

LOCAL RECAP

News Brief

The Greenwich Board of Education experienced a deadlock in choosing a new chair, leading the decision to be made by the three-person Board of Selectmen, who selected Karen Kowalski as the chair. Karen Hirsh, nominated by Janet Stone McGuigan, did not secure the position. The selection process generated debate about voter awareness in local elections regarding the BOE chair. Kowalski became the Chair of the Greenwich Board of Education by a 2-1 vote from the Board of Selectmen.

POLICE & FIRE

Early in the morning, Emergency Response Teams E2 and E3 were redirected to a motor vehicle accident on Weaver Street in Greenwich's West side as the usual first responders were unavailable. E2 initiated the extrication of a trapped person from the vehicle, with support from Truck 1 and Shift Commander C4. The occupant was successfully freed within 15 minutes and transferred to Greenwich EMS. Greenwich Police investigated the accident.

In December, the Greenwich Police Department bid farewell to retiring officers Officer Caroline Clark and Officer Joel Berry, who collectively served for 25 years. Officer Caroline Clark, who joined the department in 2009, earned a reputation for professionalism and received various awards during her 15-year tenure. Officer Joel Berry, with extensive experience in law enforcement and emergency medical services, excelled as a Patrol Officer and Traffic Enforcement Officer. Both officers received commendations for their work.

Greenwich Professional Firefighters responded to a reported structure fire in backcountry Greenwich late last week. Upon arrival, Engine 8 confirmed a working basement fire, and responding units initiated a rural water supply with a 2500-foot-long 5-inch supply line to North Street. Engine 2 established a fill site for responding tankers. Crews launched an aggressive interior attack, containing the fire to the basement. Fortunately, there were no reported injuries. The Fire Marshals Division is investigating the incident.

The Port Chester Police uncovered a scam targeting community members. Scammers use fraudulent calls to falsely claim individuals owe unpaid parking fines to the Port Chester Courts. Victims are urged to send money orders to resolve these supposed violations, and some have even gone to court, believing they have outstanding fines. Authorities emphasize that legitimate courts do not make such calls or offer questionable

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David Raben, CEO of the United Way of Greenwich; Demetra Ganias, founder of Ganias Media Lab and a Greenwich United Way Board member; State Senator Ryan Fazio; State Representative Steve Meskers; State Representative Rachel Khanna; State Representative Hector Arzeno; and First Selectman Fred Camillo.

Greenwich United Way Hosts Annual Legislative Breakfast

By JULIA BARCELLO & ANNE WHITE

At a recent roundtable organized by the Greenwich United Way, local legislators and community leaders gathered to discuss the pressing human services needs in Greenwich identified by the Greenwich United Way. The meeting, moderated by Demetra Ganias, an advisory board member of Greenwich United Way, highlighted the legislative achievements of 2023 and outlined goals for the upcoming year.

OPENING REMARKS: DAVID RABIN HIGHLIGHTS UNITED WAY'S IMPACT

David Rabin, CEO of the Greenwich United Way, opened the discussion, emphasizing the organization's longstanding commitment to addressing the town's human services needs. "For 90 years, the Greenwich United Way has been uncovering unmet needs, raising awareness and support, and delivering lasting solutions," Rabin said. He expressed hopes for the organization's continued impact in the community.

LEGISLATORS SHARE ACHIEVEMENTS & GOALS

The moderator, Demetra Ganias began by asking the panel members to introduce themselves and to discuss their greatest legislative achievements of 2023 and their number one goal for 2024.

Fred Camillo started by explaining that he is serving his third term as First Selectman, and by highlighting his work protecting local control of zoning. Camillo, who used to be in the House of Representatives, said, "because I work with my colleagues here, and I've testified a lot on bills [in Hartford], helping to protect local control of zoning, working with advocates across the state, including here in town, that was a big success."

Rachel Khanna, representing the 149th District and serving on various committees, focused on addressing job vacancies in teaching and healthcare. She introduced a bill to recruit and train professionals in these sectors. She also prioritized cancer coverage for firefighters. Her 2024 goals include continuing workforce

development, with a focus on early childhood education and women's business development.

Stephen Meskers, serving on multiple committees including Energy and Technology, Bonding, Revenue and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, and as chair of the Commerce Committee, expressed pride in his role in securing funding for the Boys and Girls Club's facility rebuild. He emphasized the importance of responding to individual needs and community support, especially during the pandemic.

Ryan Fazio first complimented the United Way on their work and thanked them for holding the event before discussing his work as a State Senator.

"It's an honor to be with the Greenwich United Way again this year and all the other important nonprofits and agencies who are in attendance today," he said. "You really are doing God's work, and at the tip of the spear in protecting people in our community."

Fazio sits on the finance committee, which is in charge of taxation, on the Transportation

Committee, and is the ranking member of the Energy Committee and the Planning and Development Committee, which oversees all issues related to local governments, including planning and zoning.

"This past year," he said, "I was very proud to co-author four different bills which eventually passed into law on a lot of issues related to economic opportunity and mobility."

The bills include: expanding access to birth control, which Fazio said is especially important for low income and families in more rural areas; a bill that makes it legal for charities to raise money through raffles and bazaars, relevant Fazio said to a lot of the organizations in attendance needing to raise money; a comprehensive utilities and energy reform bill that is both a clean energy strategy and will eventually reduce energy costs to consumers; and a bill that removes college degree barriers for certain state jobs, providing more economic opportunity for people who have had the opportunity to get college degree, but still possess

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Fisher, Fassuliotis Lead BET

New BET Leadership Prioritizes Unity and Open Dialogue in Addressing Greenwich's Fiscal Challenges

By ANNE WHITE

In the wake of the internal Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) leadership elections, Harry Fisher and Karen Fassuliotis have emerged as pivotal figures in shaping the future of Greenwich's fiscal governance. Fisher, elected as Chairman, and Fassuliotis, as Vice-Chairman, bring to the table a shared vision of collaboration and effective communication.

Everyone who serves on the BET is a volunteer. The BET, like the Board of Education (BOE) and the Representative Town Meeting (RTM), are unpaid volunteer positions.

Harry Fisher, reflecting on his new role and the expectations that come with it, stressed the importance of collective success. "I want to make sure that everybody on the BET succeeds," Fisher asserted. His approach is focusing on enhanced communication. "My objective is to have success through better dialogue with all parties, whether it's Democrats, Republicans, Independents. We've got to have more talking," he emphasized, acknowledging the challenges that come with differing viewpoints. "We may not agree on issues, but we've certainly got to have more open discussions."

The Vice-Chairman, Karen Fassuliotis, echoed Fisher's commitment to dialogue and collaboration, particularly in

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Red & White Ball Honorees

Red & White Ball Co-Chairs, Committee, and Honorees

The American Red Cross Metro NY North Chapter is set to honor three distinguished individuals at the 2024 Red & White Ball. The event, taking place on April 27 at the Riverside Yacht Club, shines a spotlight on Lieutenant General Steven W. Gilland, Suzanne Packer, and Chief James J. Heavey for their exceptional contributions. "The Red & White Ball is not just a fundraiser; it's a celebration of those who embody our mission to alleviate human suffering," said Stephanie Dunn Ashley, CEO of the Chapter.



Police Chief Jim Heavey

Connie Anne Harris and Lauren E. Walsh, Co-Chairs of this gathering. Harris and Walsh have been pivotal in orchestrating the Ball's success. "Our goal is to unite the community in support of the Red Cross's vital mission," Harris shared, reflecting on the

importance of the event. Walsh added, "Each year, we aim to elevate our efforts, ensuring that every dollar raised goes towards helping those in need."

The Exceptional Service Award goes to Lieutenant General Steven W. Gilland, whose illustrious military career spans over three decades. Suzanne Packer, a board member and philanthropist, will receive the Humanitarian Award. The Lifetime Service Award will be presented to Police Chief Jim Heavey. Heavey's career, spanning over three decades, is marked by his contributions both in law enforcement and as a U.S. Army Reserve officer. His ongoing commitment to public service, especially his involvement in local organizations, underscores the essence of the Lifetime Service Award.

INSIDE



The Byrne family has always been a big supporter of the parade. Above, son Dan and two of his daughters marching in the 2022 parade.

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LIGO: Story on B1 Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory is the world's largest gravitational wave observatory and a marvel of precision engineering.



WATERS RISE AT TOD'S POINT

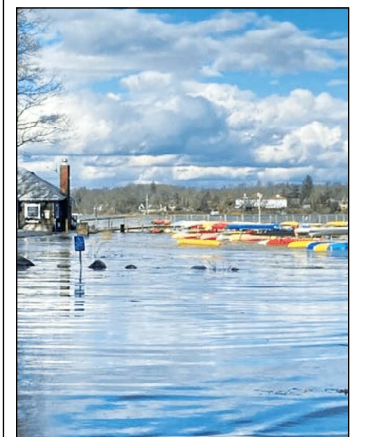


Photo by Larry Imbrogno

By EMMA BARHYDT

The usually serene Tod's Pond transformed into Tod's Pond last week as torrential rains and swelling tides merged to inundate roads, parking lots, and the Old Greenwich Yacht Club. This event, though devoid of material destruction, serves as a profound reminder of nature's increasingly unpredictable temperament.

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The First Bank of Greenwich Honors Louise Weber

By LIZ LEAMY

Louise Weber was the ever-dedicated member of the community whose many contributions over the years included being a prominent member of the Garden Club of Old Greenwich as well as a Board Member and former Chair of the Bruce Museum before having sadly passed last November. On Wednesday,

January 10 Weber was honored by The First Bank of Greenwich in a heartwarming event held at their main office on East Putnam Avenue in Cos Cob. Featured were two exquisite tabletop holiday trees Weber had designed for the Greenwich Historical Society's annual Holiday Festival of Tabletop Trees of which the Bank had purchased at a silent auction for



One of the two trees designed by Louise Weber on display at the bank.

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News & Releases

Byrne Named Parade Grand Marshall

Thomas Byrne: A Life Steeped in Tradition and Service, Leads 2024 Greenwich St. Patrick's Parade

Thomas Byrne, a man deeply rooted in his Irish heritage and dedicated to his community, will be the Grand Marshal of the 48th annual Greenwich St. Patrick's Parade, the Greenwich Hibernian Association announced. The parade is set for St. Patrick's Day, Mar. 17.

Born in Westchester, Byrne's lineage traces back to Glendalough, County Wicklow, Ireland. His great-great-grandparents, Patrick Byrne and Anna Healy, embarked on a journey from Ireland to New York in the mid-19th century, marking the beginning of a family legacy steeped in resilience and community involvement.

Reflecting on his heritage, Byrne said, "Being chosen as the Grand Marshal is a profound honor. My Irish heritage shapes a significant part of my identity. The stories of my ancestors

overcoming adversity to establish a life here in America deeply resonate with me."

Byrne's Irish connections extend beyond his own bloodline. His wife Megan's ancestry lies in County Mayo, Ireland. This shared heritage has played a pivotal role in their family, influencing their values and traditions.

Byrne's educational journey, marked by his time in Catholic schools, Yale, and Stanford Law School, paved the way for a life dedicated to service. Initially practicing law in Connecticut, Byrne later shifted to education, impacting young lives as an AP Physics teacher in Westchester for over two and a half decades.

His dedication to public service is evident in his extensive involvement in Greenwich's local government. Byrne's tenure as the Moderator of the Greenwich RTM, spanning 26 years, stands as



The Byrne family has always been a big supporter of the parade. Above, son Dan and two of his daughters marching in the 2022 parade.

a record in the town's history. "Serving on the RTM has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. It's about making real changes at the grassroots level," Byrne remarked on his political career.

Byrne's commitment to his community extends to his passion for sports. He has been an integral part of local sports, coaching youth baseball and officiating basketball and baseball games across Fairfield

County. His involvement in sports underscores his belief in the power of community and teamwork.

The family Byrne has built with Megan mirrors the values of service and resilience that he holds dear. Their children's achievements in various fields, including public service and military service, are a source of immense pride and reflect the family's commitment to contributing to society.

The St. Patrick's Parade, a staple event for Byrne since his move to Greenwich in 1984, symbolizes more than just a cultural festivity. "This parade is a celebration of our roots," Byrne shared. "It's about honoring where we come from and the journey our family has taken. We've always embraced our Irish heritage, and attending the parade has been a way for us to connect with our past."

As Byrne prepares to

lead the parade this year, he looks forward to not just celebrating Irish culture but also honoring the journey of his ancestors. Their legacy of overcoming challenges and their commitment to community and public service continues to inspire him.

"Leading the parade is not just about walking at the front; it's about carrying the story of my family, the story of immigrants who came here seeking a better life and worked tirelessly to achieve it. It's about remembering and celebrating those who came before us," Byrne concluded.

The 2024 Greenwich St. Patrick's Parade promises to be a vibrant display of cultural pride and community spirit, with Byrne at the helm, honoring his heritage and the values of resilience, service, and community that have shaped his life.

Greenwich High School Seniors Shine in Prestigious Science Talent Search

By EMMA BARHYDT

In a remarkable achievement, Greenwich High School seniors Lucy Li, Audrey Lin, and Naomi Park have been named among the top 300 scholars in the Regeneron Science Talent Search 2024. This prestigious distinction not only highlights their exceptional abilities in science and mathematics, but also brings to the fore the vital role of youth in shaping the future of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields.

The Regeneron Science Talent Search, known for being the nation's oldest and most prestigious science and math competition for high school seniors, has long been a beacon of inspiration for young scientists across the globe. This year, the competition drew a staggering 2,162 applications from 712 high schools in 46 states, Puerto Rico, and 10 other countries.

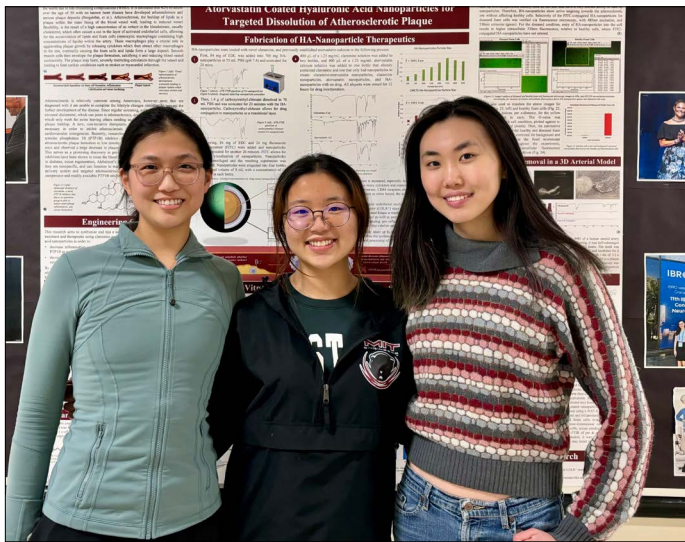
Each of the scholars from Greenwich High School will be awarded \$2,000, with the school receiving an equal amount for each enrolled scholar. This financial support not only acknowledges their hard work

and dedication but also invests in their future endeavors in science and technology.

The selection process for the Regeneron Science Talent Search is rigorous and comprehensive, focusing on students' research skills, leadership abilities, community involvement, academic commitment, creativity in scientific inquiry, and potential as STEM leaders. These criteria reflect the competition's emphasis on fostering a holistic approach to science and research, where academic excellence goes hand-in-hand with practical application and community engagement.

The projects submitted by the Greenwich High School scholars are testaments to their ingenuity and dedication to addressing environmental challenges.

Lucy Li's project, "Footprint Reduction of PET Fiber Waste in Refuse Environments via Non-Toxic Ideonella sakaiensis Degradation," tackles the critical issue of plastic waste. By exploring the potential of Ideonella sakaiensis in degrading PET fibers, Li's research holds promise for more sustainable waste management



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practices.

Audrey Lin's project, "Eco-Friendly Remediation of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons in Stormwater via Magnesium-Infused Calcite Crystal, Supramolecular Hydrogel Scaffolding," addresses the pervasive problem of water pollution. Lin's innovative approach to removing harmful pollutants from stormwater using a novel hydrogel scaffold could lead to significant advancements in water purification technologies.

Naomi Park's research, "Development and Life Cycle Assessment of a Novel, Multi-Functional Remediation Framework for the Concurrent Removal of Oceanic Carbon Dioxide and Oil-in-Water Contaminants," presents a dual solution to two pressing environmental concerns: oceanic carbon dioxide and water contamination. Park's multifaceted approach demonstrates the kind of interdisciplinary thinking that is crucial in tackling complex

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environmental issues.

The journey for these young scientists is far from over. On January 24, 40 of the 300 scholars will be named finalists in the Regeneron Science Talent Search. These finalists will then participate in a week-long competition in Washington, D.C., from March 6-13, competing for over \$1.8 million in awards. This event not only offers a platform for showcasing their research but also provides an opportunity to engage with some of the brightest minds in the scientific community.

The achievements of Lucy Li, Audrey Lin, and Naomi Park serve as a beacon of

hope and inspiration, not only for their peers at Greenwich High School but for young scientists everywhere. Their success underscores the importance of nurturing scientific talent at an early age and the need for schools and communities to support such endeavors. As we celebrate their accomplishments, we are reminded of the endless possibilities that lie in the curious minds of our youth and the bright future that awaits them as they continue to explore, innovate, and lead in the world of science and technology.

Town of Greenwich Community Survey

Greenwich recently underwent a comprehensive evaluation through a community survey conducted by Probolsky Research. Spanning from November 15 to December 1, 2023, the survey reached out to a representative sample of 425 residents, reflecting Greenwich's diverse demographic fabric. The methodology's rigor, marked by a +/-4.9% margin of error at a 95% confidence level, lends credibility to the findings that provide a nuanced understanding of the residents' perspectives.

Key among the survey's findings is the residents' overall satisfaction with their quality of life in Greenwich. The town's parks, open spaces, and beaches were frequently highlighted as some of the most appreciated aspects, showcasing the community's strong connection with its natural environment and recreational facilities. The survey also emphasized Greenwich's strategic location, offering the tranquility of small-town living within easy reach of New York City's urban vibrancy, an aspect highly valued by the residents.

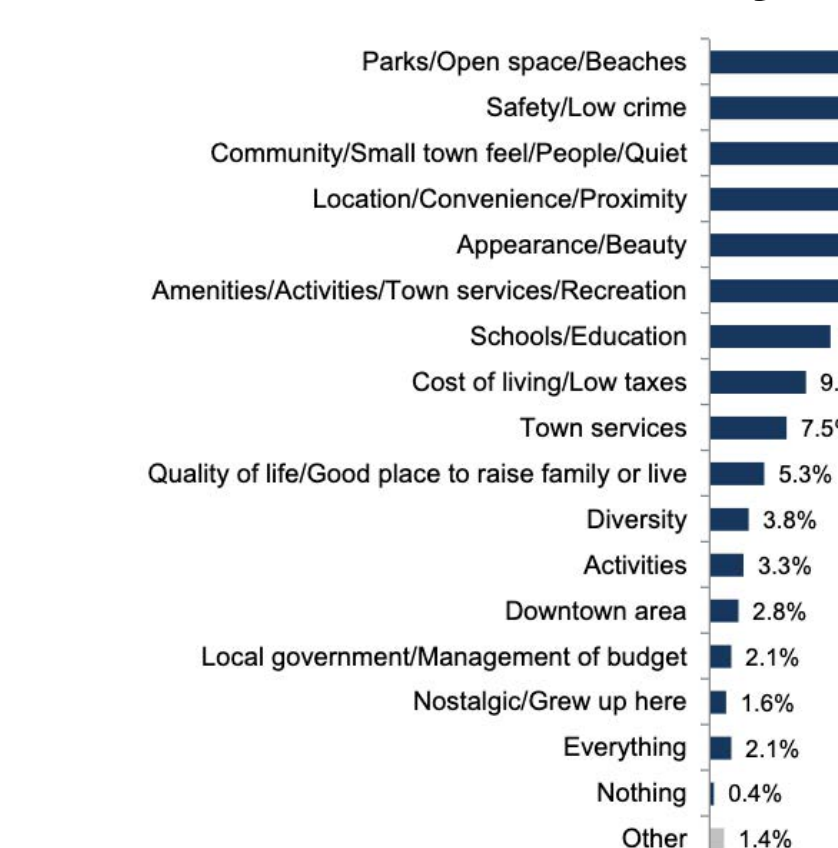
However, the survey uncovered areas of concern, particularly in the realm of education. While the general sentiment towards the quality of Greenwich schools remains positive, there has been a discernible decrease in satisfaction levels over recent years. Concerns centered around the aging infrastructure of school buildings and the quality of educational content, with a segment of residents expressing unease about the influence of political agendas in the school curriculum.

This area emerged as a critical point for the town's administration to address, with suggestions pointing towards a need for transparent communication and strategic planning in educational improvements.

Public safety and traffic management emerged as areas with mixed reviews. While the perception of Greenwich as a safe community remains strong, there has been an uptick in concerns about property crimes and a perceived lack of police presence in key areas. The survey results reflected a call for increased police involvement in traffic control, especially during peak times, to manage the challenges posed by the town's growth and development.

This growth and development also form a central theme in residents' concerns. The survey revealed apprehension about the town's ongoing expansion, particularly the rise in high-rise housing and its impact on traffic, congestion, and the overall "small-town" feel of Greenwich. Residents expressed a desire for more effective management of this growth, maintaining a balance between development and preserving the town's character. The importance of transparent communication about infrastructure projects and their implications was a recurring suggestion.

Mixed feedback was also observed in residents' opinions on town departments, divisions, and agencies. Issues like prolonged permit processes and difficulties in navigating the town's website were commonly cited.



Recommendations from the survey include enhancing the website's user experience and improving customer service in these departments to streamline interactions and improve overall satisfaction.

In contrast, the Parks and Recreation Department received commendable reviews for its role in enhancing Greenwich's appeal. However, the process for obtaining park and beach passes, particularly for older residents, was highlighted as an area needing simplification and improvement.

The survey paints a picture of a community that values the unique blend of suburban serenity and urban accessibility that Greenwich offers. It underscores the residents' desire to see their tax dollars effectively used in improving schools, infrastructure, and managing the challenges of urban growth. Balancing development while preserving the community feel, traffic management, and maintaining high standards in public services emerged as key areas of focus for the town's future planning.

The Probolsky Research Community Survey, which had

responses from approximately one percent of residents, serves as one instrument for the Town of Greenwich, providing insights into the priorities and concerns of some of its residents. As Greenwich navigates its path of growth and evolution, striking a balance between modernization and maintaining its cherished small-town essence will be an ongoing challenge.

For the full survey, visit: <https://www.greenwichct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/40227/2023-Greenwich-Residential-Satisfaction-Report-Final>

Feature

Learning of the Parallel Paths of Two Iconic Musicians, Billy Joel and Bruce Springsteen

By ANNE W. SEMMES

This past week New York's Madison Square Garden featured legendary rock star Billy Joel, with tickets in the hundreds of dollars. His contemporary Bruce Springsteen is kicking off his 2024 tour in March heading west then traveling across Europe through the summer. The popularity of these two musicians is now stretching across half a century. The uncanny parallel phenomenon of their talents is seen in a new history written by a teacher of high school history at Greenwich Country Day School, Dr. Jim Cullen.

Cullen's book is entitled "Bridge & Tunnel Boys - Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, and the Metropolitan Sound of the American Century." These two talents grew up in the burgeoning suburbs of Long Island and New Jersey, where to access Manhattan, they had to cross bodies of water by ferry, rail or car - hence they're being tagged the bridge and tunnel boys.

"I'm a native Long Islander," tells Cullen. "Billy Joel was part of the wallpaper of my life." Being a Springsteen fan in high school and college - he earned a doctorate in American Studies - Cullen would author a history of ... "Springsteen and the American Tradition." As a teacher he says he tries "to stitch various subjects together. And that includes things like music and film, but it also includes things like literature or history."

But now comes his new book "Bridge & Tunnel Boys," wherein he masterfully stitches together the lives of Joel and Springsteen, while no doubt hearing their songs play out in his head. That includes Springsteen's song, "This



Dr. Jim Cullen, author of "Bridge & Tunnel Boys - Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, and the Metropolitan Sound of the American Century," also teaches history at the upper school of Greenwich Country Day School. Contributed photo.

Hard Land" he describes as a, "loving but unsentimental look at the American Dream." He cites the formative bedrock of their suburban lives that led to their successes. "These guys are born within a few months of each other, in 1949, which is the real dawn of suburbia, certainly a post-war suburbia....and Greenwich was kind of part of that."

Billy Joel's turf was Hicksville, NY and Springsteen's Freehold, NJ. "But they really have parallel experiences," Cullen says. "They both grew up in a world where farms were still on the horizon and watched as the subdivisions went up that they were both a part of." And the record industry was thriving, bringing the sound of the Beatles and Bob Dylan.

"And they grew up in the shadow of the Beatles and Bob Dylan for whom writing your own music was important," he adds, "and also, they were a product of the early 1970s when the singer-songwriter was at its zenith. Both of

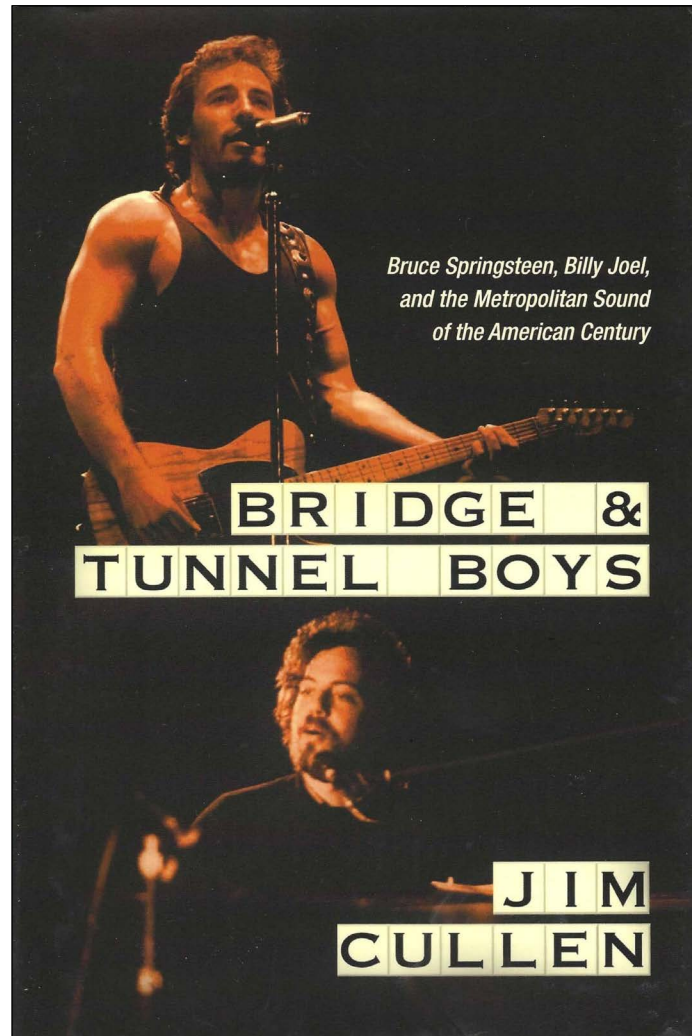
them were basically signed to be singer-songwriters, but neither of them wanted to be pigeonholed that way. Both of them were committed to being in rock bands. And so, they were both a product of, and to some degree resisted the culture of which they came of age."

But what reads as self-evident in Cullen's history is how these songwriters, with their bands, were documenting their life stories, their times, and their places in their songs. Theirs was storytelling music. Early in the book Springsteen addresses seeing his adopted town of three years Asbury Park suffer "serious race rioting and begin to close down." Springsteen would describe his resulting song, "Fourth of July, Asbury Park" as "a goodbye to my adopted hometown and the life I'd lived there before I recorded."

In their mid-1980 heydays, Cullen writes, "Joel's "The Bridge" [song] and Springsteen's "Tunnel of Love" were both explorations of marriage." And "why they managed to retain loyal audiences: they told stories to which aging Boomer (and post-Boomers) could relate."

Cullen adds, "In some fundamental sense, both of them were instinctive historians. They really wanted to chronicle the country in which they came of age. And as they grew older and grew more self-conscious, they were able to do that a little bit more skillfully."

Both musicians Cullen believes "were taking their cue, more from Bob Dylan, who even by the time they were growing up, had already had a long career. This notion of a livelihood extending over a long period of time and going through phases, that



Book cover of "Bridge & Tunnel Boys - Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, and the Metropolitan Sound of the American Century." Contributed photo.

their music would be a way of chronicling not just their country's experience, but their own experience as young men into old men, that was very much part of their agenda for themselves in terms of their careers."

Cullen is surprised with their lasting appeal. "It's not surprising that they would be listened to by their peers generationally, but they really do have followings that continue. And I think that speaks to our moment as well. When they came of age, there was a real generation gap, and I think there's a little bit less of one now."

Also surprising to this reporter was how other artists were drawn to them over the years to use their talents for songs for films, for dance such as by choreographer Twyla Tharp. "Yes," says Cullen. "They both have attracted artists and other media, filmmakers, novelists." But he's not aware that either of these musicians has a direct heir "the way you could say that Springsteen is Bob Dylan's heir, or that Billy Joel is the Beatles heir. But nevertheless, I think they both have a lot of broader cultural currency."

So how might he connect Joel and Springsteen to

Beyonce and Taylor Swift? He cites Swift as "really following their playbook, both in terms of the long haul and also very self-consciously chronicling phases of her life." He also sees "an established record of the mutual admiration between Springsteen and Swift, and Joel and Swift."

Looking at the metropolitan age of these two musicians Cullen conjectures, "If Billy Joel had been born earlier, he would've been a Broadway tune spinner like Hammerstein. Billy Joel's signature accomplishment as a popular musician is his melodies and the sturdiness of his songwriting. He has classical training, and you see that in his songs. Springsteen has less formal training, and overall, his music is less complex. But Springsteen has the deeper, more resonant lyrics. If he had been born a different time, he probably would've been a short story writer rather than a rock and roll musician. But by virtue of being born right smack in the middle of the American century, he became a rock and roll star instead."

Cullen comes back to that suburban significance he sees in his new teaching town of Greenwich. "Greenwich is very much a part of this story as the outer frontier of metropolitan New York." He mentions Rudy Vallee coming out of Connecticut. He's "happy that the local community here is just part of this really compelling story." After all, isn't that how Greenwich's popular diner got its name of "Glory Days" from that song by Bruce Springsteen? (Thanks to Patricia Triantafillou, a Springsteen fan and wife of diner owner Nick Triantafillou!)

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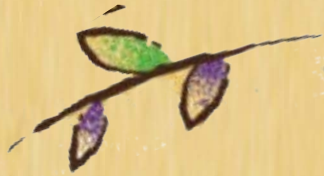
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Feature

Savoring History and Heritage: Inside Greenwich's First Kosher Delicatessen with Chef David



BY EMMA BARHYDT

I knew I was in for a treat when our meal began with Chef David asking me if there was anything I didn't eat, my response was no, I love to try anything and everything. Chef David replied, "God bless you. As a chef, music to my ears." And what a treat it was, as you read last week in my review, Greenwich & Delancey has become one of my all-time favorite restaurants in town, but even more delightful than the meal itself was getting to share it with Chef David as he introduced me to his wonderful world of cooking. It's not every day I get to sit down with the Chef who's generously feeding me, and to have the Chef explain the story of the restaurant and his culinary journey while you're eating the food he's prepared... it's an incredible experience.

"I opened at the height of COVID, and I'm such a perfectionist. I'm like, I want to take it slow until I get everything worked out to my standards, and then people should find out," explained Chef David. As for why Chef David decided to open the first Kosher restaurant in Greenwich's history, "I moved from Manhattan to Greenwich during COVID," he said, "and there's no place, there's nothing to eat like the kind of food I'm used to." Homesickness is a motivator we can all relate to, and how incredible is it that the cure for homesickness is so often food? Yes, you did hear that right, the first Kosher restaurant in town ever. "We broke history."

If you're wondering about the name of the restaurant, like I was, "to come up with the name, took me forever. I couldn't figure out how to tie in Greenwich and an old-school delicatessen, so that's where Delancey came into my mind," Chef David remarked.

"Delancey is a very famous street in Manhattan, where all

the immigrants, Lower East Side, New York, started when they migrated, and, actually one of the first places where pastrami was ever made in the states, was on Delancey Street," he said, "So, it brings a lot of connection. So Greenwich is like new-school, and Delancey is old-school, so everything is delicious."

"We take zero shortcuts on quality. It's all about the best ingredients I can get my hands on, as a chef." That goes from the quality of the meats and spices, all the way down to the oil. You'll find nothing deep-fried at Greenwich & Delancey, but everything is delicious.

"Everything takes longer. Our pastrami takes days to make because the process of smoking, curing, and steaming it to get it to this consistency takes days," explained Chef David, "All of our meals are kosher, so we get the best possible beef from Texas shipped to us. Spices are always handpicked. We go to the market for the vegetables."

But for Chef David, there's nothing more gratifying, "it's a lot of fun to see people's reactions when they eat their food and they're like, 'Oh my God,' they roll their eyes. And as a chef, that excites me."

Beyond the dedication to quality ingredients, Chef David's philosophy of treating guests like family is tangible in every interaction in the restaurant. "My front of the house team, because I always tell my staff, 'I'm not in front of every guest, and it's how you are representing me,' meaning, we need to treat every guest as if they came to your house," noted Chef David.

Guests are not just fed; they are cared for, with complimentary offerings and hospitality that goes beyond the norm. "That's our philosophy. It's like you're in our house, and that's why we want to feed you and keep feeding you," he said, "That's how we are with all our guests. It's very important to us."

It's an inspiration he takes from his family, "I get a lot of my inspiration from my grandparents, and they were

Holocaust survivors. Their fridges had to be packed, and they if they had 10 guests coming, they're cooking for 50, because they would always worry you're not going to have enough food."

Chef David's concept revolves around a theme that transcends the ordinary delicatessen experience. "We're really trying to create a theme," he explains. This theme isn't just about food; it's a multi-sensory journey. He aims to engage all five senses, ensuring that guests do not merely consume food but experience it in every way. "I'm all about the chef hitting all five senses, so I want you to see it, smell it, touch it," he explained, "Otherwise, I'm just bringing you a finished product. So this way, you're actually seeing the entire process, and it's exciting."

"Try a matzah babka, a bite that's given as a complementary bite to everybody. There's a story behind it," Chef David said, "Since 1920, my great-grandfather and grandfather supplied the Jewish community with matzah, risking their lives to be able to produce matzah, which was completely not allowed; they were Communists at the time. And then later on, my grandfather survived the war, and after the war, he continued doing it until 1979." He continued, "In honor of them, I do this little bite for them."

"So heritage is really foundational to everything that you do here," I said, to which Chef David replied, "Everything on the menu has a story. Everything has a story."

Chef David's inspiration from his Grandparents extends beyond the borders of Greenwich & Delancey, inspiring him to action in an incredibly tangible way. "I feed 80 Holocaust survivors



weekly. I started during the height of the pandemic when I lived in the city at that moment, I would walk for four or five hours a day, didn't know what to do with myself," he explained. "I started thinking about my grandparents if they were alive, who would take care of them," he continued, "People were stuck, they couldn't travel, you couldn't go anywhere. So I was thinking, who's taking care of them? They already went through starvation once in their life. They should never go hungry again."

Undeterred by the closures and restrictions, Chef David reached out to museums, gathering names of those in need. His dedication saw the reopening of kitchens, where he and his team prepared meals with care and love. This initiative wasn't just about providing food; it was about creating a sense of family

and community during a time when loneliness and isolation were at their peak.

"I reached out to the [Jewish Heritage] museum, I said, 'Please send me people who, in need, get me their names.' And I started feeding all the survivors," remarked Chef David, "It was really for Covid, but I can't stop. They're so excited to get the food weekly. It became like a family." On the eve of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, a survivor, fondly referred to as the 'mayor of the survivors', left a voicemail expressing her gratitude, "We always feel special. We feel somebody is looking out for us." Chef David extends that same generosity to those here, in town, "And if anyone's in need, a survivor that needs a meal, we'll supply it. We're all about giving."

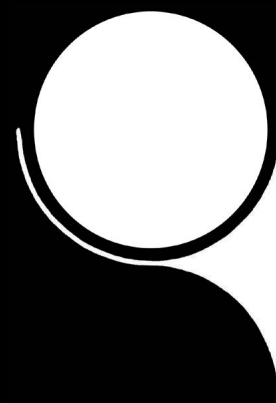
Chef David's journey from a Manhattan chef to the pioneer

of Greenwich's first kosher delicatessen is not just a tale of culinary excellence, but also one of deep personal passion and commitment to community. Beyond the mouth-watering food, Chef David's story, his family's legacy, and his commitment to excellence and giving back to the community visiting Greenwich & Delancey an unforgettable experience. Sometimes, we forget the personal touch in the quest for convenience, but Chef David and his amazing team remind us of the beauty of connecting through food, history, and compassion.

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light of the upcoming financial challenges. “We’re going to have some challenges to fill some budget gaps that are left from [federal] funds,” Fassuliotis stated. She stressed the necessity of a cooperative working environment, “We’re looking to basically restore the bipartisan government that I think that the people in town expect from our board.”

The November election results showed Fisher at the top of the polls for BET incumbents with 9,628 votes, closely followed by Fassuliotis with 9,483 votes. The Democratic candidates, led by Leslie Moriarty with 9,371 votes, also showed strong performance, underscoring

the town’s expectation for bipartisan governance.

Fisher’s vision extends beyond just the BET’s internal dynamics. He aims to improve the broader relationships within the community. “I’m also interested primarily in the success of the town and getting rid of all the acrimony. I hope for better relations among the BET and we’ve got to work with Fred [Camillo]. We have a lot to get accomplished very quickly,” he said, acknowledging the need to work closely with all branches of town government.

In terms of actual policy implementation and committee assignments, Fisher’s strategy appears to be inclusive and balanced. The assignments cover a range of expertise, ensuring that each committee can effectively address the specific challenges it faces.

The way forward for the BET, under Fisher and Fassuliotis’s leadership, is marked by a commitment to open dialogue and pragmatic decision-making. As Fassuliotis put it, “I said to my Democratic colleagues, ‘Look, we may not always agree, but at least we will have a conversation’ – If we don’t agree, I’m not going to be sacrificing my values, and I told them that upfront but if we can find some compromises then at least we can move forward.”

This leadership change comes at a crucial time for Greenwich, as it navigates the post-pandemic economic landscape. The emphasis on bipartisan cooperation and effective communication by Fisher and Fassuliotis heralds a potentially transformative era for the town’s fiscal management and community relations.

Greenwich Rises to the Climate Challenge, Waters Rise at Tod’s Point



High tide pushing the waves over the road at Tod’s Point. Photos taken by Larry Imbrogno

By EMMA BARHYDT

The usually serene Tod’s Point transformed into Tod’s Pond last week as torrential rains and swelling tides merged to inundate roads, parking lots, and the Old Greenwich Yacht Club. This event, though devoid of material destruction, serves as a profound reminder of nature’s increasingly unpredictable temperament.

Greenwich, like much of the East Coast, found itself grappling with the whims of nature. The National Weather Service’s report of a staggering 2.35 inches of rain within a mere 48 hours – over half the monthly average for January in one storm – is a testament to the intensifying weather patterns. The waters rose, not just in terms of rainfall, but with tides peaking at an unusual 8.8 feet, exceeding the average high tide mark of about 7.5 feet.

This meteorological anomaly; however, was not an isolated incident. Similar scenes of flooding painted the coastlines of some of town residents’ favorite vacation spots in Maine and Massachusetts. This series of

events falls within the broader context of a robust El Niño cycle, a climatic phenomenon known for its disruption of Pacific Ocean temperatures and subsequent worldwide weather impacts.

The El Niño cycle, while significant, is merely a piece in the larger puzzle of climate change. As outlined in the United Nations’ 2022 report, the severity and frequency of such weather events are symptomatic of a global trend, a narrative far exceeding local or even national boundaries.

Amidst these challenges, the incident at Tod’s Point underscores the importance of community engagement and awareness in weather-related situations. Greenwich is keeping the climate and these increasing challenges at the forefront of town policy.

In December 2023, Greenwich released its Sustainability and Climate Resiliency Plan (S&CRP). This plan, a culmination of years of diligent work by several local groups and agencies reflects a comprehensive analysis of climate action plans from various governmental levels. It demonstrates a commitment

to sustainability including the results from a public survey on the matter for residents.

Over 600 residents, business owners, and town employees participated, expressing concern about climate change’s impact on Greenwich, with 74.8% acknowledging its significance and 66% of respondents seeing climate change as a shared responsibility. Concerns about flooding, extreme weather, air quality, biodiversity, and sea level rise were prominent. These insights shaped the town’s Climate Action Plan (CAP), focusing on flooding mitigation, waste reduction, and energy initiatives.

Greenwich’s environmental stewardship journey dates back to the 2000s, marked by milestones such as the adoption of the “Clean Energy Resolution” in 2008 and achieving silver certification in Sustainable CT’s program in 2018 and 2021.

Tod’s Point has now recovered from its watery siege, though the recent flooding stands as a stark reminder to be prepared, both as individuals and as a town.

2024-2026 BET COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS				
CHAIR	Fisher			
VICE CHAIR	Fassuliotis			
CLERK	Fassuliotis			
MINORITY CAUCUS LEADER	Moriarty			
STANDING COMMITTEES	Chair			
Audit (4)	Alfano	Jansen	DesChamps	Selbst
Budget(4)	Tarkington	Fisher	Moriarty	Weisbrod
Human Resources (4)	Fassuliotis	Jansen	Alchek	Kalb
Investment Advisory/OPEB (4)	Arora	Alfano	Alchek	Kalb
Law (2)	Fassuliotis		Selbst	
Policy/Procedure (2)	Fassuliotis		Moriarty	
LIAISONS				
Assessor (2)	Fassuliotis		Alchek	
CD Block Grant (2)	Jansen		DesChamps	
Comptroller/Finance (2)	Fisher		Moriarty	
DPW (2)	Jansen		Kalb	
Education (2)	Tarkington		Moriarty	
Information Tech (2)	Arora		DesChamps	
Nathaniel Witherell (2)	Alfano		Selbst	
Parks & Rec (2)	Jansen		Alchek	
Public Safety (police/fire) (2)	Fisher		Weisbord	
Retirement Board/OPEB (2)	Arora		Kalb	
Energy Mgmt Adv Comm (1)	Fisher			
CIP Capital Improvement (2)	Not active process			
Tax Collector (2)	As needed			
SPECIAL PROJECT TEAMS				
Labor Contract (2)	Fisher		Selbst	
Debt+Fund Balance Policy (4)	Fisher	Tarkington	Alchek	Weisbrod
GHS Vestibule Bldg Comm (1)	Moriarty			
CMS Building Comm (1)	Fisher			
OGS Building Comm (1)	Selbst			
JC Building Comm (1)	Fisher			

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visitors and customers to enjoy throughout the holiday season.

This memorable and moving event captured much of Weber’s spirit with those in attendance happily coming together in honor of her wonderful legacy, talent and contributions to the world of horticulture through the Garden Club of Old Greenwich and beyond.

“Louise Weber was wonderful,” said Frank Gaudio, President and Chief Executive Officer of The First Bank of Greenwich. “And I’ll always remember first meeting her. When you meet somebody special, you just know we’ve been very fortunate to have these trees here over the holidays.”

Weber’s two tabletop holiday trees, meanwhile, were on display as golden centerpieces at the moving event that was attended by many of her friends, including many longtime colleagues who had known her through the Greenwich Club of Old Greenwich.

Moreover, Weber’s trees, which were decorated with beautiful birds, butterflies and golden nests that she had painted with blue ‘eggs,’ among other interesting things, vividly seemed to capture her personality, talent, and eye in regard to her gardening and flower expertise while also representing a symbol of the major role she played in regard to the Garden Club of Old Greenwich and other organizations within the community.

“Louise had a great love for the Garden Club of Old Greenwich. She knew floral design and she knew gardening and also just loved birds,” said Wendy MacDonald, a longtime Greenwich resident and president of the Garden Club of Old Greenwich from 2014 to 2016 who had been a close colleague and friend of Weber’s over the years. “Louise and I had a long history together and she was my mentor.”

“Louise was near and dear to all of us,” said Barbara Johann, Manager of the Greenwich Historical Society Museum Store who is very involved with the organization’s Annual Holiday Festival of Tabletop Trees Event. “She was so loving, and we were honored in all she did.”

Others agreed.

“She really was a great person and was an expert at so many things,” said Sue Baker, the renowned retired Greenwich High School teacher, Conservationist and Preservationist of who the Sue H. Baker Pavilion at Greenwich Point is named after. “She was so compassionate a person, was gung-ho on everything and demanded excellence in all she did.”

Weber, a lifelong Greenwich resident, was someone whose



Frank Gaudio, President and Chief Executive Officer of The First Bank of Greenwich honored the spirit and legacy of Louise Weber, longtime member and former President of the Garden Club of Old Greenwich, with many of her friends, including those belonging to the GCOG, at a memorable event held at The First Bank of Greenwich’s Cos Cob office on Wednesday, January 10th. (Photo by Liz Leamy)



Louise Weber standing in front of one of her beautifully designed tabletop holiday trees from several years ago. (Photo courtesy of the Garden Club of Old Greenwich)

life involved tremendous heart, dedication, hard work and commitment, that is for certain.

As a young girl, Weber had grown up on Tod’s Driftway next to Greenwich Point and then graduated from Greenwich High School. From there, she went on to earn a Master of Arts Degree from Teachers College at Columbia University.

As a longtime Board Member of the Bruce Museum, Weber served as its Chair from 1988 to 1992, having made a major impact with that organization in terms of her involvement and dedication during her time there.

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Weber, who joined the Garden Club of Old Greenwich in 1983, became a force there, serving as its President from 1994 to 1996 and again from 2006 to 2008.

Known for her humble, kind, and lively spirit, Weber was also a member of the Board of Directors for the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, having served six years as the organization’s Horticulture Chair, among other notable things.

“She was always precise, and she knew the handbook and the rules,” said Wendy MacDonald. “She was not only a large presence in the Garden Club of Old Greenwich, but at the state level. She was all about a gold standard in every way.”

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the experience and the skills.

Fazio said that his “priorities continue to be economic mobility, especially related to providing an avenue to work, reducing licensing fees, greater healthcare access through reforming certificate of need, and also improving our fiscal standing in the state, reducing the tax burden and making sure we can make the right investments in critical programs.”

LOCAL CONTROL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Demetra Gantias then asked participant to discuss affordable housing and local zoning.

Fred Camillo discussed continuing the work with Greenwich Communities and focusing on redeveloping areas like Armstrong Court. He mentioned the progress made in increasing the percentage of affordable housing and the importance of counting all affordable units.

“I would number one, continue the focus of working with Greenwich Communities, formerly Greenwich Housing Authority,” he emphasized. “Just four years ago we were at 5.2% of the 10% mandate from the state. We’re now up to about 5.8%... more than double our neighbors that are not cities, which is good.”

He went on to explain that a law that passed in 1991 “said that if there’s a unit that’s affordable but hasn’t had \$25,000 invested in it, it’s not counted.” As a result, the affordable housing units at Armstrong Court we’re never counted.

“Now they’re all being counted,” Camillo said. “So focusing on that as well as looking at new units.” Camillo added the importance of balancing the need to add new affordable units with the need to avoid creating more impervious surfaces which leads to flooding problems.

Stephen Meskers said, “Affordable housing is a national problem. It’s an income related problem. It’s an access to housing. It is not a natural, right, or people would tell you it’s not a natural right. But people deserve housing. It’s incumbent on the communities to address the issue as they see fit... In terms of development, I’m not an advocate for high rises... I do believe in affordable housing. I believe workforce housing, I believe access to housing is important. I believe that our workforce should be able to live in our community.”

Ryan Fazio criticized the state statute 8-30g, arguing that it has failed and created an adversarial relationship between the state and localities. He called for a collaborative approach and praised local efforts in Greenwich for increasing the affordable housing stock.

“I think that 8-30g as a state statute has failed to deliver what was promised 30 years ago.” Fazio believes that “we need a collaborative approach, not an adversarial approach between the state and the localities...I think on the local level, the town is doing very good work. Greenwich communities, Fred, everyone in the town government is doing very good work, increasing our affordable housing stock by about 10% in the last few years.”

ADDRESSING FINANCIAL STRAIN

Demetra explained that according to Greenwich United Way’s independent research, it costs \$151,000 for a family of four with two children in childcare to live in Greenwich, and \$46,400 for an individual to meet basic needs. “The latest ALICE Report,” she said, “and Alice stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, highlights that the cost of essential budget items is outpacing wages.”

Her question was what are you working on to address the financial strain that is put on working families?

Answering first, Fazio focused on reducing the tax burden, utility costs, and healthcare costs through legislative bills.

“I think there’s three categories where I hear the greatest concern from residents,” he said. “First, the tax burden in the state being the second or third highest in the country. Second, the utility costs, the energy costs being the second highest in the continental US. And third, the constantly rising healthcare costs. And every year, I make sure I submit several bills on each of those topics. I think we could do a lot to reduce the cost of each of those things for the average family.”

Meskers discussed the broader issue of income distribution, emphasizing the need to drive down healthcare costs, work on affordable housing, and promote economic growth.

“The topic of income distribution in the United States is a bigger problem, bigger scope of problem,” he said. “I think if the margin, the comments from the senator related to the certificates of need, the issues there are valid. We need to drive down the healthcare costs locally where possible to do what we can in terms of the cost of living. I think working on affordable housing, working on helping that housing issue in the state of Connecticut and across the country are very important. And obviously, underpinning it all is economic growth.”

Khanna emphasized increasing the affordability and availability of early childhood education programs as a key component to ease financial strains.

“We know that the rising costs of household essentials is putting financial stability out of reach for so many families,” Khanna said. “And I think a key component in addressing that is increasing the affordability and availability of early childhood education programs, which I think is paramount when finding ways to ease some of the financial strain on families.”

Camillo highlighted the often overlooked middle-class families working multiple jobs and stressed the importance of dialogue with organizations like United Way and other nonprofits to address these issues.

“I think when we talk about the financial

strain of working families, we have to remember that it’s not just those that are on the lower income levels,” Camillo said. “It’s middle class people that work two and three jobs here that often don’t complain and don’t say anything, and we kind of sometimes overlook them. So I think we need to make sure that they’re included in this also... And having a good dialogue with organizations like United Way and all the nonprofits that are here is a good way to do that.”

CHILDCARE COSTS AND ACCESSIBILITY

The moderator then asked the panel to “go back to this issue of childcare because it’s a big one for our families.”

“The cost of childcare of course is expensive and Greenwich specifically and in Connecticut overall,” Khanna said. “It’s a number we carefully calculated at Greenwich United Way and it’s roughly \$2,500 per month per child for full-time care. The governor’s recent Blue Ribbon panel on childcare highlights many of these issues.”

“What solutions would you put in place to address funding, affordability and access to childcare in Greenwich?”

Rachel Khanna highlighted the need to address chronic underfunding and high staff turnover in the childcare sector. She emphasized improving wages and providing career opportunities for childcare workers. She also mentioned the creation of a childcare trust fund in the last budget.

“Connecticut is home to 182,000 children under the age of five,” Khanna explained. “And we also know that investing in our youngest residents brings a seven to 13% return on investment. Our current system is plagued by chronic underfunding and high staff turnover. Wages in childcare in that sector are 23% lower than for both childcare workers than workers in competing fields. So I think we need to work to recruit and retain people in early childhood education and childcare and ensure that workers in the field are paid properly for this critical work, but also provide opportunities for career mobility and increasing recruitment. In the last biennial budget, we created a childcare trust fund and this is something that was also created in other states. So we need to find ways to fund it and to ensure that it has a sustainable funding source going forward.”

Hector Arzeno focused on the recently established childcare trust fund, indicating ongoing discussions about funding and management options. He emphasized the importance of this fund in addressing childcare issues.

“I serve also on the Childcare Early Childcare Education Caucus and as a representative ... there are two or three lines in the budget that we approved last year calling for a trust fund,” Arzeno said. “In this session, we expect to make progress, drafting options for funding of that fund and options for the managing of that fund.”

Camillo agreed with the concept of the childcare trust fund but stressed the importance of flexibility in the fund’s application, suggesting that if a family’s circumstances improve, the funds should be redirected to those in greater need.

“I’ll just echo what Hector said,” Camillo noted. “The fund that was passed last year, we’re putting money in for children. I think it’s a really good idea, but again, we have to make sure that as time goes on, if somebody’s circumstances change, that money could then be diverted to people that actually need it.”

Fazio directly addressed the governor’s recent Blue Ribbon panel on childcare that was asked by the moderator; agreeing with the need for reform in childcare regulations and educator licensing. He pointed out that Connecticut’s stringent childcare ratios contribute significantly to high costs and suggested that altering these ratios could reduce expenses. Fazio also mentioned the high cost of childcare licensing fees and advocated for their reduction, along with the provision of subsidies, to make childcare more affordable.

Fazio: “The conclusions of the Blue Ribbon panel were that we need to reform the regulations and ratios surrounding C childcare that we need to reform some of the licensing with regard to early childhood educators. And finally, there needs to be financial resources dedicated to it on the first front, Connecticut has among the strictest ratios in the entire country related to early childcare across age groups,” Fazio explained. “So you’re looking at potentially reducing the cost of childcare just by changing that ratio by almost 50% if you just change that ratio, but you don’t want to change it too much because you’re risking quality and other concerns as well. So that needs to be part of the conversation. Absolutely. It would probably do most of the work. The licensing requirements for pre-K type educators are very high in Connecticut. The costs of that license are very high for the people doing the job, not making a ton of money. I think it’s like \$900 for a childcare license. Again, these are people who are lower middle income people trying to do a good job who are qualified. They shouldn’t have to pay \$900 for their right to work in the state. I have a bill every year that will max out any licensing fee to a hundred dollars in the state, and then there should be financial resources and subsidies for it. You don’t want to make it so outsized that you’re just increasing the price by bending out the demand curve, but there do need to be subsidies too. So I actually agree with most of the conclusions of the Blue Ribbon panel and think it should be part of some sort of legislative package.”

YOUTH DISCONNECTION AND NONPROFIT SUPPORT

The moderator’s next question focused in on a recent report from Dalio Education that one in five of Connecticut’s youth are at risk or disconnected. She asked: “How can you help the nonprofits in town address this issue?”

Rachel Khanna emphasized the need to keep

students engaged in school and to pursue creative solutions like apprenticeship and vocational programs for youth employment.

“According to the Dalio Foundation report, 63,000 young adults were disconnected and 56,000 students were at risk between 2001 and 2022,” Khanna said. “According to the data, these are young people who have either dropped out of school, are in danger of dropping out, or for those who are 18 to 26 unemployed and in many cases unemployable. I think we need to keep finding ways to keep students engaged in school and ensuring that they’re getting the supports that they need in school so that they can succeed and also pursue the avenues of interest that they want. And part of that, I think, is in keeping recruiting teachers and becoming creative about apprenticeship and vocational programs to employ young people.”

Fred Camillo highlighted the importance of supporting organizations like the Boys and Girls Club and promoting vocational schools and trades as viable career paths for those not pursuing college.

Stephen Meskers discussed the impact of COVID-19 and social media on disassociative behavior among youth. He urged for outreach to children who are disengaged from the school system and stressed the importance of early childhood education and inclusivity.

“I don’t want to step away from responsibility,” Meskers said, “but you can see between COVID and social media, the amount of disassociative behavior is increasing and it goes for youth and it goes for teenage years and it goes for adults. People are becoming disconnected and at some level I question whether it’s social media’s impact on that at the local level. What do we need to do? I think what we’re doing currently as we highlight some of your, the groups, the nonprofits in this room and their outreach to the youth, I commend them on that. What occurred to me as I’m sitting here, as I was approached on one or two cases, I don’t know that any of our nonprofits have taken up specifically dealing with the school system with the youth at risk, and particularly those youth who end up in disciplinary programs who are then sent to alternative education because they’re disruptive. I’m not sure if any of us have championed that specifically. I would encourage us on that issue to do an outreach for the children who are no longer participating in school or are either unwilling or incapable of dealing with the school system so we don’t lose them forever. Back at the other end of the spectrum, it goes to early childhood education. It goes to closing the achievement gap and giving children from the various earliest days, opportunity and inclusiveness. And obviously all of the programs like you see at the Boys and Girls Club that are sports related and academic related, you want to give children an outlet to feel included. So I mean, it’s somewhat some of the same, but it’s a national problem. You can see it every day. Every time you read the paper, you see the level of problem. And I’m not sure I have the perfect solution, but I am listening.”

Ryan Fazio pointed out the societal and educational challenges exacerbated by COVID-19 restrictions and technology. He emphasized the role of schooling and the need for government leadership in public education, citing successful examples of schools that have significantly improved their educational outcomes.

“This is another very good and very important question, Fazio said. “I’m sure we all wish we had more than two minutes to answer it, but we’re facing the prospect in the state and in this country of an entirely lost generation due to two years of heavy handed COVID restrictions and the atomization of society, the increase of technology and social media’s influence and general atomization, the decline of community and so on. And kids are suffering the most and kids on the margins are certainly suffering the most. And it’s a crisis. And I think there’s nothing sadder and nothing more important for government and for culture to address.”

“The question asks about nonprofits roles and they play a role and the state should be utilizing and leveraging all of the great assets that we have in this state with our nonprofits for supplementary services related to afterschool programs and tutoring. Absolutely. But this is largely, I think, a responsibility of schooling as well. In the public education system, kids spend

about 25% of their waking hours in school in the most formidable years. And if the schools are failing the kids in inner cities, especially in low income communities especially, then the government needs to step in and make sure we have leadership on public education in the state and around the country. Academic achievement fell in this state for low-income kids before the pandemic started, and it fell even more during. And that’s not acceptable.

“But at the same time, we know what works. We have examples of what works in cities in this very community. Western Middle School went from the hundred and 60th best school in the state 10 years ago to the 50th best middle school in the state. And it’s a Title one school. It’s very diverse economically and ethnically. Because of the right leadership in that school, it’s become one of the best schools in the state. And I think we’re all extremely proud of Western Middle School, but it should be a blueprint for the rest of the state. Just across the border in Stamford, there might be the best school in the entire state, the Stamford Charter School for Excellence, 75% free and reduced lunch families. I think 99% non-white families. But if it was its own standalone elementary school district, it would have the second highest test scores of any school district in the state. After New Canaan and ahead of Westport. Why isn’t the state government going to these schools and saying, what are you doing and how can we bring it to every single kid across the state who doesn’t have access to a great education? We are facing a crisis in the state in this country, and it needs leadership in order to address it, but there are people who are doing it, and we can do it here too.”

The panelists recognized the significant contributions of the Greenwich United Way in addressing these community challenges. Their discussion underscored the organization’s pivotal role in initiating programs, such as the upcoming youth and adolescent mental health facility, and in conducting independent research to inform local policy and action.

Each panelist brought their unique perspective and legislative experience to the table, highlighting ongoing efforts and future plans to support and collaborate with the United Way and other local nonprofits. Their responses indicated a strong commitment to finding practical solutions to the issues raised, with a clear acknowledgment of the importance of the United Way’s work in the community.

POST PANEL INTERVIEW

Following the panel State Senator Ryan Fazio answered a few questions from Greenwich Sentinel reporter Julia Barcello focusing on the middle-class challenges and the mental health crisis among the youth.

Emphasizing the necessity of comprehensive economic policies, Senator Fazio stated, “Good policy and high tide economically raises all boats.” He elaborated on his strategy, saying, “Reducing taxes on everyone, reducing electricity costs for everyone, reducing healthcare costs for everyone,” underlines his belief that effective policies should universally benefit all community members, not just specific income groups. He further noted, “Cost of living is top of mind for basically everyone in the state, regardless of their station in life.”

The senator also expressed his concern about the impact of smartphones, saying, “11-year-old, 12-year-old kids being able to sit on TikTok or Instagram during the day. They’re growing minds.” Fazio believes that their focus should be on “academics, meeting friends, and developing relationships,” rather than being absorbed in social media. He revealed his discussions with Board of Ed members and education administrators, stating, “There is, I think, the vast majority of people I talk to, parents, teachers, educators, agree with the concepts.”

Regarding the community’s apprehension about overpopulation and Greenwich losing its charm, Senator Fazio stressed the importance of local control. He said, “Our housing and zoning policy should be determined locally.” Fazio proposed a balanced approach, “We could expand the housing stock, increase the availability of affordable housing without turning Greenwich into New Rochelle.” He emphasized, “It requires change to state laws and stopping the takeovers of local control.”

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JUDGED BY JOE DAWSON

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WINNERS OF THE JAN. 5 COMPETITION

What I Did Over Winter Break

PROMPT

Provide an excerpt from a tiresome back-to-school essay assignment, written in the style of a noted writer, actor, or other artist. (100 word limit.)

WINNER

Erica Blair (E.E. Cummings)

Choochoo home S(no)w required ...yes...
Sooo many (?presents) Under theTree Xmas #11
Me too Old to act SURPRISED! (ineveram)
Too young to B This bored.

Runner Up

Erica Blair (Ernest Hemingway)

We have come to Spain. Again. I am polite to the woman my father travels with. She tries too hard to win me over. The hotel manager tactfully calls her "Mrs." but he does that with each new face. She will be gone before next Christmas. I hope she is prepared for that. My father treats me with the undemonstrative warmth he shows his favorite whisky. We do not exchange gifts. He does not know what I like, what I want. I will sneak out in the morning and drive the car into the mountains to think.

Honorable Mention

Karen Tsakos (David Foster Wallace)

I have seen sucrose beaches and water a very bright blue. I have smelled what suntan lotion smells like spread over 21,000 pounds of hot flesh. I have joined a conga line. I have seen the north coast of Jamaica. I have watched a woman in silver lame projectile vomit inside the ship's glass elevator. I have seen and smelled all 145 cats inside the Ernest Hemingway Residence in Key West Florida. I have learned what it is to become afraid of one's own toilet. Isn't that enough? It has been a supposedly fun thing I will never do again.

Honorable Mention

David Green (Laura Ingalls Wilder)

Laura opened her eyes early on the big morning. It was dark and cold outside. The winter vacation had been wonderful. Laura loved being with Ma and Pa, her sisters, admitting around the wood stove with her dog Jack. She loved listening to Pa sing and cooking with Ma. But now she sensed it was time for a change. Today felt special. Even the air felt special. She was excited about starting cursive writing and learning the multiplication tables on her writing tablet. School was beginning again in the big woods. Laura was a happy girl.



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RMA Presents “From Search Engine to Generative AI: How ChatGPT Changed the World in a Few Months”

BY MIKE ABRAHAM

At the January 10 meeting of the RMA, Spike Lipschutz introduced Rick Lawrence, PhD., whose topic was “From Search Engine to Generative AI: How ChatGPT Changed the World in a Few Months.” Rick is a chemical and nuclear engineer who worked for IBM among other companies, specializing in machine learning and decision analytics. Spike pointed out that the presentation has been updated based on current developments.

Dr. Lawrence started with an explanation of the Google search engine, which uses the PageRank algorithm to deliver authoritative results. It displays verbatim text from websites that appear to be reliable. Artificial Intelligence is different, because it does not use this type of algorithm and does not have this type of function to verify its findings. As an example, a Google inquiry would respond with a list of existing, reliable documents, whereas an inquiry to ChatGPT would provide a long, well-written, but newly created response that has been developed based on what it has learned from a large database, and may not be accurate.

As an example of its capability, AI could generate computer code not only in currently used languages, but also in those that are no longer used, because it has learned from all available examples. He cited

research that shows AI can score well on SAT tests and even prepare well-written, articulate papers. He also told of an attorney who used AI to write a legal brief, which cited cases that did not exist. He went on to show that the bias of AI responses can vary based on the request, using as an example a list of questions about politically controversial issues. He described misunderstandings related to the fact that ChatGPT standard version is limited by the date it stopped learning at one point in its development, whereas there are more recent ChatGPT versions that for a fee can access more recent information. He also discussed the challenge of regulation of AI and stated that this will take time to develop. In closing he posed six statements regarding current issues with open AI and offered his discussion of possible outcomes. The issues that were cited:

- Generation and dissemination of misinformation, particularly related to this year’s election.
- Ownership of new works generated by an AI that was trained on copyrighted material.
- How do we change education systems to teach children skills that will continue to be valuable in an AI-prevalent world, such as critical thinking?
- Elimination of many jobs. It is estimated that 10% of 80

% of jobs will be impacted, but what new jobs will be created?

- How to regulate AI and who will be responsible – this will take time?

- Could AI destroy humanity? As noted, this is a conversation that is critical, and it spilled over into the questions posed by the audience.

The talk was followed by a lively Q&A period. It can be viewed by going to the RMA website at <https://greenwichrma.org>, and clicking on “Speakers.”

The RMA’s upcoming presentation, “Mr. B: George Balanchine’s 20th Century,” by Jennifer Homans, Ph.D., is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. Jennifer Homans is the author of Mr. B: George Balanchine’s 20th Century (2022), a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Circle Award. Her previous book, Apollo’s Angels: A History of Ballet (2010), is the first cultural history of ballet ever written. This book was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award and one of the N.Y. Times 10 Best Books of the Year. Professor Homans is the dance critic for The New Yorker magazine.

Ms. Homans was a professional dancer and performed with the Pacific Northwest Ballet before earning a B. A. at Columbia University and a PhD. in modern European history at New York University, where she is now a distinguished

scholar in residence. She is the founding director of The Center for Ballet and The Arts in New York City.

As Ms. Homans has selected an interview format for her presentation we are pleased that Travis Milliman of the Greenwich Library will be collaborating with the RMA for this presentation. Travis is the performing arts librarian at Greenwich Library and will conduct the interview. In addition to his role at the library, Travis continues to work on new play development for the Bay Area Playwrights Festival.

To stream the presentation by Dr. Homans at 11 AM on Wednesday, January 24, click on. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

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

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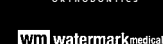
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Cold Once More

In the heart of winter, our town transforms into a haven for warmth and community, offering a stark contrast to the biting cold outside. We are incredibly fortunate to be part of a community rich in resources, a rare privilege that should not be overlooked. As temperatures plummet, local organizations work to ensure that no one is left out in the cold.

It's essential for us to remember the significance of these resources and actively encourage their use. Whether it's by spreading the word, volunteering, or simply directing someone in need. Utilizing these resources not only aids those in immediate need but also strengthens our community as a whole.

To that end, Greenwich has activated its cold weather protocol and First Selectman Fred Camillo is urging residents to take care and avoid the extreme cold whenever possible.

According to the National Weather Service, temperatures will dip into the teens tonight in the Greenwich region and remain below freezing through the day on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Each of those nights, temperatures are again expected to dangerously fall into the 20's and teens.

It's essential for us to remember the significance of these resources and actively encourage their use.

Additionally, there is a chance of snow in the Greenwich area on Thursday and a strong likelihood of snow, with some accumulation, on Friday.

The Greenwich Police Department's John Margenot Atrium will be open to members of the public 24 hours a day. People can come to the Public Safety Complex at 13 Bruce Place off of Greenwich Avenue to get out of the cold and charge up personal electronic devices like their phones if needed.

Additionally, Greenwich Library and its branches in Cos Cob and Byram will be open during their regular business hours. On Thursday and Friday the main branch of Greenwich Library will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday it will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

People can make use of it as a warming center, charge their devices or use the Internet if they lose service. The Library will also be open on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Byram Shubert Library will be open from noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday and then on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cos Cob Library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The independent Perrot Memorial Library in Old Greenwich will also be open during its regular hours.

The Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center can also be used as a warming center during its normal hours of operation.

Gov. Ned Lamont activated Connecticut's severe cold weather protocol on Wednesday afternoon and it will be in effect until noon on Monday.

People in need of emergency shelter are asked to call 2-1-1 under the state's protocol. People looking for more information locally can find it by going to the Town's Emergency Management web page at www.greenwichct.gov/435/Emergency-Management.

In the case of a police, fire or EMS emergency, people should dial 911 for immediate assistance.

For other issues there are emergency helplines people can call:

Aquarion Water Company 1-800-732-9678

Eversource 1-800-286-2000

CT Natural Gas Company 1-203-869-6900

Optimum/Altice 1-866-950-3278

Frontier Communications 1-800-239-4430

The Town's Department of Health is warning residents to take caution during the frigid temperatures and protect themselves against the risk of hypothermia and frostbite. When outdoors, people should wear loose layers of clothing along with a with hat, gloves, scarf and insulated shoes. People should limit their time outdoors and avoid the use of alcohol.

People are also being urged to be careful when using alternative heating sources in their home such as space heaters and fireplaces. The Department of Health said their use increases the risk of household fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

For proper safety, people should not use portable generators or gasoline-powered equipment inside their homes or garages and never use gas or charcoal grills in the house or garage. People should also have a carbon monoxide detector for their home.

Editorial Page



“Here’s where you give me non-comprehending nods of approval.”

LETTER

Cross Border Development Issue

It has come to the attention of many Banksville residents that a 3-story 68,000 square foot storage facility has been in the planning stages for quite some time and, unfortunately, the residents of Banksville were only recently notified. Given the potential negative effects on our community, a number of residents attended the November 13 Planning Board meeting to object to this project. We presented our concerns but were told the planning board does not have the authority to decline a project. If the Planning Board, indeed, does not have the authority to reject this project, what board or committee does have this authority? Is there any oversight of proposed construction or commercialization, especially with the expertise and focus to define potential detrimental results on this community? There must be some board in North Castle or Banksville that has this responsibility.

Each of the North Castle towns, i.e., North White Plains, Armonk and Banksville, are quite unique and different from each other. We here in Banksville are a rural but growing community and do not have basic services like a grocery store, gas station,

or post office. But, a commercially lucrative project like this for developers seems to have somehow achieved approval of all variances for size and wetlands without any notification to the residents. We believe this project is not appropriate and is detrimental to the community for the following reasons:

Need
The residents of Banksville would much prefer a grocery store and/or gas station which has long been documented in the hamlet master plan. We have no need for a storage facility given the home and property sizes. When checking Google Maps there are no less than 9 self-storage facilities within 6-11 miles of our location. One was recently added in Armonk. We are confident that the present facilities can accommodate the storage needs of North Castle.

Zoning
This project seems industrial not commercial. The proposed site is on wetlands relatively close to residential homes whose owners are concerned with commercial light shining in their homes. This project has received a number of variances for size and height (3 stories assuming

commercial ceiling heights lower). Lighting and signage have yet to be reviewed. Given that residents have to abide by building and renovation codes, how did these variances get negotiated and approved?

Location
If approved, this project would take up most of the available commercial space on the Banksville side of the Greenwich town line. There are potentially less intrusive and more acceptable commercial structures/facilities to the present one being considered.

Size
A 68,000 square foot self-storage facility and 15,000 square foot “office building” would overpower and dominate the current and future downtown area and eliminate the ability to attract services that the residents of Banksville have requested for years.

Security
In Castlebrook Estates there have been 5 burglaries this year alone. It is well known amongst law enforcement professionals that the considered storage facilities serve as repositories for

burglars.

Traffic and Safety

A storage facility by its nature would increase traffic from many communities to ours on our winding and often icy roads that cannot support the addition of large moving trucks to deliver to the facility. There is potentially increased danger to the community by trucks entering and exiting this facility? There is not even a traffic light in that area.

Additionally with our narrow roads devoid of sidewalks, we are concerned for Banksville pedestrians and our children.

Lighting and Signage

We often see storage facilities with huge signs harking their presence and lighting to enhance visibility by cars passing through and within the facility. The physical presence of such a commercial facility has a negative effect on the status of a traditionally residential community. The lighting and signage plans have not been presented to the Planning Board for consideration.

Submitted by George Perskey

NEWS BRIEF

From Page 1

deals by phone.

Members of the Greenwich Police Department are inviting community members to a “Coffee with a Cop” event. The purpose of this initiative is to facilitate communication between police officers and the local community, allowing residents to ask questions and voice concerns. The event will take place on January 22nd, from 9 to 11 a.m., at CFCF Coffee on 1160 E. Putnam Ave. It provides an opportunity for neighbors to engage in discussions about policing.

FROM TOWN HALL

Residents in Greenwich expressed satisfaction with their living conditions in the 2023 Resident Satisfaction Survey conducted by Probolsky Research. They particularly appreciated the town's parks, beaches, and services like police and fire protection. However, there is recognition of the need for improvement, especially in education and managing town growth. The survey involved 425 residents and revealed concerns about education quality, overdevelopment, traffic, affordability, and preserving the small-town atmosphere.

Greenwich residents are bracing for severe cold weather with temperatures expected to remain below freezing through the weekend, dropping into the teens at night, and the possibility of snow today. The Greenwich Police Department has opened the John Margenot Atrium as a 24-hour refuge for the public to escape the cold and charge electronic devices. The Greenwich Library has extended hours for residents to warm up, charge devices, and access the Internet.

The Town Department of Human Services in Greenwich is working to increase awareness of the Operation Fuel program, which assists with electric, gas, and fuel expenses, especially for low to moderate-income households. Qualified households, with income up to 75 percent of the state's median, can receive grants of up to \$500. To access this support, individuals can call 203-622-3800 or reach out to their case manager at the Department of Human Services, providing crucial assistance during the winter months.

AROUND TOWN

Last year, a ceremony honored Vietnam War veterans with the collaboration of Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz. Now, plans are in progress for a similar event to recognize Korean War veterans, and organizers are actively seeking them or anyone who knows individuals who served during that period. Korean War veterans and their connections are encouraged to contact Ken Borsuk, the executive assistant to the first selectman, via email or phone. It's important to note that this initiative is still in the early planning stages, with more details forthcoming once a specific date and time are confirmed. Last year's ceremony in Greenwich marked the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War's end, featuring speeches and special certificates of recognition for veterans.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

The Greenwich Tree Conservancy, Greenwich Land Trust, and Greenwich Library are collaborating to host a panel of tree experts on January 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the Greenwich Library. The panel will address challenges facing native trees, moderated by Will Kies, Executive Director of the Greenwich Land Trust,

and includes experts like ISA Certified Arborist Allan Fenner, Jack Swatt, President of the CT Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation, and Dr. Greg Kramer, Superintendent of Parks and Trees for Greenwich. Registration and more information can be found by visiting <https://greenwichtreeconservancy.org/jan-9-tree-panel/>.

A recycling program in Greenwich is focusing on returning oyster shells to Long Island Sound (LIS) to revive native oyster reefs. WasteFree Greenwich, the Greenwich Shellfish Commission, and the Greenwich Conservation Commission are supporting the Collective Oyster Recycling and Restoration initiative (CORR-CT.org). This program collects shells from restaurants, diverting them from waste disposal and using them to create oyster reefs, which contribute to improving water quality, providing marine habitats, and preventing shoreline erosion in LIS. Several restaurants, including Le Fat Poodle, Siren, Le Penguin, L'Escale, Elm Street Oyster House, and East End restaurants, are participating in this effort to support oyster reefs and reduce waste.

The Garden Club of America announced its 2024 national medal recipients, which recognize achievements in conservation, horticulture, civic improvement, and historic preservation. Save the Sound, with the support of the Greenwich Garden Club, received The Cynthia Pratt Laughlin Medal for its contributions to environmental protection in the Long Island Sound region. Save the Sound has a 50-year history of preserving and enhancing the environment through various methods, including advocacy, legal actions, engineering,

monitoring, volunteer work, and education. The proposal, led by Leslie Lee and supported by the Greenwich Garden Club, received backing from Richard Blumenthal, Fred Krupp, Rosa DeLauro, and Katie Dykes.

The Cos Cob Library expansion plan, which includes a 1,120-square-foot community room on the western side of the building, has been approved without objections following a public hearing at the Planning & Zoning Commission. The library, 24 years old, requires updates and more community space, with the current community room being too small. A previous 2022 proposal was withdrawn based on community feedback, leading to the current plan that aims to provide more space for both children and adults. The project is expected to rely on private donations, with construction anticipated to start in the fall, costing an estimated \$3 million, and efforts to maintain library services during the construction phase.

Greenwich Hospital received the 2023 Human Experience Pinnacle of Excellence Award from healthcare solutions provider Press Ganey, recognizing its exceptional patient experience performance. This achievement places the hospital in the top 5 percent of healthcare providers, considering over 200,000 outpatient procedures. Press Ganey collaborates with a wide network of over 41,000 healthcare facilities. Patrick T. Ryan, CEO of Press Ganey, praised Greenwich Hospital for its patient-centered approach, positive employee experiences, and effective clinical outcomes, highlighting its role in setting a compassionate healthcare standard. Greenwich Hospital's President, Diane Kelly, expressed gratitude to healthcare professionals,

Indra Nooyi, Former CEO of Pepsico, on “Creating Caring Communities”

Indra Nooyi built a career as an outstanding strategic thinker and became the CEO of PepsiCo in 2006, retiring from that position in 2019. From the start of her tenure, she focused on running a company not only for the benefit of its shareholders but also for the benefit of its employees and as a responsible steward of the natural resources impacted by the business and, despite naysayers, still delivered outstanding financial results for shareholders. Now she is focused on taking that same strategic thinking focused on the importance of caring for all constituencies to build successful communities where people from all walks of life thrive. Come and listen to her talk about what she believes is possible and why.

Indra will be interviewed by Peggy Moore, a Christ Church member since 1992, and a PepsiCo colleague for many years. During that career she worked with Indra not only on many of the acquisitions and spin offs that reshaped the PepsiCo portfolio of companies but also on finding ways together to thrive as working mothers in a high-pressure environment and supporting each other in that endeavor. The Sunday Forums at Christ Church Greenwich are a continuing series of free talks, bringing important conversations to the Greenwich community.

Christ Church is a lively community of faith composed of people with diverse backgrounds, circumstances, and spiritual



Indra Nooyi, Former CEO of Pepsico

journeys, bound together by God’s love for all people everywhere and united in the common mission to

seek and serve God in all persons. We fulfill this work through the dedicated ministries of over 300 volunteers annually, who serve on more than 40 commissions, committees, guilds and task forces. In addition, the church hosts and supports more than 20 community meetings per week including 12-step programs, choral and music groups, neighborhood groups, and children’s programs. The Christ Church Preschool is a regional leader in early education, and our bookstore, Dogwood Gifts and Books, is a thriving resource of both faith-based and secular books. Their 40-year partnership with Neighbor to Neighbor allows them to serve those in Greenwich in need of food.

The Mission of Christ Church Greenwich is to be a vibrant

Episcopal community proclaiming God’s love for every human being, no exceptions. Following Jesus’ teachings is their compass for personal growth, community outreach and harmonious living. Its vision is to seek and serve God in all people through inspiration from the Bible, worship, community outreach, music, and art in our sacred historic home.

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emphasizing their commitment to delivering high-quality care to the community.

PEOPLE IN TOWN
 Madeleine Boldt, a fourth-grade student at Cos Cob School, won the 2023-2024 Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest in Greenwich. The contest, open to fourth and fifth-grade students during Fire Prevention Month, focuses on promoting fire safety awareness. Madeleine’s victory in Greenwich qualifies her to compete with students from Fairfield County and across Connecticut. Her winning poster highlights the “stop, drop, and roll” fire safety technique.

In Orlando, Florida, Max Lu, a senior at GHS, became co-champion with Gus Huston from The Dalton School in the US Chess Federation’s 2023 National K-12 Grade Championships.

Local conservation cognoscente Thomas McKinney organized one final clean-up for Greenwich in 2023. McKinney and a team of 38 volunteers conducted a clean-up event at Cos Cob Park in mid-December 2023. Their objective was to remove litter and debris from the park, a challenging task that they completed in just two hours, collecting 120 pounds of trash.

Three Greenwich High School seniors, Lucy Li, Audrey Lin, and Naomi Park, have been recognized as top 300 scholars in the Regeneron Science Talent Search 2024, receiving \$2,000 awards each. Additionally, Greenwich High School will also receive \$2,000 for each of its enrolled scholars. These scholars were selected from a competitive pool of 2,162 applicants across the United States, Puerto Rico, and other countries based on their exceptional research, leadership, and academic commitment. The finalists, including these students, will compete for over \$1.8 million in awards in Washington, D.C., from March 6 to March 13, showcasing their dedication to STEM leadership.

Greenwich Academy’s Helena Borcharding and Genevieve Schmidt from Jensen Beach High School in Florida achieved success at the i420 U.S. National Sailing Championships from December 26 to December 30, winning a bronze medal and securing the Top Junior Boat position. They also performed well at the U.S. Sailing Junior Olympics C420 Championships on December 2 and December 3, finishing fourth and claiming the Top Junior Boat title. Borcharding and Schmidt are now preparing for the upcoming North American Sailing Championships later this month, showcasing their talent and determination in the competitive sailing arena.

SCHOOLS
 Parkway School students enjoyed the “What’s Out There?” planetarium experience before the Holiday Recess, using the Starlab Portable Planetarium System for interactive sessions to observe the night sky. They actively assisted the presenter in identifying stars, planets, and the moon. The program’s goals included promoting

learning, cultivating an interest in astronomy, and sparking curiosity in students. The Parkway PTA sponsored the initiative, allowing students from all grade levels to gather in the gymnasium and learn from guest astronomer Mr. Matthew Meyer.

Before the Holiday Recess, Parkway’s student council officers visited The Nathaniel Witherell. They brought over one-hundred-and-sixty holiday cards made by students from different grades.

Dr. Carl Hendrick, a professor at the Academica University of Applied Sciences in Amsterdam, has been chosen as the keynote speaker for researchED Greenwich, an international education conference taking place on April 6 at Greenwich High School. Dr. Hendrick, who has authored various books and articles, is dedicated to bridging the gap between academic research and practical education. He stressed the importance of research in helping educators make informed decisions. Dr. Michael-Joseph Mercanti-Anthony, a member of the Greenwich Board of Education, is organizing the conference, which is open to all education and Greenwich community members at a registration cost of \$65 per person by visiting <https://researched.org.uk/event/researched-greenwich-usa/>

SPORTS
 In 2023, Greenwich High School student Junior Anthony Bozza founded the nonprofit “Pitch In For Puerto Rico” to restore hurricane-damaged baseball and softball fields in Puerto Rico and provide scholarships to young athletes. The organization held its first fundraiser in Greenwich, featuring former MLB players Joey Cora, Eduardo Escobar, and Roberto Clemente Jr. They raised \$110,000 for field renovation and scholarships, with a goal of reaching \$50,000. Anthony was inspired by the devastation caused by Hurricanes Fiona and Maria on Puerto Rico’s youth baseball programs and his deep connection to Puerto Rican culture. He plans to continue supporting athletic fields, empowering young talents, and collecting equipment for Puerto Rico’s youth programs.

Brunswick School’s varsity ice hockey team had a perfect week, securing four victories and extending their unbeaten streak to 17 games in 2024. They defeated The Hill School 5-3 and Hill School again with an 8-2 win in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. With a record of 15-1-2, the Bruins are heading into their school’s exam week with confidence and will face Hoosac School next. Senior forward Ryan Wachtel played a key role, recording two goals and one assist in the latest victory.

Sacred Heart Greenwich’s swim team has had a successful season, as evidenced by their recent performance. In a varsity tri-meet, they defeated Greenwich Country Day School with a score of 52-37 and tied with The Stony Brook School,

resulting in a 47-47 score. Notable achievements in the meet included Sacred Heart’s quartet winning the 200-yard medley relay and individual victories by Laurel Cary and Lauren McCauley.

Brunswick School’s wrestling team had an outstanding performance, winning 70-6 against Greenwich Country Day School and raising their season record to 9-1. Eight Brunswick wrestlers pinned their opponents, while sophomore Alec Harned bounced back with a 4-1 win by decision. In a previous tri-meet, Brunswick also secured victories over Salisbury School and Trinity-Pawling, with a dramatic final match leading to a 39-34 win over Trinity-Pawling.

In a key FAA matchup, defending FAA Tournament champions Brunswick School secured a convincing 72-53 home win against St. Luke’s School. The Bruins, with a record of 2-1 in the FAA and 3-6 overall, dominated the game, particularly in the first half, where they established a 15-point lead. Sophomore point guard Jack Stevens was the standout performer with 20 points, and junior center Matty Augustine contributed 14 points while playing a crucial role on both ends of the court. Coach Steve Juricek praised their defense and ball movement, highlighting their successful use of a man-to-man defense and 2-3 zone. Despite a rough start to the season, Brunswick aims to maintain its position as a strong contender in the FAA league.

Greenwich High School’s girls basketball team secured an impressive victory by defeating Fairfield Ludlowe with a score of 44-38. This win marked their first against Ludlowe since 2019 and improved their overall record to 6-2. The Cardinals displayed a strong second half, balanced scoring, and solid defense, with sophomore guard Madi Utzinger leading the team with 13 points. The victory was a significant milestone for the team, demonstrating their growth and teamwork, with players contributing positively in various aspects of the game.

LOCAL POLITICS
 At a recent Representative Town Meeting (RTM), Alexis Voulgaris was reelected as moderator for a second term without opposition. Katherine LoBalbo retained her position as Moderator Pro Tempore, ensuring leadership continuity. New district chairs and committee chairs were introduced, including Dan Quigley, Cheryl Moss, Greg Zorthian, and James Waters. The RTM approved \$411,000 for a temporary HVAC replacement at Hamilton Avenue School, reducing the initial funding request. They also allocated \$110,000 for a centralized kitchen tray line service at The Nathaniel Witherell. Voulgaris aims to raise awareness of the RTM’s work within the community, while both she and LoBalbo will serve until December 2025.

The Representative Town Meeting (RTM) in Greenwich, Connecticut, addressed the

town’s noise ordinance and gas-powered leaf blower regulations during a lengthy meeting. The Board of Health had repealed the noise ordinance in December, prompting calls for restrictions on gas-powered leaf blowers by Quiet Yards Greenwich (QYG). The RTM reinstated a noise ordinance similar to the one from 1984 and adopted an amendment restricting gas leaf blowers on residential properties from Memorial Day to Labor Day, with an exception for properties with two or more acres. Penalties for violations will begin in 2025.

FROM HARTFORD
 Connecticut’s Attorney General, William Tong, raised concerns about implementing ranked choice voting (RCV) in the state due to the absence of mention in the state constitution, potential constitutional violations, and the lack of historical use. Despite his concerns, there is a legislative advocate for RCV who plans to pursue it incrementally, although it did not progress in the legislative committee in the previous year. Speaker of the House Matt Ritter acknowledged Tong’s opinion but left the final decision to other caucus leaders while emphasizing the importance of respecting the attorney general’s viewpoint. RCV proponents argue it increases voter choice, while opponents express concerns about potential constitutional conflicts.

ACROSS CT
 A recent study by the New Jersey Real Estate Network analyzed housing trends from January 2023 to December 2023 to identify states with significant changes in average house prices. Notably, Connecticut experienced a 9.56% increase in house prices over the past year, with an average price of around \$381,620, significantly exceeding the national average by nearly \$30,000. This substantial rise of \$33,293 since early 2023 has created a competitive housing market in Connecticut.

In 2023, Connecticut experienced record-breaking heat, with locations like Hartford and Bridgeport registering some of their hottest years. The global announcement that 2023 was the hottest year on record worldwide coincided with these temperature records, attributed to factors like El Niño and long-

term global warming. Extreme temperatures led to immediate consequences, including air quality issues and damage from heavy rainfall, prompting the implementation of hot weather protocols and adjustments to school schedules. Experts predicted that this year could be even hotter, with the Northeastern U.S. experiencing warmer conditions and more precipitation.

The Quaker Oats Company has expanded its nationwide recall of cereals, bars, and snacks due to potential Salmonella contamination,

affecting products sold in all 50 states of the United States and Puerto Rico. Consumers are advised to check the provided list of recalled products and best-by dates and to dispose of any affected items for safety reasons. Assistance is available through the Quaker Consumer Relations team via their website. There have, as of Wednesday, January 17th, been no confirmed reports of illness linked to the recalled products. Salmonella infections can result in symptoms like fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain, with rare severe complications.

TOWN OF GREENWICH TAX COLLECTORS OFFICE EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION

SATURDAY
JANUARY 27th
9AM – 12PM

AND LAST DAY OF COLLECTION

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 1ST
8:30 – 6PM

Local Public Company Market Watch

GREENWICH INDEX				
COMPANY	SYMBOL	52 HIGH	52 LOW	PRICE*
AmBase Corporation	ABCP	\$0.26	\$0.07	\$0.18
Ellington Financial LLC	EFC	\$14.42	\$10.81	\$12.64
Hudson Global	HSO	\$27.10	\$14.66	\$15.08
Interactive Brokers Group, Inc.	IBKR	\$95.59	\$70.83	\$89.19
Oxford Lane Capital Corp.	OXLC	\$6.27	\$4.41	\$5.07
Oxford Square Capital Corp.	OXSQ	\$3.56	\$2.50	\$2.97
Retail Opportunity Investments Corp.	ROIC	\$16.37	\$10.98	\$13.77
Starwood Property Trust Inc.	STWD	\$22.29	\$16.06	\$20.32
Townsquare Media Inc.	TSQ	\$12.65	\$7.08	\$10.50
W.R. Berkley Corp.	WRB	\$74.54	\$54.69	\$73.73
XPO Logistics Inc.	XPO	\$90.84	\$29.02	\$81.23

* as of close of business 1/17/24

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LYNN ANN CURCIO

Lynn Ann Curcio, a lifelong Greenwich resident, passed away peacefully at the age of 70 on January 13 with her family by her side. Lynn started her career out in hairdressing before working 40+ years at the Greenwich Town Hall where she was widely known as the "Candy Lady". She spent many weekends traveling to her family home in Vermont or going to car shows with her husband.

Lynn was always thought of as loving and caring and took pride in spoiling her dog Webber, bird Willie, granddog Sadie, grandcats Freya and Binx, as well as both of her grandchildren. She always made sure no one left the house with an empty stomach and was known for her spicy chili, stuffed mushrooms and quiche. Whether it was her purple hair or bubbly personality, she lit up a room and will be missed by all.

Lynn is survived by her husband Robert "Bob" Curcio, son BJ (Stephanie), daughters Kelly (Mark) McCabe and Katie, grandchildren Kai and Harley, and brother Barry (Linda) Angeley, along with several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents Eugene Angeley, and Mary Jane (James) Aylward, and brother Eugene "Euge".

The family would like to thank Dr. Michael Chen and the Doctors and Nurses of Yale New Haven Hospital for their professional and loving care over the last few months.

Calling hours will be held at Castiglione Funeral Home on Friday, January 19 from 10-11 a.m. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Friday, January 19 at 11 a.m. followed by burial service at St. Mary's Cemetery in Greenwich.

PHILIP MCWHORTER

Philip John McWhorter passed away on January 12, 2024. Phil lived by the principle to leave every institution stronger than when he entered it. Undoubtedly Argyle Central School, St. Lawrence University, Greenwich Hospital, First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, and the McWhorter family were each made stronger by his impact.

Philip was born to Wallace McWhorter and Helen Durkee McWhorter on October 20, 1947 in upstate New York. Phil's father, Wallace was the proud owner and operator of McWhorter's Apple Orchard in Argyle, NY. Phil was the second of five children, Paul, Melvin, Douglas, and Ruth. As soon as he could walk, Phil was shooting basketballs, hitting baseballs, and throwing spirals. He blossomed into a star athlete due to hard work and immense self-confidence. At class reunions, his teammates kid that "Phil thought any shot was a good shot the moment he walked in the gym!" As a junior at St. Lawrence University, he made the transformative decision to switch his major to pre-med. Earning Phi Beta Kappa, Phil also earned all-conference honors in baseball and basketball. His athletic and academic exploits earned him enshrinement in St. Lawrence University's Athletic Hall of Fame. The biggest coup of all, however, was marrying the love of his life, Linda Bristol after his sophomore year at St. Lawrence. Their romance spanned high school, college, and 56 wonderful years of marriage.

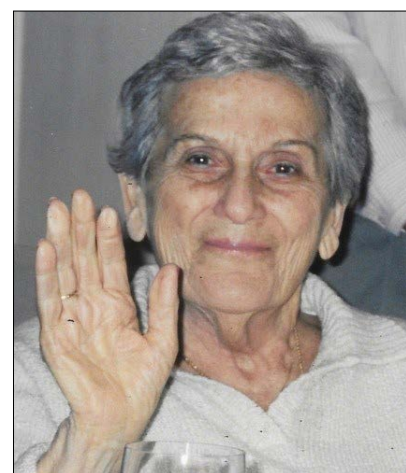
Phil earned his medical degree at Cornell Medical School and did his residency at New York Hospital. From there Phil and Linda moved to Connecticut to begin his medical practice in 1977. Dr. McWhorter's service at Greenwich Hospital spanned 44 years, treating thousands of patients. He was Chief of Staff from 1998-2000 during the capital campaign and construction of the current hospital. He also served as Chief of Surgery from 2001 to 2021. Not interested in accolades, Phil plied his trade so he could help others. Blessed with both a magnetic bedside manner

and technical surgical precision, Dr. McWhorter was honored to be able to help people heal. Rivaling his fondness for helping patients was Phil's fondness for his colleagues. Many of his closest friendships, spanning many decades, were with his co-workers. Whether in the operating room, staff meetings, or in the cafeteria, Phil was gifted at making others feel heard and valued. While proud of his work as a physician, Phil was first and foremost a family man. Whether coaching his sons in athletics or supporting his daughter's beautiful singing voice and love of literature, there wasn't anything that Phil wouldn't do for his family. His three children, Jeremy (Eileen), Peter (Lindsay), and Megan often remarked that their dad was more nervous for their high school tests, athletic contests, and solos than they were. Phil always gave and never took. While he pushed for the best from his co-workers and children, he was also the most vocal of cheerleaders as well. Phil took enormous pride in the accomplishments of those he mentored. His friends and family love him very much for that.

Perhaps the greatest joy in Phil's life was his grandchildren. Jeremy and Eileen's children, Kyra and Emily, Peter and Lindsay's children, Hudson, William, and Everett, and Megan's son James brought Phil exceeding joy. Whether tossing the football, driving them in the boat, or watching them perform at church, he was always a loving and playful "Grampy." Phil's children figured there is justice in the world because as much as he thrived at all of his endeavors, the game of golf tantalized and humbled him. Nonetheless, he remained vigilant in his efforts. Phil found refuge at the driving range, wearing out the turf, and the ears of anyone who dared to tee up next to him. Phil cherished the many lasting relationships he made at The Stanwich Club.

Phil's relationship with his church and his fellow parishioners at First Presbyterian was a central part of his life. Whether reflecting on the profound sermons of his beloved ministers, or serving as a deacon or elder, Phil lived a life of God. He spread countless acts of goodness to those he touched. Phil never stopped marveling at the miracle of Easter. He would have wanted us to find comfort there. The Psalmist reminds us, "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Phil was blessed with more than his share of talents. The beauty of his life was in how he used them for the good of others. Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, January 23 at 11 AM.



GLORIA IGNAZIO

Gloria Ignazio, 96, passed away peacefully on January 11, 2024. Born on May 1, 1927, to the late Sabato and Carmella Cofone Ignazio, she was the last of eight siblings, a loving aunt and matriarch, and a longtime resident of her beloved Cos Cob.

Gloria was a parishioner and volunteer of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Riverside. For much of her life, she lived on Decatur Street in Cos Cob, surrounded by family and friends hailing from the village of Rose in Calabria, Italy. She loved cooking and hosting for her large extended family. She is survived by seven nieces and nephews, fourteen great nieces and nephews, and twelve great-great-nieces and nephews.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Riverside, on Saturday, January 20, at 10 am. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends and family may visit Friday from 4-7 pm at Castiglione Funeral Home, 544 Old Post Rd. # 3, Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Catherine of Siena Church or to the Cos Cob Library. Share a memory of Gloria at castiglioneFH.com

CAROLYN STRAZZA

Carolyn Ann Strazza, a lifelong resident of Greenwich, CT passed away on January 12, 2024 at the age of 88 with family by her side.

Born in Greenwich, CT on October 21, 1935, the only child of Grace

(Melillo) and Emilio (Molly) Strazza. She resided at her Riverside Road home most of her life.

After graduating from Greenwich High School, Carolyn went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree from Endicott Junior College in Beverly, MA. Then she worked for several businesses in Greenwich.

Carolyn was a lover of the arts and music, especially the Rolling Stones. She inherited her artistic talents from her father. She donated an Eagle statue that her father "Molly" sculptured to Round Hill Golf Course.

As a history buff, she often shared her knowledge of Greenwich's past.

Carolyn loved sports. She was a devoted Yankee and Mets fan and followed tennis and golf. She learned to sew from her seamstress mother. She enjoyed gardening.

She especially enjoyed when her neighbor's children would visit here. Carolyn had a quick wit with a dry sense of humor and loved to share stories about "who's who" and "latest town news". She was independent, soft spoken and always displayed a ladylike demeanor.

A gathering in Carolyn's memory will be held on Friday, January 19 at 8:15 a.m. at Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home, 31 Arch Street, Greenwich. A Mass will be held thereafter at 10 a.m. at St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, 84 Sherwood Ave., Greenwich. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich, CT per Carolyn's request.



LILLIAN DARULA

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our beautiful Lillian Humenik Darula (91); loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She passed away peacefully on January 10. She was born at United Hospital in Port Chester NY on March 31, 1932, and lived in Greenwich her entire life before retiring to Ocean Ridge, FL.

Lillian met her husband, Calvin John Darula, the love of her life, at age 16. She always said she liked him immediately because he was honest, sincere, quiet, thoughtful, and just plain nice. Their courtship lasted 4 years; they then hurried their wedding date when he got drafted during the Korean War. Together they achieved much, creating a close-knit family and building a beautiful life together of 71 years, having two daughters and one son. Lillian was radiant, graceful, selfless, resilient, fashionable, generous, empathetic, and a source of great strength always for her family. She lived her life with love as her guiding principle. She will always be remembered for finding joy in gathering/entertaining family and friends, particularly at the holidays or at the Greenwich Boat & Yacht Club. She was also the founder of the Glenville Senior Citizens; her members were like a second family to her and even today, members and their families still recall the wonderful trips all over the world that Lillian arranged. She would always seek opportunities to give back to her community and was also an active member of both the Sacred Heart Church Ladies Guild and Commission on Aging.

Lillian will also lovingly be remembered for making incredibly delicious meals, telling wonderful stories, demonstrating great wisdom, advice, and courage, showing unconditional love and support to her family and doting on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Lillian was filled with joy for living and love for her family. Nothing made her happier than being with her children and their families - the house was always ready, the pantry always full, and the door and her arms always open! Lillian and Cal took many family vacations with their children and grandchildren - we will always have the fondest memories of their vacation home in Vermont, summers at Woodloch Pines and multiple cruises.

Lillian loved golfing, fishing, boating, birds, flowers (having worked many years at the Colony Flower Shop), music, and generously shared her passions and knowledge with family and friends. She frequently told others her only ambition in life was

to be a good wife and mother - she certainly far exceeded expectations in this regard.

Lillian is survived by her loving husband of 71 years who adored his beautiful wife from the moment he laid eyes on her. They were each other's soul mate and shared extraordinary love and faith. Lillian and Cal shared a sense of adventure and loved to travel. They enjoyed nothing more than planning their next trip and explored many parts of the world together, visiting a great variety of places including Europe, Alaska, the Panama Canal and the Mexican Riviera.

Lillian is also survived by her son and two daughters and their spouses: Karen and Bruce Turnbull of Boynton Beach, FL, Maureen and Tom Dunkerton of Danbury CT, and her son Calvin and Barbara Darula of Greenwich CT. She also leaves behind five grandchildren (Bruce Turnbull, Christopher Turnbull, Jeffrey Dunkerton, Matthew Darula, Jonathan Darula) and eight great-grandchildren. Lillian was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Theresa Humenik, her two sisters Maria Lucas and Joanne Dupay, and a great-grandchild Lily Dunkerton.

The family would like to extend sincere gratitude to the staff at Nathaniel Witherell for their care and support.

A date for a mass and celebration of life will be announced at a later time.



WALTON ALDER

Walton W. Alder, age 84, of Beacon Falls, beloved husband of Diane Hunt Alder, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 8, 2024 with his family by his side. Born on September 10, 1939 in Salisbury, Maryland, he was a son of the late John Roy and Lula Murray Alder.

A graduate of the University of Maryland Walton spent 6 years as a Reservist in the United States Army. He had a long career with The Lipton Tea Company and was the owner and operator of Alder Sales Associates. A longtime Greenwich resident, he was a member of the Riverside Yacht Club, where he was a past Commodore and made many important contributions including founding their annual Crab Fest which just celebrated its 31st year. Walton was a member of the New York Yacht Club and the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound, as well as a member of the Eastern Shore Sailing Association. He was an accomplished sailor who could always be found on a race course, sailing "Great Shoal" with his family, or on the dock at RYC. He took pride in mentoring many young sailors both on and off the water creating lifelong friendships and a legacy of sportsmanship.

Very much an environmentalist, he spent 40 years on the Greenwich Shellfish Commission. Walton also enjoyed duck hunting, was a Corvette enthusiast, and a lifelong Baltimore Orioles fan. But above all things, he was a dedicated and wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Lovingly known as "Grampie" he spent countless hours cheering on his grandchildren at sporting events, recitals, theatrical performances, and most recently band and Color Guard competitions. He was happiest spending time with his family. The unconditional love he gave and values he taught will forever live in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his beloved wife of 56 years, Diane, survivors include his two daughters, Beth A, Tananbaum and her husband Maxwell and Cynthia A. Treacy and her husband James, five cherished grandchildren, Jared, Avery, Liza (David), Elaina and Brooke, three sisters, Lou Elin Sheller (Deke), Marie Martin (Fred) and Grace Murdock (Mike), a sister-in-law, Linda Alder, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, John R. Alder.

Relatives and friends may join the family at a Memorial Service presided by Pastor David Rhodes on Sunday, January 21 at 1 p.m. at the Pinewood Lake Association Club House, 33 East Lake Road, Trumbull, CT. Interment will take place in the spring in Princess Anne, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a

charity of one's choice. To leave an online condolence, please visit abriola.com.



MARY DOWNS

Mary Whipple Downs passed away January 7, 2024. She resided in Manhattan, Hong Kong and Pelham Manor, New York, before moving her family to Riverside, CT.

Mrs. Downs was a descendant of three signers of the Declaration of Independence; William Whipple of New Hampshire, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Maryland, and Stephen Hopkins of Rhode Island. She was a great-grandniece of Daniel Webster.

Mrs. Downs was born in Manhattan and graduated from Queens College with B.A. and M.A. degrees. She taught in the Pelham Public Schools for 29 years and often remarked that she loved every minute of it. After retirement, she volunteered as a docent at the Bruce Museum and enjoyed world travel and playing bridge with several groups on a regular basis.

Mrs. Downs was delighted that all her children and grandchildren lived in Greenwich. Her family was the focus of her life. She was preceded in death by her husband, David Lee Downs; and is survived by her children, David Lee Downs Jr., John Landers Downs, Elizabeth Carroll Downs Barnaby; and her grandchildren, Kathryn Landers Barnaby, Laura Whipple Barnaby and Sarah Regan Barnaby.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 27, at 11 a.m., at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Riverside, CT. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army.



BRUCE MILLER

Bruce William Miller, a Greenwich resident for more than 30 years, died at Greenwich Hospital of complications from melanoma on Friday, Jan. 5. He was 64.

Before the pandemic, Bruce was known for his activities with local and online organizations associated with Mensa, Toastmasters, Cub Scouts, astronomy and poetry. In fact, Bruce met his wife Lisa Figlioli at the Bruce Museum where they were volunteers. They held their wedding at the museum in 1997.

Bruce was last employed as a manager with IBM, and also held technical roles at Nash Engineering, Omega Engineering and Gartner. His work as a special librarian at GTE, however, was the job that best matched his endless curiosity, and he was disappointed to have to leave that position after the company merged with Bell Atlantic to become Verizon.

Born in New York City to William Dirks and Beatrice (Carlson) Miller on July 10, 1959, Bruce attended P.S. 173 in Washington Heights until the family moved to Fairfield, Conn. He was a 1977 graduate of Andrew Warde High School and a 1981 graduate of Williams College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in physics.

In addition to his wife, Bruce leaves his son Michael J. Miller of Cos Cob, as well as sister Nancy Bea Miller and brother-in-law Paul Downs of Penn Valley, Pa., and brother James and sister-in-law Lisbeth Miller of Stamford. Survivors also include maternal aunt Michelle Rutman of Long Island and many nephews, nieces, cousins, in-laws and friends.

A private graveside service for Bruce will take place next week at Fairfield's Lifncroft Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held in July.

Donations in Bruce's honor can

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be made to Abilis, 50 Glenville St., Greenwich, CT 06831.



SALLY ANN KUCK

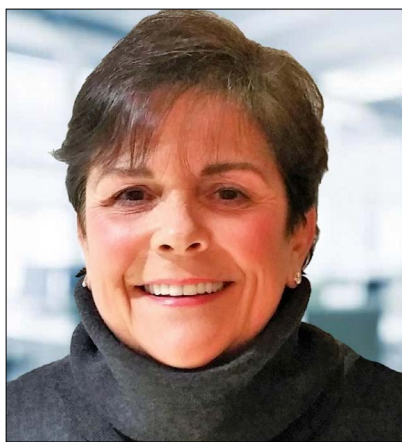
Sally Ann Kuck, 89, a longtime resident of Riverside, CT, passed away on January 5, 2024. The loving wife of John Kuck for 66 years, she is survived by him and their two children, Nancy Morimoto (Rod) of Mountain View, CA, and Thomas Kuck (Lea) of New York City. They and the four grandchildren will all miss Sally dearly. She touched many people throughout her life with her friendliness and hospitality. She was preceded in death by her sister, Lois, and brother-in-law, Melvin Szramkowski, of Cheektowaga, NY. Sally worked as a dental hygienist in Greenwich for many years. She served actively in the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, in roles ranging from Sunday school teacher to deacon. She volunteered through every stage of her life, as a Cub Scout Den Mother, an English language teacher, and an office support worker for At Home in Greenwich.

She and John hosted many young adults at their home for extended periods to assist them as they launched. She enjoyed playing tennis and paddle tennis and had many close friends, who celebrated and supported one another. Sally and John also enjoyed exploring national parks and other destinations with their children and grandchildren. During the last decade of her life, however, she increasingly suffered from the effects of Parkinson's Disease.

Born Sally Ann Fies on February 20, 1934, in Buffalo, NY, she lost both her parents while a young adult, but carried on, becoming a dental hygienist for local schools. She met John at a USO dance when he was stationed at an Army post in Cambria, New York. They married on June 28, 1958 and devoted themselves to each other.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 24, at ten o'clock a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to At Home in Greenwich and The Parkinson's Foundation.



MARY ANN MORAN

Mary Ann Moran, known by family and friends as "MA", died suddenly on Thursday, January 4 at her home in Riverside. Born August 17th, 1957 in Greenwich, CT to Edward and Delores Sheehan. MA attended Greenwich Public Schools and New England College in NH. Upon graduating College, MA began a successful sales career that gave her the opportunity to work at several prominent companies.

In February, 1994 MA married J. Patrick Moran, a Publishing Executive and avid sailor. They lived in Newport, RI for three years in their dream home which they had restored. They enjoyed all that Newport had to offer including their membership at the New York Yacht Club until Patrick's untimely passing. MA found comfort in needlepointing. MA was therapeutic for her. Needlepoint became her passion and that's when she returned to Old Greenwich, CT and purchased The

Village Ewe. Customers came from around the region to shop at the Ewe. MA had an eye for color and the customer service she provided was best-in-class. She was behind the counter six days a week greeting her clients with a smile. She put her heart and soul into the business and was beloved by her customers until the time she sold the business.

In addition to needlepoint, MA loved a good snow storm, especially on Christmas. She loved to drive a stick shift (often too fast) and she was incredibly generous with her friends and family. MA is predeceased by her husband, J. Patrick Moran and her dad, Edward Sheehan. She leaves her mom, Delores Sheehan, who she adored and cared for, her sister Sue (Mike) Golden, her brother Ed (Carla) Sheehan and five nieces & nephews.

A mass of Christian burial will take place at St. Bridget of Ireland Church in Stamford, CT at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 2. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in MA's honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org/donate).

F. RICHARD RAPASKY

F. Richard (Dick) Rapasky was born in Elizabeth, NJ on March 23, 1935 and died in Seattle, Washington on December 21, 2023, in care of Hospice.

Dick graduated from high school in Linden, NJ, and the US Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, in 1960. After leaving the Navy, he was employed by IBM in Technical Marketing from 1962 until retirement when he and his wife settled near family in Sequim, Washington.

Dick's great pleasure in music stems from the experience of learning to play the clarinet in childhood. He enjoyed being part of school bands in the 1950s. He and his wife Alice built a harpsichord for themselves in the late 1960s. They were responsible for the Greenwich Chamber Players while they lived in Connecticut. Upon relocating to the PNW, they continued to support the Port Angeles Symphony, Music on the Strait, Seattle Symphony, chamber music, and ballet.

Dick was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Anderson Rapasky, his brother, Robert Rapasky, and his parents, Francis and Charlotte Rapasky (Oltarzewski). He is survived by sisters-in-law Eugenia Rapasky of Layton, Utah and Shirley Anderson of Sequim, Washington.

Memorial Gifts will be appreciated for local children and their teachers by the Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra (Adventures in Music), and Music on the Strait (Alice Rapasky Scholarships), both at PO Box 2148, Port Angeles, Washington, 98362. Medical interests are The American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202 and the American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231.



RICHARD NEMETZ

7/6/1952 - 1/4/2024

Richard J. Nemetz passed away on Thursday, January 4. Life long resident of Byram, graduate of St. Mary Boys HS and the University of Connecticut, and retired Greenwich U S Postal Service employee. Member of Byram Veterans Association and strong supporter of the Association, and of U. S. Veterans.

Survivors include: Michael R. W. Nemetz and wife Joy, two nieces and a grand nephew all of Florida, and cousin Willa Nemetz of Windsor, CT, along with countless cousins of the Fuss family.

Services are entrusted to Castiglione Funeral Home in Greenwich, CT.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, January 17 at St. Mary's Cemetery in Rye Brook, NY.



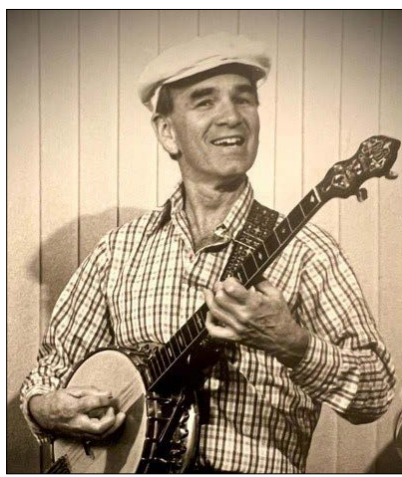
BRIAN DAUR

Brian M. Daur of Port Chester, NY passed away on Dec. 28, 2023. He was 43.

Brian was born in Greenwich, CT on March 14, 1980. He graduated from Tisbury School and Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, where he played basketball, track, and football. He attended Southern Connecticut University, and was a paramedic with the Fire Department of New York for eight years before joining the Navy. He was stationed at the Groton Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Connecticut.

He is survived by his wife, Gisela Daur; his two daughters, Ashanti and Skyler Daur; his parents, Sandra Kenney (Douglas Asselin Sr.) of Vineyard Haven, and George Daur (Paula) of Shelton, Connecticut; and his two brothers, Patrick Daur and Douglas Asselin Jr. of Vineyard Haven.

A Visitation and funeral service were held at Castiglione Funeral Home in Greenwich, on Monday, January 15.



ROBERT WHYTE

Robert "Bob" Stewart Whyte, 86, died on Sunday, December 17, 2023, in Cooperstown, NY, where he had recently relocated.

Bob was born in San Jose, CA, on May 13, 1937, and grew up in Watsonville, CA, where he attended Watsonville High School. He became an Eagle Scout in 1952, played on the tennis team, and began cultivating his musical and comedy talents while writing skits for the rally committee.

Bob went to the University of California at Berkeley, where he earned a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1960. While a student, he played banjo with his fraternity brothers at Theta Xi. Eventually, he found himself playing in the banjo halls of San Francisco, including The Red Garter and Crazy Horse. Also, while at Cal, Bob worked at the university's family summer camp, the Lair of the Golden Bear, as part of the maintenance crew. He was promoted to Program Director for his third and fourth years, where he wrote, directed, and performed musical comedy skits with the rest of the staff to entertain the campers.

Bob met his wife of 61 years, Christine Mary Howett of Shirley, England, on a blind date in San Francisco in 1961. They married on April 28, 1962, in Addington, England.

Bob and Chris moved to Boston in 1963, where Bob earned an MBA from Harvard. Then it was back to San Francisco, where they had their first son, Stephen, in 1965.

Much of Bob's career was in finance. He worked for IBM, Payson and Trask, and General Electric Capital amongst others. But all the while that banjo was tagging along in trains, planes, and automobiles, on its way to business trips, conferences, and client meetings, just in case there was an opportunity to start some sing-a-longs.

In 1969, Bob, Chris, and Stephen moved to New York and then to Old Greenwich, CT, in 1970. In 1972, he and some friends started a banjo, scrubboard, and gutbucket band called The Whyte Laundry Company, which played traditional jazz music, sing-a-longs, and novelty songs. They played at town events, kids' parties, adults' parties, old folks' homes, and even Lincoln Center.

In 1978, Bob and Chris welcomed their second son, Matthew, into the

family. As with Steve, Bob helped raise Matt in a house filled with music.

Bob enjoyed being involved with the community and was Cubmaster while Steve was a Cub Scout and a Den Leader during Matt's Cub Scout years. He was a volunteer with Junior Achievement, mentoring youths pursuing an education in business.

In 1998, Bob and Chris moved to Chapel Hill, North Carolina, to help start venture capital company, VenSouth. While there, Bob taught a course called "The Story of Tin Pan Alley" for the Ollie Lifelong Learning Institute and was President of the Harvard Club of Research Triangle. He also volunteered with the Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate Program of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and was proud to see his mentee, MT, develop into a successful young man.

As a complement to his banjo playing, Bob loved writing lyrics. He wrote numerous personalized parodies over the years for friends, family, co-workers, and clients, celebrating their various life events. His playing and writing continued wherever the family lived, in California, New York, Connecticut, Arizona, and North Carolina. As well as playing solo and with his band, he played with many other musicians and groups around the country, including a performance with Your Father's Moustache at Carnegie Hall.

In addition to music, Bob loved the outdoors, taking his family on backpacking and camping trips reminiscent of the backpacking adventures he had taken as a high schooler in the High Sierra, and taking each of his sons' whitewater rafting through the Grand Canyon. Other favorite hobbies included swimming in the ocean, telling raunchy jokes, and throwing surprise parties for his wife. He was outgoing and inquisitive, always wanting to know more about everyone he met.

Bob and Chris recently moved to Cooperstown, New York, to be closer to their son, Matt, and two granddaughters, Alva and Sylvie. Though he had stopped playing banjo recently as his hands had stopped cooperating, he was still singing into his last days.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, June Stromberg and Stewart Whyte, and stepfather, Hjalmar Stromberg. He is survived by his wife, Chris, his two sons, Stephen and Matthew (Molly), his granddaughters, Alva and Sylvie, and his brother, Jim (Carmy), and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Tod's Point in Old Greenwich, CT, sometime in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, in the spirit of Bob, consider asking the next person you meet about their aspirations, interests, or achievements.



RENE COUDERT

September 9, 1936 - November 19, 2023

Rene J. Coudert, 87, of Southport, CT, died on Sunday, November 19, after a long illness.

He was pre-deceased by his wife, Cheryl Fisher Coudert; his parents, Victor R. Coudert, Sr. and Anita Coudert; his brothers, Victor R. Coudert, Jr. and Charles O. Coudert; his sister-in-law, Barbara "Robbie" Coudert, his sister and brother-in-law, Marie Coudert Curry and John T. Curry Jr.; and his nephew, Victor R. Coudert, III. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Virginia Coudert; his nieces and nephews, John T. Curry, III (Winnie), Michael O. Curry (Moony), Sheila Curry Oakes (Graham), Sarah Curry-Kennedy (Michael), Anne Coudert Schreckinger (Peter), Margot Coudert Wolfe (Sam), Cathy Coudert, Matthew Coudert (Hobbie), Paul Coudert (Marnie), and Lucy Coudert Conrod (Doug); his companion, Polly Roessler; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Born in Greenwich, CT, he attended Brunswick School and

was a graduate of The Canterbury School (1955) and the University of Virginia (1960). For many years, he was employed at IBM and worked closely with Tom Watson, the founder. After his time at IBM, he worked at Moore McCormack, and then founded Nat PSN, Inc. from which he retired.

An avid sailor and long-time member of Indian Harbor Yacht Club, the New York Yacht Club, and most recently Pequot Yacht Club, he competed in everything from dingys to ocean racers, as well as cruised the New England Coast on his boat, Mischief. His sailing (and other) adventures took him to many ports of call throughout the world, including the South Pacific, Eastern Europe, the Canadian Maritimes, and the Norwegian Sea. He documented his travels through excellent photography.

Some of the highlights of his sailing include multiple junior sailing awards on Long Island Sound, winner of the King Edward VII Gold Cup (1965, 1967) for match racing, Admiral's Cup team member on winner Palawan (1969), and founder and chairman of 40 Class Racing Association (1980).

He shared his love of sailing with many of his nieces and nephews (as soon as they were old enough to pull their weight on board), as well as the hospitality of his home with his extended family for many memorable holidays throughout the years.

Sailor, photographer, friend, and loving uncle, he was good company and will be missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, January 26, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Greenwich, CT. Following Mass, an interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Greenwich, CT.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Williams Syndrome Association, williams-syndrome.org.



JANE MULLHOLLAND

Jane E. Mulholland of Greenwich, CT passed away on January 10, 2024. She was 97. Born in Far Rockaway Queens, NY on May 18, 1926, to the late Dr. Vincent A. Eagan and Marian O'Shea Eagan. Jane was predeceased by her husband Dr. Herbert Mulholland, her son Herbert F. Mulholland Jr. and daughter-in-law Patrice Mulholland. She is survived by her loving children, Jane A. Mulholland of New York, NY, Robert (Susan) Mulholland of Naperville, IL, Nancy (Edward) Holleran of Rye Brook, NY and Elizabeth (Ralph) Suarez of Glen Cove, NY. She is also survived by her cherished 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Jane remained active right up to the end of her life doing what she enjoyed most; spending time with family, reading and visiting the beach. Just days before her passing, she and her daughters enjoyed a luncheon including her Pinot Grigio and Salmon.

Family and friends will gather on Friday, January 26, 2024 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the Fred D. Knapp Funeral Home at 134 Hamilton Ave., Greenwich, CT for those wishing to pay their respects. For more information or to place an online condolence; www.freddknapp.com

Stepping Back in Time to Celebrate Our 275th Anniversary



BY MAREK ZABRISKIE

In the Gospel of Mark we read, "As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him" (Mark 1:16-18) They became disciples.

This coming Sunday, January 21, at 10 a.m. Christ Church Greenwich will officially launch a year-long celebration as we mark our 275th anniversary. Christ Church was founded as the Horseneck Chapel in 1749. For 275 years, we have been producing disciples for Jesus and serving as a beacon of hope.

This Sunday's 10 a.m. worship service will be similar to what worshippers would have experienced in 1749, using the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. It will be followed by a parish-wide breakfast and the reading of a proclamation by our First Selectman Fred Camillo proclaiming January 21 "Christ

Church Greenwich Day" in our town.

Throughout this year, we will explore the history of the church, which nearly 1,700 members call their spiritual home. We will deepen the understanding of our heritage, take stock of what it has taken to create our church and sustain it for nearly three centuries.

We will also dream about our future and reflect upon what we can do now to ensure that our church will be thriving 275 years from now. Very few churches in America get to celebrate a 275th anniversary. We are most fortunate.

The Horseneck Chapel, which became Christ Church, was founded in 1749. Princeton University was already three years old. The Great Awakening – an evangelical religious revival led by Jonathan Edwards and others – had been underway since the 1730s.

In 1749, the Province of Georgia overturned its ban on slavery, the English settled Halifax in Nova Scotia, and the first American repertory company was formed in Philadelphia.

The population of the Thirteen Colonies was approximately 1.5 million.

Churchgoers to the Horseneck Chapel were summoned to worship by the sound of drums rather than bells. The services began early and lasted for several hours. Parishioners who arrived on cold winter mornings may have been offered a hot potato to keep their hands warm.

Thomas Jefferson was six years old. George Washington was seventeen. King George III sat on the English throne.

In 1749, life could be short and harsh. There was a high infant mortality rate. Death could come suddenly, and medical treatment was scarce. Books were rare and reading spectacles were ever rarer.

By 1749, there were nearly 700 Congregational churches in New England, but far fewer Church of England parishes. The number of college-educated, ordained ministers had grown with the population, resulting in a constant ratio of preachers to the general population which was perhaps the lowest in the Protestant world.

Twice on Sunday and often once during the week, every minister in New England delivered sermons that lasted between one and two hours in length. During the colonial period, over five million sermons were delivered to a

population that never exceeded 1.5 million.

According to Harry Stout, author of *The New England Soul*, the average weekly churchgoer in New England listened to about 7,000 sermons in a lifetime, totaling somewhere around 15,000 hours of concentrated listening."

The band of intrepid believers who created Horseneck Chapel – a mission of St. John's Church in Stamford, were farmers, merchants, blacksmiths, and tradesmen. They grew rye and corn, chopped firewood, knitted their own clothes, and built their own homes.

They had biblical first names like Abraham, Daniel, Samuel, Moses, Mary, Sarah, Anna, Ebenezer, Eli, and Ezekiel and English surnames like Jarvis, Finch, Nichols, Bedel, Butler, Reynolds, Seymour, Olmstead, Tyler, Crane, Mead, and Miller.

They had large families with as many as 13 children.

Together, they arranged for the Rev. Ebenezer Dibble to ride his horse from St. John's in Stamford on the second Sunday of each month to lead worship service for them.

The Horseneck Chapel was primarily funded by George Talbot, a wealthy and devout man from Christ Church in Rye, New York. The land was donated by Captain Israel Knapp, who was born in Greenwich and took part in the Colonial Wars. By 1748, he deeded a portion of his father's lands. The following year, Horseneck Chapel opened for worship.

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The Sabbath was observed from sunset to sunset. There

were no travel soccer teams or hockey practices on Sunday. No stores were open. There was only church, and in many parts of New England, it was forbidden to build a house beyond walking distance to a church as everyone was expected to worship on the Sabbath.

From 1770-1775, an open rebellion against England grew. The Rev. Dibble, who served the Horseneck Chapel, wrote, "God have Mercy upon us, if the Provinces here should throw off their connection, dependence, and subjection to the Mother Country."

In 1775, the American Revolution began. The Church of England clergy in Connecticut voted to uphold the allegiance to the king, which they had pledged during their ordination, and they closed all Episcopal churches across Connecticut in the summer of 1776.

Our history is rich. This just scratches the surface. We invite you to join us this Sunday and to step back in time as we celebrate an important chapter of American religious freedom and history.

The Rev. Marek P. Zabriskie is Rector of Christ Church Greenwich

Worship Directory and Services

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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

Worship Services: Sun, 9 & 10:45am. All services are streamed on the church's website and YouTube channel. In addition to Sundays, there are also groups for children and teens on Wednesday evenings. *Fire In The Night: January 19, 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); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3-3:30pm or by appointment. Prayer Group: Thu, 4-5pm, in the Chapel, 38 Gold St, All are welcome. Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730.

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 are in-person and livestreamed (<https://events.locallive.tv/worship/stc-sta>)

Masses: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri: 7am, Church; 5:15pm, Chapel. Tue: Rosary, 6pm, Chapel. Wed: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, Church. Sat (Specific dates confirmed in bulletin): Confessions, 3-4pm, Church; Vigil Mass, 5pm, Church. Sunday Masses: 7:30am, St. Catherine's Church; 8:30am, St. Agne's; 9am, Family Mass, St. Catherine's; 10am, St. Agne's; 10:30am, Traditional Mass, St. Catherine's; 5pm, Teen Mass, St. Catherine's. Masses in other Languages: At St. Catherine's Chapel: French (2nd Sun of the month), 11am; Italian Mass (3rd Sun of the month), 11am. At St. Agne's Church: Korean (every Sunday), 11:30am. At St. Agnes Church: Spanish Mass (every Sunday), 6:30pm. Ongoing: Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine's church on Tuesdays, 9-11am. Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals – Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Cherub, Family Mass Choir - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at music.director@stc-sta.org with questions. *Walking with Purpose: Thursdays, January 25-March 28, 10-11:30am (off February 15 & March 14), stc-sta.org/walking-with-purpose.*

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. *Happy New Year Sunday Breakfast: January 21, after 9 & 10:30am Masses, Adults \$10 & Children \$6, all are welcome.*

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

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30 & 9am. Sat: 9am & 5pm. Sun: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45am, 12 & 5pm. Confession: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm; Wed: 9:30-11am & 6:30-8pm. Eucharistic Adoration: Wed, 9:30am-8pm. New Day Bereavement Program: through Nov. 17, Thu, 7-8:30pm & through Nov. 30 (skipping Nov. 23), Wed, 4-5:30pm, 203-869-5421. *Men's Group: Saturday, January 20, 8-9am.*

St. Timothy Chapel

1034 North St.; 203-869-5421

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

St. Paul Church

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

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

St. Roch Church

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

Mass: (Reservations and/or for viewing via live streaming): Mon-Fri: 7:30pm; Sat: 5pm; Sun: 7:30am (Concelebrated for Previously Scheduled 9:30am Mass Intentions), 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish). Mass Intentions: consult the bulletin for 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. *January 21: "Life", January 28: "Truth".*

COMMUNITY

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

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am. *Third Sunday after the Epiphany: January 21, 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 (grades K-5) meets during the 10 am service. Please call the Church Office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules. Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary. *Pancake Brunch: Sunday, January 21, after Worship, RSV.P.*

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. Women's Fellowship Socials: through Sept. 12, 5:30-7pm, Sue Baker Pavilion, Tod's Point. *The Yale Alley Cats: Sunday, January 28, 4-5pm, Meetinghouse.*

North Greenwich Congregational

606 Riversville Rd; 203-869-7763
(Instagram photos and videos @ [north_greenwich_church](https://www.instagram.com/north_greenwich_church))

Worship Service: Sun, 10:30am, in person.

Second Congregational Church

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

Sunday worship: 8:30 & 10:30am. Children's Chapel during worship. *Mindful Monday Yoga: Mondays, 9:15am (Cost \$20). Saturday, January 27: Teddy Bear Story Hour at Coffee for Good, 8am; Coffee & Connection Speaker Series: 10am.*

EPISCOPAL

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

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

Christ Church Greenwich

254 E. Putnam Ave; 203-869-6600
www.christchurchgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sund, 9am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. Women's *High School Ski Weekend: January 26-28, Vermont, jbarton@christchurchgreenwich.org. Organ Recital: Saturday, January 27, 5pm.*

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

954 Lake Ave.; 203-661-5526
www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 10am (in person & livestreamed). Visit us in person, on our website, and on social media (Instagram: [@stbarnabasgreenwich](https://www.instagram.com/stbarnabasgreenwich)). Small church feel - Big church experience.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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

Worship: Sundays, 10:15am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately following worship service in Selleck Hall. Sunday School (including frolic Fatih class for toddlers 2+) in the Children's Chapel downstairs - drop-off starts at 10am. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive box by office door. Pick-up is every Thursday morning.

St. Saviour's Episcopal Church

350 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-2262
www.saintsaviours.org

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

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. Judaism 101 for Moms: Thursdays, 9:20am. *Tu B'Shvat Israel Charity Fundraiser: Thursday, January 25, 9:30am.*

Congregation Shir Ami

One W. Putnam Ave; 203-274-5376
www.congregationshirami.org

All services, programs and celebrations are available online via Zoom. *Kabbalat Shabbat Tu b'Shevat Wine & Cheese: Friday, January 19, 7-8:30pm, First Presbyterian Church. Soul Spa - Torah Study: January 20, 10-11:30am, on Zoom.*

Greenwich Reform Synagogue

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

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday, 6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom. *Second Annual Broadway Shabbat: Friday, January 19: Oneg at 6:30pm, Services at 7pm. GRS Reads: "Kantika": Thursday, January 25, 12pm.*

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. *Facing Antisemitism At Our Colleges And Universities: Tuesday, January 23, 6:30pm.*

LUTHERAN

St. Paul Lutheran Church

286 Delavan Ave.; 203-531-8466
www.firststpaul.com

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

METHODIST

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

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

First United Methodist Church

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

Virtual Sunday Worship, 9:30am, via Zoom (2036299584). 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

Dineletown 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

Sunday Worship Services: 9 & 10:45am - the 10:45 service is live-streamed and available on the church's website and YouTube. Nursery and toddler care, Kids Ministry grades K-5, and Student Ministry grades 6-12 are offered at all services.

Center for Spiritual Development.

NSAC

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

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children's Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). *Spiritual Mediumship class: Mondays, January 22, 29 & Feb. 5, 7-9pm, \$100.*

Trinity Church

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

In-Person Services: Sun., 9:45am, Hyatt Regency Greenwich, 1800 E. Putnam Ave., Old Greenwich; 10am, Trinity Westchester, 2111 Boston Post Rd, Larchmont, NY; 11am, Saxe Middle School, New Canaan. *Westchester Women's Breakfast Group: Saturday, January 20.*

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am.

Grace Church of Greenwich

89 Maple Ave.
203-861-7555

www.gracechurchgreenwich.com

Worship: Sundays, 8:45 & 10:45am, Woman's Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. (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. Register and more information: livinghopect.org/resources/alpha.

SPORTS

Greenwich High boys hockey team shuts out visiting St. Joseph for 1st win of season

By DAVID FIERRO

Close to earning a win in several of its first six games, Greenwich High School's boys ice hockey team was seeking that elusive first victory of the season when it hosted FCIAC foe St. Joseph Saturday night at Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink.

Putting three stellar periods together, the Cardinals captured what they had been chasing since the season commenced last month – a win.

Junior Heath Jervis scored two goals, senior Michael Orrico registered two assists and senior Nick Sinisi made numerous saves for Greenwich in its decisive 5-0 victory over visiting St. Joseph.

"It's definitely a relief," Greenwich coach Jack Duffy said of the win. "Obviously, when you're 0-6, it gets tough. I like the way we played. I think we played against a really hard-working team and I think we matched their level of play and it felt good, we did a lot of good things. I'm happy for the boys."

Among the Cardinals' six losses to start the season were close defeats against North Haven (a 2-1 loss), Xavier (2-0 defeat) and Darien (5-3 loss at the Winter Classic at Greenwich Skating Club). The Cardinals left nothing to chance Saturday night before their home crowd, scoring one goal apiece in the first and second

periods, then adding three more tallies in the third period.

"It feels great, it was a well-deserved win tonight," Greenwich senior defenseman/co-captain Kyle Allen said. "We have been working our butts off the past few weeks looking for this win, but we've got to move on."

Indeed, the Cardinals enjoyed the win Saturday night and the next couple of days, but it's back on the ice for the team Tuesday, as they will travel to the Winter Garden Ice Arena in Ridgefield to play FCIAC rival Ridgefield – weather permitting.

Greenwich, which advanced to the semifinal-round of the CIAC Division I Tournament last season, where it lost to Fairfield Prep, took a 1-0 lead on St. Joseph Saturday night on an unassisted goal from Jervis with 1:27 remaining in the first period. Jervis' goal came after the Cardinals killed a Cadets power play, with Sinisi making a pair of saves, one of which was from the right wing off the stick of senior Brady Tomassi.

The shutout was the first of the season for the Cardinals and Sinisi.

"I think our defensemen were amazing, I couldn't have done it without them," Sinisi said. "They helped me out, it was unbelievable."

In the second period, GHS kept its momentum. Jake D'Angelo, a senior forward, tallied off a pass



Photo provided by David Fierro. The Greenwich High School boys ice hockey team posted its first win of the season – a 5-0 triumph versus St. Joseph.

from Orrico at the 6:48 mark of the second period, giving the home team a 2-0 advantage on the

Cadets (1-5). "I'm really happy with the second period," Duffy said. "We

started the game well and we did a good job of staying with things in the second period."

The Cards also kept it together in the third period, putting the game away with by lighting the lamp three times. St. Joseph went on a power play 28 seconds into the third period due to a GHS hooking penalty. The visitors then went on a 5-on-3 power play, following a Greenwich hooking infraction. Yet the Cadets couldn't capitalize, as the Cards' penalty kill unit was on point and Sinisi was in top form in net.

The Cardinals goaltender turned away several St. Joseph shots during its power play, keeping the hosts' lead and shutout intact.

"Sinisi had a great game in goal for his first shutout," Duffy noted. "It was a thorough effort."

Senior forward/co-captain Joe Lewis scored off a nice set-up by sophomore forward Teddy Johnson, putting Greenwich on top, 3-0, with 11:11 to go in the final period. Senior Frank Skibo also helped set up Lewis' goal. Jervis, who is in his first season on the varsity squad, made a well-executed move in getting the puck past St. Joe junior goalie Anthony Gelo at the 8:19 mark of the third period.

"We played well, we established the forecheck early, the first guy was jumping on pucks and we were playing solid and

backchecking hard," Lewis said. "It was a solid game all-around."

"Our forecheck was amazing," Sinisi added. "In our zone, we were playing rebounds and we just put a ton of pressure on them, just really pushing the pace."

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Coach Duffy appreciated how his squad carried out its mission in the third period.

"Going into the third period, it was a 2-0 game, it was really important to get the next goal," Duffy noted. "It was the first time we moved 45 minutes of hockey."

Said Allen, who helped paced Greenwich's defensive effort, along with sophomore Boden Farmer: "Something we haven't been able to do is play three periods and we did that well today. That's got to keep up. For today's sake, we did that really well and we got a win out of it."

Now that Greenwich got that elusive first win, it needs to start stacking victories and build a winning streak. It starts with Tuesday's road matchup against Ridgefield – again, weather permitting.

"We always face a lot of adversity up there it should be a bigger challenge," Lewis said.

"Just keep getting pucks deep and playing three periods are the keys," Allen added.

Sacred Heart, GCDS, Stony Brook Swim Meet

By DAVID FIERRO

Sacred Heart Greenwich's swim team is enjoying another successful season.

In a recent varsity tri-meet, host Sacred Heart Greenwich was victorious against neighborhood opponent Greenwich Country Day School and swam to a tie against The Stony Brook School. SHG defeated Greenwich Country Day School, 52-37 and tied The Stony Brook School, 47-47 in a competitive meet.

The meet, which was held on Jan. 10, began with Sacred Heart's quartet of Jane Cary, Victoria Mordaunt, Lauren McCauley and Emma Robredo winning the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:58.40. Stony Brook finished second in 2:00.20 and

Greenwich Country Day School was third in 2:01.33

In the 200-yard freestyle, Laurel Cary of Sacred Heart registered a winning time of 2:06.50. Victoria Mackay of Stony Brook was second in 2:08.33, followed by teammate Brooke Shtierman (2:21.50). Greenwich Country Day School's Katie Byxbee finished fourth (2:24.52).

Robredo placed second for Sacred Heart in the 200-yard individual medley (2:27.93) and Stony Brook's Kaitlyn Tse had a first-place finish in 2:20.35. Jane Cary gave SHG a second-place finish in the 50 freestyle (26.33P), which was won by Stony Brook's Naomi Crane (25.97). The 100-yard butterfly saw McCauley take top honors in 1:02.19. Siena Christiansen of GCDS was the runner-up (1:04.87)

and teammate Zoe Barth took fourth (1:11.20).

Anna Hill finished second in the 100-yard freestyle for GCDS, racing to a time of 57.82 seconds. Crane of Stone Brooke won the event in 57.15, while Robredo (58.61) and teammate Caitlin Dean (1:01.23) were third and fourth, respectively, for SHG. McCauley won another race for Sacred Heart, placing first in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:41.48. Mackay of Stony Brook was the runner-up (5:49.15), followed by Emily Behr of Greenwich Country Day (5:51.42).

The 200-yard freestyle relay was won by Sacred Heart's Jane Cary, Robredo, Mordaunt and Dean (1:46.29). Anna Hill, Emily Behr, Zoe Behr and Christiansen swam to a second-place finish in 1:50.23

for Greenwich Country Day. The 100-yard backstroke was won by Anna Hill of GCDS. Hill touched the wall in 1:03.98. Jane Cary of Sacred Heart finished second with a time of 1:04.46. Zoe Barth of Greenwich Country Day School placed fourth in 1:07.48.

In the 100 breaststroke, Mordaunt placed second for SHG, clocking in at 1:11.28. Emily Behr gave GCDS a third-place finish in 1:21.16 and Tse of Stony Brook was the winner (1:10.61). The meet concluded with McCauley, Laurel Cary, Dean and Mordaunt combining to win the 400 freestyle relay in 4:00.41.

So far this season, Sacred Heart has also earned wins against Canterbury School and Masters School.

Greenwich High School Girls Basketball Tops FCIAC Rival Fairfield Ludlowe

By DAVID FIERRO

The impressive victories are adding up for Greenwich High School's girls basketball team, which defeated another tough opponent that's had its number on Tuesday night – a squad that went undefeated against FCIAC competition last season on its way to winning the conference championship.

That opponent, as many may know is Fairfield Ludlowe, which paid a visit to Greenwich High School Tuesday evening and saw the Cardinals' strengths throughout the FCIAC matchup.

Using a strong second half, getting balanced scoring and playing strong defense, Greenwich defeated Fairfield Ludlowe for the first time since the 2019 season, registering a well-earned 44-38 win. The victory upped Greenwich's record to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the FCIAC.

Eight players scored for the Cardinals, who entered halftime in a 20-20 tie against the Falcons, then led 34-30 after three quarters of action.

Greenwich went into Tuesday's game versus Fairfield Ludlowe, the defending FCIAC Tournament champion, off a tough 42-38 road loss to Brien McMahon, in a game in which the shots weren't falling for the Cardinals.

Indeed, GHS coach Megan Wax and the Cardinals saw plenty of positive signs in the triumph against Fairfield Ludlowe (4-4).

"I feel like we're really growing as a team and everyone is positively contributing and it's really hard to beat a team, where everyone is a threat and everybody is doing things to further a team, whether it's a defensive stop or taking it to the rim, making your foul shots – I think we did a really good job and everybody on the court

helped," Wax said.

Sophomore guard Madi Utzinger scored a team-best 13 points, while sophomore guard Juliette Pelham added seven points off the bench and sophomore guard/forward Anna Lenschow finished with seven points for Greenwich.

"In practice, we were working on relocating and that's what we did today and that's what helped us get open shots," Utzinger said of the Cards' offensive efficiency. "We're all really good ball handlers, we know when to attack and dish and that's what really helped us today."

Senior forward/center-tri-captain Julia Monteiro scored five points, while senior forward Riana Xhekaj and sophomore guard Alyssa Gath contributed four points apiece for the victors.

"We really wanted to win knowing our history with Ludlowe, knowing we hadn't had a win since at least my freshman year," Monteiro said. "Everyone really wanted it, it was a great team win."

Ludlowe earned two victories against the Cardinals during the 2022-2023 season, one of which came in the quarterfinal-round of the FCIAC Tournament. Tuesday's win marked Greenwich's first victory against Ludlowe since it recorded a 65-50 triumph in December of 2019.

"Last year they had that super team, they went undefeated, so it feels good to beat them," Xhekaj said. "Coming into the game we knew we lost to them last year, so we had to change our mentality and work together. I think we did that perfectly, especially on defense, our communication was great."

With the score knotted at 20-20, the Falcons began the second half with six straight



Photo courtesy of Dan Utzinger: Riana Xhekaj of the Cardinals goes in for a shot under the basket vs. Fairfield Ludlowe.

points, getting baskets from sophomore Hayden McBean, junior Kate Cimador and sophomore Paige Kilbride.

Then Greenwich made its move. Lenschow swished a deep two-pointer from the left corner, Utzinger made a left-handed layup after executing a nice head fake and senior guard/tri-captain Megan Geiger scored off an offensive rebound, evening the score at 26-26 near the midway point of the third quarter.

A 3-pointer by Pelham from the top of the key against the Falcons' man-to-man defense, gave GHS the lead for good at 31-20 with just under two minutes to go in the third quarter.

Utzinger made a foul shot and Gath provided a basket, giving Greenwich a 34-30 edge heading into the final quarter.

Pelham nailed a long two-point shot and scored on a layup, bringing the home team's lead up to 39-32 with less than five minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

"The success came from all team members," Geiger noted. "Our offense has definitely gotten cleaned up and that will continue. Shout out to our coaches for preparing us extremely well. Everything we did in the game we ran over in practice, so that's how we got here."

A basket from Utzinger and a pair of free throws from Xhekaj gave Greenwich advantages of 41-32 and 43-34 late in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, Greenwich's man-to-man defense was sound throughout this FCIAC contest. McBean paced Fairfield Ludlowe with a game-high 14

points, while Cimador added 10 points and Kilbride had seven.

"We've been focusing a lot on defense recently, we had nice strong man-to-man defense and were taking away their shot and also their visibility of their lanes and who they were going to try to get their give-and-goes off to," Wax noted. "Everybody stepped up."

Utzinger had five points, including a 3-pointer during the first quarter, while Monteiro had four second-quarter points, with two foul shots that put the hosts ahead, 16-15.

Monteiro and Xhekaj did an effective job of crashing the defensive and offensive backboards, grabbing clutch rebounds for the Cards.

"Our rebounding was great," Xhekaj said. "We aren't too tall and it's good to see us getting those boards."

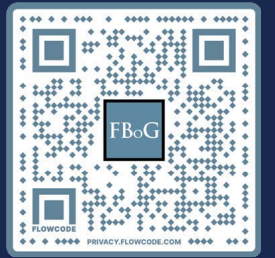
"There was a lot of good rebounds and then in practice we've been working on our ball movement a lot, so that helped cut down on our turnovers, getting that fast ball movement and working on our passes," Monteiro added.

Geiger had two points and provided a stellar defensive effort for the Cardinals, who also received two points from junior forward Kate Baxendale, who helped GHS in the rebounding department as well.

"Our defense won us the game, we stopped them so many times and we were able to talk on defense and work as a team," Utzinger noted. "We got a ton of steals."

"On offense, we were able to get the shot off and dish and get the 3 and it really helped us get points," Utzinger added.

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Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
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172 Field Point Road 3	\$1,349,000	\$599	2,251		3	3	South of Post
26 Lyon Farm Drive 26	\$1,495,000	\$670	2,233		4	3	Glenville
51 Forest Avenue 97	\$1,550,000	\$559	2,773		3	3	Old Greenwich
28 Juniper Lane	\$1,595,000	\$726	2,198	0.38	4	2	Riverside
191 Cat Rock Road	\$1,695,000	\$538	3,153	1.19	4	4	Cos Cob
8 Old Camp Lane	\$2,500,000	\$607	4,118	2.86	5	5	Cos Cob
19 Orchard Hill Lane	\$2,500,000	\$747	3,347	2.4	5	4	Glenville
24 Calhoun Drive	\$4,750,000	\$569	8,341	1.55	6	7	South Parkway
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29 Guinea Road	Greenwich	\$3,795,000	Sat 12-2 PM	Coldwell Banker
11 Zygmont Lane	Greenwich	\$1,399,995	Sat 12-2:30 PM	Houlihan Lawrence
58 Sherwood Place	Greenwich	\$2,195,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Coldwell Banker
10 Lockwood Road	Riverside	\$3,495,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Sotheby's
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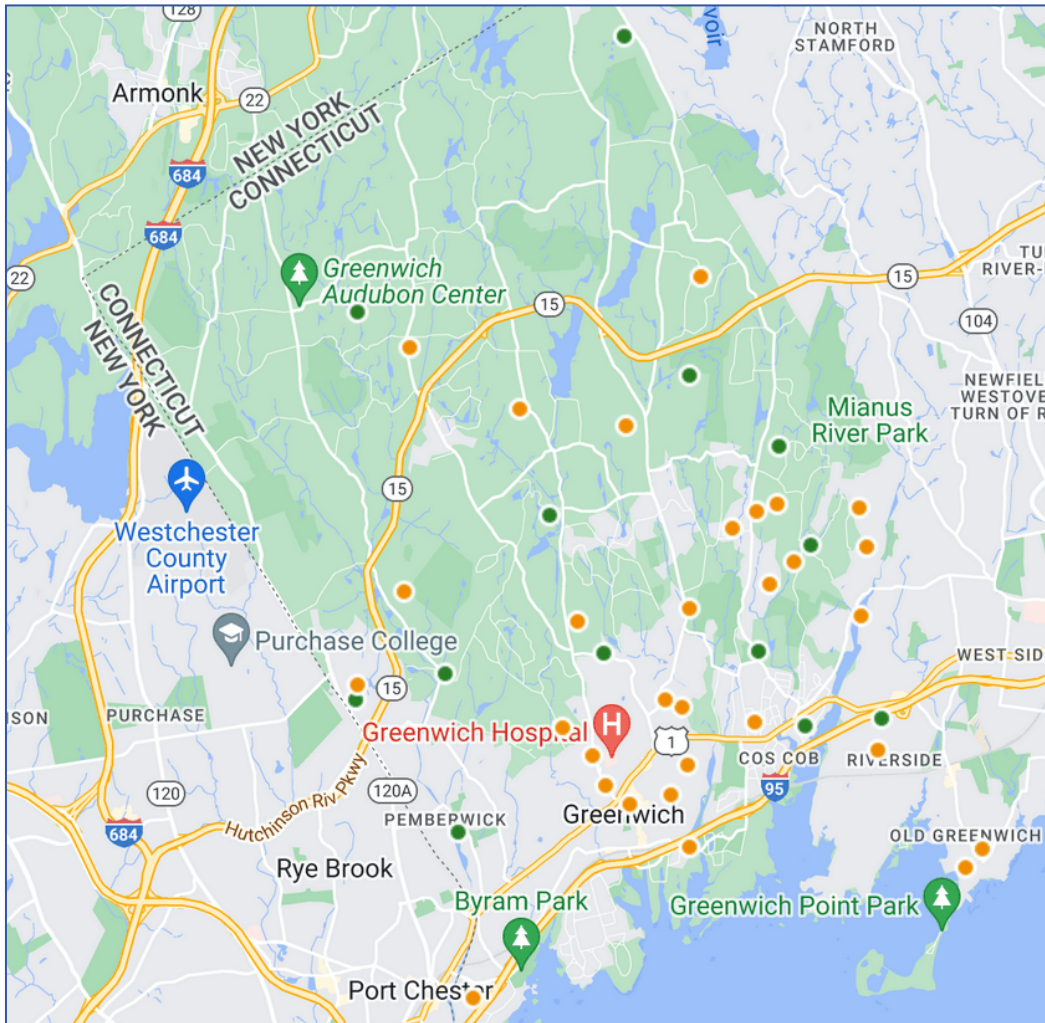
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604 Lyon Farm Drive	\$1,625,000	\$1,625,000	\$1,800,000	9	3	3		2,742
7 Chestnut Street	\$2,498,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,125,000	115	5	4	0.26	4,000
6 Dawn Harbor Lane	\$4,950,000	\$4,950,000	\$4,950,000	36	5	4	0.75	4,375
26 Mohawk Lane	\$6,295,000	\$5,900,000	\$5,750,000	198	6	8	5.1	9,972
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2024 Market Report



We only have 43 contracts in Greenwich waiting to close, which partly explains the rise in inventory in January 2024.



BY MARK PRUNER

Whither the Future?

Greenwich's real estate inventory has skyrocketed in the last week. We are up 11% in only ten days. If that rate were to continue for the whole year, we would be up over 350% for the year (which would just barely give us back to our average inventory level by the end of 2024). Of course, that is not going to happen, because we started to far down. At the end of the first week of January 2024, we got to our lowest inventory ever in Greenwich with only 88 single-family home listings. Normally at the beginning of a year we have 350 to 400 SFH listings.

The great thing about small numbers is that when you add an even smaller number to them, you get a big percentage jump. Our surprising 11% jump in inventory represented an increase of only 10 units bringing us up to 98 single-family homes from that record low of 88 listings. Rarely, however, have 10 new listings been so inspiring. Ten listings in 10 days are not a lot, but for the first time since the end of October 2023, it means that inventory is going up not down.

It also means that we have some new listings to sell which are desperately needed. Another reason that inventory went up is that contract signings are down. In the last three weeks, we have had 3, 4, and 6 new contracts signed. Those 3 weeks include Christmas and New Years, so you expect a drop-off, but in 2022, we had 29 contracts signed in the first two weeks of January. Regardless, more inventory is better than less inventory, especially when it means you are past, what is hopefully, the lowest inventory we will ever see in Greenwich.

Will more Greenwichites list their houses in 2024?

At the end of the year, there is a good chance that we will have more listings in 2024 than we had in 2023. Why? Because of the five D's; diapers, diplomas, diamonds,

divorce, and death. Babies are still being born, students are still graduating, people are still getting married and divorced, and unfortunately passing away (though it's my mother-in-law's 102nd birthday next week). What we saw in 2023 was the 5 D's kept the number of buyers high throughout the year, even with increasing interest rates.

What we are likely to see in 2024 is that the 5 D's mean that lifestyle changes have built up as potential sellers have not listed their houses over the past couple of years. For those who bought their starter home with one baby on the way and now have two children, a larger place is starting to look pretty good. For people that retired and stayed in their homes, inflation is making it more expensive to keep those big homes. This will lead to more people deciding to right size their housing and list their houses, whether they are buying bigger or smaller, they are listing their present house.

However, that additional inventory, unless it becomes a flood, will only incrementally change our market. I expect that you will see a gradual improvement in inventory and possibly not even that. About half of our sales have been for full list or over list. This means there were likely multiple bidders for those houses. For every buyer that found a house, there were at least one and often 3 and even 6 buyers who didn't get what they wanted. As a result, even as more people list their houses, the market will stay tight until these "excess" buyers find the house they want and we get back to more of a one-to-one ratio of buyers and sellers.

Some of the first signs of this "weakening" market are when we start seeing the median days on market drift up and the sales price to original list price drifting down. Even when this happens, we are likely to see our market go from a super-seller's market to a seller's market.

One place where we arguably are already in a buyer's market are older houses that need a lot of work. Today's Greenwich buyers don't want to buy and move into an older house and fix it up over the next couple of years. Nearly all Greenwich buyers want the house fixed up before they move

in. For them, the first-year cost of the house is not only the purchase price, mortgage payments, property taxes, and insurance, but also the cost to fix up the house to today's standard. That standard, given demand-induced inflation in building costs, is much higher than it was five years ago.

The dollar costs can be put on a spreadsheet and people can decide whether they have the money. What can't be put on a spreadsheet is the time to educate themselves about the building process and finding and qualifying architects and builders. Most of our buyers already have very busy lives and adding this time burden on top of what they are already doing has resulted in older homes that need work being a tough sell.

One thing that a seller can do to make their house more attractive is to use the services at my brokerage, and several other brokerages, to fix up their houses and make them ready to sell. Going even further, there are companies that will buy your house, make renovations and repairs and then sell it for you and split the increased sales value with you.

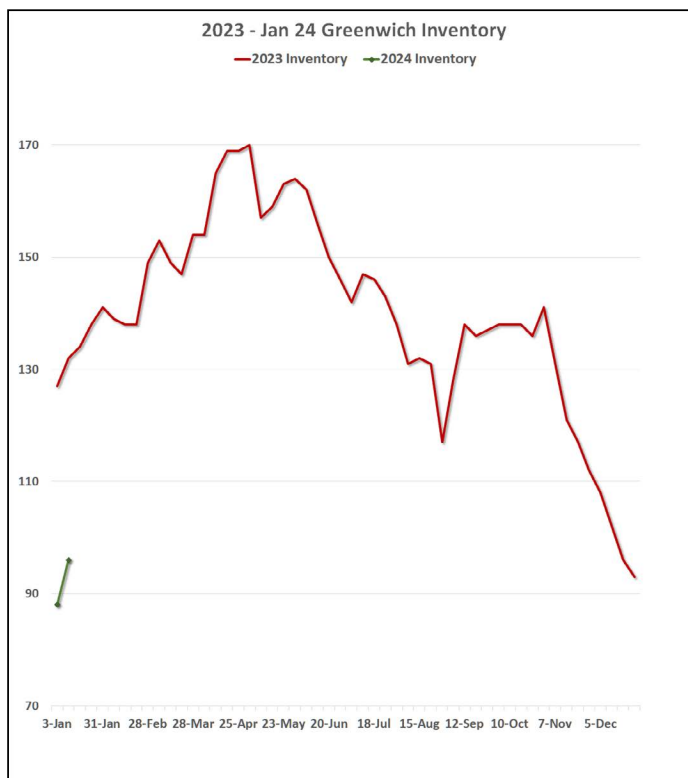
Older houses do sell, even really old houses. In fact, 5 of the 540 houses that sold last year were built in the 1700s and 16 were built in the 1800s. Our median year built for a house sold in Greenwich last year was 1961. It's not age, it's maintenance.

One type of housing that will increase in 2024 are ADUs. The Greenwich Planning and Zoning Commission has made the process for adding another dwelling unit in your house or as a second structure much easier. You no longer have to go through a full hearing at P&Z to get approval and they have removed the restrictions limiting ADU's to only elderly, affordable or handicapped ADU owners.

This is a good response to the constant pressure that towns are getting from Hartford to create more housing units available. If you want to know more about ADUs, (and historic overlays, and lot splits), you can check out "Zoning for Greater Property Value in Greenwich CT" on YouTube with Magarita Alban, chair of P&Z, and Tom Heagney, land use attorney, and Stacey Loh, director of the GAR. (You can also see an example of why I should silence my phone before starting a seminar.)

Where are we going in 2024? Sales will definitely go up if we get more inventory, and we are likely to get more inventory this year than we got last year. We will add a few new units to our housing stock, but the large majority of new construction will simply be a bigger, new house replacing a smaller older house with no net gain in housing units. The stock market is doing well, and lower interest rates will help both the stock market and the housing market. On the flip side, there are always the black swan events that make the future interesting. Stay tuned; it's going to be an interesting year.

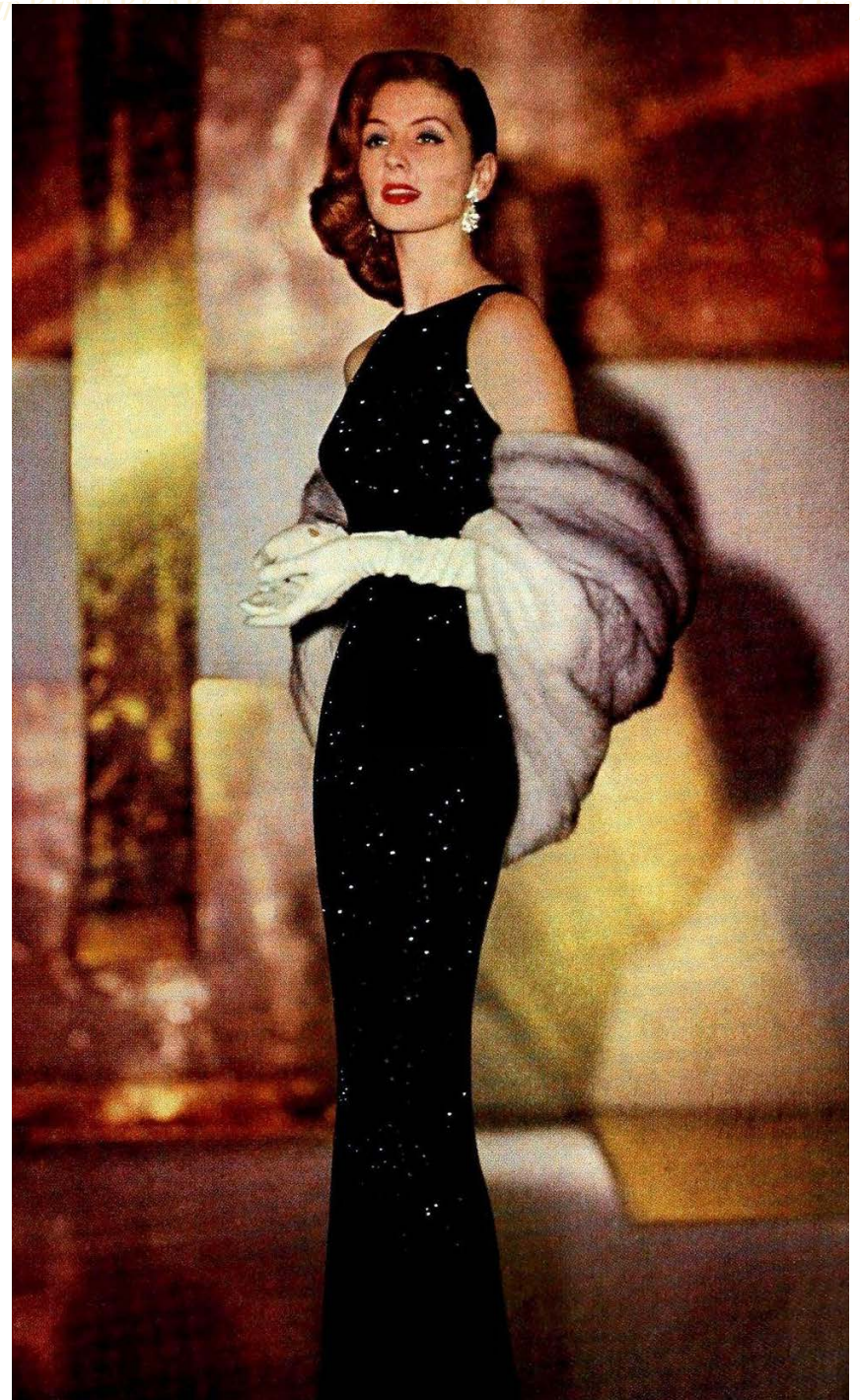
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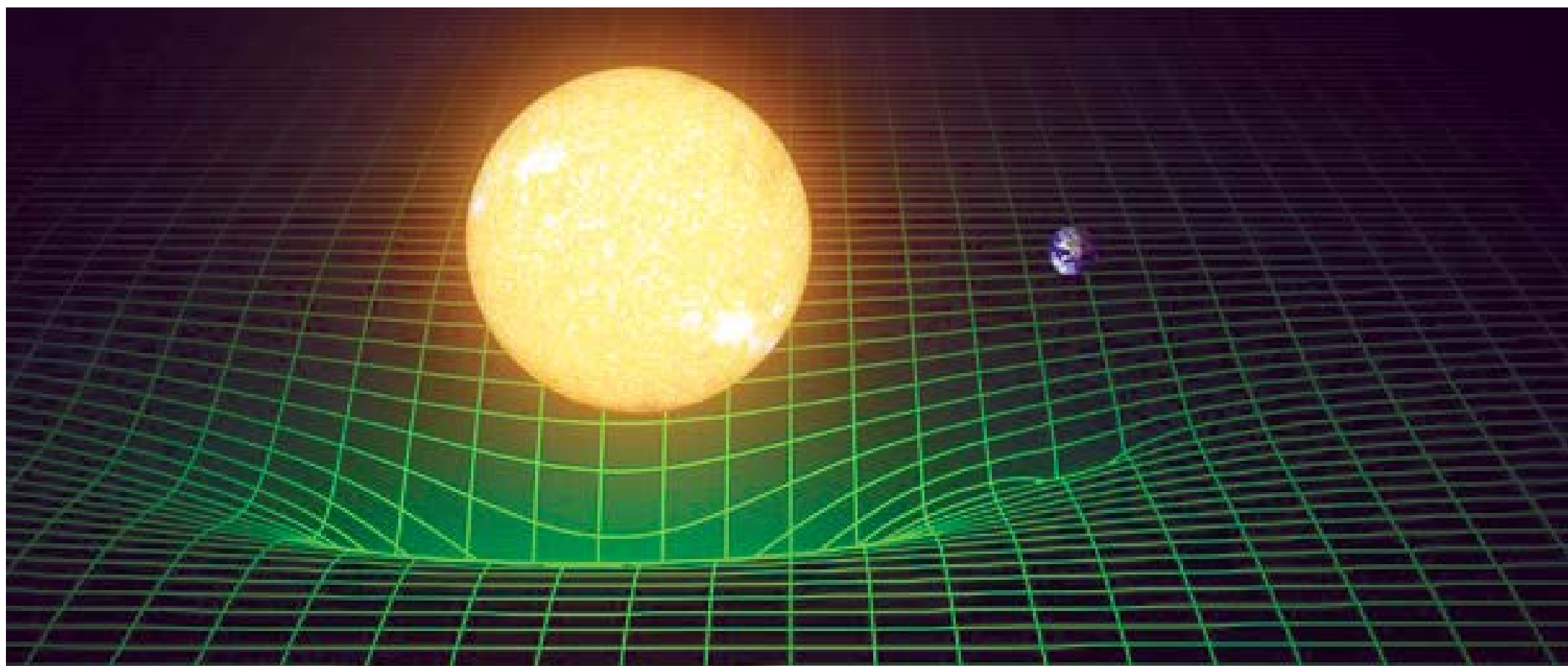
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Two Black Holes Merge into One. Image Credit: SXS, the Simulating eXtreme Spacetimes (SXS) project (<http://www.black-holes.org>). The collision of two black holes—a tremendously powerful event detected for the first time ever by the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory, or LIGO—is seen in this still from a computer simulation. LIGO detected gravitational waves, or ripples in space and time generated as the black holes spiraled in toward each other, collided, and merged. This simulation shows how the merger would appear to our eyes if we could somehow travel in a spaceship for a closer look. It was created by solving equations from Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity using the LIGO data. The two merging black holes are each roughly 30 times the mass of the sun, with one slightly larger than the other. The event took place 1.3 billion years ago.



Massive Bodies Warp Space-Time. Image Credit: T. Pyle/Caltech/MIT/LIGO Lab. How our sun and Earth warp space and time, or spacetime, is represented here with a green grid. As Albert Einstein demonstrated in his theory of general relativity, the gravity of massive bodies warps the fabric of space and time—and those bodies move along paths determined by this geometry. His theory also predicted the existence of gravitational waves, which are ripples in space and time. These waves, which move at the speed of light, are created when massive bodies accelerate through space and time.

COLUMN: ON MY WATCH

The LIGO Project

The Astounding Astronomical Success of the LIGO Project Detecting Gravitational Waves

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

LIGO is the fourth of five extraordinary astronomical space exploration projects introduced by my astronomer stepbrother Michael Snowden, who lives in New Zealand. LIGO is the acronym for Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory. It is the world's largest gravitational wave observatory and a marvel of precision engineering. The project is a collaborative effort between the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), funded by the National Science Foundation.

There are actually two LIGO observatories, the Hanford one in Washington State and the Livingston one in Louisiana, 3,000 kilometers apart but connecting, each with L-shaped detectors consisting of four-kilometer-long vacuum chambers capable of measuring a motion 10,000 times smaller than an atomic nucleus (the smallest measurement ever attempted by science) caused by the most violent and cataclysmic events in the Universe.

It was in 2015 that LIGO made history with the first direct detection of gravitational waves, or ripples in space and time, produced by a pair of distant colliding black holes. This discovery brought the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2017 to three physicists, Kip Thorne, Rainer Weiss, and Barry Barish for their “decisive contributions” to observations of gravitational waves.

Those ripples in space were predicted over a century ago by the mathematics of Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity. So, what might have been Einstein's reaction to this LIGO discovery proving his theory, “I think he would say, well done!” said Dr. Lisa Barsotti, a leading scientist in gravitational waves, at a recent talk.

Dr. Barsotti has dedicated her career to the search for and study of gravitational waves. It began for her in college. “I started to work in this field because while I was studying General Relativity at Pisa University, more than twenty years ago, I realized that a gravitational-wave detector, Virgo, was being built very close to my house! So, I decided to do my bachelor's degree work on Virgo.” After getting her doctorate Barsotti relocated at MIT as

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a Post Doc in 2007, where she now serves as a Principal Investigator and Senior Research Scientist on the LIGO project in MIT's Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research.

To learn more about LIGO from Dr. Barsotti's perspective we asked her a few questions.

AWS: Understanding that LIGO's instruments are able to actually measure the “wobble” [Michael's term] of a gravitational wave going through the universe, how big is the wobble or the amplitude of the modulation that it's actually measuring? How sensitive are the instruments for measuring the warping of space-time?

LB: As gravitational waves pass by, they stretch and squeeze space-time, but just by a tiny bit, as the amplitude of gravitational waves is very, very small. So small that to capture this effect, the LIGO instruments must be able to measure displacements on the order of one attometer. Measuring such a small displacement over the 4-km arm length is equivalent to measuring the distance to the nearest star to an accuracy smaller than the width of a human hair!

AWS: So, it was in the late 1960's that three colleagues began to conceive of this LIGO machine to be located in Washington State and in Louisiana. Where came such extraordinary confidence that this remarkable feat could be accomplished with an inconceivably complex instrument, and that such considerable funds could be

obtained to fund it?

LB: At the time the LIGO detectors were conceived, a lot of the technology needed to make the LIGO detectors operate at their design sensitivity had yet to be developed. There were also great uncertainties in what Nature would offer – which and how many gravitational-wave sources LIGO might be able to detect. So, I would say that there was more courage than confidence. It was certainly a high risk, high reward type of investment.

In my personal experience, the fact that the LIGO detectors are such interesting and complicated instruments, pushing the limits of precision measurement, has always been rewarding. Even in the early commissioning days, when we were quite far from detecting gravitational waves, I have always reminded myself that we were making an incredible measurement per se. And even if we could not control Nature, we could control our detectors, and work hard to make them as sensitive as possible.

AWS: Then, with the success of LIGO, it was determined in 2015, I understand, that improvements in the instruments were needed. What percentage of improvements were needed? How long was it offline for its upgrading to be done? How much more sensitive have the instruments become?

LB: The first generation of LIGO detectors did not detect gravitational waves. The first major upgrade, called Advanced LIGO, enabled the first detection of gravitational waves in 2015. At that time Advanced LIGO was operating with approximately 3 times better sensitivity than the initial detectors, with a final goal of reaching a factor 10 better sensitivity. Another upgrade, called LIGO A+, built on top of the Advanced LIGO upgrade to incorporate new technologies was developed in the meantime. Now we are quite close to the Advanced LIGO target, with both LIGO instruments operating at a sensitivity which is twice as better than in 2015.

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AWS: How often are new discoveries being made at LIGO now? Such as a collision of two black holes, or collisions of neutron stars? Has this got to the point where they're discovering one a month, or one a day, or one a year? With the new discoveries that are being made, how often are they actually seeing events that shake the universe and shake LIGO?

LB: LIGO is detecting about two events per week in the ongoing observing run O4, compared to roughly 1 per month in the first observing run O1 in 2015. So quite an improvement!

AWS: So, with LIGO's success as an American adventure, I understand the European Space Agency has jumped into this big time. They are developing a follow-through from LIGO called LISA (Laser Interferometer Space Antenna) to be a massively more sensitive instrument than LIGO due to be launched around 2030. Their machine will go into orbit spreading across a big piece of the solar system with three modules connected by lasers. What do they expect to get from LISA?

LB: LISA and LIGO cannot be directly compared - they are two very different instruments, LISA will be built in space while LIGO is on the ground, operating in very different frequency bands. They are two complementary instruments which will give us information about different sources of gravitational waves. For

example, LISA will be able to detect black hole systems which are much heavier than the ones LIGO can detect.

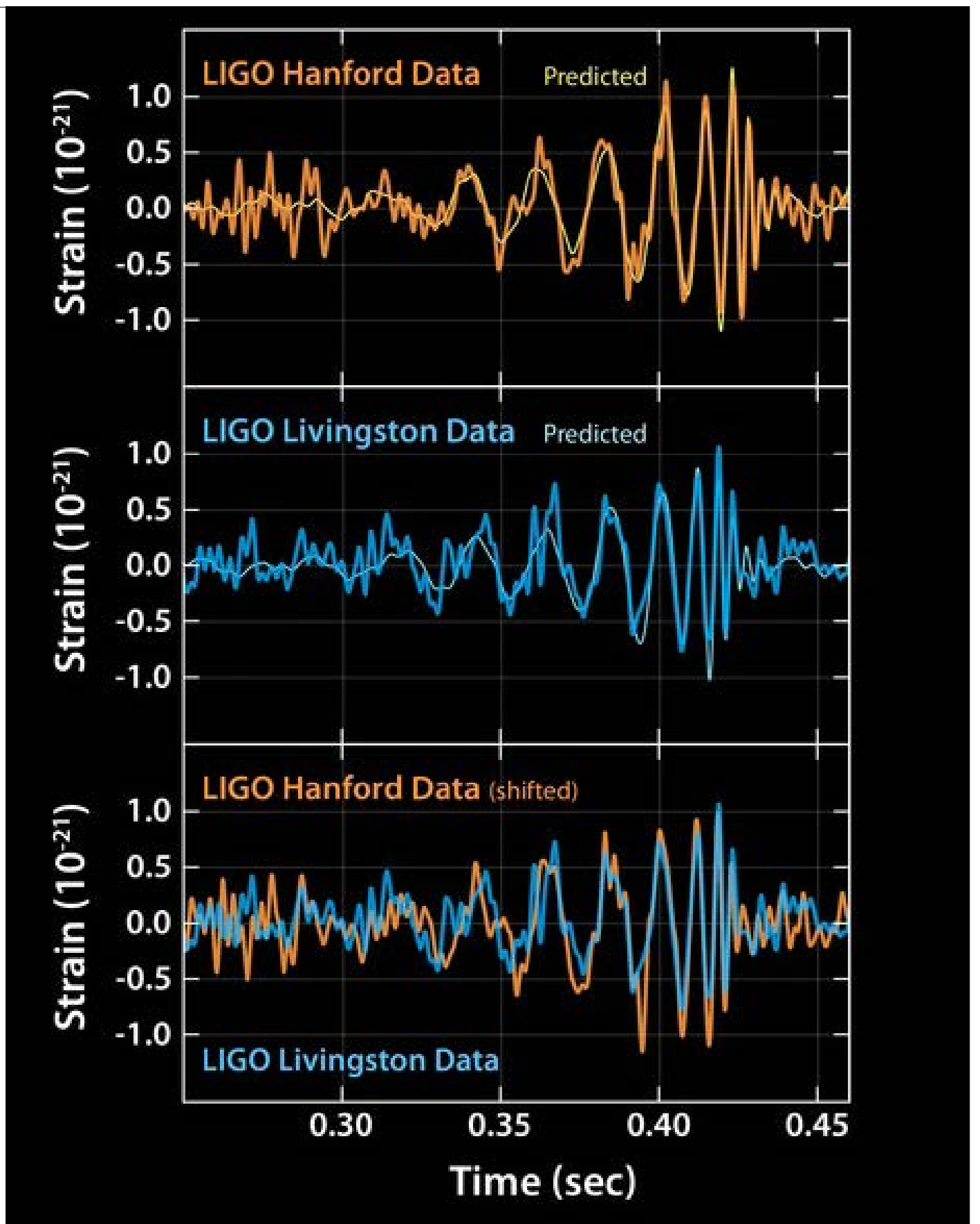
There are also plans, both in Europe and in United States, to build the next generation of ground-based gravitational-wave detectors based on further improved LIGO technology. The two design concepts are Einstein Telescope in Europe and Cosmic Explorer in United States. If LISA and these new ground-based detectors can be operational at the same time, they will give us access to a variety of gravitational-wave sources throughout cosmic history.

Other experiments are more specifically targeting gravitational waves emitted in the early Universe, like Pulsar Timing Arrays and experiments that look at the Cosmic Microwave Background.

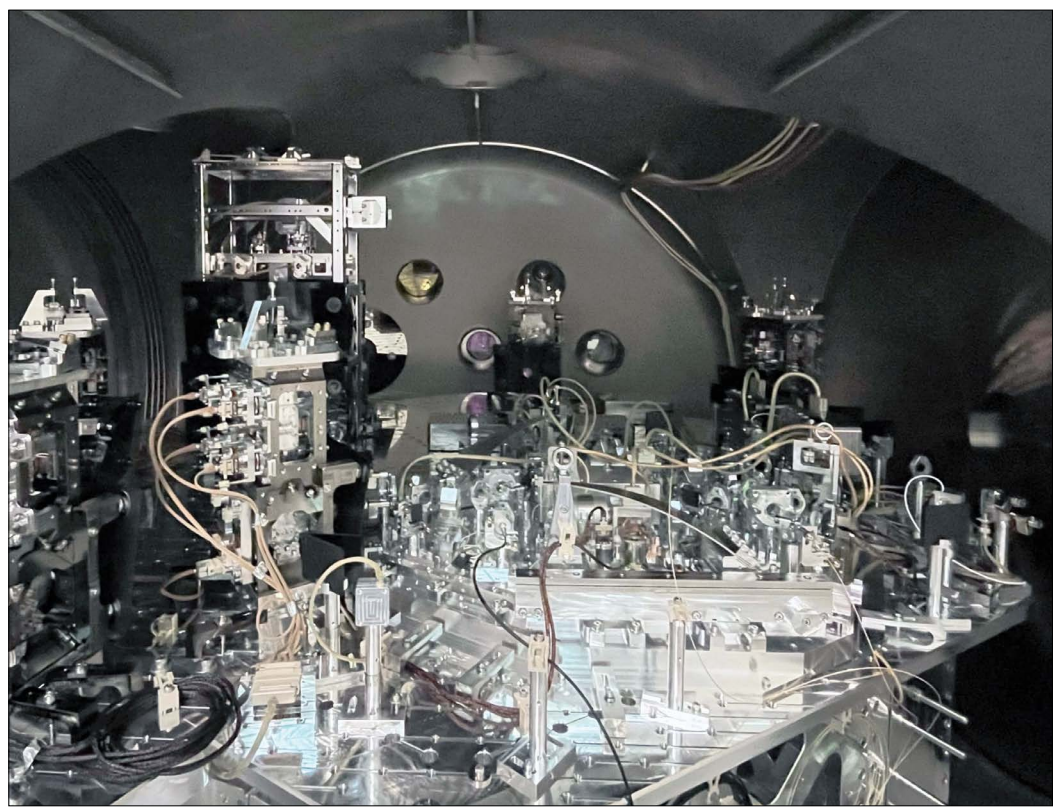
AWS: What will we get out of this fundamental knowledge about nature and how it works? What are the expectations?

LB: Gravitational waves are a completely new way to learn about the Universe, giving access to study events that were invisible to us. The dream is that we will build instruments to target all the different frequency bands, thus giving us access to all of the gravitational wave sources and combine the information to study some of the most cataclysmic events in the Universe throughout cosmic history.

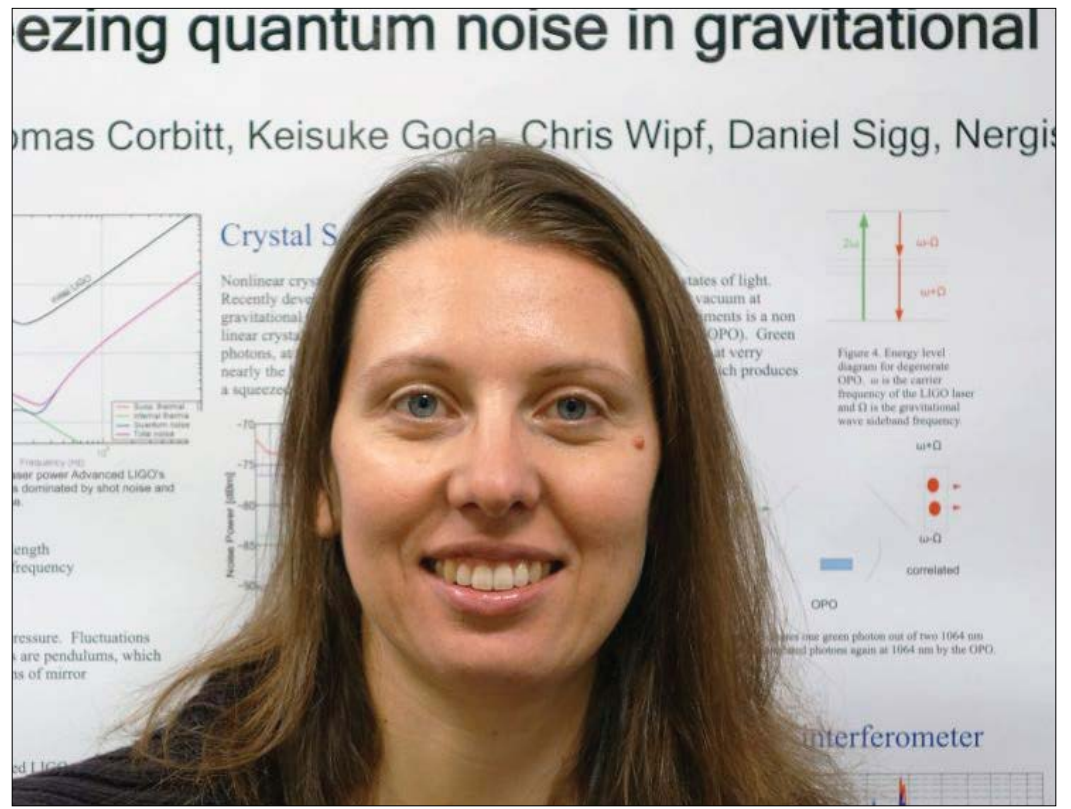
Next up will be the Vera C. Rubin Observatory, an astronomical observatory currently under construction in Chile. Its main task will be carrying out a synoptic astronomical survey, the Legacy Survey of Space and Time.



Gravitational Waves, As Einstein Predicted. Image Credit: Caltech/MIT/LIGO Lab. These plots show the signals of gravitational waves detected by the twin LIGO observatories at Livingston, Louisiana, and Hanford, Washington. The signals came from two merging black holes, each about 30 times the mass of our sun, lying 1.3 billion light-years away. The top two plots show data received at Livingston and Hanford, along with the predicted shapes for the waveform. These predicted waveforms show what two merging black holes should look like according to the equations of Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity, along with the instrument's ever-present noise. Time is plotted on the X-axis and strain on the Y-axis. Strain represents the fractional amount by which distances are distorted. As the plots reveal, the LIGO data very closely match Einstein's predictions. The final plot compares data from both detectors. The Hanford data have been inverted for comparison, due to the differences in orientation of the detectors at the two sites. The data were also shifted to correct for the travel time of the gravitational-wave signals between Livingston and Hanford (the signal first reached Livingston, and then, traveling at the speed of light, reached Hanford seven thousandths of a second later). As the plot demonstrates, both detectors witnessed the same event, confirming the detection.



View of the LIGO vacuum chamber hosting optical components. The picture was taken when the chamber was open for maintenance. Photo by Wenxuan Jia/ Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Dr. Lisa Barsotti, Principal Investigator and Senior Research Scientist on the LIGO project at MIT's Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research. Contributed photo.



One of LIGO's Washington State Hanford's 'arms'. The "mid-station" (half-way to the end of the arm) is barely visible 2 km away. Photo by Kim Fetrow.

PUZZLES

HOW MANY TO THE LEFT. HOW MANY TO THE RIGHT?

left right

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Find two identical flowers in the bouquet.

Write the first letter of each thing to solve the puzzle.
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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. Putnam Cottage, 243 East Putnam Ave. RSVP. 203-832-3654. sheila.goggin@cbmoves.com. greenwichrotary.org

2:30 - 6 p.m.
Old Greenwich Farmers Market. Living Hope Community Church, 38 West End Ave., Old Greenwich. oldgreenwichfarmersmarket.com

6 - 7:30 p.m.
Arch Street Teen Center High School Support Group for boys: Stress, Success, and Teenage Setbacks - moderated by Executive Director Kyle Silver. 100 Arch St. Register. Kyle@archstreet.org. archstreet.org

6:30 p.m.
NAMI-CAN (Child and Adolescent Network) Online Support Group - for parents and primary caregivers of children & adolescents, under age 21, with behavioral and emotional issues. Free. namisouthwestct.org/online-support

2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Aging Well - an informal conversation about different aspects of aging well. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Road. Free & open to all. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org

THURSDAYS

8 a.m. & 4 p.m.
Tai Chi Basic Moves. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Registration required. Tuition is paid as a donation made directly by the participant to abilis, Neighbor to Neighbor, or the First Congregational Church. experience-taichi.org

5 - 7 p.m.
Kids In Crisis Lighthouse LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting - open to all LGBTQ youth in middle & high school. Wilton Historical Society, 224 Danbury Rd, Wilton. Free. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@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

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

Monday, Jan. 22

10 a.m.
Nurse Is In: A Greenwich Hospital nurse will take your blood pressure and answer health questions at Greenwich Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop, 109 Hamilton Ave. Free. 203-863-4444.

5:30 p.m.
Education: "Strokes: Who is at risk?". Greenwich Hospital's Noble Conference Center. Free.

6 p.m.
Education: Greenwich Hospital will present a Bariatric Weight-Loss Surgery information session. Via Zoom. Free.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

8 a.m.
Safety Event: Greenwich Hospital offers free monthly car seat safety checks. West Putnam Medical Center, 500 W. Putnam Ave. Make an appointment at: 203-200-KIDS or email Carseats@ynhh.org.

1:30 p.m.
Parkinson's Support Group. Long Ridge Medical Center, 260 Long Ridge Rd, Stamford. Zoom option available.

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE RedCrossBlood.org

Friday, Jan. 19

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
American Red Cross, 40 Saw Mill River Road, Upper Level 3, Hawthorne, NY.

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Stamford Church of Christ, 1264 High Ridge Road, Stamford

Saturday, Jan. 20

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
New Canaan Library, 151 Main Street, New Canaan.

Monday, Jan. 22

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

Tuesday, Jan. 23

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

Wednesday, Jan. 24

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Pace University Kessel Campus Center, 861 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville, NY.

Friday, Jan. 26

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
New Rochelle Public Library, 1 Library Plaza Lawton Street, New Rochelle, NY.

TOWN MEETINGS greenwichct.gov/calendar

Friday, Jan. 19

7:45 a.m.
Julian Curtiss School Building Committee Meeting in Person and via Zoom.

Monday, Jan. 22

1 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.

5:30 p.m.
Nathaniel Witherell Board of Directors Meeting.

7 p.m.
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency Meeting. Via Zoom.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

4 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting.

Thursday, Jan. 25

10 a.m.
Board of Selectmen Meeting. In Person at Town Hall Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 11

The Bruce Gala. Bruce Museum. 203-413-6745. cconsidine@BruceMuseum.org

Saturday, May 18

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Greenwich's First Selectman's Youth Commission 4th Annual Greenwich Middle School STEM Fair. Greenwich Water Club.

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, JAN., 19

4 p.m.
Friday Matinee: Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

2 p.m.
Teen Yoga. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.
Chelsey Lynn Alfredo: There's No Place Like Home. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

6 p.m.
Curtain Call: open auditions for children for 'The Sound of Music'. KweSkin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. curtaincall-inc.com/auditions

MONDAY, JAN. 22

6 p.m.
Question, Persuade, Refer Suicide Prevention Workshop, a Mental Health & Wellness Series Program. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.
Curtain Call: open auditions for adults for 'The Sound of Music'. KweSkin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Also held Tuesday, Jan. 23, 7pm. curtaincallinc.com/auditions

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

4 p.m.
Make Paper Lanterns. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

5 p.m.
Food'NBvCT with Charles Coristine, CEO of Lesser Evil Snacks. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.
"Make Me Famous" - Post-screening Q&A with Director Brian Vincent and Producer Heather Spore. Avon Theatre Film Center, 272 Bedford St., Stamford. Avon Members, \$11; General Public, \$16. bit.ly/3GsRkTK

7 p.m.
Trivia Night. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

6 - 8 p.m.
Lawyers in Libraries: meet with a volunteer attorney for free. Ferguson Main Library, 2nd Floor Study Room 1. Book an apt at: 203-351-8221. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.
Hudson Valley Wind Quintet. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

Universal Crossword

Edited by Jared Goudsmit

ACROSS

- 1 Up-tempo jazz style
- 6 Piquancy
- 10 The "S" of SOHCA-HTOA, in trig
- 14 Banish
- 15 x, y or z
- 16 Techie's news site
- 17 Ocean predator named for its patterned skin
- 19 Spreadsheet lines
- 20 Type of wood ... or what's left after burning that wood
- 21 "I'll pay!"
- 22 Look after
- 23 "End the ____" (mental health motto)
- 26 Fish named for its long, thin body
- 29 Gospel author
- 31 Barrel-shaped drums
- 32 Took a load off
- 33 ____-Cola
- 36 "Bidding is over!"
- 37 Minnow named for its stripes
- 40 Post-Pilates pain
- 43 Italian bread?
- 44 Bunny's jump
- 46 Golden Gate
- 48 Said explicitly
- 51 Flat-bodied creature named for its beaklike face

- 12 Landmark FDR program
- 13 Martians, e.g.
- 18 Enjoy a long bath
- 22 Certain MMA victory
- 24 Blank stares ... from the new hires at a pastry shop, perhaps?
- 25 TV-silencing button
- 27 Fiber-rich berry
- 28 "Acid"
- 30 Light beige
- 34 Canoeing need
- 35 \$\$\$ execs
- 38 Coors product
- 39 Persian ruler
- 40 Emancipation Proclamation prez
- 41 Vehicle with caterpillar treads
- 42 Late afternoon meal
- 45 It may let the dogs out
- 47 Opal or jade
- 49 Author Morrison
- 50 Do ____ (drive in circles)
- 52 "That's a bummer!"
- 53 Like a noisy Chihuahua
- 55 So last year
- 58 Zeus' mother
- 60 Not get any younger
- 61 Card that's worth 15 points in Liverpool rummy
- 62 "Killing Eve" network
- 63 "This debt shall be repaid" note

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

O	S	C	A	R	D	A	M	S	S	T	O	W		
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All-Terrain by Dan Bodily

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Astrology for Next Week

AQUARIUS

21 Jan-19 Feb Transformation planet Pluto moves into your birth sign today marking the start of one of the most important times of your life. Past dreams that had to be abandoned can now be resurrected. It's never too late to change. It's never too late to be the best you can be.

PISCES

20 Feb-20 March Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart will cause you to question several of the things you have taken for granted. It may not be a pleasant experience - no one likes to admit they got it wrong - but it will be a liberating one.

ARIES

21 March-20 April Family, friends and colleagues will all have good advice for you but you don't need their guidance as the path you must take is clearly mapped out before you. All you need is the courage to take the first step. Every step after that will be easy to make.

TAURUS

21 April-21 May This is a critical time for you. As power planet Pluto crosses the midheaven angle of your chart you must assert yourself and let influential people know who you are and what you can do. In just a few days you'll be moving up the ladder of success, several rungs at a time.

GEMINI

22 May-21 June You may have big plans but are they the kind that stand a realistic chance of success? The answer is of the utmost importance just now as you'll be expanding your horizons in several new directions. Dreaming is one thing, but doing is something else.

CANCER

22 June-23 July You must make a final, irreversible decision about a money or business issue, so give it some thought, decide, and live with the consequences. Whichever route you choose to take can lead you to riches but once started on that route there can be no turning back.

LEO

24 July-23 Aug As Pluto, planet of power, enters your opposite sign you are liable to get into confrontations with authority figures. They may have might on their side but it is you who has right, so dig in your heels and refuse to back down. You'll win in the end.

VIRGO

24 Aug-23 Sept It would be easy to work harder and longer but that doesn't mean you should do it. If others make unreasonable demands of you stand up to them, because if you give them even an inch now they will take a mile, not just this week but throughout 2024.

LIBRA

24 Sept-23 Oct You may get a bit out of line - your exuberance will lead you to say and do things the powers that be find less than amusing. But do you care what the "suits" think of you? Be true to yourself, not just this week but every day from now on. Having fun is not a crime.

SCORPIO

24 Oct-22 Nov If you are expecting others to play fair you are expecting too much. Your rivals believe all is fair in love and war and if you don't like it that is just too bad. Keep your eyes and ears open but don't lower yourself to their level. Unlike them you have principles.

SAGITTARIUS

23 Nov-21 Dec When you speak your mind you tend to go all the way and with Pluto in the communications area of your chart you won't pull your punches. Others may be offended by the forthright manner in which you make your point but you won't care in the slightest.

CAPRICORN

22 Dec-20 Jan Yours is not one of the more impulsive signs of the zodiac but the current planetary picture suggests you will do something reckless over the next few days. Be wild if you must but be wild in a way that does not cost you a fortune. It's no fun being poor.

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Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1. Every mystery has one
- 5. (K) Neither's mate
- 8. (K) Performs in "The Lion King"
- 12. (K) "___ and the Tramp"
- 13. (K) Response to a dentist, maybe
- 14. Plumlike fruit
- 15. (K) "Game ___" (video game end screen)
- 16. (K) Make a sincere effort
- 17. Rational
- 18. Condiment at a sushi bar
- 20. Like some amusement parks or parties
- 22. "New" prefix
- 23. (K) Pizza ___ (restaurant chain)
- 24. Samsung or Gucci, for example (2 words)
- 28. (K) Cause of inflation?
- 31. (K) Like unwashed hair
- 32. Online revenue sources, for some
- 33. (K) Marco Polo crossed it
- 34. (K) Response to a dentist, Kong, for one
- 35. Office held by some respected church members
- 37. (K) "Please, please, please!"
- 38. (K) Type of hat
- 39. 9x9 numbers game
- 42. Online livestreaming platform
- 46. (K) Understand
- 47. (K) "Aladdin" prince
- 49. (K) Actor's gig
- 50. (K) "___ be super fun!"
- 51. "Christ the Redeemer" locale
- 52. (K) Mineral found in spinach
- 53. (K) Accomplishes
- 54. (K) Comfy TV room in a home
- 55. Brooklyn basketball team
- 25. (K) Tear in anger
- 26. (K) Ginger ___
- 27. (K) Count this with that
- 28. (K) Bit of fire remains
- 29. (K) Sundial's three
- 30. (K) Megan Thee Stallion's genre
- 33. Pain pill
- 35. "I just saw a mouse!"
- 36. (K) Like meat before it hits the grill
- 37. Major college football games
- 39. Winter highway hazard
- 40. "Do ___ others ..."
- 41. Big name in pineapples
- 43. (K) Shredded
- 44. Blood flow blockers
- 45. (K) They cluck
- 48. (K) Tell an untruth

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

They cut corners?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

1	C	E	D	S	O	S	S	O	W			
2	B	O	A	R	R	I	T	E	O	R	E	
3	I	R	R	E	G	U	L	A	R	M	A	R
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5	W	A	P	G	A	P	D	E	E	R		
6	S	W	E	E	T	E	N	S	W	E	P	T
7	E	A	T	A	R	A	R	A	W			
8	T	R	E	S	S	P	I	C	O	L	O	
9	R	A	P	T	C	O	O					
10	T	O	N	G	U	E	K	O	S	H	E	R
11	U	N	I	R	E	C	E	P	T	I	V	E
12	B	I	T	G	N	A	T	A	R	E	A	
13	S	T	Y	E	S	P	Y	R	E	N	D	

Previous riddle answer:

Kid's parent?
16-D GOAT

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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

- 1 Winter Olympics vehicles (10)
- 2 quality of a rough ride (9)
- 3 court of law (8)
- 4 free of germs (7)
- 5 had the nerve (5)
- 6 Spanish appetisers (5)
- 7 views critically (8)

SOLUTIONS

BOB	EP	INE	IGHS	TR
MP	RED	CTS	TIC	INS
DA	AS	NAL	SS	BU
IBU	PE	SLE	TAP	AS

Previous Answers:: 1. BREAKAWAY 2. OVATION 3. SCRAPPY 4. CUTTING 5. ABRUPT 6. CONDENSES 7. TELLURIDE 6/30

The answers to this week's puzzles can be found in next week's issue.

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SUDOKU

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	2		3
2		3	
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	4		
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	1	3	

2		1	
1	2	4	
3			1

Sudoku

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

Easy

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9	1						

Hard

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	5			1	2		

Very Hard

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	5	4		1	7		
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Easy

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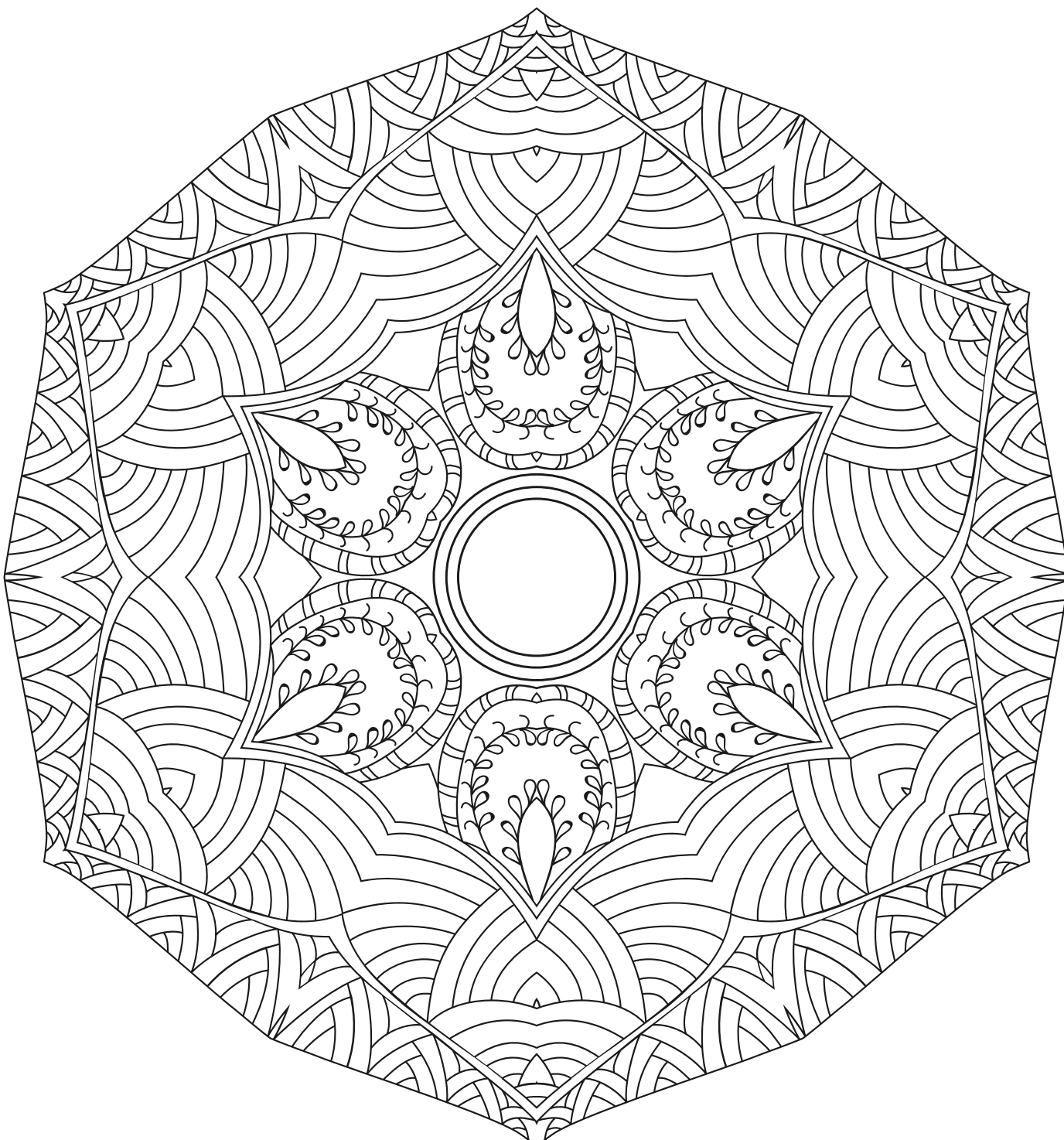
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Very Hard

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Coloring Challenge



Sudoku answers

3	9	5	1	2	8	7	4	6
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7	5	9	8	6	4	3	1	2
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Bottom row - Very Hard

5	2	4	7	1	6	3	8	9
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Bottom row - Hard

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5	3	6	4	1	2	9	8	7
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Bottom row - Easy

3	6	1	4	2	9	8	7	5
9	8	7	5	3	6	2	4	1
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7	3	9	1	5	2	4	8	6

Top row - Very Hard

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Top row - Hard

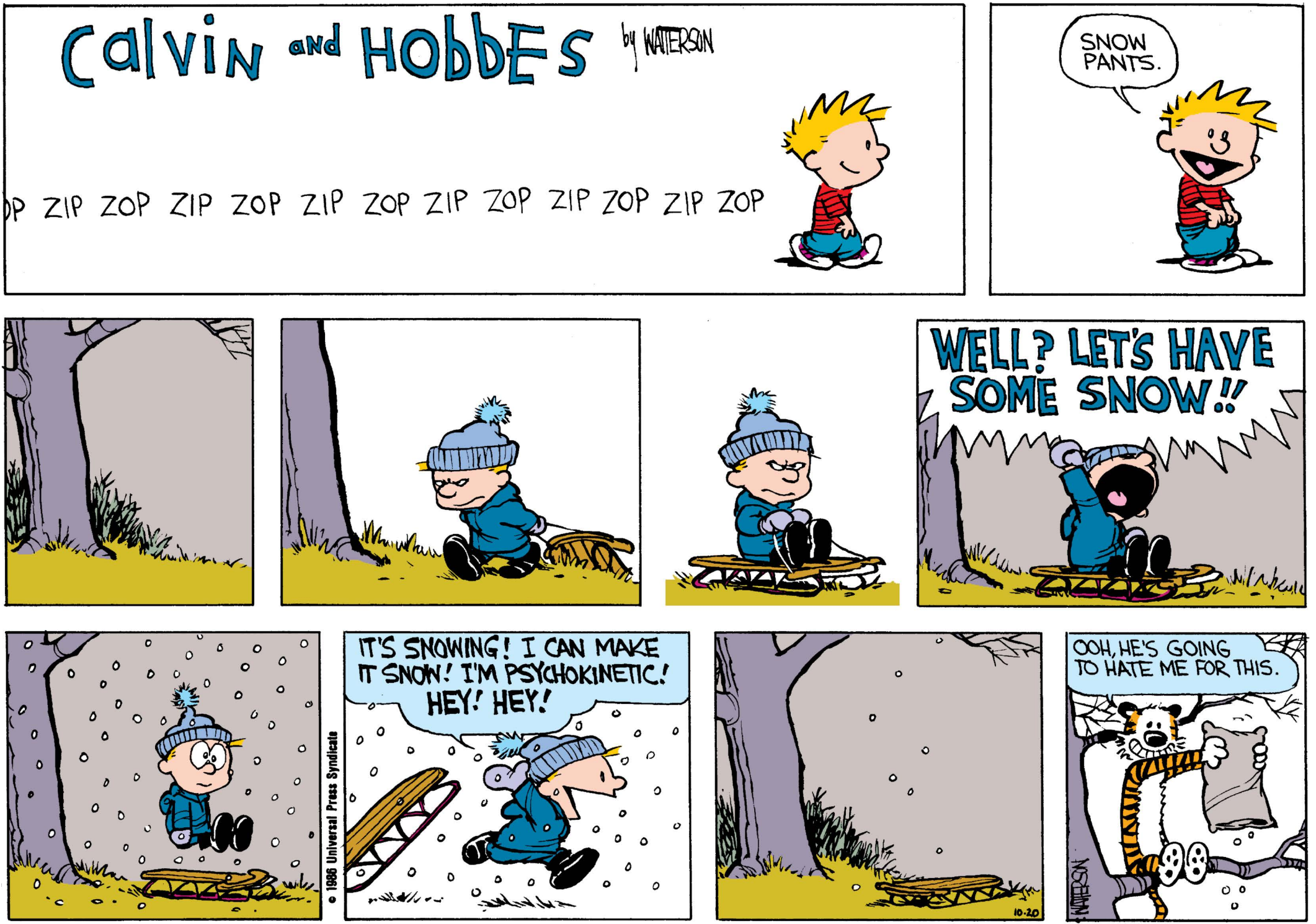
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5	9	7	1	2	3	4	6
8	4	1	3	5	7	9	2
6	5	9	2	8	1	3	4
7	2	3	6	9	4	1	8

Top row - Easy



EDUCATION

From the Sentinel Foundation: the educational page for our readers.



COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE AMERICAN MINK

A Powerful, Hyper-Adaptive Predator



By JIM KNOX

At first glance they appeared to be squirrels. Yet, the color wasn't quite right, and their movements were somehow different. I studied them more closely. The two animals darted after one another, playfully pivoting and doubling back on each other before merging in a tumbling mass of chocolate brown fur. They separated, spun, and ran atop the trunk of a huge fallen oak before leaping down to resume the chase deep into the wetland. What I had spied were creatures living in our midst, but not commonly sighted—and when they are—frequently misidentified.

The American mink (*Neogale vison*) is a creature with few equals. A member of the Mustelid or weasel Family, it hails from a 40-million-year-old mammalian lineage of pedigree. Encompassing a diverse group of more than 70 species found worldwide—ranging from 8-inch-long Least weasels to 99-pound Sea otters, this family is among the planet's most successful. Reaching 2.5 feet in length and up to 5 pounds in weight with a low-slung torpedo shaped body covered in thick, lustrous dark brown fur with a small white chin or abdominal patch, the mink is a small yet striking creature. With a turbo-charged metabolism, off-the-charts pound-for-pound strength, and jaw power capable of subduing prey several times larger than itself, the mink is also a deceptively lethal predator!

While the Mustelid Family boasts many specialists like the Black-footed ferret and the Pine Marten, the American mink is a specialist with a twist. Though the semi-aquatic mink is equipped with specialized adaptations such as semi-webbed toes,



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powerful swimming ability, dense warm underfur and oil glands that waterproof its guard hairs, it is equally at home on land. It is this specialization with flexibility that confers a tremendous survival advantage for these small carnivores, enabling them to travel and hunt along water courses across most of North America.

With a vast range extending from Alaska—north of the Arctic Circle—most of Canada and the entire continental United States (with the exception of Arizona), the mink is a creature of great climatic tolerance and adaptability. Accordingly, mink will select their quarry from an extremely broad menu of prey species living within their preferred stream, pond, marsh, and beach habitats.

With a diet which includes; fish, crayfish, newts, frogs, shrews, mice, insects, bird eggs, mollusks, crabs, ducks, and other waterfowl, mink target any creature they can ambush or overtake in the water or on land. Adapting their hunting methods to exploit what the season offers, mink shift largely to hunting active warm bodied prey during the colder winter months—subduing birds and mammals such as voles, rabbits, and muskrats. Additionally, mink identify abundance and lock onto a great opportunity. In years when mouse and hare litters are on the rise, mink often move away from water bodies to capitalize on these seasonal food resources. The mink's hallmark adaptability even extends to the next generation, with

food resources dictating litter sizes of between 4-10 kits. These kits remain in the den for just one month. After that, the energetic kits accompany mom in her travels and on her hunts. Unlike many mammals which require two or more years to develop, young mink experience explosive growth—attaining full adult size within just six months!

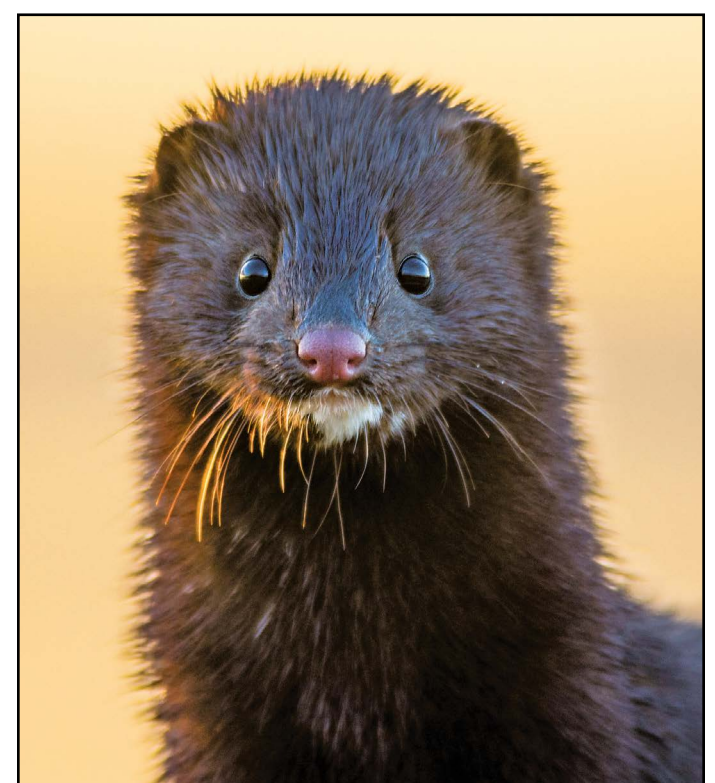
Like their kin in the large and successful weasel clan, mink do not hibernate. Their agile, energy-charged bodies require vast quantities of calories to fuel the hunt. Also, like their densely furred cousins, they pack ample muscle onto their sleek frames. With ultra keen senses of smell, hearing, and vision, mink utilize their refined sensory array to detect dinner and danger alike. Immune

to predation from all but significantly larger predators such as bobcats, Mountain lions and coyotes, mink employ lightning reflexes to avoid encounters with these powerful carnivores. When encounters become inevitable, the mink goes on the offensive—fiercely biting and clawing its attackers,

often opening a channel for escape. With the mink's speed and erratic movements, it keeps both predator and prey guessing its next move. This unpredictability, coupled with their explosiveness, make mink a hard—and moving, target to pinpoint.

In the American mink, we have a native carnivore which employs its unique and refined adaptations to capture prey and thwart predators alike. By studying the mink's methods, we can harness some of its winning approach to life. Infusing energy into its daily actions, it presents itself with greater opportunities. Similarly, the mink adapts to virtually any habitat it encounters, calling terrestrial and aquatic habitats—fresh, brackish, and salt—home. By accessing our many unique talents and skills, infusing boundless energy into our daily activities, and adapting to diverse settings, humans too can enjoy the success which eludes our competition — by land and by sea.

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