's wife, Isabel, a long-standing Historical Society trustee and mother of Cynthia looking on in the front row.

Cynthia began with how her parents had "instilled to all of their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, a love of history and a love of this town." And we have the late former First Selectman Rebecca Breed and

husband Bill Breed to thank for introducing them to Greenwich over a half century ago.

Cynthia then shared how her parents had met the Royce's. "It was at an event at the Belle Haven Yacht Club in 2009, when a large-scale model of the soon-to-be-restored by the Royce's Ocean House (hotel in Watch Hill, R.I.) was on display. "And that introduced both my parents to the concept of the Ocean House. And they decided to take up their children for an end of summer gathering. Ever since, we have gone every year. And most recently in August, we had not only the children and the grandchildren, but six great-

grandchildren."

And what had brought Chuck to Greenwich? He'd followed friends Patricia and John Chadwick, having grown up with John in Bethesda, Maryland, from the fourth grade.

The restoration of the Avon Theater in Stamford Cynthia then addressed. "We are all very much the beneficiary of your vision and your largess," she said to Chuck.

"Well, for me," said Chuck, "it was part of my courtship with Deborah. Deborah had been in the acting world... and this project came along. And I said, let's take a look, have fun with it." "We were dating," said

Deborah, "and Chuck proposed that we purchase and restore this cinema."

"And Anne [to-be-Ogilvy] at that time was dating David [Ogilvy]," continued Chuck. "And so, we became friends, the four of us...And they got married. And we got married."

At this moment Cynthia shared what her father wished her to point out, the power of partnerships in marriage in bringing visions into reality. The Royce's she said, "have been board members and supportive of the Historical Society here for many years," and like her dad's "own marriage, the success of the Royce investments in history and preservation, utilization and historic places, and restoration is because of their strong partnership." Cynthia added, "As a child of a strong partnership, I can attest to the fact that this is how great things happen."

Years ago, this reporter had written of that "strong Malkin partnership," of how Peter spoke of his wife Isabel as influencer. "It was Isabel driving her husband to the train station," I wrote, "and pointing out the roadside litter that led to Peter's creating Greenwich Green & Clean." He later confirmed, "Pillow talk has an influence."

Cynthia would lead the Royce's through their various restorations, including the now five-star Ocean House hotel in Watch Hill, RI. "Everybody had bumper stickers in Watch Hill - Save the Ocean House, save the Ocean House," shared Deborah. And then the two stepped up and saved and restored the Ocean House. "I think we take on some of our biggest risks in life," shared Deborah, "but we have no idea what we're doing because

if we knew, we wouldn't do it. It's like trying to go back and be as bold as you were in your first view of taking something on. So, I think we had no idea what we were doing." Chuck agreed, "This qualifies for that." "We just went right in," said Deborah.

Cynthia would address finally the Royce's restoring the United Theater in Westerly, RI.

"We opened literally a year ago," said Chuck. "We've added three different screens. We have a music school in the basement. We work on a partnership with Rhode Island Philharmonic...And we are very pleased with how it's going."

Cynthia's last question? "What are the most important lessons you've learned so far, and what do you believe are the most important issues in preservation?"

"If you compare and contrast taking on the Avon to taking on United," said Deborah, "With the United, we really got a huge community involvement first. And I think for a project like that, that was the correct order to go in."

"We would not have done it if we could not see a community purpose," agreed Chuck.

If there's a true community purpose, then absolutely."

So, what might the Royce's think of Cynthia's dad's vision he asked her to share, to restore, preserve, and repurpose the downtown Havemeyer Building (now occupied by the Board of Education)? "He was fortunate to have both Chuck and Ray Dalio inspired to agree with him, that it would be a wonderful cultural center," said Cynthia. "And they were hoping to include a movie theater, music academy, ballet, and pottery studio." That vision continues.

UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE

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Olga at home in Greenwich with two puppies rescued from the war in Ukraine.

also a time that nearby neighborhoods didn't have stories of rape, personal homes being shelled at or the need for local civilians to take on special night operation initiatives to stop the continuation of these stories caused by Russian military terrorism. That was also a time that the road to independence was clear for the post-soviet Ukraine but, as our history lessons have taught us, the only thing constant is change.

Crossing the border from Medyka, Poland to the Mostys'kyi District of Ukraine -- about 14 hours into my journey to Kiev and 10 days before Ukraine's Independence Day on August 24th -- I was approached by an elderly woman named Oksana inquiring where I was from. Physically you could see she's lived a long life through her wrinkly face and the need to hold a cane to keep herself walking straight. Her blue eyes sparkled with curiosity and hope as she waited for my response. Here is our exchange:

My name is Olga Litvinenko and I am Ukrainian American; born in Kiev and raised in a town called Greenwich, Connecticut.

Is it true Kiev is back to normal life with restaurants and all, open?

Not 'normal', but the people continue to fight for their right to live, yes. They won't let the terrorism dissemble the community, attitude and overall culture. Some restaurants are open.

Tell Kiev I say hello, Olga.

Oksana, Kiev already says hello back.

Today the devastation, refugee crisis, loss of lives and constant missile strikes are happening outside of Kiev in the southern and eastern regions. Kiev continues to maintain the country's vibrancy with retail stores open, business centers continuing their operations, and food markets full of freshly picked blueberries, fragrant strawberries and apricots (local summer favorites). People have finally been able to gather for events and strolls in the park, and the metro stations are now being used for transportation as opposed to sleeping quarters. Most importantly, our team's 20,000 square foot warehouse (with gratitude to USA for Ukraine's partner organization, the Global Empowerment Mission and all donors) continues to be full of humanitarian aid. This aid consists of food, home goods, hygiene kits, clothing, animal needs and provides for a consistent daily distribution throughout all of Ukraine with focus areas in Donetsk, Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, Dnipro, Kherson and Odesa. Currently, I'm quite fatigued from schlepping around my luggage and change of timezones, but remembering all that

awaits me in Kiev and the positive impact we're making from being there gives me energy.

These days, my trips to Ukraine are to help with the war crisis through USA for Ukraine and our partner, the Global Empowerment Mission (GEM). We've taken on a newer initiative to open an animal adoption facility in partnership with DREAM yellow, which is known to be the biggest entertainment center in Kiev. The purpose of this storefront is to jumpstart animal adoption from the overflowing nearby shelters. A project very close to my heart, I've got a lot to do over the next coming weeks with the buildout and making sure we have a strong foundation for operation - our goal is to get 1,000 cats/dogs adopted before year end! As I'm writing this, Michael from GEM sends me a text and my phone lights up. "Another meeting for the rebuild of Bucha at the warehouse tomorrow."

Sometime in between writing about our animal plans and that text, my mind races to our project in Bucha and then to a state of gratitude, pride and hope for the people. It's not just me journeying on to Ukraine's road of true independence, rather the entire world with America and certain Great Britain roots (we are New England, after all) providing leadership and direction.

America gained independence from the King of England, George 3rd., on July 4th, 1776 and Ukraine from the Soviet Union on August 24th, 1991. Reflecting now, I spent the fourth of July weekend enjoying the pool, spending time with friends and family like so many others in America did too. In Ukraine, unfortunately in these days, there are more people concerned about obtaining food for their families and what they'll do if a bomb hits their home for their Independence Day, so I'll be helping make sure that they and their animals have help in whatever situation they may find themselves. The road to independence is an interesting journey, and even though I'm not on my nonstop flight from NYC to Kiev as it was before the war, this change that I'm constantly adapting to is worth it for the sake of freedom.

As the war continues to increase in frequency and intensity, please make a supporting donation at www.USAforUKR.org.

Olga Litvinenko was born in Kiev and raised in Greenwich. She is an entrepreneur and a former Miss Connecticut who is working with USA for Ukraine.

Walk the Walk with YWCA Domestic Violence Team Oct. 2



By JIM HEAVEY

While Greenwich can certainly be considered a rather safe enclave from major crimes, we regretfully still witness occasional serious crimes such as robbery or assault. The community needs to be aware of these incidents so that we can work together to prevent them in the future.

Domestic violence is the most frequent serious crime that occurs in Greenwich on a regular basis. Let me repeat that: Domestic violence is the most frequent serious crime that occurs in Greenwich. To date this year, we have responded to 174 domestic violence complaints. Last year, we responded to 264 domestic violence incidents. These

numbers represent only a fraction of the number of reports that the YWCA Domestic Abuse Services receive yearly.

The police department has a team of detectives who address these complaints, the Special Victims Section (SVS). This team of specially trained detectives investigates domestic violence crimes and other crimes committed against our most vulnerable populations. Often, the SVS follows up on initial investigations initiated by the patrol officers who are first on the scene at the time of an incident.

Part of our preparedness for domestic violence investigations is our strong partnership with the YWCA Domestic Abuse Services team. This partnership has spanned decades.

No one should live in fear of domestic abuse. Unfortunately, domestic violence knows no boundaries. Anyone, regardless of age, gender, socioeconomic status, or race can be at risk for domestic violence.

YWCA Greenwich provides

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education presentations for parents, family members, and friends to help our community recognize and respond to domestic abuse. The organization has done great work in prevention by training our youth in proper personal boundaries. This prevention program includes supporting the YNet (Youth Network) program at Greenwich High School. YNet's mission is to spread awareness about teen dating violence, domestic abuse, and healthy and unhealthy relationships. YNet operates through peer education about

relationships and prosocial skills such as conflict negotiation, feelings identification, and active listening.

YWCA Domestic Abuse Services provide a number of confidential victim services including counseling, emergency shelter, safety planning, and help navigating the legal system. These services are provided for free – but they are expensive.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. The YWCA Greenwich is the only state-designated provider of domestic abuse

services for victims of domestic violence in Greenwich with staff who are licensed to provide a variety of victim services.

So please join us on Sunday, Oct. 2 in Bruce Park, when we Walk the Walk in support of the YWCA Domestic Abuse Services. Join my team, create your own team, or just come out and walk with us so that the YWCA can continue to do this important work. If you are interested in registering to walk or forming a team, please visit www.ywcagr.org/walkthewalk online. For more information about the

walk, please contact Jackie Stam at (203) 869-6501 x102 or j.stam@ywcagreenwich.org.

If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

For immediate assistance or to schedule an appointment, call the YWCA Domestic Abuse Services hotline (203) 622-0003. Counselors are available 24/7 for crisis assistance, advocacy with law enforcement and other providers, or for general support and information.

James J. Heavey is the Chief of Police for Town of Greenwich

Greenwich Academy soccer team starts its season with victories vs. Masters, King

Greenwich Academy's soccer team has begun its season in stellar fashion, posting victories against Masters School and King School and dueling neighborhood foe Greenwich Country Day School to a draw.

Sacred Heart starts season with tie against visiting Taft in NEPSAC soccer matchup



Sacred Heart Greenwich kicked off its 2022 season by dueling visiting Taft School to a well-played 1-1 draw in a game held on Wednesday. Eva Wilkerson gave the Tigers a 1-0 lead when she scored in the 73rd minute off an assist from Madison Hart. Taft tied the score at 1-1 with a goal from Alessia Schettino in the 76th minute.

AGH Field Hockey Club's team named to National Club Rankings

AGH Field Hockey Club, based out of Greenwich, has two highly-ranked teams in the Team USA National Club Rankings. AGH Field Hockey's U-16 team is ranked No. 1 in the country in the U-16 National Club Rankings. The top 10 teams in the nation were ranked by USA Field Hockey.

Sacred Heart Greenwich volleyball team sweeps Rye Country Day in season-opener

Sacred Heart Greenwich's volleyball team began its 2022 season in fine form, sweeping past visiting Rye Country Day School, 3-0, in an FAA match held on Wednesday.

AROUND TOWN

September is Hispanic Heritage Month



Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15th to October 15th to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic Americans who have inspired others to achieve success. The observation began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988. The theme for 2022 is "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation." The flag of Mexico was raised at Town Hall in commemoration of Mexican Independence Day on Friday, September 16.

Greenwich Department of Human Services is Providing Diapers

Greenwich Department of Human Services, in partnership with Mothers for Others, are providing diapers for children from birth to 3 years old. If you are interested in applying for this program, please email or call your Greenwich case manager.

September is Deaf Awareness Month

September is Deaf Awareness month which provides us with the opportunity to highlight the importance of providing equal access to members of our communities who are Deaf, hard of hearing, or experiencing hearing loss.

Blood Shortage

The Greenwich chapter of the American Red Cross will be holding four blood drives this month. To donate, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-733-2767, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card, driver's license, or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Upcoming blood drives:

Sept. 20th 7:45am-4:45pm; Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Road

Sept. 23rd 8am-1pm; Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd

Sept. 26th 7:45am-4:45pm; Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Road

Sept. 27th 7:45am-4:45pm; Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Road

Old Greenwich Main replacement

Final restoration work for the Old Greenwich Common Force Main Replacement Project began Monday, September 19th causing temporary road closures and detours in Work Zone 6 (the traffic circle where Arch Street, West End Avenue, and Summit Road meet). A second crew also began working in Work Zone 1 (Oval Avenue near the Riverside train station) on Tuesday, September 20th. Work is scheduled to occur from 7am to 4pm, Monday-Friday. This work should take about four weeks to complete.

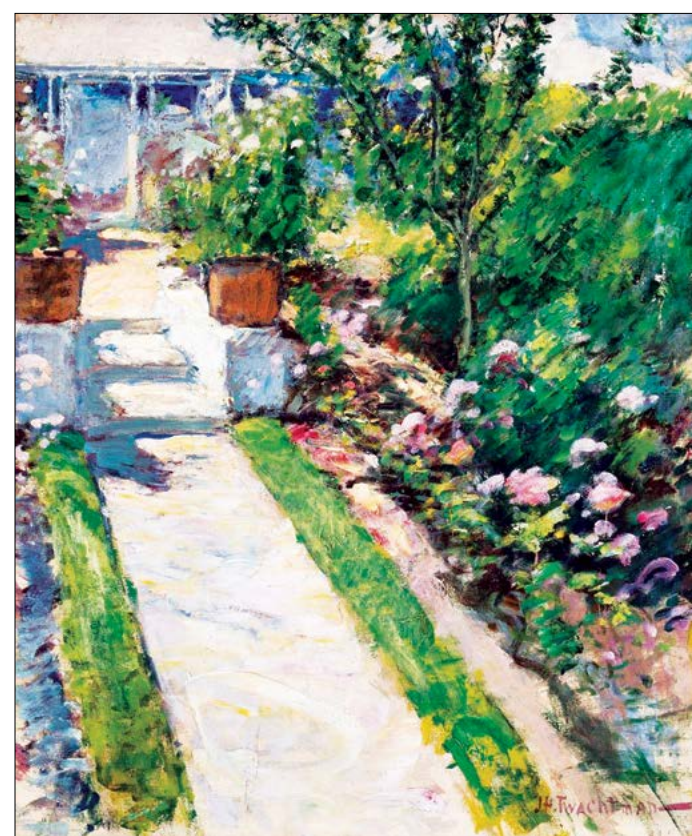
Van Leeuwen Ice Cream Opening on Greenwich Ave

Greenwich natives Ben and Pete Van Leeuwen bring their ice cream back to Greenwich. The shop is opening on Greenwich Avenue on Saturday October 1st from 12-Noon until 11pm. Van Leeuwen's ice cream roster will include more than 30 flavors including dairy and vegan options. In celebration of the launch, the shop is offering \$1 scoops of all ice cream on opening day from 12pm to 4pm.

Costume Contest During Walk/Run for Abilis

During the Walk/Run for Abilis on Sunday October 16th at Tod's Point's Clambake Area, there will be a costume contest which will include prizes for the most creative outfits. Register at <https://www.abilis.us/walkrun/>

Historical Society is Staging a Major Exhibition



From Oct. 19 until Jan. 22, 2023, The Historical Society will present artworks done by American Impressionist artist John Henry Twachtman. The arts displayed depict his home and its surrounding landscape in Greenwich. Twachtman lived in town from 1890 to 1899 where he reached his peak as an artist and created many of his most famous pieces.

Old Greenwich Garden Club's Flower Burst Installation

Last week, the Garden Club of Old Greenwich created a Flower Burst Installation Art on Sound Beach. The display stood more than 10 feet tall, taking volunteers over 5 hours to assemble. The greening base was all sourced from the yards of members, and most of the flowers were sourced from local farms. At the close of the event, volunteers from the club disassembled their installation, giving away bouquets of the flowers.

Parking for Pickleball Creates Problems

Residents neighboring the pickle ball courts at Cristiano Park have issued complaints regarding the large number of people parking on their deadend street to use the courts. When neighborhoods with residential parking border one another, the zones impact each other which becomes an issue for residents when applying for parking permit stickers and paying their fees. Greenwich Police are aware of the issue and working on solutions for how best to accommodate the needs of all.

DAR Commemorates Signing of Constitution

Last week, The Horseneck Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution hosted a ceremony at town hall to commemorate the 235th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution in 1787. Joining the club members at the event were Selectwomen Lauren Rabin and Janet Stone McGuigan, State Representative Kimberly Fiorello, State Senator Ryan Fazio, Town Clerk Jackie Budkins, and David Wold from the Byram Veterans Association.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Tod's Point Gate Employee Under Review

The Greenwich Department of Parks and Recreation have received a number of comments via email concerning the gate operations at Tod's Point. The Parks and Rec Department is taking positive steps to find a resolution which has included first removing the employee from operations while they conduct a full review of the gate access practices.

Navy Pilot Becky Calder Visits Sacred Heart Greenwich

Earlier this month, Commander Rebecca Calder of the US Navy Reserve spoke at Sacred Heart Greenwich. Commander Calder was the first female pilot to graduate from the U.S. Navy Fighter Weapons School. Commander Calder focused on finding your "why," why you do what you do. "Finding your why isn't always right in front of you. But if you're willing to work hard, anything is possible. You are worthy," said Commander Calder.

New CT Lottery Winner

An Old Greenwich resident won the grand prize of \$20,000 after playing the 20X Cash 8th Edition scratch-off game. The ticket was purchased at a Cos Cob gas station.

GREENWICH SCHOOLS

Brunswick School Contemplates Purchase of Land on Lake Ave

Brunswick School is considering the purchase of a more than 16 acre property on Lake Avenue for an Early Childhood Center. Brunswick is also seeking to renovate eight buildings on the property to use for faculty housing. The item was listed on the Sept. 20 P&Z agenda.

DEATHS

Jane Watson

Jane Watson passed away September 19.

Helen Fox

Helen Frances Fox, age 91, passed away on September 17.

Richard Kordas, Sr.

Richard (Rich) F. Kordas, Sr., of Greenwich, passed away on Friday, September 16 at the age of 82

Aldo Papone

Aldo Papone passed away in his home on September 16 surrounded by his family and loved ones.

John Cooney

John L. Cooney passed away Thursday, September 15 at the age of 97.

Donald Hoer

Donald Hoer, of Greenwich, passed away peacefully on September 12, at the age of 69.

Debra Koziel

Debra Koziel, age 67, passed away unexpectedly at home on September 10.

Donna Klingel

Donna Lee Klingel passed away peacefully on August 23, at 75 years old.

David Erdos

David Carl Erdos passed away surrounded by his family on August 16.

Margaret Vincent

Margaret Aikman Vincent, Margay, passed away surrounded by family on July 21.

Please see page 10 for full obituaries.

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Editorial Page



They had a tendency to talk past one another.

Our Children Come First

In the ongoing conversation about the state of education in our local public schools, we need to begin with these assumptions: parents love their children, they want what is best for their children, they are the best advocates for their children. We must also add another set of assumptions: most teachers care deeply for their students, want to see their students succeed, and work incredibly hard.

There certainly are exceptions, but this is the foundation on which we must begin. It is these assumptions which we must lead every conversation about education in our public school system. Parents must be encouraged to advocate for their children. When this foundation is dismissed for the idea that parents are intrusive combatants, communication breaks down. Concurrently, when parents begin to see teachers as a barrier to their children's success, schools take up a defensive posture which makes transparency difficult.

Currently there are two camps in what is becoming an acrimonious fight. Getting lost in all of this is the children.

The raising and education of a child is a parent's primary responsibility, one which cannot be usurped. Plato -- a teacher himself -- said, "no man should bring children into the world who is unwilling to persevere to the end in their nurture and education."

Parents should never have to fight for the right to be involved, to advocate, or to know. Parents and teachers and schools must work together, through open communication and transparency, to give every child their best opportunity at fulfilling their potential.

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We feel there is a simple solution here – transparency and genuine open communication about the serious issues involved with educating the next generation. The bonus? Research has proven over and over that positive parental involvement in their education increases student achievement, reduces bad behavior, improves attendance, and increases student satisfaction at school.

We at the Greenwich Sentinel are concerned by the people trying to politicize what is happening in the public school system. These individuals are further disintegrating the relationship between schools and parents. The amazing good that can be accomplished by positive relationships between schools and parents is also being broken.

Let's look at the testing results recently announced. We reported recently that 25 percent of all students in grades 3 through 8 in the public schools are not meeting expectations in English Language Arts and 32 percent are not meeting expectations in Math. These results are staggering although by many measures we are actually doing better than 91% of Connecticut schools and Connecticut is doing better than 95% of the rest of states. Does that make us good or only good by comparison? Children in advance placement programs in our schools are knocking it out of the park and that is great. But that leaves a lot of children who are not doing as well as they could be. There are particular houses at the high school that the kids identify as "smart kid houses" and "dumb kid houses" and that is just not okay. That lost potential should motivate us all.

The conversation needs to broaden significantly, engender more trust on all sides, and be goal and results oriented... not process oriented or politically motivated. When we asked a current tenth grader at GHS what she thought about reactions from political groups to school issues she said, "it's about politics – they don't really care about me and my friends." This message is being demonstrated to them daily, that politics and the fight are more important than they are; more important than their education. We must change that mindset before we cause even more lasting damage.

We are all the adults in the room; it is time for us to start acting like it. How can we possibly engender kindness in our children and respect for themselves and each other when we cannot even begin to model that behavior?

PAPER POLICY

In the Interest of Transparency

We sent this email to all local legislative candidates (Democrat and Republican) regarding their submissions. Please note our Letter to the Editor policy if you would like to write in support of a candidate. We have published all letters and OpEds received so far that fit our policy.

"Greetings candidates for state senate and assembly districts serving Greenwich. This email is being delivered to all local legislative candidates.

This email is to invite you to:
 1. Submit news releases to the Greenwich Sentinel on a regular basis especially between now and Election Day. It is our intention to carve out some space in the Sentinel's weekly print edition on a regular basis for this purpose.

What is news? Campaign special announcements or developments. Endorsements. Articles published in major publications. Campaign accomplishments. Events attended or coming up. Photos of you on the campaign trail are also welcome

with a caption.
 2. Submit letters to the editor. Letters to the editor should be emailed to editor@greenwichsentinel.com or posted here: <https://www.greenwichsentinel.com/send-letter-to-the-editor/> Letters should also be positive and explain why someone is supporting you, not why they dislike your opponent. [The Sentinel will not publish letters which are (a) unverifiable (b) attack the other candidate or party specifically.]
 3. Submit Op Eds. Op Eds are

welcome on legislative topics or issues that inform about the specific legislative topic. They should not be campaign position papers. We will also publish one Op Ed from each candidate if submitted on why you are running. It should be 600-700 words. [It should not include an attack your opponent or the other party.]

Of course our quest is to be fair with allocation of news and editorial space and to elevate the level of discourse but that job starts with your submissions."

LETTER

My Vote for Sen. Fazio

To the Editor,
 When Alex Kasser chose to leave her seat in the State Senate, I voted for Ryan Fazio in the special election to succeed her and I am glad that I did. He's always shown dedication to our community and now he's sprung into action as an effective bipartisan member of the Senate.

What I liked about Ryan from the start is his strong connection and commitment to our community. He grew up

in the district, graduated from the Greenwich Public Schools and chose to return here with an economics degree from Northwestern in hand for a career in commodities markets, specializing in renewable energy.

Since then, Ryan has continuously volunteered to give back to community. He spent many years as a tutor in inner-city charter schools, and then extensively with the United Way, Meals on Wheels, and as a

member of Greenwich's Energy Efficiency Committee. Prior to being elected to the state Senate, he also represented District 12 on the Representative Town Meeting.

What I love about Ryan is the work he has done in the short time that he has been in Hartford.

He has reached across the aisle to write, sponsor and co-sponsor bills that will make our state more affordable, cleaner, safer and a more conducive place for businesses and families.

He even co-wrote a new law to improve students' mental health in schools—very rare for a freshman legislator in the minority party—and co-sponsored other legislation on the environment and the safety of seniors.

This November, I am proud to once again to vote for our now State Senator Ryan Fazio. I hope you will support him too.

Irene Dietrich

LETTER

Fiorello Explains Her Votes Honestly

To The Editor:
 I am writing today to voice my support for Kimberly Fiorello. She has proven herself by taking up causes that matter, not only to the constituents of the 149th, but to the entire Town of Greenwich and the State of Connecticut. She has worked tirelessly to help improve the lives of the constituents that I serve at Greenwich Communities so they can keep more of what they earn by fighting to cut taxes,

reduce gasoline prices, and reduce regulations on businesses. She really cares about the little guy. As a mother, she cares about quality education of our children. I have seen her in action during Zoom meetings and in town hall meetings attended by hundreds.

Connecticut has been under one party rule for decades and look where it has gotten us. You can tell when someone is effective - it's when their opponents gather

around that person and make personal attacks to try to discredit them. During the session, Kimberly took more time than any legislator I've ever seen to keep us informed and explain her votes with truth, not mis-information!

One more thing, Kimberly's family background includes a grandmother who escaped communism in North Korea. Kimberly knows from family experience how amazing the

American system of government is. I am confident that so many of Kimberly's votes are in fact guided by her oath to the U.S. and state Constitutions. This is why I am asking you to re-elect Kimberly Fiorello to the 149th District for another term.

Sam Romeo

LETTER

Grateful to Fiorello for Her Help

Dear Editor,
 As a State Representative, Kimberly Fiorello has done many good things for the people of her district and our state as a whole.

Here's just one example. During COVID, the Connecticut Competitive Cheer gyms were not being classified properly by the state and as a result not being allowed to operate their businesses fully as every other competitive gym in surrounding states were allowed to do.

On behalf of the gym owners of

the state of Connecticut, including myself, I contacted Kimberly and voiced our concerns, hoping she might be able to help. She responded immediately and even paid a visit to my gym. She understood that COVID policies should not be a one-size-fits-all solution.

She took the time to understand the details of what we do, the precautions we were taking to keep everyone safe, and how important it was to re-open our business no only for the financial well-being of

our employees and their families but, most importantly, for the well-being of the young athletes in our state. These athletes needed their gym to be able to continue to stay healthy during these uncertain times in mind, body, and soul. They needed to be able to continue to train in order to stay competitive and represent the state of Connecticut on the National and World levels, like their competitors were doing in surrounding states.

Kimberly's efforts on our behalf made a difference and soon after

her visit the Connecticut Cheer gyms were allowed to return to normal operations. Kimberly Fiorello takes the time to listen to and respond to the needs of her constituents, which is the most important thing an elected representative is supposed to do – "represent" – the members of her district. We will forever be grateful for Kimberly and her work, and we fully support her in her run for re-election. We hope you will too.

Anne Asta

Local Public Company Market Watch

GREENWICH INDEX				
COMPANY	SYMBOL	52 HIGH	52 LOW	PRICE*
AmBase Corporation	ABCP	\$0.43	\$0.08	\$0.12
Ellington Financial LLC	EFC	\$18.95	\$12.74	\$14.09
Hudson Global	HSN	\$44.00	\$15.46	\$34.65
Interactive Brokers Group, Inc.	IBKR	\$82.83	\$52.18	\$66.97
Oxford Lane Capital Corp.	OXLC	\$8.53	\$5.49	\$5.68
Oxford Square Capital Corp.	OXSQ	\$4.47	\$3.45	\$3.46
Retail Opportunity Investments Corp.	ROIC	\$20.09	\$15.06	\$15.26
Starwood Property Trust Inc.	STWD	\$26.36	\$19.69	\$22.70
Townsquare Media Inc.	TSQ	\$15.33	\$7.71	\$7.78
Urstadt Biddle Properties Inc.	UBA	\$21.66	\$15.43	\$16.16
W.R. Berkley Corp.	WRB	\$71.77	\$46.76	\$65.01
XPO Logistics Inc.	XPO	\$88.00	\$45.09	\$45.95

* as of close of business 9/21/22

OP ED

Connecticut's Spending Problem is Your Problem



BY STATE REP. KIMBERLY FIORELLO

One of the best ways to understand the State's budget is to imagine it's part of your own personal budget.

According to Truth in Accounting, a non-partisan non-profit research organization whose mission is "to compel governments to produce financial reports that are understandable, reliable, transparent and correct," each Connecticut taxpayer is on the hook for \$62,500 of the state debt -- the highest debt burden per taxpayer in the country. An updated report is coming soon in October.

This means you have your checking and savings accounts, your credit card bills, the mortgage on your house, and you cannot ignore that

Connecticut has a credit card bill for you too -- your share of the debt the state has imposed on you.

Rising interest rates might be making you reconsider any plans you might have had to refinance your home or to start a big project like building that addition to your home. You may also be reading in the newspapers about how rising interest rates are hurting major companies.

What isn't making headlines in Connecticut is the increased cost rising interest rates are creating for the State (remember, that's us) on its veritable Mount Everest of debt.

In 2020, the state issued \$500 million of taxable general obligation bonds that had us paying 2.677% interest rate for the 10-year maturity. By comparison, in 2022, the state issued \$350 million of taxable general obligation bonds that requires us to pay 4.160% interest rate for the 10-year maturity. That's a jump.

For FY23, the Office of Fiscal Analysis is calculating

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that debt service will take up 14% of the State's spending. Going forward, debt service will surely take up more.

The biggest problem I see with our State's finances is that we keep spending and borrowing with seemingly no concern for what we are doing to ourselves. The new FY23 budget added \$574.4 million in additional appropriations, resulting in total state spending that was higher by \$1.45 billion or 6.4%, than in FY22.

Here are three of the most egregious examples of excessive spending during my first term in office:

BABY BONDS -- In 2021,

Connecticut became the first state to create a state-managed trust fund program for babies born to low-income mothers. This is the most blatant nanny state program I've ever seen. This \$600 Connecticut Baby Bond Trust program will put \$3,200 in a special savings account for each baby, assuming an unrealistic 6.9% annual rate of return, when the baby turns 18, he/she can claim the funds which would have grown to at least \$10,635, according to government estimates.

HEALTH CARE FOR UNDOCUMENTED CHILDREN -- In 2021 and 2022, Hartford politicians expanded HUSKY

B, the state's health insurance program for children from low-income families, to include services to undocumented children. First to children up to age 8, then the next year, up to age 12, with the ability to stay on the program until age 19. The State said there were 1,900 qualifying children at an average annual cost of \$2,200 per child, projected to cost \$4.1 million in FY23. This bill was so controversial with bipartisan opposition that it failed in committee. But it was tucked in to the budget bill and passed.

FEMININE PRODUCTS TO BE PUT IN BOYS' BATHROOM IN SCHOOLS -- If it weren't

bad enough that Hartford politicians spend excessively in Hartford, they also routinely pass unfunded mandates on towns, forcing spending of local municipal dollars. This one, that forced all school districts to put menstrual products in one boy's bathroom in every school grades 3 to 12, was simply irrational. This was also in the budget bill.

These are just three examples of the way your hard-earned dollars are being spent. Our one-party-rule state has lost its way. Connecticut's spending problem is your problem. Elections matter.

OP ED

Why I'm running for State Treasurer



BY STATE REP. HARRY ARORA

I am the Republican candidate for state treasurer, perhaps the most powerful sole fiduciary among all 50 states. Our state's finances are in poor shape. We have \$100 billion in debt and unfunded liabilities. The most recent report showed despite Connecticut's relatively high wealth among earners, our pension debt is the eighth worst in the country, according to the CT Mirror.

Our pensions are less than 50 percent funded and the current strategy to catch up is not working. For the last 20 years, the Office of Treasurer has been run by officials with no finance experience who have managed the State Treasury to further political agendas.

The treasurer's main role is to manage our finances and that must be the priority. Even in this cycle, the Democrat platform for treasurer is about social policies and not about fixing our financial mess. As your next state treasurer, I plan to address the three primary issues our state faces which are holding our state back.

End the debt binge

Connecticut has more than \$25 billion of issued debt (and much more off-balance sheet debt). Our overall annual state tax revenues are around \$22 billion. This excessive, more than 100 percent debt/income ratio is significantly detrimental to economic growth. Periods of low-interest rates have masked this problem, but that may not continue in the future. We issue debt to fund various capital projects. Many of our capital projects have not been vetted well. The FBI is investigating many of those projects including numerous local

school construction issues and the state pier in New London. As your next state treasurer, I will ensure that through due diligence is done before any debt is issued. We have nearly \$12 billion of principal repayments over the next decade and need to have a plan to repay that. Additionally, I will also work to extend our maturities at low-interest rates when the market opportunity arises. Reducing our debt service expense will allow the state to reduce taxes or invest more in selected programs.

Address the pension fund deficit

While the state debt looks excessive, the unfunded pension liability of nearly \$40 billion is a train wreck. This pension deficit is the single factor holding our state back. Each year, we pay almost \$3 billion in pension expenses. Were it not for that expense, our taxes would be lower and our economic growth much higher. We have not invested appropriately to deliver on our promises. Our pension returns have lagged an index of stocks and bonds by 3.5 percent over the last five years. Our asset allocation is

inappropriate, and we pay too much investment fees. Had we invested responsibly, we would not be in this dire situation. As your next state treasurer, I intend to change our asset allocation and end underperformance.

Address OPEB/health care benefits shortfall

Our unfunded liabilities do not end with the pension shortfall. We have a \$25 billion shortfall in the OPEB or health care benefits for our state employees. That is a problem that needs to be addressed immediately. We have a small \$1 billion trust for those liabilities

which is inadequate. We need to estimate and fund these liabilities adequately.

These are challenging problems, and we need to start addressing them now. Twenty years of mismanagement have brought us to this point. My finance and investment management background will make me the first treasurer in 20 years with the desire, ability, and focus on fixing the state's financial situation. I humbly ask for your support and your vote on Nov. 8.

State Rep. Harry Arora, R-Greenwich, is the Republican candidate for state treasurer.

OPEN LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Questions for the BOE

Dear Ms. Stowe,

Three weeks have passed since the revelations occurred that the Greenwich Public School System (GPS) may be guilty of violating Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This revelation, while controversial in nature, has spurred debate and attention to the hiring practices, ethics and motivations of the administration of the Greenwich Public School system. Our employee, Superintendent Toni Jones, has stated her intention to launch an investigation into this matter. The intent of this letter is to request an update on the progress of the investigation at the next Board of Education meeting. Specifically, into the below matters:

1. What were the circumstances that led Mr. Boland to be discussing GPS hiring practices to an

outside party during Summer Recess?

2. How much input does Mr. Boland have in the interview process? Is Mr. Boland's opinion a deciding factor in the hiring/placement of prospective teaching candidates?

3. How many interviews has Mr. Boland participated over the past two years as Assistant Principal of Cos Cob Elementary School?

4. Of the interviews Mr. Boland has participated, how many of the interviewees potentially fit the demographic against which Mr. Boland allegedly discriminated?

5. Has Superintendent Jones acted in good faith towards the town, taxpayers and students in uncovering malfeasance? Should Superintendent

Jones be the individual to lead or oversee such an investigation?

6. If this investigation is truly independent, with whom can we log other instances of discrimination or lackadaisical ethical behavior?

I understand the immense scrutiny around this incident. It is also not lost on me that there is a contentious election being held in just over a month and that this matter is folly for multiple state and national candidates with hopes to rally to their cause. My only cause is to hold the Board of Education accountable for the acts of the Administration of Greenwich School Administration. If history is any indicator, Greenwich Public Schools do not have the greatest track record in investigations, as I am

aware of no formal report or conclusion to the 2013 investigation of bullying and subsequent suicide of a Greenwich High School Student.

It is Greenwich, its taxpayers, students, parents and prospective employees all deserve to know the answers to the above. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

I would like to make the following disclosures: Registered Republican. Not a member of "Greenwich Patriots", Greenwich Republican Town Committee or any organization intended to further any political cause or candidate.

Michael E. Hahn

LETTER

Fiorello Strong on Zoning Issues

Dear Editor,

I am pleased to be supporting State Representative Kimberly Fiorello for re-election. While I do not reside in Greenwich or Stamford, I've had the good opportunity to work with Rep. Fiorello on a plethora of zoning issues during the last two years, specifically, fighting against many bad policies and initiatives that would further erode the local control of towns when it comes to planning and zoning -- something that is likely unacceptable to most of us. As a volunteer zoning commissioner in the Town of Fairfield, I can attest to how important it is for local officials to make decisions for their town, not someone from Hartford who may not have ever set foot into your community.

I first met Kim in December of 2020, following her first election. I was particularly concerned with the ongoing trends from Hartford to create a one-size-fits-all approach to zoning. As a freshman member of the Planning & Development committee, Kim did a lion's share of work to stop bad proposals during the 2021 legislative session with bills focused on

shifting population from cities to suburbs and towns rather than re-populating cities. These proposed laws sought to remove much of the ability of local zoning boards to make land use decisions using the unique characteristics of land within their towns such as historic areas, environmental issues, wildlife habitat, topography and the already built environment. One such proposed law, for example, sought to expand the development of multi-family housing by making it "as-of-right" within a half mile of all commercial and transit areas (which would comprise very large portions of many towns). Kim helped to form a grassroots group called CT169Strong to bring citizens from across Connecticut together to fight against the bills, which in most cases, were championed by paid housing lobbyists and developer groups. I subsequently became a member of CT169Strong, and thanks to Kim's leadership, we presented forums, did rallies across Connecticut, and wrote countless op/ed pieces to inform residents on the damaging proposals. Kim is a champion for our local communities, and I am

grateful that she is in office. We need Kim Fiorello in Hartford to keep fighting.

As a zoning commissioner, I am also pleased to see Kim calling for a substantial reform of 8-30g, our State's affordable housing law. With 8-30g, the burden shifts from the applicant justifying the development, to the commission justifying a denial. There needs to be evidence of substantial harm to health or safety issues. Sometimes neighbors who can afford to hire an attorney to fight 8-30g applications do so (some successfully) but oftentimes, they impact very modest neighbors where residents don't have the means to intervene. Despite many towns doing the hard work of adding affordable housing units, most towns will never be able to achieve 10 percent of their housing stock being deemed affordable. The math will never add up. The 10 percent ratio is virtually a mathematical impossibility in part because 70 of the new units need not be affordable.

In its 30+ years of existence, 8-30g has created as much litigation as it has affordable housing. 8-30g does

not incentivize home ownership which is the only way to create generational wealth; it only enriches landlords. It is time to thoughtfully and carefully reform 8-30g and to create policies in Connecticut that foster true solutions for everyone. In the age of climate change, it is also important to remember that land is finite and unique, and land use decisions can permanently affect a town's economy, ecological and community health. We can and must find a better way.

With campaign season in full swing, it's critical that each and every voter asks their representative and or candidate on where they stand on local zoning -- be sure that more bad policies are on their way if we do not elect leaders who will unabashedly advocate for their communities.

Alexis Harrison is a Zoning Commissioner in Fairfield



GREENWICH LAND TRUST

Go Wild!

FAMILY FIELD DAY RETURNS!

Sunday, October 16
2:00p.m. -- 5:30p.m.



Tickets available at:
GLTrust.org

Tickets include EVERYTHING!
FERRIS WHEEL * GIANT CORN MAZE
FOOD TRUCKS * PONY RIDES * PETTING ZOO
LIVE MUSIC * ROCK CLIMBING WALL
and so much more!

VIP PATRON TICKETS

Patron Movie Night
Minions: The Rise of Gru
Saturday, October 15

Go Wild! Event Day
Early Entry, Priority Parking,
Patron Tent & Special Activities

RMA and the Greenwich Symphony

BY FRED WU

The mission of the Greenwich Retired Men's Association is summarized by its three foundational pillars: fellowship, service, and volunteerism. The Wednesday morning weekly meetings and numerous other regular activities provide ample opportunity for members to interact, engage, and build and maintain friendships. The weekly speaker program brings in highly qualified leaders in diverse fields to deliver to the Greenwich community interesting and timely talks, followed by lively discussions. The RMA encourages members to participate in local organizations that serve the community in other ways. A list of organizations to which members have volunteered their services can be found here: greenwichrma.org/volunteer-external.

For example, in the past year, the RMA supported the efforts of the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra (GSO) to select a new music director. The GSO is unusual in that its musicians are all committed professionals, while its administration and board of directors are all volunteers. The GSO was in the final stage of its two-year long music director search, having spent the first year narrowing the field of 170 applicants down to five finalists through an intensive research and interview process. In this final stage, each of the five finalists came to Greenwich to rehearse for and conduct one weekend pair of concerts. At the

request of RMA member Fred Wu, Mike Ambrosino (RMA president at the time) and speaker program chair Hollister Sturges agreed that the RMA would schedule each of the five finalists to be the featured speaker at the Wednesday RMA meeting ahead of their concert weekend. This was an ideal venue for the GSO to give each finalist broad exposure to the Greenwich community, and for the audience to learn about the backgrounds of these talented and accomplished musicians.

At the end of the 2021-22 season of concerts conducted by the finalists, the GSO Board selected Stuart Malina to be the new music director. For his inaugural concert, Malina chose George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue as the centerpiece, for which Malina would both conduct and perform as piano soloist. Weeks before the concert, RMA member and jazz enthusiast Tim Brooks volunteered to pique the interest of the membership by giving a brief talk to the RMA members about the unusual history behind the creation of Rhapsody in Blue. Just ahead of the concert, Stuart Malina was invited to the Wednesday RMA meeting to meet and mingle with members, as well as make a very brief invitation to the upcoming season. Fred Wu, who volunteers with the GSO, was in the hall selling tickets to RMA members at the group discount rate.

The concerts on Saturday and Sunday, September 10-11 were very well attended, including a large number of RMA members

and their families. The RMA was instrumental in promoting the concerts and the Greenwich Symphony in general.

This is just one example of how the RMA and its members support local volunteer organizations. Overall, RMA members contribute over 1000 hours each month to numerous local service organizations.

The next RMA speaker will be Susan Herbst, professor of political science and president emerita, University of Connecticut. The talk is entitled "Democracy in Peril? Ten Critical Political Dynamics to Understand Currently." Concerned about the current state of American democracy? Worried about the fragility of our constitutional system and its future? Then you will not want to miss Susan Herbst's presentation positing ten critical political dynamics necessary to understand the extent to which our democracy may be threatened.

Dr. Herbst was appointed as the 15th president of the University of Connecticut on December 20, 2010, by the University's Board of Trustees. She stepped down as president on July 1, 2019 and returned to the faculty. She teaches at the Stamford campus.

Prior to her appointment to the presidency, Dr. Herbst served as executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer of the University System of Georgia where she led 15 university presidents and oversaw the academic missions for all 35 public universities in Georgia. Before coming to Georgia, she served in a number of posts,

including provost and executive vice president at the University of Albany (SUNY); dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Temple University; and chair of the Political Science Department at Northwestern University.

Born in New York City and raised in Peekskill, NY, Dr. Herbst received her B.A. in political science from Duke University in 1984 and her Ph.D. in communication theory and research from the University of Southern California's Annenberg School of Communication in Los Angeles in 1989. She is the author of five books; her newest, *A Troubled Birth: The 1930's and American Public Opinion*, was recently published by the University of Chicago Press.

Dr. Herbst's presentation will occur on September 28 at 11 AM at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich.

Please Note: Attendees must show proof of vaccination and booster at the door for admittance.

RMA speaker presentations are presented as a community service at no cost to in-person or Zoom attendees. The RMA urges all eligible individuals to consider becoming a member of our great organization, and thereby enjoy all the available fellowship, volunteer, and community service opportunities which the RMA offers to its members. For further information, go to www.greenwichrma.org, or contact our membership chairman (<mailto:members@greenwichrma.org>).

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of *Music and Show Boat*; and Eric Shoji, renowned DJ and co-host of Lifetime TV's *Dance It Out*.

Ali Wentworth, star and co-executive producer of the Starz TV network series 'Head Case' and former correspondent of 'The Oprah Winfrey Show,' meanwhile, did a terrific job as the event's emcee and entertained the crowd with her hilarious, fun and witty narrative.

Collectively, the energy of Wentworth and the judging panel coupled with the involvement and support of the crowd in regard to all of the dancers designated this as a night to remember in all regards.

"It's so exciting to be here and be part of this event," said Afton Fraser, who did a dynamic dance number to Frank Sinatra's 'I've Got the World On a String' and whose son, Griffin, also did a terrific interpretation to Harry Styles' 'Watermelon Sugar' with performers from the Fred Astaire of Greenwich studio. (It was also Griffin's 20th birthday and upon finishing his routine, the whole crowd sang 'Happy Birthday' to him.) "Everyone is committed to helping to build Abilis and you can see and feel that everywhere you go here."

Afton Fraser, who was also featured in such film hits as 'George of the Jungle,' 'Reality Bites' and 'Fried Green Tomatoes,' further pontificated on the significance of this event.

"Each dance is different and every

dancer has a story to tell, which is so interesting. This event is all about the strength of people and about the community coming together for a cause," said Afton Fraser. "There is such strength, hope and optimism here and a feeling about coming together to help build a world of goodness, purpose and happiness for everyone."

Others concurred.

"This is such a wonderful and important event for Abilis," said Mitchell Cohen, Chair of the Abilis organization's Board of Directors. "The commitment of everyone here, especially Brandon and Afton Fraser and the Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Greenwich, who came to us a few years ago with the idea for this event, has been incredible. It's such an exciting night for everyone and it just keeps getting better and bigger every year."

Cohen added that this event also reflects much of the strength of the whole Greenwich community.

"Greenwich is a great community with such dedicated people working together to help one another," said Cohen. "You can see that happening here and it is something to be a part of."

Certainly, the strength of community was evident throughout the evening, as the crowd cheered on the dancers with loud applause as judges gave them positive and informative feedback in regard to their work.

"Dancing is all about confidence and energy creates energy," said Brendan Fraser to the dancers during the competition. "You told the story."

Without a doubt, the incredible storytelling on the dance floor rendered results that ought to certainly help benefit Abilis, as this event helped raise nearly 144 thousand dollars for this organization, one that has been growing in the Fairfield County at an impressive rate over the past few years. (Last year, Abilis opened Coffee for Good on Maple Avenue in town, a cafe at the Greenwich Library and managed the snack bar at Island Beach, among other significant things.)

For those involved with this event, it was all about doing an optimal job in order to continue to help this organization grow.

"This event is great and a lot of fun. Everybody here is so involved and that is everything," said Elmar Schmidt, professional instructor and owner of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Greenwich who approached Abilis several years ago with the idea for this event. "It's a unique fundraiser and we want to do whatever we can to keep it growing. It's all about being part of the community and doing whatever we can to give back to the community."

Amy Montimurro, the dedicated President and Chief Executive Officer of Abilis shared similar sentiments.

"It's an amazing event and something we all look forward to every year. Everyone is so dedicated and excited to being involved with Abilis and it is such an incredible experience to be here," said Amy Montimurro. "It's a very important event as we want to do everything possible to continue to help build opportunities for those in the community. That is what we're here for."



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www.htchurch.com

Worship Services: Sun., 9:00 & 10:30am. All services are streamed on the church's website and YouTube channel. In addition to Sundays, there are also groups for children and teens on Wednesday evenings. Fire In The Night: Sept. 23, 6pm.

BAPTIST

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

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

Greenwich Baptist Church

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

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

CATHOLIC

Sacred Heart Church

95 Henry St.; 203-531-8730
www.sacredheartgreenwich.org

Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am, in the Chapel. Sat, 4pm. Sun: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3:20-3:50pm. Prayer Group: Thu, 4:30pm, in the Chapel, 38 Gold St, all are welcome. Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730. The 15th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference: Sept. 24, 7:30am, Northwest Catholic HS, West Hartford, \$45, ctatholicmen.org.

St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes
St. Agnes: 247 Stanwich Rd; St. Catherine: 4 Riverside Ave; 203-637-3661
www.stc-sta.org

* All Masses at St. Catherine of Siena Church only are livestreamed.

Masses: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri: 7am, St. Catherine's Church (livestream); 5:15pm, St. Catherine's Chapel. Wed: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, St. Catherine's Church. Sat (Specific dates confirmed in bulletin): Confessions, 3-4pm, St. Catherine's Church; Vigil Mass, 5pm, St. Catherine's Church (livestreamed). Sun: Mass, 7:30am, St. Catherine's Church (livestream); Mass, 8:30am, St. Agne's Church; Family Mass, 9am, St. Catherine's Church, (livestreamed); Mass, 10am, St. Agne's Church; Traditional Mass, 10:30am, St. Catherine's Church, (livestreamed); Teen Mass, 5pm, St. Catherine's Church, (livestreamed). Language Masses: St. Catherine's Chapel: Korean Mass (every Sun), 9am. French Mass (2nd Sun of the month), Italian Mass (3rd Sun of the month), Spanish Mass (4th Sun of the month [not in September]), 11am. Ongoing: Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine's church on Tuesdays, 9-11am for drop-off donations. Donations can also be dropped at the Sign-in table at Sat, Sun or Daily Mass at St. Agnes). New Day Bereavement Program: Thursdays through Nov. 10, 2:30-4pm, ParishPartners@stc-sta.org, 203-637-3661 ext. 375.

St. Mary Church

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

Public Mass: Sun: 9, 10:30am, 12:15 & 5:15pm. Sat Vigils: 4 & 7pm (Spanish). Daily: Mon-Fri, 12:05pm (Church doors will open from 10am-3pm). Confessions (English): Tue: 7-8pm; Sat: 3-3:45pm. Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri of the month: 12:30-5pm. Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study: Sept. 27, 9:30-11:30am, register, gramparknyc@gmail.com.

St. Michael the Archangel

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

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30 & 9am. Sat: 9am & 5pm. Sun: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45am, 12 & 5pm. Confession: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm; Wed: 9:30-11am & 6:30-8pm. Eucharistic Adoration: Wed, 9:30am-8pm. New Day Bereavement Program: Sept. 22-Nov. 17, Thu, 7-8:30pm & Sept. 28-Nov. 30 (skipping Nov. 23), Wed, 4-5:30pm, 203-869-5421. Con-

cert - Children's Health Defense: Sept. 24, 6:30pm. Parish Picnic: Sept. 25, 1pm.

St. Timothy Chapel

1034 North St.; 203-869-5421

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

St. Paul Church

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

Mass: Mon-Thu: 9am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confession: Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. Ongoing: Bishop Barron's Study Program on the Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues: March 28, April 4 & 11, 7-8:30pm, mack42741@gmail.com. Mass each Friday during Lent Season, 9am, followed by The Stations of the Cross.

St. Roch Church

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

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist

11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555
christiansciencet.org/greenwich

Sundays: 10:30am. Sunday School: for students up to 20yrs, 10:30am, Wed. 7:30, testimonies of healing - call in for all services 203-680-9095 code 520520*. Reading Room, 333 Greenwich Ave. 203-869-2503, M-F, 11-3, some Saturdays. Bibles and children's books for sale. Sept. 26 "Reality," Oct. 2 "Unreality."

COMMUNITY

First Church of Round Hill

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

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am.

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

roundhillcommunitychurch.org
Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at roundhillcommunitychurch.org anytime. Children's Worship for grades K-5 is now available; nursery care is not yet being offered. Please call the church office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules, which are subject to change based on current local health and safety protocols.

CONGREGATIONAL

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

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

North Greenwich Congregational
606 Riversville Rd; 203-869-7763
www.northgreenwichchurch.org

Online Worship Service: Sun, 10:30am, via Zoom (email Rev. Halac at Pastor@northgreenwichchurch.org or call the church).

Second Congregational Church

139 E Putnam Ave; 203-869-9311
www.2cc.org

Worship: Sun, 8:30 & 10:30am. Children's Chapel: Sun, 9:15. Back to School VBS: Sept. 26. Halloween Costume Sip & Swap: Oct. 2, 4-6pm.

EPISCOPAL

Anglican Church of the Advent
606 Riversville Rd; 203-861-2432
www.churchoftheadvent.org

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

Christ Church Greenwich

254 E. Putnam Ave; 203-869-6600

www.christchurchgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sun, 8am (Chapel); 10am (Church/ in-person & livestream). "Messy Church" Family Holy Eucharist: Sun, 9am (dates: Sept. 11 & 25, Oct. 9 & 23, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11), Behind the Tomes-Higgins House (Oct-Dec location: Parish Hall), bring a chair or blanket. Choral Evensong: Sun, 5pm (in-person & livestream). Mon-Fri: Morning Prayer, 8am (via Zoom). Wed: Eucharist, 10am (Church) Thu: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm (in-person & livestream). The Tanzania Trip: Jan. 12-24, 2023, kfroyce@gmail.com. "Noche Cubana" Party: Sept. 23, 6-8pm, \$75. Fall Cookies & Treat Boxes for Homebound Parishioners: Sept. 24, 9:30am, Parish Hall. Men's Welcome Back Barbecue: Sept. 27, 6pm, Behind the Tomes-Higgins House.

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

Sunday Worship: Spoken Eucharist, 10am (Summer), Church; Holy Eucharist with music, 10am, Church and Livestream; Family Eucharist, 10am, Parish Hall. Coffee and Morning Prayers Podcast: Mon-Fri.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

200 Riverside Ave.; 203-637-2447
www.stpaulsriverside.org

Worship: Sundays: 10:15am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately following worship service. Sunday school in Selleck Hall resumes on Sept. 25 - including Frolic Faith class for toddlers 2 years+. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive - pick-up every Thursday, 10-11:30am in the parking lot. Fall Fete & Auction: Sept. 24, 5pm.

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

www.saintsaviours.org

In-person Outdoor Service: Sun, 11am. Online Worship Services available on Youtube.

JEWISH

Chabad Lubavitch of Greenwich

75 Mason St.; 203-629-9059
www.chabadgreenwich.org

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. Rosh Hashanah at Greenwich Library - Sept. 25: Candle Lighting, 6:29pm; Traditional Synagogue Service, 7pm; Service concludes, 7:45pm. Rosh Hashanah Days - Sept. 26 & 27: Traditional Synagogue Service, 8am; Torah Reading, 9:30am; Sermon, 10:15am; Shofar Blowing, 10:30am; CTeen Service, 10:45am; Family Program w/ Shofar Blowing, 12pm; Tashlich Service (9/26), 4pm; Light Candles after this time on 9/26, 7:25pm; Holidays ends Sept. 27, 7:24pm.

Congregation Shir Ami

One W. Putnam Ave;

203-274-5376

www.congregationshirami.org

All services, programs and celebrations are available online via Zoom. Erev Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 25, 7-8:30pm, Round Hill Community Church. Rosh Hashanah Service: Sept. 26, 10am-12:00pm, Round Hill Community Church.

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

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday, 6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom. Erev Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 25, 7pm. Rosh Hashanah - Sept. 26: Tot Service, 8:45am; Family Morning Service, 9:45am; Traditional Morning Service, 11:30am; Free tickets available only to those new to our community, Lisa@GRS.org.

Temple Shalom

300 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-7191
www.templeshalom.com

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. Erev Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 25, all day.

LUTHERAN

First Lutheran Church

38 Field Point Rd.; 203-869-0032
www.flcgreenwich.org

Indoor Service: Sun, 10:30am. Bible Study: Sun, 11:45am.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

286 Delavan Ave.; 203-531-8466

Indoor Service: Sun, 9am. Bible Study: Sun, 10:15am. Wednesday After-School program: Snacks & Crafts, 3-4pm; Bible Stories & Catechesis, 4-5pm; Community Dinner, 5:30pm (all are welcome); Bible Study on Romans (adults), 6:30pm.

METHODIST

Diamond Hill United Methodist

521 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-2395
www.diamondhillumc.com

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

First United Methodist Church

59 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-629-9584
www.fumcgreenwich.com

Virtual Sunday Worship, 9:30am, via Zoom (203 629 9584). Virtual Daily Gathering: Mon-Fri, 3pm, Zoom. Talking with Your Hands: Mon, 3pm. Reading this World as a Christian: Tue, 3pm. Back to Rock - music with Mr. Bruce: Tue, 3pm, via Zoom. Reading the Shape of Scripture: Wed, 3pm, via Zoom. Spring Bible Study: Thu, 3pm, via Zoom. Tea & Talk: Fri 3pm, via Zoom.

Bethel African Methodist

Episcopal

42 Lake Ave.; 203-661-3099

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

NONDENOMINATIONAL

Dingletown Community Church

376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane

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

Revive Church

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

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

Stanwich Church

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

Events marked with an "*" require registration at stanwichchurch.org/events

Worship Service: Sundays, 9 & 10:45am. *ALPHA In-Person Program (96 Broad St, Stamford), Begins Sept. 12, 7pm. *ALPHA Online

Program (Zoom), Begins Sept. 14, 7pm. *JourneyMates Prayer Group, Meets monthly starting Sept. 26, 10am. *Faith Driven Conference Live Watch Party, Sept. 28 & 29, 10am.

The Albertson Memorial Church

293 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-4615

www.albertsonchurch.org

Sunday Service: 7pm, via Zoom. Virtual Children's Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links).

Trinity Church

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

In-Person Services: Sun., 9:45am, Hyatt Regency Greenwich, 1800 E. Putnam Ave.; 10am, Radisson Hotel, New Rochelle, 1 Radisson Plaza; 11am, The Chapel at NPC, 2011 Post Rd, Darien. Online Service: Sun, 9:45am, youtube.com/c/Trinity-ChurchLife/live. Blood Drive: Sept. 23, 9am-2pm, Ministry Center, 5 River Rd. Food Packing Event with Rise Against Hunger: Oct. 2, 9:45am-12:15pm, Greenwich Service, 1800 E. Putnam Ave.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church

1 W. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-8686
www.fpcg.org

Summer Worship: June 19-Aug. 28, 8:30am, Tod's Point (except July 3). Worship in the Sanctuary: 10:30am. New Member Class: Sept. 25, 11:30, in the Chapel. Fellowship Around the Bible: Sept. 28, Church Library.

Grace Church of Greenwich

89 Maple Ave.; 203-861-7555
www.gracechurchgreenwich.com

Worship: Sun, 10am, Woman's Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. (Outside - seats available inside). Bible Studies and Sunday School meet in person. All are welcome.

Living Hope Community Church

38 West End Ave; 203-637-3669
www.LivingHopect.org

In-person & online (LivingHopect.org/livestream) worship Sundays: 10am. Alpha course: Beginning Sept. 12, 7pm, on Zoom (The class is 11 weeks, feel free to try it out, no obligation). Register and more information: livinghopect.org/resources/alpha. Ongoing: Farmers Market: Wednesdays, 2:30-6:30pm. Sept. 25: Pivot, 10am; Membership Class, 11:15am.

Sunday, Sept. 25
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Helen Fox



Helen Frances Fox, age 91, passed away on September 17, 2022. Helen was born in Williston, Vt. to Julius and Mary (Cassidy) Tuure.

Helen attended Cathedral High School and graduated from the University of Vermont's Bishop DeGoesbriand Hospital School of Nursing. She was a registered nurse and worked for many years at Greenwich Hospital, Putnam Weaver Nursing Home, and The Nathaniel Witherell. After retirement, Helen cared for her many grandchildren.

Helen was a loving, kind and caring mother and "Nana" to her large family. She was a devoted parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish in Greenwich. She volunteered for many years at the Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Day Dinner with her husband, Edwin.

Helen was predeceased by her husband, Edwin. She is survived by her children, Timothy (Lenore), Mark (Toni), Cheryl (Michael), Matthew (Leslie), Natalie (Mark), Theresa (Stevie), and Brian (Lori); her grandchildren, Jason (Jerica), Laura, Jennifer (Justin), Drew, Jared (Caraline), Danielle (Brad), Allison (Michael), Michael (Nicole), Adam (Katherine), Christian (Jessica), Peter, Matthew, Ryan (Maddy), Justin, Jacob, Helen, Fisher, Abigail, Sydney, Gabriella, Owen, William, Leah, and Noelle; her great-grandchildren, Dominic, Olivia, Penelope, Alana, and Justin.

Helen was also predeceased by her parents; sisters, Ann and Rita; and her brothers, Donald, Alan, Phillip, and Richard. She is survived by her brothers, John and Daniel; and sisters, Ruth and Catherine. She is also survived by her sisters and brothers-in-law and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

Services were private and provided by Castiglione Funeral Home, Inc. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Helen's memory to Friends of Nathaniel Witherell, 70 Parsonage Road, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830.

To leave an online condolence, please go to castiglione.com.

The family would like to extend their appreciation and gratitude to the staff of The Nathaniel Witherell, for their care and support to Helen and her family over the years.

Debra Koziel

Debra Koziel, age 67, passed away unexpectedly at home on September 10.

Born in Greenwich to Frank

and Catherine (Fox) Gumkowski, she has resided in Stamford for the past 35 years.

She graduated from Greenwich High School, class of '73" and worked as a medical secretary with Greenwich Hospital from high school until the time of her passing.

She was predeceased by her father Frank and is survived by her mother Kay Gumkowski, her husband Peter Koziel and her brother John.

A graveside service was held at St. Mary Cemetery in Greenwich on Monday, Sept. 19.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at leopgallaghergreenwich.com

Richard Kordas, Sr.



Richard (Rich) F. Kordas Sr. of Greenwich, CT passed from this earthly life on Friday, September 16, at the age of 82.

Rich is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Patricia Cody Kordas. They were married in Greenwich at St. Mary's Church. Their relationship served as an example of unsurpassed love and compassion. Their children are: Richard F. Kordas Jr. and his wife Monica, Jeffrey P. Kordas and his wife Sheila, Jennifer Kordas Gorman and her husband Shawn. Rich had 6 grandchildren that he loved very much: Sam, Makayla, Colby, Jake, Abigail and Grace. Rich has three surviving siblings: Robert, Karol and David.

Rich is predeceased by his parents Frank and Julia Kordas and his brother Frank Kordas Jr.

Born and raised in Greenwich, Rich was employed by Greenwich Hospital for 31 years as a Zone Mechanic. Rich was a former member of the Volunteer Hose and Chemical Company of the Greenwich Fire Department. He could always be found listening to the Police scanner even after his volunteer days were over.

After retiring, Rich loved working in the yard and fixing up the house. Once the grandkids came along he took on a new title as Pop pop. He enjoyed every opportunity he got to be with his family. He loved watching the kids' ball games and even recently he was still going to watch his son Rich's softball games.

Rich was a quiet presence but he was loved by all who met him. His impact was evident in the last weeks of his life by the number of people that came to see him.

Rich was also a proud member of the Social Seniors at St. Catherine's. He made so many new friends there and loved spending time with them.

A funeral mass was held at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, September 21. Rich's burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Greenwich Fire Department. They can be sent to the Fire Headquarters at 15 Havemeyer Place, Third Floor, Greenwich, CT 06830.

Aldo Papone



It is with such profound sorrow and grief to announce the passing of Aldo Papone. He passed away in his home on September 16 surrounded by his family and loved ones.

Aldo's was a truly a life to be celebrated and admired. Born August 16, 1932, in Bordighera, Italy. He was educated in Europe and held a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Genoa.

He immigrated to the United States in 1954. Aldo became a buyer for a men's boutique on Park Avenue called Barra of Italy, which is where he met the love of his life. Sandra and Aldo tied the knot in 1956 and settled in New York City. In 1969 they made Greenwich, CT their forever home.

Aldo began a career with R.H. Macy & Co. in New York, where for 18 years he held a number of general merchandising, buyer and store management posts. In 1971, he became Vice President and General Merchandising Manager and, subsequently, Senior Vice President, Merchandising.

He joined American Express in 1974 as Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Company's Travel Division. He was named President of the Travel Division that same year and assumed the presidency of the Card Division in 1979.

In 1980, Aldo joined Dayton Hudson Corporation as Executive Vice President, with corporate responsibility for 5 of the 8 Dayton Hudson operating companies. He was elected Vice Chairman of Dayton Hudson Corp. in 1981.

He returned to American Express in 1983 as Vice Chairman of American Express Travel Related Services Co., Inc. and Executive Vice President of the American Express Co. He was named President of the International Division a year later. Aldo became President and Chief Operating Officer of American Express Travel Related Services Co. in 1985, and in 1989, assumed the additional role of Chief Executive Officer. He was elected Chairman of the Office of the President in 1989. Later that year, Aldo was elected Chairman of the Board of American Express Travel Related Services Co, Inc. and served on the Board's Executive Committee.

He was elected to the American Express Company Board of Directors in February 1990 and served on its Public Responsibility Committee. In July 1991, he was elected to the American Express Bank Board of Directors. He is a former Director of American Express Publishing, American Express Europe, Ltd.; American Express Egypt, Ltd. and Amexco, Inc.

Aldo was a Director of Lotus Development Corp. He served on many, many boards: William

Carter Co., WARNACO, Inc., IDS Financial Services, First Data Resources, The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, The Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts, The Minnesota Opera, The Boy's Club of Minneapolis, The Body Shop, Hyperion and his most cherished appointment, Hospital for Special Surgery. He served on the Board for almost 30 years and the last 15 as Co-Chairman.

Aldo was a visible and frequent spokesman for the tourism and consumer credit industries, having given numerous speeches in the United States and abroad and testified before the U.S. Congress.

Aldo retired from American Express due to health reasons and was hired as a consultant to the company for the next 15 years. Continuing with several boards, more importantly, he became extremely active with HSS. Aldo and his wife have a pavilion named after them at Hospital for Special Surgery, from all the years of charitable donations and dedication. For Aldo's final act he published two books which he was extremely proud of: The Power of the Obvious and The Power of Reinvention.

The family would like to make a very special and huge thanks to his caregiver/buddy Chito Canete and his housekeeper Manoly Acebo. They have been by his side for many years and kept him safe and loved. Also, a sincere thanks to Dr. Cipriani, the team at Greenwich Registry, Olga, Justin, & Romeishe who continued to take such good care of Aldo till the end.

Aldo leaves behind his loving daughter, Renata and son-in-law, Chris. His pride and joy, grandson Gregory, and granddaughter Alexandra. They were the sparkle in his eyes. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Hospital for Special Surgery, Development Department, 535 East 70th Street, New York 10021, in memory of Aldo Papone.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday, September 22 at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Greenwich. Entombment followed at St. Mary Cemetery, Greenwich.

John Cooney

John L. Cooney, of Port Chester, NY passed away Thursday, September 15 at the age of 97.

Known as Johnny, he was born in Greenwich, CT on January 13, 1925, to the late Hugh and Mary Cooney. Johnny proudly served his country in the 4th Infantry of the Marine Corps. during WWII, where he received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in battle in the Pacific Theater.

After Johnny returned home, he attended the Parson's School of Design in New York City, where he met the love of his life and wife of 57 years, the late Elizabeth "Lee" Cooney. Johnny spent much of his career in advertising, before working in sales at Partridge & Rockwell in Greenwich. Johnny and Lee loved to vacation on Cape Cod, and their family, friends and dogs always shared a home full of joy, love and laughter.

In addition to his wife Lee, Johnny is predeceased by his sisters, Margaret "Peggy" White and Mary "May" Cooney. He is survived by his loving children, Elizabeth "Betsy" Yancy and John "Doug" Cooney; his cherished grandchildren, Raegan and Martina; and great-grandchildren, John and Erin.

To honor Johnny's life, a memorial gathering will be held Friday, September 23 from 4 to 8pm at Coxe & Graziano Funeral Home, 134 Hamilton Ave, Greenwich. A prayer service will take place during the memorial.

For more information, or to place an online condolence, please visit coxeandgraziano.com

Donald Hoer



Donald Hoer, of Greenwich, passed away peacefully after a long illness on September 12, at the age of 69. Donnie was born on September 20, 1952 to Walter and Phyllis Hoer and grew up in Yonkers, NY where he attended St. Eugene's Elementary School and graduated from Roosevelt High School. He worked for Shemin's Nursery in Greenwich

for many years before retiring.

It was in his youth that his love of horses began at the Wilmet Stables in Eastchester, NY where he made many life-long friends. He was a longtime member of the Fairfield-Westchester Professional Horsemen's Association and enjoyed riding his beloved horse, Brian. Donnie had a hearty sense of humor, enjoyed good food and the company of his friends and loved ones.

He is survived by his two brothers and sister, 4 nieces, 3 nephews and a grandnephew.

A memorial service is planned for October 2, 12-2 p.m. at Coxe & Graziano Funeral Home in Greenwich.

Donna Klingel



July 28, 1947 - August 23, 2022

On August 23, Donna Lee Klingel passed away peacefully at 75 years old. Born in Stamford, CT Donna moved to Greenwich, CT. She always provided love and support for her family and friends.

Donna is survived by her sons Peter and Robert and her pride and joy grandsons Connor and Cody. She would proudly boast about "her boys" as she affectionately called them.

Donna was predeceased by her husband Peter Robert of 53 years and her grandson Bryce.

A celebration of life for Donna will be held at 10am on October 4, at Elmwood Cemetery in Bethel, CT.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Donna's memory to Make a Wish Connecticut.

David Erdos



David Carl Erdos, of Harvard, MA, passed away surrounded by his family on August 16, 2022, following a courageous battle with NUT-carcinoma. David eased from life as elegantly and peacefully as he lived.

Born in 1944 in Brooklyn, NY, David was the son of the late Eugene Joseph Erdos and Miriam (Anshine) Erdos and younger brother of Michael S. Erdos, of New York, NY. As New York City educators, Gene and Miriam instilled the value of education in their sons. David attended Midwood High School in Brooklyn, where he met treasured lifelong friends with whom he shared many memorable adventures. Brooklyn fostered David's love of New York sports, from the Brooklyn Dodgers to the Yankees and the great NY Giants and Knicks. Broadway visits fueled his enjoyment of theatre and show tunes. Cherished time spent with his young nephew, Jason, and niece, Jillian, ensured laughter and fun. In honor of his parents, and with guidance from a resident dear friend, David helped make a children's library possible in Honduras that thrives today.

David graduated from Brooklyn College and received his M.B.A. from Columbia Business School. Upon graduation from Columbia, David joined the Exxon Corporation in finance. While employed by Exxon, David attended St. John's Law School. After receiving his law degree, David was appointed counsel for Exxon Office Systems. Declining relocation to Exxon's Texas headquarters, David opened his own law office in Stamford, Connecticut, where he practiced for decades. Admitted to the bars of Connecticut, New York, Florida and the U. S. Supreme Court, David was highly regarded as a preeminent attorney, trusted colleague and mentor, and respected adversary. He brought a tireless work ethic, civility,

integrity, keen intellect, empathy and practicality to every matter and client.

David met his future wife and fellow attorney, Pamela (Hasenstein), at a real estate closing in Connecticut. They married in 1994. Following the birth of their children, Emily and Katie, the family relocated from Greenwich, Connecticut to Harvard in 2003. In Harvard, David delighted in the pleasures of rural life, especially time spent outdoors on his tractor.

Throughout his life, he enjoyed traveling and golf reunions with friends and family, telling "Dad" jokes, gifting Yankees championship memorabilia to his Red Sox in-law family and always, a good piece of chocolate cake.

By far, the greatest fulfillment of David's life was his family, the loves of his life. Nothing gave David more joy than his adored daughters, whom he supported wholeheartedly in all their dreams and endeavors, in addition to imparting the value of education that his parents had instilled in him. His love for and pride in them was immeasurable and is everlasting.

David leaves his beloved wife, Pamela A. Erdos, of Harvard; and daughters, Emily C. Erdos and Katie A. Erdos, both of New York, NY; his brother, Dr. Michael (Caryl) Erdos; nephews and nieces Jason (Kiyomi) Erdos, Jillian (Joseph Lipchitz) Erdos, Alexander Erdos, Ellere Erdos; their children and many cousins, friends, colleagues and clients.

David will be remembered as a true gentleman, beloved husband and father, devoted son and son-in-law, faithful brother, uncle and cousin, gifted attorney, thoughtful advocate, and a fiercely loyal and generous friend who brought kindness and humor to all who knew him.

The family especially thanks the Town of Harvard Ambulance Service for their compassionate support. A celebration of David's life will take place on Sunday, October 16 at 12:30 p.m. in Harvard, MA.

Acton Funeral Home is handling arrangements. actonfh@verizon.net Burial will be private. Remembrances in David's honor may be made to the Town of Harvard Ambulance Service, 40 Ayer Road, Harvard, MA 01451 or to the Cancer Research & Treatment Fund, Inc., 500 East 77th Street, Suite 1001, New York, NY 10162.

Margaret Vincent



Margaret Aikman Vincent, Margay, beloved mother, wife, sister and friend passed away surrounded by family July 21, 2022. Born Margaret Aikman Lind on April 17, 1941 in Lewiston, ME, the first child of Margaret Creasy Lind and Vincent Edwin Lind.

Margay is survived by Rick Vincent, her loving husband of 34 years, her twin children Scott and Lara Tracy, her brother Tor Lind, and grandchildren Elisabeth and Kendra Ryder, and Alyssa and Nathan Tracy.

With love and generosity she blended her families including 7 stepchildren and their families: Tony, Richie, Micheal, Doreen, and Michelle Vincent; and Mitchell and Carl Tracy from her first marriage to Dr. Ward W. Tracy.

Margay graduated from the University of Bridgeport and was a dental hygienist for over 50 years. Margay had many hobbies including photography, gardening, crafting, and she loved to sing. She was a passionate animal lover, caring for many dogs, cats, horses, chickens and two sheep. Margay was also passionate about the Dingtletown Community Church, of which she was an active member and leader for over 50 years. Margay and Rick lived in Weston, CT for 34 years, but their favorite destination was the family island on Moosehead Lake in Maine.

A Service will be held at the Dingtletown Community Church in Greenwich, on September 24 at 1pm.



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Our Spiritual Home



By MAREK ZABRISKIE

I am rethinking being away for a significant part of the summer as Greenwich is so fabulous from June through August. Nonetheless, many of us vanish. But what's special is that we return home in the fall to our houses and our spiritual places of worship.

Home is where the heart is and where the door is open and where we always feel welcomed. Home sweet home. There's no place like home, especially a spiritual home.

For most of us the word "home" suggests comfort, warmth, acceptance, dignity, and identity. Equally positive are associations evoked by words such as "homeland," "home free," and "home run." When someone dies, we say she is "going home."

Frederick Buechner, who recently died, writes, "The word home summons up a place – more specifically a house within that place – that you have rich and complex feelings about, a place where you feel, or did feel

once, uniquely at home, which is to say a place where you feel you belong and that in some sense belongs to you, a place where you feel that all is somehow ultimately well even if things aren't going all that well at any given moment."

Most of us have a special house where we have lived that stands out in our mind. Then there is the home in which we raised our children and tried our best to create a safe, loving world for our children and for ourselves. If we were lucky, we were born into a home like that.

The longing for home is so universal that there is a special word for it – homesickness. When I finished high school I boarded a plane and flew to Scotland to play for a semi-professional soccer team in Aberdeen. I had big dreams, but I was soon overcome by homesickness. Scotland didn't feel like home to me at age 18.

There's an own homespun aphorism which says, "You can't go home again, but you can always go back to church." In each of the four wonderful churches that I have served, newcomers would often say is, "I feel like I had come home when I entered this church." Indeed, a good church is a spiritual home and vital to our lives.

In his autobiography *Surprised by Joy* the great Christian writer C.S. Lewis

described how from his earliest years he was haunted by an experience of what he called longing, or nostalgia, a yearning for a time and a place that he could never exactly identify, but that always seemed like the place he most deeply belonged. He experienced this longing most intensely while listening to certain kinds of music, or reading the mysterious myths of ancient times.

And he associated it too with what he called the idea of autumn. Do you know that rare, almost ineffable experience of autumn? The intense beauty of these cool, clear days, soon to be filled with the leaping flames of colorful leaves – but all the time sensing how soon it will pass, how the days are drawing shorter, how we can't cling to this. And what we feel most deeply is our desire to

hold on to this moment, this time, that somehow this is where we belong, but that we can't hold onto it forever. We long for a home we cannot reach.

As each of us needs a homeland, every family needs a house of God that is open to members and visitors alike. Every Christian needs a community that works to find love and to defeat hate, a place where everyone is made to feel "at home."

I suppose the most famous home-coming in all of Scripture is the return of the Prodigal Son. The parable is really not so much about the son who makes a mess of his life and realizes how much he needs his home, but it's a story about a father who never gave up and couldn't wait to run and embrace his wayward son. Jesus told this incredible story

to remind us of the unbelievable good news that there is more mercy in God than sin in us.

I like to think that as our members drive or walk to Christ Church, they see a glorious father or mother figure ready to run, embrace and forgive their trespasses and whatever they have done wrong. And wouldn't be wonderful if that kind of image could occur around the world, for the Prodigal Son mirrors the plight of all of us.

Some people think that forgiveness is for sissies. But to me forgiveness signifies the destructive power of evil and the dismantling of evil itself. Forgiveness signifies that while sin estranges us from God, sin never estranges God from us. No matter how orphaned we feel, we are never fatherless from God. Surely, that is why we return to

our spiritual home.

Church is where those who think that they are nobodies discover that they are priceless human beings. We come home to church where we can stop trying to prove ourselves; God has already taken care of that. All we have to do is be that unique person God created us to be, to receive our identity as a gift from God, not as an achievement of our own. We come to church – our spiritual home – to receive our forgiveness and identity, which are priceless in God's sight. Welcome back to your spiritual home.

The Rev. Marek Zabriskie is passionate about building community and helping people come spiritually alive and discover deep and lasting joy.

I Believe, Help Me With My Unbelief



By KATE NOONAN

For the last few months the following prayer echoes through my meditation : I believe, help me with my unbelief. It seems like an oxymoron and it may be, but it is my reality. I am a believer and a doubter. When you read this column I will be wrapping up a week in London where I am dropping my youngest at University College London as a first year student. As I sit at JFK writing, part of me knows that this week and even this semester will be a great success for my child while much of me wonders, will it really be alright?

Transitions are unnerving and life is full of them. At times of doubt, fear and uncertainty I

actively, sometimes desperately, look for inspiration. I turn to those who have felt worry, fear or doubt in their lives yet their faith blossomed despite that heaviness. Julian of Norwich, an anchoress, lived in Norwich, England c.1342-c.1416 and is the author of *Revelations of Divine Love*. Her work often serves as a touchstone for me when I feel as if the challenges of life are too much to bear. You may be familiar with one of her most famous quotes: "All shall be well and all manner of things shall be well." These words came to her in a divine revelation on May 8, 1373. These revelations became the basis for her writings. She is hailed as the first woman to write a book in English which has survived to this day.

Julian's life was fraught with difficulty. She lived during a pandemic, most likely lost all of her family during the black plague and chose to literally wall herself off from the world. The phrase all manner of

My faith dwells in an evolutionary state, growing, sloughing off what is not necessary and finding new points of connection. My faith is a living, growing entity. I need to nurture this gift, invite God into my life, ask for direction and be willing to sit in the uncertainty of life.

things shall be well was not a pithy phrase but one that was revealed to Julian after she had argued with God. This famous quote doesn't make it into the book until chapter 26. In my imagination I picture Julian in conversation with God sharing her greatest sadness and worries, her heartbreaks and opening up her broken heart. Perhaps a few times during these conversations she complained: "But God, I've lost my family, nothing has gone to

plan and honestly, it feels quite far from all manner of things being well." If she didn't voice these types of frustrations I assure you I have voiced my complaints to the Almighty. On more than one occasion I have said aloud, eyes and arms up to the heavens: "Really this is the best plan for today?"

The reality is I do not know the best plan or results for my life. Some of the toughest situations I've endured have become the most validating.

It serves me to keep the faith, do the footwork and leave the results up to God.

I will continue to pray: I believe, help me with my unbelief because it is a true reflection of my spiritual journey. My faith dwells in an evolutionary state, growing, sloughing off what is not necessary and finding new points of connection. My faith is a living, growing entity. I need to nurture this gift, invite God into my life, ask for direction and be

willing to sit in the uncertainty of life. The truth is most everything has worked out, maybe not exactly according to my plans, but rather well nonetheless. Life goes on, it's easy, glorious, difficult, always morphing into something new and most often all manner of things are well.

Kate Noonan is the Pastoral Associate at St. Ignatius Loyola NYC and a Spiritual Life Coach here in Greenwich.

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Initiative" as 3-2-1. "The 3 meaning third place. Howard Schultz, the CEO of Starbucks, borrowed this term as a place where people can gather for community connection. Your first place is your home. Your second place is your workplace. And 60 or 70 years ago, most people's third place was their church or their synagogue, where they would gather for relationship, or the bowling alley, or the Lion's Club."

But he notes, "Over the last couple of generations, the church and the synagogue have, in many ways, gone away as a third place, which is why you see the rise of a place like Starbucks, where people can come and do their work or have friendship or conversation." So, Hart's coffee shop will be a place, "where somebody is coming in to meet their friend on a Tuesday at 2 p.m. for a cup of coffee, and they don't even realize they've just walked into a church. They're just coming for connection. But they'll

know it's a church, because you're going to see a sign that says Stanwich Church."

Those garage doors when lifted up will open to the diversity of a town over double the size of Greenwich. And more is on offer than just coffee. Translate that 2 of Hart's 3-2-1 vision not as workplace but "second chance employment, for people actually working as baristas," tells Hart. "And even some we're going to need to hire to manage the building and do the ministries."

"We want to partner with addiction recovery ministries that we already support, like Pivot Ministries in Bridgeport. And we want to help employ their graduates...We fall in love with these guys. They're wonderful guys. And in some cases, we watch them after they graduate the program cycle back into addiction. And one of the reasons some of them do is because they have a hard time getting jobs. We want them not only to be

restored to their families after they graduate. We want to be able to help restore them into the economy."

Churches that develop branches in other towns is not a new concept. Take Trinity Church in Greenwich that meets up in both Darien and in Larchmont. "If you look across the country," shares Hart, "the movement is called multi-site church...And a lot of other churches across the country are doing the coffee shop model too. And why are other churches doing it? It has to do with this realization that the younger generations, call it Generation Z and maybe Millennials and younger, they hadn't so much walked away from the church. They were never raised up in the church. They are literally de-churched people or un-churched people."

And so, Hart says if one would say to "people living in a city who are Millennials or younger (totally un-

churched), 'Hey, you want to come to church with me?' And it's this white steeple church in backcountry Greenwich, the person's going to look at you like you have three heads. 'Is there a funeral? Is there a wedding? Is that why we're going?' They're not going to go. That ship has sailed. Let's try to bring church to them."

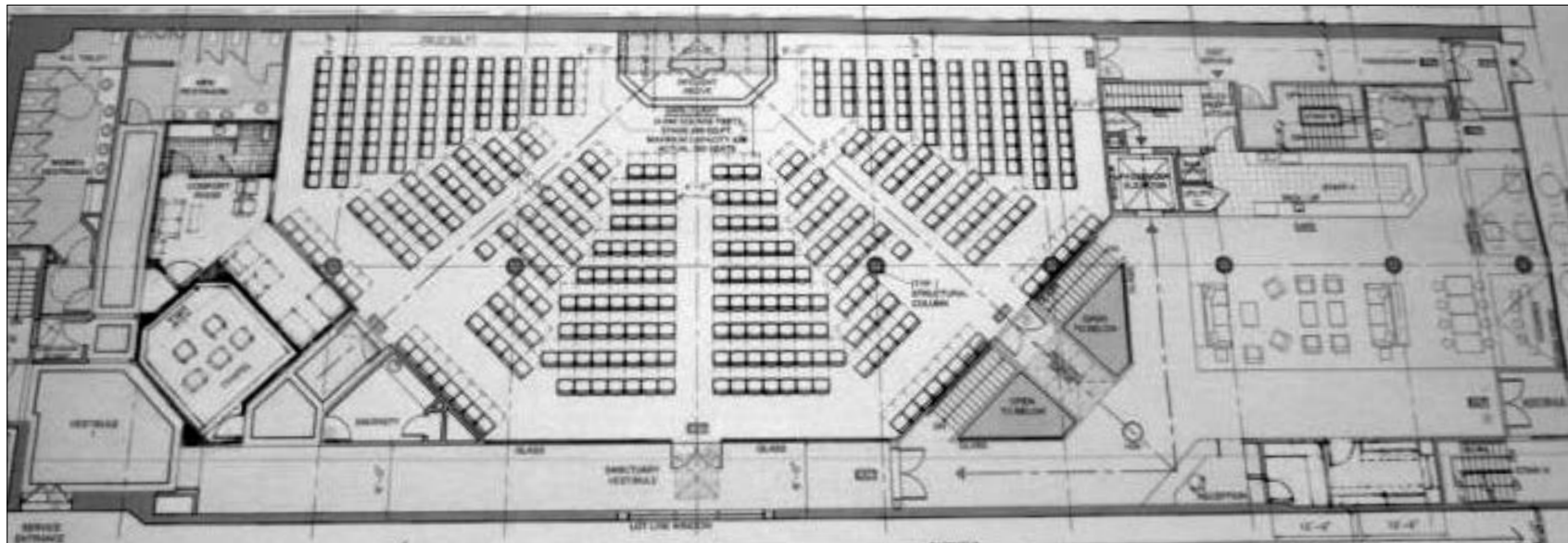
So, that 3,500 square foot coffee shop on Atlantic Street will have books - Christian books, and there will be Bible studies on offer and perhaps one day an Alpha class. And on the rooftop, there will be a Prayer Garden like the beloved one at Stanwich Church Greenwich. And in the basement, after school tutoring for elementary school kids.

It was with this spirit of "How can we help," that Hart met up recently with Mayor Caroline Simmons of Stamford. He addressed her with, "My guess, Mayor, is that a lot of people sit

in this seat and want something from you...The only thing I want to know is, what are the needs? If I have, let's say, 500 people in this [Stamford] Stanwich Church over the next few years, God willing, these are people who want to roll up their sleeves and serve. Is there need for tutoring school kids? Is there food insecurity? Do you need diapers for low-income families with babies?"

And here is where Hart speaks to just how he can offer this generosity. "It's an amazing God story of how much He's been giving through the congregation." Soon after Hart and his elders signed on to that bigger idea for that Stamford ministry, the death of a member brought a surprise half million-dollar gift to the church. "And we prayed about it, and we really sensed God saying, 'Let's actually use this gift to generate more giving.'" Long story short, that big idea grew into a 13.5 million dollar fund-raise of which 11 and a half million dollars has been raised. "It's a humble vision-oriented kingdom-oriented idea," says Hart, "for people to give millions to something they might not be a part of."

By 2024 Senior Pastor Nathan Hart is "fully expecting," he says, that coffee shop and more is "going to fill up." He adds, "I don't say that with any aspect of overconfidence or arrogance. I'm only saying it because of the way I've seen the Lord's favor on this project at every turn. He's been over-blessing it with finances. He's been over-blessing it with talent, people just showing up saying, 'How can I help?' And they're the exact skill-set or mind talent that we need in that moment. And then, He just keeps blessing it."



The architectural site plan of Stanwich Church Stamford to be realized at 252 Atlantic Street in downtown Stamford. Photo by Anne W. Semmes

Polo Club Celebrates with Pro-Am Matches

BY LIZ LEAMY

Last Sunday was another storybook-like day filled with sun and fun as a handful of standout amateurs from the New York-metropolitan area along with a host of professional high-goal players faced off against one another in two four-chukker matches at the Greenwich Polo Club.

Playing in front of a lively and engaged crowd of nearly 3,000 people, the players and horses competing in these Pro-Am matches put the pedal to the metal as they flew around the massive Conyers Farm field at turbo-charged speeds with the goal of knocking in all-important points.

The four teams participating in these Pro-Am matches included Round Hill, Loudmouth/Willow Tree and two Steel Polo crews, all of who displayed the expertise, skill and focus of accomplished professionals much to the delight of spectators and everyone else there.

In the final tally, Round Hill GTFO defeated Steel Polo/Hameets 4-3, while Loudmouth/Willow Tree tied Steel Polo/Roxbury Raider at 4-4.

"This has been such an exciting day of polo. Everyone was so engaged with what was happening out there," said Michele Remsen of New York City, a frequent visitor of the Greenwich Polo Club and equestrian who rides in Bedford, New York. "The polo is always incredible here and this is such a pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon. The whole vibe here is always just very nice and welcoming."

Others there concurred.

"The polo is amazing and it's such a beautiful, tranquil and serene setting," said Jason Yearwood, Business Development Officer of the Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. based in New York City, a business partner of the Greenwich Polo Club. "It's always so nice to be here and it's been a



Spectators on the field during the divot-stomping halftime break at the Greenwich Polo Club last Sunday. (Photo by Liz Leamy)

great season. You can see everyone is so happy and relaxed here and today has been wonderful. It is still summer, but you can see fall is coming, which is exciting."

This past season, the Barbados photo booth has been a big hotspot for the Greenwich Polo Club crowd, as it has provided a place where people can take photos that are printed on site so they have tangible memories of being at this renowned outdoor sports venue.

"We're going to have the finals of our photo fashion contest here next week," said Yearwood, in reference to one of the many activities the Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. plans to have next Sunday in celebration of Barbados Day at the club. "It means a lot to

be involved with the Greenwich Polo Club because polo is so popular in the Barbados. Everyone there, like everyone here, dresses up to celebrate and enjoy the whole experience of being at polo."

Certainly, the sport of polo is always thrilling to watch and at the same time, presents an array of opportunities for those involved with it on so many levels, especially for those amateurs who competed in last week's matches.

"To play at the Greenwich Polo Club in front of a crowd is an amazing experience for anyone to have," said Ellie Briana Molyneux, an accomplished polo player and instructor based out of the New York City-metropolitan area who is also U.S. Director of Vakiano

Artisans, the renowned Argentine craft providers and cultivators. "It's been such an exciting day and you can see the players and horses are all just so powerful, agile and fast. The Greenwich Polo Club is so unique in that it represents a space where you can watch those who have developed their polo game."

Without a doubt, watching the players and horses on center stage at this venue with all of their terrific power, skills and agility is always an incredible experience.

"It's great to be here. The players seem to be so fearless out there and it is such an art in the way they play," said Dafina Mexhuani, Store Manager of Rodd and Gunn on Greenwich Avenue, the New Zealand-based manufacturer and

retailer of clothing, footwear and accessories with 14 stores in the U.S. and shops in London, Paris, New Zealand and Australia, whose retail spot has been a popular stopping ground for Greenwich Polo Club spectators. "It's such a friendly and exciting environment here and we're meeting so many people and getting such good exposure. Everyone here works together like a team."

The final match of the 2022 Greenwich Polo Club season will be held on Sunday, September 25th at 3pm.

For more information, please visit the club's website at: www.greenwichpoloclub.com



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Greenwich High girls volleyball team improves record to 4-0 with victory over

By DAVID FIERRO

The 2021 season just kept getting better for the Greenwich High School girls volleyball team.

After producing an outstanding regular season, the Cardinals won the FCIAC Tournament championship, then continued their great success in the CIAC Class LL Tournament.

Going undefeated in the Class LL Tournament, Greenwich captured the state title, defeating Fairfield Ludlowe, 3-1, in the championship game. The win gave the Cardinals their third state CIAC Class LL championship and concluded an eye-opening 26-1 2021 season.

Now three matches into their 2022 campaign, the Cardinals are on the same type of winning pace. Greenwich ran its record to 3-0 with a well-earned 3-1 win over visiting Trumbull in an FCIAC matchup held on Tuesday. The Cardinals entered the season with a new head coach, since Steve Lapham retired after 29 highly successful seasons at the helm.

Lapham guided Greenwich to three CIAC Class LL titles and a wealth of winning seasons. Taking over the head coaching reigns is Marianna Linnehan, who previously guided the girls varsity program at Westhill. Linnehan is also a teacher at Greenwich High School.

"It's very exciting, because now I get to see these girls every day and teach and coach them at the same time," Linnehan said. "I teach health and physical education here and I've had some of them in my class."

Linnehan is coaching a Cardinals team that returns a strong nucleus from last season's championship squad, including senior captains Maggie Saleeby, Lucia Spanjol and Katherine Ford.

Saleeby, an outside hitter, earned All-FCIAC Third Team honors last season and has been a member of the varsity team for several seasons.

"Last season was great and I am super excited to have some fun and continue our success from last year," Saleeby said. "It's all about the connection with our team. Being an outside there's a lot of new girls who haven't played the hitting position this year, so it's all about supporting my other teammates and making sure they have a good connection with me."

Spanjol also received All-FCIAC Third Team recognition in 2021. She is one of the Cardinals' setters, a position that enables the offense to click.

"I think that it's easy for me to move the ball around, because everyone can get a kill on the team," Spanjol said. "It's easy moving it around."

Ford, an outside hitter, is also coming off a stellar junior season. She'll be relied upon to help power



Photo by David Fierro: The Greenwich High School girls volleyball team reacts after defeating Trumbull at home in a recent match to improve its record to 3-0 on the young season.



Joy Houdre, left and Jennifer Andaya of Greenwich look to block at the net for Greenwich against Trumbull.

the Cardinals' offense. Though it's early in the season, GHS has already shown solid chemistry with its first-season varsity players getting comfortable with the squad's systems.

"We've been doing good, we've been working on playing together, because we don't have the same players as last year, but we've been doing a lot of team bonding and it's helping us get closer," Ford said. "We're doing a good job of communicating and playing together on the court."

Among some of the seniors who graduated from last season's Class LL and FCIAC championship team were Liana Sarkissian, Adele Sotgiu and Sophie Jones. Sarkissian was chosen as the Gatorade Connecticut Player of the Year and was an All-FCIAC First Team selection. Sotgiu also earned First

Team All-FCIAC honors and Jones received All-FCIAC Honorable Mention recognition.

Linnehan appreciates the experience and leadership this season's captains bring to the court.

"The three captains, they've been together for a while, so they are used to each other," Linnehan said. "They work well together and they are super supportive of their teammates."

In Tuesday's 3-1 triumph against Trumbull, Greenwich received nine kills, 14 digs and three blocks from Saleeby. Spanjol registered 24 assists, sophomore Alina Sarkissian, Liana's sister, posted 12 kills and junior Hayley Dionis notched 14 digs.

"Our serve receive got really, really good towards the end of the game," Spanjol noted. "Hayley,

Maggie, Joy (Houdre), they were all passing well so it was a lot easier to run the offense. For most of the game, we were all communicating really well and playing as a team."

Kills from Saleeby and Sarkissian and solid serving from Houdre helped pace the Cards in their first game win against Trumbull. In the second game, GHS edged Trumbull, 25-23, behind more kills from Sarkissian and Saleeby, strong defense from Dionis and key serving from Ford.

After Trumbull took the third set, Greenwich rebounded to win the fourth and raise its record to 3-0.

"Today's match was definitely a tough one," Saleeby said. "Trumbull has always been very strong. After that third set, we knew we had to find their weaknesses and go back to basics and pull through."

Said Spanjol: "It's always fun to have good competition, they have always been one of our biggest competitors."

"We do have things that we need to work on like every other team," Linnehan said. "They are very talented, it's just about me getting the right rotations and systems together for the rest of the season."

Following their 2021 season to remember, the Cardinals, of course, have high expectations for themselves this fall.

"We want to win states and FCIACs again - that's our goals," Ford said. "Winning it all last year was crazy. It was amazing, it was really fun and we can do it again if we put in hard work and play well as a team. Having good team bonding really helps."



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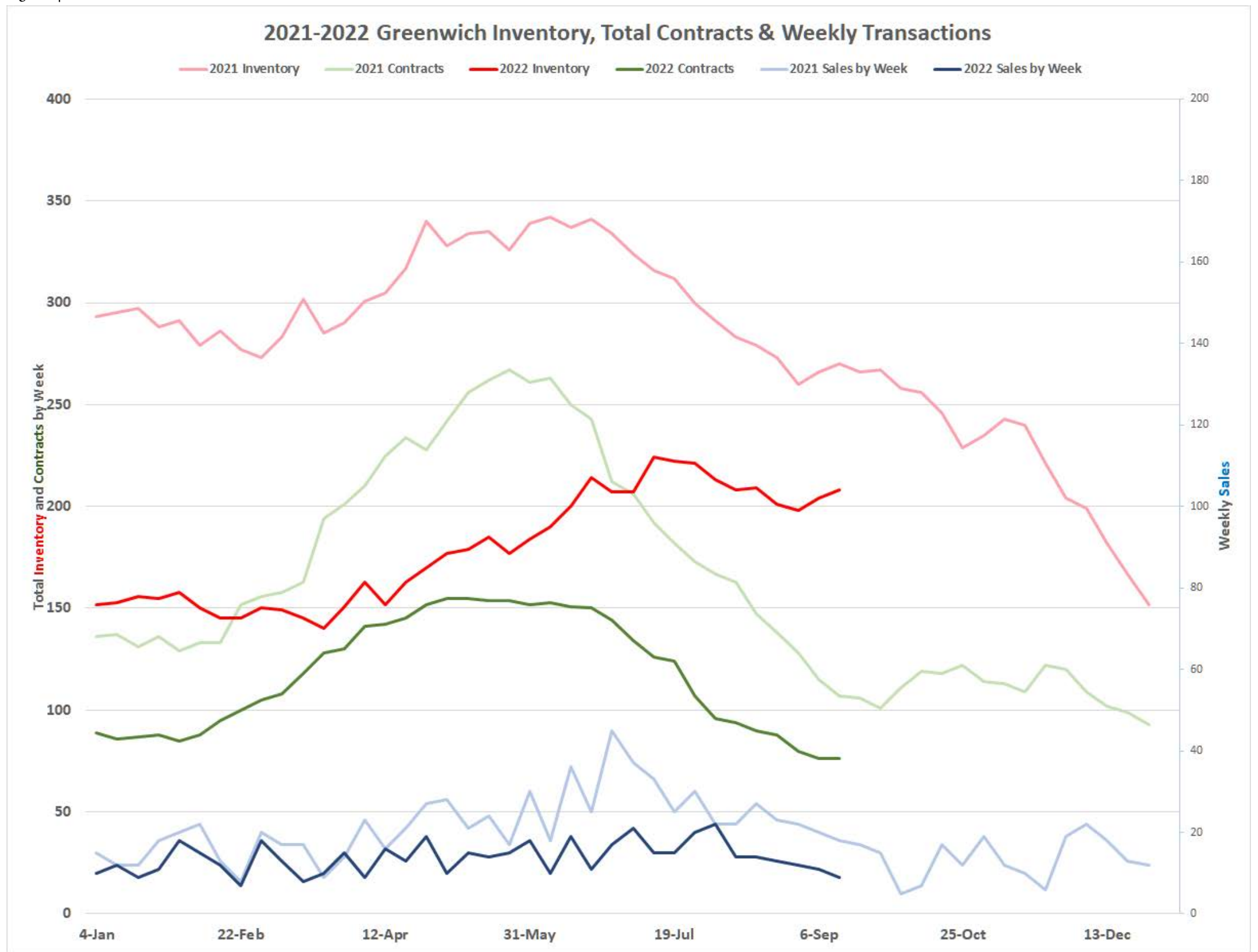


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Fed Raises Rates - Sales Fall But It's Still All About Inventory



BY MARK PRUNER

We have 217 listings on the market and only one listing is under \$700,000 which is 0.5% of the market. Under \$1 million we only have 10 listings, and only 1 of those 10 listings has been on for less than 45 days. Listings that have been on for 45 days in this market are feeling pretty middle-aged. We actually have more listings over \$25,000,000 than we have under \$1,000,000; 12 ultra-high-end listings versus the 10 sub-\$1M listings.

So far, we have sold 33 single family homes, which if you monthlyize (which at least one other website says really a word), we might expect 43 sales by the end of September. This is a 64% drop from September 2021, when we had 118 sales, the highest sales month in 2020. Last year, we dropped to "only" 81 sales in August 2022.

Grossing up our 33 sales to 43 looks pretty poor against the Covid years. Those

43 sales are lower than our 10-year pre-Covid average of 48 sales. However, it's more the knock-on effects of the Fed's dramatically raising, than the higher rates themselves. Higher rates are leading to fewer contingent contracts, but the stock market drop is having a bigger effect at the high-end than higher interest rates are affecting sales under \$1 million.

The increase in interest rates causes bond prices to drop and investors to move money out of the stock market towards those higher interest rates. As a result, what's really dropped is the wealth of high-end buyers with lower bond, stock and crypto prices. (It always amazes me the number of people in Greenwich who have some or a lot of money in crypto-currency or related companies.)

Along with this drop in wealth has come an increase in uncertainty. Nothing slows a housing market like uncertainty. A lot of the growth wealth we saw in the Covid years was on paper and many people are still up a good amount of where they were pre-Covid. Any crypto investors who bought in a while ago, are still seeing triple digit appreciation, but are these people going out to buy a \$10 million house?

After that set up, you'd expect a resounding "No", but not so fast. Since the

Great Recession, we've seen many of our high-end sales happen from September to year-end. We do have 18 contracts for properties listed over \$5M, this compares to 3 contracts over \$5M in August 2018. We will see an upturn in sales over our 10-year average, for the \$5 - 10 market with 78 sales so far compared to 31 sales in 2018.

What this market has not been good for so far is our over \$10 million at least compared to the market under \$5 million where months of supply is measured in a few months not a couple of years. This year we have had only 8 sales over \$10 million, but then that's only 2 less than we had in the hot market of 2021.

This year, we've had no sales over \$18 million and we have 18 listings above that amount. While the over \$5 - 10 million have done well so far. That's not the case once you get over \$10 million. Don't expect this number to go soon as we have no contracts over \$10 million, though we do have 2 contracts on houses listed over \$9.7 million. Not all of the poor ultra-high-end market is due to a weak buyer demand. Sellers are also keeping sales down with some aspirational pricing. In Greenwich, you never want to price your house off of national news stories regardless of the price.

Inventory by Price	% of Inv	Inventory by DOM	% of Inv.
<\$700K	1 0.5%	<7 days	23 10.6%
<\$1M	10 4.6%	<30 days	52 24.0%
<\$2M	49 22.6%	<45 days	62 28.6%
Median \$	\$4M	Median DOM	98
>\$5M	80 36.9%	>100 days	103 47.5%
>\$10M	34 15.7%	>180 days	45 20.7%
>\$25	12 5.5%	>500 days	24 11.1%
		>1000 days	2 0.9%
Total	217		217

The other thing that we are seeing are more price reductions. We have less than two months left in the fall market, so now is the time to take a price reduction. The property at 562 North Street just got relisted at \$2,995,000 a price drop of \$400,000. If you have to reduce a listing, you want to only do it once and get it sold. It is seeing a lot more interest.

Overall, our inventory is ticking up slightly, but contracts are falling as they do each year, but without more inventory, we are going to see the days on market continue to rise. The buyers that need a mortgage are feeling squeezed with the

number of their offers down, but so far, we've got plenty of cash buyers, or at least buyers that don't need a mortgage contingency in their purchase contracts. Of our 78 contracts only have 15 have contingencies.

Stay tuned and hope that the month that came in like a lamb goes out like a lion...

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Statewide Realtors Assoc. Endorses Fiorello

The state's association of Realtors has endorsed State Representative Kimberly Fiorello for re-election, urging agents and brokers in this area to support her effort to serve residents.

The Connecticut Realtors Association represents 20,000

members involved in all aspects of real estate in Connecticut. The Association carefully evaluates candidates in determining who may best ensure there is a positive environment for living in or transferring property in Connecticut. Real estate is essential to economic recovery

and stability in the state and helps to build communities.

"The men and women who work in the real estate community help us buy and sell what for most of us is our biggest investments...our home," said State Rep. Fiorello. "Their relationships with clients gives

them an informed viewpoint on what's most needed from policies out of Hartford - for people to be safe in their communities, for existing businesses to stay and be able to grow, and for new businesses to want to come into our state because they see opportunities to prosper here."

Improving the state's economy, protecting home values, and stopping any state-wide property taxes from being implemented are among her top priorities, according to Fiorello.

"It is an honor to have CTRealtor's endorsement that recognizes that I am a

lawmaker who can 'best ensure a positive environment for living in and transferring property in Connecticut' and one who understands both complex state economic and budgetary policies as well as kitchen table economics facing Connecticut residents," said Fiorello.

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NEW LISTINGS

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Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
102 Valley Road 23	\$499,000	\$499	1,000	0	2	1	Cos Cob
47 Lafayette Place 5B	\$899,000	\$791	1,137	0	2	1	South Parkway
20 Halock Drive	\$899,000	\$547	1,643	0.23	3	1	Pemberwick
69 Riverdale Avenue 301	\$998,000	\$453	2,204	0	2	2	Pemberwick
24 Tremont Street	\$1,049,999	\$542	1,938	0.35	4	3	Cos Cob
40 Elm Street 4M	\$1,099,000	\$872	1,260	0	1	1	South of Post Road
45 Indian Mill Road	\$1,795,000	\$608	2,953	2	3	2	Cos Cob
38 Angus Lane	\$2,295,000	\$723	3,175	1.18	5	4	South Parkway
90 Lockwood Road	\$2,450,000	\$866	2,829	0.28	4	3	Riverside
11 Maher Avenue	\$2,495,000	\$863	2,891	0.23	3	3	South Parkway
14 Wahneta Road	\$2,575,000	\$887	2,904	0.28	4	2	Old Greenwich
30 Carrington Drive	\$2,795,000	\$564	4,956	3.82	5	4	North Parkway
66 Ridge Street	\$2,900,000	\$1,165	2,490	0.36	6	2	South of Post Road
62 Sterling Road	\$3,195,000	\$381	8,383	4.12	6	6	North Parkway
121 Clapboard Ridge Road	\$3,195,000	\$877	3,642	2.25	5	5	South Parkway
73 Sawmill Lane	\$3,595,000	\$654	5,500	1.09	5	4	South Parkway
400 Sound Beach Avenue	\$3,650,000	\$933	3,913	0.53	4	3	Old Greenwich
2 Vista Avenue	\$5,395,000	\$911	5,921	0.7	5	4	Old Greenwich
20 Mackenzie Glen	\$6,499,000	\$720	9,030	1.12	5	6	South Parkway
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31 Cary Road	Riverside	\$746,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker Realty
49 Edgewater Drive	Old Greenwich	\$1,695,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
20 Halock Drive	Greenwich	\$899,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
10 Highgate Road	Riverside	\$2,795,000	Sun 2-4 PM	Houlihan Lawrence
1 Brookside Pk	Old Greenwich	\$8,100	Sun 2-4 PM	Houlihan Lawrence
1 Brookside Park	Old Greenwich	\$1,659,000	Sun 2-4 PM	Houlihan Lawrence

NEW SALES

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Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
191 Putnam Park	\$539,000	\$539,000	\$515,000	50	1	1		
28 Home Place C2	\$1,250,000	\$1,095,000	\$1,120,000	71	3	3	0	2,160
40 Elm Street 5E	\$1,295,000	\$1,295,000	\$1,265,000	66	1	1		1,380
3 Lyon Farm Drive 3	\$1,465,000	\$1,465,000	\$1,415,000	25	2	3	0	2,071
117 Lake Avenue	\$1,700,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,450,000	133	3	2	0.18	2,016
9 Deluca Drive	\$1,450,000	\$1,450,000	\$1,450,000	8	4	3	0.28	2,620
11 Wilmot Lane	\$2,100,000	\$1,875,000	\$1,570,000	90	4	3	0.25	3,479
31 Lancer Road	\$1,395,000	\$1,395,000	\$1,600,000	8	3	2	0.29	1,914
26 Binney Lane	\$1,995,000	\$1,995,000	\$2,355,555	34	3	3	0.25	2,540
116 Stonehedge Drive	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,650,000	9	4	3	1	4,204
46 Highview Avenue	\$2,950,000	\$2,950,000	\$2,950,000	0	5	4		
2 Loch Lane	\$3,995,000	\$3,995,000	\$3,995,000	28	4	4	2.08	5,995
1 Winding Lane	\$6,995,000	\$6,995,000	\$6,750,000	37	5	5	2.49	11,500

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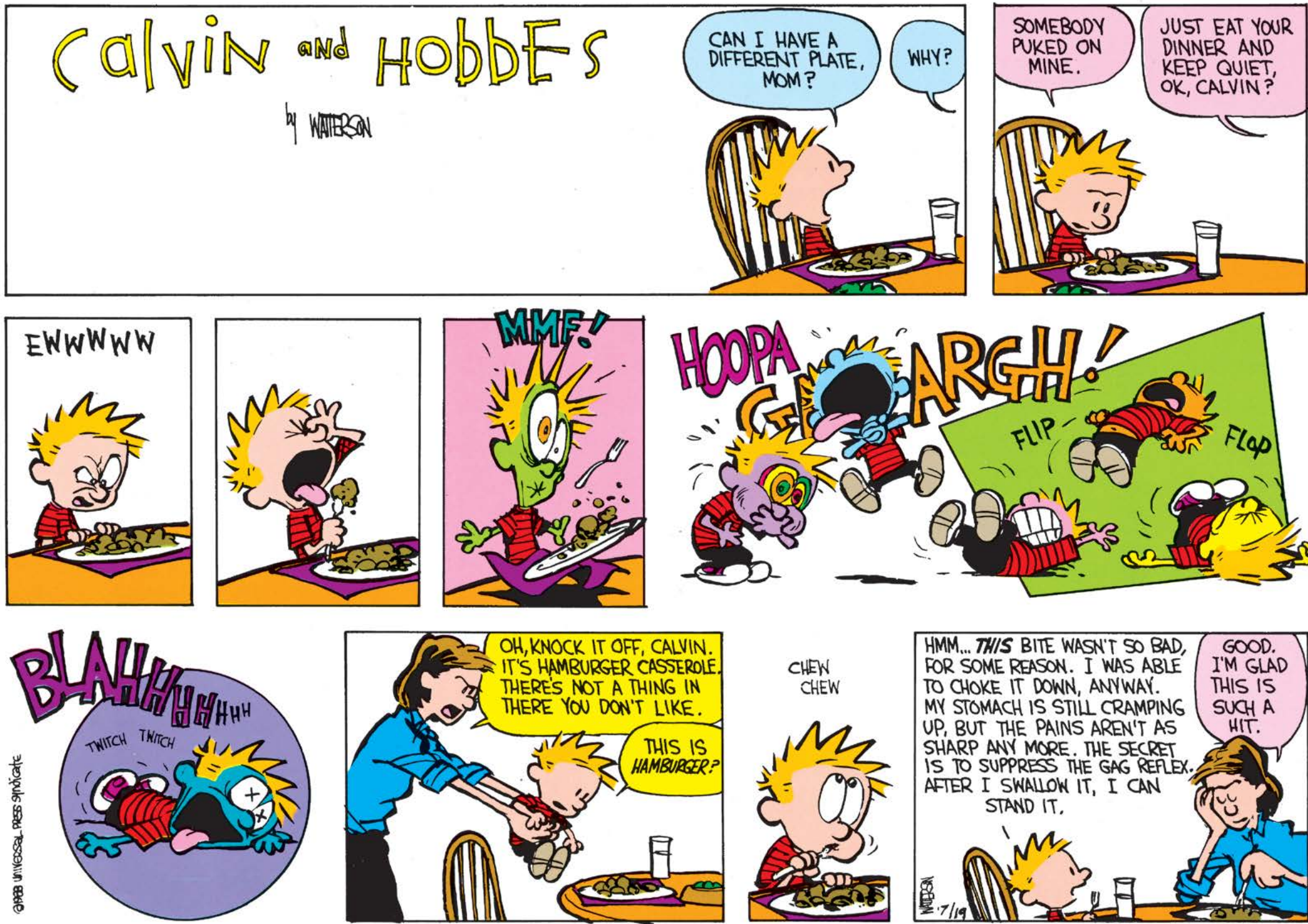
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The Lilac-Breasted Roller



By JIM KNOX

Our Land Rover swung out wide to the left and turned down the rutted bush track. Swift movement to my right drew my eye high above. The bright South African sun caught the flash of color, reflecting it down to me. The creature zipped to a large horizontal branch forty feet up, where I studied it minutely.

The Lilac-Breasted Roller (*Coracias Caudatus*), is an African icon and a bird of the true bush. Also known as the Fork-Tailed Roller, Lilac-Throated Roller, and Mosilikatze's Roller, this vivid bird is unmistakable. An inhabitant of Sub-Sahara Africa, and an occasional visitor to the Arabian Peninsula, it is a bird of tree-dotted savanna and open woodlands. One of nine species of its genus, these African birds are arguably the most well-known.

Possessing a modest 23-inch wingspan, 15-inch length, and 3.5-ounce mass, these birds don't draw our attention for their size. It is the roller's other attributes that grab our fleeting human attention. With an olive crown, gold over-the-eye band, white "chin," bright lilac breast, brilliant azure and indigo wings, turquoise underside and black-tipped forked tail, the bird visually proclaims its presence wherever it lands. Earning the name roller for its acrobatic rolling courtship flights in which the birds launch upwards, before diving with wings closed, then rolling swiftly from side to side. If the courtship is successful, these aerial breeders will mate in flight! Whether by appearance or movement, the roller's beauty and grace are undisputed.

Yet, although the roller is arresting, it earns my respect for more than its eye-catching

While few of us may aspire to chomp down a scorpion, or swoop upon an intruding lioness, we can all take a lesson from the Lilac-Breasted Roller. There is beauty in appearance, and beauty in the strength of our actions.

plumage and agility in flight. Its characteristic robust build and large head and stout beak convey power within that little body. Far from another "pretty avian face," the roller is a creature of strategy, strength, and execution. Filling the role of its North American cousins, the shrikes, the Lilac-Breasted Roller is pint-sized—a fascinating combination of beauty and beast. Sporting the colors of a songbird and the predatory heart of a raptor, the roller is creature not to be underestimated. Holding their ground against many intruders—including humans—Lilac-Breasted Rollers will aggressively protect their nests, chicks, and even their hunting territory, chasing off trespassers. As a small creature whose call has been likened to the noise of a steam train, the roller owns, and projects, a larger-than-life reputation.

A fierce hunter to rival their larger kin, the roller succumbs to only the swiftest predators such as Peregrine falcons and Wahlberg's eagles. It is this swiftness and vigilance that serves the roller well when on the hunt. In addition to grasshoppers and other insect prey, these aerial hunters are dauntless, capturing rodents, lizards, birds—and even venomous

prey such as centipedes and scorpions! Renowned for their tactics, rollers frequently take a prominent position from which to scan for prey, while motionless. In fact, it is one of the few creatures of the African bush known to boldly dive into the advancing front of brush fires, picking off hapless prey fleeing the flames. Once targeted, the bright birds swoop down, grab the prey with their oversized beaks and batter their victims with their wings, as well as against rocks, trees, or hardened ground. Once subdued, the rollers frequently swallow their prey whole.

Nicknamed the "Rainbow roller" for its dazzling plumage, the roller is often called Africa's most beautiful bird. How can such a stunning creature possess the makeup of a relentless predator? It is this medley of the visual and physical—this melding of beauty and ferocity, that marks this little bird as a creature of unmatched attributes. I'm not the only one who thinks so. Long revered by people throughout the African continent, the Lilac Breasted-Roller is the National Bird of Kenya and figures prominently in many cultures and traditions. A monogamous bird that mates for life, the roller earns our respect for its loyalty. Standing as a living

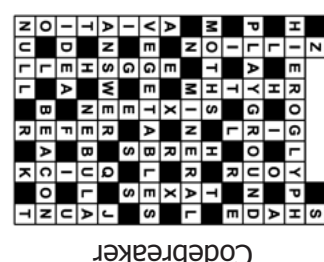


symbol of love, marriage, and devotion, rollers share parental duties. The Afrikaans word for the roller is "trouband," which translates to wedding band. The Venda people of South Africa and Zimbabwe fashion wedding rings from the bird's many-colored feathers which have also adorned South African wedding dresses for generations. The Zulu culture embraces the roller as a test for a couple's readiness

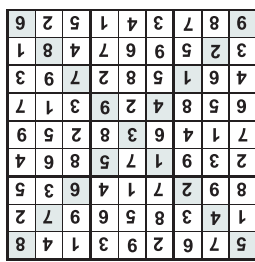
and compatibility for marriage. A feather band is attached to the couple's wrists. If the couple can keep the feathered band sealed, they are ready to work together through life's trials and may enter into marriage. In the Lilac-Breasted Roller we have a creature of enviable traits. A living thing of small stature yet larger-than-life abilities and presence. A creature of simultaneous

beauty and boldness, a mate of devotion and teamwork and an unrivaled package of feather and grit. In short, a creature worthy of emulation. While few of us may aspire to chomp down a scorpion, or swoop upon an intruding lioness, we can all take a lesson from the Lilac-Breasted Roller. There is beauty in appearance, and beauty in the strength of our actions. *Jim Knox serves as the Curator*

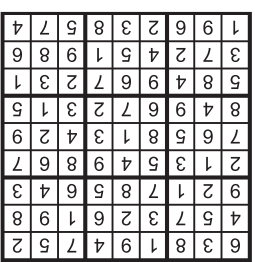
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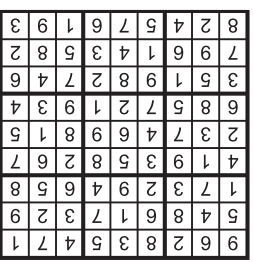
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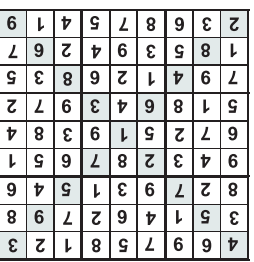
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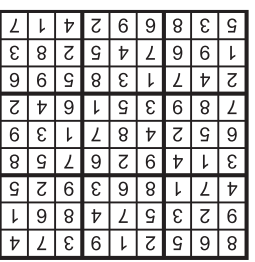
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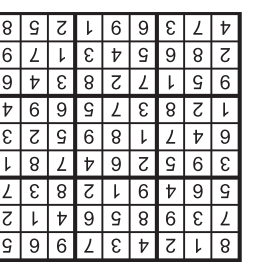
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Sudoku

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

Easy

8			3		9	6	5
7	3		8	6			
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		5					1
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Hard

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Very Hard

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Very Hard

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Answers on page B1

CODEBREAKER WORD PUZZLE

CODEBREAKER (or CODEWORD, or CODE CRACKER) PUZZLE

The number in each square corresponds to a letter. The same number represents the same letter. Crack the code and fill the grid by determining which letter relates to which number.

	1		CODEBREAKER						2
3	4	3	5	6	7	8	6	4	3
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PULL OUT: TOWN-WIDE CALENDAR

Courtesy of the Greenwich Sentinel Foundation.

Sign up for the daily email "Top 5 Things To Do in Greenwich Today" at GreenwichSentinel.com for more events and daily reminders.

GREENWICH LIBRARIES:

greenwichlibrary.org

Friday, Sept. 23

10:30 a.m.

Storytime. Cos Cob Library Turret. 203-622-6883.

Imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org

2 p.m.

Adept With Tech - Any Slower And I'd Be Going Backwards. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org

3:45 p.m.

World Music with Anitra. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

7 p.m.

Friends Friday Films: "The Duke". Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org

Saturday, Sept. 24

11 a.m.

Library Tour. ksoboleva@greenwichlibrary.org

11 a.m.

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

12 p.m.

Lending Art Sale. Marx Family Black Box Theater. Prints start at \$25. 203-622-7900.

2 p.m.

Flinn Gallery Artist Talk with Bascove. Flinn Gallery. info@flinn-gallery.com

3 p.m.

Art Opening: Byram Then and Now. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

3 p.m.

Coding a Programmable Watch with Arduino. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org

Monday, Sept. 26

10 a.m.

Wee One's Storytime for 1s and 2s. Marx Family Black Box Theater. children@greenwichlibrary.org

11:30 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5. First-come, first-served. 203-625-6549. schan@greenwichlibrary.org

1:30 p.m.

Movie Screening: "Sonic the Hedgehog 2." Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

4 p.m.

Mr. Rogers Puppet Show: Aesop's Fables. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426. Tuesday, Sept. 27

10:30 a.m.

Spanish Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

11 a.m.

Preschool Storytime with Patty. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

1 p.m.

Sit n' Stitch Knitting Group. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

4 p.m.

3D-Printed Headlight for Eyeglasses. Ultimaker S5. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org

5 p.m.

Meditation & Breathing with Gail. Online. 203-531-0426.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

10 a.m.

Tales for 2s and 3s. Marx Family Black Box Theater. children@greenwichlibrary.org

10:30 a.m.

Baby Lapsit. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. Imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org

3:45 p.m.

Afternoon Story/Craft. Ages 2 1/2 & up. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

7 p.m.

AuthorsLive: The Year Without a Summer by Arlene Mark. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-625-6536. sschugmann@greenwichlibrary.org

Thursday, Sept. 29

9 a.m.

Friends Volunteer Fair. Baxter Courtyard. 203-622-7900.

10 a.m.

Japanese Storytime. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

11 a.m.

Fiesta de los Cuentos! Bilingual Storytime. Children's Constellation Room. children@greenwichlibrary.org

11:30 a.m.

Qi Gong. Online. 203-531-0426.

2 p.m.

Selling on eBay. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org

3:45 p.m.

Gaining STEAM. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

4 p.m.

Tween STEAM (Grades 4+). Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

Friday, Sept. 30

10:30 a.m.

Storytime. Cos Cob Library Turret. 203-622-6883.

Imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org

7 p.m.

Friends Friday Films: "Soul." Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org

Saturday, Oct. 1

10 a.m.

Monopoly Game Morning. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

11 a.m.

Library Tour. ksoboleva@greenwichlibrary.org

11 a.m.

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



Seagull, Tod's Point



Poppies, France

RSVP to Patricia Enright 203.302.4391 or patricia@greenwichfirst.com

THE FIRST BANK OF GREENWICH

Cordially Invites You

After a 7 year absence, we're thrilled to welcome back long time Greenwich native and our friend, Michael Spezzano, Jr. Please join us on:

Wednesday, September 28th, 5:30pm-8:30pm at our Cos Cob branch to view a selection of Michael's work currently available for purchase. Refreshments will be served.

Charcuterie provided by: Captivating Charcuterie
Sushi provided by: Fjord Fish Market
Music provided by: The Students of Project Music
Spirits provided by: Randy's Wine & Spirits and Val's Putnam Wines & Liquors



Riversville Road, Greenwich



Venice

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greenwichlibrary.org

12 p.m.

The Friends of Cos Cob Library Open House & Book Sale. Cos Cob Library Front Lawn. 203-622-6883. Imatthews@greenwichlibrary.org

1 p.m.

Bright Star Children's Theatre: Friend Request. Berkley Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

1 p.m.

Flinn Gallery Artist Talk with Rachel Burgess. Flinn Gallery. info@flinn-gallery.com

4 p.m.

Bright Star Children's Theatre: Friend Request. Berkley Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

GREENWICH HOSPITAL:
greenwichhospital.org/events
888-305-9253

Monday, Sept. 26

12 p.m.

Webinar: Hip Replacement Education. Online. Free.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

11 a.m.

Webinar: Healthy Eating for a Healthy Heart.

6 p.m.

Webinar: Osteoporosis: Prevent, Treat and Manage.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

1:30 p.m.

Webinar: Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Free.

7 p.m.

Pediatrician 101. 5 Perryridge Road.

Thursday, Sept. 29

5 p.m.

Webinar: Prescription for Meditation.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR:
ntngreenwich.org

Everyday, all day

• 24/7 Food Drive Collection site at North Greenwich Congregational Church, 606 Riversville Road. The weatherproof bin is located outside of the Parish Hall.
• Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard St., Cos Cob.

Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.

Food Drive (drive-thru) at St. Catherine of Siena's parking area across the street from the rectory entrance, 4 Riverside Ave. (Non-perishable foods, personal care products, large sized diapers (5 & 6) and pull-ups, and knit hats (hand knit or store bought).

Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23

6 p.m.

'Noche Cubana'. Tomes-Higgins House, 216 East Putnam Ave. \$75. All are welcome. bobbie@christchurchgreenwich.org. christchurchgreenwich.org/noche-cubana-party

6 p.m.

Greenwich United Way's 'Brew Ha Ha'. Brunswick School. greenwichunitedway.org

6:30 p.m.

Greenwich Casino Night Benefit for TAG. JHouse, 1114 E Putnam Ave. GreenwichCasinoNight.com

7:30 p.m.

Live Music Night: Red Hots. St. Lawrence Society, 86 Valley Road. stlawrencesociety.com/events

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

7 a.m.

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

8:30 a.m.

DART To The Finish 2022 charity walk to cure NP-C SAT. Tod's Point. danasangels.org

10 a.m.

Quaker Ridge Hawk Watch Weekend. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. \$20, adults; \$10, children (12 and under). Registration required. greenwich.audubon.org/events

12 p.m.

Family Fun Fair. YWCA Greenwich, 259 East Putnam Ave. Free & open to the public. 203-869-6501. ywcagreenwich.org

12 p.m.

Pemberwick Glenville Association's Valley Jam. Western Greenwich Civic Center Park, 449 Pemberwick Rd. pemberwickglenville.com

4 p.m.

Genesis: Art by Jimmy Johnson. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Free admission. All ages. Portion of sales benefit GBC. 203-585-3719. jimmy@jimmyjohnsonart.com. jimmyjohnsonart.com

8 p.m.

High School Dance. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. Free tickets limited to Arch Street capacity. RSVP. archstreet.org

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25

7:30 a.m.

The ONS Golden Lights Greenwich Half Marathon & Family 5K. Tod's Point. runsignup.com

9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Greenwich Riding & Trails Association: "Day in The Country" Horse Show. 39 Pierson Dr. \$85 p/car. thegrta.org

10 a.m.

Quaker Ridge Hawk Watch Weekend. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. \$20, adults; \$10, children (12 and under). Registration required. greenwich.audubon.org/events

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Family Gallery Tours. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Ages 5 & up. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

11:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour with Jennie Angel. North Greenwich Congregational, 606 Riversville Rd. 203-869-7763. northgreenwichchurch.org

1 p.m.

Art Adventures: Miniature Sculpture. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Ages 4 & up. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

3 p.m.

Greenwich Polo Match: American Cup. Greenwich Polo Club, 1 Hurlingham Dr.

greenwichpoloclub.com

3, 4 & 5 p.m.

Jr. NBA Co-ed Basketball League Fall Clinic. Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich, 4 Horseneck Ln. Grades K-7. staff@greenwichbasketball.com. greenwichbasketball.com

4:30 p.m.

India Cultural Center - ICC: South Asian American Time Capsule. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. \$15, includes Indian pizza dinner. Register. iccgreenwich.org

TUESDAY, SEPT. 27

9:15 a.m.

The Chickadee Nature Club: Mommy or Daddy & Me. Sacred Heart Greenwich, 1177 King St. 203-532-3168. mcgannonf@cshct.org

10 & 11 a.m.

Bruce Beginnings: Fall Weather. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Ages 2 1/2-5. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

1 p.m.

Hike at Greenwich Land Trust's Lapham Preserve. 85 Richmond Hill Road, Greenwich. Registration required. 203-629-2151. info@gltrust.org. gltrust.org

6 p.m.

ONS & Greenwich Hospital present: Osteoporosis: Prevent, Treat and Manage. Via Zoom. Free. Register. 888-305-9253. sfrank@onsmd.com. onsmd.com/events

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28

9:30 a.m.

Friends of Greenwich Point: Mindfulness Class. Tod's Point. Free. Register. info@friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

11 a.m.

Pre-School Storytime Reading. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free. lkelly@greenwichhistory.org. greenwichhistory.org

11 a.m.

Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: Dr. Susan Herbst, "Democracy in Peril?: Ten Critical Political Dynamics to Understand Currently." First Presbyterian Church, 1 W. Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free. Open to all. greenwichrma.org

3:45 p.m.

Meet & Greet: Children's Author and Cartoonist Maria Scrivan. Athena Books, 228 Sound Beach Ave. bookshop.org

5 p.m.

Alliance Française de Greenwich: 'Worldwide Wednesdays' - join in for lively discussions on French films. Via Zoom. Open to all. afgreenwich.org

5:30 p.m.

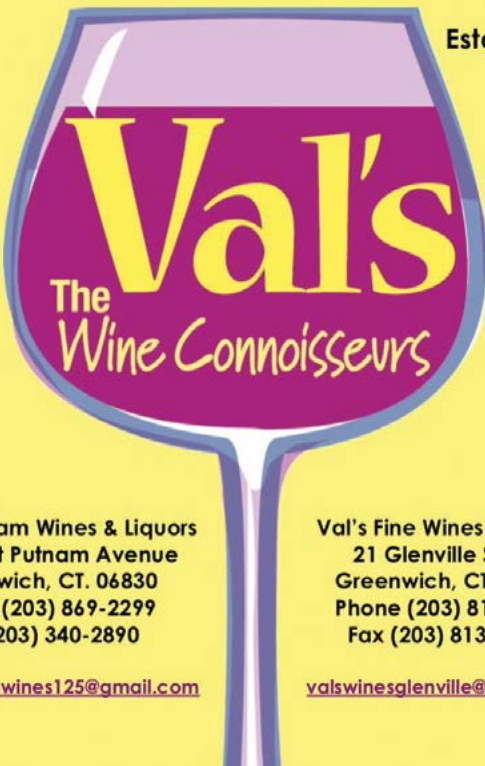
Michael Spezzano, Jr. Art Show Reception. The First Bank of Greenwich, 444 East Putnam Ave. Free. RSVP. 203-302-4391. patricia@greenwichfirst.com

7 p.m.

Panel: Exploring the Wealth Divide in Greenwich. Town Hall Cone Room - 2nd Floor, 101 Field Point Rd. RSVP by Sept. 26. SeptemberPanel@greenwichct.org

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Sunday, Sept. 25
10:00 am



BLESS ME

Bring Your Pets
roundhillcommunitychurch.org

org
7 p.m.
ONS webinar: Is Arthritis Causing your Foot Pain?. Via Zoom. Free. Register. 888-305-9253. sfrank@onsmd.com. onsmd.com/events
7:30 p.m.
Breast Cancer Alliance webinar: Navigating Triple Negative Breast Cancer. Free. Register. breastcanceralliance.org/events
THURSDAY, SEPT. 29
9 a.m.
Greenwich Botanical Center: Day Trip to Clove Brook Farm. \$275 (Members Only). greenwichbotanicalcenter.org
10 a.m.
Artful Arrangements: Heirloom Dahlias. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events
5:30 p.m.
Greenwich Chamber of Commerce: September After Six Networking. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Road. greenwichchamber.com
FRIDAY, SEPT. 30
7 p.m.
8th Grade Dance. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. Free entry - must register for Arch Street Pass. archstreet.org
SATURDAY, OCT. 1
Round Hill Association Neighbor Day. roundhillassn.org
3 p.m.
Greenwich Newcomers Club's Lobster Fest. Tod's Point - Clam Bake Area. RSVP. greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org
3:30 p.m.
Friends of Greenwich Point concert: Pete Francis & the Dragon Crest Collective. Tod's Point - Founders Rock. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org
7 p.m.
7th Grade End of Summer Dance Party. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. Free entry - must register for Arch Street Pass. archstreet.org
SUNDAY, OCT. 2
8 a.m.
Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich 10th Annual Muddy Up 5k. Camp Simmons, 744 Lake Ave. bgcg.org
8:30 a.m.
YWCA Greenwich Walk the Walk Against Domestic Violence. Bruce Park Picnic Area. ywcagr.org/walkthewalk
10 a.m.
Fall Carnival. Living Hope Community Church, 38 West End Ave, Old Greenwich. Free. 203-637-3669. LivingHope.org

2 p.m.
Cos Cob Volunteer Fire Company 100th Anniversary Parade & Truck Show. Rain date: Oct. 9. coscobfire.org
WATERING SCHEDULE - THROUGH OCT. 31
Last Digit of Your Address Number - Water Only On:
0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (even numbers) - Sunday & Wednesday 12:01 am - 10:00 am, or 6:00 pm - Midnight
1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 (odd numbers) - Saturday & Tuesday 12:01 am - 10:00 am, or 6:00 pm - Midnight
No address number - Sunday & Wednesday 12:01 am - 10:00 am, or 6:00 pm - Midnight

ONGOING
Formula Donation - must be unopened, unexpired, and with an intact, legible label. Foyer of the Mead House, 48 Maple Ave. - drop off in crate outside entrance to Coffee for Good. Please only leave formula.
TUESDAYS:
10 a.m.
Beginner Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA members, \$30; nonmembers, \$35. New players welcome. (Register by Monday, 6pm). 203-524- 8032. greenwichymca.org
5 - 7 p.m.
Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis: LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting. On Zoom. Free. Open to all LGBTQ Youth & allies. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse
WEDNESDAYS:
10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Relaxed Duplicate Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. Members, \$10; nonmembers, \$12. New players welcome. (Register by Tuesday, 6pm). 203-524-8032. greenwichymca.org
12 - 2 p.m.
Waste Free Greenwich's Food Scrap Recycle Program: Drop off scraps at Living Hope Community Church, 38 West End Ave., Old Greenwich. wastefreegreenwich@gmail.com, wastefreegreenwich.org
12:15 p.m.
Greenwich Rotary Club Weekly Lunch Meeting. Greenwich Water Club, 49 River Rd. \$35/person. RSVP. sally.parris@cbmoves.com. greenwichrotary.org
2:30 - 6 p.m.
The Old Greenwich Farmer's Market opening day. Living Hope Community Church, 38 West End Ave. Rain or shine. oldgreenwichfarmersmarket.com
6:30 p.m.

ONLINE-SUPPORT
NAMI-CAN (Child and Adolescent Network) Online Support Group - for parents and primary caregivers of children & adolescents, under age 21, with behavioral and emotional issues. Free. namisouthwestct.org/online-support
THURSDAYS:
8 a.m. & 4 p.m.
Tai Chi Basic Moves. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Registration required. Tuition is paid as a donation made directly by the participant to abilis, Neighbor to Neighbor, or the First Congregational Church. experiencetaichi.org
5 - 7 p.m.
Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis: LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting. On Zoom. Free. Open to all LGBTQ Youth & allies. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse
EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Book Exchange - choose from a huge selection of books. Holly Hill Recycling Center. Free, or, donate books. (Open every Fri & Sat. books4everyone.org
SATURDAYS:
9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Greenwich Farmers' Market. Commuter Parking Lot, Arch Street and Horseneck Lane. (Parking is free during market hours). Through Nov. 19. gfm-ct@optimum.net. greenwichfarmersmarketct.com
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:
RedCrossBlood.org
Friday, Sept. 23
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Road.
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Harmony Lodge No. 67, 231 Main Street, New Canaan.
Saturday, Sept. 24
7:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Union Baptist Church, 805 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.
Monday, Sept. 26
7:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd, Greenwich.
Tuesday, Sept. 27
7:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd, Greenwich.
11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Carver Center, 400 Westchester Avenue, Port Chester, NY.
11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Pace University Kessel - Campus Center, 861 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, NY.
Wednesday, Sept. 28
11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Bldg, 216 Halstead Ave Harrison, NY.
Thursday, Sept. 29
8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Stamford Church of Christ, 1264 High Ridge Road, Stamford.
11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Westchester Medical Center, 100 Woods Road, Valhalla, NY.
1 - 6 p.m.
First Congregational Church of Darien, 14 Brookside Road, Darien.
Friday, Sept. 30
11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Spellman Hall, 715 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY.
TOWN MEETINGS:
greenwichtct.gov/calendar
Monday, Sept. 26
9:30 a.m.
Energy Management Advisory Committee Planning & Zoning Team Meeting. Via Zoom.
7 p.m.
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency Meeting. Via Zoom.
Wednesday, Sept. 28
6:30 p.m.
Board of Parks and Recreation Meeting. Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center.
7 p.m.
Architecture Review Committee

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Greenwich United Way's 'Brew Ha Ha'. Brunswick School. greenwichunitedway.org
6:30 p.m.
Greenwich Casino Night Benefit for TAG. JHouse. GreenwichCasinoNight.com
Saturday, Sept. 24
8:30 a.m.
DART To The Finish 2022 charity walk to cure NP-C SAT. Tod's Point. danasangels.org
Sunday, Sept. 25
7:30 a.m.
ONS Golden Lights Half Marathon & Family 5K - Greenwich. Tod's Point. runsignup.com
Monday, Sept. 26
10 a.m.
The John Ellis Memorial Golf Tournament for Cancer Research. Rolling Hills Country Club, Wilton. ccgolfagainstcancer.org
Thursday, Sept. 29
6 p.m.
Saint Joseph Parenting Center Benefit. Country Club of New Canaan. brussell@sjpcenter.org
Saturday, Oct. 1
Greenwich Historical Society's 90th Gala Celebration. greenwichhistory.org
Round Hill Association Neighbor Day.
Sunday, Oct. 2
8:30 a.m.
YWCA Greenwich Walk the Walk Against Domestic Violence. Bruce Park. ywcagr.org/walkthewalk

Monday, Oct. 3
12:30 p.m.
Greenwich United Way's Sixth Annual Golf Tournament. Round Hill Club. greenwichunitedway.org
Tuesday, Oct. 11
DOMUS Golf. Country Club of Fairfield. domuskids.org
Saturday, Oct. 15
8 a.m.
5K Walk Jog Run for Waterside School. watersideschool.org/run-for-waterside
6 p.m.
PEHT's Annual Fall Benefit. The Norwalk Art Space, 455 West Ave., Norwalk. peht.salsalabs.org/jointhejourney/index.html
Sunday, Oct. 16
9 a.m.
17th annual Walk/Run for Abilis. Tod's Point. abilis.us/walkrun
2 p.m.
Greenwich Land Trust's 'Go Wild!'. Greenwich Polo Club. gltrust.org/go-wild
Thursday, Oct. 20
11 a.m.
Breast Cancer Alliance Annual Luncheon. Westchester Country Club, Rye, NY. one.bidpal.net/bca2022/welcome
Friday, Oct. 21
6:30 p.m.
Domestic Violence Crisis Center - Harvest Fest - Dancing in the Moonlight. Shorehaven Golf, Norwalk. dvccct.org/harvest-fest-2022
7 p.m.
Stamford Hospital Western Hoedown. The Village, Stamford. stamfordhospitalfoundation.org
Thursday, Oct. 27
The Glenville Volunteer Fire Department's 8th Annual David N. Theis Award. Tamarack Country Club. glenvillefire.org
Saturday, Oct. 29
6 p.m.
Beardsley Zoo Centennial Gala. The Inn at Longshore, Westport. beardsleyzoo.org/centennial-gala
Saturday, Nov. 5
ICC (India Cultural Center) 10th

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Universal Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Source of suds

5 Like a burrito smothered in sauce

8 They pull up to red carpets

13 ___-Hoop

14 Cosmetics brand

16 Performance that might end on a high note?

17 Plays a role Nevada

18 gambling city

19 Word before "bed" or "slide"

20 Screenplay author for a 1990 Moore-Swayze film?

23 Monopolize

24 Spicy tuna roll fish

25 French for "me"

26 "What's the ___?"

27 Cinema-tographers' accessories for a 1997 Jodie Foster film?

33 Mined resource in Catan

34 Swedish furniture store

35 Really harsh

38 Gets 100% on

40 ___-Man (Marvel character)

42 Balm ingredient

43 "Well aren't you fancy!"

46 "'Tis a shame!"

49 Dial-up internet pioneer

50 Gaffers' needs for a 2000 Benicio Del Toro film?

53 Airport with a BART stop

55 Test in a tube

56 ___-you-can-eat

57 "Adult" acorn

58 Graphic designers for a 2018 "Star Wars" origin story?

64 Forward thrust

66 "Just a little off the top" haircut

67 "Noice!" or "No ice!"

68 How sardines are packed

69 Rabbit relative

70 Early cut of a song

71 Sunrise times

72 "Flying Over Sunset" drug

73 From scratch

DOWN

1 Thick rug type

2 "That hurts!"

3 Range above tenor

4 Volkswagen model

5 Singer

6 Never have I ___

7 "Jazz" author Morrison

8 Like hip-hugging jeans

9 Hoppy pint, briefly

10 Biblical patriarch who lived to be 969

11 Creme-filled cookies

12 Military officer, informally

15 "I'm innocent!"

21 Tom kha kai cuisine

22 Ages and ages

27 What a snowman's eyes might be made of

28 Black-and-white whale

29 On a ___ basis

30 Brewed beverage

31 Hawaiian porch

32 Model Marcille

36 Cheer (for)

37 Shocking things to find in the ocean, perhaps?

39 Respectful address

41 Pampering letters

44 Empowered women in some stories

45 Hairstyle for Erykah Badu, sometimes

47 Startled

48 River mouth buildup

51 Grime

52 "Popular" singer in "Wicked"

53 Not liquid or gaseous

54 Counterpart of flora

59 Like some reports

60 Runs on TV

61 Noticed

62 Domesticate

63 Store away

65 ___ rummy

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Your Horoscope for Next Week

LIBRA

24 Sept-23 Oct The more others try to persuade you something is not worth sticking with the more determined you will be to see it through. You are not one to admit defeat and with a Libran New Moon indicating at least a chance of success you will strive to break through.

SCORPIO

24 Oct-22 Nov You know that if you let others call the shots things rarely work out as you want them to. It will be easy this week to stand back and let partners and colleagues make the decisions but you need to get directly involved. It's your future, so take responsibility for it.

SAGITTARIUS

23 Nov-21 Dec A dispute will be patched up this week but it will return if you insist on seeing the situation in terms of "you" against "them". You may feel you are in the right but of course they feel that way too so try to meet them halfway - and they will make the same effort.

CAPRICORN

22 Dec-20 Jan You are so caught up in the details of a current anxiety that you cannot find a solution. You need to make a conscious effort to see it from a wider perspective. Once you realise that in the greater scheme of things your situation is trivial you will stop fretting about it.

AQUARIUS

21 Jan-19 Feb Is someone deceiving you for their own pleasure and profit? Quite possibly and you are right to be alarmed but there is no point in getting screwed up over it as nothing bad will come from the situation - unless you lose your cool. Stuff happens: don't take it too seriously.

PISCES

20 Feb-20 March Ask two people the same question this week and you will get totally different answers and there will be no way of knowing which is the right one. So listen instead to that little voice in your heart and you will do the right thing. It knows all the answers you need.

ARIES

21 March-20 April With the Sun in Libra opposing success planet Jupiter in your birth sign this week not everyone will be on your side or want to see you succeed. If you are the kind of Aries who relies a lot on other people you must pick your partners with a bit more care.

TAURUS

21 April-21 May Someone will make you the proverbial offer that is too good to be true this week and you may be tempted to take them up on it. If you act on the assumption that this time will be different from other occasions you will be asking for trouble and, inevitably, you will get it.

GEMINI

22 May-21 June You may not agree with everything that your supporters and friends want to do this week but for your own good you must stay on good terms with them and go along with their plans as much as you can. Whatever your differences, find a way to resolve them.

CANCER

22 June-23 July You will be torn, yet again, between your wish to get ahead at work and the needs of those with whom you share your personal life. It may not be easy to balance these competing demands on your time and energy but somehow you must find a way.

LEO

24 July-23 Aug You are not the kind to wait for others' approval before satisfying your earthly desires which is good as the current cosmic setup warns that if you do not take instant advantage of a financial or romantic opportunity it will be gone as quickly as it arrived.

VIRGO

24 Aug-23 Sept At some point this week you will come to the conclusion that your money worries are irrelevant. It has taken weeks, months, maybe even years for the penny to drop but now that it has you must promise yourself that cashflow issues will never get on top of you again.

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Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. (K) "Funny!"

5. 33 for one of Grandpa's albums

8. Great challenges for mountaineers

12. (K) Like an inviting door

13. Suffix for "infant" or "percent"

14. Make water muddy

15. (K) Fail to stand up straight

16. (K) Veggie with a black eye, sometimes

17. (K) Soda choice

18. (K) Like a mom soon to give birth

21. (K) Make your own pants

22. Easily bent out of shape?

24. (K) Do worse than just rust

28. Exert, as influence or power

31. Form in the mind

32. (K) Person intentionally lying in the sun

33. (K) U-turn from life

34. 9 to 5, for many

35. On the safe side, nautically

37. Little salamander

39. Ready for inspection

44. Lacking sufficient rainfall

46. (K) Not a blvd. or st.

47. (K) Like some doughnuts

48. (K) Gentle, as a horse

49. (K) Common color

50. Rug variety

51. (K) Soup relative

52. Move about to and

53. Dry and withered from the heat

DOWN

1. Thing to pull your golf ball out of

2. The highest point

3. 10-Down or jalopy

4. Last Stuart queen of England

5. Dangerous water occurrence

6. (K) Polite word

7. (K) Is defined as

8. (K) Curved path

9. Something for a detective to tie up (2 words)

10. (K) Column of stacked things

11. (K) Cole ___

19. (K) Garments

20. In the direction of

23. (K) Otter relative

24. Spanish hero, El ___

25. Poem form

26. Minutes actually elapsed (2 words)

27. (K) 40 mph is one

29. (K) Large pasture for sheep

30. (K) Like an unused towel

32. Missile for a submarine

34. Written exemption

36. Fisherman's hangout

37. (K) Has filet mignon and french fries

38. Where some brothers live in college?

40. (K) Sound from an angry snake or cat

41. Painful reminder

42. (K) Certain type of fruit

43. (K) Razor's cutting part

45. (K) Wetness on the morning grass

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?

Stand off?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Previous riddle answer:
Underwater vessel's secret plan?
37-A) SUBPLOT

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- lived with (9)
- skin softener (6)
- texts (8)
- securing a sale (7)
- be involved in (11)
- Oprah's bestie Gayle (4)
- it's held down by laces (6)

SOLUTIONS

ERA	TOL	LO	SAG	ON
TI	ES	IPA	KI	NG
TON	NG	TED	CLO	PAR
GUE	TIC	TE	SI	MES

Previous Answers 1. CHEESEBOARD 2. UNABRIDGED 3. CONCISENESS 4. DROPLIGHT 5. NIECES 6. VENTER 7. BAKERIES 2/14

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 B1.

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

Find 15 objects in the picture

☀️ = 1 🌙 = 2 ☁️ = 3 ☀️ = 4

☀️ + ☁️ =

🌙 + ☀️ =

☁️ + ☁️ =

☀️ + ☀️ =

= 9
 = - 7
 = 2 +
 - + = ?

= 9
 = - 6
 = 4 +
 - + = ?

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