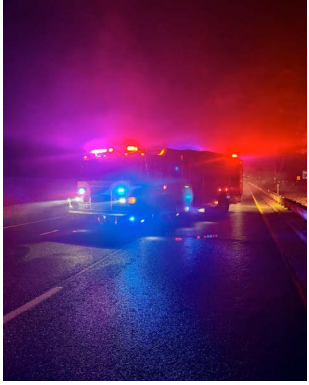




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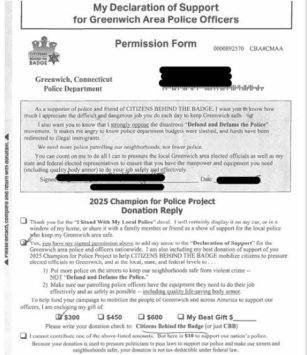
POLICE & FIRE

Crews Respond to Rollover Crash



Recently, Patrol 2 responded to a rollover crash on the Merritt Parkway, assisting state police by closing both northbound lanes and redirecting traffic through a rest stop while Engine 4 and Engine 8 stabilized the vehicle. Crews worked at night in icy conditions, prioritizing scene protection for safety. Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol, an all-volunteer fire service since 1927, encourages those interested in joining to contact recruitment@ccfpp.org. Photo Credit: Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol

Citizens Behind the Badge No Connection with GPD



Residents who have received a flyer from "Citizens Behind the Badge" should be aware that while the organization is a registered charity, it has no connection to the Greenwich Police Department. Despite the implication of law enforcement ties, the department remains unaffiliated with the group in any capacity. Photo Credit: Greenwich Police Department

FROM TOWN HALL

Greenwich Proposes \$523 Million Budget

Greenwich First Selectman Fred Camillo proposed a \$523 million budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year, a 4.33% increase, allocating funds for school renovations, infrastructure projects, and new equipment. For more information, see the Greenwich Sentinel article from our 1/31/25 issue or visit GreenwichSentinel.com.

Greenwich Approves Fire Truck Purchase

Greenwich fire officials secured \$150,000 from the Board of Estimate and Taxation to purchase a

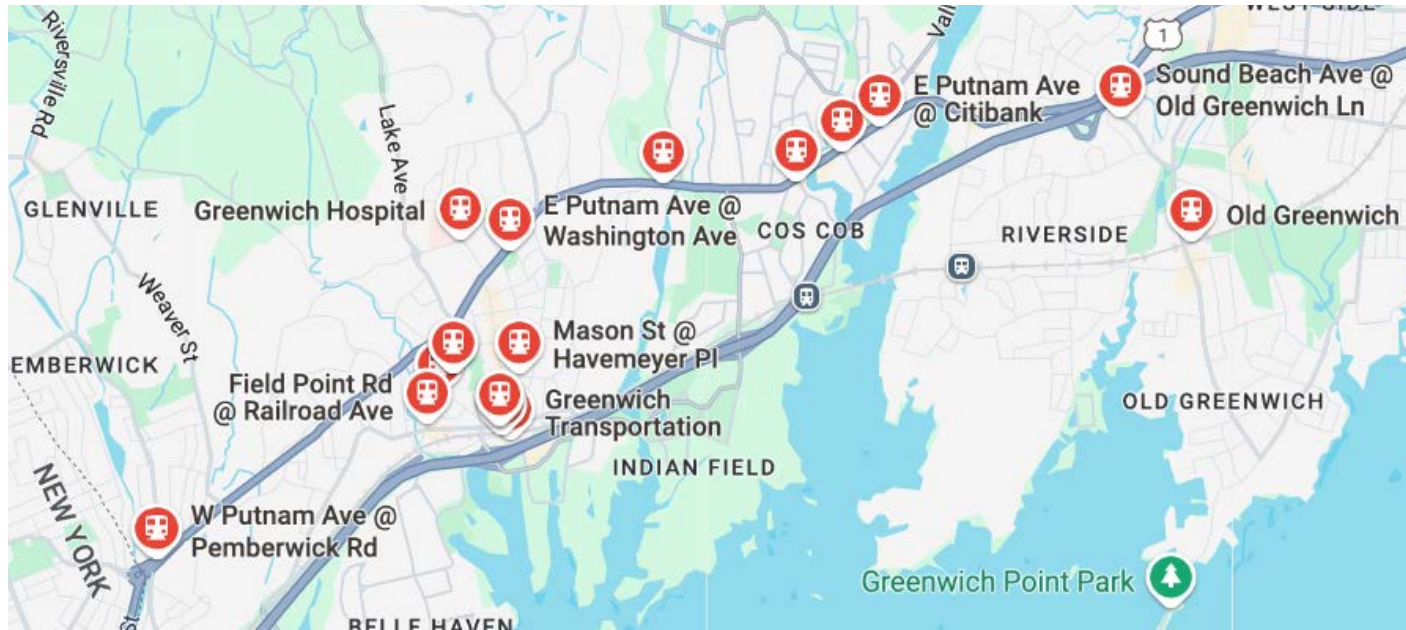
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Green Thoughts

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

"A Who's Who of pesticides is therefore of concern to us all. If we are going to live so intimately with these chemicals eating and drinking them, taking them into the very marrow of our bones - we had better know something about their nature and their power."

Rachel Carson, "Silent Spring," 1962.



This map highlights train stations and bus pickup locations in Greenwich that would be impacted by HB 6831. If enacted, the legislation would allow for higher-density housing within a one-half-mile radius of these transit points, overriding local zoning laws on height, parking, environmental and flooding concerns, and setbacks. Developments in these areas would be permitted "as of right" without public hearings. Municipalities that do not opt in risk losing eligibility for discretionary state infrastructure funding.

Greenwich Residents Mobilize; Over 20 Testify Against HB 6831

BY ANNE WHITE

Connecticut lawmakers are revisiting a controversial housing bill aimed at encouraging transit-oriented development, a move that could significantly alter local zoning policies in towns like Greenwich and New Canaan. The proposal, previously known as "Work, Live, Ride" under HB 5390 in 2024, has been reintroduced in the current legislative session as HB 6831, with provisions that prioritize state funding for municipalities that opt into high-density housing near transit hubs.

The bill comes as Connecticut faces ongoing housing affordability challenges. According to the Connecticut Association of Realtors, the state's median home price increased by 8.7% in 2023, outpacing wage growth and limiting affordability for middle-income households. Rental prices have also climbed, with the state's rental vacancy rate dropping to

3.2% in 2024, the lowest in over a decade. Advocates argue that transit-oriented development (TOD) can help alleviate housing shortages by creating higher-density communities near public transportation, making it easier for workers to live closer to jobs.

State Rep. Tina Courpas, who replaced Rachel Khanna and now serves on the Housing Committee, has been working alongside Sen.

on wetlands, environmental regulations, flooding, and clear-cutting concerns. Courpas strongly opposes HB 6831, citing its coercive funding structure.

"There's nothing stopping municipalities from developing near transit hubs now. This law is about the heavy hand of the state government coercing Towns with a stick to develop in transit areas. There is no good choice for a Town

She also raised concerns about the bill's vague environmental provisions. "As a coastal community, Greenwich must have a say in how development affects our waterfront and surrounding infrastructure. The language in this bill does not make it clear whether local voices will be heard on these critical environmental concerns."

The public hearing for the bill was lengthy, stretching from 10:30 AM to midnight. According to Courpas, opposition was widespread, with testimony against the bill coming from first selectpersons, local residents, municipal advocacy organizations like Connecticut 169 Strong, and representatives from the Connecticut Office of Small Towns.

"There was a lot of testimony against the Bill," Courpas said. "Even lawmakers from rural communities voiced concerns,

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"The language in this bill does not make it clear whether local voices will be heard on these critical environmental concerns." ~State Rep. Tina Courpas

Ryan Fazio to track and address all legislative proposals affecting local zoning control. Their goal is to catch bills in committee that could override local decision-making

to make. If a Town opts into the TOD framework, it loses local control. If a Town doesn't opt in, it is penalized financially," Courpas said.

COLUMN

BY ADAM ROHDIE

Prior to arriving in Greenwich in 2004 to take the helm at Greenwich Country Day School, I had the opportunity to work under a variety of leadership styles. As I was contemplating the type of leader I wanted to be, there was one attribute that was non-negotiable for me. The most effective leaders I have worked for or studied, the ones that are highly respected, trusted, and effective have one thing in common. Those that were far less successful were lacking in this attribute, or at least it was not apparent in their leadership style. That characteristic is kindness.

Kind leaders are not only more respected and admired, but they also create more productive and engaged teams. I am not talking about being soft or weak. It's about treating others with respect, empathy, and compassion. It's about creating a culture where everyone feels valued and supported. Leading with kindness is not just the right thing to do, it's also a smart organizational strategy. It creates a workplace where employees thrive, teams excel, and the organization as a whole achieves greater success.

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

This mantra is painted on the walls in our Upper Elementary School. While short as a sentence, its power is profound. As I look around the world, I see kindness disappearing.

COLUMN

BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

Speak appreciatively to your reflection in the mirror. In ten years, you'll miss the body you have now. No body ever changes in response to disparagement. Talk about your body as you would want a friend to talk about his or hers. Consider people listening, especially your friends and your children. If you are unkind in the ways you speak about your body, chances are your friends and your children will speak unkindly about their own.

Put exercise and other forms of self-care that you enjoy on your calendar as you would any other appointment. You are worth it. Your body has literally been supporting you all your life. It works hard.

Marta is more comfortable with her body at 55 than she was when she was younger. She finally likes her body and wishes that

Be Kind

A recent Greenwich Time article just detailed that 700 people have quit refereeing basketball in Connecticut because of the abuse they receive from coaches and fans. Politicians use vile name calling as an accepted tactic. Planes crash to the ground, wildfires rage and rather than showing compassion and kindness, leaders lash out at anyone and everyone to place blame and spread vitriol. Social media provides a platform for teens to be incredibly mean-spirited and do it in a way that is almost anonymous. News feeds are quick to share when a celebrity says something cruel about another and very rarely do we get to see stories that shine a light on behavior that is kind.

I am not advocating for a world where everyone holds hands and sings kumbaya (although there would be something nice about that), rather I think disagreement has to be handled in a different way. The idea that the world is a binary and people are either friend or enemy is misguided. I teach a junior/senior elective in our Upper School titled Great American Debates. We start each semester with an exploration of Hobbes and Rousseau and I ask our students to decide whether we live in a selfish, self-centered world, where left to our own devices life would be "short, nasty, and brutish" (Hobbes). Or do we live in a world where humans are essentially good and it is society itself that actually corrupts them (Rousseau). In his book Humankind (which our

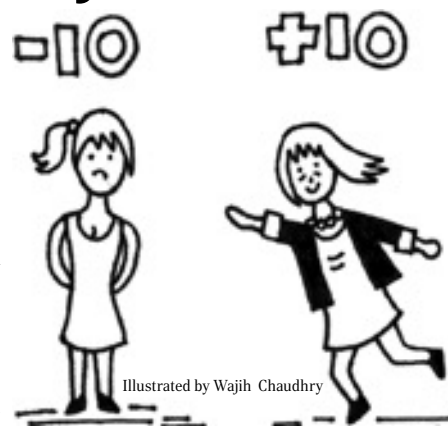
students engage with), Rutger Bregman argues that we live in a world where 97% of people believe in the Hobbesian approach to human behavior. That is, that humans are essentially selfish and not kind. Bregman argues that novels like Lord of the Flies further engrain this belief in our minds.

Yet, in the real world—and in a real life lord-of-the-flies event where a group of prep school boys got stranded on a deserted island—humans act in caring and supportive ways. The boys in this real life story were stranded on the island of Ata. In an alternate outcome from the novel, the boys cared for one another, acted in a way that put their community ahead of their individual needs, and showed real kindness to each other. They did not, as William Golding portrayed in his fictional novel, beat each other to death.

February is a cold and dark month. It is easy to act like Puxatawnee Phil and run back into our den to hide for another six weeks. Instead, perhaps now more than ever, is the time to break out of the winter doldrums and show even the smallest act of kindness. So, whether you are the leader of an organization, or a member of a team, or a family, or a group of friends, help rewrite the narrative as inspiring role models for each other and our children. Let's remember the golden rule and treat others the way we would like to be treated—with kindness.

Adam Rohdie is the Head of School at Greenwich Country Day School.

Love Your Body Before You Miss It



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

Excerpted from Jill Woolworth's book, *The Waterwheel*, available at Diane's Books, Dogwood Bookstore, Amazon, and barnesandnoble.com.

she had appreciated her younger body more. She regrets that she let a number on a scale determine her self-worth. She doesn't call herself "bad" anymore when she eats something delicious and caloric.

Gil often spoke disparagingly about his extra pounds before his heart attack at 44. Now he talks about how grateful he is to be alive. He congratulates himself for working out three times a week and chooses his meals more thoughtfully. He has never felt better.

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questions linger: What would this shift mean for customers, and who would ultimately bear the financial burden?

State Senator Ryan Fazio, who represents New Canaan, Stamford and Greenwich, spoke at New Canaan's Town Hall on Monday, February 3, on his concerns about the likely sale of Aquarion Water Company to the quasi-governmental, New Haven-based Regional Water Authority (RWA). Flanked by a bevy of First Selectmen and women – Dionna Carlson of New Canaan, Toni Boucher of Wilton, Jon Zagrodsky of Darien and Jen Tooker of Westport – as well as State Rep. Tracy Marra, who represents Darien and Norwalk, Sen. Fazio and the other dignitaries expressed their diverse distress about the potential adverse effects of such a sale on their communities.

Sen. Fazio led by noting that, “we know Connecticut residents already pay far too high utility rates across the board. This [sale of Aquarion to the RWA] will only potentially add insult to injury.” According to Sen. Fazio, an analysis by the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel found that customers of the RWA paid about 50% higher water rates than did similar Aquarion customers.

Aquarion Water Company's

rates are set and regulated by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), which is “the neutral adjudicator and watchdog for consumers,” said Sen. Fazio. The RWA will not have its rates regulated and set by PURA: they will be set internally by the RWA, which Sen. Fazio said, “is a potential concern for utility customers here as it will provide more upward pressure on prices.” Sen. Fazio further noted that the RWA also can charge consumers back the entire \$2.4 billion purchase price, whereas another purchaser of Aquarion, “would only be able to charge back a smaller amount.”

Another worry of Sen. Fazio is the potential for, “underweight representation,” of the Aquarion customer base on the RWA's Regional Water Authority Board, even though the Aquarion customer base is substantially larger than that in the RWA's legacy area.

The process that facilitated this potential sale, which required legislative action in Hartford, was, in Sen. Fazio's words, “one of the worst examples of governmental abuse that I've seen in my four years in office.” Sen. Fazio went on to say that, “we did not see the verbiage of the legislation until a couple of hours before we



L-R, First Selectwoman Toni Boucher of Wilton, First Selectwoman Dionna Carlson of New Canaan, Rep. Tracy Marra, Sen. Ryan Fazio, First Selectwoman Jen Tooker of Westport and First Selectman Jon Zagrodsky of Darien discuss risks of the potential sale of Aquarion Water Company to the Regional Water Authority in New Canaan's Town Hall.

had to vote on it. As members of the Energy and Technology Committee, which has oversight over these issues, we had never heard of the policy proposal at all.”

Rep. Marra said, “this process has become deeply frustrating.”

“The recent sale of Aquarion to Regional Water Authority still has not addressed the concerns I expressed when this issue first surfaced last year. I would hope their assurances that they stated last year about the pilot taxes and not raising rates for our residents will hold,” said Greenwich First Selectman Fred Camillo in a statement to the *Sentinel* regarding the sale. “Their public statements will now be scrutinized. I will certainly be following up on my previous concerns.”

New Canaan's First Selectwoman Dionna Carlson expressed worry that, “our

property taxes are likely to be significantly diminished,” by the change in ownership. This is because a private utility such as Aquarion pays property taxes, whereas the RWA does not. Most recently, Aquarion paid New Canaan around \$375,000 in, “property taxes that we are entitled to from the company,” noted Carlson. The RWA will likely pay affected towns a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes). However, the amount, and whether such an amount is fixed or subject to change, is not yet determined. Carlsoon was also concerned that the RWA would not support its infrastructure as well as Aquarion has, with implications for customer service quality. Remarked Carlson, “Aquarion was a great partner for our community, and I want to make sure that our customers ... get the kind of service that they

are entitled to.”

First Selectwoman Jen Tucker of Westport remarked that the, “RWA runs a much more expensive operation [than Aquarion] and the governance over the operation is questionable. So I do believe it will lead to increased water prices, and that is absolutely something our residents cannot accept.”

Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodsky noted that Aquarion has a strong service record – a record the RWA does not share. In addition, he suggested customers should take note of their current water bills, and compare them to those from the RWA if the deal goes through, and to “speak up.”

Wilton's Toni Boucher stressed that the potential underrepresentation of the Aquarion customer base with the RWA would be, “absolutely biased

and unfair.” She was also, “very concerned about the increase in costs,” that could affect her constituents.

Sen. Fazio and Rep. Marra, along with colleagues, are proposing to reform the oversight of the RWA, as well as to ensure that New Canaan and neighboring towns are “held harmless” financially by the sale of Aquarion.

As the sale of Aquarion Water Company moves through its final regulatory hurdles, local leaders remain resolute in their opposition, urging oversight agencies to scrutinize the deal's financial and governance structure.

With PURA, as well as regulatory bodies in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, still required to approve the transaction, officials like Sen. Fazio, First Selectman Carlson, and their colleagues continue to call for transparency and consumer protections.

The stakes extend beyond rising water rates—impacting local tax revenue, service quality, and representation on the newly formed Aquarion Water Authority's board.

As First Selectman Camillo made clear, the public statements and assurances made by RWA will not go unchecked. Whether regulators intervene or the sale proceeds as structured, the debate over the deal's fairness and long-term implications is far from over.

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Mars, with the bright Gemini stars Pollux and Castor nearby. Best seen with the naked eye or binoculars.

February 12: The Lantern Festival, the 15th and final day of Lunar New Year celebrations, marks the first full moon after the Lunar New Year. Cities across the world will celebrate with illuminated displays and lantern processions.

February 12: Full Moon, offering a spectacular view with the naked eye or a telescope to capture detailed lunar features.

The Lunar New Year, which began on January 29, marked the start of the Year of the Wood Snake in the traditional Chinese lunisolar calendar. The date is determined by the second new moon after the winter solstice, ensuring its placement between January 21 and February 20 each year. Followers of the Chinese zodiac believe the year's fortune is influenced by the Tai Sui, a set of deities thought to rotate opposite Jupiter.

Beyond planetary alignments, Venus itself will be a

focal point in early 2025. As it reaches its peak brightness in February, skywatchers will witness its unique phase cycle. Unlike the Moon, Venus is at its brightest not when it is “full,” but when it is a thinner crescent. The reason is distance—Venus appears fuller when it is on the far side of the Sun but is much farther from Earth. When it's closer to us, its phase becomes a crescent, but its apparent size in the sky increases, making it shine more brilliantly.

Later in the year, Venus and Jupiter will create a breathtaking display on August 12 when they align just one degree apart in the constellation Gemini. These two planets, the brightest in our night sky, will form what appears to be a “double star,” visible to the naked eye. Venus, glowing at a brilliant magnitude of -4, will overshadow Jupiter's still-impressive magnitude -2. The event coincides with the peak of the Perseid meteor shower, offering skywatchers a rare double feature—a luminous planetary alignment paired with one of the most dazzling meteor showers of the year.

NASA's predictions for 2025 go beyond this singular event. The coming year will feature three triple conjunctions, where the Moon joins two planets in a stunning celestial grouping. The first occurs in the predawn hours of April 25, when a waning crescent Moon

will pass close to Venus and Saturn, forming a celestial “smiley face.” For those with telescopes, Neptune will also be visible nearby. Mercury will make an appearance low on the horizon, though it will be challenging to spot.

The final triple conjunction of the year comes on September 19, featuring the Moon, Venus, and Regulus—the brightest star in Leo. In the eastern predawn hours, a thin, waning crescent Moon will move close to Venus and Regulus, creating an arrangement best seen through binoculars for sharp detail. Around this time, Venus and Regulus will already be in conjunction, with the Moon completing the trio for an unforgettable display.

For those keeping an eye on the night sky, 2025 will be a year to remember. Whether it's the cosmic pairing of Venus and Jupiter, the rare triple conjunctions, or the steady presence of bright planets throughout the year, NASA has given us a detailed roadmap to celestial wonders. No special equipment is needed—just a clear sky and the curiosity to look up.

For those wanting to bring a piece of the cosmos indoors, NASA recommends tools like Mova Globes, which offer a rotating view of Earth, the Moon, and beyond. But nothing compares to witnessing the real thing. Keep your eyes to the sky, because the universe is putting on a show.



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saying they don't have the infrastructure to support what this Bill mandates. I will oppose it in the House at every possible opportunity because the District is resoundingly against it, and I don't believe it is good for Greenwich and Stamford."

First Selectman Fred Camillo submitted testimony to the legislature's Planning and Development Committee, calling the bill "both misleading and overreaching." Camillo criticized the so-called "opt-in" provision, stating that it is not truly voluntary.

"The 'opt-in' option makes this sound purely voluntary when in fact, it is threatening and punitive. Opt-in, or, as the bill states, your municipality will get 'deprioritized' (lose state funding)," Camillo wrote.

He argued that the legislation undermines local self-governance, a principle that has long defined Connecticut communities. "No one in a distant Capitol, figuratively and literally, knows what is better for a local government than those who live there and those who serve there," he stated.

Camillo warned that HB 6831 would force towns to cede zoning control to a state-appointed coordinator who could overrule local boards. "I have yet to meet a local official anywhere in the state who thinks that is a good idea."

He also pointed to the lack of environmental and historic preservation safeguards in the bill. "In a town like Greenwich, where we take pride in our historic venues and environmental protection measures as well as our local public housing efforts, this is a serious concern that threatens centuries of proud tradition of protection and progress," he wrote.

Camillo further raised concerns about the bill's elimination of public hearings for most developments, calling it an "undemocratic proposal being debated in the Constitution State."

Sen. Ryan Fazio, who successfully fought to block HB 5390 last year, echoed many of Courpas' and Camillo's concerns. "I'll offer better solutions at the beginning of the process. I'll debate it tirelessly on the front end, and on the back end, I'll be ready to filibuster it for many hours in the Senate if need be," he said in an interview with the Sentinel.

"The problem with a two-to-one legislature is that if they make something a top priority, it really

can't be stopped. If they make it a mid- or lower-level priority, it becomes something that you can contend with and potentially stop in the minority," Fazio said.

He also questioned the bill's funding structure. "The concern is that towns that don't opt in may find it harder to access funding that was previously available. Limited resources mean prioritization inherently impacts others."

Fazio indicated plans to introduce amendments to narrow the bill's scope. "I'm definitely going to propose amendments to this to narrow the funding to just issues related to sewer and water expansion. So it's very specific and would retain the ability of our town to be eligible for hundreds of millions of funding. And I'll lower the prescribed zoning as well."

Gov. Ned Lamont has expressed support for TOD policies, citing potential economic benefits. Studies from the National Association of Realtors have shown that TOD developments can increase foot traffic to local businesses, though the impact varies depending on existing infrastructure. When asked about the governor's position, Fazio noted, "I think he has indicated, the news reports have indicated, that he would sign it." Whether HB 6831 advances will depend on legislative priorities and the political capital invested by its proponents.

As the legislative process unfolds, local officials and residents are encouraged to engage and provide feedback before further action is taken.

Residents can contact their local representatives and senator to share their opinions:

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For those interested in reading the full testimony from Greenwich residents, visit the Sentinel website at www.GreenwichSentinel.com/6831.



Blanche Lazzell (American, 1878-1956), *Church Around the Corner*, 1949. Oil on canvas, 28 x 36 3/16 in. Art Museum of West Virginia University Collection, acquired through Frances Sellers. © Estate of Blanche Lazzell.

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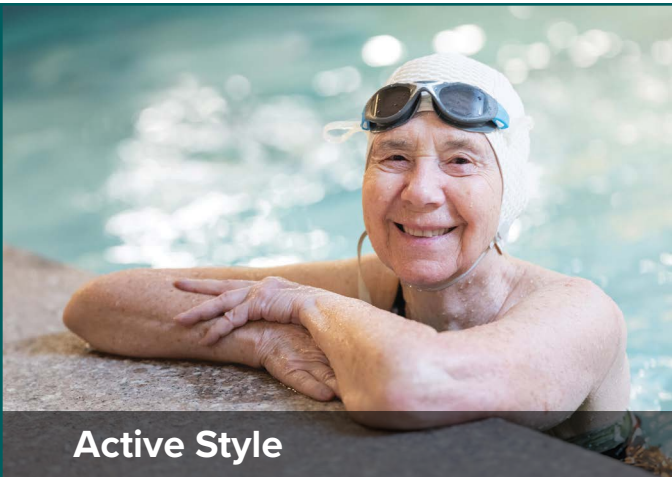
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Pollinator Potluck Forum Brings Leaders Working to Ban New DDT pesticide in CT

By ANNE W. SEMMES

Across the U.S concerns about the effects of highly toxic "neonicotinoid" pesticides on birds and insects

has led to legislation in several states outside of Connecticut. The move is on in Connecticut to push legislators to address that "new DDT"

chemical pesticide threat. Last Thursday the case was made before 75 at a Pollinator Potluck meeting at Greenwich Audubon.

In her introduction of speakers Rochelle Thomas, Audubon executive director, cited her board director Kim Gregory "for making these Pollinator Potlucks happen." First speaker Louise Washer was introduced as co-founder and board member of the Pollinator Pathways movement. "She serves as facilitator of its Pesticide Policy Committee. She worked to help pass the Birds and Bees Protection Act in New York last year and is an organizer of Connecticut Pesticide Reform (CPR), a coalition of conservation organizations and individuals working to advocate for organic land management policy in Connecticut, including immediate restrictions on the use of neonicotinoid pesticides."

Walsh noted a "New York Times" news report in 2017 for triggering the creation of CPR. "The Germans did a good job of keeping track of flying insects since 1989," told Walsh. By year 2017, "they'd seen 76 percent decline in all flying insects." That report had resonated with Washer as a Norwalk resident heading up the Norwalk River Watershed Association and having helped start up Pollinator Pathways. "We were all seeing fewer insects on our windshields" and "bumble bee species are down 96 percent...We heard a lot about colony collapse with honeybees, which all raised the alarm."

"Threats to pollinators, loss in fragmentation of habitat, that's huge," said Washer. But for this talk, "Pesticides and lawn chemicals are our focus," and "The connection between pollinators and insects and birds is a really strong one." She asked, "Does anybody know what percent of terrestrial birds rely on insects to survive?" Ninety percent was an answer. "That's pretty good, its 96 percent." And "We've lost three billion birds in the last 50 years." And "The birds that rely on insects are the ones that have declined... So, what can we do to protect pollinators and birds - plant pesticide free native plants."

"Tonight," she continued, "we're going to focus on what we can do to support state policy that restricts the most harmful pesticides that we're seeing in our environment here...If you're going to use a [pesticide] product, look at the label. If your lawn company is going to use a product, have them take a picture of the label and Google what it is because

there are some things that are going to be really harmful."

In the US," she told, "we still use a lot of pesticides that have been banned in Europe, for example, neonicotinoids...banned in Europe for all outdoor uses since 2014. They're used mainly in Connecticut to kill grubs on lawns and used in agriculture on coated seeds." Neonicotinoids or neonics have been found "a key cause of the decline in monarch butterflies," she said, and she cited the EPA as being "far behind on all their analysis of neonics in the environment."

"These neonics also have terrible impacts on aquatic life...Neonics are toxic to birds even in small quantities." And when a corn seed coated with this pesticide, "grows up into the plant, the plant itself becomes poison to insects like the leaves, the pollen." And a single seed "is enough to kill a songbird."

Washer added, "We're seeing that neonicotinoids are not safe for people either. They're being so overused; they're getting into our groundwater." Studies over the last 30 years, she said "show that they cause harms, especially to children."

Joan Sequin was up next, as an "active member" of the Connecticut Coalition for Pesticide Reform (CPR). "She also co-chairs the land and water sector of the Greenwich Sustainability Committee," shared Thomas, "and she's a member of the Greenwich Pollinator Pathway." Sequin first gave the history of CPR. "We formally came together in 2022 to pass legislation on neonics and to ban its use on non-agricultural settings, which means mostly lawns and turf."

There was success in banning some toxic pesticides but not with neonics. Things came to a head in 2024 with the Senate told Sequin. "The Senate actually introduced their own language to regulate neonics. And unfortunately, this language wasn't ideal... The opposition was claiming that the science behind banning neonics and trouble with neonics was debatable and confusing - that they should leave it up to the EPA to deal with."

So, "CPR decided to turn our attention to researching and compiling our own collecting of neonic data in Connecticut," said Sequin. The challenge was, "Connecticut DEEP doesn't have a surgical platform that allows you to track where, when, and how

much pesticides are being applied in our landscape. We focused on water quality," and "since neonics dissolved easily in water when you're finding them in our watershed, it's a clear indication that they're being applied to our surrounding landscapes." Thus, "Are these neonics finding their way into our drinking water systems?" Of 218 pesticides sampled for 30, only neonics were showing up in the river "above federal benchmarks."

UCONN's Center for Environmental Science and Engineering would step in and report, "that water quality monitoring shows that neonics frequently and consistently appear in Connecticut surface waters at levels expected to cause significant harm to the state's aquatic ecosystems, and which also represent the potential for human health problems." And "Neonics are increasing through time... And this persistent exposure suggests near constant stress on our aquatic insects throughout all life stages... And fewer bugs mean less food for fish and birds."

For why they cannot wait for the EPA "to regulate neonics and why we need to do it at the state level," Sequin brought back Louise Washer. "The EPA is so under-resourced when it comes to addressing all the chemicals that are coming into our environment," she said. "They are completing less than five percent of their pesticide annual registration review. And we've been waiting for years for them to act to review neonics and we don't know it's

going to ever happen."

Thus, "We have to really act at a state level...We've come up with a group of really smart, amazing partners to think about what the best way is to take action at the state level that won't harm farmers and landscapers or make the least burden on them."

Washer then passed the microphone to Robert L a F r a n c e , A u d u b o n Connecticut Director of Policy. "My role is a little bit of a diplomat" he began, and with Washer and Seguin planning on presenting a bill at a public hearing, "we're going to testify in favor of that." He then asked all present, to reach out to a member of the General Assembly, "whether it's your State Senator Fazio, or any number of other folks who are state representatives here...and tell them that this is an important issue to you and then explain why. We're trying to get them to enact a law that prohibits the use of neonicotinoids."

"We're going to give the industry some time, to not actually have to implement it until 2028 or 2029, giving them the opportunity to move from that particular type of pesticide to something else... So, we think that's a very balanced approach. That public hearing will then go to a vote to get the bill out of the environment committee. And "If you know legislators who might be able to have an impact... that's going to be really helpful to our cause. It's one thing we can do all together to bring our voices to the General Assembly in Hartford."

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Sharing Friendship and Service



Sharon Lee and Ryeo-Jin Kang

BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

Sharon Lee began volunteering with Meals-on-Wheels last Fall and since then she has been joined by her friend, Ryeo-Jin Kang. Together, they deliver meals along the downtown Greenwich route, combining the benefit of exercise with the joy of spending quality time together. Their dedication to both serving the community

and nurturing their friendship makes their volunteer work even more meaningful. If you would like to support Meals-on-Wheels by volunteering, partnering on a project, or making a financial contribution—please contact us at 203-869-1312, via email at mealsonwheelsgreenwich@outlook.com, or our website mealsonwheelsgreenwich.org.

AARP Foundation Tax Help

Sponsored by the AARP Foundation, IRS-certified volunteer tax counselors are offering free income-tax preparation assistance. Days and hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays at Greenwich Town Hall in the Hayton Room, 3rd floor beginning Tuesday, February 4th, ending Friday, April 11th and Saturdays at the Greenwich Main Library from 9:30 AM until 1:30 PM, beginning January 31st, ending April 12th.

Taxpayers need to bring a photo ID, Social Security cards for themselves, their spouses and any dependents, birth dates and a blank check for their bank account for direct deposit in case a refund is expected. The check will be returned and only used to show the routing and account numbers. They must also bring in all their tax documents including: wage and earning

statements from employers -- W-2's, retirement income -- 1099-R's and any other income --1099-NEC's and 1099-MISC's; all health insurance statements and Affordable Health Care statements -- Form 1095-A; interest and dividend statements from banks -- Form 1099's; and a copy of their federal and state tax returns from last year.

Married couples who are filing jointly will both have to sign the tax return.

Taxpayers will be served by appointment only at Greenwich Town Hall. Appointments can be made by emailing greenwichtaxaid@gmail.com or calling (203) 594-6058.

Saturday assistance at the Greenwich Main Library is on a first come, first served basis. Arriving clients may be asked to return at a future date if the volunteer tax preparers are already at capacity for the day.



Olga Litvinenko, President of USA for Ukraine

Rotary Welcomes USA for Ukraine

Last Wednesday, the Greenwich Rotary Club had the honor of hosting Olga Litvinenko as our guest speaker. Invited by Sally Parris and arranged by our Speaker Chair, Suzanne Branch, Ms. Litvinenko delivered a compelling and heartfelt presentation about her organization, USA for Ukraine, and the incredible humanitarian work being done in response to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine.

As the President and Co-Founder of USA for Ukraine, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Ms. Litvinenko has dedicated herself to providing both humanitarian and animal aid to those affected by the full-scale invasion in Ukraine. Born in Kyiv, Ukraine, and raised in Greenwich, CT, she has remained deeply connected to both communities. Over the past 2.5 years, she has traveled to Ukraine more than 30 times, bringing direct assistance to those in need and raising awareness and funding for critical relief efforts.

Her journey in philanthropy began with helping friends and relatives in Ukraine, which expanded into broader refugee assistance at the start of the full-scale invasion. Recognizing the urgent and growing need, she formally established USA for Ukraine to ensure sustained aid efforts. Today, the organization focuses on five key initiatives:

- Cultural Preservation
- Women & Children
- Sustainability
- Animal Aid
- Supporting Greenwich's Sister City, Izyum

Beyond her work with USA for Ukraine, Ms. Litvinenko has a strong background in philanthropy, serving on committees for local organizations such as the Greenwich United Way, Greenwich Hospital Foundation, and the Bruce Museum. Her deep commitment to innovation, creativity, and social impact drives her mission to make a meaningful difference in the world.

Ms. Litvinenko's presentation was both outstanding and passionate, leaving a lasting impression on our members. Her dedication to helping those in crisis, preserving cultural heritage, and fostering resilience is truly inspiring. The Greenwich Rotary Club is grateful for her time and for sharing her vision of hope, action, and unwavering support for Ukraine.

For those interested in learning more or supporting her cause, visit USA for Ukraine.

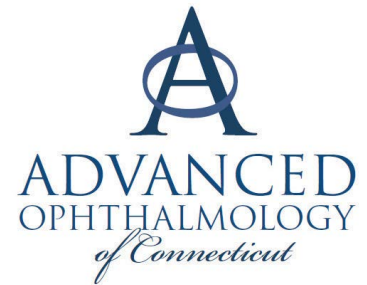
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Lifesaving Mission

Disasters come suddenly, without ceremony or warning. A house fire in the night. A flood that swallows a town whole. A storm that leaves families sifting through rubble, searching for what remains. In those moments, the American Red Cross is there, stepping forward as the light in a dark hour, bringing blankets, shelter, a warm meal, and the reassurance that help has arrived.

On April 26, 2025, at the Riverside Yacht Club in Riverside, Connecticut, the Metro New York North Chapter of the Red Cross will host the 39th Annual Red & White Ball, its signature fundraising event. This night is about more than elegance and speeches—it is about honoring the quiet heroes among us. The honorees at this year's Ball have faced hardship and risen above it, offering their courage to those in need. Their stories remind us of an essential truth: the most powerful force in any disaster is not the wind, the water, or the flames, but the human will to help another.

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The Red Cross does not operate on sentiment. It operates on action. And last year, its Metro New York North Chapter put that action into motion:

2,214 smoke alarms installed, making 654 homes safer for families who might never have considered fire a real threat—until it was.

87 home fires and disasters responded to, assisting 348 families who woke one day to find their world turned upside down.

1,093 services delivered to military members, veterans, and their families, because no one who has served should face hardship alone.

8,932 units of lifesaving blood distributed, the quiet miracle that keeps hospitals running and patients breathing.

23,477 people trained in health and safety skills, ensuring that when the unexpected strikes, someone nearby knows what to do.

None of this happens without generosity. The Red Cross also works tirelessly to reunite separated members of families, ensuring that loved ones find each other even in the most chaotic of circumstances. It shelters people—and often their pets—until they no longer need it, offering stability in the midst of uncertainty. The Red & White Ball is an opportunity not only to celebrate the resilience of others but to be part of their recovery. It is a chance to look at disaster—not as something that happens to other people, in other places—but as a test of what we are willing to do for each other.

There are many ways to be part of this work. Attending the Ball, sponsoring a table, or making a direct donation—each act of giving becomes a lifeline. Those interested can visit redwhiteball25.givesmart.com for more information.

We know that the Ball Co-Chairs—Sophie Bosch de Hood, William Hood, and Lauren E. Walsh—along with Stephanie Dunn Ashley, CEO of the Metro New York North Chapter, are incredibly grateful to those who have already answered the call to help. Every dollar given, every hand extended, makes a difference.

Disasters will come, as they always have. But the measure of a community is found in its response. Will we turn away, or will we step forward? The Red Cross chooses the latter, again and again. And for that, it needs all of us.

Editorial Page

OPED

Greenwich Rink Plan Gets Fresh Start with New Task Force



By FRED CAMILLO

The recent RTM vote on the Hamill Rink has been described as a setback in the quest for a new ice rink in Town. While it will cost us a little more time, it is also an opportunity to get right back to work with a new set of eyes in the form of a new task force that can build upon the information researched over the past several years and marry that with any new ideas, thoughts, and additional research.

The Dorothy Hamill Rink, first erected with just a slab of ice and boards in 1972, is long past its time. The recently debated rink proposal had one thing everyone agreed on: We need a new rink.

For the past 53 years, even as the Town built the rink up, piece by piece, into what we have today, there was no consensus on how to provide a high functioning rink that would offer our residents the same type of facility that most other towns and cities have.

Now, we have arrived at a point where we are not only fighting the clock in regard to the useful life of Hamill Rink, but also need to settle on an exact site so that the process can begin.

In January the Representative Town

I listened and am determined to work together to bring our community the new skating rink that it deserves

Meeting rejected awarding Municipal Improvement for the proposed rink design due to a wide variety of reasons. In the wake of the RTM's decision, I have decided to assemble a new nine-person Task Force to address the concerns and questions raised at the RTM meeting, and above all, show that I listened and am determined to work together to bring our community the new skating rink that it deserves. The proposed Task Force represents a broad coalition of stakeholders, who will now have the opportunity to be active participants and establish the path forward for the construction of a beautiful and modern new municipal skating rink.

The composition of the nine-member task force would be as follows:

Two RTM members to be chosen by the Moderator;

One member with construction experience;

One member affiliated with the skating community;

One member from the Selectmen's ADA

Advocacy Committee;

One member representing the Energy Management Advisory Committee (EMAC);

One member from the Byram Neighborhood Association;

One member representing the Board of Estimate & Taxation (BET); and

One member representing the Veterans groups in Town.

The representative for each entity shall be chosen by the chairperson of that organization. The chairperson of the Hamill Task Force shall be selected by its voting members.

To aid the task force in its work, I intend to have three liaisons from the Department of Public Works (DPW), Parks & Recreation, and P&Z, who will serve in an advisory capacity and assist the task force with understanding the history of the rink and the appropriate rules and regulations associated with a major capital project.

The task force is being asked to evaluate and consider all options for the location of a new skating rink and I would encourage them to review the resources compiled over the last 53 years, including but not limited to, the recent committee's work as well as any information generated by the Parks & Recreation and Public Works Departments.

Fred Camillo is the First Selectman of Greenwich and former State Representative

LETTER

RTM Vote Asks for a "Better Path Forward"

To the Editor:

Your editorial on January 24 about the Hamill Rink says the RTM was used as "an instrument of political interference" and called the vote a "premature challenge," "political posturing," and a "partisan battleground."

In fact, the authors of our Town Charter understood that projects can start down a wrong path. They intended the Municipal Improvement process to be an early check before a project gains momentum. In

Section 99 and 100, they said there shall be a Town Plan, that such Plan shall be adopted by the RTM, and that any one property owner could ask the RTM to confirm that a proposed project on Town land conforms to the goals of the Town Plan, before any money is spent except for studies and surveys.

You mention that 84% of survey respondents supported the flip, but fail to mention that only 25% supported building a temporary rink on Strazza Field while

58% favored building it on Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. The RTM vote was about building on Strazza Field. The vote was 52 in favor, 136 against, with 6 abstentions. All RTM votes are political, but few if any are partisan. The RTM vote says it wants the Town to find a better path forward.

Peter E. Berg

The writer served on the BET and for 22 years on the RTM including 12 years as chair of the RTM Land Use Committee

COLUMN

The Power of Self-Reflection and the Divine Mirror



By RABBI MITCHELL HURVITZ

One of the more frustrating elements of everyday life is accepting the reality that we are, in fact, human. We make mistakes, lose our tempers, and become angry, resentful, and grudge-bearers. It's a struggle we all face.

What do we do when confronted with our human fallibilities? Jewish tradition asserts what appears to be contradictory guidance:

- We must let another person know when they are doing something wrong.

- No matter how angry we are, we must always speak to another with the greatest sensitivity.

The second teaching modifies the first. The rabbis teach "that one should not pick up a twig to flick the wrist of another if they will then want to pick up a club and beat it over your head."

Halacha (Jewish law) guides how to offer a rebuke as a 'product of love,' meaning that our intention behind the rebuke should be to help the other person grow and improve, rather than express our own frustration or anger.

The rabbis understood that anger is a terrible quality and ineffective communication. When we are angry at someone, we are instructed to distance ourselves from our anger. This could mean taking a break, going for a walk, or engaging in a calming activity to cool down before addressing the issue.

When angry, we are to choose our words and behaviors to act in the opposite extreme of our innate feelings. Halacha only permits

us to raise our voices when we feel calm within and when our voice is raised merely for strategic effect.

The Torah warns explicitly against holding a grudge because this negative feeling will seep into all future dealings with the person we were upset with. Managing our anger with another person takes practice, but helpful strategies exist:

- During our daily prayers, we can reflect and self-evaluate why we are angry. This self-reflection empowers us to understand and manage our emotions.

- Leaving our prayerful reflections, we must consider how to communicate why we are angry effectively.

- When we are ready to communicate with the person we are angry with, we have a plan in place, and then we choose a safe time and place to speak with the other person.

- When meeting, we stay focused and remember that the key to our souls' tranquility is to remain calm and have our love intertwine with our words.

- When communicating what upsets us, it's also essential to be willing to listen to the other. This act of listening shows respect and consideration for the other person's feelings.

- Ask yourself, what does the person have to say, and is there any validity to their feelings and thoughts? As we don't personally possess a monopoly on Truth with a capital "T," we need to legitimately allow for the idea that we may be wrong or not 100% in the right.

- As we are forbidden to hold onto our grudges, we need to avoid blaming others or bringing up other wrongs that are not connected to the issue(s) we are angry about. Stay focused on the objective, but be mindful of the relationship. The goal is to repair, maintain, and strengthen a relationship with love.

How do we effectively manage not letting our hurts build up? We are supposed to act like we want others to behave towards us. "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Even when our loving actions and words are not reciprocated, we attempt to maintain

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our sense of self-worth. When all is said and done, how do we view ourselves in the Divine mirror when held up for our soul?

God's holding of the loving mirror to our souls is well captured in the extraordinary story of a rabbi with a distraught father who comes and sees him.

The rabbi gently asks: "What's the matter?"

The father tells him that his son is no longer practicing his faith.

The rabbi nods, places his hand on the father's shoulder, and asks, "Do you love your son?"

The father doesn't hesitate: "Of course, I love my son!"

The rabbi grips the man's shoulder more firmly and instructs him: "Then, while this is most difficult for you, love him even more!"

We're all human, but our anger can lead us to distance ourselves from humanity. Our loss of control makes us less human. So, we must implement behavioral and attitude supports that effectively help us manage our anger and maintain loving relationships with others.

Shabbat Shalom.

Temple Shalom's Senior Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz is a scholar, teacher, community activist and preacher, and is recognized as one of the prominent religious leaders in the Greenwich area and beyond. A frequent guest speaker at synagogues and churches, study groups, community institutions and universities, he is a charismatic personality who engages individuals and stimulates hearts and minds. His teachings can be found in Greenwich Sentinel and in other local and national publications.

NEWS BRIEFS

NEW BRIEFS From Page 1

20-year-old used fire engine to address fleet shortages caused by accidents and long manufacturing delays. The town's fire department has struggled with aging equipment, limited backup vehicles, and lengthy wait times for new trucks, with replacements not expected until 2026 and 2027. The funding request was approved 11-1, with one member objecting to the emergency process used to bypass additional town approvals.

AROUND TOWN

Federal Grant Freeze Rescinded

The White House's Office of Management and Budget issued a memo proposing a freeze on federal grants, which was later rescinded. Officials are monitoring the situation to assess any potential impact on municipalities like Greenwich.

North Street Bridge Replacement Approved

The North Street bridge will be demolished in June and replaced with a larger structure, set to reopen by August. A detour plan will direct traffic onto Old Church Road, a residential street. Officials will provide updates on closures and road conditions through standard communication channels.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Donna De Varona Empowers Future Leaders

Donna de Varona, a two-time Olympic gold medalist and sports broadcaster, will headline Girls With Impact's 5th Annual Gala, which supports leadership training for young women. As an advocate for gender equity in sports, she has played a key role in shaping policies like Title IX and the Amateur Sports Act. The event will highlight Girls With Impact's efforts to prepare 50,000 young women for leadership roles in business and beyond.

YWCA Greenwich Hosts Health Forum

On January 23, YWCA Greenwich's Center for Equity & Justice hosted its Annual Coretta Scott & Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Conversation, focusing on women's health equity. A panel of medical and policy experts discussed disparities in cancer rates, maternal health, and healthcare access. The event concluded with an interactive exercise on envisioning a more equitable healthcare system.

Barracudas Exceed Swim-a-Thon Goal

The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich held its 19th Annual Swim-a-Thon, with the Barracudas Swim Team raising over \$13,000, surpassing the \$10,000 goal. Fundraisers who raised more than \$500 will be recognized with a brick in the Clubhouse entryway. The event was supported by The ZAC Foundation and featured a playlist curated by Keystone members.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Residents Earn National Recognition

Three Greenwich residents—Stephanie Dunn Ashley, Sam Romeo, and Paul Cappiali—have been named 2024 Extra Mile Heroes by Extra Mile America for their contributions to the community. Ashley leads the American Red Cross Metro New York North Chapter and serves with the Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol; Romeo chairs the Board of Commissioners of Greenwich Communities and is a longtime volunteer; Cappiali is the town harbor master and supports various local charities. They were nominated and selected for their efforts to improve Greenwich.

Bruce Museum Appoints New Director

The Bruce Museum has appointed Mary-Kate O'Hare as its new Susan E. Lynch Executive Director and CEO, following a national search. O'Hare, who has 25 years of experience in curatorial and leadership roles, will begin on April 7, transitioning from her role as head of art advisory at Citi Private Bank. She will oversee the Museum's operations, exhibitions, and educational programs, managing a staff of 66 and a \$10 million budget.

SCHOOLS

GA Exhibition Explores Environmental Impact

Greenwich Academy's Luchsinger Gallery winter exhibition, Watersheds, features work by Leila Daw, Fritz Horstman, Kathryn Frund, and Rebecca Riley, focusing on water's role in the environment. The artists use various techniques to depict water's presence, absence, and the impact of human activity. The exhibition title refers to both natural water systems, such as the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound, and the concept of environmental change.

Whitby Mathletes Advance to State

Whitby School's Mathletes placed second at the MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competition at Fairfield University on February 1. Seven Middle School students qualified for the State Championship at Yale University, the largest group in Whitby's history and the most from any school this year. MATHCOUNTS is a national competition for students in grades 6-8.

Riverside Students Shine On Stage



Riverside School's gymnasium was converted into a French village for Beauty and the Beast Jr. over Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. The annual Winter Musical, sponsored by the Riverside PTA, featured fourth and fifth graders performing the classic story for sold-out audiences. Students spent weeks preparing for the production, which included musical numbers, custom stage props, and a full cast bringing the tale to life. Photo Credit: Riverside School

Sacred Heart Students Explore History



Sacred Heart Greenwich fifth graders visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art to study ancient Egyptian artifacts as part of their history unit. They then toured the Convent of the Sacred Heart on 91st Street and had lunch there. The trip reinforced their studies and connection to the Sacred Heart network. Photo Credit: Sacred Heart

GPS Recognizes Excellence

Greenwich Public Schools named 61 employees as January 2025 "Difference Maker" award recipients for their contributions to the school community. The award, given monthly, recognizes full- and part-time staff who make a significant impact. Each school will hold individual ceremonies to honor the recipients.

SPORTS

GA Squash Wins Nationals



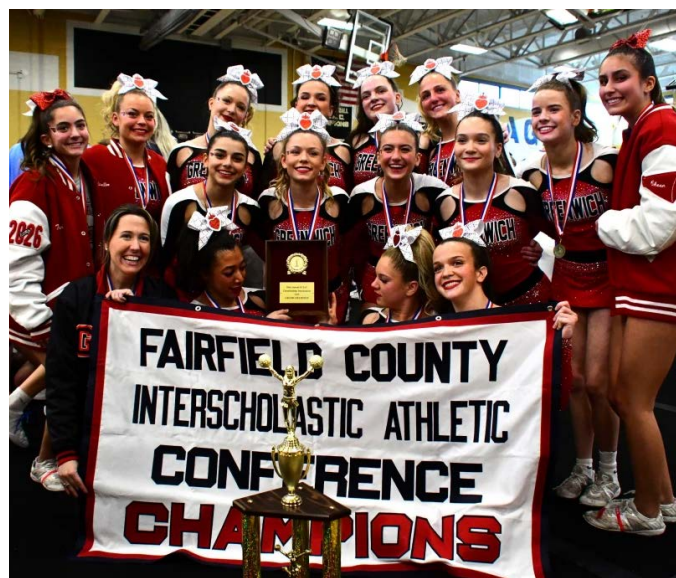
Greenwich Academy's Middle School Gators squash team won its 10th Division 1 national title and second consecutive championship. The Green team placed fifth in Division 1, and the Gold team finished second in Division 2. Photo Credit: Greenwich Academy

GHS Ski Team Gains Momentum

Greenwich High School's boys alpine skiing team has shown steady improvement throughout the season, with standout performances from captains Owen Benison and Thaddeus Whittle. The Cardinals have consistently placed well in Connecticut Ski League meets at Mount Southington, with Benison, Steven Hartofilis, and others earning top individual finishes. With the state championships approaching, the team remains focused on growth, teamwork, and strong postseason results.

GHS Speeds Past Darien Defense

Greenwich High School's boys basketball team defeated Darien 59-40, using a fast-paced transition game to take control after a slow first quarter. Junior Sandro Scott led the Cardinals with 16 points, while senior guards Matthew Maloney and Blake Martin added 14 and 13 points, respectively, with strong fastbreak play. Junior center Michael Golden dominated inside, contributing a double-double as Greenwich secured its fourth win in six games.



Greenwich High School's varsity cheerleading team made history on Feb. 1 by winning the FCIAC Grand Championship for the first time, earning the highest score of the competition with 96.15 points. Coached by Julia Vyskocil and led by captains Sierra Erensen, Sierra Rollins, and Jane Trager, the Cardinals outperformed 12 other teams, finishing 4.5 points ahead of runner-up Danbury. The team now sets its sights on the Connecticut state championship, scheduled for March 1. Photo Credit: Greenwich Sports Beat

GA Secures Hard-Fought Victory

Greenwich Academy edged out Sacred Heart Greenwich 4-3 in a closely contested varsity ice hockey matchup at Chelsea Piers Connecticut on Jan. 29. Emma Harrison led GA with two goals, while Sacred Heart's Ainsley Clough and Lauren Clark each found the net for the Tigers, who are in their first season as a varsity program. Both teams showcased strong play, with GA securing the win just before the second intermission and holding off a late push from Sacred Heart.

Girls Basketball Unbeaten

Greenwich High School's girls basketball team remains undefeated at 14-0, holding the top spot in the CIAC Class LL rankings and leading the FCIAC with a perfect 9-0 record. The Cardinals secured their latest win with a 59-41 victory over Danbury, fueled by freshman Zuri Faison's dominant 26-point, 17-rebound, seven-steal performance. Head coach Megan Wax credited the team's strong ball movement, defensive pressure, and leadership as key factors in their continued success.

GHS Hockey Dominates Fairfield Co-op

Greenwich High School's boys hockey team dominated Fairfield Warde/Ludlowe co-op with a 9-0 victory, fueled by a five-goal second period and contributions from eight different players. The Cardinals ended a four-game losing streak with the win, outshooting their opponent 41-9 and securing a shutout with goalies Luka Priatka and Jason Rensenthal. Coach Jack Duffey praised the team's consistency and shooting mentality, while players credited their strong defensive play and energy.

LOCAL POLITICS

Hahn Elected Greenwich RTC Chair

Michael Hahn was elected chair of the Greenwich Republican Town Committee (RTC) on Wednesday with near-unanimous support after the resignation of Jerry Cincotta, who had served less than a year. The RTC nominates and supports local Republican candidates. Hahn emphasized party unity and the need to focus on winning elections as he took on the role.

Fazio Welcomes Dundee Students to Capitol



State Senator Ryan Fazio welcomed third graders from the International School at Dundee to the Capitol. He encouraged constituents to visit while the legislature is in session. Fazio emphasized the Capitol's historical and governmental significance.

FROM HARTFORD

Attorneys Gen. Warn Federal Employees

Attorney General William Tong and ten other attorneys general warned federal employees about the Trump administration's "deferred resignation" program, which offers continued pay and benefits through September 30, 2025, for those who resign by February 6. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) emailed federal employees on January 28 and 30, outlining the program and stating that those who do not resign are not guaranteed job security. Federal employee unions cautioned members that the offer does not guarantee the promised benefits.

Lamont Proposes Stronger Hate Crime Laws

Governor Ned Lamont announced a proposal to consolidate Connecticut's hate crime statutes into a single chapter of the state's legal code to simplify enforcement and prosecution. The bill, developed with the Connecticut Hate Crimes Advisory Council, would standardize terminology and remove the requirement that a defendant act "maliciously" to align with other states' laws. The proposal includes over a dozen existing hate crime offenses and will be presented during his budget address on February 5, 2025.

ACROSS CT

CT Expands Contraception Access Statewide

Connecticut pharmacists can now complete a training program developed by the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy to prescribe contraception directly to patients. The program, approved by the Department of Consumer Protection, is optional, takes four hours, costs \$40, and counts toward pharmacists' continuing education requirements. Additionally, the state has introduced its first vending machines for emergency contraception and other over-the-counter medications.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Positive Directions Secures Grant

A non-profit, Positive Directions, received \$57,000 in state funding for cannabis prevention efforts in Norwalk, New Canaan, Weston, and Wilton, as part of a larger \$570,000 grant from the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The organization also secured \$625,000 in federal funding for the Norwalk Partnership, which focuses on youth mental health and substance use prevention. Positive Directions is one of ten statewide grant recipients.

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FRANK PELUSO

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Frank Nicholas Peluso. Frank died peacefully at his home on February 2, surrounded by his devoted wife of 56 years and their five children. He was a beloved son, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was 94 years old.

Frank was known for his strong will, generosity and the smile he carried with him all the days of his life. Frank was an astute and accomplished attorney, whose career in private practice spanned almost seven decades. He was deeply involved in his community and St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, where he served for many years as Eucharistic Minister.

Frank was born June 15, 1930, to the late Charles Peluso and Antoinette Cofone Peluso. He was the oldest of three siblings. He was born in Greenwich, where he lived almost all of his life.

Frank attended St. Catherine's Elementary School. He then attended Fairfield Preparatory School. In 1948 he graduated from Greenwich High School, where he was team manager of the 1946 State Championship football team. Frank received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Business Administration, with a minor in Philosophy from Boston College in 1952. He earned a Doctor of Law, J.D. in 1955 from Fordham University School of Law. Frank was admitted to the bar in New York State as well as Connecticut.

Frank and his father, Charles, were partners in the building business of Charles P. Peluso & Son, Inc. They built dozens of houses in Old Greenwich, Riverside, mid-country and backcountry, many of which remain to this day. Frank was also a real estate broker.

In 1957, he joined the Stamford based law firm of D'Andrea & Hickey, where he was managing partner of the Greenwich office.

In 1964, Frank established the Law Offices of Frank N. Peluso, PC. The firm was a general practice, which continued until his retirement in recent years. Over his career, he mentored many apprentice attorneys, who went on to work in various facets of the law.

In 1965 he became President of the Junior Bar of Lower Fairfield County. He was active in civic and benevolent organizations. Frank was the oldest and longest active member of the Innis Arden Golf Club, which he joined in 1952. He was also a member of Greenwich Country Club, where he served on the Board of Governors in addition to being the attorney for the club.

Frank and Diana Peluso, (née Hashagen) married in Greenwich in 1968. He is survived by his wife and their five children: Nicole Peluso, Charles Peluso, II, Frederica McGannon, Frank Peluso, Jr. (Meredith) and Patrick Peluso (Marina). He is also survived by fifteen grandchildren: Lexa, (Gabriel) Tristan (Brianna), Ava, Francesca, Charlie, Violetta, Henry, Heidi, Nicholas, Frank, Gwendolyn, Pearce, Lara, Aria, and Cassian, and one great-grandchild, Rosalind. He is also survived by a sister, Florence Nardino, a brother-in-law John Hashagen (Ellen) and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Antoinette and Charles Peluso, and a sister, Carol Lefebvre.

Frank truly loved people. He was committed to practicing law. He continued to try cases until the last years of his life. Frank enjoyed playing golf, watching the Yankees, listening to Frank Sinatra, and Italian food.

Above all, Frank was a family man. He treasured the summers in Italy with his wife and children. He made it a point to have family dinner at home every night. Each night he would select which of his children would say grace, a tradition which continued in later years with his grandchildren. He loved the house where he raised his family on Stanwich Road, a home that he and his father built, where he resided for 53 years. He would sit in front of the roaring fireplace, with a glass of Montepulciano, and spend time with his children and grandchildren.

He was a devoted son, loving husband, and affectionate father, whose loyalty to his family was unwavering. He will be remembered as the best Dad anyone could ever ask for. His spirit endures in the cherished memories of his wife, children and grandchildren.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Friday, February 7, from 4-7 p.m. at the Leo P. Gallagher and Son Funeral Home at 31 Arch Street, Greenwich, CT.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, February 8 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Church at 469 North Street, Greenwich. The burial will be private.



PATRICIA URSO

Patricia Henry Urso, of Cos Cob, CT, passed away on January 29. Pat was born in Stamford, CT on Halloween in 1935 to the late Charles and Mary Leonard Henry. She graduated Stamford High School in 1953, following St. John's School and recently attended her 70th high school reunion, reuniting with old friends and reminiscing about the good ole days! After Secretary school, Pat began her career as a switchboard operator at Machlett and AMF, then became an Executive Secretary. Known for her lovely voice and fun personality, Pat served in various roles at Brinks, Air Express and finally, Pyramid Real Estate.

Pat enjoyed crossword puzzles, pinocle with her mom, brother and husband, and Rummy 500 with anyone who didn't mind losing! She rarely missed the daily doubleheader of Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, and was a loyal viewer since Art Fleming hosted! Nanny, as most of us called her, always had a stash of sweets on hand, usually an Entenmann's crumb cake or Fig Newtons for the grandkids or ice cream sandwiches for a midnight snack! She enjoyed shopping, listening to oldies, dancing and picnics at Tod's Point or Cos Cobber with her crew, aka, "The Golden Girls". Pat found ultimate joy, though, in being a wife, mother, and grandmother to her family - and there have been none better! She prepared delicious, home-cooked meals with all the trimmings! She had a strong faith in God and was grateful for her blessings. Pat was the original when it came to wit, and her entire lineage owes their sense of humor to her. May the laughter continue in her honor.

Pat is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Fitzpatrick (Mike), sons, Philip Urso (Debbie), Lindy Urso (Dina), Michael Urso, along with nine beloved grandchildren, and cherished nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by Leondino "Lindy" Urso and siblings, Charles (Toby) Henry, Kay (Sis) Riley, William (Chick) Henry, Doris Santoro and Marylou Remy.

Visitation hours were held on Tuesday, February 4 at Castiglione Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, February 5 at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Riverside. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Friends of Greenwich Point or River House Adult Day Center.



JUAN MEYER

We are saddened to announce that Juan Miguel Meyer passed away unexpectedly on January 27, at the age of 80, in Greenwich, CT. He was born April 18, 1944, in Caracas, Venezuela, to Kurt and Lotte Meyer and was raised there until the age of 17, when he emigrated to the United States to enter college.

Juan attended Amherst College, earning a BA. He then moved to MIT, where he would earn both a BS and MS in chemical engineering and an MBA from The Sloan School of Management. Along with an invaluable education, he made many of his lifelong friends there.

If one asked Juan what the most important day of his life was, he'd volunteer, "the day Virginia Wyman agreed to marry me." They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Juan lived life with gusto, developing passions for travel, art, wine and food. He was an accomplished chef, who often offered to prepare his signature Paella dish for charities, raising thousands of dollars at auction. He loved to play tennis and did so well beyond the useful age of his knees. Always a sharp dresser, he collected unique ties and wore a pocket square to perfection. If he did commit a faux pas, "Juanito" was the first to make fun of himself, further endearing him to family and friends alike.

Juan's business career was varied and extensive, though his concentration for the past four decades revolved around private wealth management. At the time of his passing, he was a Senior Vice President of Truist Wealth. Juan was the consummate

networker, establishing worthwhile connections around the world. His philanthropic interests included the Bruce Museum in Greenwich, where he served as a board member and Chair.

Juan is survived by his beloved wife, Virginia, Wyman Meyer, his sister, Dorith Hollander, his son, Edward and wife Lucile, and his daughter, Katharine and husband Ramy. His cherished grandchildren, Benjamin, Ella, Camilia and Laila, nicknamed him "Pito". He was also loved dearly by a large, extended family, and will be greatly missed by a significant group of colleagues and friends. He was truly "Juan in a million" and will always remain in our hearts.

A celebration of life will be held later in the year.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Juan's honor to The Bruce Museum, of Greenwich, CT or Young Concert Artists (yca.org) of New York, NY.



DONALD HARDIN, III

6/27/1960-1/25/2025

With a heavy heart, we announce the passing of Donald C. Hardin III, a devoted husband, loving father, and cherished friend to all who had the privilege of knowing him. On January 25, at the age of 64, Don left this world peacefully, surrounded by his family and the incredibly deep love they had for him. Don was a kind and gentle man, always nice to everyone. He radiated compassion and warmth, which was felt by everyone in his life.

Graduating from UC Berkeley in 1982, he then continued his education and received an MBA from Pepperdine in 1985. A loyal and devoted man, Don had a lifelong career at Pepsi, working there for 42 years. He recently retired this past November and was looking forward to spending time doing the things he loved.

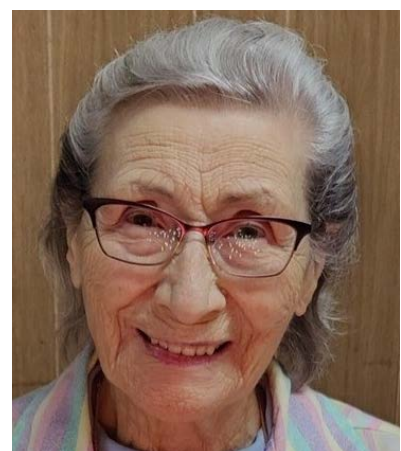
Don was born in Oakland, California on June 27, 1960, to Donald Hardin Jr. and Eleanor (Shaw) Hardin. He is survived by his loving wife, Linda (married 34 years), and his two beautiful sons, Brendon and Ryan. Don's greatest joy in life was spending time with his family, traveling, biking, golfing, and of course watching football and baseball (especially the Raiders and Orioles). A foodie like the rest of his family, he loved exploring new restaurants and when eating at home he became a master of his Trager grill, perfecting a prime rib recipe that will remain a Hardin tradition every Christmas. Don was known for that signature "oooh dat's good" whenever he ate something he liked, which he did often.

Learning to snorkel and scuba dive at a very young age, Don had a love for the ocean. He enjoyed snorkeling, body surfing with his sons, and even recently tried surfing in Hawaii (with moderate success). His favorite places will always be Cape Cod, Nantucket, Newport, and Tod's Point. Chatham in particular will hold a special place in our hearts, having spent every summer there as a family. Sandbar times, collecting sand dollars, and flying kites were among his favorite activities. Fortunately, Don and his family had the chance to enjoy a magical vacation to Italy this past September, a trip he fondly remembered as the best one yet.

A mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Don's life will be held Saturday, February 8 at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Catherine of Siena, Riverside, CT.

We couldn't have asked for a better husband, father, and friend, and we will miss him every day. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who loved him. With us Always.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the Autoimmune Disease Research Center at John's Hopkins.



LORETTA MARINI

Loretta Marini (nee Mazzenga), 94, of Greenwich, CT passed away peacefully on February 1. She was born in Settefrati, province of Gerardo, Italy on November 8, 1930, to Ferdinando and Florida Maria Mazzenga. Loretta was the beloved wife of the late Lucio Marini, loving mother

of Dina Mazzenga (James), Anthony Marini (Linda) and Maria Marini (James Polidoro), cherished grandmother of Michael, Sarah, Raymond, Lucy, David and Amanda, great-grandmother of Gabriel, Aiden, Sophia, Ruth, Abigail, Zoey, Miah and Bradley.

She cherished her numerous flowers and took pleasure in spending time in her thriving vegetable garden.

Family and friends gathered on Thursday at Cox & Graziano Funeral Home Greenwich, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Paul's R. C. Church in Greenwich, entombment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery.



FRANCIS TAYLOR, JR.

Francis ("Pete") Mortimer Taylor, Jr, longtime resident of Greenwich and New Canaan, CT passed away on January 23, at the age of 89.

Born in Larchmont, NY, Pete was the son of Francis Mortimer and Regina Parker Taylor. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from St. Michael's College and worked as a stockbroker for multiple firms throughout his career, including Kidder Peabody, Loeb Rhoades, and Raymond James, before founding his own company, Taylor Capital Management. While trading stocks was his vocation, Pete's true passions were his family, friends, and spending time outdoors.

Pete was a devout Catholic and enjoyed golf, skiing, hunting, shooting sports, boating, playing cards and checkers, dogs, and anything that had him outside or involved with friends and family. Pete will be remembered for his unending sense of humor and welcoming personality. Beware - his comical side came with plenty of antics that often backfired on him! There was no one who was able to laugh at himself more than Pete.

Family was always Pete's greatest love, closely followed by his friendships, both old and new. He lived by a guiding principle: "Make friends out of your clients, don't make clients out of your friends." Many of Pete's professional relationships blossomed into lifelong friendships, often extending across generations. His connections with people created a network of enduring bonds that brought joy and support to everyone involved.

Pete was an active member of The Campfire Club of America since 1983, The Blackhorse Rod & Gourmet Club since its inception, and The Atlantic Indians. His charismatic personality and enthusiastic involvement made him a beloved member of these organizations. Alongside his late wife, Marian ("Bari") Taylor, Pete was often at the center of social gatherings. He frequently commented that he was invited to places just so he could bring Bari-the absolute love of his life.

For Pete, everything was a competition because "it makes it more fun!" His chirping with his friends led to moments of laughter and frequently him losing the bet. As soon as he started his chatter, he would lose his focus and the wheels would come off. So much fun to witness and participate! Endless laughter with him!

Pete's love for the ocean was contagious, and he passed it on to his family. Boating trips to Block Island were always an adventure, with Pete's "Kentucky Windage" navigation style keeping everyone on their toes. Despite the occasional mishap, he always brushed it off as "No problem!" Everything with Pete was an adventure that created indelible memories.

Pete is survived by his son, John Taylor, and his wife Michelle; his daughter, Pamela Taylor; his son, John Chomyn, and his wife Jane, along with their daughters Mallerie and Claire. He also cherished his stepchildren, whom he regarded as his own: Jason Gilbride and his wife Tara; Marnie Gilbride McLaughlin and her husband Steve; and Randy Gilbride and his wife Amy. Pete's grandchildren-Michael and Logan Gilbride (Jason and Tara), Patrick and Frankie McLaughlin (Marnie and Steve), and JT and Ellie Gilbride (Randy and Amy)-brought him endless joy. He adored every moment spent with them.

He is predeceased by his parents and loving wife, Marion "Bari" Taylor.

Viewing took place on Wednesday, February 5 at Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home, Greenwich. Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, February 6 at St. Patrick's Church, Armonk, NY. Burial followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, NY.



JUDITH TORTORA

Judith Anne Tortora, age 82, of Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California, formerly of Greenwich, CT, passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 22, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born on August 11, 1942, in Manhasset, Long Island, Judith was the beloved daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Carl Ernst. She graduated from Newton College of the Sacred Heart in Massachusetts with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and pursued postgraduate studies at Columbia University.

Judith's life was marked by her deep compassion and tireless dedication to helping others. She volunteered extensively with organizations focused on supporting individuals struggling with alcoholism and providing hospice care, embodying her lifelong commitment to empathy and service.

A woman of many talents and passions, Judith found joy in needlepoint, gardening, kayaking, and staying up late into the night with a good book. Her family remembers her as the heart and foundation of their lives, always striving to bring loved ones together.

Judith was preceded in death by her sons, Michael and Peter, and her grandson, Matthew. She is survived by her devoted husband of 61 years, Dr. Peter Tortora; her son, Kyle Tortora; five cherished grandchildren; her siblings, Bob Ernst, Carl Ernst, and Linda Eagan; and countless family members and friends who will forever hold her in their hearts.

Above all, Judith will be remembered for her unparalleled empathy and her unwavering love for those around her.

A funeral service to honor Judith's life will be held on Wednesday, February 12, at 11:00 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, located at 1001 Encinitas Blvd, Encinitas, CA 92024.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Judith's memory to Pacific House Charity which had a profound impact on Judy's life. <https://donatnow.networkforgood.org/pacifichouse>



MATT HIETALA

March 25, 1961 - September 25, 2024

Matt (originally Matti, but he went by Matt in the US) was born in Jokioinen, Finland to Esa and Helena Hietala. While studying marketing at the Helsinki School of Economics, Matt always felt the urge to go abroad, and he was given that chance in 1989 when he moved to New York to increase the sales of Finnish food technology products created by Raisio. Following stints in Manhattan and Chicago, Matt and his young family settled in Old Greenwich.

These were the dream years, playing golf with his wife Iris, while kids Mikael and Henrietta excelled in swimming and water polo at Rocky Point Club. Matt helped Iris establish her own fitness studio in Armonk, NY, by applying his various renovation skills tiling the floors and putting up drywall. Studio T.E.S.S. was thriving, when sadly Iris passed away suddenly from a brain hemorrhage, after which Matt and the kids returned to their roots in Espoo, Finland. There Matt rekindled connections with his brother, Pekka, and sister, Liisa. On September 22nd, 2024, while walking up to the 11th hole at Pickala Golf Club with his best golf friends, he suffered a severe heart attack. It is with a heavy heart that we announce that Matt never woke up from this, and passed away on September 25, 2024.

He is survived by his daughter, Henni, who lives in San Francisco, and his son Mikael, who lives in Croatia with his wife Lana and their children, Iris and Niko. Matt will be remembered for his tremendous energy, enthusiasm, and positivity, as well as his generous spirit and eagerness to help others. We cherish the countless amazing memories from over the years.

Rest in peace, Dad.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Audubon Society (<https://www.ctaudubon.org/donate-home/>).

COLUMN

By JUSTIN CRISP

As readers may know, I'm a fan of Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang. I especially love this scene from A Charlie Brown Christmas. Charlie Brown goes up to Lucy's booth—the one that says, "Psychiatric Help. 5c. The Doctor is In." And Charlie Brown tells Lucy he's struggling with fear.

Lucy says, "Are you afraid of responsibility? If you are, then you have hypoglycophobia."

"I don't think that's quite it," says Charlie Brown.

"How about cats? If you're afraid of cats, you have ailurophasia."

"Well, sort of, but I'm not sure."

"Are you afraid of staircases? If you are, then you have climacophobia. Maybe you have thalassophobia. This is fear of the ocean. Or gephyrophobia, which is the fear of crossing bridges. Or maybe you have pantophobia. Do you think you have pantophobia?"

"What's pantophobia?"

"The fear of everything."

"THAT'S IT!" Charlie Brown exclaims.

Who hasn't been Charlie Brown at one point or other? Who hasn't, as Charlie Brown does in another comic strip, woken up at 3AM, and said, "Sometimes I lie awake at night, and I ask, 'Where have I gone wrong?' Then a voice says to me, 'This is going to take more than one night.'?"

We may not be able to settle all the angst we might feel, Charlie Brown-style, from time to time. But one of the points of Christianity is, in fact, to settle all our angst so far as God is concerned.

You can see this in a powerful way in the story of Jesus' baptism. In a moment that's remembered in some form in all four of the gospels, after Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist in the river Jordan, the Spirit of God descends on him. The Gospel of Luke says the Spirit looked like a literal dove landing on Jesus. Accompanying the Spirit's descent is a voice from heaven, which says to Jesus, "You are my Son, the Beloved. With you I am well pleased."

It's a powerful spiritual experience, and it launches Jesus into his three years of public ministry: the three years in which Jesus healed, taught, died, and was raised—everything we remember him for. And it's striking to me that the one Jesus calls "Father" says he's well pleased with Jesus, before Jesus has done any of that.

We might think God's approval would be contingent on Jesus' performance in all he's about to do, but for this God, anyway, that's got it the wrong way around. The Father's pleased with Jesus before he's done, really, anything at all—and this gives Jesus the strength to do all that he's called to do subsequently.

This is how God addresses us too, in Christ: God is well-pleased with us, well-pleased with you, before and regardless of what you do. God has adopted you as his child in Christ, baptizing you into Jesus' baptism, anointing you with the same Spirit, telling you he's well-pleased with you (often, in traditions like mine, we ritually enact God's adoption by baptizing people as little babies—one point of which is to catch them before they've done much of anything).

The Cure for the Fear of Everything

As it was for Charlie Brown, pantophobia, or the fear of everything, can be a natural response to a world like ours.

But God wants us all to know we don't have to be scared of him.

This is a revolution in religious thought, one that I think we have to work a whole lifetime to learn.

I think it comes far more naturally to us to think of God as John the Baptist himself often does in the New Testament: Fire and brimstone. Angry. The early-twentieth-century philosopher Rudolf Otto said that all religion begins with an experience of what he called the *mysterium tremendum*, the awesome but terrifying experience of something Wholly Other to this world, which we call "God." We tremble in the presence of this Other, as we do when we hear ghost stories as little kids. Our innards freak in the presence of the Holy. And that's where a lot of religious impulses stop. We tremble in fear of this mystery that transcends us, and we suspect we're afraid because this mystery must be angry with us. We imagine God as capricious, demanding. We think, if we want our lives to go okay, we have to make sure the mystery likes us.

Religion develops all kinds of elaborate ways to placate the mystery's anger, including sacrifice. In Greek mythology, Agamemnon sacrifices his daughter to the Greek goddess Artemis. He's does so

because he's made Artemis angry by hunting deer in a place he shouldn't have, and Artemis punishes Agamemnon by sending high winds which prevent him from sailing to Troy.

We may no longer believe in the Greek gods, but I suspect we're not much more sophisticated than those who did. Personally, every time I get a stomach bug, and I'm on the bathroom floor, I reflexively re-run the tape of the last twenty-four hours in my mind trying to figure out what sin I've committed that made God punish me. Even if you've never gone that far, I bet the same voice speaks inside your head that occasionally speaks in mine, the ghostly gramophone whose music is anxiety and other people's expectations.

The message of Jesus Christ, friends, is that there's zero need for this anxiety in our relationship with God, who, though a *mysterium tremendum*, revealed himself in Jesus Christ to be well-pleased with us—with you. Period.

As it was for Charlie Brown, pantophobia, or the fear of everything, can be a natural response to a world like ours. But God wants us all to know we don't have to be scared of him.

The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp is a husband, dad, music lover, and priest. He serves as the priest in charge of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and lives with his wife, Jewelle, their pug, Val, and their daughter, Beatrice, on the St. Barnabas hilltop in backcountry. He also teaches Anglican history and theology at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

Worship Directory and Services

Assemblies of God

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

Worship Services: Sun, 9 & 10:45am. All services are streamed on the church's website and YouTube channel. In addition to Sundays, there are also groups for children and teens on Wednesday evenings. **Youth Convention: February 7 & 8, Hartford, open to all Middle School and High School students. Water Baptism Class: February 16, 10am.**

Baptist

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

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

Greenwich Baptist Church

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

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

Catholic

Sacred Heart Church
95 Henry St., 203-531-8730
www.sacredheartgreenwich.org

Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am (in the Chapel); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3-3:30pm or by appointment. Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Wed, 7-9pm. Prayer Group: Thu, 4-5pm, in the Chapel, 38 Gold St, All are welcome. Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the Church, All are welcome. **Family Mass: Sunday, February 9, 9:30am. Sacred Heart Parish Youth Ministry meeting: Saturday, February 15, 5:30pm. Youth Mass: Sunday, February 16, 11:30am.**

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

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

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

375). **Volunteer Opportunity: Share Your Time and Compassion! Our Parish Partners Ministry of Hope is seeking kind-hearted volunteers to support our homebound parishioners. To sign up or learn more, please contact Jeannemarie Baker at (203) 637-3661 (ext. 375) or ParishPartners@stc-sta.org. Potluck Supper & "Undies" Collection: February 14, 6pm, RSVP by Feb. 11 at psloane22@gmail.com.**

St. Mary Church

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

Public Mass: Sun, 9, 10:30am, 12:15 & 5:15pm. Sat Vigils: 4 & 7pm (Spanish). Daily: Mon-Fri, 12:05pm (Church doors will open from 10am-3pm). Confessions (English): Tue: 7-8pm; Sat: 3-3:45pm. Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri of the month: 12:30-5pm. **New Day Bereavement Program: Tuesdays, 1-2:30pm, through March 18, St.**

St. Michael the Archangel

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

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30 & 9am. Sat: 9am & 5pm. Sun: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45am, 12 & 5pm. Confession: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm; Wed: 9:30-11am & 6:30-8pm. Eucharistic Adoration: Wed, 9:30am-8pm. New Day Bereavement Program: through Nov. 17, Thu, 7-8:30pm & through Nov. 30 (skipping Nov. 23), Wed, 4-5:30pm, 203-869-5421. **Confraternity to all the Holy Angels: Wednesday, February 12, 9pm.**

St. Timothy Chapel

1034 North St., 203-869-5421

Mass: Sat: 4pm (Vigil Mass). Sun: 11am. **Christmas Eve Mass - Dec. 24: 5pm.**

St. Paul Church

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

Mass: Mon-Thu: 9am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confession: Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thurs of every month, 7:30pm. **We are currently accepting donations (new or gently used) for Gianna's House. Gianna's House is location in Brewster, NY and helps women who are facing unexpected pregnancy with their needs and the needs of their babies. Large boxes will be placed by the doors for donations until February 17. First Friday Devotion: February 7, 9am; Confessions will also be available 8:30-8:55am.**

St. Roch Church

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

Mass: (Reservations and/or for viewing via live streaming): Mon-Fri: 7:30pm; Sat: 5pm; Sun: 7:30am (Concelebrated for Previously Scheduled 9:30am Mass Intentions), 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish). Mass Intentions: consult the bulletin for time. **First Friday Adoration: February 7, 9am-7pm. There will be a Mass in Spanish at 7:30pm, followed by a Holy Hour in Spanish.**

Christian Science

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

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

Community

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

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am.

Round Hill Community Church

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

Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at roundhillcommunitychurch.org anytime. Children's Worship (grades K-5) meets during the 10 am service. Please call the Church Office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules. Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary. **Round Hill Art & Craft Studio: Mondays, 1-4pm.**

Congregational

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

Worship: In-Person & Virtual: Sundays, 10am. Live-streaming on YouTube and Facebook, and broadcast on WGCH (1490 AM). Connect during the week: Friday: Friday Email Blast (sign up by calling the church office); Church school before worship most Sundays, 9am for preschoolers through grade 6. Online programming available via Zoom. A joyful community diverse in spiritual backgrounds and beliefs. **February Friendsgiving: February 7-28. "Souper Bowl" Sunday Soup and Chili Sale: February 9, 11am-1pm.**

North Greenwich Congregational

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

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

Second Congregational Church

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

Sunday worship: 8:30 & 10:30am. Children's Chapel during worship 10:30am worship. **Winter Yoga: Fridays, 9-10am (\$20/week).**

Episcopal

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

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

Christ Church Greenwich

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sun, 8:45am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children's Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. **Youth Confirmation: Sundays, Sept. 15 - June 7, 11:15am-12:15pm. The Disciples of Christ in Community: Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. Joyful Noise with Anna Leinbach: Sundays, Feb. 16, March 9, April 6, May 11, June 1. Volunteer at Valentine's Treat Boxes: Saturday, Feb. 8, 9am. Sunday Forum with Professor JanJan Lin of Yale Divinity School: "How the New Testament Came to Be": Sunday, February 9, 11:15am. The Spiritual Classics Book Club with Rev. Marek Zabriskie: Wednesday, Feb. 11, 7pm.**

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

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 10am (in person & livestreamed). **Join us as we celebrate all the new beginnings brought by the fall in the company of one another and of our Lord. Every Sunday features joyful preaching by our clergy, Father Justin and Rev. Phoebe, beautiful music by our director of music, Marnus Greyling, and the St. Barnabas Choir, and a warm welcome for kids and parents. Our**

exciting Sunday School programs for kids take place every Sunday during the 10am service: Children's Church for kids 4-8 years old, and YC (Youth Church) for those 9+. Children are also always welcome in church, and childcare is provided all morning in our nursery. Come kick off your fall in faith. Visit us in person, on our website, and on social media (Instagram: @st.barnabasgreenwich). Small church feel - Big church experience.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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

Worship: Sundays, 10:15am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately following worship service in Selleck Hall. Sunday School (including frolic Fatih class for toddlers 2+) in the Children's Chapel downstairs - drop-off starts at 10am. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive box by office door. Pick-up is every Thursday morning. **Special organ concert with Jonathan Vaughn: Sunday, February 9, 3pm.**

St. Saviour's Episcopal Church

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

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

Jewish

Chabad Lubavitch of Greenwich

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

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. Judaism 101 for Moms: Thursdays, 9:20am. Kabbala & Challah: Thursdays, 9:15am, \$20 p/class. **Parents Night Out - Cooking Demo & Dinner I: Tuesday, February 4, 7pm, RSVP.**

Congregation Shir Ami

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

All services, programs and celebrations are available online via Zoom. Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays, 7-9pm, First Presbyterian Church. Soul Spa - Torah Study: Saturdays, 10am, on Zoom. **From Age-ing to Sage-ing - A Revolutionary Approach to Getting Older: Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7pm. Tu B'Shevat Service: Friday, Feb. 7, 7pm, First Presbyterian Church. Unlocking the Jewish Prayer Book with Rabbi David: Sunday, Feb. 9, 5pm, on Zoom.**

Greenwich Reform Synagogue

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

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday, 6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom. **Tu B'Shevat Service: Friday, Feb. 7, 7pm, First Presbyterian Church.**

Temple Shalom

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

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. **Itsy Bitsy Playgroup: Fall Session: Fridays, Sept. 6-Nov. 22*, 9:15am. Game Night: Mah Jongg & Canasta: Monday, February 10, 7pm.**

Lutheran

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

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

Methodist

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

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

First United Methodist Church

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

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

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal

42 Lake Ave.; 203-661-3099

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

Nondenominational

Dineletown Community Church
376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane

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

Revive Church

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

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

Stanwich Church

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

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

Center for Spiritual Development, NSAC

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

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children's Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). **Psychic Fair: Saturday, February 8, 11am-4pm. Clinical Application of the Study of Movement and Function with Carolyn Finch, MS SLP: Sunday, February 9, 1-3pm, \$35. Virtual Children's Lyceum: Sunday, February 16, 9:30am.**

Trinity Church

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

In-Person Services: Sun., 9:45am, Hyatt Regency Greenwich, 1800 E. Putnam Ave., Old Greenwich; 10am, Trinity Westchester, 2111 Boston Post Rd, Larchmont, NY; 11am, Saxe Middle School, New Canaan.

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church
1 W. Putnam Ave.; 203-869-8686
www.fpccg.org

Worship: Sundays, 10am.

Grace Church of Greenwich

89 Maple Ave.; 203-861-7555

COLUMN

World Class Music in Our Backyard

By STUART ADELBERG

This weekend I attended a concert given by the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra. I'll bet many of those reading this are now saying, "I didn't know that Greenwich had an orchestra!" Well, guess what? Not only does the community have an orchestra, but they perform in Greenwich five weekends a year in a concert hall with acoustics that rival Lincoln Center. Ready to be even more surprised? This amazing concert hall is the Performing Arts Center at Greenwich High School - less than 15 minutes from where most of us live.

The Greenwich Symphony is not just a community orchestra. This is an assemblage that boasts world class professional musicians, led by a charismatic and accomplished conductor. When Maestro Stuart Malina lifts his baton, you are sure to forget just about anything else going on in the world, as the Greenwich Symphony transports you to a place where nothing other than the music matters! You owe it to yourself to check it out!

It may surprise anyone who knows me that I have become so enamored by the Symphony. Though the arts have always been my passion, I am neither a musician, nor particularly well schooled in classical music. My involvement is due to some very good friends encouraging me to help a valued local organization enhance its board governance and move forward with some significant strategic issues. Experiencing the magic of the music, the enthusiasm and devotion of the Board, the audience, and the musicians was all I needed to be completely hooked!

I did not set out to write this column as a commercial

for the Greenwich Symphony, though that in itself would be well deserved. My intention was to share some of what I learned about symphonic music as a result of this weekend's concerts and the always interesting and elucidating comments shared by Maestro Malina.

One of the reasons that I have not previously been as interested in symphonic music, was a sense, right or wrong, that it is all about music written hundreds of years ago. Though I'll save the column about how age has caught up with me for another day, I always thought of classical music as something better suited to people much older than me. Not sure anymore exactly who that would be, but it is irrelevant, because I was obviously wrong.

This weekend demonstrated the complete folly of my assumptions. The Greenwich Symphony presented the works of four composers. Two are still alive, with one being three years younger than my son! Of the composers from the past, one, Felix Mendelssohn wrote the piece we heard when he was 33 years old. The other Gioachino Rossini wrote the very famous Barber of Seville at the ripe old age of twenty-four. The icing on the cake was the Greenwich Symphony's guest soloist, saxophonist Valentin Kovalev. Through his international concert career, Valentin has performed with orchestras throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia. He has won numerous international competitions and is sought out as a teacher throughout the world. His online presence has gained him a social media audience that surpasses 100,000 followers! Not too shabby for a Siberian native who is only twenty-seven years old!

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GSO Conductor Stuart Malina addresses the audience at a recent concert.

So not only is it clear that symphonic music is actually quite young, but apparently some of its most monumental work was once and is still being created by extraordinarily talented individuals under the age of forty. This learning made me feel woefully inadequate about my own accomplishments but fortunately the music pushed that thought right out of my head!

Stuart Adelberg has a long history of active involvement and leadership in the region's nonprofit arts and human services communities. He appreciates the opportunity provided by Greenwich Sentinel to share his thoughts and observations. Full disclosure - Stuart is currently the Chairman of the Greenwich Symphony Board of Directors.

COLUMN

Does God have a Plan for Your Life?

By MAREK ZABRISKIE

Does God have a plan for your life? All of us ask ourselves this question at one time or another. It is a question of great importance.

This question is evoked by the prophet Jeremiah when he wrote, "Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.'" (Jer. 4:1)

To consecrate someone means to set him or her aside for God to work through. The Lord tells us that He consecrated Jeremiah to be a prophet before he took his first breath.

It signifies that God is with us at the moment of our creation and will equip us to meet our destiny. Have you ever had that sense that you were put on earth to play a significant role, that your life had a clear mission, that you were destined by God to carry out a task?

Winston Churchill was a direct descendant of the Duke of Marlborough, who rescued England during a very dark time. Churchill wrote a biography of his famous forebear, and Churchill noted that since he was eight years old, he, too, believed that he was destined to save England by leading his country in a great battle to preserve the nation. God had given him this destiny.

Did God put you on earth to fulfill a mission? Were you put on earth to bear and raise your children? Did God create you to practice medicine and save lives? Did the Almighty equip you to practice law, uphold justice, and apply our legal codes fairly? Did Yahweh give you the gifts needed to start a company or succeed in business and create jobs that generate wealth?

Do you sense God that is watching over you? Do you feel as though you are accompanied at all times by

God? Did you sense that you were destined to meet and marry your spouse, to move to Greenwich, Connecticut, to serve God in particular ways and carry out something special?

Does God have a plan for you? Does everything happen for a purpose? This passage suggests that our lives are not accidental, but God has designed each of us for a special purpose.

Our task is to discern that purpose, to figure out what we excel at, and that purpose, if it is a godly purpose, must always entail making the world better for others.

If you were created to be a musician, then let your music glorify God. If you were created to teach, then inspire your students to think creatively and critically, to discern fact from fiction and hunger for knowledge. If you were put on earth to report the news, then do so honestly and with integrity, always free of bias. Does God have a plan for your life?

Forty years ago, a man named J.B. Phillips wrote a book called Your God is Too Small. It was a good book, making the often forgotten point that God is not only our God but their God, as well, a God not of the few or of the many, but the God of all. She is the God who laid the foundations of the earth and scattered the stars in the heavens.

But perhaps we must ask today whether "Your God is too big." Do you think that God is too big to worry about people like you and families, communities, and countries at war, or parents being deported, or girls who cannot be educated in certain parts of the world? Is your God too big to worry about you and all of them?

Is God all powerful, all knowing, and all good as the medieval philosophers and theologians speculated? Is everything that occurs part of God's plan?

When Flight 5342 from Wichita, Kansas carrying 64 persons recently crashed into an Army helicopter over the Potomac, leaving no survivors, was God behind this? Was this part of a higher purpose that we cannot comprehend? I think not.

In January of 1983, the famous preacher William Sloane Coffin's 24-year-old son, Alex, a student at Boston University, was driving home a little past midnight in a rainstorm hours after having a few beers with a friend. His father had urged him to replace his windshield wipers, but he failed to do it. Alex accidentally drove his car into the Boston Harbor.

Ten days later, his father preached a famous sermon at the Riverside Church. He told his congregation, "Do you think that it is God's will that there are no street lights along that stretch of road, and no guard rail separating the road and the Boston Harbor?"

"The one thing that should never be said when someone dies is, 'It is the will of God.' Never do we know enough to say that." Then Coffin added these words, "My own consolation lies in knowing that it was not the will of God that Alex die; that when the waves closed over the sinking car, God's heart was the first of all hearts to break." Coffin was right.

Reading the Bible and attending church may keep our heads and our hearts in the right place and enrich our lives. Studies show that it will impact our health in positive ways and extend our life, but it will not protect us from harm.

Yet, as Coffin noted, "God gives all of us - minimum protection, maximum support." We worship a God who does not protect us from suffering, but who suffers with us, and suffers for us as Jesus did upon the cross.

I believe that with every tragedy, like the recent plane crashes in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia,

God's heart is the first to break. God dreams a dream for humankind, but we humans, often out of pride, ignorance, failure, or sin, transform that dream into nightmare.

Russia invades Ukraine. Hamas' attacks Israel. Israel destroys Gaza. Tragedy unfolds in the Sudan and Yemen. Fentanyl kills hundreds of thousands. A child has a brain tumor. How do we make sense of it all?

Does God have a plan for your life? A woman whose husband died five years ago, told me recently that she thinks about him constantly. Then she added, "Perhaps it's time for me to move on and find a new plan." Perhaps we, too, need to move forward and find a new plan.

The Good News is that God has a plan for you. You were created to do something special, "to bear the beams of love" in your own unique way. You have free will. You can use or abuse it. You are free to sin, to mess up, make mistakes, and get lost, or you can use your freedom to love, heal, forgive, inspire, bestow grace, sacrifice and bring glory to God.

If you have lost our way, then you must begin the gentle process of discerning where God is calling you to go and to serve, not based on where you could have become five years ago or when you were born many years ago, but from where you are right now.

No matter how far off course your life has drifted, invite God to help you craft a plan that will allow you to use your gifts and talents, time and energy to bear the beams of love to others and see what happens.

The Rev. Marek Zabriskie is Rector of Christ Church Greenwich. He loves to meet people where they were at, hear their stories, and help them see where God is inviting them to go.

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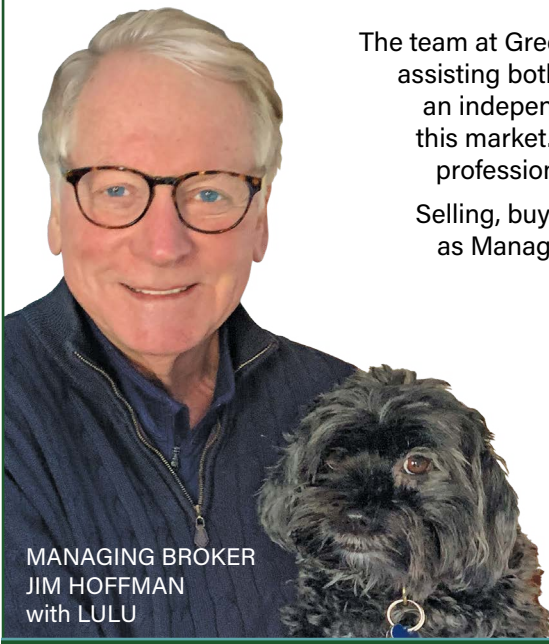
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NEW SALES

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Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres	SqFt
150 Prospect Street 1	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$789,000	0	2	2		1,224
59 Lancer Road	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,470,000	39	5	3	0.27	2,286
19 Orchard Hill Lane	\$1,995,000	\$1,995,000	\$2,350,777	26	5	4	2.4	3,347
23 Pleasant Street	\$2,295,000	\$1,995,000	\$1,982,500	276	4	2	0.2	3,291
8 Benders Drive	\$2,595,000	\$2,495,000	\$2,550,000	70	4	4	0.37	4,400
229 Stanwich Road	\$4,995,000	\$4,995,000	\$4,995,000	128	6	9	5.14	9,050
219 Overlook Drive	\$4,995,000	\$4,995,000	\$5,050,000	14	6	5	0.67	8,001
9 Dorchester Lane	\$5,995,000	\$5,995,000	\$5,550,500	57	6	5	0.44	7,300
1068 Lake Avenue	\$7,495,000	\$6,995,000	\$6,550,000	84	5	6	4	12,680
7 Close Road	\$7,995,000	\$7,995,000	\$7,200,000	97	7	7	4.2	9,897
Creamer Hill Road	\$39,500,000	\$24,750,000	\$19,500,000	486	6	8	81.45	14,296

NEW LISTINGS

TIMOTHY AGRO, GREENWICH STREETS TEAM, 203.461.5964

Address	List Price	Price/SqFt	SqFt	AC	BR	FB	Area
50 Lafayette Place 1J	\$320,000	\$640	500		1	1	South of Post
33 Talbot Lane 15	\$630,000	\$492	1280	0	3	1	Byram
24 Valley Road	\$1,050,000	\$735	1429	0.13	3	2	Cos Cob
33 Guilford Lane	\$1,250,000	\$619	2020	0.23	4	1	Glenville
20 Church Street A15	\$1,250,000	\$974	1284	0	2	2	South Parkway
37 Sundance Drive	\$1,725,000	\$749	2304	0.28	3	2	Cos Cob
17 Maple Drive	\$1,875,000	\$798	2350	0.15	4	3	Old Greenwich
3 Cat Rock Road	\$2,295,000	\$688	3334	0.52	4	2	Cos Cob
14 Tyler Lane	\$2,795,000	\$1,169	2390	0.44	4	4	Riverside
107 Cognewaugh Road	\$3,100,000	\$701	4420	2	4	4	Cos Cob
3 Elizabeth Lane	\$3,200,000	\$711	4500	0.22	5	4	Riverside
644 Lake Avenue	\$5,195,000	\$840	6187	2.58	4	4	South Parkway
3 Vista Avenue	\$5,850,000	\$1,218	4803	0.56	6	4	Old Greenwich
40 Upland Drive	\$5,995,000	\$796	7529	1.53	6	6	South Parkway
97 Pecksland Road	\$24,950,000	\$1,396	17878		10	14	South Parkway

FEATURED OPEN HOUSES

Data Compiled by Trusted Real Estate Agent Rob Pulitano (203) 561-8092

Address	Area	Price	Day/Time	Broker
3 Elizabeth Lane	Riverside	\$3,200,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHS New England
17 W End Avenue	Old Greenwich	\$1,395,000	Sun 1-3 PM	BHHS New England

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BY MARK PRUNER

Lowest inventory ever, but average sales

We had 30 single family home sales in January 2025, which is actually up from last year's 28 sales and the same as we had in January 2023. We did this with 25% less inventory. In January 2024, we opened the year with 86 listings, but by the end of the month, we had grown to 114 listings. This year we opened with 85 listings, but by the end of the month we were right back to 85 homes on the market. That is a record low for any week going all the way back to 1986, where my brother, Russ' numbers start. (It helps to have a brother and a Greenwich Streets teammate who has been doing this for 39 years.)

What we did see was that while contracts dropped for the first three weeks of the year, they came back in the last two weeks of January to 41 contracts, compared to 35 contracts at the end of January 2023. Contracts are a differential number, derived from the number of new contracts minus the number of sales. Since sales were up slightly in January, this means that even with this very low inventory, more property were going to contract than last year.

Our inventory of single-family homes is at its lowest level ever. We had no listings under \$1 million. We had a "blue moon" that came on in the second week of January and went to contract the following week. As a result, that house never appeared in the monthly inventory numbers. We do have two houses that were listed for under \$1 million, that are under contract.

In a remarkable turnaround, 76.7% of the houses that were sold

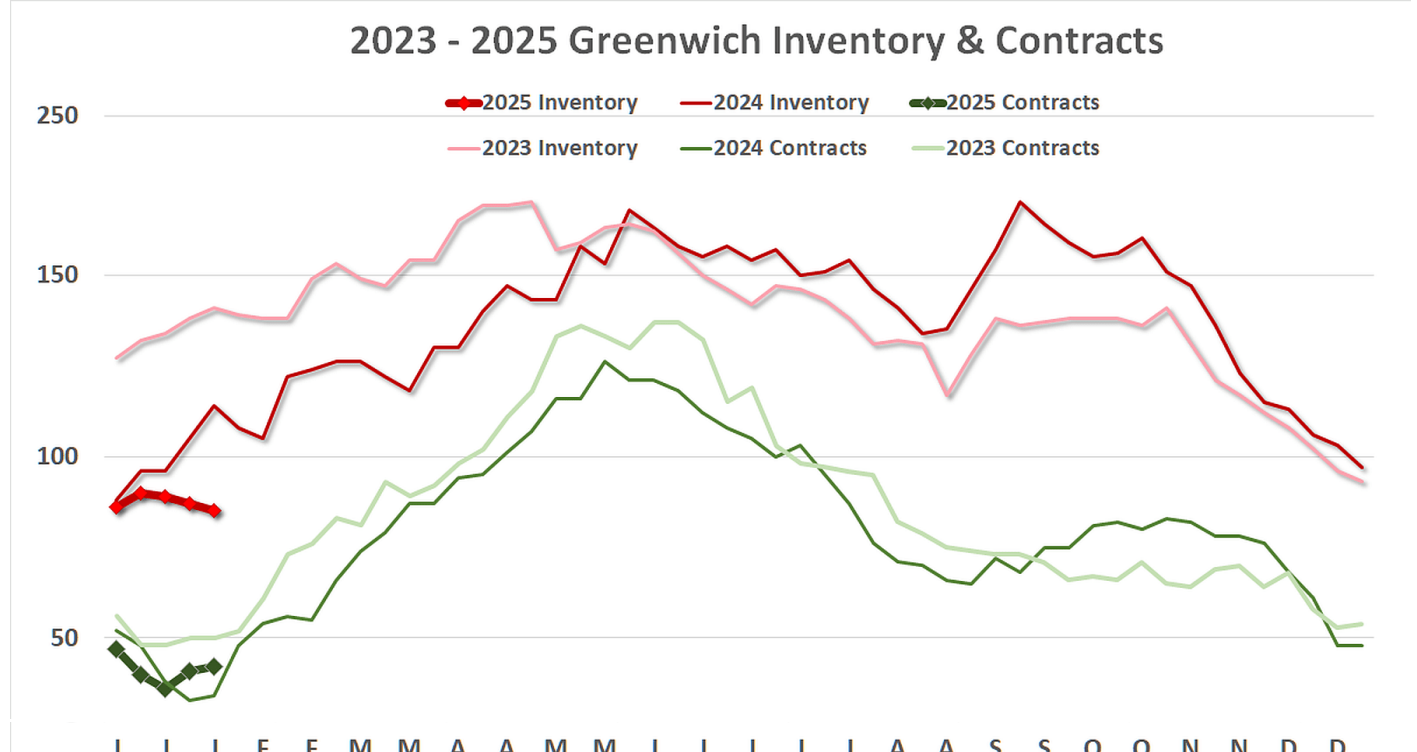
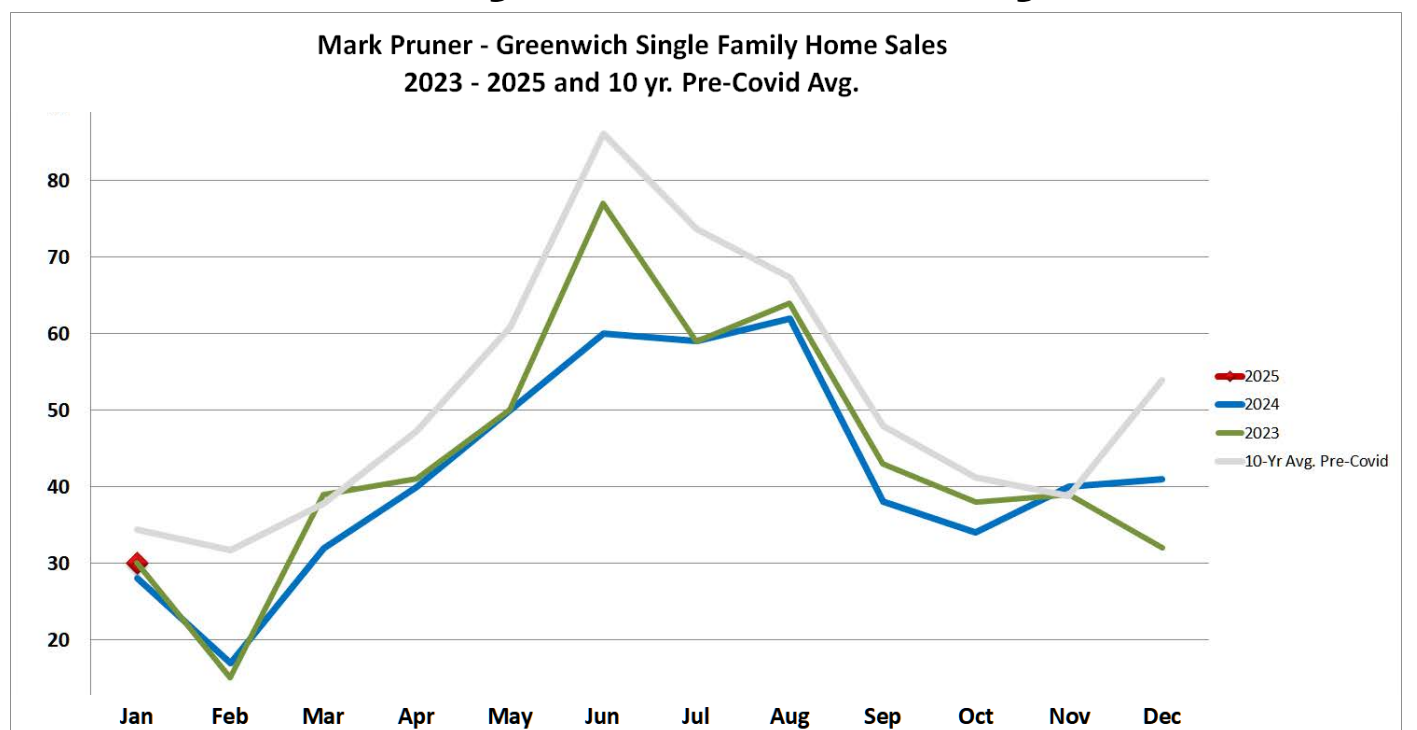
in January were sold for under list price. This compares to 41.2% in houses selling for under list price in all of 2024. You might think that this near doubling of sales under list price is indicative of a softening market.

Unfortunately, what it is indicative of is the cyclical nature of the Greenwich real estate market. We had 24 new listings in January 2025 come on the market, while we only had 15 new listings come on in the prior month in December 2024. As a result, what sold in this January were older homes that have been on the market for a while. Our median days on market for all of 2024 was 22 DOM, it was 70 days for our January 2025 sales.

This makes the market even tighter as even older listings are going to contract. Our contracts are up 17% from last year to 41 contracts, which still isn't a lot. This can't continue, as you can see when looking at months of supply including contracts. For most price ranges we are seeing months of supply going up when you include contracts and assume the sales will happen in an average of 45 days. This means that we will see fewer closings in February.

Two areas where sales are likely to improve are \$3 - 4 million and over \$10 million where we have 7 contracts and 4 contracts respectively. This compares to 2 sales so far this year for both price categories. Our days on market with contracts is only 7.1 months, which is the lowest DOM for our ultra-high-end, ever post-Great Recession. Part of that is sales, but much of it is having only 17 houses to sell over \$10 million.

That part of our market is doing well, but it is also the part of the market that has the greatest cyclical nature, with few of our largest mansions on the market in the normally aptly named dead of winter. Having said that everything over \$5 million has very low months of supply and



much lower inventory. Our team, with Felipe Dutra as lead agent, listed a house in the top 10 of price and were amazed with how many showings we had and multiple offers.

Unless we get a lot more

inventory in February and a lot of that quickly goes to contract, our February months of supply is likely to go up and our sales may be even lower in February. However, that is what normally happens in February. Our spring

inventory finally arrives, buyers move in quickly to sign contracts and the shortest month of the year is also usually our month with the least sales.

Cross your fingers that February is a normal month at

least for inventory...

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BOOK REVIEW

Haunted by War, Bound by Ghosts

"It was the poet's alchemy, to seize the intangible or unspeakable and drag it, real, into the living world."

The Warm Hands of Ghosts, Katherine Arden's most recent novel, lingers in the space between history and haunting, memory and myth. Set during World War One (WWI), a conflict often overshadowed by the Second World War, the novel follows Laura Iven, a former battlefield nurse desperate for answers about her brother, Freddie, who is missing and presumed dead. But what she uncovers is something far stranger than she ever imagined—a world where the past doesn't stay buried, and the dead are never truly gone.

"It's the pattern of the times. Were you expecting honest justice? There's none. It's a new world now. It eats you up, sinners and saints, all alike."

I read this book in just two days, I couldn't put it down. Arden's prose is richly immersive, pulling the reader into the mud-choked trenches and the eerie, fractured landscapes of war-torn Belgium. The novel doesn't just depict the war's physical devastation; it conveys its deep psychological scars, making the horrors of the battlefield feel immediate and unshakable. Arden is a master at blending history with the supernatural, and here, she does so in a way that feels both organic and deeply unsettling. The ghosts that populate this novel aren't just spectral apparitions; they are memories, echoes of trauma, and manifestations of grief that cling to the living like trench mud.

"Armageddon was a fire in the harbor, a box delivered on a cold day. It wasn't one great tragedy, but ten million tiny ones, and everyone faced theirs alone."

At its heart, *The Warm Hands of Ghosts* is a story about love and loss, about the fragile space between the living and the dead. Laura is a compelling protagonist—tough, intelligent, and profoundly wounded by what she has seen. Her devotion to Freddie is the emotional anchor of the novel, and Arden deftly switches between their perspectives, allowing readers to witness the war through both their eyes. Freddie's journey is suffused with an eerie beauty, capturing the dreamlike liminality of a soldier caught between life and death.

"It was an endless, daydreamer's longing,









"Ghosts have warm hands, he kept telling me, as though it were the greatest secret in the world."



No Man's Land

Playlist based on *The Warm Hands of Ghosts*

-  Dead Man's Hand
Lord Huron
-  Francesca
Hozier
-  House of the Rising Sun
Lauren O'Connell
-  Who Are You Really?
Mikky Ekko
-  Safe & Sound
Taylor Swift
-  Running Up That Hill
Kate Bush

satisfying in itself, with no need for fulfillment."

Arden's attention to historical detail is meticulous without ever feeling heavy-handed. The trenches, the makeshift hospitals, the bombed-out villages—all are rendered with precision, making the novel feel as much a work of historical fiction as it is a ghost story. Yet the supernatural elements are never mere embellishments; they serve as an extension of trauma, reinforcing the idea that war leaves behind not just ruins, but restless spirits—both literal

and figurative.

"Winter said there's ghosts all around you." He snorted, "When you swim in the ocean there's water all around you, but no one mentions it."

What makes this novel so powerful is its ability to blur the boundaries between horror and history, between the real and the imagined. Arden captures both the suffocating dread of war and moments of haunting, dreamlike beauty, creating a narrative that feels at once intimate and vast. The ghosts in this novel are more than just phantoms; they are

manifestations of grief, regret, and the inescapable echoes of violence. War itself is a spectral force, looming over every character, shaping their fates in ways both expected and tragic.

"In a way, it's easier to imagine the world's going to end. At least there's a certainty to it. End—bam—done. But change—where does change stop?"

The supporting cast is equally well-developed, each character carrying their own burdens, their own ghosts. Arden's ability to craft fully realized secondary characters adds to the immersive quality

of the story, making it feel as though every figure in this world has a past worth exploring. The novel's final twists are both surprising and inevitable, reinforcing its central themes while rewarding close reading. War is the novel's true antagonist—relentless, indifferent, and inescapable.

"That there's no such thing as a coward, or a brave man—not out there. There's no man's will stronger than the war."

One of the book's most remarkable qualities is its balance between lyricism and raw brutality. Arden doesn't shy away from the horrors of war, but she also doesn't sensationalize them. Instead, she presents them with a precise, unflinching honesty, making their impact all the more profound. The novel's dreamlike tone heightens this effect, drawing readers into a

world that feels both achingly real and eerily unreal at the same time.

"They are fighting their war in the last world, but we're dying in this one."

The Warm Hands of Ghosts is a novel that lingers, much like the spirits that haunt its pages. It is a deeply affecting meditation on war, memory, and the bonds that refuse to be severed, even in death. For those who appreciate historical fiction with a supernatural edge, or simply love a beautifully written, emotionally resonant story, this book is not to be missed. Arden has crafted something rare—an exploration of grief and survival that feels both intimate and epic, haunting in the best possible way.

"Ghosts have warm hands, he kept telling me, as though it were the greatest secret in the world."

Calling all sophisticates, literary enthusiasts, and our very clever Sentinel readers!

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Sentinel Literary Competition

FEBRUARY Challenge: Literary Love or The Bard

February is the month of love—but not all love stories are the same. This month, we challenge you to put your literary wit to the test with two bite-sized contests inspired by classic literature. Join in our cross-over contest for both New Canaan & Greenwich.

For ages 15 & Under: "Love Letters from Storybook Characters"

The winner receives \$25 and publication in the Sentinel!

Prompt: Ever wonder what Cinderella's glass slipper might write to her foot? Or what the Big Bad Wolf's love note to Little Red Riding Hood would say? In 50 words or fewer, write a Valentine's message from one famous storybook character to another—whether romantic, funny, or just plain weird!

EXAMPLES:

Dear Humpty Dumpty,

You may have had a great fall,

But to me, you're the greatest of all!

Cracked or whole, you're still my friend—

Little Miss Muffet

Dear Puss in Boots,

I like your hat. I like your boots. I like the way you trick people with big words. If I had nine lives, I'd spend them all going on adventures with you. Your fan, Jack (from the Beanstalk)

For ages 16 & Up: "Shakespeare in Six or Twelve Words"

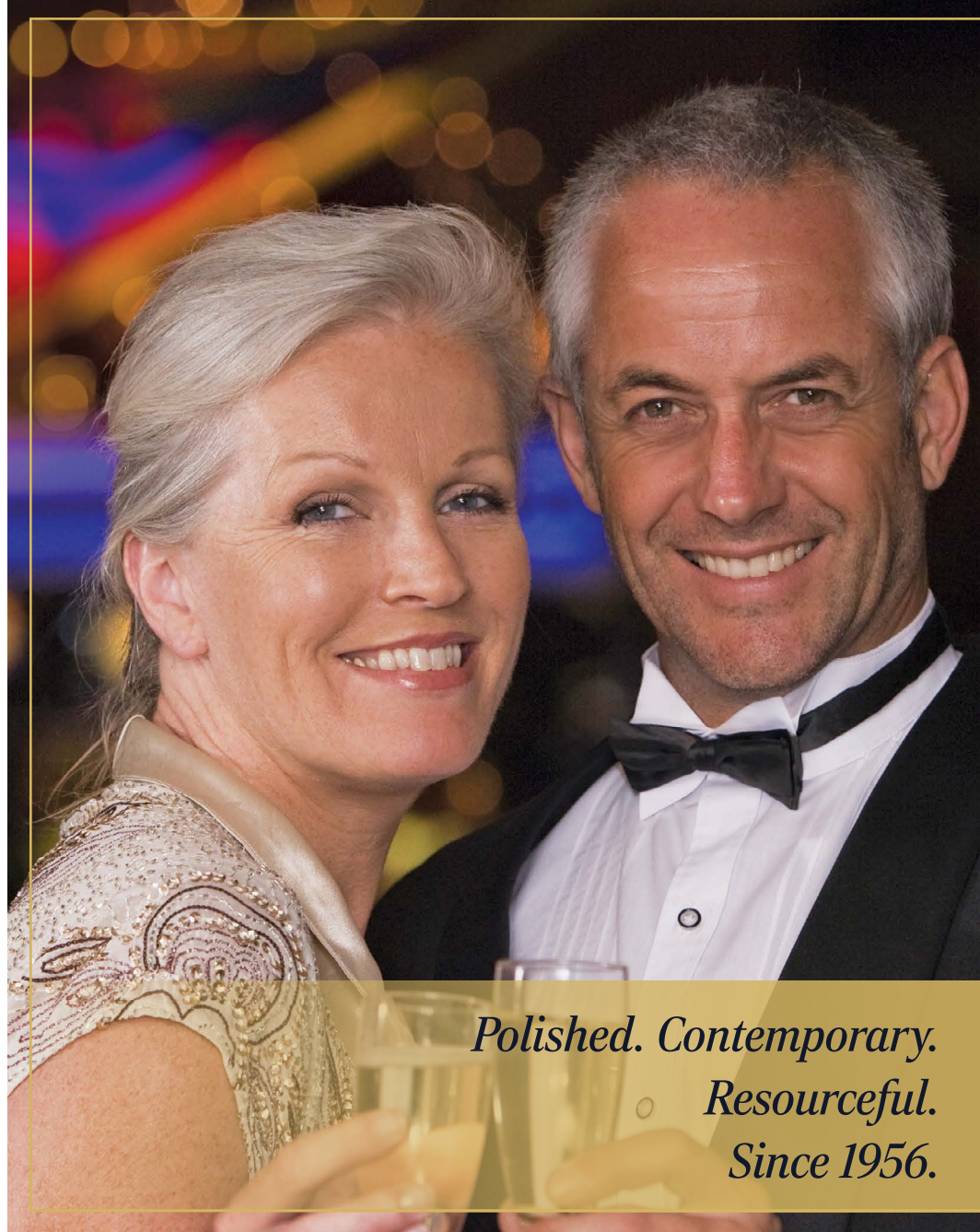
Winners receive \$100 and \$50 and publication!

Prompt: The Bard was a master of love, tragedy, and mischief—now it's your turn. Summarize any Shakespearean love story in just six or twelve words - your choice. Whether it's "Much Ado: Enemies, rumors, wedding, still single"; Hamlet: "Dad's ghost returns. Bad idea, everyone"; or Macbeth: "Witches whisper fate, Daggers gleam, guilt stains his hands— All is lost." Make it clever, poetic, or laugh-out-loud funny!

Deadline: Friday, February 28, 2025. Winners announced in the March 7, 2025 issue.

How to Enter: Craft your clever response to this month's prompt, then visit www.GreenwichSentinel.com/sentinel-writing-competition to submit it. Multiple entries are welcome, and pseudonyms are accepted—giving you the freedom to be as inventive as you like.





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FRIDAY, FEB. 7

10 & 11 a.m.
Sensory Storytime (Ages 18 months-48 months). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

10:30 a.m.
Voices Center of Resilience: Mindful Moment Meditation – Love & Compassion. Online. Free. Register. voicescenter.org

1:30 p.m.
First Friday Concert Series: Naomi Onda. Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Ave. greenwichartsCouncil.org

3 p.m.
FeederWatch Fridays. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. All Ages. Free. Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events

4 p.m.
Apocalypse Life Skills: Duct Tape Wallets (Ages 8-13). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

4 p.m.
Plant Some Love! Valentine Planters Workshop. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$30, GBC Members; \$40, Non-Members. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

8 p.m.
Pre-Valentine's Day Celebration. Tony's at The J House, 1114 East Putnam Ave. eventbrite.com/e/1227115779329

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

All Day
Valentines for Veterans. Second Congregational Church of Greenwich, 139 East Putnam Ave. Through Feb. 10. 2cc.org

9 a.m.
Meet for Coffee at the Bruce: Pets and the City with Dr. Amy Attas. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org

10 a.m.
The Friends of Byram Park's annual 'Hot Chocolate in The Park'. Byram Park Beach Entrance, Byram Park. friendsofbyrampark@gmail.com. friendsofbyrampark.org

11 a.m.
Museum Movers: Yoga for Kids (Ages 3-6). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. brucemuseum.org

12 p.m.
Colonial Toys: Make a Yarn Doll in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

1 p.m.
Art Adventures: Collagraphs (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, Feb. 9. brucemuseum.org

1 p.m.
Kids Health Discovery Day with Greenwich Hospital at the Bruce Museum. 1 Museum Dr. greenwich-hospital.org/events

2 p.m.
Understanding Black and Indigenous Land- and Waterscapes in the Telling

of History. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Members, free; Non-Members, \$10. greenwich-history.org/ghs-events

2 p.m.
Film Screening: "Bob Marley: One Love" - Celebrating Black History Month. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

SUNDAY, FEB. 9

1 p.m.
Guided Gallery Tour: Greenwich During the Revolutionary War: A Frontier Town on the Front Line. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free with museum admission. Through March 9. greenwichhistory.org/events

12 p.m.
The Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center: Redefining Self Care Workshop. Online. Free. cpacinc.org/events.aspx

12 p.m.
Voices Center of Resilience: Peer Support Group for Caregivers. Online. Free. Register. voicescenter.org

1 p.m.
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Financial Foundations: Understanding Your Personal Credit. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

MONDAY, FEB. 10

1 p.m.
CT Ceramics Circle Seminar: "Ceramics in the English Country Houses of the National Trust: Asian Stories (Part I); European Stories (Part II)". Via Zoom. Register. cceramicsc.org

7 p.m.
Percival Everett's "James" & Mark Twain's "Jim": Reimagining & Subverting Mark Twain's Masterpiece. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. judy@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

9:30 a.m.
Perrot Memorial Library: Perrot Walks at Tod's Point. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org

10 & 11 a.m.
Bruce Beginnings: We Heart Dinosaurs (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Wednesday, Feb. 12. brucemuseum.org

10 a.m.
All About Vegetable Garden Series - Seed Starting Basics. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$10, GBC & GCG Members; \$20, Non-Members. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

6 p.m.
Purls of Wisdom: An Evening Knitting Class. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. judy@perrotlibrary.org. perrotlibrary.org

7 p.m.
The Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center: Transition Tuesday. Online. Free. cpacinc.org/events.aspx

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

10 a.m.
Bruce Beginnings Junior: We Heart Dinosaurs (ages 12 Months-30 Months). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum

Dr. Free with admission. First come, first served. brucemuseum.org

11 a.m.
Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: Will Friedwald, Author, Music critic, "The Music of Elvis Presley." Christ Church, 254 E. Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.org

12 p.m.
Colonial Crafts: Make a Whirligig in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

12 p.m.
The Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center: Redefining Self Care Workshop. Online. Free. cpacinc.org/events.aspx

12 p.m.
Voices Center of Resilience: Peer Support Group for Caregivers. Online. Free. Register. voicescenter.org

1 p.m.
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Financial Foundations: Understanding Your Personal Credit. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

4:30 p.m.
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Marketing Made Simple: Intro to Using Canva. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

5 p.m.
Alliance Française of Greenwich: French Cinéma - lively discussions on French films. Via Zoom. afgreenwich.org

THURSDAY, FEB. 13

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Friends of Greenwich Point: vine cutting at Tod's Point - volunteers needed. Register for location. 917-589-1133. info@friendsofgreenwichpoint.org. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

10 a.m.
Open Knitting Drop-In Program. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. perrotlibrary.org

10 a.m.
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Launching Your Business: A Step-By-Step Guide. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Plant Some Love - Create A Planter For Your Valentine! (walk-in program). Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

3:45 p.m.
Read to a Dog (Drop-in program - All Ages). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. perrotlibrary.org

FRIDAY, FEB. 14

9 a.m.
Birding Tour with Audubon's Ryan MacLean. Greenwich Land Trust's Converse Brook Preserve, between 20-51 Cherry Valley Rd. Register. gltrust.org/upcoming-events

10 & 11 a.m.
Sensory Storytime (Ages 18 months-48 months). Perrot Memori-

al Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

12 p.m.
Greenwich Audubon Center: Great Backyard Bird Count at Grass Island Park. All Ages. Free (donations suggested). Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events

12 p.m.
Let's Do History! Douglass Day Celebration. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwich-history.org/ghs-events

3 p.m.
FeederWatch Fridays. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. All Ages. Free. Register. greenwich.audubon.org/events

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sam Bridge Winter Market. Through May 3. Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouses, 437 North St. sambridge.com/farmers-market

10 a.m.
Greenwich Audubon Center: Intro to The Great Backyard Bird Count at Cos Cob Library. All Ages. Free. RSVP greenwich.audubon.org/events

12 p.m.
Become a Revolutionary Spy: Make Invisible Ink in the Time Travelers KidStudio. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. greenwich-history.org/ghs-events

1 p.m.
Birding at the Bruce Museum with Greenwich Audubon - a tour of the neighboring Oneida Sanctuary. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. brucemuseum.org

1 p.m.
Art Adventures: Valentine's Day Prints (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, Feb. 16. brucemuseum.org

5 p.m.
Owl Prowl with Greenwich Audubon. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Free, GBC & Audubon Members; \$20, Non-Members. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

SUNDAY, FEB. 16

1 p.m.
Guided Gallery Tour: Greenwich During the Revolutionary War: A Frontier Town on the Front Line. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free with museum admission. Through March 9. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

THROUGH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

"Camera-less" Art Exhibit. Flinn Gallery - Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Ave., 2nd Floor. 203-622-7947. flinn-gallery.com

SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 13

8 - 11 a.m.
Safe Roads Sunday program at Tod's Point. Traffic will be restricted on the road leading to the Point to allow walkers, joggers and cyclists to enjoy a traffic-free loop that starts and ends at the entrance to the main parking lots. friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

MONDAY - FRIDAY

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

TUESDAYS:

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

5 - 7 p.m.
Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis: LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting. On Zoom. Free. Open to all LGBTQ Youth & allies. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse

WEDNESDAYS:

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
"Tools for Aging Well" (2nd Wednesday of the Month). Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. 203-869-1091. roundhillcommunitychurch.org

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Relaxed Duplicate Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Members, \$10; nonmembers, \$12. New players welcome. (Register by Tue). 203-524-8032. greenwichymca.org

12 - 2 p.m.
Waste Free Greenwich's Food Scrap Recycle Program: Drop off scraps at Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. roundhillcommunitychurch.org/news/composting-at-rhcc

12:15 p.m.
Greenwich Rotary Club Weekly Lunch Meeting. Putnam Cottage, 243 East Putnam Ave. RSVP. 203-832-3654. sheila.goggin@cbmoves.com. greenwichrotary.org

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

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

2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

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

THURSDAYS:
8 a.m. & 4 p.m.
Tai Chi Basic Moves. First Congregational Church of Greenwich,

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

3 - 7 p.m.

Arch Street After School Programming (All Ages) – every Thursday starting Feb. 22. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. archstreet.org

5 - 7 p.m.

Kids In Crisis Lighthouse LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting - open to all LGBTQ youth in middle & high school. Wilton Historical Society, 224 Danbury Rd, Wilton. Free. 203-661-1911. lighthouse@kidsin危机.org. kidsin危机.org/get-help/lighthouse **EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:**

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Book Exchange – choose from a huge selection of books. Holly Hill Recycling Center. Free, or, donate books. (Open every Fri & Sat. books4every-one.org)

GREENWICH LIBRARIES:

greenwichlibrary.org

Friday, Feb. 7

10 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Goldbas Musical Story Hour. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

4 p.m.

How Things Work: Dissecting a 3D Printer. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org

7 p.m.

Friends Friday Films: His Girl Friday, with Reel Talk speaker Esther Zuckerman. Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org

Saturday, Feb. 8

9:30 a.m.

AARP Tax Help. 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Appointments are NOT required. 203-622-7900.

10 a.m.

Satur-yay! Storytime. Children's Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

10:30 a.m.

Vacation Week: Valentine Craft with Nicole. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

Cloak and Dagger Book Club 'In the Stacks'. Cos Cob Library Turret. 203-622-6883.

1 p.m.

LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org

3 p.m.

Peterson Concert: The String Queens Berkley Theater. 203-622-7910.

Monday, Feb. 10

All Day

Adult Winter Reading Challenge.

9:30 a.m.

Little Learners (Registration Required). Children's Constellation Room.

11 a.m.

All Together Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11 a.m.

Vacation Week Program: Portrait Cartooning with Bill Hernandez. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

11:30 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.

1 p.m.

Byram Book Club: "A Better Man" by Louise Penney. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.

2 p.m.

PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Innovation Lab.

5 p.m.

Vacation Week Program: Pajama Party (Pre-K - 1st Grade). Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

11 a.m.

Petite Concert. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

11 a.m.

Vacation Week Program: Storytime with Patty (Birth - Pre-K). Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

1 p.m.

Career Strategy Series: How to Leverage Recruiters Masterclass. Online.

1 p.m.

Friends Book Group. Online.

1:15 p.m.

Baby Lapsit (Registration Required). Children's Constellation Room.

3 p.m.

Frozen Sing-Along. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

5 p.m.

Gentle Yoga with Kristin. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

5 p.m.

New Yorker Stories Discussion Group OFF-SITE. Online.

7 p.m.

Investing: Bond Bombshell. Online.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

9:30 a.m.

Movers & Shakers (Registration Required). Children's Constellation Room.

10 a.m.

Baby Lapsit in the Stacks. Cos Cob Library Turret.

10:30 a.m.

Fiesta de los Cuentos. Children's Constellation Room.

11 a.m.

Early Walkers in the Stacks! Cos Cob Library Turret.

1 p.m.

LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab.

4 p.m.

Vacation Week Program: Valentine Ceramic Workshop with Lucia - Registration Required. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

Thursday, Feb. 13

10 a.m.

Japanese Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

10:30 a.m.

Volunteer Training: Adopt-a-Shelf. Greenwich Library..

11 a.m.

Technology Help. Learning Lab.

11:30 a.m.

Qi Gong. Online.

3 p.m.

15 Websites To Know for 2025. Online.

3 p.m.

Vacation Week Program: Family Tai Chi with Ken Dolan. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

3:30 p.m.

Kinder... Set... Go. Children's Constellation Room.

4 p.m.

Look Into the Past: Digital Newspapers & Archives for Genealogical & Historical Research. Learning Lab.

6 p.m.

Historical Miniature War Game. Teen Commons.

6 p.m.

Vacation Week Program: Magic Show with Mr. Magic. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.

Friday, Feb. 14

10 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

Nuts and Bolts of Creating a Successful Nonprofit: Fundraising and Strategic Planning. Online. greenwichlibrary.libcal.com/event/12749610

7 p.m.

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

Saturday, Feb. 15

9:30 a.m.

AARP Tax Help. 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Appointments are NOT required. 203-622-7900.

10 a.m.

The Great Backyard Bird Count with the Greenwich Audubon. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.

10:30 a.m.

Music with Tom Weber. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org

10:30 a.m.

Vacation Week Program: Meditation for Families with Roberta Brown. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

11 a.m.

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

2 p.m.

Jerry's Movies: "Sabrina" (1954) starring Audrey Hepburn. Byram

Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.

2 p.m.

PrintLab: 3D Printing Studio. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org

Sunday, Feb. 16

2 p.m.

Friends Performing Arts Series: Musicians from Marlboro. Berkley Theater. 203-622-7910. dsalm@greenwichlibrary.org

GREENWICH HOSPITAL:

greenwichhospital.org/events **888-305-9253**

Sunday, Feb. 8

1 p.m.

Kids Health Discovery Day with Greenwich Hospital at the Bruce Museum.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

1:30 p.m.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group - for people with Parkinson's, their families and caregivers. 260 Long Ridge Road, Stamford. Free.

Saturday, Feb. 15

9 a.m.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 18

11 a.m.

Talk: Healthy Food for a Healthy Heart. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

1:30 p.m.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group - for people with Parkinson's, their families and caregivers. 260 Long Ridge Road, Stamford. Free.

4 p.m.

Talk: Fundamentals of Diabetes and Heart Disease. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

Thursday, Feb. 20

1 p.m.

Webinar: MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Support Group. Free.

6 p.m.

Arthritis in Your Hands and Feet. Free.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR: ntngreenwich.org

Everyday, all day

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

• Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard St., Cos Cob.

Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.

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

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

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:

RedCrossBlood.org

Friday, Feb. 7

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

Stamford Church of Christ, 1264 High Ridge Road, Stamford.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

United Church of Rowayton, 210 Rowayton Ave., Norwalk.

Saturday, Feb. 8

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Idea Kitchen, 1940 Palmer Ave., Larchmont, NY.

Sunday, Feb. 9

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

Monday, Feb. 10

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

St. Philip's Church, 25 France Street, Norwalk.

Thursday, Feb. 13

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fairfield University Student Center, 1073 North Benson Road, Fairfield.

Friday, Feb. 14

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Black Rock Church, 3685 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Easton Public Library, 691 Morehouse Road, Easton.

Saturday, Feb. 15

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

Union Baptist Church, 805 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.

TOWN MEETINGS:

greenwichct.gov/calendar

Monday, Feb. 10

1 p.m.

BET HR Committee.

3 p.m.

Energy Management Advisory Committee Meeting. Cone Room.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

9 a.m.

Budget Mtg - Day 3.

12 p.m.

First Selectman's Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting.

5:30 p.m.

Shellfish Shellfish Commission Regular Meeting. Via Zoom.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

9 a.m.

BET Law Committee.

11 a.m.

FS Operations Planning Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.

1 p.m.

BET Budget Committee.

7 p.m.

Historic District Commission Regular Meeting. Mazza Room.

7 p.m.

PZBA Meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 13

9 a.m.

Budget Mtg - Day 4.

10 a.m.

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

Friday, Feb. 14

12 p.m.

RTM Call closes at 12 noon.

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, Feb. 28

6:30 p.m.

Greenwich Alliance for Education's Trivia Challenge Benefit. Tamarrack Country Club, 55 Locust Rd. greenwichalliance.org/trivia-challenge-2025

6:30 p.m.

Kids In Crisis' An Après Ski Soirée The Loading Dock 375 Fairfield Ave, Stamford. kidsin危机.org/sub/events

Wednesday, March 5

5:30 p.m.

YWCA Greenwich's Women Who Inspire Awards. Greenwich Country Club. ywcagreenwich.org/events/2025-women-who-inspire-awards

Saturday, March 8

6 p.m.

Greenwich Hibernian Association's St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance. Knights of Columbus Hall, 37 West Putnam Ave.

THE HOUSE AT POOH CORNER BY A.A. MILNE

CHAPTER VII IN WHICH Tigger Is Unbounced

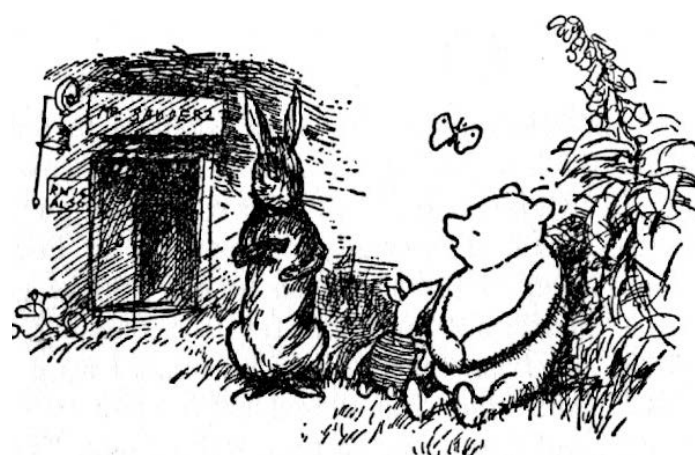
One day Rabbit and Piglet were sitting outside Pooh's front door listening to Rabbit, and Pooh was sitting with them. It was a drowsy summer afternoon, and the Forest was full of gentle sounds, which all seemed to be saying to Pooh, "Don't listen to Rabbit, listen to me." So he got into a comfortable position for not listening to Rabbit, and from time to time he opened his eyes to say "Ah!" and then closed them again to say "True," and from time to time Rabbit said, "You see what I mean, Piglet" very earnestly, and Piglet nodded earnestly to show that he did.

"In fact," said Rabbit, coming to the end of it at last, "Tigger's getting so Bouncy nowadays that it's time we taught him a lesson. Don't you think so, Piglet?"

Piglet said that Tigger was very Bouncy, and that if they could think of a way of unbouncing him, it would be a Very Good Idea.

"Just what I feel," said Rabbit. "What do you say, Pooh?"

Pooh opened his eyes with a jerk and said, "Extremely."



"Extremely what?" asked Rabbit.

"What you were saying," said Pooh. "Undoubtably."

Piglet gave Pooh a stiffening sort of nudge, and Pooh, who felt more and more that he was somewhere else, got up slowly and began to look for himself.

"But how shall we do it?" asked Piglet. "What sort of a lesson, Rabbit?"

"That's the point," said Rabbit.

The word "lesson" came back to Pooh as one he had heard before somewhere.

"There's a thing called Twy-stymes," he said. "Christopher Robin tried to teach it to me once, but it didn't."

"What didn't?" said Rabbit.

"Didn't what?" said Piglet.

Pooh shook his head.

"I don't know," he said. "It just didn't. What are we talking about?"

"Pooh," said Piglet reproachfully, "haven't you been listening to what Rabbit was saying?"

"I listened, but I had a small piece of fluff in my ear. Could you say it again, please, Rabbit?"

Rabbit never minded saying things again, so he asked where he should begin from; and when Pooh had said from the moment when the fluff got in his ear, and Rabbit had asked when that was, and Pooh had said he didn't know because he hadn't heard properly, Piglet settled it all by saying that what they were trying to do was, they were just trying to think of a way to get the bounces out of Tigger, because however much you liked him, you couldn't deny it, he did bounce.

"Oh, I see," said Pooh.

"There's too much of him," said Rabbit, "that's what it comes to."

Pooh tried to think, and all he could think of was something which didn't help at all. So he hummed it very quietly to himself.

If Rabbit
Was bigger
And fatter
And stronger,
Or bigger
Than Tigger,
If Tigger was smaller,
Then Tigger's bad habit
Of bouncing at Rabbit
Would matter

No longer,
If Rabbit
Was taller.

"What was Pooh saying?" asked Rabbit. "Any good?"

"No," said Pooh sadly. "No good."

"Well, I've got an idea," said Rabbit, "and here it is. We take Tigger for a long explore, somewhere where he's never been, and we lose him there, and next morning we find him again, and—mark my words—he'll be a different Tigger altogether."

"Why?" said Pooh.

"Because he'll be a Humble Tigger. Because he'll be a Sad Tigger, a Melancholy Tigger, a Small and Sorry Tigger, an Oh-Rabbit-I-am-glad-to-see-you Tigger. That's why."

"Will he be glad to see me and Piglet, too?"

"Of course."

"That's good," said Pooh.

"I should hate him to go on being Sad," said Piglet doubtfully.

"Tiggers never go on being Sad," explained Rabbit. "They get over it with Astonishing Rapidity. I asked Owl, just to make sure, and he said that that's what they always get over it with. But if we can make Tigger feel Small and Sad just for five minutes, we shall have done a good deed."

"Would Christopher Robin think so?" asked Piglet.

"Yes," said Rabbit. "He'd say 'You've done a good deed, Piglet. I would have done it myself, only I happened to be doing something else. Thank you, Piglet.' And Pooh, of course."

Piglet felt very glad about this, and he saw at once that what they were going to do to Tigger was a good thing to do, and as Pooh and Rabbit were doing it with him, it was a thing which even a Very Small Animal could wake up in the morning and be comfortable about doing. So the only question was, where should they lose Tigger?

"We'll take him to the North Pole," said Rabbit, "because it was a very long explore finding it, so it will be a very long explore for Tigger unfinding it again."

It was now Pooh's turn to feel very glad, because it was he who had first found the North Pole, and when they got there, Tigger would see a notice which said, "Discovered by Pooh, Pooh found it," and then Tigger would know, which perhaps he didn't know, the sort of Bear Pooh was. That sort of Bear.

So it was arranged that they should start next morning, and that Rabbit, who lived near Kanga and Roo and Tigger, should now go home and ask Tigger what he was doing tomorrow, because if he wasn't doing anything, what about coming for an explore and getting Pooh and Piglet to come too? And if Tigger said "Yes" that would be all right, and if he said "No"—

"He won't," said Rabbit. "Leave it to me." And he went off busily.

The next day was quite a different day. Instead of being hot and sunny, it was cold and misty. Pooh didn't mind for himself, but when he thought of all the honey the bees wouldn't be making, a cold and misty day always made him feel sorry for them. He said so to Piglet when Piglet came to fetch him, and Piglet said that he wasn't thinking of that so much, but of how cold and miserable it would be being lost all day and night on the top of the Forest. But when he and Pooh had got to Rabbit's house, Rabbit said it was just the day for them, because Tigger always bounced on ahead of everybody, and as soon as he got out of sight, they would hurry away in the other direction, and he would never see them again.

"Not never?" said Piglet.

"Well, not until we find him again, Piglet. Tomorrow, or whenever it is. Come on. He's waiting for us."

When they got to Kanga's house, they found that Roo was waiting too, being a great friend

of Tigger's, which made it Awkward; but Rabbit whispered "Leave this to me" behind his paw to Pooh, and went up to Kanga.

"I don't think Roo had better come," he said. "Not today."

"Why not?" said Roo, who wasn't supposed to be listening.

"Nasty cold day," said Rabbit, shaking his head. "And you were coughing this morning."

"How do you know?" asked Roo indignantly.

"Oh, Roo, you never told me," said Kanga reproachfully.

"It was a Biscuit Cough," said Roo, "not one you tell about."

"I think not today, dear. Another day."

"Tomorrow?" said Roo hopefully.

"We'll see," said Kanga.

"You're always seeing, and nothing ever happens," said Roo sadly.

"Nobody could see on a day like this, Roo," said Rabbit. "I don't expect we shall get very far, and then this afternoon we'll all—we'll all—we'll—ah, Tigger, there you are. Come on. Good-bye, Roo! This afternoon we'll—come on, Pooh! All ready? That's right. Come on."



So they went. At first Pooh and Rabbit and Piglet walked together, and Tigger ran round them in circles, and then, when the path got narrower, Rabbit, Piglet and Pooh walked one after another, and Tigger ran round them in oblongs, and by-and-by, when the gorse got very prickly on each side of the path, Tigger ran up and down in front of them, and sometimes he bounced into Rabbit and sometimes he didn't. And as they got higher, the mist got thicker, so that Tigger kept disappearing, and then when you thought he wasn't there, there he was again, saying "I say, come on," and before you could say anything, there he wasn't.

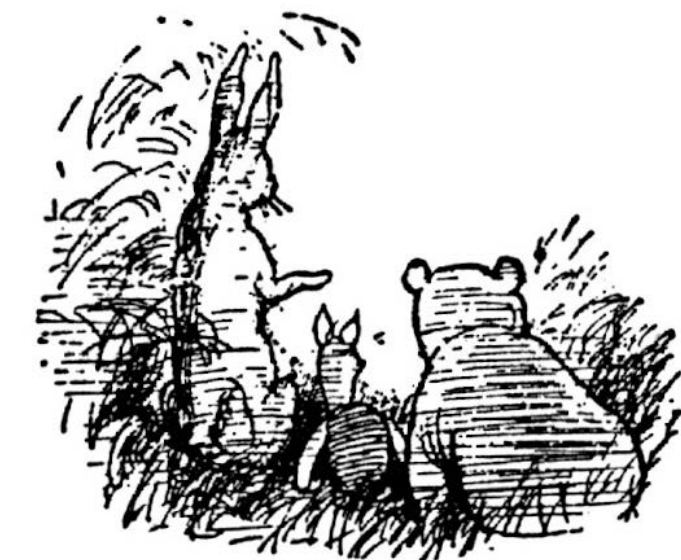
Rabbit turned round and nudged Piglet.

"The next time," he said. "Tell Pooh."

"The next time," said Piglet to Pooh.

"The next what?" said Pooh to Piglet.

Tigger appeared suddenly, bounced into Rabbit, and disappeared again. "Now!" said Rabbit. He jumped into a hollow by the side of the path, and Pooh and Piglet jumped after him. They crouched in the bracken, listening. The Forest was very silent when you stopped and listened to it. They could see nothing and hear nothing.



"H'sh!" said Rabbit.

"I am," said Pooh.

There was a pattering noise ... then silence again.

"Hallo!" said Tigger, and he sounded so close suddenly that Piglet would have jumped if Pooh hadn't accidentally been sitting on most of him.

"Where are you?" called Tigger.

Rabbit nudged Pooh, and Pooh looked about for Piglet to nudge, but couldn't find him, and Piglet went on breathing wet bracken as

quietly as he could, and felt very brave and excited.

"That's funny," said Tigger.



There was a moment's silence, and then they heard him pattering off again. For a little longer they waited, until the Forest had become so still that it almost frightened them, and then Rabbit got up and stretched himself. "Well?" he whispered proudly. "There we are! Just as I said."

"I've been thinking," said Pooh, "and I think——"

"No," said Rabbit. "Don't. Run. Come on." And they all hurried off, Rabbit leading the way.

"Now," said Rabbit, after they had gone a little way, "we can talk. What were you going to say, Pooh?"

"Nothing much. Why are we going along here?"

"Because it's the way home."

"Oh!" said Pooh.

"I think it's more to the right," said Piglet nervously. "What do you think, Pooh?"



Pooh looked at his two paws. He knew that one of them was the right, and he knew that when you had decided which one of them was the right, then the other one was the left, but he never could remember how to begin.

"Well," he said slowly——

"Come on," said Rabbit. "I know it's this way."

They went on. Ten minutes later they stopped again.

"It's very silly," said Rabbit, "but just for the moment I——Ah, of course. Come on...."

"Here we are," said Rabbit ten minutes later.

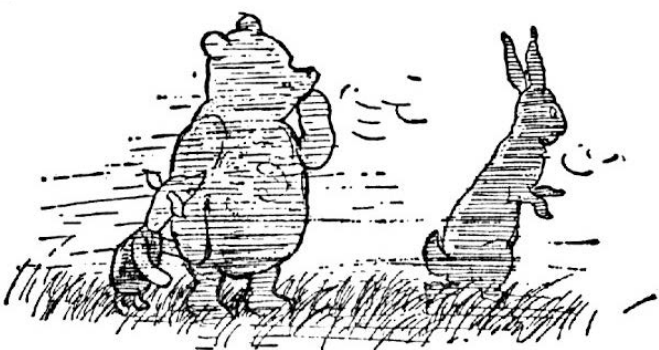
"No, we're not...."

"Now," said Rabbit ten minutes later, "I think we ought to be getting—or are we a little bit more to the right than I thought?..."

"It's a funny thing," said Rabbit ten minutes later, "how everything looks the same in a mist. Have you noticed it, Pooh?"

Pooh said that he had.

"Lucky we know the Forest so well, or we might get lost," said Rabbit half an hour later, and he gave the careless laugh which you give when you know the Forest so well that you can't get lost.



Piglet sidled up to Pooh from behind.

"Pooh!" he whispered.

"Yes, Piglet?"

"Nothing," said Piglet, taking Pooh's paw. "I just wanted to be sure of you."

When Tigger had finished waiting for the others to catch him up, and they hadn't, and

when he had got tired of having nobody to say, "I say, come on" to, he thought he would go home. So he trotted back; and the first thing Kanga said when she saw him was "There's a good Tigger. You're just in time for your Strengthening Medicine," and she poured it out for him. Roo said proudly, "I've had mine," and Tigger swallowed his and said, "So have I," and then he and Roo pushed each other about in a friendly way, and Tigger accidentally knocked over one or two chairs by accident, and Roo accidentally knocked over one on purpose, and Kanga said, "Now then, run along."

"Where shall we run along to?" asked Roo.

"You can go and collect some fir-cones for me," said Kanga, giving them a basket.



So they went to the Six Pine Trees, and threw fir-cones at each other until they had forgotten what they came for, and they left the basket under the trees and went back to dinner. And it was just as they were finishing dinner that Christopher Robin put his head in at the door.

"Where's Pooh?" he asked.

"Tigger dear, where's Pooh?" said Kanga. Tigger explained what had happened at the same time that Roo was explaining about his Biscuit Cough and Kanga was telling them not both to talk at once, so it was some time before Christopher Robin guessed that Pooh and Piglet and Rabbit were all lost in the mist on the top of the Forest.

"It's a funny thing about Tiggers," whispered Tigger to Roo, "how Tiggers never get lost."

"Why don't they, Tigger?"

"They just don't," explained Tigger. "That's how it is."

"Well," said Christopher Robin, "we shall have to go and find them, that's all. Come on, Tigger."

"I shall have to go and find them," explained Tigger to Roo.

"May I find them too?" asked Roo eagerly.

"I think not today, dear," said Kanga.

"Another day."

"Well, if they're lost tomorrow, may I find them?"

"We'll see," said Kanga, and Roo, who knew what that meant, went into a corner, and practised jumping out at himself, partly because he wanted to practise this, and partly because he didn't want Christopher Robin and Tigger to think that he minded when they went off without him.



"The fact is," said Rabbit, "we've missed our way somehow."

They were having a rest in a small sand-pit on the top of the Forest. Pooh was getting rather tired of that sand-pit, and suspected it of following them about, because whichever direction they started in, they always ended up at it, and each time, as it came through the mist at them, Rabbit said triumphantly, "Now I know where we are!" and Pooh said sadly, "So do I," and Piglet said nothing. He had tried to think of something to say, but the only thing he could think of was, "Help, help!" and it seemed silly to say that, when he had Pooh and Rabbit with him.

"Well," said Rabbit, after a long silence in which nobody thanked him for the nice walk they were having, "we'd better get on, I suppose. Which way shall we try?"

"How would it be," said Pooh slowly, "if, as soon as we're out of sight of this Pit, we try to find it again?"

"What's the good of that?" said Rabbit.

"Well," said Pooh, "we keep looking for Home and not finding it, so I thought that if we looked for this Pit, we'd be sure not to find it, which would be a Good Thing, because then we might find something that we weren't looking for, which might be just what we were looking for, really."

"I don't see much sense in that," said Rabbit.

"No," said Pooh humbly, "there isn't. But there was going to be when I began it. It's just that something happened to it on the way."

"If I walked away from this Pit, and then walked back to it, of course I should find it."

"Well, I thought perhaps you wouldn't," said Pooh. "I just thought."

"Try," said Piglet suddenly. "We'll wait here for you."

Rabbit gave a laugh to show how silly Piglet was, and walked into the mist. After he had gone a hundred yards, he turned and walked back again ... and after Pooh and Piglet had waited twenty minutes for him, Pooh got up.

"I just thought," said Pooh. "Now then, Piglet, let's go home."

"But, Pooh," cried Piglet, all excited, "do you know the way?"

"No," said Pooh. "But there are twelve pots of honey in my cupboard, and they've been calling to me for hours. I couldn't hear them properly before, because Rabbit would talk, but if nobody says anything except those twelve pots, I think, Piglet, I shall know where they're calling from. Come on."

They walked off together; and for a long time Piglet said nothing, so as not to interrupt the pots; and then suddenly he made a squeaky noise ... and an oo-noise ... because now he began to know where he was; but he still didn't dare to say so out loud, in case he wasn't. And just when he was getting so sure of himself that it didn't matter whether the pots went on calling or not, there was a shout from in front of them, and out of the mist came Christopher Robin.



"Oh, there you are," said Christopher Robin carelessly, trying to pretend that he hadn't been Anxious.

"Here we are," said Pooh.

"Where's Rabbit?"

"I don't know," said Pooh.

"Oh—well, I expect Tigger will find him. He's sort of looking for you all."

"Well," said Pooh, "I've got to go home for something, and so has Piglet, because we haven't had it yet, and——"

"I'll come and watch you," said Christopher Robin.



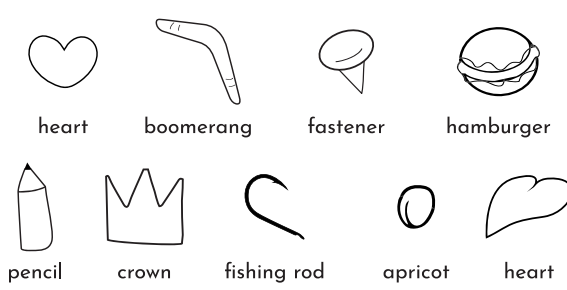
So he went home with Pooh, and watched him for quite a long time ... and all the time he was watching, Tigger was tearing round the Forest making loud yapping noises for Rabbit. And at last a very Small and Sorry Rabbit heard him. And the Small and Sorry Rabbit rushed through the mist at the noise, and it suddenly turned into Tigger; a Friendly Tigger, a Grand Tigger, a Large and Helpful Tigger, a Tigger who bounced, if he bounced at all, in just the beautiful way a Tigger ought to bounce.

"Oh, Tigger, I am glad to see you," cried Rabbit.

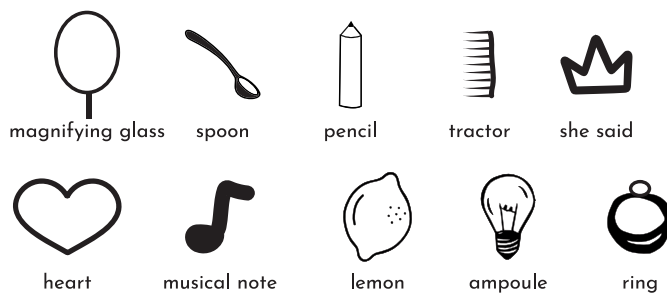
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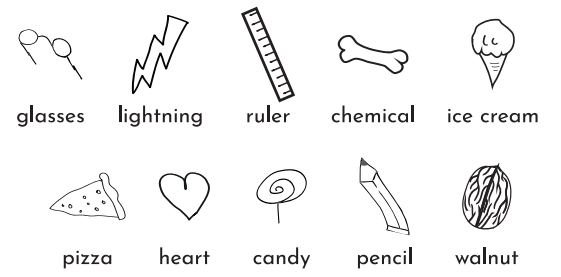
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Sudoku answers

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Riddle answer is a clock.

Universal Crossword

Edited by Jared Goudsmit

ACROSS

- 1 "The King" actress Lily-Rose
- 5 Harvest
- 9 Becomes less bright
- 13 Trifling
- 14 Jaipur's country
- 16 Fine-tune, like text
- 17 Put a pin in it!
- 19 Opposite of wax
- 20 Hosp. scan
- 21 Flake (on)
- 23 Dress edge
- 24 Car add-ons that reduce wind noise and glare
- 28 Stool pigeon
- 29 Comic Jeong
- 30 List on Decluttr, say
- 31 "Yeah, when pigs fly!"
- 33 Bread box?
- 35 Limber
- 39 Plan that's sure to succeed
- 43 Make void
- 44 ___-de-France
- 45 18-wheeler
- 46 Small salamander
- 49 Finnish duo?
- 51 Scripps National Spelling ___
- 52 Writer such as Julia Child
- 57 Warm greeting
- 58 Idris named People's Sexiest Man Alive in 2018
- 59 "Yech!"

- 60 Comedian Rodriguez
- 62 Extra person on a double date ... who's depicted by the last O in 17-, 24-, 39- and 52-Across?
- 67 Used a turn-table
- 68 Charlatan
- 69 Thomas of soul
- 70 Beach trip grains
- 71 ___ serif
- 72 Story of Pandora, e.g.

DOWN

- 1 Driver's license org.
- 2 Fair-hiring letters
- 3 Step up at work
- 4 Actor Pascal
- 5 Ipanema's city, familiarly
- 6 "The ___ is near!"
- 7 Spicy Spanish marinade
- 8 Seasoned rice dishes
- 9 Lawn moisture
- 10 Shoshone Falls state
- 11 Underground worker
- 12 Parts of apples or goblets
- 15 "Stayin' ___" (Bee Gees hit)
- 18 (I'm a pig!)
- 22 French city found backward in "Well, I'll be!"
- 24 Stoneworker

- 25 Tail end
- 26 "Hold ___ your hat!"
- 27 Narrow openings
- 28 Tennis star Nadal's nickname
- 32 Get an F on
- 34 "Who, me?"
- 36 New York City neighborhood near NoHo
- 37 "Odyssey" poet
- 38 Emmy-winning Falco
- 40 Military academy newbie
- 41 Bug biting Rover
- 42 List with appetizers
- 47 See 48-Down
- 48 With 47-Down, award-winning writer of "This Boy's Life"

- 50 Kare-kare or ragout
- 52 "Hanging" things in the 2000 election
- 53 Occult board
- 54 Nash who said, "You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely"
- 55 "The Meta-morphosis" writer
- 56 Pronoun pair for Ryan Gosling
- 61 Sum up
- 63 V : five :: X :
- 64 Big baseball hits: Abbr.
- 65 CPR pro
- 66 ___-di-dah (pretentious)

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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That's How I Roll by Sam Koperwas and Jeff Chen

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Horoscopes

This week emphasizes reflection, self-care, and building connections. Jupiter's direct motion and Neptune's alignment with the North Node create opportunities for personal and relational growth. Many signs are encouraged to address past relationship patterns, set boundaries, and focus on emotional stability. The first quarter moon on February 5 highlights a chance to clarify intentions and make meaningful connections, but effort and mindfulness are key. Balancing self-awareness with openness to new or deepening relationships is essential. Use this time to prioritize your needs while remaining receptive to meaningful interactions.

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Cancer

Stress may dominate this week, requiring intentional self-care. Dating apps or casual encounters during errands may lead to connections. The first quarter moon on February 5 highlights a chance for love, but effort is needed to create meaningful relationships.

Leo

Trust your instincts in relationships. A flirtation around the first quarter moon on the 5th may require clear boundaries. Focus on time with friends and enjoying the moment rather than actively seeking romance. Unexpected opportunities for love may arise but avoid impulsive decisions.

Virgo

Embrace spontaneity but avoid moving too quickly in romance. Neptune's alignment with the North Node on the 6th encourages reflection and clarity in relationships. Use this time to set intentions and observe patterns. Mindfulness will guide you toward meaningful connections.

Libra

Venus in Aries on the 3rd enhances confidence and fosters quick romantic connections. This is an ideal period for casual relationships or meaningful dates, depending on your priorities. By the 5th, the first quarter moon in Taurus emphasizes focusing on personal needs and thoughtful engagement.

Scorpio

Mars retrograde may bring emotional challenges in friendships or work relationships. Unexpected signs of affection, such as a text or flowers, may arise around the first quarter moon on the 5th. Balance self-care with responsiveness to navigate these dynamics effectively.

Sagittarius

Jupiter's direct motion on the 4th may resurface past relationship issues. Old partners could reappear, but attempts to reconcile may lead to conflict. Evaluate whether revisiting the past is worth the potential tension. Be mindful of repeating unhealthy dynamics.

Capricorn

Focus on addressing tasks and restoring energy. Reflect on personal boundaries in relationships, ensuring they support healthy connections. The first quarter moon on February 5 is an opportunity to assess emotional well-being and prioritize self-care. Use this time for healing and growth.

Aquarius

Focus on leisure and connection. This week brings opportunities to enjoy time at home or strengthen bonds. Romantic energy fosters intimacy, making it a good time to deepen a relationship or take a step toward closeness. Jupiter's direct motion on February 4 supports physical and emotional connection.

Pisces

Build self-confidence rather than seeking external validation. A partner or romantic interest may seem distant, but they could be preoccupied. Use the lunar eclipse's energy for connection—plan something special or focus on self-care. On the 6th, Neptune's alignment with the Sun and North Node highlights the importance of nurturing yourself.

Aries

Venus aligns with the Sun on February 3, enhancing your social influence. Focus on self-care and reassess personal and professional goals. Romantic opportunities, including new connections or chance meetings, may emerge later in the week. Stay open to possibilities for meaningful relationships.

Taurus

The week begins with potential stress as Venus enters Aries on the 3rd, making self-care vital. The first quarter moon in your sign on the 5th fosters stability and reflection on unresolved romantic wounds. Small interactions may lead to significant connections. Neptune's alignment with the North Node on the 6th highlights fated relationships and personal growth.

Gemini

Jupiter turns direct on February 4, boosting social energy and responsibilities. By February 6, focus on avoiding old relationship patterns, such as reconnecting with an ex. Over the weekend, enhanced confidence and social engagement create opportunities for fulfilling

Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1. (K) Royal sport
- 5. Short-lived trends
- 9. (K) Dog's foot
- 12. Figure skater's jump
- 13. Bank loan security
- 14. Legendary name in the boxing world
- 15. (K) Something a library will do
- 16. (K) Bone in the arm
- 17. (K) Young Snoopy, for one
- 18. (K) Thomas the Tank ___
- 20. (K) Picture holder
- 22. (K) Summer attire
- 23. (K) Part of any good crossword
- 25. (K) "Stick out your tongue and say '___' ..."
- 27. Plant with soothing medicinal qualities

- 29. (K) Meat brand with a blue-and-yellow can
- 33. Stage of advancement (2 words)
- 36. (K) Some farm birds
- 37. Fit together, as gears
- 38. (K) Type of pet
- 39. Neuter
- 41. Stop waffling
- 43. Do this to keep a turkey moist
- 46. (K) Donkey's hello (2 words)
- 49. Pie-mode connection (2 words)
- 50. Showroom model
- 53. (K) Apple leftover
- 54. (K) Pig abode
- 55. (K) Numbers for everyone in your family
- 56. Draft choices in Britain
- 57. (K) Urgent call at sea
- 58. (K) ___ Star State (Texas)
- 59. (K) Not messy

DOWN

- 1. (K) Like periwinkle, compared to indigo
- 2. (K) Farm creatures that may be yoked
- 3. (K) Make longer
- 4. Hit tune from the past
- 5. Part of a chimney
- 6. Be in need of a doctor
- 7. (K) Lion shelter
- 8. Major whoopsie
- 9. (K) Mama Bear's hubby
- 10. Reunion attendee, briefly
- 11. (K) Clean the windshield
- 19. High tide's lowest level
- 21. (K) Stop playing so much?
- 23. ___ Island, N.Y.
- 24. (K) There are three on a grand piano
- 25. (K) Volcanic output

- 26. (K) Had all the cookies
- 28. (K) Kind of bean
- 30. Cruise ship window
- 31. (K) Santa ___ California
- 32. Attained, as a goal
- 34. (K) "Wanna hear a secret?" sound
- 35. (K) Old Woman's abode, in a nursery rhyme
- 40. Accelerator or brake
- 42. (K) Chocolate turtle ingredient
- 43. Low voice
- 44. Low voice
- 45. (K) Simon's verb
- 46. It may be coiled in the yard
- 47. (K) ___ code (three-digit number)
- 48. (K) Major U.S. coast
- 51. It's a matter of pride
- 52. (K) Former little boys

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

Take five or 10?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Previous riddle answer:

Finish to a singles match?
51-A) I DO

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

SOLUTIONS

- 1 one of week's five, usually (7) _____
- 2 sound on a sitcom track (5) _____
- 3 all's diversified partner (6) _____
- 4 one poking around (8) _____
- 5 part of a ticker-tape parade (8) _____
- 6 best-selling author Flynn (7) _____
- 7 bent out of shape (9) _____

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Previous Answers: 1. STRESSFUL 2. MOOSE 3. SWEATSUIT 4. HONEYBEES 5. ZIGZAGGING 6. RECESSES 7. LEVEL 8/25

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

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MONDAY

Saint Matthew was one of the twelve Apostles. He wrote about six years after the Lord's Ascension.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 13

The parables of the sower and the cockle: of the mustardseed, etc.

13:1. The same day Jesus going out of the house, sat by the sea side.

13:2. And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went up into a boat and sat: and all the multitude stood on the shore.

13:3. And he spoke to them many things in parables, saying: Behold the sower went forth to sow.

13:4. And whilst he soweth some fell by the way side, and the birds of the air came and ate them up.

13:5. And other some fell upon stony ground, where they had not much earth: and they sprang up immediately, because they had no deepness of earth.

13:6. And when the sun was up they were scorched: and because they had not root, they withered away.

13:7. And others fell among thorns: and the thorns grew up and choked them.

13:8. And others fell upon good ground: and they brought forth fruit, some an hundred fold, some sixty fold, and some thirty fold.

13:9. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

13:10. And his disciples came and said to him: Why speakest thou to them in parables?

13:11. Who answered and said to them: Because to you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven: but to them it is not given.

13:12. For he that hath, to him shall be given, and he shall abound: but he that hath not, from him shall be taken away that also which he hath.

13:13. Therefore do I speak to them in parables: because seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

13:14. And the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled in them, who saith: By hearing you shall hear, and shall not understand: and seeing you shall see, and shall not perceive.

13:15. For the heart of this people is grown gross, and with their ears they have been dull of hearing, and their eyes they have shut: lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

13:16. But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear.

13:17. For, amen, I say to you, many prophets and just men have desired to see the things that you see, and have not seen them: and to hear the things that you hear and have not heard them.

13:18. Hear you therefore the parable of the sower.

13:19. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, there cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart: this is he that received the seed by the way side.

13:20. And he that received the seed upon stony ground, is he that heareth the word, and immediately receiveth it with joy.

13:21. Yet hath he not root in himself, but is only for a time: and when there ariseth tribulation and persecution because of the word, he is presently scandalized.

13:22. And he that received the seed among thorns, is he that heareth the word, and the care of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choketh up the word, and he becometh fruitless.

13:23. But he that received

the seed upon good ground, is he that heareth the word, and understandeth, and beareth fruit, and yieldeth the one an hundredfold, and another sixty, and another thirty.

13:24. Another parable he proposed to them, saying: The kingdom of heaven is likened to a man that sowed good seed in his field.

13:25. But while men were asleep, his enemy came and oversowed cockle among the wheat and went his way.

13:26. And when the blade was sprung up, and had brought forth fruit, then appeared also the cockle.

13:27. And the servants of the good man of the house coming said to him. Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? Whence then hath it cockle?

13:28. And he said to them: An enemy hath done this. And the servants said to him: Wilt thou that we go and gather it up?

13:29. And he said: No, lest perhaps gathering up the cockle, you root up the wheat also together with it.

13:30. Suffer both to grow until the harvest, and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers: Gather up first the cockle, and bind it into bundles to burn, but the wheat gather ye into my barn.

13:31. Another parable he proposed unto them, saying: The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field.

13:32. Which is the least indeed of all seeds; but when it is grown up, it is greater than all herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come, and dwell in the branches thereof.

13:33. Another parable he spoke to them: The kingdom of heaven is like to leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened.

13:34. All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the multitudes: and without parables he did not speak to them.

13:35. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.

13:36. Then having sent away the multitudes, he came into the house, and his disciples came to him, saying: Expound to us the parable of the cockle of the field.

13:37. Who made answer and said to them: He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man.

13:38. And the field is the world. And the good seed are the children of the kingdom. And the cockle are the children of the wicked one.

13:39. And the enemy that sowed them, is the devil. But the harvest is the end of the world. And the reapers are the angels.

13:40. Even as cockle therefore is gathered up, and burnt with fire: so shall it be at the end of the world.

13:41. The Son of man shall send his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all scandals, and them that work iniquity.

13:42. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13:43. Then shall the just shine as the sun, in the kingdom of their Father. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

13:44. The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in a field. Which a man having found, hid it, and for joy thereof goeth, and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

13:45. Again the kingdom of heaven is like to a merchant seeking good pearls.

13:46. Who when he had found one pearl of great price, went his way, and sold all that he had, and bought it.

13:47. Again the kingdom of heaven is like to a net cast into the sea, and gathering together of all kinds of fishes.

13:48. Which, when it was filled, they drew out, and sitting by the shore, they chose out the good into vessels, but the bad they cast forth.

13:49. So shall it be at the end of the world. The angels shall go out, and shall separate the wicked from among the just.

13:50. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13:51. Have ye understood all these things? They say to him: Yes.

13:52. He said unto them: Therefore every scribe instructed in the kingdom of heaven, is like to a man that is a householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasure new things and old.

13:53. And it came to pass: when Jesus had finished these parables, he passed from thence.

13:54. And coming into his own country, he taught them in their synagogues, so that they wondered and said: How came this man by this wisdom and miracles?

13:55. Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brethren James, and Joseph, and Simon, and Jude:

His brethren... These were the children of Mary the wife of Cleophas, sister to our Blessed Lady, (St. Matt. 27:56; St. John 19:25,) and therefore, according to the usual style of the Scripture, they were called brethren, that is, near relations to our Saviour.

13:56. And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence therefore hath he all these things?

13:57. And they were scandalized in his regard. But Jesus said to them: A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.

13:58. And he wrought not many miracles there, because of their unbelief. .

PSALMS

12:1. Unto the end, a psalm for David. How long, O Lord, wilt thou forget me unto the end? how long dost thou turn away thy face from me?

12:2. How long shall I take counsels in my soul, sorrow in my heart all the day?

12:3. How long shall my enemy be exalted over Me?

12:4. Consider, and hear me, O Lord, my God. Enlighten my eyes, that I never sleep in death:

12:5. Lest at any time my enemy say: I have prevailed against him. They that trouble me, will rejoice when I am moved:

12:6. But I have trusted in thy mercy. My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation: I will sing to the Lord, who giveth me good things: yea, I will sing to the name of the Lord, the most high.

TUESDAY

MATTHEW CHAPTER 14

Herod puts John to death. Christ feeds five thousand in the desert. He walks upon the sea, and heals all the diseased with the touch of his garment.

14:1. At that time Herod the Tetrarch heard the fame of Jesus.

Tetrarch... This word, derived from the Greek, signifies one that rules over the fourth part of a kingdom: as Herod then ruled over Galilee, which was but the fourth part of the kingdom of his father.

14:2. And he said to his servants: This is John the Baptist: he is risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works shew forth themselves in him.

14:3. For Herod had apprehended John and bound him, and put him into prison, because of Herodias, his brother's wife.

14:4. For John said to him: It is not lawful for thee to have her.

14:5. And having a mind to put him to death, he feared the people: because they esteemed him as a prophet.

14:6. But on Herod's birthday, the daughter of Herodias danced before them: and pleased Herod.

14:7. Whereupon he promised with an oath, to give her whatsoever she would ask of him.

14:8. But she being instructed before by her mother, said: Give me here in a dish the head of John the Baptist.

14:9. And the king was struck sad: yet because of his oath, and for them that sat with him at table, he commanded it to be given.

14:10. And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

14:11. And his head was brought in a dish: and it was given to the damsel, and she brought it to her mother.

14:12. And his disciples came and took the body, and buried it,

and came and told Jesus.

14:13. Which when Jesus had heard, he retired from thence by a boat, into a desert place apart, and the multitudes having heard of it, followed him on foot out of the cities.

14:14. And he coming forth saw a great multitude, and had compassion on them, and healed their sick.

14:15. And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying: This is a desert place, and the hour is now passed: send away the multitudes, that going into the towns, they may buy themselves victuals.

14:16. But Jesus said to them, They have no need to go: give you them to eat.

14:17. They answered him: We have not here, but five loaves, and two fishes.

14:18. Who said to them: Bring them hither to me.

14:19. And when he had commanded the multitude to sit down upon the grass, he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes.

14:20. And they did all eat, and were filled. And they took up what remained, twelve full baskets of fragments.

14:21. And the number of them that did eat, was five thousand men, besides women and children.

14:22. And forthwith Jesus obliged his disciples to go up into the boat, and to go before him over the water, till he dismissed the people.

14:23. And having dismissed the multitude, he went into a mountain alone to pray. And when it was evening, he was there alone.

14:24. But the boat in the midst of the sea was tossed with the waves: for the wind was contrary.

14:25. And in the fourth watch of the night, he came to them walking upon the sea.

14:26. And they seeing him walking upon the sea, were troubled, saying: It is an apparition. And they cried out for fear.

14:27. And immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying: Be of good heart: it is I, fear ye not.

14:28. And Peter making answer, said: Lord, if it be thou, bid me come to thee upon the waters.

14:29. And he said: Come. And Peter going down out of the boat walked upon the water to come to Jesus.

14:30. But seeing the wind strong, he was afraid: and when he began to sink, he cried out, saying: Lord, save me.

14:31. And immediately Jesus stretching forth his hand took hold of him, and said to him: O thou of little faith, why didst thou doubt?

14:32. And when they were come up into the boat, the wind ceased.

14:33. And they that were in the boat came and adored him, saying: Indeed thou art the Son of God.

14:34. And having passed the water, they came into the country of Genesar.

14:35. And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent into all that country, and brought to him all that were diseased.

14:36. And they besought him that they might touch but the hem of his garment. And as many as touched, were made whole.

PSALMS

Domine, Dominus noster.

13:1. Unto the end, a psalm for David. The fool hath said in his heart: There is no God. They are corrupt, and are become abominable in their ways: there is none that doth good, no not one.

13:2. The Lord hath looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there be any that understand and seek God.

13:3. They are all gone aside, they are become unprofitable together: there is none that doth good: no not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they acted deceitfully:

the poison of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness; their feet are swift to shed blood. Destruction and unhappiness in their ways; and the way of peace they have not known: there is no fear of God before their eyes.

13:4. Shall not all they know that work iniquity, who devour my people as they eat bread?

13:5. They have not called upon the Lord: there have they trembled for fear, where there was no fear.

13:6. For the Lord is in the just generation: for he confoundeth the counsel of the poor man; but the Lord is his hope.

13:7. Who shall give out of Sion the salvation of Israel? when the Lord shall have turned away the captivity of his people, Jacob shall

rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

WEDNESDAY

MATTHEW CHAPTER 15

Christ reproves the Scribes. He cures the daughter of the woman of Canaan: and many others: and feeds four thousand with seven loaves.

15:1. Then came to him from Jerusalem scribes and Pharisees, saying:

15:2. Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the ancients? For they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

15:3. But he answering, said to them: Why do you also transgress the commandment of God for your tradition? For God said:

15:4. Honour thy father and mother: And: He that shall curse father or mother, let him die the death.

15:5. But you say: Whosoever shall say to father or mother, The gift whatsoever proceedeth from me, shall profit thee.

15:6. And he shall not honour his father or his mother: and you have made void the commandment of God for your tradition.

15:7. Hypocrites, well hath Isaiah prophesied of you, saying:

15:8. This people honoureth me with their lips: but their heart is far from me.

15:9. And in vain do they worship me, teaching doctrines and commandments of men.

15:10. And having called together the multitudes unto him, he said to them: Hear ye and understand.

15:11. Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man: but what cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

15:12. Then came his disciples, and said to him: Dost thou know that the Pharisees, when they heard this word, were scandalized?

15:13. But he answering, said: Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

15:14. Let them alone: they are blind, and leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both fall into the pit.

15:15. And Peter answering, said to him: Expound to us this parable.

15:16. But he said: Are you also yet without understanding?

15:17. Do you not understand, that whatsoever entereth into the mouth, goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the privy?

15:18. But the things which proceed out of the mouth, come forth from the heart, and those things defile a man.

15:19. For from the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false testimonies, blasphemies.

15:20. These are the things that defile a man. But to eat with unwashed hands doth not defile a man.

15:21. And Jesus went from thence, and retired into the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

15:22. And behold a woman of Canaan who came out of those coasts, crying out, said to him: Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David: my daughter is grievously troubled by a devil.

15:23. Who answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying: Send her away, for she crieth after us:

15:24. And he answering, said: I was not sent but to the sheep, that are lost of the house of Israel.

15:25. But she came and adored him, saying: Lord, help me.

15:26. Who answering, said: It is not good to take the bread of the children, and to cast it to the dogs.

15:27. But she said: Yea, Lord; for the whelps also eat of the crumbs that fall from the table of their masters.

15:28. Then Jesus answering, said to her: O woman, great is thy faith: be it done to thee as thou wilt: and her daughter was cured from that hour.

15:29. And when Jesus had passed away from thence, he came nigh the sea of Galilee: and going up into a mountain, he sat there.

15:30. And there came to him great multitudes, having with them the dumb, the blind, the lame, the maimed, and many others: and they cast them down at his feet, and he healed them:

15:31. So that the multitudes marvelled seeing the dumb speak, the lame walk, the blind see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

15:32. And Jesus called together his disciples, and said: I have compassion on the multitudes, because they continue with me now three days, and have not what to eat, and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

15:33. And the disciples say unto him: Whence then should we have so many loaves in the desert, as to fill so great a multitude?

15:34. And Jesus said to them: How many loaves have you? But they said: Seven, and a few little fishes.

15:35. And he commanded the multitude to sit down upon the ground.

15:36. And taking the seven loaves and the fishes, and giving thanks, he brake, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples gave to the people.

15:37. And they did all eat, and had their fill. And they took up seven baskets full, of what remained of the fragments.

15:38. And they that did eat, were four thousand men, beside children and women.

15:39. And having dismissed the multitude, he went up into a boat, and came into the coasts of Magedan.

PSALMS

14:1. A psalm for David. Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? or who shall rest in thy holy hill?

14:2. He that walketh without blemish, and worketh justice:

14:3. He that speaketh truth in his heart, who hath not used deceit in his tongue: Nor hath done evil to his neighbour: nor taken up a reproach against his neighbours.

14:4. In his sight the malignant is brought to nothing; but he glorifieth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his neighbour, and deceiveth not;

14:5. He that hath not put out his money to usury, nor taken bribes against the innocent: He that doth these things, shall not be moved for ever.

THURSDAY

MATTHEW CHAPTER 16

Christ refuses to shew the Pharisees a sign from heaven. Peter's confession is rewarded. He is rebuked for opposing Christ's passion. All his followers must deny themselves.

16:1. And there came to him the Pharisees and Sadducees tempting: and they asked him to shew them a sign from heaven.

16:2. But he answered and said to them: When it is evening, you say, It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.

16:3. And in the morning: To day there will be a storm, for the sky is red and lowering. You know then how to discern the face of the sky: and can you not know the signs of the times?

16:4. A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign: and a sign shall not be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet. And he left them, and went away.

16:5. And when his disciples were come over the water, they had forgotten to take bread.

16:6. Who said to them: Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

16:7. But they thought within themselves, saying: Because we have taken no bread.

16:8. And Jesus knowing it, said: Why do you think within yourselves, O ye of little faith, for that you have no bread?

16:9. Do you not yet understand, neither do you remember the five loaves among five thousand men, and how many baskets you took up?

16:10. Nor the seven loaves, among four thousand men, and how many baskets you took up?

16:11. Why do you not understand that it was not concerning bread I said to you: Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees?

16:12. Then they understood that he said not that they should beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

16:13. And Jesus came into the quarters of Cesarea Philippi: and he asked his disciples, saying: Whom do men say that the Son of man is?

16:14. But they said: Some John the Baptist, and other some Elias, and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

16:15. Jesus saith to them: But whom do you say that I am?

16:16. Simon Peter answered and said: Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God.

16:17. And Jesus answering said to him: Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona: because flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but my Father who is in heaven.

16:18. And I say to thee: That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

16:19. And I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven.

16:20. Then he commanded his disciples, that they should tell no

one that he was Jesus the Christ.

16:21. From that time Jesus began to shew to his disciples, that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the ancients and scribes and chief priests, and be put to death, and the third day rise again.

16:22. And Peter taking him, began to rebuke him, saying: Lord, be it far from thee, this shall not be unto thee.

16:23. Who turning, said to Peter: Go behind me, Satan, thou art a scandal unto me: because thou savourest not the things that are of God, but the things that are of men.

16:24. Then Jesus said to his disciples: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

16:25. For he that will save his life, shall lose it: and he that shall lose his life for my sake, shall find it.

16:26. For what doth it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his own soul? Or what exchange shall a man give for his soul?

16:27. For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels: and then will he render to every man according to his works.

16:28. Amen I say to you, there are some of them that stand here, that shall not taste death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

PSALMS

15:1. The inscription of a title to David himself. Preserve me, O Lord, for I have put my trust in thee.

15:2. I have said to the Lord, thou art my God, for thou hast no need of my goods.

15:3. To the saints, who are in his land, he hath made wonderful all my desires in them.

15:4. Their infirmities were multiplied: afterwards they made haste. I will not gather together their meetings for bloodofferings: nor will I be mindful of their names by my lips.

15:5. The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup: it is thou that wilt restore my inheritance to me.

15:6. The lines are fallen unto me in goodly places: for my inheritance is goodly to me.

15:7. I will bless the Lord, who hath given me understanding: moreover, my reins also have corrected me even till night.

15:8. I set the Lord always in my sight: for he is at my right hand, that I be not moved.

15:9. Therefore my heart hath been glad, and my tongue hath rejoiced: moreover, my flesh also shall rest in hope.

15:10. Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; nor wilt thou give thy holy one to see corruption.

15:11. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life, thou shalt fill me with joy with thy countenance: at thy right hand are delights even to the end. .

FRIDAY

MATTHEW CHAPTER 17

John sends his disciples to The Transfiguration of Christ: He cures the lunatic child: foretells his passion; and pays the didrachma.

17:1. And after six days Jesus taketh unto him Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart:

17:2. And he was transfigured before them. And his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow.

17:3. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with him.

17:4. And Peter answering, said to Jesus: Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

17:5. And as he was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them. And lo a voice out of the cloud, saying: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him.

17:6. And the disciples hearing fell upon their face, and were very much afraid.

17:7. And Jesus came and touched them: and said to them: Arise, and fear not.

17:8. And they lifting up their eyes, saw no one, but only Jesus.

17:9. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying: Tell the vision to no man, till the Son of man be risen from the dead.

17:10. And his disciples asked him, saying: Why then do the scribes say that Elias must come first?

17:11. But he answering, said to them: Elias indeed shall come, and restore all things.

17:12. But I say to you, that Elias is already come, and they knew

him not, But have done unto him whatsoever they had a mind. So also the Son of man shall suffer from them.

17:13. Then the disciples understood, that he had spoken to them of John the Baptist.

17:14. And when he was come to the multitude, there came to him a man falling down on his knees before him saying: Lord, have pity on my son, for he is a lunatic, and suffereth much: for he falleth often into the fire, and often into the water.

17:15. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

17:16. Then Jesus answered and said: O unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him hither to me.

17:17. And Jesus rebuked him, and the devil went out of him, and the child was cured from that hour.

17:18. Then came the disciples to Jesus secretly, and said: Why could not we cast him out?

17:19. Jesus said to them: Because of your unbelief. For, amen I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain: Remove from hence hither, and it shall remove: and nothing shall be impossible to you.

17:20. But this kind is not cast out but by prayer and fasting.

17:21. And when they abode together in Galilee, Jesus said to them: The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men:

17:22. And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall rise again. And they were troubled exceedingly.

17:23. And when they were come to Capharnaum, they that received the didrachmas, came to Peter, and said to him: Doth not your master pay the didrachma?

17:24. He said: Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying: What is thy opinion, Simon? The kings of the earth, of whom do they receive tribute or custom, of their own children, or of strangers?

17:25. And he said: Of strangers. Jesus said to him: Then the children are free.

17:26. But that we may not scandalize them, go to the sea, and cast in a hook: and that fish which shall first come up, take: and when thou hast opened it's mouth, thou shalt find a stater: take that, and give it to them for me and thee.

PSALMS

16:1. The prayer of David. Hear, O Lord, my justice: attend to my supplication. Give ear unto my prayer, which proceedeth not from deceitful lips.

16:2. Let my judgment come forth from thy countenance: let thy eyes behold the things that are equitable.

16:3. Thou hast proved my heart, and visited it by night, thou hast tried me by fire: and iniquity hath not been found in me.

16:4. That my mouth may not speak the words of men: for the sake of the words of thy lips, I have kept hard ways.

16:5. Perfect thou my goings in thy paths: that my footsteps be not moved.

16:6. I have cried to thee, for thou, O God, hast heard me: O incline thy ear unto me, and hear my words.

16:7. Shew forth thy wonderful mercies; thou who savest them that trust in thee.

16:8. From them that resist thy right hand keep me, as the apple of thy eye. Protect me under the shadow of thy wings.

16:9. From the face of the wicked who have afflicted me. My enemies have surrounded my soul:

16:10. They have shut up their fat: their mouth hath spoken proudly.

16:11. They have cast me forth, and now they have surrounded me: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth.

16:12. They have taken me, as a lion prepared for the prey; and as a young lion dwelling in secret places.

16:13. Arise, O Lord, disappoint him and supplant him; deliver my soul from the wicked one; thy sword

16:14. From the enemies of thy hand. O Lord, divide them from the few of the earth in their life: their belly is filled from thy hidden stores. They are full of children: and they have left to their little ones the rest of their substance.

16:15. But as for me, I will appear before thy sight in justice: I shall be satisfied when thy glory shall appear.

SATURDAY

MATTHEW CHAPTER 18

Christ teaches humility, to beware of scandal, and to flee the

occasions of sin: to denounce to the church incorrigible sinners, and to look upon such as refuse to hear the church as heathens.

He promises to his disciples the power of binding and loosing: and that he will be in the midst of their assemblies. No forgiveness for them that will not forgive.

18:1. At that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying: Who, thinkest thou, is the greater in the kingdom of heaven?

18:2. And Jesus, calling unto him a little child, set him in the midst of them.

18:3. And said: amen I say to you, unless you be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

18:4. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, he is the greater in the kingdom of heaven.

18:5. And he that shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me.

18:6. But he that shall scandalize one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be drowned in the depth of the sea.

Shall scandalize... That is, shall put a stumblingblock in their way, and cause them to fall into sin.

18:7. Woe to the world because of scandals. For it must needs be that scandals come: but nevertheless woe to that man by whom the scandal cometh. It must needs be, etc... Viz., considering the wickedness and corruption of the world.

18:8. And if thy hand, or thy foot, scandalize thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee. It is better for thee to go into life maimed or lame, than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into everlasting fire.

Scandalize thee... That is, cause thee to offend.

18:9. And if thy eye scandalize thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee. It is better for thee having one eye to enter into life, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

18:10. See that you despise not one of these little ones: for I say to you, that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

18:11. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

18:12. What think you? If a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them should go astray: doth he not leave the ninety-nine in the mountains, and goeth to seek that which is gone astray?

18:13. And if it so be that he find it: Amen I say to you, he rejoiceth more for that, than for the ninety-nine that went not astray.

18:14. Even so it is not the will of your Father, who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

18:15. But if thy brother shall offend against thee, go, and rebuke him between thee and him alone. If he shall hear thee, thou shalt gain thy brother.

18:16. And if he will not hear thee, take with thee one or two more: that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may stand.

18:17. And if he will not hear them: tell the church. And if he will not hear the church, let him be to thee as the heathen and publican.

18:18. Amen I say to you, whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, shall be bound also in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose upon earth, shall be loosed also in heaven.

18:19. Again I say to you, that if two of you shall consent upon earth, concerning anything whatsoever they shall ask, it shall be done to them by my Father who is in heaven.

18:20. For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

There am I in the midst of them... This is understood of such assemblies only as are gathered in the name and authority of Christ; and in unity of the church of Christ. St. Cyprian, De Unitate Ecclesiae.

18:21. Then came Peter unto him and said: Lord, how often shall my brother offend against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

18:22. Jesus saith to him: I say not to thee, till seven times; but till seventy times seven times.

18:23. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened to a king, who would take an account of his servants.

18:24. And when he had begun to take the account, one as brought to him, that owed him ten thousand talents.

Talents... A talent was seven hundred and fifty ounces of silver, which at the rate of five shillings to

the ounce is a hundred and eighty-seven pounds ten shillings sterling.

18:25. And as he had not wherewith to pay it, his lord commanded that he should be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

18:26. But that servant falling down, besought him, saying: Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

18:27. And the lord of that servant being moved with pity, let him go and forgave him the debt.

18:28. But when that servant was gone out, he found one of his fellow-servants that owed him an hundred pence: and laying hold of him, he throttled him, saying: Pay what thou owest.

Pence... The Roman penny was the eighth part of an ounce, that is, about sevenpence half-penny English.

18:29. And his fellow-servant falling down, besought him, saying: Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

18:30. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he paid the debt.

18:31. Now his fellow servants seeing what was done, were very much grieved, and they came, and told their lord all that was done.

18:32. Then his lord called him: and said to him: Thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all the debt, because thou besougest me:

18:33. Shouldst not thou then have had compassion also on thy fellow servant, even as I had compassion on thee?

18:34. And his lord being angry, delivered him to the torturers until he paid all the debt.

18:35. So also shall my heavenly Father do to you, if you forgive not every one his brother from your hearts.

PSALMS (1-20)

17:1. Unto the end, for David, the servant of the Lord, who spoke to the Lord the words of this canticle, in the day that the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: and he said:

17:2. I will love thee, O Lord, my strength:

17:3. The Lord is my firmament, my refuge, and my deliverer. My God is my helper, and in him will I put my trust. My protector, and the horn of my salvation, and my support.

17:4. Praising, I will call upon the Lord: and I shall be saved from my enemies.

17:5. The sorrows of death surrounded me: and the torrents of iniquity troubled me.

17:6. The sorrows of hell encompassed me: and the snares of death prevented me.

17:7. In my affliction I called upon the Lord, and I cried to my God: And he heard my voice from his holy temple: and my cry before him came into his ears.

17:8. The earth shook and trembled: the foundations of the mountains were troubled and were moved, because he was angry with them.

17:9. There went up a smoke in his wrath: and a fire flamed from his face: coals were kindled by it.

17:10. He bowed the heavens, and came down, and darkness was under his feet.

17:11. And he ascended upon the cherubim, and he flew; he flew upon the wings of the winds.

17:12. And he made darkness his covert, his pavilion round about him: dark waters in the clouds of the air.

17:13. At the brightness that was before him the clouds passed, hail and coals of fire.

17:14. And the Lord thundered from heaven, and the Highest gave his voice: hail and coals of fire.

17:15. And he sent forth his arrows, and he scattered them: he multiplied lightnings, and troubled them.

17:16. Then the fountains of waters appeared, and the foundations of the world were discovered: At thy rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the spirit of thy wrath.

17:17. He sent from on high, and took me: and received me out of many waters.

17:18. He delivered me from my strongest enemies, and from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me.

17:19. They prevented me in the day of my affliction: and the Lord became my rotector.

17:20. And he brought me forth into a large place: he saved me, because he was well pleased with me.

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The Lunar New Year



calendars aligned. This is why Lunar New Year happens on a different day each year.

2025: The Year of the Snake

Each Lunar New Year is linked to one of twelve animals in the Chinese zodiac. In 2025, we will enter the Year of the Snake. According to legend, these animals were chosen by the Jade Emperor, when the order in which the animals finished a great race determined zodiac cycle.

People born in the Year of the Snake are believed to be wise, determined, and intuitive. The snake is a symbol of deep thinking and mystery, much like the way a snake silently moves through the grass before making its next move. Some famous figures in history were born in the Year of the Snake, including Mahatma Gandhi and Pablo Picasso.

The 12 Animals of the Chinese Zodiac

Each year is linked to one of these 12 animals, and each has its own traits:

- Rat (聪明 - Intelligent): Clever, quick-witted, and resourceful. 2008
 - Ox (坚强 - Strong): Hardworking, dependable, and patient.
 - Tiger (勇敢 - Brave): Fearless, confident, and a leader.
 - Rabbit (温和 - Gentle): Kind, peaceful, and artistic.
 - Dragon (强大 - Powerful): Bold, ambitious, and charismatic.
 - Snake (智慧 - Wise): Thoughtful, intuitive, and strategic.
 - Horse (活力 - Energetic): Free-spirited, strong, and adventurous.
 - Goat (or Sheep) (温顺 - Gentle): Creative, kind, and compassionate.
 - Monkey (机智 - Witty): Playful, smart, and curious.
 - Rooster (勤劳 - Hardworking): Honest, confident, and responsible.
 - Dog (忠诚 - Loyal): Faithful, protective, and trustworthy.
 - Pig (慷慨 - Generous): Caring, cheerful, and good-hearted.
- Snake: 2025, 2013, 2001, 1989, 1977, 1965
 Dragon: 2024, 2012, 2000, 1988, 1976, 1964
 Rabbit: 2023, 2011, 1999, 1987, 1975, 1963

- Tiger: 2022, 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962
- Ox: 2021, 2009, 1997, 1985, 1973, 1961
- Rat: 2020, 2008, 1996, 1984, 1972, 1960
- Pig: 2019, 2007, 1995, 1983, 1971, 1959
- Dog: 2018, 2006, 1994, 1982, 1970, 1958
- Rooster: 2017, 2005, 1993, 1981, 1969, 1957
- Monkey: 2016, 2004, 1992, 1980, 1968, 1956
- Goat (Sheep): 2015, 2003, 1991, 1979, 1967, 1955
- Horse: 2014, 2002, 1990, 1978, 1966, 1954

Traditions of Lunar New Year

During Lunar New Year, families clean their homes to sweep away bad luck and welcome good fortune. Red decorations are everywhere because red is believed to scare away bad spirits. People give red envelopes filled with money to children as a symbol of good luck. Fireworks light up the sky to celebrate new beginnings.

The Lantern Festival marks the grand finale of the Lunar New Year celebrations, occurring on the 15th day of the first lunar month. In 2025, it falls on February 12. The festival symbolizes unity, hope, and the return of light, as it coincides with the first full moon of the new lunar year. People celebrate by lighting colorful lanterns, solving riddles, and watching lion and dragon dances. The lanterns represent letting go of the past and embracing new opportunities.

Between Lunar New Year's Day and the Lantern Festival, the first two weeks of the new year are filled with customs meant to bring luck and prosperity.

As the Lantern Festival approaches, celebrations shift from private gatherings to public festivities. The festival is a joyful way to close the Lunar New Year period, lighting the way for a year filled with harmony and success.

February 7, 2025, falls on the tenth day of the Lunar New Year celebrations. In the traditional Chinese calendar, each day of the 15-day Lunar New Year period has special significance.

Riddle: "It has hands but cannot clap."

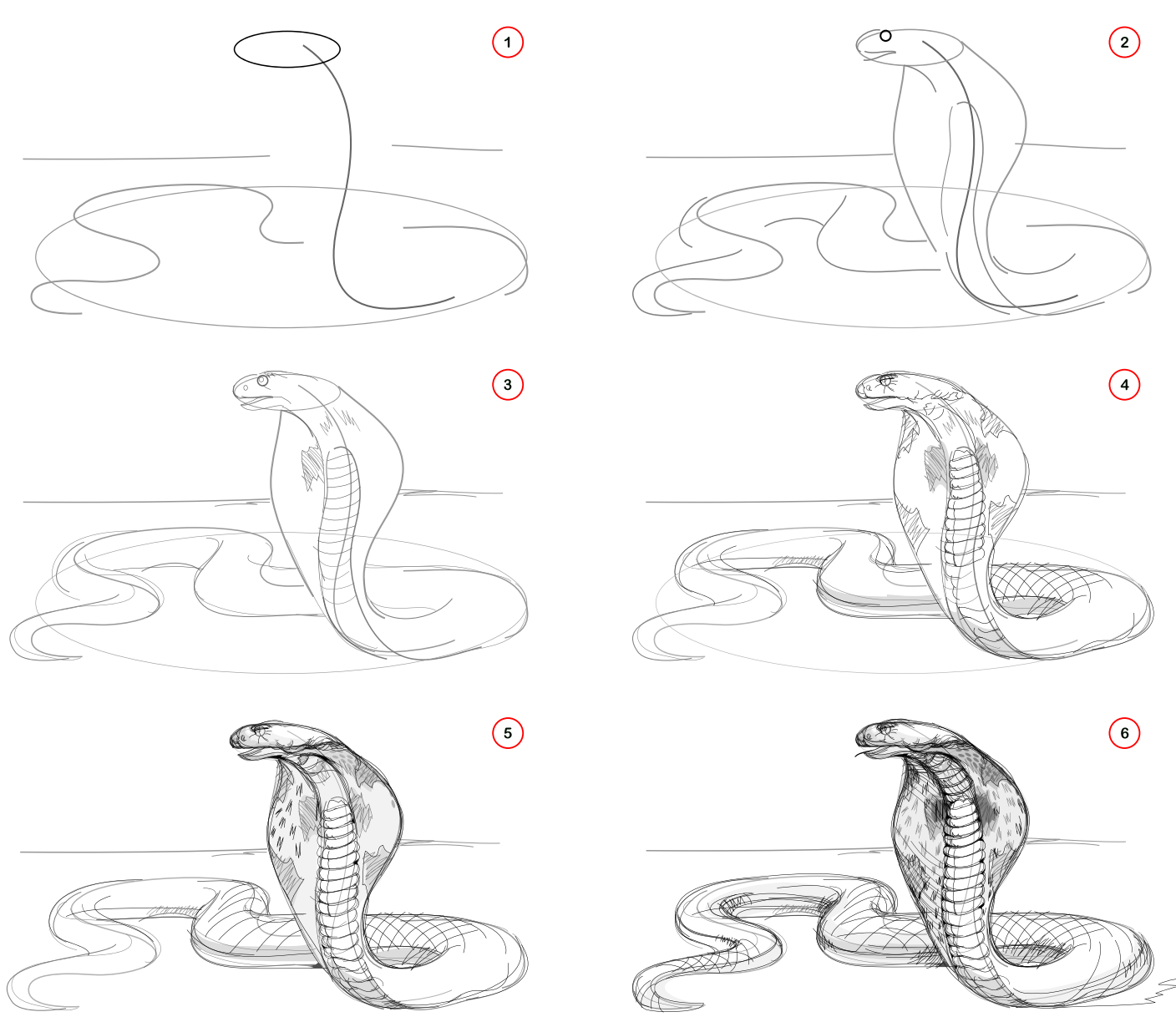
What is the Lunar New Year?

Unlike the New Year celebrated on January 1, which follows the Gregorian calendar, Lunar New Year follows the lunar calendar, which is based on the cycles of the moon. The date of Lunar New Year changes each year but always falls between January 21 and February 20.

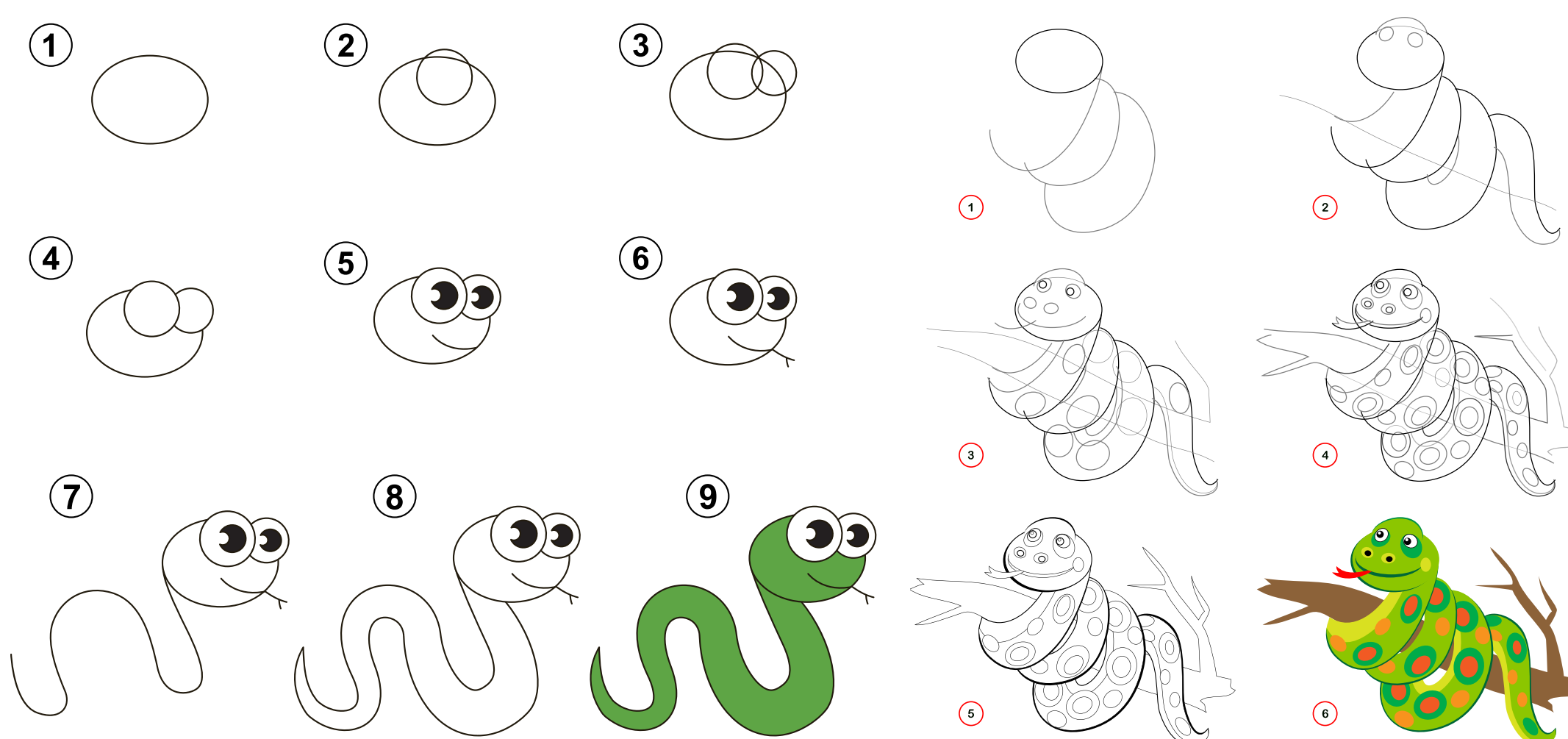
In 2025, Lunar New Year will begin on January 29.

How is Lunar New Year Calculated?

The lunar calendar is different from the calendar most people use today. It is based on the moon's cycle, with months that last about 29.5 days. Because of this, the year does not always match up with the solar calendar (which follows the sun). Every few years, an extra month is added to keep the



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A Master of Camouflage and Patience

BY JANE NOYCE

In nature, success is not always about speed or strength. Sometimes, it is about patience, precision, and adaptability. Among Connecticut's native wildlife, few creatures embody these traits better than the Northern Copperhead. A master of camouflage, this remarkable reptile thrives in plain sight, navigating the modern world without drawing attention to itself. Unlike its louder, more conspicuous counterparts, the copperhead excels by blending in, waiting for the perfect moment, and striking with efficiency. It is a lesson in restraint, focus, and strategic action—principles that humans, too, can apply to achieve success in a rapidly shifting landscape.

The copperhead is one of two venomous snake species in Connecticut, alongside the timber rattlesnake. Unlike its endangered relative, which has suffered from overhunting and habitat loss, the copperhead has persisted, not through brute force but through careful adaptation. Its cryptic coloration allows it to disappear into the forest floor, avoiding unnecessary conflicts. It does not waste energy in fruitless battles but instead relies on patience. Lying motionless in leaf litter or under debris, it waits for the precise moment to strike, ensuring that when it acts, it succeeds.

The Northern Copperhead (*Agkistrodon contortrix mokasen*) belongs to the pit viper family, meaning it possesses heat-sensitive pit organs located between its eyes and nostrils. These organs allow it to detect warm-blooded prey, even in complete darkness. This evolutionary advantage, combined with its lightning-fast strike, makes the copperhead an efficient hunter. It primarily preys on small rodents, but it also consumes birds, amphibians, insects, and even other reptiles. Unlike many snakes, copperheads



Copperhead Snake

The copperhead reminds us that not every challenge requires a response. Measured, purposeful action is more effective than constant reaction.

Perhaps most remarkably, the copperhead survives despite being widely misunderstood. Feared and persecuted, it has endured countless attacks from humans who mistake it for something more dangerous than it is. Yet, rather than becoming aggressive, it has persisted by relying on the same strategies that have always worked—blending in, waiting, adapting. At times when misunderstanding and misrepresentation are common, this is a lesson in the power of quiet confidence.

Patience, precision, and resilience—traits that we would do well to adopt. Perhaps the copperhead offers the greatest lesson of all: True success is not about being the most visible. It is about knowing when to move, when to wait, and how to strike with purpose.

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are ovoviviparous, meaning their young develop inside the mother and are born live, rather than hatching from eggs. At birth, the young are fully capable of hunting and fending for themselves.

Though venomous, the copperhead is not aggressive. It prefers to remain motionless, relying on its camouflage to avoid detection. When threatened, it may vibrate its tail—a behavior often mistaken for a rattlesnake's warning. Only when directly provoked or stepped on does it resort to biting. Copperhead venom is hemolytic, meaning it breaks down red blood cells, causing localized pain, swelling, and, in some cases, tissue damage. However, fatalities are exceedingly rare. In Connecticut, copperhead bites are infrequent, with only a handful reported each year. Thanks to modern medical care, bites are almost never life-threatening, but immediate

medical attention is advised.

Copperheads thrive in Connecticut's rocky ridges, forested hillsides, and meadow edges, often near wetlands. They are most active from April through October, particularly at night during the warmer months. To reduce the risk of encounters, hikers and outdoor enthusiasts should stay on clear trails, wear protective footwear, and remain vigilant when stepping over logs or reaching into rocky crevices. Copperheads, like most snakes, prefer to retreat rather than engage—given space, they will simply move on.

The lesson is clear: success often comes not from constant motion but from knowing when to be still. In our world of relentless activity and instant gratification, the copperhead's strategy reminds us that sometimes the best move is no move at all—until the time is right. The ability to observe, assess, and act only when

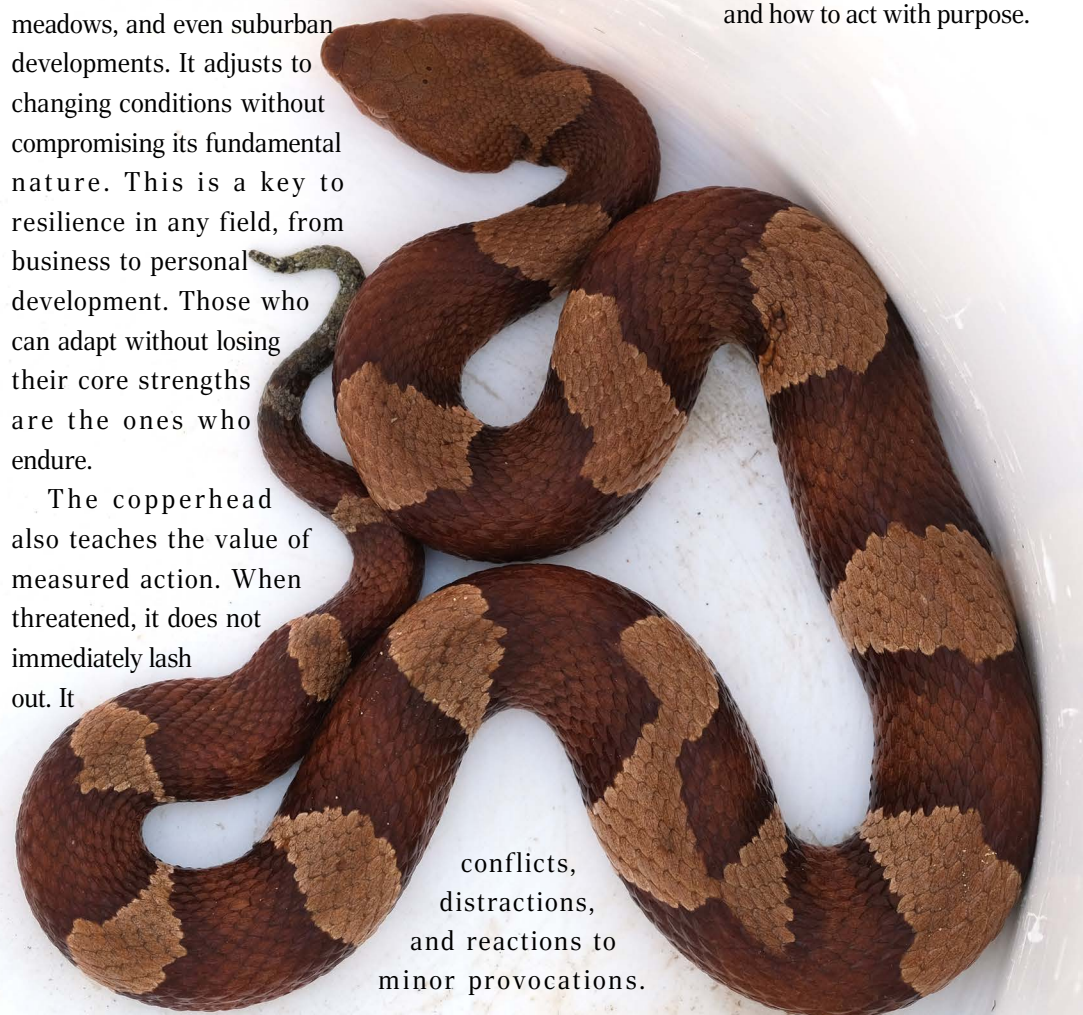
necessary is a trait shared by the most effective leaders, athletes, and strategists.

The copperhead's success is also about adaptability. While the timber rattlesnake has seen its numbers dwindle due to human encroachment, the copperhead has found ways to persist. It does not need vast, undisturbed wilderness to survive. Instead, it thrives on the edges—of forests, meadows, and even suburban developments. It adjusts to changing conditions without compromising its fundamental nature. This is a key to resilience in any field, from business to personal development. Those who can adapt without losing their core strengths are the ones who endure.

The copperhead also teaches the value of measured action. When threatened, it does not immediately lash out. It

remains still, allowing potential threats to pass. Even when confronted, it often issues warnings—vibrating its tail like a rattlesnake or adopting a defensive posture. Only when there is no other option does it strike, and when it does, it does so with precision. Its venom is not wasted but used efficiently.

The copperhead does not engage in unnecessary



conflicts, distractions, and reactions to minor provocations.



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