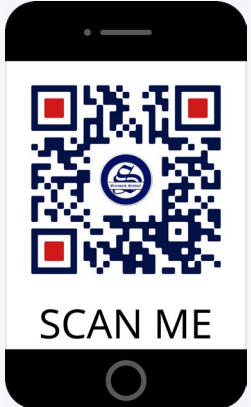


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POLICE & FIRE

Earlier this week, the Greenwich Fire Department responded to a garage fire and explosion on Riversville Road, finding heavy smoke from the main house and a burn victim in the front yard. Firefighters discovered an underground hallway spreading the fire between the structures and used tankers from multiple areas due to the lack of nearby hydrants. The cause is under investigation, and the injured person was taken to a hospital.

Car enthusiasts can support the Greenwich Police Department's Scholarship Fund at the 2024 GPD Benefit Car Show on June 8, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Greenwich Town Hall, with a rain date of June 9, 2024. The event features a variety of vehicles, free entry for attendees, and pre-registration for participants. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund for children of Greenwich Police officers. For more information or to become a sponsor, call (203) 622-7884 or visit <https://www.gpdscholarshipfund.org>.

FROM TOWN HALL

The Greenwich Department of Public Works will hold a hybrid public meeting on June 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed Route 1 Corridor Adaptive Signal Control Technology Improvements project, which aims to improve air quality and reduce congestion. The project, estimated to cost \$4 million, will be fully funded by a Federal Highway Administration grant. The meeting will also be accessible via Zoom, with details available on the town's website. A 14-day comment period will follow the meeting for public input.

Starting on May 24 at 6 pm, the Town enforced restrictions on gas-powered leaf blowers in residential zones until September 30, with exceptions for larger properties after Labor Day. Electric leaf blowers are permitted year-round, and specific usage times are outlined. Violations can be reported at 203-622-8006, with fines beginning in 2025.

Beach season began on May 25 with the opening of Tod's Point and Byram Beach, and the municipal pool at Byram Park which reopened on May 24. Residents should

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Meet K-9 Arrow Our Newest Officer



Photo of Master Police Officer Jeff Franco and K-9 Arrow. Photo by Harlows Heroes (@harlowsheroes on Instagram)

By EMMA BARHYDT

Chief Heavey proudly introduced K-9 Arrow, the department's newest and furiest recruit. The spirited one-and-a-half-year-old German Shepherd, who hails from the Czech Republic, has undergone an extraordinary journey to join the force.

Arrow's adventure began with a transatlantic flight to Connecticut, where he was met by his handler, Master Police Officer Jeff Franco. Together, they embarked on an intensive 16-week training program at the Connecticut State Police Academy, designed to prepare them for the multifaceted demands of police work. The program was

grueling, covering a comprehensive range of skills essential for a K-9 unit, including Evidence Recovery, Tracking, and Obedience.

Throughout the course, Arrow's natural aptitude for tracking quickly became evident. Beyond his professional prowess, Arrow's personality shone through, with a particular fondness for his "ball toy," according to the Greenwich Police Department Instagram post, "[Arrow's] one true love."

Their graduation from the program was not just a ceremonial milestone but a testament to their dedication, hard work, and the hours spent honing their skills.

The introduction of K-9



Chief of Police Jim Heavey, Master Police Officer Jeff Franco, K-9 Arrow

Arrow's adventure began with a transatlantic flight to Connecticut

Arrow to the Greenwich Police Department is more than just an addition to the team; it represents a strategic enhancement to the department's capabilities. K-9 units like Arrow and Officer Franco are invaluable assets, known for their ability to track missing persons, detect illegal substances, and provide critical support in various law enforcement operations.

Residents of Greenwich can look forward to seeing K-9 Arrow and his handler patrolling

the streets. The community has already shown tremendous support and enthusiasm, welcoming Arrow with open arms.

Congratulations to MPO Jeff Franco and K-9 Arrow on their remarkable achievements. The Greenwich Police Department, and the community it serves, eagerly anticipates the positive impact they will bring. With Arrow's keen senses and Franco's skilled guidance, the streets of Greenwich are in good hands – and paws.

INTERN SPOTLIGHT Selectmen Meeting

By TESS FURNO, INTERN

On Thursday, May 23rd, Town Hall hosted its bimonthly Selectmen Meeting, drawing an engaged crowd of residents eager to discuss a range of important topics. From Memorial Day festivities to the switch to battery-powered landscaping equipment, the meeting covered various issues impacting the community.

The meeting began with an enthusiastic overview of Greenwich Memorial Day activities that were planned for the weekend. The town organized a series of events to honor the brave Americans who fought for our country. First Selectman Fred Camillo outlined the schedule, which included multiple parades, ceremonies, and, of course, the highly anticipated Town Party that was held on Saturday, May 25.

The board then turned to the topic of upgrading accessibility around the community for disabled residents. This discussion was prompted by a recent request to update the current First Select Committee for People with Disabilities to a full Board of Selectmen Committee.

Alan Berg, a founding member of the First Select Committee committee, spoke up during the meeting regarding the importance of the upgrade to a Board of Selectmen Committee. He explains how this will not only push forward the Committee for People with Disabilities, but will also be an upgrade for the inclusivity of Greenwich as a whole towards its disabled population. Berg says, "I'm hoping that this is the first step in writing [to] make everybody know that this is a priority in the town of Greenwich."

The board unanimously was in favor of upgrading the inclusivity of Greenwich. Even Selectmen Camillo said that they have, "made this a priority."

Next on the agenda was the 2024 State Sustainability Report presented by the Sustainability Committee. Member and co-chair of the Committee's Waste Management Sector, Julie Damp, presented a number of successes made by the Committee and, as a result, the town as a whole.

They had a number of accomplishments this year including the Green Salon Challenge and Initiative. This initiative empowers local hair salons to adopt sustainable practices that will improve business growth and environmental impact.

Another impressive event reported by the Committee's food system was the hundreds of pounds of fresh food provided to Neighbor to Neighbor and other organizations.

One of the most talked about issues of the morning was the switch to battery-powered landscaping equipment. The town has put a ban on gas powered leaf blowers in residential areas which was put into effect on Friday, May 24th. This proposal aims to reduce noise pollution and the environmental impacts of the gas-powered equipment.

The discussion drew strong opinions from differing viewpoints. Several landscaping companies requested a variance, arguing that the cost of replacing their equipment would be prohibitive and could impact their businesses' operations. Many of the small business owners brought up their concerns not only with the cost of the equipment itself but also the storage of the equipment. The new law instated may require some landscaping companies to purchase or rent new buildings to store the battery powered

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Mumford & Sons at GTP



The Greenwich Town Party (GTP) on May 25, 2024, was a resounding success, featuring a diverse lineup of musical performances and community activities at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. Headlined by the Grammy Award-winning folk-rock band Mumford & Sons (above), the event also showcased Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats. This all-day festival, which ran from 10 AM to 10 PM, brought together residents and local businesses in a celebration of community spirit. Photo by Bob Capazzo See page 12.

Environmental Quote of the Week

By ANNE W. SEMMES

"We are dreaming of conquering space. We are already preparing the conquest of the moon. But if we are going to treat other planets as we

are treating our own, we had better leave the Moon, Mars, and Venus strictly alone!" Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, in "Silent Spring" Introduction. 1962.

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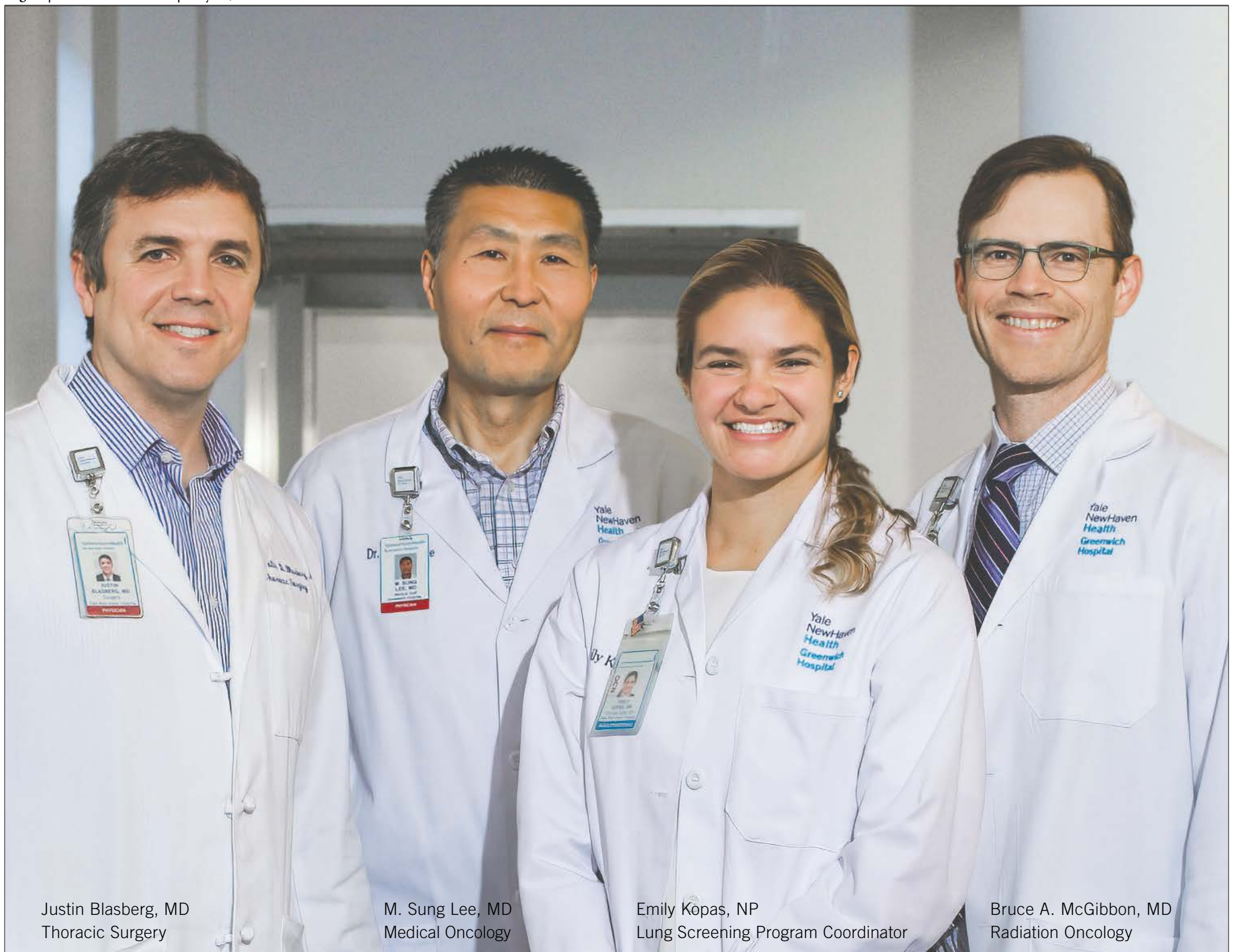
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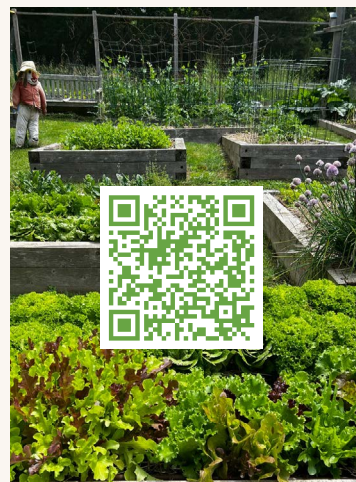
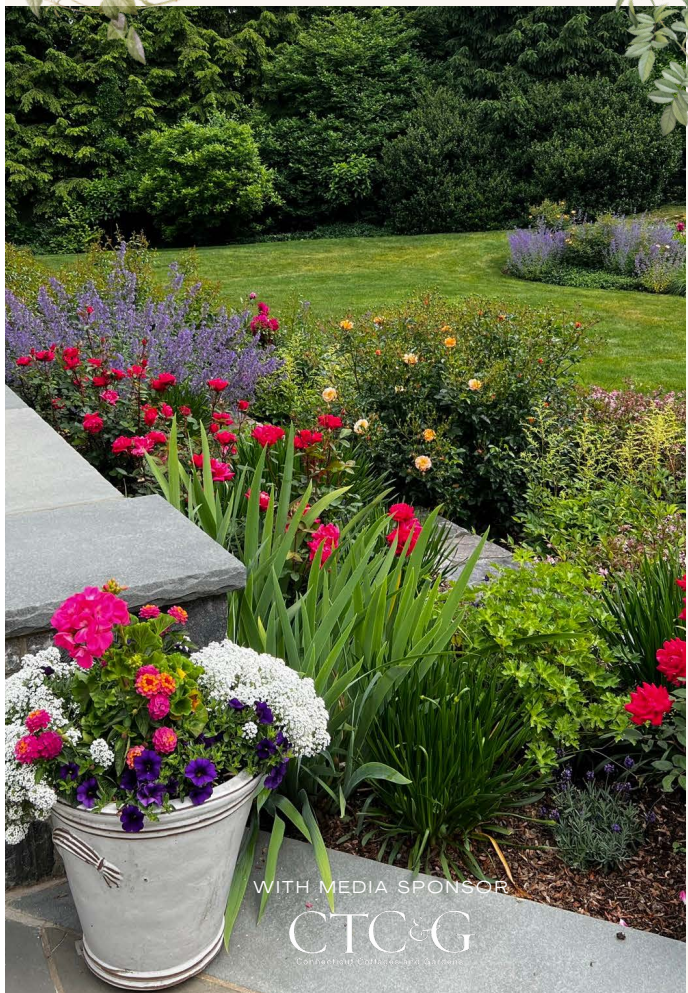
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The Winning Ways of Sentinel Awardee Steve Walko, Pt. 2

In State, In Town

By ANNE W. SEMMES

There is no doubt that Stephen “Steve” Walko, as a chosen “Super Lawyer of Connecticut” has standout skills as an arbitrator in his law firm Ivey, Barnum, and O’Mara where he serves as a managing partner. He has a gift for getting people to work together. “I try to tell my children all the time to listen more and talk less,” he tells, “There’s always two sides to the story. A lot of times there’s three or four sides to the story... We’re so focused on trying to combat what the other person is saying or contest it as opposed to thinking up better ideas. If you say it’s blue and I say it’s red, well, maybe it is purple and maybe purple is the way to go.”

But he adds, “You shouldn’t always compromise things that you firmly believe in. But you have to make sure you truly believe in whatever you’re standing up for. Because when you’re so strident about everything...it’s harder to move even your own agendas forward.”

“Steve is thoughtful, calm, and optimistic when under pressure.” Former First Selectman Jim Lash.

Even before Walko served as State Representative of his Byram District 10 he was chosen by then Governor Jodi Rell as a Public Member of the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration. That Board he says “was part of the executive branch...a part of the Department of Labor.” For Walko, in the labor and employment sector “the way to go” he believed was arbitration and mediation. “When you’re arbitrating a case for someone who lost their job and their job

is the most important thing to them in the moment, it’s important to get it right and it’s important to give them a quick and speedy process, and that’s what arbitration’s allowed to do for them.”

Even so at his law firm, he says, “Ivey Barnum is like a family, we try hard to represent our clients so that if they have to go to court, we get them to court as quickly as possible. But there are alternatives like mediation and there are some very good mediators out there, both in the court system and privately, who can help people negotiate their own settlements.”

Serving as a State Representative, he found it “amazing being able to set a law” he tells, “especially as a practicing attorney and a practicing litigator... You look at the legislative history of why a statute was enacted. So being on the other side of that was tremendous.” But “like most legislative systems” there was fixing needing to be done. And that fixing takes time when, “you can’t take the time to go up to Hartford because you have to be there some weeks, almost every day, over several months...But it’s getting almost impossible for everyday people to be representatives because they can’t take that time out of work.”

And didn’t Walko have those skills working with his own community and getting people to work together? And surely those skills would be advantageous with those sometime contentious building committees for the town’s public schools. It would be a learning curve for Walko - and be inspirational.

“So, the first building

committee that I was on was Hamilton Avenue,” he tells, “and they needed a BET representative, and I was on the BET at the time. And it was fascinating to learn what were the processes to build an effectively commercial building, in this case, a school... What were the decisions, what were good policies, what were bad policies?” In the end, that process he found “not very successful,” but “At the end of the day, the kids ultimately got a new school.”

Up next was the need for a new New Lebanon School. “First of all I grew up in Byram,” says Walko, “and it’s a community that I cherish. “On top of that,” he adds, “building a new school and lending some support to what is and was a magnificent project, helping to just navigate the waters of everybody involved, whether it be government, local, state, the contractors, the owner’s rep, the architects, the community,” he found “electric.”

“To build something that will last and will have a direct impact on little kids and how they then go out in the world is pretty profound,” he notes. “And while you don’t think of it in the moment,” when it’s all about bricks, and mortar, and carpets, “and then you see what those children have today, it’s pretty significant. And will it help every single kid? Probably not. Will it make their experience over the years that they’re in elementary school better? Absolutely. Will it improve test scores? It certainly can’t hurt. And was it there to help racial imbalance in the town of Greenwich? Well, at least that was the goal.”

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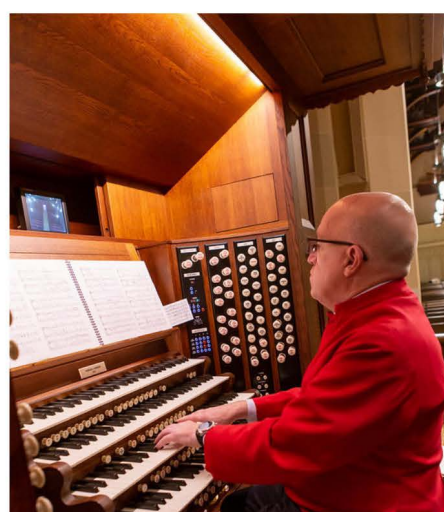
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ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Kokusai Gakuen – the Greenwich International Academy

By MARY A. JACOBSON

Kaoru (Kay) Yamamoto was a woman ahead of her time. Interviewed in June 2023 by OHP volunteer Connie Gibb, her prescience in matters concerning the education of women and children had far-reaching effects.

Although well-educated in Japan, Kay's career opportunities there were limited in the 1970s. At that time, "It was almost impossible for female college graduates like me to get a job at top Japanese corporations." At most, companies they hired college-educated women "for tea services and clerical jobs."

Kay's quest for business opportunities for herself and other Japanese women took her down a long and winding road. Realizing that she first needed to be proficient in English, Kay "studied English at university and, after a couple of years' experience as a secretary, I went to London, where I encountered the Speedwriting shorthand system which helped women get higher-paying jobs in London." Experiencing a new familiarity with business English covering technical terms in banking, insurance, medicine, advertising, and law, "This became the foundation to allow Japanese women to be equipped to work for international corporations in Tokyo."

Not one to rest on her laurels, Kay came to New York, where she took a teachers' training course at (the now-defunct) ITT Technical Institute. Once back in Japan, she collaborated with the president of a recruiting firm in Tokyo to open the Women's Institute for New Studies, enabling many Japanese women to avail themselves of a knowledge base that would allow them to more easily procure jobs in Japan in the international business sector. Over a ten-year period, more than one thousand women received training at the Institute.

In 1984 Kay's husband obtained a job in New York. "In the 1980s, the Japanese economy was booming, and Japanese families were moving to Westchester and Greenwich... I leapt at the opportunity to live in America," where she has resided since that time. In Westchester County, there was one Japanese school, sponsored by the Japanese government. In 1992, that school, for elementary and middle school-age students, relocated to the former Rosemary Hall campus on Lake Avenue in Greenwich. "You can tell how big the (Japanese) community was. They had four hundred and twenty students."

Instead, Kay and her husband opted to send their children to the Greenwich public school system. "It was our goal to raise (them) bilingual, meaning Japanese and English speakers, not confining their frame of reference only to Japanese language and culture, but opening their minds to the world." On the weekends, the children attended the Japanese Weekend School in Westchester.

As Kay met other Japanese parents, a missing piece in this educational process became apparent. "According to the Japanese compulsory education standard, the Japanese school, sponsored by the government, didn't start until the first grade.... A group of Japanese mothers approached me, knowing my educational background in Japan, and looked (to me) to sponsor a Japanese preschool and kindergarten in Greenwich."

To prepare to fulfill this new unmet educational challenge, Kay undertook a laborious five-year program. She enrolled in a master's degree program in early childhood education at Sarah Lawrence College; consulted with directors and owners of reputable preschool programs in the area; recruited Japanese teachers; renovated the interiors of the Diamond Hill United Methodist Church building in Cos Cob to create educational and playground spaces; met the requirements of the Greenwich Building and Health Department; and procured a bank loan for operating funds. No small order.

In 1997, Greenwich Kokusai Gakuen (Greenwich International Academy), with 60 three, four, and five-year-olds, opened as a bilingual preschool and kindergarten. "... the big difference is I have two head teachers, one American head teacher and one Japanese head teacher... I introduced phonics from day one... When the Japanese children advanced to the Greenwich elementary public schools, most of them adapted smoothly without any language problems. That was my pride."

One of Kay's stated goals was "instilling multicultural appreciation and curiosity from a young age." The children were given "passports," each with twelve countries to explore. They would learn the various customs and cuisines – for example, how Greek gyros are like Japanese gyoza. "Different name, different spice, but concepts are the same... We thought it's so different. No, no, no, it's all same." In addition, thanks to the efforts made through

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Kaoru Kay Yamamoto, founder of the Greenwich Kokusai Gakuen, the Japanese preschool and kindergarten in Greenwich. Photo provided by Kaoru Kay Yamamoto.



Preschool children at International Day celebration. Photo provided by Kaoru Kay Yamamoto.



The 16th Winter Show in 2014. Photo provided by Kaoru Kay Yamamoto.

the Parents Association, there were "amicable and friendly relationships to build bridges, including through cultural events and exchanges, promoting Japanese culture among American friends at the Greenwich Public Schools and wider community."

The events of 9/11/2001 and its aftermath marked a period of transition from the high point of the Japanese economy and corporate relocations. "Around the same time, the Japanese economy went bust, and the stagflation hit... The happy millennium boom was blown out." This greatly affected the numbers at the school and "we started to recruit more international students from all different

backgrounds," including Italian and Ukrainian families who would then become bilingual (or trilingual) in English and Japanese. Tuition cost was around \$900 monthly.

Once COVID hit the States in 2020, the school was closed "for a week, then a month, then for an indefinite period of time." Forthcoming decisions would need to be made on how to deal with air circulation and sanitary conditions, teacher health concerns, health department guidelines, and children's mask-wearing, to name a few. "Without looking at the children's faces and teachers' faces and expressions, how can three and four-year-old

children develop language and normal cognitive skills?" With the difficulty of forecasting the timing of recovery and the increasing financial burden, "... we had no choice but to close (in 2021) after twenty-four years' operation."

The year 2021 was the end of an era for Kaoru Yamamoto, an era in which so much had changed. In Japan, now, "the government has encouraged mothers to go back to work due to the labor shortage and has begun supporting full daycare, preschool, and kindergarten tuitions." With her steadfast belief in the importance of early childhood education, Kay hoped that, in time, the "American government will support

working mothers by assisting financially the daycare and early childhood education fees to relieve burdens of young families."

The interview "Greenwich International Preschool and Kindergarten" may be read in its entirety or checked out at Greenwich Library and is available for purchase at the OHP office. The OHP is sponsored by Friends of Greenwich Library. Visit the website at glohistory.org. Our narrator's recollections are personal and have not been subjected to factual scrutiny. Mary Jacobson serves as blog editor.

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Parenting 2.0

Mother's Day got us thinking and remembering our childhood in greater detail. It was pretty comical as we shared stories of our misadventures in the 1970's. What emerged was a wonderment of how we, today's parents, are so different from our own. Yes, moms are still putting their children first and there in that moment of pain to make their young charges feel better. But it's what we were doing, what our parents allowed us to do, that make us wonder when we have become so beholden to our children.

We did not have cell phones, or pay phones for that matter, to tether us to an adult figure. When the sun went down we were expected to be

Today, we know where our children are pretty much every moment of the day, but that wasn't always the case. Growing up in the 1970's it was not unusual for my best friend and I to be miles from home with my parents not being the wiser. It is not a diss on them, I had a great childhood. If it was summer chances were my best friend, Timmy, and some others would have biked a couple of neighborhoods away because of some rumor that we had to investigate. More than likely we had crossed a main road or two. One of us was probably bleeding pretty well or had a good case of road rash from trying to emulate Evil Knievel.

We were happy, carefree. We did not have cell phones, or pay phones for that matter, to tether us to an adult figure. When the sun went down we were expected to be home. Plenty a night I can remember biking as fast as I could to make it home before the last inkling of light had expired. Once home I could watch whatever TV I wanted to as long as it was what my Dad was watching. Luckily he liked the Muppets and MASH so we watched those together. However I was the remote when it came time to change the channel between the two.

I remember riding out to the lake at the end of the day for a swim and cookout. My sisters and I would beg my Dad to put the tailgate down so we could ride on it as he drove down the old bumpy dirt road. More than a couple of times one of us would fall off to peals of laughter from those that remained. In the winter time he would take us and one flexible flyer to a snow packed road and let us sled down. There was never any traffic so why not? He would pack us on the sled one on top of the other. My oldest sister would be on the bottom, then my other sister and then me, the youngest, on top. It was great! We would fly down that road. At some point I would peel off, unable to hold on any longer to my sister. It felt like I was flying through the air before landing in a snow bank. Oh, and we were probably doing this at dusk too.

Today those activities would be unheard of and it is almost un-PC to even bring them up. But in the 1970's these weren't given a second thought. We did not have bike helmets and if we wanted to skateboard bare foot that was our choice and probably the only time we made that choice. And that is the point. Our parents allowed us to make decisions about what we did and when those decisions turned into a mistakes that required medical attention, which they often did, to learn from them. How were we going to be able to navigate our lives if we could not survive the 1970's? We knew what was expected of us and if we did not live up to those expectations there would be consequences.

Parents today are, often, over-committed to their children. We over-indulge their whims and fancies. Out of an over-abundance of love we make it hard for them to make decisions and learn from mistakes. There are countless books on parenting that stress just that. Only by living and learning will our children be able to survive the 2020's and navigate the rest of their lives.

Editorial Page



"And the teddy bear needs a separate wakeup call?"

LETTER

Fazio Right on Energy Policy

I read in the headlines that Eversource filed a request for a \$780 million rate increase that would boost electric bills by nearly 19%. Connecticut residents already have the third highest energy bills in the country! Once again, we are going to be paying a lot more for our utilities.

I feel a little bit better that in the 36th district we have Senator Ryan Fazio, a leader who is laser focused on our energy costs and strong oversight of utility companies like Eversource. In just his

second year in office, Fazio, the Ranking Member of the Energy and Technology Committee, co-authored and championed a bi-partisan bill, "Senate Bill 7", that's designed to strengthen PURA's (Public Utilities Regulatory Authority) oversight of utilities like Eversource and reduce rate increases.

Among other things, the new law stops utilities like Eversource from charging consumers for travel and leisure expenditures by executives and lobbying-

related expenses. The bill demands transparency and affordability.

For Fazio, it's a step towards his larger goal: a six-part energy reform proposal that will reduce the cost of energy by 10 percent in the short run and even more in the long run. Fighting for those lower costs is exactly why the AARP awarded Fazio with its Affordable Utilities Champion Award in 2023.

In response to the latest headlines, Fazio expressed his disappointment. "We

must do more to protect energy consumers in this state." As one of those energy consumers, I am grateful that we have a leader looking out for us in Hartford, someone with a proven record and an ability to reach across the aisle to pass bills that will benefit all Connecticut residents. I have faith that Ryan Fazio will continue to rally against proposed rate increases that will negatively impact our quality of life.

Paul Olmsted

LETTER

Chris Murphy, Please Watch Your Language

Question for Senator Chris Murphy -

During the U.S. Defense Appropriations subcommittee hearing on Wednesday, May 8 you stated - referring to Israel's war against Hamas - "Even if you don't care about the moral consequences of 13,000 children dead, you should care about the strategic consequences...".

Senator:

The United States has the sovereign authority to determine the conditions under which it provides critical military support to its allies. Maintaining civil

and respectful discourse about that support is crucial, especially when disagreements occur. Yet, your remarks, Senator Murphy, have gone beyond the pale. Hordes of terrorists are relentlessly pursuing the genocide of the Jewish people, relentlessly executing their heinous threats. The sacred soil of the Holy Land is tragically saturated with the blood of my brothers and sisters. The State of Israel and the Israeli Defense Forces are engaged in a formidable showdown against one of the most significant

threats to global civilization. Hamas deliberately place their children in the line of fire, because they want their children to die so that their cause garners world sympathy. Israel makes herculean efforts that no other country in the world ever makes, to try and protect the lives of these children whom Hamas henchmen hope will be killed in the crossfire. In protecting these children, the lives of one too many IDF soldiers have been lost. It is at this critical juncture that you suggest that we—Israel and the world Jewish community

that identifies with her—might be indifferent to the deaths of those Palestinian children. Such an accusation is egregious. Your insinuation echoes the historical blood libels against Jews, alleging that the lives of innocent non-Jewish children hold no value to us. How could you perpetrate such defamation? What influenced you, an elected representative of the United States, to utter such baseless hateful remarks?

Rabbi Yossi Deren

LETTER

Reasons FOR Flex at Greenwich High School

Hi. I'm Hadrian Nobay, and I'm a 10th grade student at GHS. On May 16th, the Greenwich Board of Education will voted on flex time at Greenwich High School. I go to a lot of flex clubs, and use flex time to meet with teachers and to do homework nearly every day. It's an important time for my fellow students and I.

The flex proposal has a number of problems.

One of the things this proposal doesn't understand is why students leave flex; it provides a statistic that 955 students are excused from flex, but many students need to participate in community service, other extracurriculars, go to doctors, especially when doctors are often not open evenings or weekends, and participate in other activities. Removing flex time will simply cause students to be forced to miss instructional time, which will be significantly harder to

make up for with the loss of a time block at the end of the day.

It also doesn't understand the traffic situation at GHS. Under this proposal GHS, GCDS, GA, CMS, Brunswick, and many other schools will release at the same time, creating congestion issues. We were able to manage this in the past, as the GHS start time was earlier, but this is no longer the case.

Flex time is not the same as an open; since it's at the same time for everyone, students can better leverage it to communicate with their instructors. Without it, when students miss tests or assignments, due to field trips, illness, or anything else, without flex time, these students wouldn't be able to make up work without being forced to stay after school, many without a ride home.

But the part of this proposal that least understands student needs,

especially students like me, is the slide on clubs. Many clubs are simply unable to meet after school. More casual clubs, such as chess club, one of the most popular clubs at the school, would have trouble finding both students and advisors willing to stay after school; every club requires a paid teacher advisor in order to run, and while a club may fall under the "50 minute wraparound time", that is firstly under the teacher's discretion, not the clubs, and secondly conflicts with potential academic time.

The proposal suggests attending club meetings virtually, but this is a misunderstanding of the purpose of a club. Would you ask the golf team, or the swim team, to practice and meet virtually? Of course not. Being together in a space builds trust, community, and is an integral part of this town's goals for its students

In essence, this proposal

will destroy a vital part of the GHS community, in favour of 2 minutes extra class time per block.

If the BOE wants to solve the root problem, you should give students a place to go during flex time. The student center closes most days at 3:05pm, leaving students wandering the halls, or simply leaving, without GHS knowing where they are.

Instead of costing the GHS community their time, their sense of unity, and their future college prospects, we should focus on removing the root causes, like the early closing of the student centre, and the difficult-to-manage flex attendance system that is entirely separate from all other attendance systems, to make flex time more effective, rather than making school time worse. Thank you.

Hadrian Nobay

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Support the Police Department Scholarship Fund

By SUE BODSON

Calling all car enthusiasts! Come check out some cool rides while supporting the Greenwich Police Department (GPD) Scholarship Fund at the 2024 GPD Benefit Car Show. The event will occur from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on June 8, 2024, at Town Hall, 101 Field Point Rd., Greenwich, CT. (Rain date: June 9, 2024)

Classic, antique, custom, and exotic cars, motorcycles, and vintage fire trucks will be on display, and the entrance is free for attendees.

“The Town of Greenwich Police Department is proud of its long-standing reputation for supporting its officers and their families,” said Chief of Police James Heavey. “By attending or participating in the 3rd Annual GPD Car show, you are directly contributing to the education and future success of the deserving children of Greenwich Police Officers. We would especially like to thank our generous sponsors, who are setting a great example of impact and support.”

To date, sponsors include Broken Silence Custom Car Audio, Cadillac of Greenwich, The First Bank of Greenwich, Freccia Brothers Garage, Free Rein Coffee Company, Frenzy Design Studio, Greenwich Sentinel, Greenwich

Magazine/Moffly Media, Highland Sewer and Drain, Renewal by Anderson, TB12 Service and Z2 Motorsports, LLC.

The 2024 GPD Benefit Car Show Trophy Sponsors are Greenwich Old Timer's Association, Putnam Shell Greenwich Shell, Round Hill Sevice Station, Glenville Shell, Jonathan Asch, Dave Cappuzzello Painting & Paperhanging and Parsonage Cottage Senior Residence.

The Greenwich Police Department Scholarship Fund invites car owners to sign up for early-bird pre-registration by May 31. As space is limited, vehicles will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is \$20 per vehicle. To register for the show, go to:

Visit <https://www.gpdscholarshipfund.org/gpdsf-car-show/>

The event is open to car clubs. If space permits, same-day registration will be accepted at the entrance at \$25 per vehicle. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Greenwich Police Department Scholarship Fund.

The family-fun event will include a DJ, a 50/50 drawing, food trucks, and more. Sponsorship opportunities start at just \$50 and \$250 to participate as an on-site sponsor. Automobile dealership opportunities begin at \$500, including

on-site participation and a vehicle to display on-site.

Children of Greenwich Police officers who qualify by ability and character for undergraduate studies are eligible to receive financial assistance from the Greenwich Police Department's Scholarship Fund.

For more information or if you would like to become a sponsor, please call (203) 622.7884 or go to

<https://www.gpdscholarshipfund.org/gpdsf-car-show/>

The Greenwich Police Scholarship Fund grants financial assistance to the children of active Greenwich Police Officers, who qualify by ability and character.

Photo contributed by Greenwich Police Department

Retired officer Mark Wilson's 1964 Plymouth and 9/11 Tribute to Heroes Police Motorcycle

About the Greenwich Police Department's Scholarship Fund

The Greenwich Police Department is asking for the community's support of the Greenwich Police Department's Scholarship Fund. Every contribution, however big or small, is so valuable for the future of our children. The

Greenwich Police Department Scholarship Fund, incorporated in December of 1962, was granted tax-exempt status under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code in November 1963.

In 1963, three scholarships were awarded, which represented 80% of the fund's available resources at that time. Now almost 60 years later, there are approximately 20 applicants each year, supporting both college boarders and half scholarships to college commuters. They must be enrolled as full-time students and maintain an academic GPA of 2.75 or better.

To donate, <http://bit.ly/GPDSFdonate>
The fund is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of four individuals whose roles in the community ensure the Board's self-perpetuation. These individuals are the Chief of Police, the Greenwich High School Principal, a Town Attorney, and a highly reputable and concerned volunteer from Greenwich's business community. The Office of the Chief of Police is responsible for the day-to-day administration of its activities. Scholarship awards, however, are awarded after review and a vote by the Board.

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ensure their seasonal passes are ready and remember to prioritize safety and respect for natural resources. For updates on beach closures after rainfall, contact the Division of Environmental Services Beach Hot Line at 203-622-7855 or check online on the Town's website.

The ferries to Island Beach and Great Captain's Island will start service on June 8. Schedule information is available at <https://www.greenwichct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/35670/IB-Ferry-Schedule-2024?bidId=>

AROUND TOWN

At the May 14th Greenwich Planning & Zoning meeting, the commission denied an application to redivide their properties at 40 Ridgeview and 0 Ridgeview. Their plan, which included creating a new buildable lot and demolishing a historic cottage, raised concerns about conservation easements, flooding, and drainage. Despite revisions and assurances about the drainage design, unresolved issues and neighborhood flooding concerns led to the application's rejection.

The Greenwich Board of Education is considering relocating from the deteriorating Havemeyer Building on Greenwich Avenue. First Selectman Fred Camillo and Advisory Committee Chair Andy Duus stress the urgency of the situation and advocate for exploring rental options. Despite concerns about leaving the historic building, the board is open to considering alternatives to ensure modern educational environments. The committee awaits the board's decision on the matter.

The Grass Island wastewater treatment plant requires significant repairs, with the Department of Public Works securing \$6.5 million in 2020 for equipment and recently gaining approval for an additional \$6.5 million for a full renovation from the Board of Estimate and Taxation. DPW commissioner Amy Siebert highlighted the need for adjustments due to unforeseen complexities, emphasizing the necessity to address a critical bottleneck in the plant's layout. The renovation will include replacing five crucial “settling tanks” for initial wastewater treatment, although questions arose about the timing of cost projections, attributed to volatile market conditions by Siebert, and despite scrutiny, both the budget committee and the full BET approved the project, with further endorsement pending from the Representative Town Meeting, as DPW anticipates further investments of around \$55 million to safeguard the plant from future flooding and rising sea levels.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

The Greenwich Tree Conservancy's Treasured Trees Program is seeking nominations for special trees on private properties. Selected trees will receive a nameplate and be featured in a reception on October 24th, 2024. Submit nominations online by June 30th at www.greenwichtreeconservancy.org.

The Old Greenwich Farmers Market began its 14th season on May 29, operating every

Wednesday through October 30. It featured a variety of locally sourced vendors, including returning Connecticut Grown farms and new additions like Tiny Greens CT and Ideal Fish Co. The market also offered food, craft, and jewelry vendors, along with live music and a children's playground.

The Bruce Museum has reinstated its “Lifetime of Looking” program for adults with cognitive decline and their caregivers, featuring guided tours and art-making activities. Research, including a 2009 MoMA study, shows that art engagement can improve mood and well-being for individuals with cognitive decline. The program is offered monthly at the Bruce Museum and regional senior living facilities. The next session is on Thursday, June 13 at 2:00 pm. For more information, visit BruceMuseum.org.

Filling in the Blanks recently announced that they have received a \$100,000 grant from IMPACT Fairfield County, selected from nearly 60 applicants based on impact and project sustainability. Filling in the Blanks, which provides weekend meals to over 8,000 children and runs a mobile food pantry, will use the funds to hold seven more pantry events. This grant will enhance their ability to support families with fresh food and essential services, addressing food insecurity and related challenges.

Greenwich Public Schools is dedicated to informing the community about resources available to families facing food insecurity. These resources include the Town of Greenwich Department of Human Services, 211 of Connecticut, Feeding America, Connecticut Foodshare, and the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF). Each organization offers assistance and support to those in need. For more information and assistance, individuals can visit the respective websites of these organizations.

Tamarack Country Club in Greenwich kicked off its golf season with an event unveiling the renovated golf course and introducing a new outdoor poolside bar. The 18-hole course, designed in 1929 by Charles H. Banks, underwent restoration led by Brian Schneider to maintain its prestige, with improvements to bunkers, green areas, and tree management. Club President Chris Thompson expressed confidence in the renovations, and the club welcomed Michael Ballo Jr. as Head Golf Professional. The addition of the poolside bar enhances the club's amenities, providing a versatile space for events, call 203-531-7300 or visit www.tamarackcountryclub.com for more information.

Greenwich Hospital recently completed its participation in the #GiveHealthy Movement's food drive, providing fresh produce and nutritious foods to regional hunger organizations. Yale New Haven Health collected over 22,550 pounds of food, with Greenwich Hospital contributing 2,823 pounds. Beneficiaries included Caritas of Port Chester and Neighbor to Neighbor.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

On Wednesday, the Parent Teacher Association Council held the Essence Awards ceremony, honoring Dina Urso with the 2024 Essence Award and Frances Wu

Nobay with the 2024 Lifetime Essence Award. The event recognized the contributions of several nominees who exemplify the PTA values of collaboration, commitment, respect, and integrity. The Essence Award, established in 2011, and the Lifetime Essence Award, introduced in 2017, celebrate the dedication and ongoing involvement of Greenwich Public Schools' PTAs.

SCHOOLS

Earlier this month, Greenwich Public Schools honored six recipients of the 2024 Distinguished Teachers Award at Central Middle School. Nominations are submitted in March and reviewed by the Distinguished Teachers Awards Committee, which votes anonymously in April. This year's distinguished teachers are Ana Maria Fals, Johanna Kolar, Lian Lam, Audrey Maurer, Ilene Rietsch, and Alyssa Stack.

Courtney Powers, a Social Studies teacher at Greenwich High School, will attend the Supreme Court Summer Institute in Washington, D.C. this June, joining 59 other selected teachers nationwide. The program, sponsored by Street Law, Inc. and the Supreme Court Historical Society, helps educators enhance their understanding of Supreme Court cases and teaching methods. After attending, teachers report increased confidence in discussing controversial issues and are prepared to lead workshops on the Supreme Court.

Ms. Michele DeRosa and Ms. Tyler Mecozzi, both Distinguished Teachers at Western Middle School, will present at the 2024 Empowered to Lead Symposium in Uncasville. They will discuss their interdisciplinary programs, Saturday Academy, and STEMinar. This annual conference, organized by the Connecticut Teacher of the Year Council, focuses on advancing the education profession through various sessions and networking opportunities.

Old Greenwich School has implemented a food scrap recycling program, achieving a 79% waste reduction by sorting food waste, liquids, recyclables, and trash. Unopened food is collected and delivered to a local center twice a week. The program, part of the Zero Waste Schools initiative, is projected to divert nearly 12,000 pounds of trash annually and repurpose 36 pounds of food scraps daily for energy and compost, with various educational activities supporting its success.

Jeanne-Marie McAnanly, an ESL teacher at Greenwich High School, was honored with the Connecticut Educators Association's Humanitarian Award for her work in teaching immigrants English and life skills. Her colleague, Kimberly Steinhorn, praised her as a master teacher who integrates community values into her lessons. Additionally, Jessica Baldizon and Joseph Goldman were recognized for their contributions to multicultural education and genocide studies, respectively.

Dr. Toni Jones announced Matthew Cerruto as the new assistant principal of Western Middle School, effective July 1. Previously, Cerruto served as interim assistant principal at WMS since March and was the assistant principal at Parkway School for two

years. He has extensive experience with Stamford Public Schools from 2005 to 2022.

Greenwich Public Schools appointed Martha Ramkellawan as the new food services director, replacing David Nanarello. She will oversee all food service operations to meet USDA, state, and local standards. With over a decade of industry experience, Ramkellawan aims to improve meal quality and nutrition, promote healthy eating, and provide a positive dining experience for students.

Students at Old Greenwich School enjoyed a surprise “Dolphin Day” with an “under the sea” theme, featuring activities like Bubble Mania shows, beach party games, and a touch tank from The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk. Casey Carl's Bubble Mania show included a science lesson about bubbles. The event was organized by the school with PTA support.

On Friday, Dance China performed at the Old Greenwich School plaza to celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander month. The performance featured ancient Chinese folk art, including Peking Opera, Lion dance, kung fu, and the Red Ribbon Dance. This event provided students with a rich cultural experience.

SPORTS

The Greenwich High School girls tennis team advanced to the semifinals of the CIAC Class LL Girls Tennis Tournament with a 5-2 win over Wilton and secured a spot in the championship match by defeating Fairfield Ludlowe. Senior captain Kyra Dybas and sophomore Shining Sun led the Cardinals with impressive singles victories.

Greenwich High School's baseball team advanced to the Round of 16 in the CIAC Class LL state Tournament by defeating Maloney 5-2 in the first round. Senior captains Troy Goodwin, Tommy Passamano, and John McHugh led the team with strong pitching and contributions at the plate.

The Greenwich High School girls track and field team secured third place at the FCIAC Championships with a total of 72 points, highlighted by senior Kate Friedman's first-place finishes in the 1600-meter and 3200-meter runs. Ridgefield won the team championship with 126.5 points, followed by Danbury with 81 points.

Greenwich High School junior Ally Bauer finished third at the FCIAC Girls Golf Invitational Tournament, shooting a 78 at the Country Club of New Canaan. The tournament was won by Arabella Lopez of Ridgefield with a score of 72, and Chloe Cui of New Canaan placed second with a 75.

Grace Gapen won the NEPSTA Division I shot put title with a personal-best throw of 39 feet, 2.50 inches, making her the first Sacred Heart Greenwich athlete to win an event at the New England Division I meet. She also qualified for the Adidas Outdoor Nationals and contributed to her team's ninth-place finish at the NEPSTA Championships.

Peter Watson won the Jim Fixx Memorial Day 5K Run in an impressive 16 minutes, 33.5 seconds, leading from the start. Despite the rainy conditions, the

event celebrated its 60th anniversary with a strong turnout and competitive spirit, featuring standout performances from James Grasso, Erin Captain, and other participants.

Greenwich High School's girls lacrosse team advanced to the FCIAC Tournament semifinals, where they narrowly lost to top-seeded New Canaan, 9-6. Despite the loss, they head into the CIAC Class LL tournament with strong momentum, starting their campaign against Stamford.

Brunswick School's George Kapp and Reed Eddy excelled at the USRowing Northeast Youth Championships, earning bids to the USRowing Youth National Championships in Sarasota, FL. Kapp won the Under-17 single event, and Eddy placed fourth in the Under-19 single event, both showcasing their skills and achievements from the spring season.

Following a successful FCIAC Tournament run, the Greenwich High School girls tennis team aims for the CIAC Class LL Tournament title, starting their journey with a 6-1 victory over Westhill. Now 18-1, they face Wilton in the quarterfinals, with hopes to advance to the finals at Wesleyan University.

Greenwich High School's boys tennis team defeated Manchester 7-0 in the first round of the CIAC Class LL Tournament despite a two-hour delay caused by traffic and bus issues. The win advanced Greenwich to the quarterfinals against Westhill, maintaining their undefeated season and extending their winning streak to 41 matches.

The Brunswick School lacrosse team concluded their 2024 season with an impressive 17-1 record and a No. 2 national ranking, despite losing 14-5 to Lawrenceville in the championship game of the National Preps tournament. Led by their senior captains, the Bruins maintained the No. 1 ranking throughout most of the season, showcasing strong performances and exceptional leadership.

LOCAL POLITICS

President Joe Biden plans to attend a fundraising event in Greenwich next week. The event, hosted at a donor's home this coming Monday evening, will be attended by Governor Ned Lamont and Senator Chris Murphy, with notable guests including television producer Shonda Rhimes.

Leora Levy of Greenwich lost her bid for reelection as one of Connecticut's representatives on the Republican National Committee. Annalisa Stravato, the Republican voter registrar in Wilton, won the endorsement for the position, starting after the GOP National Convention in Milwaukee this July. John Frey was unanimously reelected to another four-year term on the committee.

FROM HARTFORD

Governor Ned Lamont has signed new legislation expanding Connecticut's paid sick days protections to cover more workers, effective January 1, 2025. This law will extend to almost all occupations and gradually lower the employer coverage threshold. It also broadens the definition of family members and allows paid sick leave during public health emergencies.

Cos Cob VFW 10012 Memorial Day Weekend Celebration in Strickland Park

By ANNE W. SEMMES

It was a lovely Saturday morning in Cos Cob at the gathering of Veterans on Memorial Day weekend when across the country Americans would be honoring over a million individuals who have given their lives for our

freedom. Welcoming attendees in Cos Cob's Strickland Park were VFW 10012 Service Officer Tony Marzullo, and Post Commander Joseph "Doc" Orrico.

With the First Selectman Fred Camillo present, Marzullo, in his opening remarks, thanked the St.

Lawrence Society for flying the American flag and the POW flag to mark the occasion, with thanks also going to Society member Rod Laudonia for the mike and sound system. The Society was also accredited for its Meeting Room on May 14 for a VFW dinner, with

Society member Tony Devita providing "great food and drinks."

Lastly, Marzullo gave thanks to Joseph Siciliano, director of Parks and Recreation for the Post's landscaping and for "keeping the Memorial Park clean and beautiful."

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Service Officer Tony Marzullo, and Post Commander Joseph "Doc" Orrico at the Cos Cob VFW Memorial Park. Photo by Pam Schaeffer.



Marine officer George Bennett played on his trumpet the "National Anthem" and "Taps," with Jim Hoffman. Photo by Pam Schaeffer.



Attendees, front row, L to R Linda Moshier, Corrine Maurer, and Eleanor Orrico. Second row, Livvy Floren. Photo by Pam Schaeffer.



First Selectman Fred Camillo, Tony Marzullo, Joseph "Doc" Orrico, and a Navy officer. Photo by Pam Schaeffer.



L to R Service Officer Tony Marzullo, and Post Commander Joseph "Doc" Orrico. Photo by Pam Schaeffer.

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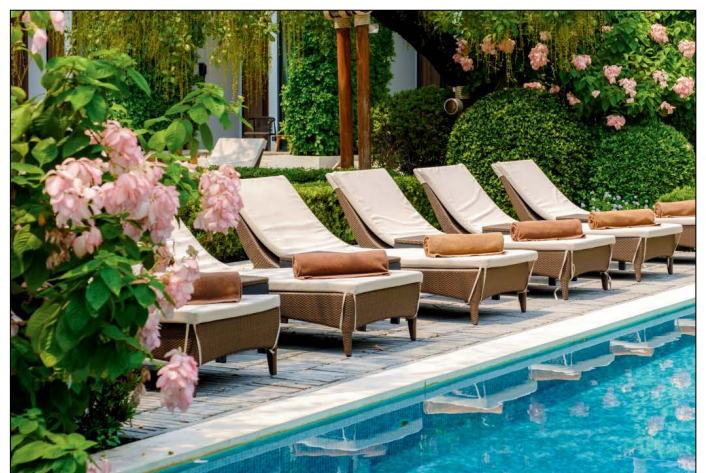
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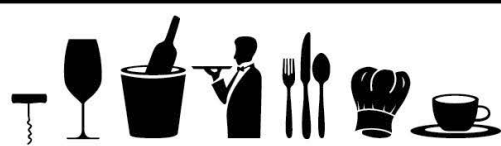
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Obituaries

PRESTON PRATLEY

Preston Pratley, "Pres", 79, of Banksville, NY passed away peacefully on Monday, May 27 surrounded by his family. He was born August 11, 1944, and was the son of the late John Pratley and Helen Merritt Pratley. Pres was born in Greenwich, CT. He married Geraldine Kerslake on May 25, 1968, and they moved to Banksville.

He attended St. Mary's High School and then entered the Navy. He was a proud member of Local #38, Sheet Metal Workers.

He loved all sports but was particularly fond of baseball and hockey. Coaching and playing both sports throughout his life. He was a great coach who truly impacted many along the way. He was a big kid at heart and loved making sure everyone always had fun. Always ready with his quick wit and one liners.

He enjoyed a good celebration with family and friends. Holidays were always a special time, like the annual 4th of July parties where he was the Grand Marshall of the backyard parade.

He is survived by his wife, Gerry, son, Pres, and wife, Alaina, his daughter Wendy and husband John, grandsons Jack, Ryan and Luke. His sister Pat, (Ted), brothers Bill and Dooney, (Joan). He was predeceased by brothers Jack and Kenny. He is also survived by his many loving cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Visitation is at Castiglione Funeral Home, Greenwich, was held on Thursday, May 30. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, May 31, at 12:00 p.m. at St. Michaels Church, 469 North Street, Greenwich. Interment immediately following the service will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, 399 North Street, Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Pres' name to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, give.michaeljfox.org. To leave an online condolence, please visit castiglioneff.com.



FRANCES MORRELL

Frances G. Morrell, 91, of Stamford, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 24 at home, surrounded by her family. She was born August 22, 1932, and was the daughter of late Edward G. Gilmore and Ethel Taylor Gilmore. Frances was born in the Bronx, NY, and lived there until 11 yrs. old when the family moved to Stamford, CT, for a short time and then moved to the North Mianus section of Greenwich, CT.

She married William Morrell (Bill) on March 1, 1953, and they moved to Stamford in August 1955 and lived there until her death. Bill and Frances were married for 63 ½ years until his passing in October 2016.

She attended North Mianus School for grades 6-8 and graduated from Greenwich High School in 1951. She worked on the reunion committee for several years. She was employed by the Greenwich school system, working in the various schools in the cafeteria. She retired from Greenwich High School, where she was a cook.

She was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Stamford, CT, where she was active in the Rosary Altar Society, serving as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Also served as lector and on the parish council for several years and became the first female council president.

She was also a member of the Columbiettes of St. Augustine Council for 54 years, serving as past Secretary and Vice President. Frances was also a member of the Western Greenwich AARP# 3020 and the Greenwich Seniors, where she was the tour director and led many group tours around the country and abroad.

Frances loved her family and her Irish-Scottish heritage. She was the foundation of the family, enjoying her connection to

her children, grandchildren and many cousins, whom she spoke with often. She was a devout Catholic and active member of Sacred Heart Church, enjoying the community of the church. She always enjoyed a good celebration with family and friends. Holidays were always a special time, and she had many hours of fun sitting in the backyard, enjoying the gardens that her son, William, would plant for her. She and her late husband traveled many places, visiting Ireland, Scotland, Alaska and many more places in the US. She also loved reading, which she could spend the entire day doing. She enjoyed her afternoon cocktail, libation (nip) in the afternoon, showing her Irish roots. She will be truly missed, and we know she will be watching over all of us.

She is survived by a daughter, Janice, and her husband Terrance Haase, sons, William H. Morrell Jr. and Daniel E. Morrell. She has five grandchildren, Christopher Haase, Laura Haase Warren, Daniel Morrell, Jr. (DJ), Brian Morrell and Tracey Morrell, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation at Lacerenza Macari Funeral Home, Stamford, was held Wednesday, May 29. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, May 30, at Sacred Heart Church, Stamford. Interment followed at Putnam Cemetery, Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Frances' name to Sacred Heart Church, 37 Schuyler Ave., Stamford, CT 06902, or any Veterans organization of your choice. To leave an online condolence, please visit lacerenzafh.com



ELAINE GRUNERT

Elaine A. Grunert, 90 of Newtown, CT passed quietly and peacefully into eternal rest on Wednesday, May 22, at Glen Hill Rehabilitation Center in Danbury, CT.

Elaine was born August 4, 1933 and was raised in White Plains, New York, graduating White Plains High School in 1952. She was married to the late Vincent J. Yade, Sr. from 1952 to 1973. She married Francis (Frank) Grunert in 1996 who predeceased her. Elaine was predeceased by her parents, Frank and Mary Penta, as well as her brother Richard Penta and sister Joan Traut.

Elaine lived in Greenwich, Connecticut most of her life, retiring after 25 years in 1999 from The Nathaniel Witherell Nursing Home.

She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, swimming and watching the New York Yankees. She was an accomplished bowler and participated in competitive leagues and tournaments. Elaine always had a word search book in hand or close by. She had an enormous heart and was generous to those she loved or who were in need.

Elaine is survived by a son, Vincent J. Yade, Jr. and his wife Margo of Newtown, a daughter Lori A. Futrell and her husband Anthony of Cincinnati, Ohio, grandchildren Auther Perdue and his wife Lorraine of Millington, Tennessee, Shannon Perdue of Memphis, Tennessee, and Asa Haynes and Savannah Manson both of Cincinnati. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews and her dearest friend Barbara "Bobbie" Zelyez of White Plains, New York.

The Family would like to thank the staff of the Glen Hill Rehabilitation Center for their care, kindness and compassion.

Calling hours were Wednesday, May 29 at Honan Funeral Home, Newtown. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Rose of Lima Church, Newtown, Thursday, May 30 at 11 a.m. Interment will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla, New York.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Franciscan Friars of Atonement, PO Box 301, Garrison, NY 10524 or to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306.



JOHN VANACORE

John Vanacore, a dear and adoring man, devoted father and husband, passed into the heart of eternity on May 22, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, talent and cherished memories. He passed away at Midstate Medical Center, surrounded by his devoted family, after a very strong and brave fight against Parkinson's disease. Owner of the Round Hill Store in Greenwich with his wife, Robin, John was the center of community conversation and welcomed all who entered with a smile.

John was predeceased by his daughter, Sandra, and brother, Robert Vanacore. He is survived by his wife, Robin, of 38 years, daughter, Lisa Ballou and her husband William Ballou, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Holly and Eamonn Gillespie, Barbara and Jeff Berleth, Jackie and Jon Wood, Sandra and William Regan and Dianne Vanacore. Also, nephew, Christopher Berleth, and niece, Katie Wingall.

A funeral service to honor and remember John was held on Wednesday, May 29, at The Havens Family North Haven Funeral Home, North Haven. A Wake was held the evening prior at the same location. For anyone wishing to donate in his memory, gifts can be made to his favorite charity, The Salvation Army.

Though he may be gone from our sight, he will live on eternally, illuminating our lives with love, hope and cherished moments. John, you will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

RODERICK SWARTS

Roderick MacRae Swarts, (Rod) 79, of Naugatuck, passed away on April 29 after a long illness. He was the son of the late Dr. William B. Swarts and Jesse MacRae Swarts.

A graduate of Brunswick School and Marietta College, he found his love Marjorie later in life and was blessed to experience family and fatherhood by her side. Rod had the sweetest smile and never said no to dessert of any kind. He loved rowdy political discussions and was an avid reader. His beloved senior dog, Isaiah, passed away on the same day, as he knew his dad needed him by his side.

He will be dearly missed by his wife Marjorie, his children Heather Cool (Ricky) and Garrett Swarts (Jasmine), his grandchildren Ian, Caleb, Ember and Lily and his brother Bill Swarts (Susan Waldman) as well as his friends, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A funeral service and gathering was held May 11 at The Congregational Church and Parish Hall in Naugatuck, CT.



LOIS LUEHRS

Lois O'Connor Luehrs of Stamford, CT and Weston, FL died on Sunday, February 25, at age 91 peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones from complications from a stroke. During her final days she was

entertained by friends and family and had so much fun laughing, telling stories and feeling the love to declare that "no one ever had this much fun on their deathbed." Lois was a devoted wife, mother, sister and friend and will be missed by all! She died as she lived with a sense of humor and style, fearlessness, dignity and of course completely on her own terms!

Lois is survived by her six children, Mark, Marita, Elizabeth, Robert (Taryl), Jennifer Luehrs Collins (Dan) and Christine Luehrs DeSena (Frank). She is also survived by her sister Eileen, eight grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and an abundance of friends everywhere.

Lois was born on December 18, 1932 in West Allis, Wisconsin to Richard and Bertha O'Connor. She was the fourth of five daughters. Lois spent her summers as a child on her beloved Aunt Ceal's farm in Reedsburg Wisconsin with no running water or other amenities, which is where she learned and developed all of her practical skills such as scratch baking (not so much cooking!), sewing, canning, growing things, fixing things and making do with what you have. Some of her earliest and fondest memories were made there and these exceptional skills became beloved hobbies throughout her life which she became legendary for!

She went on to marry Robert (Bob) Luehrs also of West Allis. They both worked in retail and later on Bob's brother's carnival Luehrs' Ideal Rides. Lois was a weight guesser on the carnival and developed a lifelong talent of guessing weights and sizes with remarkable accuracy. There in a trailer they began to start their married life and family of six children. Shortly thereafter Bob started his long time career as a salesman with the men's clothing manufacturer known as the Henry I. Siegel Co. His fast track and talent within the company moved him up the ranks and team Lois and Bob marched east to company headquarters in New York City, adding more kids along the way and settling in Cos Cob, CT where they lived for many years raising their family. It was during this time she developed her knack for being up for anything with her brood, her friends and their friends. She made many fond memories with her Christmas cookie exchanges, annual apple pie making parties, delivering her legendary pecan rolls on Christmas Eve to friends to eat on Christmas morning, CBS Sunday morning with homemade pancakes and bacon waking the house up with divine scents, ice skating on the ponds behind her house and kickball in the front yard, Her 4th of July pool parties were legendary with lots of contests with winner ribbons, cannons being set off by her dear friend and next door neighbor Alton Ketchum, and of course the illegal fireworks Bob bought in Tennessee where the company factories were located and smuggled on the corporate private jet until the pilots put the kibosh on that. There was blackberry picking, gardening, Easter egg hunts (for cash!), hide and go seek, card games, Scrabble, going to tag sales and auctions, going to church bingos and winning Thanksgiving turkeys, going to night court with Bob in Port Chester and getting a kick of the antics there, traveling the world with Bob, and whatever else she could dream up. Always positive, Lois was known for her easy going nature and visiting with family members and friends. Politics became very important to her later in life and she was not shy in telling her beliefs to anyone she could. Her parting request is that everyone please VOTE! in this upcoming election!

Lois chose to donate her body to the Yale University School of Medicine. If anyone would like to make a donation in her name Lois suggested St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or National Public Radio.

A celebration of her amazing and blessed life will be held on Saturday, June 22, at her beloved Stamford home. Invitations to follow if we missed you please reach out to her children to be included!

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Jo Conboy, the Force Behind the Preservation Trust

By ANNE W. SEMMES

For decades Josephine “Jo” Conboy has been dedicated to the protection and preservation of her hometown of Greenwich. For all she has accomplished she is being celebrated on June 9 by the organization she founded in 2008, the Greenwich Preservation Trust (GPT). Fittingly, she will be presented with the annual Trust’s Preservation Leadership Award at “Stoneybrooke,” the first property in Greenwich to be deemed a Local History Property.

The trigger for Conboy’s founding the Trust was the Thomas Lyon House, a small but most historical house that first greets drivers on the right when passing into Connecticut and Greenwich from the south on Route 1, the Post Road. With help from the town’s Conservation Commission documenting the house as the oldest unaltered colonial house in Greenwich dating to about 1695, Conboy and supporters saved the house from demolition in 2006, with the Trust founded two years later.

In the years following Conboy has continued to fight for the preservation, restoration, and proper placement of the Thomas Lyon house, moved once across the roadway with the widening of Route 1. Now designated as on the Connecticut Freedom Trail with GPT’s help and cited as one of the seven most studied homes in the state, Conboy continues to advocate it being moved to a more people-friendly site in Byram.

“Indefatigable! Such a force!” is how Elise Hillman Green describes Conboy’s ongoing efforts. “Jo has always fought for what is right. Jo and GPT have continuously spoken up for the little Thomas Lyon House - its place in Town history, its right to be noticed and its right to exist! We should welcome and honor those who are passionate about a cause.”

It was Green’s mother Sandra Hillman who embraced historic house preservation that would lead to her house Stoneybrooke becoming the first privately owned Local History Property. And Conboy would proceed to protect the Little Bethel AME Church on Lake Avenue across from Greenwich Hospital as the first African American Church in Greenwich.

Conboy’s partial wins have included saving the actual first floor of the historic Ernest Thompson Seton House in Cos Cob with an informative plaque and placing preservation easements on the Greenwich Main Post Office building. With its retained Classical Revival architecture now housing Restoration Hardware, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986.

But less known are Conboy’s earlier and critical preservation/protection efforts in Greenwich. Prior to creating her community based Save Our Shores in 1984 she was a whistle blower first

concerning a waste station to be built in her Belle Haven neighborhood. “So, the waste station was going to be on the edge of the water,” she told, and “We got them to build a smaller one - we prevented a lot of pollution.”

And then came the discovery of pollutants from the composting of leaves using wastewater by a wastewater plant near the top of an inlet called Tom’s Brook on Byram Shore Road. “It was highly contaminated,” she said. “A lot of people were suffering from sinus, from aspergillus spores in the air. So, with a local action group, we had it shut down, with DEEP.”

Then, with Save Our Shores in place, there was that sewage being found on Byram Park Beach, and “sewage was coming up on the streets every time it rained,” said Conboy, “so we reported it to the Environmental Protection Agency, and an organization called Save the Sound sued the Town. The sewers all over the town needed to be renovated - they were over a hundred years old.”

With the struggle to save the Thomas Lyon House ongoing, the Greenwich Preservation Trust efforts would more recently put its efforts again successfully to stopping a development plan in the historic neighborhood of the Fourth Ward. “They were going to knock down five architecturally historic homes in Sherwood Place,” told Conboy. “That was a major accomplishment.”

But not successful was an effort to stop the teardown of the historic Sam Pryor house with its thatched roof on Field Point Circle. “We tried,” she said. “It hurts sometimes with some of the owners. We would sit down, tell them about the history, and they still wanted to knock it down. They knock them down for these brand-new infrastructures. They think it’s going to be greater,” but for Conboy, “an older house is better.”

Preserving the Town’s colonial land records was another achievement. “You’d pick up a book, and it would disintegrate slowly,” tells Conboy. Reaching out to the Town Clerk Carmella Budkins, “She looked and said these records have to be preserved,” and Budkins would appoint a committee to protect those records. Long story short, those records are being carefully preserved.

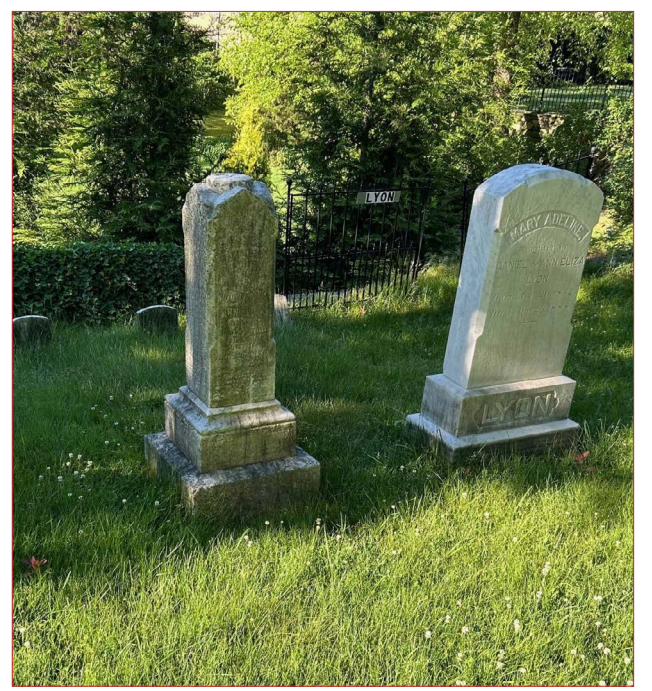
Another meaningful accomplishment has been to recognize and protect the Thomas Lyon Cemetery on Byram Shore Road, that is located in the southern part of a three-cemetery Old Burying Ground. And there are a number of Lyons in the headstones dating back hundreds of years. Conboy also brought attention to a section of the cemetery with no headstones historically known as the Colored Cemetery.

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Jo Conboy at her work desk with its art and construct of the 17th century Thomas Lyon House on display, in a watercolor and a model. Photo by Anne W. Semmes



The Thomas Lyon Cemetery located on Byram Shore Road, on the corner of Byram Dock Road. Photo by Anne W. Semmes.



The Thomas Lyon House, circa 1695, the rescue effort that led to the creation of the Greenwich Preservation Trust. Contributed photo.

leader and organizer, says GPT co-chair Paul Pugliese, “focusing attention and restoration of the colonial African American cemetery in Byram and state historic designation and signage for the Bethel AME church historic designation. Over the years she has met with various owners of historic properties in Town to persuade them to preserve rather than demolish, as an advocate for retaining Greenwich’s history and character, for future generations.”

Conboy tells that as of today she has stepped down as GPT chairman. “You have to run around a lot if you really want to do the job right - you have to research. And Paul Pugliese is taking the mantle now as chairman. He’s doing all the work now. And he’s a great chairman, with Andrew Melillo as cochair. You need two people. We have a great board with people who have done great things for us. I hope it keeps going.”

So, just how far back does Conboy’s interest in preservation

go? It begins in Brooklyn where she lived as a child with her family. “My father bought this beautiful antique Victorian house. And I fell in love with it. You can do so much with them and save them, and learn their culture, the way we lived

in them, and all the history behind it. We are going to make preservation a household word just as the word environment has become.”

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Mumford & Sons Emanate the Joy and Optimism of the GTP

By LIZ LEAMY

Last Saturday was one for the books as hundreds of people gathered together from all around town and beyond to celebrate the talents of the Grammy-award winning band, Mumford & Sons and other incredible musical artists as well as enjoy the amazing food of numerous local culinary vendors, fun children's activities and other terrific offerings of this year's Greenwich Town Party, designating it as a runaway success on all fronts.

In signature style, this renowned annual event, held at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, was first rate in every regard as virtually all the attendees, along with the dedicated GTP staff and volunteer corps, first responder and security members, food and merchandise vendors and everyone else there appeared to be having a stellar time.

Throughout this event, which started at 10am and wrapped up at 10pm, nearly everyone there could be seen hobnobbing and having fun together as they walked around the park enjoying the tasty culinary fare, refreshments and children's activities, shopped at the popular GTP merchandise tent or sat on the lawn in a foldout chair or under one of the big white tents at tables relaxing and enjoying the amazing array of music.

"It's a beautiful day with beautiful music and beautiful people," said Frank J. Gaudio, President and Chief Executive Officer of The First Bank of Greenwich. "You can see how radiant everyone is here and it's an incredible environment all around."

Clearly, there was a palpable energy in the air, designating this event as a truly extraordinary one in every way, something that was the result of the Herculean efforts of the GTP staff and volunteers,



The Greenwich Town Party (GTP) on May 25, 2024, was a resounding success, featuring a diverse lineup of musical performances and community activities at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. Headlined by the Grammy Award-winning folk-rock band Mumford & Sons (above), the event also showcased Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats. This all-day festival, which ran from 10 AM to 10 PM, brought together residents and local businesses in a celebration of community spirit. Photo by Bob Capazzo

as well as all the other factions who helped make the spectacular success that it was.

On the Wednesday leading up to the event, dozens of GTP employees and volunteers, as well as G-Force Security team members and so many others could be seen getting everything ready for the 'big day.'

Over the next few days, the grand GTP main stage and side stage had been put up, along with all of the tents, lights, tables, chairs, benches and other things to help make sure the event would indeed be another one for the books.

By all counts, the GTP community accomplished the task of putting on yet another superb event, especially when seeing everyone there on Saturday having such a good time, particularly

during the spellbinding two-hour performance of Mumford & Sons, the two-time Grammy and four-time Billboard Award winning band from London who were year's music headliner.

Right from the jump, Mumford & Sons, whose members consist of Marcus Mumford, Ted Dwane and Ben Lovett, had everyone in the crowd on their feet as they cheered, clapped, danced and sang along with them, especially during their hit songs, 'I Will Wait for You,' 'Little Lion Man' and 'King.'

A highlight of their performance was when Marcus Mumford, the band's lead singer, jumped off the stage and walked through the crowd greeting fans as they held up their phones to record and photograph this unexpected and serendipitous moment.

"It's our first time in Greenwich," said Mumford to the crowd, who reacted with thunderous applause and resounding cheers.

Other outstanding performers who graced the main stage at this year's GTP included Nathaniel Rateliff and The Night Sweats, The Camerons and Drew Angus.

At the same time, local artists Rock Paper Soul Band, Cenzo, harf, Mojo and the Outcalls were also outstanding, as was Fashionably Late and the School of Rock Greenwich House Band.

On the culinary front, the 2024 GTP food vendors were first rate as well.

This year's memorable vendor lineup included Wildacre Rotisserie, Tomatillo Taco Joint, Longford's Ice Cream, Burke

Catering LLC, Burgers, Shakes & Fries, Bella Nonna, Fjord Fish Market, Maman Café, Bakery and Restaurant and @PopUpBagels, all of who drew lengthy lines of customers throughout the day and evening, designating their whole area, based right by the park entryway, as one of the event's busiest hubs.

"This is a great event and it's a real community experience in every way," said Ralph Pietrafesa, President of Longford's Ice Cream that is based in Stamford and has been a participant of the GTP for 11 years running. "There is such a great feeling here and it is an event that brings everyone together. We always see so many people we know and also get to meet a lot of new friends. It's all pretty amazing."

Others agreed. "It's a wonderful atmosphere. It's the most beautiful day and everybody is charged up," said Andy Burke, owner and proprietor of Burke's Catering LLC in Greenwich, which has been participating in the GTP for 12 years. "You can see everyone working and having a great time together. It's a highlight of the year and is so much of the reason why Greenwich is such an incredible place."

Ben Pote, Founder and Owner of Wildacre Rotisserie in Cos Cob, concurred.

"This is my first year at the Greenwich Town Party and it's been awesome. Everyone has been so helpful and great and people really work together," said Pote, who opened Wildacre Rotisserie in Cos Cob in 2022. "It's a beautiful day, the weather is great and everyone is having fun. This is an amazing event that has brought together so many people and I'm really happy to be part of this whole experience."

Closer to the main stage,

meanwhile, scores of people could be seen milling about the GTP merchandise tent looking to purchase one of its many collectible items that featured the iconic GTP logo and 2024 artists lineup, including an array of tee shirts, hats, sweatshirts, towels, water bottles and computer mouse pads, among other fun things.

"It's been a wonderful day for everyone and it's been really nice to see so many people who we've all come to know over the years, as well meet new friends. It's a party for everyone and I think people want bring home a memory because being here means a lot," said Vicki Brugnattelli, who was working at the main GTP merchandise tent with her daughter, Alisa, and whose brother and uncle, respectively, Frank D'Agostino and his wife, Silvani, own and run Party Planners, the organization which provides the retail merchandise of the GTP. "This is a happy event that brings so many people together, and with the world being as challenging as it can be sometimes these days, it means a great deal."

Togetherness, optimism and unity certainly seemed to be the definitive theme and feeling among everyone at this year's GTP, including those who were there to help insure everyone's safety, a group which included members of the Greenwich Police Department, G-Force Security team, Greenwich Emergency Medical Service Inc. and Greenwich Fire Department.

"This is a day where the community comes together," said Greenwich Fire Department Deputy Chief Shawn Morris, who was on hand at the GTP with several members of the Greenwich Fire Department. "It's all about spirit and community here and it's always great to see everybody enjoying themselves."



Greenwich Country Day School students perform on the Town Stage as the band Fashionably Late with an energetic set of upbeat, well-known crowd favorites. Photos by Cate Auerswald.



Students of all ages from School of Rock Greenwich performed an exciting set of classic rock songs. Photos by Cate Auerswald.



Jewish Family Services of Greenwich

By Arnold Gordon

At the May 22nd meeting of the Retired Men's Association, Charlie Adams introduced Rachel Kornfeld, the chief executive officer of Jewish Family Services of Greenwich (JFS Greenwich), and Lala Addeo, director of volunteer services. A licensed clinical social worker and certified school administrator, Rachel has been providing mental health and education services in New York and Connecticut for over 20 years. Born in Baku, Azerbaijan, Lala immigrated to the U.S. with the help of HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), JFS, and Temple Shalom in 1990 and brings a unique perspective to the resettlement volunteer effort at JFS. She speaks fluent Russian. The focus of their presentation was on their extensive refugee resettlement program, but Rachel began by tracing the history of JFS Greenwich.

It was founded in 1983 and grew steadily. In 1990 they began to provide resettlement services for refugees from the former Soviet Union. In 2022, JFS Greenwich was granted State Department approved resettlement agency status for their program serving hundreds of people from around the world. They are aided in their efforts by various churches in Greenwich and many volunteers. She explained that the resettlement process is difficult, tedious and very time consuming, invariably needing legal help, provided pro bono. Over 200 clients received such assistance in the past month. As of June 1, JFS Greenwich will have three paralegals on staff.

There are two pathways for resettlement: (1) Refugee status - persons forced to flee their country for fear of persecution, who must obtain official refugee status through the UN; (2) Humanitarian Parole - temporary admission to the US for foreign nationals, otherwise not admissible. This may take from six months to several years.

A travel date for the immigrants is established and they are met at the airport with a translator, as needed, and brought to the housing location that JFS Greenwich has arranged in advance. Lala described the various services provided and the many volunteer opportunities available in four categories.

One-Time: helping with apartment set-up, holding a welcome dinner, translation, transportation, financial/digital literacy. Translators are needed for many languages, especially for greeting at the airport.

Weekly: one-on-one English lessons, with possible field trips (grocery, coffee shop, etc.); career coaching, such as resume preparation, mock interviews, networking with corporate partners, job hunting. Lala mentioned that she is looking for people like RMA members to participate in an Employment Task Force to advocate for the



Rachel Kornfeld and Lala Addeo described the refugee resettlement program and other services provided by Jewish Family Services of Greenwich.

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clients. Events: Special occasions, such as back-to-school, field trip to the Maritime Center which is sponsored by First Presbyterian Church, etc.

Other Volunteer Opportunities: Rachel outlined these items. JFS Greenwich mental health services for six years old and higher through the auspices of the Bennett Center for Behavioral Health at JFS, which is supported by the Carl and Dorothy Bennett Foundation. More than 800 sessions are held each month by 20 professionals. Also, "Compassionate Companion" for older adults is offered in the form of bringing clients to appointments and seeing them home safely. "Supermarketing for Seniors," is a popular program for the community at large, which helps about 75 clients using 40 volunteer shoppers.

JFS Greenwich also concentrates on reducing food insecurity. Every Tuesday from 10 to 12 at their offices, they hold a farmers' market and friendly fridge event where the needy are provided with essentials and over 100 donated meals. A similar program is held at Westhill High School in Stamford.

JFS Greenwich is a 501(c)(3) non-profit social services agency serving the greater Greenwich community. Although its counseling services accept most insurance plans, all other services rely on donations from individuals, businesses, foundations, government grants, and, of course, volunteers. As noted, there are many volunteer opportunities to help JFS Greenwich manage their broad-ranging, excellent humanitarian services. It is located at 67 Holly Hill Lane. Their web site is www.jfsgreenwich.org; you can reach Lala at 203-622-1881.

The usual hearty Q&A session followed the presentation. The talk can be viewed by going to the RMA website at <https://greenwichrma.org>, and clicking on "Speakers."

The RMA's upcoming presentation, "Schubert Lieder, Irish Folk Songs, and Other Stuff," by George Ubogy and Cynthia Mackay, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, June 5, 2024. Two retired physicians will serenade the audience with an eclectic program of songs.

Dr. George Ubogy is a retired physician and an amateur pianist. He attended the Juilliard Preparatory Division as a child and adolescent. Dr. Ubogy has played the piano for many years and often submits musical arrangements and occasional compositions to his alma mater, Cornell University, where he is a Chimes Master. In his career as a physician, he was an internist and for many years Medical Director of the Addiction Recovery Center at Greenwich Hospital. He has been introduced to the Schubert lieder by Dr. Mackay.

Dr. Cynthia Mackay, a retired ophthalmologist, began to sing as a child with her musical family around the dining table and at beach picnic bonfires. She played the guitar and sang folk songs to campers when she was a camp counselor in her teens. At Harvard (BA, 1964) she sang with a madrigal group, the Radcliffe Choral Society and the Harvard Glee Club, and the Boston Symphony Orchestra. When she became a mother, she sang songs to put her children to sleep at night. When she became a surgeon, she sang German lieder with her neurology professor, opera arias with a patient who

is an opera singer (he seduced her in three different languages), and Cole Porter with a patient who is a professor at Rockefeller University. After her husband, Arthur Stampleman, joined the RMA, she began to sing with the best yet: member George Ubogy.

She is executive producer of the movie "Broken Eyes," filmed by a LASIK-damaged PBS producer, which had its world premiere in April. Also, she recently co-authored the book "The Unsightly Truth of Laser Vision Correction: LASIK Surgery Makes Healthy Eyes Sick," and a memoir, "Making the Cut."

To stream the presentation by George Ubogy and Cynthia Mackay at 11 AM on Wednesday, June 5, click on <https://bit.ly/30IBj2I>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

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Steve Walko with young son, Christopher. Contributed photo.

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“Steve was the chair of the New Lebanon School building committee, and that beautiful building was constructed on time and within budget. Throughout all his volunteer activities, Steve does it with common sense, an open and frank manner while demonstrating true leadership. He is an inspiration to work with and a true friend to me” Larry Simon, Community Leader.

Steve had praise for the “great people” serving on that New Leb building committee and cites the town of Greenwich for its “vast amount of talent and people willing to give that talent.” He describes himself “not a shy person, for sure,” but also “not a big fan of ego. I just think it takes a lot of people to do a lot of things in town. Even the way we set up our government, the First Selectmen only has so much power and then it migrates out to people like the BET, the Planning and Zoning. So, while we look to leaders, and I’m a firm believer in this, it’s so much more than that to be successful. And New Lab is successful, because of the people who were there, including the architects and the professionals.”

And lastly his serving on the building committee of the new Greenwich High School entryway, is in process. “It’s a much smaller project,” he says. “So, building projects are one way to stay involved without necessarily having to be as active as I once was.

There’s a beginning of a project and there’s an end, and then hopefully you look at your results as a good result for the school, and you’re able to say thank you to everyone involved, and then you walk away because you’re done. And that’s the part of it that I like right now.”

“At this point,” he concludes, “I’ve been involved in most aspects of town government. So, I hope that I’ve built friendships and relationships with those in and around government able to understand why certain decisions are made and not made.”

Steve was incredibly helpful to me when I had some legal questions involving a not for profit. He was incredibly generous with his time and knowledge. Steve is professional and wise and a wonderful leader. He has impacted our community in so many wonderful ways! Icy Frantz.

All the while Walko has for the ninth year retained his title of Super Lawyer. How does he manage to do all these essentially volunteer efforts in town - and count in he serves on the United Way project committee! He replies, “First and foremost, I have the best wife in the world, Alexandra. I also have great partners here at Ivey Barnum. They were supportive and I don’t think you can get that in most work environments.”

And “In terms of the home aspect of it, he adds, “I couldn’t do any of this without Alex. And, as my kids got older, now I get to talk to them as adults, and if collectively we don’t want something done, we don’t do it.

time frame by exactly one year.

A notable speaker at the meeting was local landscaper Chris Mancini speaking on behalf of Old Glory Landscaping and Property Maintenance LLC. Mancini stood in front of the board asking for a one year extended variance to make the transition to battery powered machines. Mancini states that, “It’s going to cost anywhere between a half a million to three quarters of a million dollars to go full electric.” He also discussed the possibility of his business being unable to pay this high initial cost and going out of business as

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The Walko family at daughter Nicole's recent graduation from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. L to R Alex, Steve, Nicole and Christopher, Contributed photo.



New Lebanon School Building ground-breaking with Steve Walko at left and key supporters former State Rep. Mike Bocchino and former State Senator Scott Frantz and back row Bill Drake. Contributed photo.



Daughter Nicole, Chester held by Steve, son Christopher, and wife Alex. Contributed photo.

SELECTMEN
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leaf blowers for safety reasons. Local landscaping businesses admitted that they will move into the battery powered direction, but they are just asking for more time to make this transition. The town has recently given a one year transition period, where no fines will be issued for breaking the new law. But, these smaller businesses have a large initial cost to hurdle, and are asking for variances to extend this

a result. Mancini was one of many landscapers that were present at the meeting, asking for variances to extend the time frame for transition.

On the other hand, numerous residents support the switch, citing the health benefits of reduced emissions and the significant reduction in noise pollution. They noted that the long-term environmental and health benefits outweighed the initial costs and challenges of the transition.

These residents in favor of the quick transition also have the variance requirements on their side. Brought up at the

meeting was the fact that if a variance were to be issued to these small businesses, it is required that it would be in the interest of “public safety, health, and welfare.”

Select Person Janet Stone McGuigan even stated that, “we can’t even consider a variance unless there are overriding health and safety considerations.” Because of this variance law, and McGuigan’s comment on the board’s consideration of variances, it’s a bit more difficult for these local landscapers to be granted a variance. The law points out that if local landscaping

companies are unable to show any negative “public safety, health, and welfare” effects on their company that come with the transition, they will not be granted any sort of variance.

After extensive discussion, there was no decision made about the granting of these variances that will give exceptions to this battery powered transition to certain landscapers.

The Selectmen’s Meeting on May 23rd addressed a wide range of issues that are vital to the community’s well-being and future development.

The decisions made during

the meeting reflect the board’s dedication to addressing immediate concerns while planning for a sustainable and inclusive future. As the town moves forward with these initiatives, continued community involvement and feedback is crucial in ensuring that the needs and interests of all residents are met.

The next selectmen meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, where further updates on these topics and new agenda items will be discussed. Residents are encouraged to attend and participate, ensuring their voices are heard in

Public Television to Air Segment on Cos Cob Art Colony

The public television series “Museum Access” will devote an upcoming segment on American Impressionist paintings created by artists of the Cos Cob Art Colony that are in the collections of The Bruce Museum and Greenwich Historical Society. Committed to providing an insider’s view of the best museums throughout the country in a fun, educational and adventurous manner, Museum Access programs enable viewers to experience the best of America’s culture, accomplishments and heritage.

Museum Access Host and Executive Producer Leslie Mueller will take viewers on a tour through the Bruce galleries and the Historical Society’s Bush-Holley House to view some of the finest examples of American Impressionism. Canvases by Cos Cob Art Colony members Child Hassam, John Henry Twachtman and Elmer MacRae are among the paintings featured.

“Greenwich residents are

so fortunate to have two stellar art museums that showcase several world-class paintings by Impressionist artists who spent time painting and teaching art in Cos Cob during the 19th century at the site of Bush-Holley House,” says Leslie Mueller. “As a Greenwich resident, I am especially excited to bring these marvelous paintings and the story behind the Cos Cob Art Colony, where American Impressionism started, to our worldwide audience.”

The tour through the ca. 1730 Bush-Holley House brings viewers into the dining room of the Holley family’s boarding house, which is furnished to reflect its appearance in roughly 1900 when Cos Cob Art Colony artists and writers met there. John Henry Twachtman and Child Hassam were among the artists who boarded at the house as a respite from hot New York City summers. Twachtman eventually purchased a farmhouse nearby on Greenwich’s Round Hill Road



Museum Access filming at the Bush Holley House.

and travelled the short distance to Cos Cob to preside over plein air painting classes, attracting many students from the Art

Students League, such as Elmer MacRae, who eventually married Constance Holley. She inherited the home from her parents and

preserved many of its original features. Today, Elmer MacRae’s second-floor studio features an ethereal painting of Constance, which is included in the segment.

“With her evocative, enthusiastic approach to storytelling, Leslie very effectively guides viewers in a tour that brings to life what these artists’ lives were like when they spent time in Cos Cob at Bush-Holley House,” says Historical Society Director of Marketing and Communications Dianne Niklaus. “This is a marvelous opportunity for The Bruce Museum and the Greenwich Historical Society to build public awareness for how Impressionism got its start in America – right here in Cos Cob, a cradle of American Impressionism.”

According to Mueller, Museum Access lives at the intersection of entertainment, education and inspiration. Her belief that museums have the power to change lives has been a driving force behind the series,

which is now available in 60 percent of the top 25 markets in the U.S., a high number for public television programming. This summer Mueller celebrates 60 episodes of her popular series.

The episode featuring the Bruce Museum and the Greenwich Historical Society Bush-Holley House will begin airing nationwide on Public Television / PBS stations nationwide in June. Check local listings for airing times. Streaming platform airings will follow on Amazon Video, Tubi and Pluto TV. Educational streaming platforms include Discovery Education, Safari Montage and Scholastic Video.

“We are particularly proud of our association with the U.S. Dept. of Education’s DCMP (Described and Captioned Media Program) platform for blind and/or deaf K-12 students,” says Mueller. “We love bringing our series to this very special audience.”

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310 Bruce Park Ave 2	\$725,000	\$725,000	\$825,000	29	2	2		1,606
11 River Road 118	\$825,000	\$825,000	\$840,000	57	2	2	0	1,104
102 Silo Circle 102	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$1,205,000	21	3	3		1,992
11 Lafayette Court 1B	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	60	2	2	0	1,704
514 Round Hill Road	\$4,950,000	\$4,950,000	\$4,650,000	195	5	6	4.01	5,966
5 Dempsey Lane	\$10,488,000	\$10,488,000	\$10,488,000	393	6	7	5.2	11,902

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13 Old Kings Highway	Old Greenwich	\$1,590,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHSNE
6 Schubert Lane	Cos Cob	\$3,150,000	Sun 1-4 PM	BHHSNE
17 Maple Drive	Old Greenwich	\$2,060,000	Sat 1-3 PM	Coldwell
151 E Elm Street	Greenwich	\$4,850,000	Sat 2-4 PM	Coldwell
17 Maple Drive	Old Greenwich	\$2,060,000	Sun 1-3 PM	Coldwell
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Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
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36 Putnam Park	\$624,500				2	1	South of Post Road
46 Francis Lane	\$829,000	\$345	2,400	0.15	4	2	South Parkway
86 Sherwood Place	\$899,000	\$709	1,268	0.1	3	1	South Parkway
140 Field Point Road 33	\$950,000	\$671	1,415	0	3	2	South of Post Road
55 Greenwich Hills Dr 55	\$1,180,000	\$675	1,748		3	2	Byram
45 Sound Beach Ave Ext	\$1,350,000	\$1,004	1,344	0.28	3	2	Riverside
255 Valley Road	\$1,425,000	\$808	1,763	0.27	3	3	Cos Cob
81 Orchard Street	\$1,500,000	\$668	2,245	0.13	3	2	Cos Cob
11 Hearthstone Drive	\$1,890,000	\$916	2,064	0.3	4	2	Riverside
18 Crawford Terrace	\$1,895,000	\$635	2,986	0.28	5	3	Riverside
6 Seitz Lane	\$1,995,000	\$594	3,361	0.18	5	3	Cos Cob
34 Hill Road	\$2,700,000	\$474	5,701	1.24	6	5	South Parkway
15 Dingtletown Road	\$2,995,000	\$834	3,591	2	5	3	South Parkway
68 Willowmere Circle	\$3,895,000	\$1,209	3,222	0.53	5	2	Riverside
732 Lake Avenue	\$3,995,000	\$656	6,090	2.2	6	5	South Parkway
57 Locust Street B	\$3,995,000	\$901	4,436	0.25	5	6	South Parkway
59 Locust Street B	\$3,995,000	\$859	4,649	0.25	5	6	South Parkway
191 Milbank Avenue G	\$4,250,000	\$708	6,000	0.3	3	4	South of Post Road
17 Alden Road	\$5,750,000	\$719	7,993	2.35	5	5	South Parkway
1 Loch Lane	\$7,250,000	\$836	8,676	3.44	5	7	South Parkway
11 Vineyard Lane	\$9,995,000	\$965	10,360	4.85	7	6	South Parkway

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Daphne Lamsvelt-Pol



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What is one thing buyers or sellers know about this market?

I think buyers and sellers should be aware of bidding wars and/or multiple offer situations. Many properties, due to lack of inventory and high demand, are receiving so much interest that they're going to 'highest and best,' putting a lot of stress on both parties. Buyers are forced to determine their true maximum budget in these situations and sellers are tasked with sorting through multiple offers with different prices, contingencies, etc to find the one that works best for them.

Which local spot in Greenwich is your favorite and you feel is a must visit?

One of my favorite spots in Greenwich is for sure Tod's Point. I absolutely love going there for walks with friends, hanging out and grilling in the summer, and taking the dogs during the off season. I also can't forget to mention the fantastic view of the New York City skyline!

What has been your most rewarding real estate experience?

I think the most rewarding real estate experience is the point where you can say you have successfully completed your job. For buyers, you found them a place that they can call home. For sellers, you support them through a very emotional process and help them close a chapter in their lives as seamlessly as possible. It's fulfilling to be involved on either/both sides.

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Strong Relationships

Peter's extensive knowledge of home construction and renovation, paired with his strong relationships with skilled local tradespeople, equips him to help his clients long after the sale has been completed, giving home-buyers an exceptional level of comfort in their choice.

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Moran Yanai, a costume jewelry designer, had a kiosk at the Supernova Musical Festival. On October 7 at 6:29 am when Hamas terrorists began their attack, Moran, like many others ran for cover and found a ditch she hoped would keep her safe. At 8:28 am she spoke to her parents for the last time before her phone died. Moran was discovered and abducted into Gaza shortly after. After the 54 longest days of her life, just before midnight on November 29, Moran and nine other captives crossed over to Israel.

Moran will share her story of endurance, hope, and faith in the face of pure evil.

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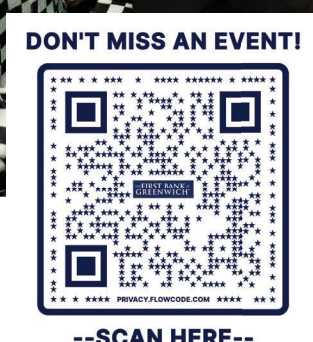
would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended our B2B last Thursday evening. Your attendance truly contributed to making the event a resounding success and it wouldn't have been the same without you. We promised you "a jaw-dropping, surprise-filled, extravaganza that people won't stop talking about for years to come..." and think we delivered. We certainly hope you agree!

For those who couldn't join us, please know you were missed! The evening was filled with great conversations, networking opportunities, and unforgettable moments, we're sorry you couldn't be there. We couldn't be the best bank in the universe without having the best customers.

If you'd like to stay updated on future events hosted by us, scan the QR code below to added to our new events list.

Last, but not least, we'd like to thank the incredible vendors who contributed to the amazing night: Marcia Selden Catering, Moli, Miku & Hinoki Sushi, Val's Putnam Wines & Liquors, Randy's Wines, DJ Michelle Pasha, Atelier BE Chocolat, photographer Natasha Miller of Tashography LLC, the Absolutely Fabulous Photo Booth, and all of the incredible artists and musicians who entertained us so well.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and participation. We look forward to the opportunity to connect with you again soon.



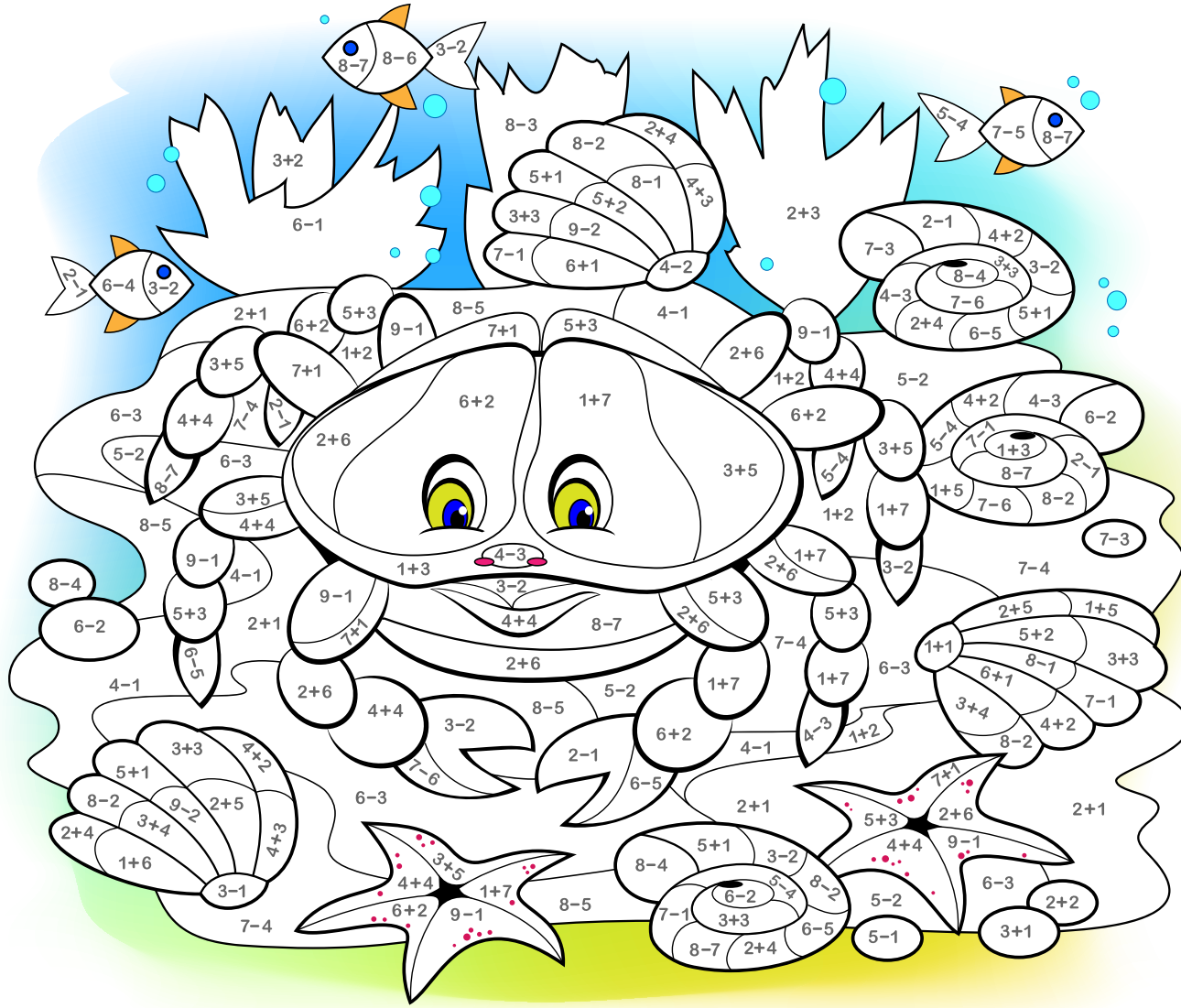
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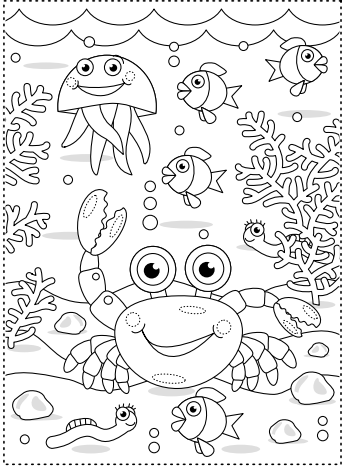
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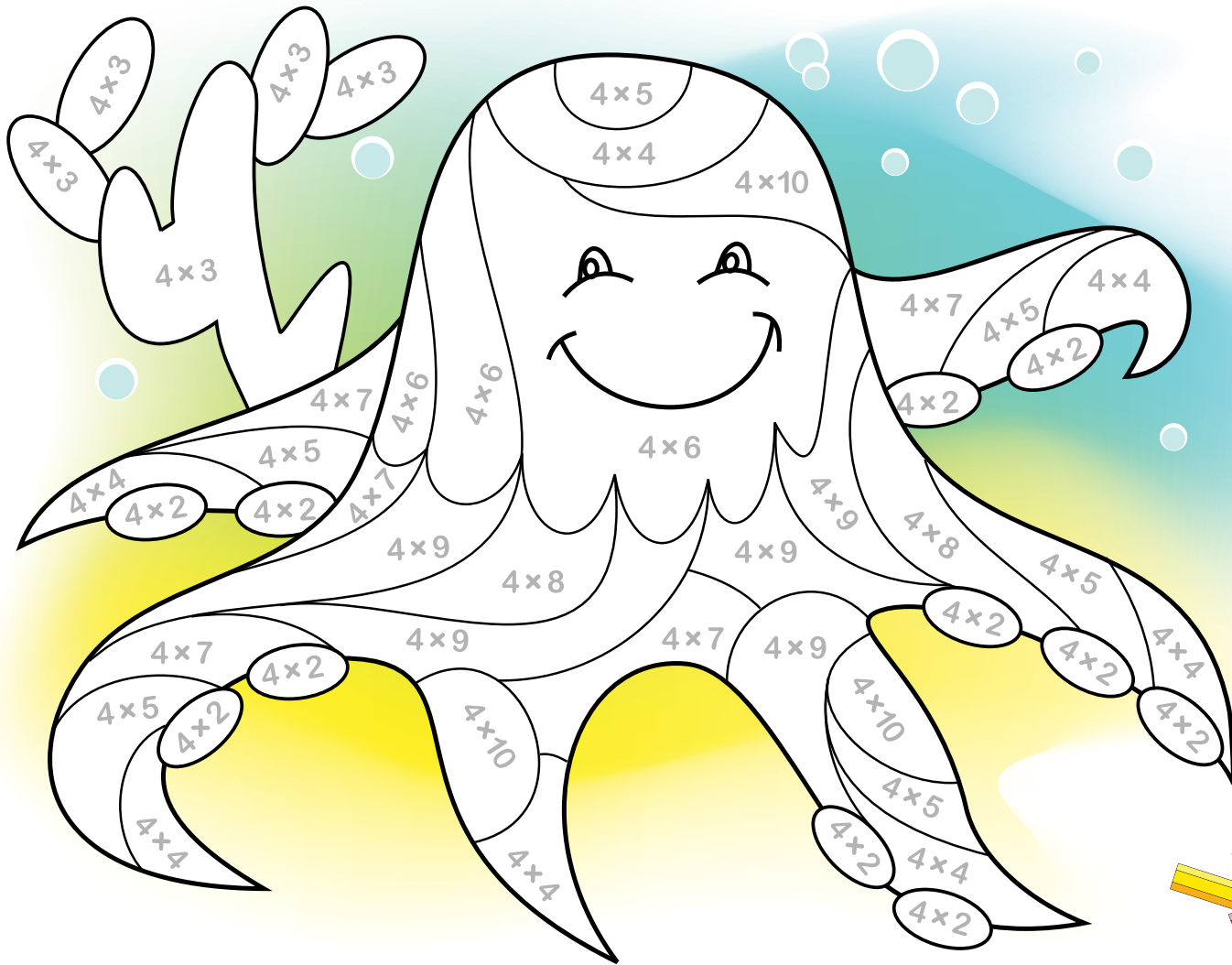


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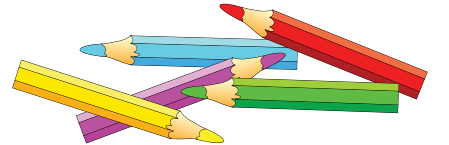
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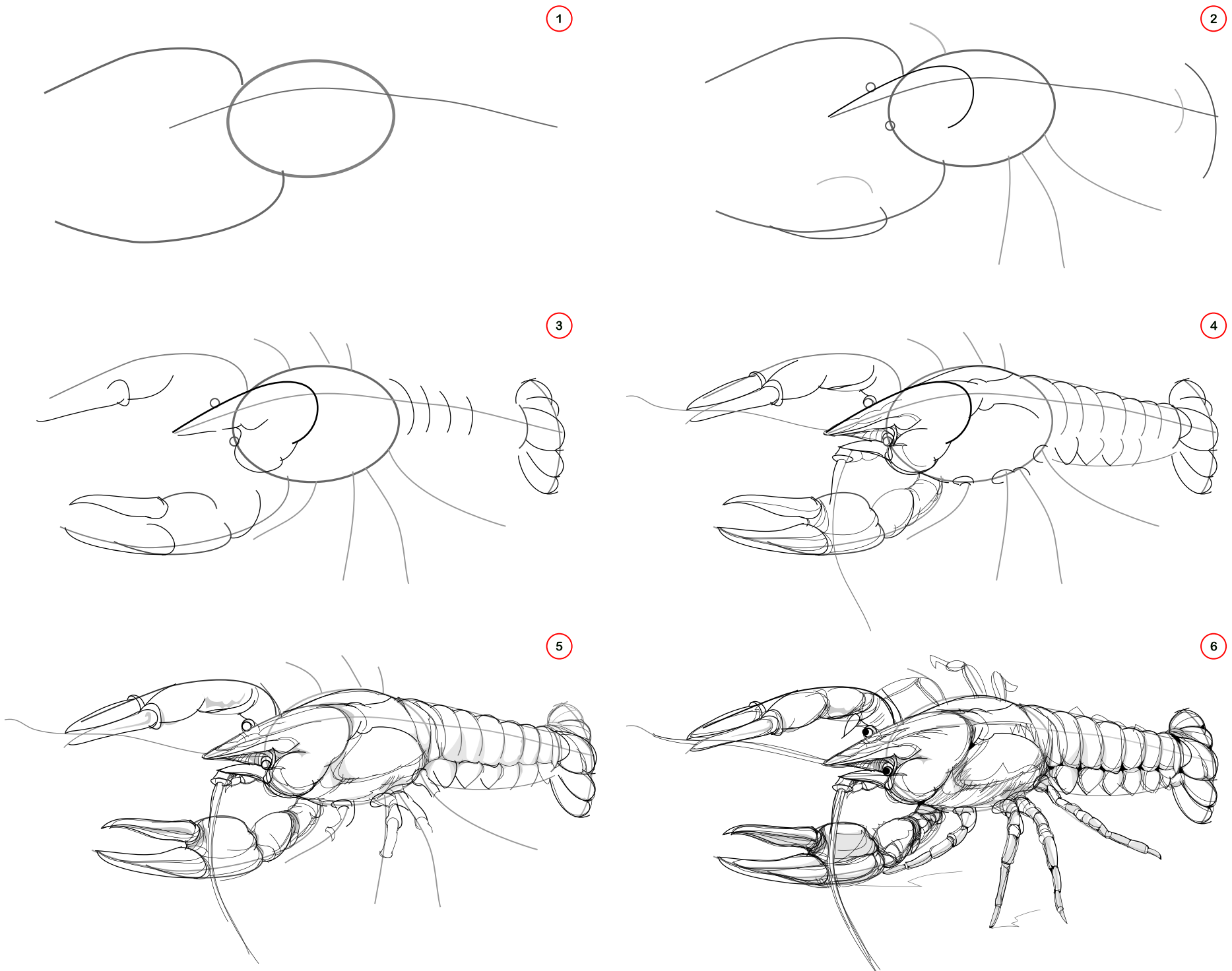
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Grab Your Sketchbook: Draw a Lobster, Step by Step



What is a Crustacean?

Crustaceans are animals that have a hard covering (an exoskeleton). They often also have antennas (feelers) and multiple pairs of legs.

Examples of crustaceans are crabs, lobsters, shrimps, and crayfish. Barnacles, water fleas, and pill bugs are also crustaceans.

How many crustaceans are in this picture?

Lobster's body parts

Antennae
Eye
Carapace
Abdomen
Tail
Walking legs
Lobster claws

How many go up? How many go down?

Up Down

How many to the left? How many to the right?

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Privilege Meets Tech Challenge

Write a short piece (100-words or less) titled "The Great Local Power Outage of 2024," imagining only the humorous chaos that ensues when a massive power outage hits our towns of Greenwich or New Canaan. Think modern-day, high-tech disruption meeting old-world type A personalities. Extra points for clever use of local landmarks and tongue-in-cheek references to the way our wonderful towns are sometimes viewed by the rest of the world.

Example 1

The Greenwich blackout conjured scenes straight from a Fitzgerald novel. By candlelight, opulent mansions turned into Gatsby-esque havens of impromptu soirées, with residents sipping champagne under the stars. Tesla chargers stood idle, and golf carts became the preferred mode of transportation. Meanwhile, the local Starbucks transformed into a scene from the apocalypse, with latte-deprived locals bartering for a cup of cold brew. Members at the yacht clubs resorted to sailing and regaling each other with tales of pre-internet summers. The outage sparked a revolution: investing in the ultimate status symbol—better backup generators.

Example 2

When New Canaan lost power, chaos and comedy ensued. The town's iconic train station buzzed with confusion as commuters pondered the lost art of non-digital schedules. God's Acre transformed into a gathering spot for flashlight-wielding neighbors swapping tales of survival. At Zumbach's Coffee, baristas hand-whipped cold brew, prompting customers to reminisce about pre-espresso days. Meanwhile, at the high school, students faced the ultimate test: surviving without smartphones. The town rallied together, discovering that life's luxuries could wait, but laughter and community couldn't. The blackout ended, but the stories of New Canaan's night in the dark became instant legends. (99 words)

Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, June 7, 2024.

Winners will be announced in the June 14 issue of The Sentinel.

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

7 p.m.
Friends Friday Films: "Wonka". Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.

Saturday, June 8

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

1 p.m.
Cloak and Dagger Book Club. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org

1 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 6-12). Children's Constellation Room. 203-625-6549. alaughlin@greenwichlibrary.org

Sunday, June 9

1 - 5 p.m.
The Study Escape: for High Schoolers. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-625-6549. alaughlin@greenwichlibrary.org

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

Saturday, June 1

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

9:30 a.m.
AARP-Safe Driving Course. Greenwich Hospital. \$20.

Monday, June 3

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

Tuesday, June 4

6 p.m.
Talk: Diabetes Medication: Managing Blood Glucose. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

Wednesday, June 5

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

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR: ntn-greenwich.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: Red-CrossBlood.org

Friday, May 31

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Cancer Support Community Greater NY & CT at Gildas Club, 80 Maple Ave., White Plains, NY.

2 - 6 p.m.
Thomas H Slater Center, 2 Fisher Ct., White Plains, NY.

Saturday, June 1

7 a.m. - 12 p.m.
The Church of Latter-Day Saints - New Canaan, 682 South Ave., New Canaan.

Monday, June 3

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

1:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard St., Cos Cob.

Tuesday, June 4

10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
St. Gregory's the Great Church, 215 Halstead Ave., Harrison, NY.

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

Wednesday, June 5

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
West Harrison Senior Center, 251 Underhill Ave., West Harrison, NY.

Thursday, June 6

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Boy's & Girl's Club of Stamford, 347 Stillwater Ave., Stamford.

Friday, June 7

10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Matthew's Church, 382 Cantioe St., Bedford, NY.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
United Church of Rowayton, 210 Rowayton Ave., Norwalk.

TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar

Friday, May 31

12 p.m.
National Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation Presentation. Town Hall Meeting Room.

Monday, June 3

10:30 a.m.
Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Sign-Meeting.

7:30 p.m.
Education Committee Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.

7:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting. Hayton Room.

7:30 p.m.
Legislative & Rules Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.

7:30 p.m.
Public Works Committee Meeting. Evaristo Conference Room.

7:45 p.m.
Land Use Committee Meeting. Cone Room.

Tuesday, June 4

7 p.m.
First Selectman's Youth Commission Board Meeting. Employee lounge.

7:30 p.m.
Appointments Committee Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.

7:30 p.m.
Health & Human Services Committee Meeting. Cone Room.

7:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.

7:30 p.m.
Town Services Committee Meeting. Hayton Room.

7:30 p.m.
Transportation Committee Meeting. Evaristo Conference Room.

Wednesday, June 5

10 a.m.
BET Audit Committee.

3 p.m.
BET Law Committee.

7 p.m.
Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Regular Meeting.

7 p.m.
PZBA Meeting.

7 p.m.
District II Meeting. Greenwich Country Day School.

7:30 p.m.
District 4 Meeting. Byram Firehouse.

7:30 p.m.
District 8 Meeting. Cos Cob School Media Center.

Thursday, June 6

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

7 p.m.
Conservation Commission Regular Meeting. Zoom Webinar.

7 p.m.
District 10 Meeting. Round Hill Church.

7 p.m.
District 3 Meeting. Hamilton Avenue School.

7:30 p.m.
District 12 Meeting. North Mianus School Library.

7:30 p.m.
District 2 Meeting. Cone Room.

7:30 p.m.
District 5 Meeting. Riverside School Library.

7:30 p.m.
District 6 Meeting. Old Greenwich School Cafeteria.

7:30 p.m.
District 6 Meeting. Mazza Room.

7:30 p.m.
District 9 Meeting. Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center.

8 p.m.
District 1 Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.

Friday, June 7

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

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 1

6:30 p.m.
Family Centers' "Through the Looking Glass" benefit. familycenters.org/product/wonderland

Monday, June 3

10:30 a.m.
Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing. Griffith E. Harris Golf Course. greenwichchamber.com

Thursday, June 6

5:30 p.m.
Inspirica's Spring Soiree. The Loading Dock, Stamford. e.givesmart.com/events/ws5

Monday, June 10

10 a.m.
VOICES 10th Annual Golf Outing. Quaker Ridge Golf Club, Scarsdale, NY. voicescenter.org

Thursday, June 13

6:30 p.m.
Circle of Care's 'Kaleidoscope - Colors of Courage' 20th Anniversary Gala. Loading Dock, Stamford. e.givesmart.com/events/B2G

Monday, June 17

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Kids In Crisis' Kids Challenge Summer Kick-Off Golf Tournament. Shorehaven Golf Club, Norwalk. kidsincrisis.org/event/kids-challenge-2024-summer-kick-off

11 a.m.
The Center for Family Justice's 'Fairways to Hope'. Mill River Country Club, Stratford. secure.qgiv.com/for/fairway-stohope2024/event/foh

Monday, June 24

11:30 a.m.
YWCA Greenwich Annual Golf & Tennis Tournament Fundraiser. Greenwich Country Club. ywcagreenwich.org/events/annualgolftournament2024

Saturday, July 13

6 p.m.
Greenwich Point Conservancy's Beach Ball 2024. Tod's Point. eventbrite.com/e/860948940457

Tuesday, Sept. 17

11 a.m.
Breast Cancer Alliance Annual Golf Outing. GlenArbor Golf Club, Bedford, NY. breastcanceralliance.org

Sunday, Oct. 6

11:30 a.m.
YWCA Greenwich Walk the Walk Against Domestic Violence. Bruce Park. ywcagreenwich.org/events/walk-the-walk-against-domestic-violence-2024

Wednesday, Oct. 23

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

Our Neighboring Towns

FRIDAY, MAY 31

6 - 11 p.m.
Ethos Stamford Greek Festival. Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 1230 Newfield Ave., Stamford. (Saturday, June 1, 12-11pm & Sunday, June 2, 12-8pm). ethosgreekfestival.com

8:30 p.m.
Summer Movies In The Park: "Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom". Mill River Park, 1010 Washington Blvd., Stamford. millriverpark.org/summermovies

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

12 p.m.
Read to a Therapy Dog. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

6 p.m.
Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo's 'Wild Wine, Beer & Food Safari'. 1875 Noble Avenue, Bridgeport. beardsleyzoo.org/wild-wine

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

11 a.m.
Tech Tips for Older Adults. Ferguson Library - South End Branch, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

2 & 4 p.m.
Lillie's Laugh Track. Stepping Stones Museum for Children - Mathews Park, 303 West Ave, Norwalk. steppingstonesmuseum.org

7 p.m.
"I've Tried Being Nice" - Book Launch with Ann and Denis Leary. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

THURSDAY, MAY 30

4 p.m.
Career Planning. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

7 p.m.
"The Community Arts Bash" Creating Community Through the Arts. The Norwalk Art Space, 455 West Ave., Norwalk. thenorwalkartspace.org

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

2 p.m.
"Dining in the Gilded Age" - a presentation & tasting with food historian Becky L. Diamond. The Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum, 303 West Ave., Norwalk. \$15-\$20. lockwoodmathewsmansion.com



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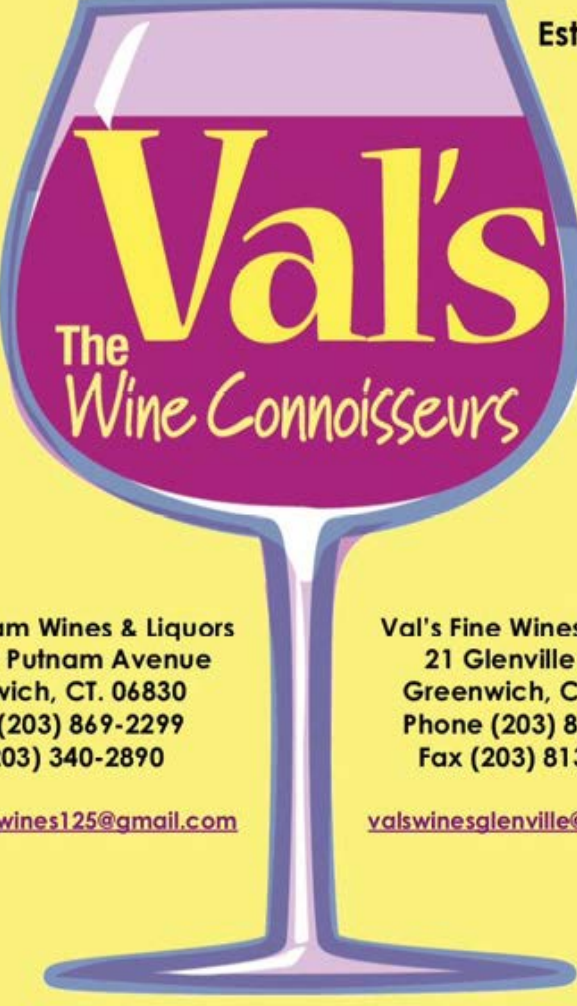
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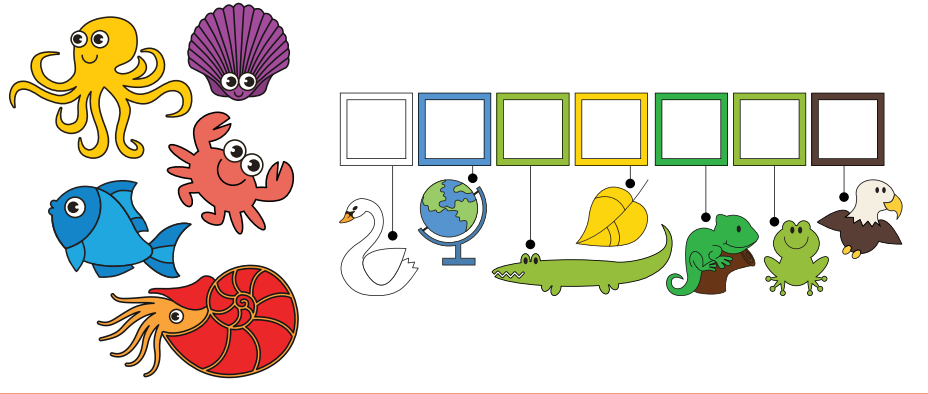
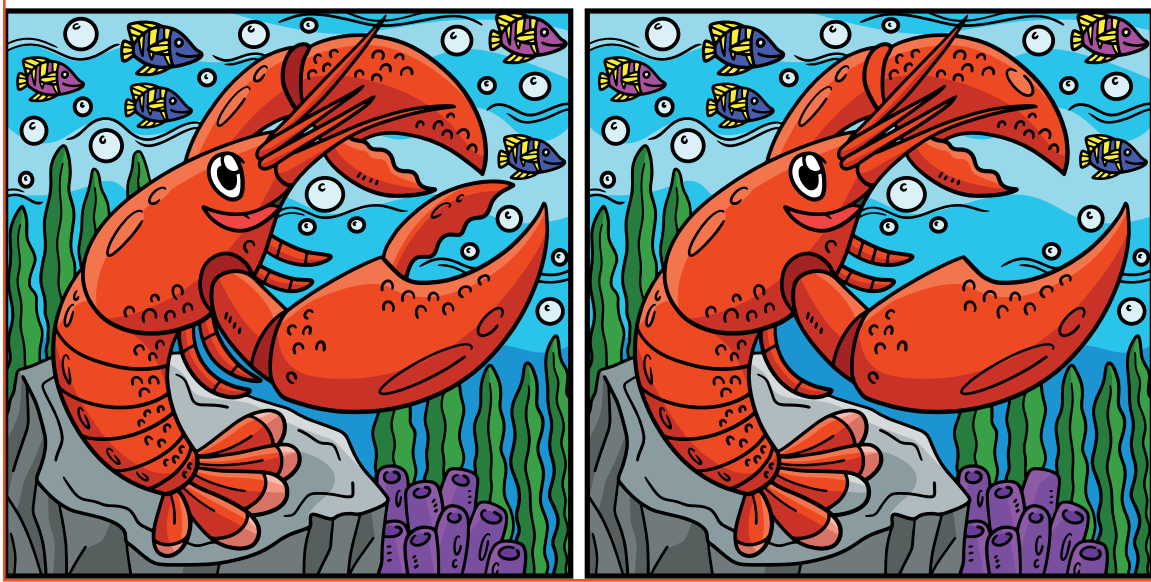
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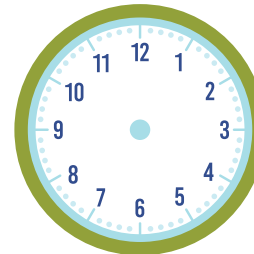


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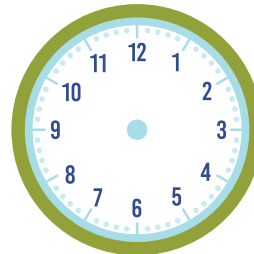
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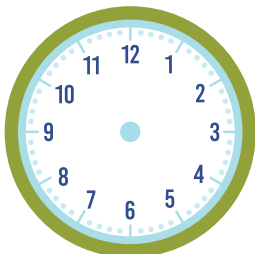
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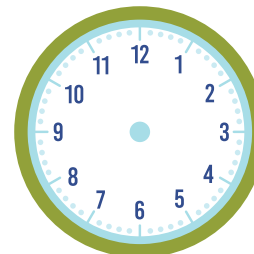
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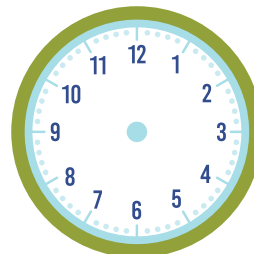
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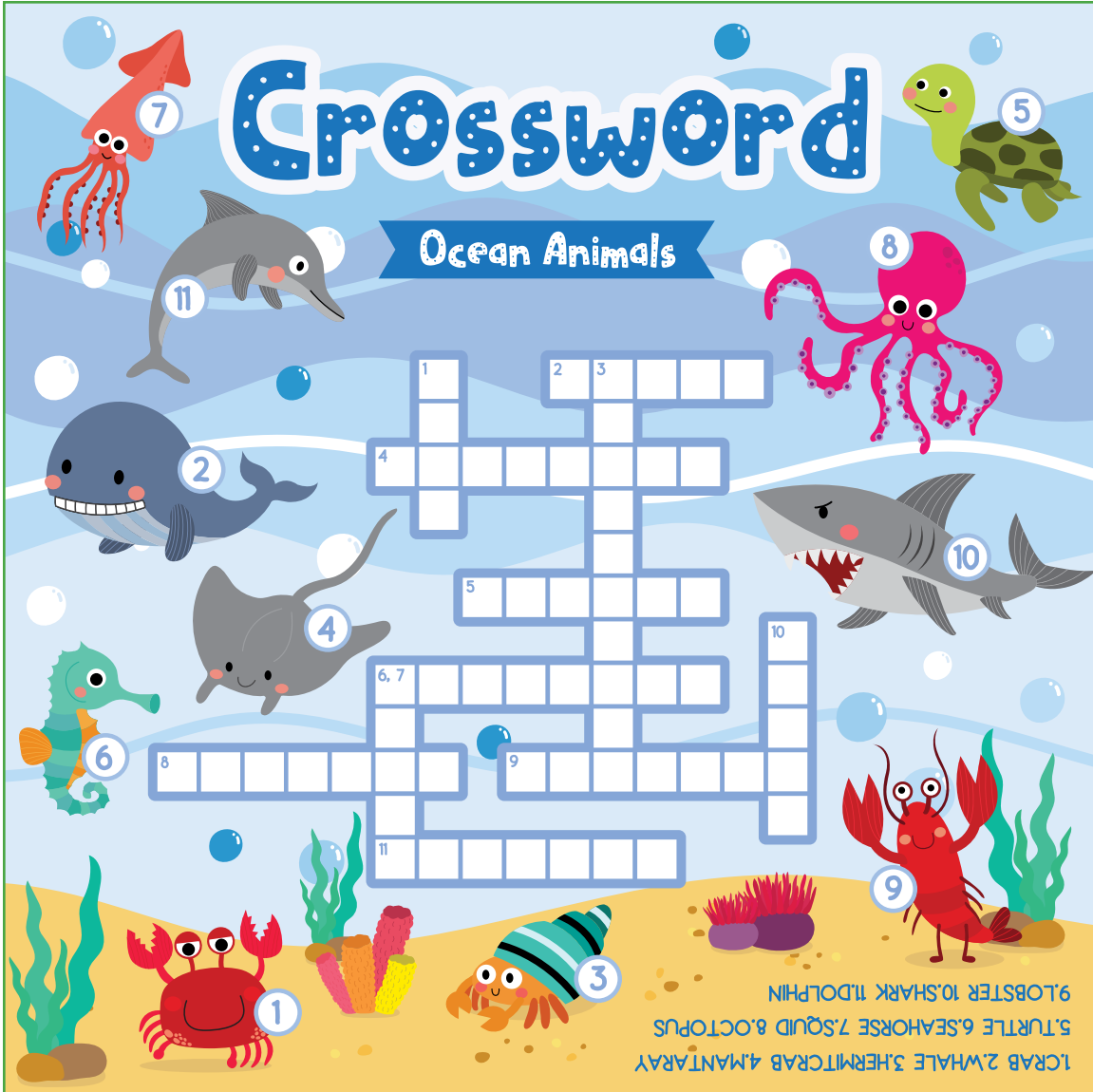
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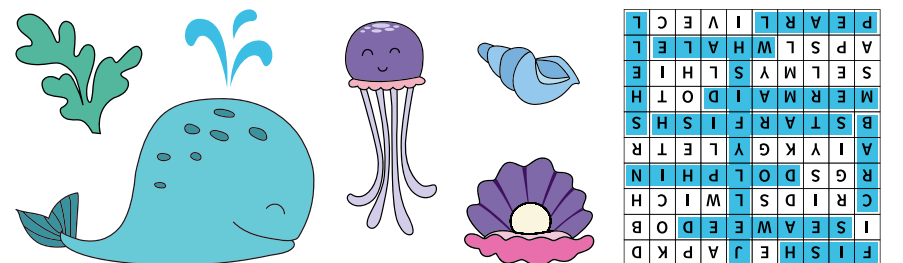
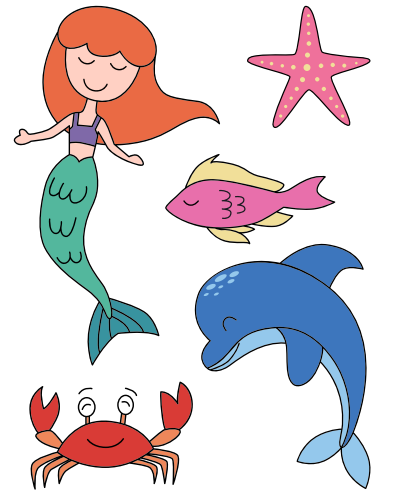
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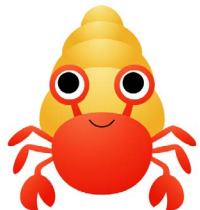
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Sudoku

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

Easy

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	3			8				7
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Very Hard

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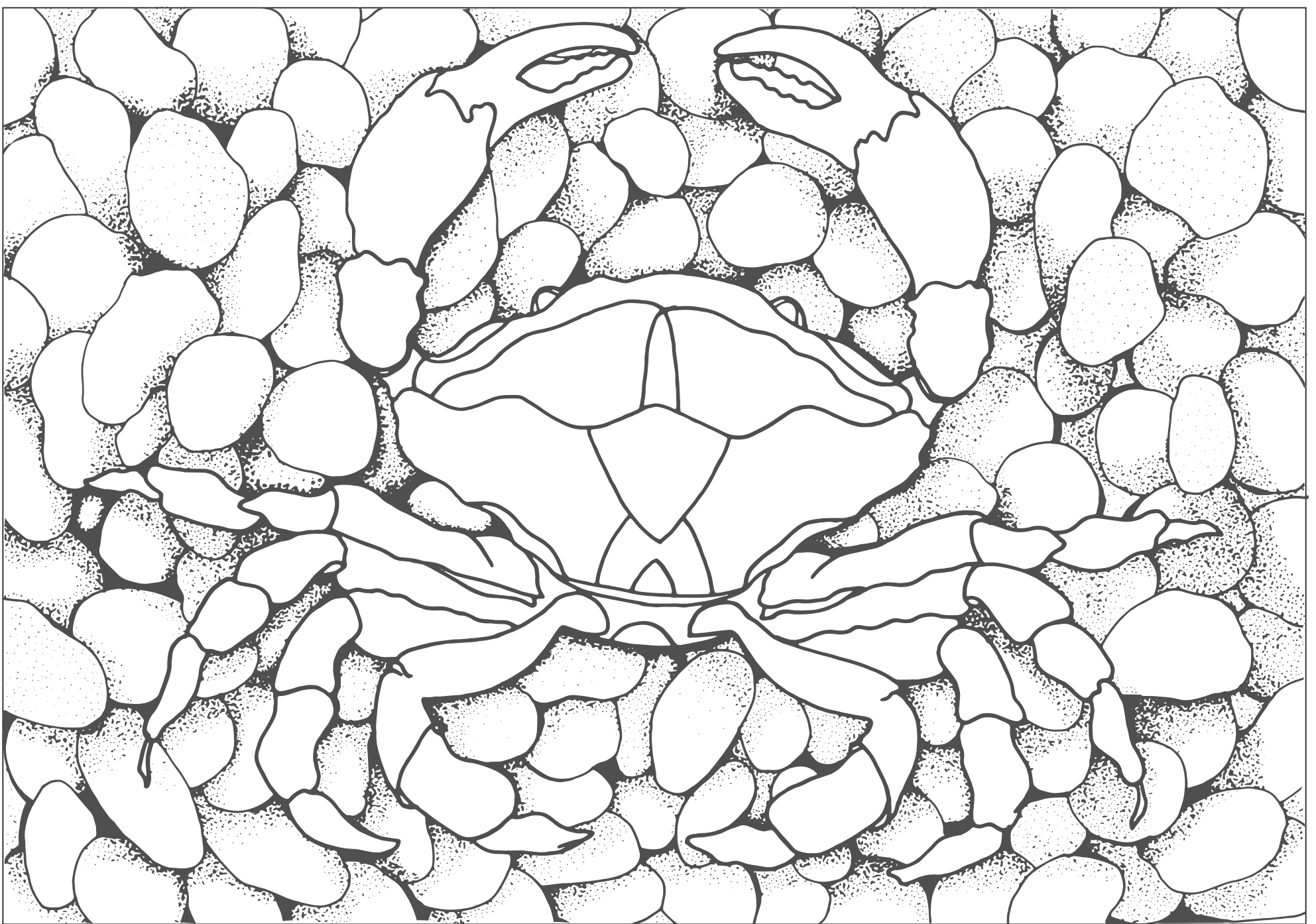
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Very Hard

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COLORING CHALLENGE



Sudoku answers

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Bottom row - Very Hard

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

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Bottom row - Easy

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Top row - Very Hard

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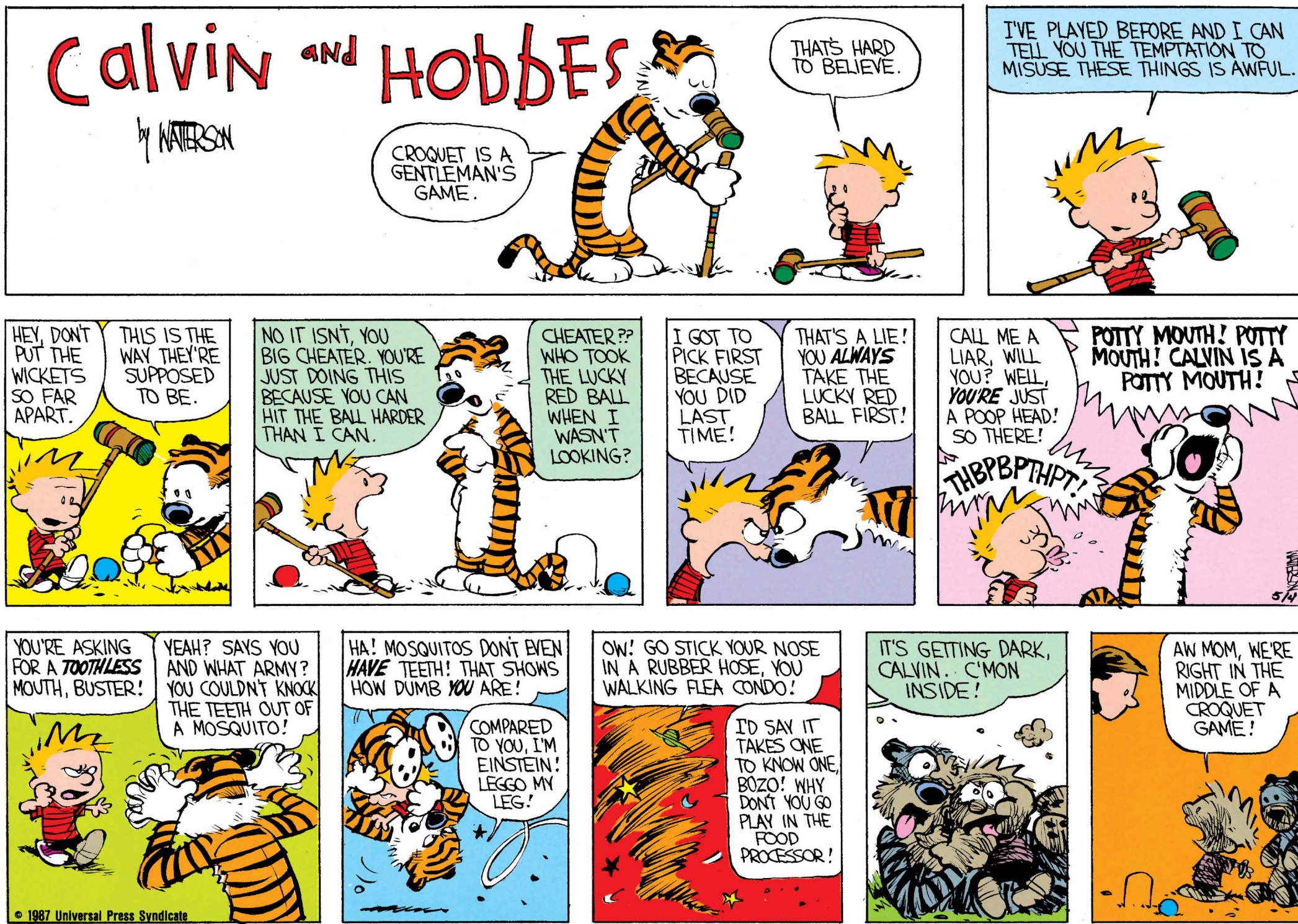
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Top row - Easy



EDUCATION

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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE MANTIS SHRIMP

Faster Than the Human Eye

BY JIM KNOX

When it comes to speed, the animal kingdom has its all-star team. From the Pronghorn's 60 mile per hour sprint, to the Sailfish's 68 mile per hour burst, to the Cheetah's 70 mile per hour blur, animal speedsters impress us with a swiftness we track with amazement. Yet, what if there were a creature which could move with a swiftness beyond our capability to see? What would we call such a creature, and how would we begin to unravel its mysteries?

The **Zebra Mantis Shrimp**, *Lysiosquilla maculata*, is a species with startling abilities. Known as Stomatopods, the Mantis Shrimp superfamily comprises nearly 500 known species. At the top of the heap sits the 16-inch-long Zebra Mantis Shrimp, the largest known Mantis Shrimp, and a creature to reckon with. With a worldwide range encompassing a wide swath of the shallow regions of the Indo-Pacific, from East Africa to the Galapagos, to the Hawaiian Islands, this extra-large crustacean reigns. Not a true shrimp, yet sporting a hard shell made of chitin and calcium carbonate, like their crab and lobster cousins, the Zebra Mantis Shrimp possesses a suit of flexible body armor. With a black and whitish striped elongate body, a fanned tail for rapid propulsion, and an infamous complement of spearing raptorial claws, the shrimp is an ambush assassin without equal.

As an ambush species hiding in shallow sandy crevices and burrows, this Mantis Shrimp's need for speed lies not in the sprint, but in the lunge. It's very design reflects this. The shrimp's elongated, raptorial claws are lined with long, sharp spines which can stab, grip, or impale prey—literally before they know what hit them. Possessing a spring, latch, and lever



The Mantis Shrimp

There is a creature which moves with a speed we can scarcely fathom. Packing a punch as fast as a speeding bullet, this ambush predator cannot be tracked by the naked human eye.

structure, the shrimp boasts a spring-loaded strike. With energy stored within the folded, resting posture of the spearing claws, the unfolding motion triggers the muscle-assisted spring mechanism which launches the claws forward at nearly 3 meters per second. Factoring in the drag of water, this is remarkably fast and yet, just 1/10th the speed of its smaller Mantis Shrimp smashing cousins which crush their hard-shelled crustacean and mollusk prey with calcified club appendages. Let's consider this superpower more closely. The Mantis Shrimp's crossbow-like spring confers the fastest punch in the animal kingdom. Striking out with velocities approaching that of a speeding bullet, Mantis Shrimp hit their prey at up to 30 meters per second. This

blistering speed generates power on the magnitude of a tiger's bite—1,500 Newtons of force. With portions of the strike exceeding 3 thousandths of a second, and our ability to track motion, the Mantis Shrimp is truly quicker than the human eye!

This speed delivers more than lightning strike capability to its fish or crustacean prey. Such nearly instantaneous displacement of water generates a hydrodynamic process known as cavitation. This formation of vapor bubbles within liquid at low pressure leads to the expansion and collapse of the bubbles which generate massive amounts of energy in the form of an actual underwater shock wave. Whether we're talking spears or smashers, we're talking acceleration which generates enough power to

kill prey without contact. Now that's speed!

Yet a superweapon of such speed requires a targeting system to deliver its power. That's where the Mantis Shrimp's complement of amazing abilities is truly revealed. With the unmatched ability to express up to 16 visual pigments, as well as the ability to detect a far wider range of light and color than humans—including ultraviolet and polarized light, Mantis Shrimp possess the most complex visual receptors in the animal kingdom. Coupled with advanced independent upper and lower corneas separated by photoreceptors known as ommatidia, which aid in providing visual contrast, the Mantis Shrimp can move its eyes independently to track prey. Upon entering the field of

view of the shrimp, the eyes lock into place, focusing on the prey.

With a lineage going back



340 million years in the fossil record, these creatures have both benefited from Mother Nature's research and development, and stood the test of time. Such impressive abilities confer a huge survival edge to the Mantis Shrimp. With adaptations which match, and even exceed our technology, these primeval creatures show us that advanced capabilities may reside in ancient life forms. In order to discover what may be possible in our future, we must get better acquainted with species tracing their origins to the distant past. With movements approaching the speed of a bullet, and the most advanced vision in the animal kingdom, the Mantis Shrimp is a creature without equal. An underwater speedster which exceeds the ability of all terrestrial creatures, this small beast warrants a closer look...if only we could see the creature behind the blur.

Jim Knox serves as the Curator of Education for Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo and as a Science Adviser for The Bruce Museum. His passions include studying our planet's rarest creatures and sharing his work with others who love the natural world.