

NEW BRIEFS

POLICE & FIRE Vehicle Thefts Decrease With Vigilance

Motor vehicle thefts have increased in January 2025. Most crime-related calls occurred between 7am and 4pm, with larcenies being the most reported offense, followed by vehicle thefts. Residents are advised to lock their cars, remove keys or fobs, and report suspicious activity to the Greenwich Police Department at 203-622-8004 or TIPS@greenwichct.gov.

Hawreluk Joins Parking Enforcement



Robert Hawreluk was sworn in as a Parking Enforcement Officer for the Town of Greenwich in a ceremony at Town Hall. He joins the Department of Parking Services, which manages parking regulations in the town. Photo: First Selectman Community Connections

FROM TOWN HALL

Town Offers Discounted Radon Testing

The Department of Health is offering reduced fees for radon testing in air and well water through February, funded by a state grant. Air tests are reduced from \$71 to \$46, and well water tests from \$82 to \$52, with one discounted air test per household per visit. Testing kits are available at the Health Department's laboratory in Town Hall, and residents can call 203-622-7843 for details.

Sustainability Awards Accepting Nominations

The Greenwich Sustainability Committee is accepting nominations for its annual Sustainability Awards, recognizing individuals who contribute to sustainability in the community. Eligible nominees must live in or attend school in Greenwich, and submissions, including a photo and a 300-word statement, are due by February 28 at Sustainability@GreenwichCT.org. The awards will be presented on April 5 at Christ Church during the Rethink Waste Fair.

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Green Thoughts

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

"I go into the woods, and every bird and flower I see stirs me to the heart with something, I do not know what it is; only I love them: I love them with all my strength... They are my Bible. This is my nature."

Ernest Thompson Seton, "Two Little Savages." 1903



The Christ Church Greenwich Women's Conference returns on March 29, 2025, bringing together more than 200 women for a day of inspiration, reflection, and community. Under the theme *On Balance and Perspective*, attendees will engage in thought-provoking discussions and workshops led by distinguished speakers. With past years selling out, early registration is encouraged for this highly anticipated event. www.christchurchgreenwich.org/womens-conference-2025

Anticipation Builds for Christ Church Greenwich Women's Conference

BY ANNE WHITE

The quiet hush of winter will soon give way to the bright expectancy of spring, and with it, the return of the Christ Church Women's Conference. On March 29, more than 200 women will cross the stone threshold of the historic parish hall, arriving with coats pulled tight against the lingering March chill, anticipation in their step, and a day of connection and renewal ahead of them.

For the two year's running, the Women's Conference has sold out, a testament to the event's growing reputation as a touchstone for thoughtful dialogue, spiritual exploration, and the art of finding balance in an increasingly demanding world. The theme this year—*On Balance and Perspective*—will guide the day's discussions, offering attendees a curated selection of workshops led by distinguished thought leaders and practitioners.

The morning will open with

a continental breakfast provided by Simply Creative Catering, the scent of coffee and fresh pastries mingling with the quiet buzz of early conversation. The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of the Connecticut Episcopal Church, will offer the opening prayer, setting a tone of reflection before Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz takes the stage. Her keynote address will center on the role of women in shaping policy, advocating for progress, and creating spaces where future generations can thrive.

Throughout the day, attendees will move through intimate workshop settings, selecting three sessions tailored to their interests. Amy Julia Becker's *Reimagining the Good Life* will prompt women to reconsider the metrics of success, challenging the prevailing culture of materialism and stress. Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker, Ph.D., will delve into the biblical story of Ruth and Naomi, illustrating how resilience and mutual support carve pathways through life's

hardships.

In another room, Jody Noland will guide women in her *Leave Nothing Unsaid* workshop, urging them to put pen to paper and compose letters of gratitude and affirmation before it is too late. For those exploring the intersection of faith and modern psychology, Diana Yun of the Greenwich Center for Hope & Renewal will offer insight into how therapy and theology complement each other in the pursuit of emotional and spiritual wellness.

Attendees will gather in the Parish Hall for a lunch break—a moment to reflect, to exchange thoughts with old friends and new acquaintances, to pause before the afternoon's lessons resume.

For many, the day will culminate in sessions on life's inevitable transitions. Rev. Shannon White's *Invisible Conversations Between Adult Children and Aging Parents* will offer a road map through the delicate, often unspoken discussions that arise as roles

shift. Nancy Sadock, LMFT, will lead *Empty Nest: Navigating Through and Thriving Beyond*, helping mothers reimagine their lives once children have flown the coop.

Meanwhile, in the Parish House Loft, Lexy Tomaino will guide a group through *Vinaya Flow Yoga*, a reminder that balance is as much a physical pursuit as it is a metaphorical one.

Tickets for the conference are \$110, with early bird pricing of \$100 available until February 14. Registration remains open, and with past years selling out, organizers encourage early sign-ups. For more information, visit the Christ Church Greenwich website or contact womensconference@christchurchgreenwich.org.

Christ Church Greenwich is located at 254 East Putnam Avenue. The venue is wheelchair accessible, with the exception of the Parish House Loft, where the yoga session will take place.

How Connecticut's Law Limits Cooperation with Federal Immigration Authorities

BY ANNE WHITE

Members of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) recently met with the State's Attorney's Office and the Attorney General's Office to request additional training on how Connecticut's immigration enforcement laws should be applied.

The meeting comes as the state's 2019 expansion of the **Trust Act**, which restricts local law enforcement's ability to coordinate with federal immigration authorities, faces renewed scrutiny following multiple cases in which convicted or suspected criminals were released rather than transferred to federal custody.

The 2019 expansion of the **Connecticut Trust Act** prohibits local police from complying with detainer requests, which are issued by immigration officials when an undocumented individual is arrested and believed to be subject to deportation. Under the law, law enforcement agencies in Connecticut cannot notify immigration officials of an individual's pending release unless the person has been convicted of a Class A or B felony, is on the federal terrorism watchlist, or is the subject of a judicial warrant.

Critics of the policy, including law enforcement officials and Republican legislators, argue that it has prevented the transfer of convicted sex offenders, violent felons, and gang-affiliated individuals to federal custody,

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Big Names, Big Laughs, and Even Bigger Music

The Capitol Theatre in Port Chester is turning up the heat in 2025 with a stacked lineup of legendary musicians, top-tier comedians, and high-energy performers. This year's schedule is a must-see, bringing a mix of nostalgia, fresh talent, and show-stopping entertainment to the iconic venue.

"Bill Murray, Jay Leno, Melissa Etheridge—just a taste of the A-list talent hitting The Cap this year!"

February kicked off with comedian Sheng Wang on February 6, known for his effortless wit and hilarious takes on everyday life. Shoegaze pioneers Slowdive followed on February 7, delivering a dreamlike set from their latest album. Last night, classic rock lovers sang along to Little River Band's 50th anniversary tour, packed with hits that defined a generation.

Today, it gets even bigger. On February 14, Bill Murray takes the stage with Bill Murray & His Blood Brothers, a unique blend of music, comedy, and storytelling. The laughs keep coming with Jay Leno on February 15, delivering his signature quick-fire humor. The Moody Blues' John Lodge keeps

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COLUMN

Life Is Like a Box of Chocolates

BY ICY FRANTZ

"Life is like a box of chocolates". Most of us remember this iconic line from the 1994 movie, *Forrest Gump* (if it is not familiar, you are probably very young - go watch the movie!).

And although the movie came out over 30 years ago, I can remember vividly the scene where Forrest is sitting on a park bench with a box of chocolates in his lap. After offering a chocolate to a stranger sitting next to him, he mutters,

"My mama always says, 'Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get'".

And of course, his mama was right (mamas usually are). Life is full of surprises and uncertainties - you never know what will happen next.

But I would like to offer a different perspective - or maybe just a different story - about my relationship with a box of chocolates, and the wisdom I have gained along the way.

You may question the ability to have a relationship with an innate object, but I can assure you that after many years of receiving a 5-pound box of See's Chocolates for Christmas, an annual gift from a friend, (Thank you, Brad!) it is easy to form a connection.

Now, 5-pounds of chocolate is a lot of chocolate (!), and the weight of that box rests

beneath our tree until Christmas morning, when it is opened and becomes fair game.

And unlike Forrest's box of mystery chocolates, over the years we have become so familiar with the contents of the box that each of us has our favorites.

And when there are known quantities and preferences in a box of chocolates, they are the first to go.

With this gift, there is no delayed gratification, no niceties. No empathetic behavior.

"I will leave the coveted salted caramel for someone else," has never been said. That is simply not how it goes down in our family.

First come, first serve. You snooze, you lose. Winner takes all.

And while there may be a competitive spirit to the process, I like to think that we have raised our children to go after what they want in life, and chocolate is no exception.

Personally, I look forward to eating a chocolate from the box every night after dinner. Sometimes, though, the one that I have been craving has been stealthily snatched up during the day.

The early bird does indeed get the worm. And so, with the first-round picks devoured, we move on to the next round. And this is where it gets interesting.

Not unlike the NFL draft, the next round

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may actually be unpredictably extraordinary, as less is expected (though the most valuable picks are often in the second or later rounds). Even Patrick Mahomes was the 389th rated player in the country coming out of high school, and we all know where he is today.

So, with that in mind, the next succession of choices - underrated and undervalued - deliver a surprisingly great punch.

And that is to say that sometimes Plan B in life works out better than Plan A, or what you think you want turns out to be not as wonderful as what you get.

Or rather, in round two, you find that the previously overlooked vanilla buttercream outshines your perennial favorite.

So, even with the See's elite depleted, we persevere and stay open to a potentially

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COLUMN

BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

We feed each other anxiety pills when we talk about our "busy" lives. Busy makes our egos puff up and blow harder to fight our common fear of inadequacy.

Talking about a "full" life is more positive. A full life is peaceful; it nourishes a sense of abundance, and it offers the option to add or subtract activities from your schedule. When you talk about your full life, your activity level doesn't change—only your experience of it. A busy life can control you. But a full life, you control.

The words we choose influence how we feel about our selves and others. People who make a habit of substituting

Full or Busy?



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

"full" for "busy" feel less anxious and more productive.

Raj was a frantic executive who described himself as "crazy busy." When he

began to substitute the word "full" for "busy," he noticed that he was calmer. The only change Raj made was his use of this one word. He shares his reasoning with anyone who asks. Most have never thought about the difference. Those who copy him and make the switch from "busy" to "full" are grateful.

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

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The Future of Non-Profits: Collaboration and Community Partnerships in a Changing Environment



By PETER TESEI

Non-profit organizations have long stood as the backbone of human services, filling in the critical gaps that government entities cannot fully address. Without these organizations, the ramifications would be dire—more homelessness, increased hospitalizations, and a growing number of families left without the necessary care and resources for their loved ones. For Pathways, Inc., the mission remains unchanged: empowering adults with mental health challenges by providing housing and compassionate care, fostering recovery, growth, and a purposeful life.

While government funding remains essential to the operation of non-profits, it is imperative to ask fundamental questions: What would our communities look like without these services? Why do non-profits exist in the first place, and are they running as efficiently as possible?

Pathways, Inc. has been at the forefront of these discussions, evaluating not only the necessity of their services but also the

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effectiveness of their operations. Similar to the private sector, non-profits must adapt to shifting community needs and ensure their models remain sustainable.

One of the biggest challenges in the non-profit sector is financial strain. Across the board, organizations report being underfunded, receiving reimbursement rates that do not match the true cost of services. For example, at a recent forum, one nonprofit shared they receive \$36 per individual for a service that actually costs \$58. Such funding gaps jeopardize service continuity and quality, putting additional pressure on organizations already stretched thin.

Addressing Systemic Challenges: Investing in People

Non-profits cannot thrive without the dedicated individuals who carry out their mission. Employee recruitment and retention are critical to the overall effectiveness and impact of non-profits services. However, the sector faces significant obstacles in employee retention, largely due to competition with State, Municipal and private sector employment salaries and benefits. A broader conversation with Federal and State elected representatives

on bringing parity between these two sectors of employees may be the start to addressing this critical challenge.

The Power of Collaboration and Data-Driven Strategies

Recognizing the need for systemic change, Pathways, Inc. is taking an active role in community engagement and cross-sector partnerships. Their initiatives include:

Participating in the Greenwich Hospital for Greater Greenwich Community Health Needs Assessment Prioritization Meeting

Attending advocacy events, such as the YWCA's women's health equality event and The Alliance for Non-Profits Legislative Forum hosted by Keystone House, Inc.

Collaborating with fellow non-profits to maximize service delivery and identify shared opportunities.

Leveraging data-driven decision-making and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in non-profit operations to quantify community needs and demonstrate the impact of non-profit work

Enhancing digital engagement and online giving strategies to secure sustainable funding

By focusing on strategic efforts, Pathways,

Inc. aims to present compelling, data-driven arguments for sustained and increased funding. Numbers don't lie, and by showcasing the tangible impact of non-profits, organizations can reinforce their indispensable role in society.

Looking Ahead: A Call for Support

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The conversation does not end here. The non-profit sector must advocate for policy changes that ensure sustainability, equitable compensation, and access to essential benefits for their workforce.

As the landscape of funding and service delivery continues to evolve, one truth remains: the needs of our communities persist, and non-profits must be equipped to meet them. Collaboration, advocacy, and innovation will define the path forward ensuring that those who rely on these services receive the support they deserve.

Peter J. Tesei is the Executive Director of Pathways Inc. and previously served as Greenwich's First Selectman for 12 years (2007-2019). His public service spans 37 years as a former RTM District 9 Chairman and Board of Estimate & Taxation Chairman. He has served on several non-profit Boards and community organizations and has been leading Pathways since November of 2021.

CAPITOL THEATER

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the classic rock energy alive on February 19, while Grammy-winning songwriter Jason Isbell brings his heartfelt lyrics and soulful sound on February 20.

March is just as electric. Kevin James kicks off the month on March 1 with his Owls Don't Walk tour, mixing storytelling and laugh-out-loud comedy. Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue bring a two-night New Orleans funk explosion on March 7-8. The Capitol Theatre will also host Unbroken Chain: A Celebration of the Life and Music of Phil Lesh on March 14-15, a powerful tribute to the Grateful Dead icon.

Beatles fans won't want to miss Rain - A Tribute to the Beatles on March 18, a high-energy recreation of the Fab Four's greatest hits. Railroad Earth brings their jam-band magic on March 22, while Melvin Seals & JGB wrap up the month on March 29 with a set honoring the legacy of Jerry Garcia.



April brings rock royalty. Peter Frampton's Let's Do It Again! tour lands on April 1, promising an unforgettable night of guitar mastery. Melissa Etheridge follows on April 10, bringing powerhouse vocals and anthems that never get old. Shpongles lights up the stage with a psychedelic multi-sensory experience

on April 11-12, and comedian Joe Gatto brings big laughs on April 13.

May highlights include The Avett Brothers' two-night run on May 2-3, known for their heartfelt blend of folk, rock, and bluegrass. Little Feat's Strike Up The Band tour stops by on May 8, while Lake Street Dive delivers a dose of soulful pop on May 16-17. Blues Traveler headlines a special 914Cares benefit concert on May 29, supporting local anti-poverty efforts.

Closing out May, Motown legend Smokey Robinson takes the stage on May 31, bringing his timeless hits and smooth vocals. June keeps the momentum going with comedian Mark Normand's Ya Don't Say tour on June 7, followed by famed medium Theresa Caputo on June 12.

For Beatles fans, The Fab Faux presents a note-perfect performance of A Hard Day's Night and Abbey Road on June 14, making for an epic finale to a jam-packed first half of the year.

Tickets for all shows are available now through The Capitol Theatre's website. With a mix of comedy, classic rock, and show-stopping performances, The Capitol Theatre is the place to be in 2025.



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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The RMA Presents The Age of Trump: Early Reflections and Predictions for the Second Presidency

By Fred Wu

At the February 5 meeting of the RMA, Hollister Sturges introduced the distinguished former president of the University of Connecticut, Susan Herbst. Herbst's presentation, "The Age of Trump: Early Reflections and Predictions for the Second Trump Presidency," was a thought-provoking lecture on the first couple of weeks of the new Trump administration.

Dr. Herbst began with the observation that the recent election was very close, not a landslide or mandate, with Trump securing 49.8% of the vote compared to Harris's 48.3%. Herbst framed the current political moment as a series of struggles, many of which date back to the nation's founding.

The political scientist then delved into several broad observations about the Trump presidency. First, she highlighted the cultural attraction in the United States to authoritarian populism, a phenomenon that has recurred since the late 19th century. Herbst drew parallels to the 1930s, citing figures like Huey Long and Father Coughlin, who, along with FDR, engaged in a struggle over populist appeal. Trump understands better than his predecessors how to become popular and why a strongman figure willing to disrupt the status quo holds such appeal. Trump's statements about acquiring Greenland, Gaza, and even making Canada the 51st state may be merely distractions or red herrings, but regardless of their feasibility, they serve to reinforce Trump's image of power and authority.

President Trump has actively promoted the theory of the unitary executive. This theory, rooted in constitutional law, posits that the President has sole authority over the executive branch and advocates for a more expansive interpretation of presidential power. The Trump administration is pushing the limits of this theory, testing whether the executive branch could indeed become the premier branch of government, prevailing over Congress and the courts.

This power-seeking behavior was not anticipated by the Founding Fathers, who had envisioned a system of checks and balances to prevent any single branch from becoming superior. Herbst noted the current docility of the Republican-controlled Congress, which had largely ceded its constitutional independence to the President – a development that would have shocked the founders.

On the issue of tariff powers, Herbst said that these had gradually shifted from Congress to the President starting in the 1930s through to JFK. She emphasized Trump's unique obsession with tariffs, using them not only as an economic tool but also as a symbolic demonstration of executive power.

Regarding the rule of law, the Trump administration are actively challenging its nature and application. The pardons of January 6th felons are an example of how Trump is using every possible tool within the law to push boundaries. The Constitution states that the President "shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed," but the administration's broad interpretation of this clause is another instance of their attempts to expand presidential authority.

The Trump administration has a strategy of simultaneously pushing on multiple fronts, testing the limits of institutions and the rule of law. This approach has left many, including journalists, struggling to keep up with the rapid pace of challenges to established norms. Despite some pushback, these efforts are likely to have lasting effects.

The success of Trump's brand of populism can be attributed to the enormous change in the media landscape, i.e. the "attention economy." Experts have underestimated the effects of Trump's staged reputation from "The Apprentice." Trump understands that attention is the single, most powerful commodity in our everyday lives. This is one reason why Trump is continuing to hold MAGA rallies; he wants his enemies to fear him and his followers to love him.



University Professor of Political Science and President Emeritus Susan Herbst spoke to the RMA on the forebodings of the early days of Trump's second term.

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Dr. Herbst concluded by showing three images that she feels represent our current political environment. First was an immigration cartoon from 1916 illustrating the longstanding issue "Who is an American?" Since 2015 Trump has kept this question top of mind, largely eliminating the celebration of immigrants, which is very unusual for a US President.

Next, she showed Charles Willson Peale's "The Artist in His Museum" from 1822. In his time, Peale was an eloquent and influential proponent of the argument that art, science, curiosity, education, and civil debate are not sidelines, but central to what America is. So far, it does not appear that MAGA shares this belief. They are focused on stopping the DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) movement, but it is not clear what Trump is trying to replace it with.

The final image was of Grant Wood's "Parson Weems' Fable," 1939. Weems was the skilled propagandist responsible for the tale of George Washington and the cherry tree. Wood's painting satirizes the myths of Washington's heroic stature by putting Washington's adult face onto the figure of the young boy, along with a background of working slaves, which Washington continued to own through his lifetime. Our understanding of the past is always mediated by stories and myths, and Trump himself is a master of mythmaking; he doesn't need a Parson Weems. He is cultivating his legacy with meme stocks, coins, and sneakers.

In response to audience questions, Dr. Herbst said that Trump is the true "Teflon president." He gets away with blasting the trade agreements he himself renegotiated with Canada and Mexico in his first term. His current spectacular power grab may become a constitutional crisis if the courts rule against him, but those orders are not enforced.

As the lecture concluded, the audience was left with a sense of the profound changes occurring in American politics under Trump's second term. Her talk served as both a warning and a call for vigilance, highlighting the ongoing tensions between populist appeal, executive power, and the foundations of American democracy.

The talk can be viewed by going to the RMA website at <https://greenwichrma.org>, and clicking on "Speakers."

The RMA's upcoming presentation, "The Unsightly Truth of Laser Vision Correction: LASIK Surgery Makes Healthy Eyes Sick" by Cynthia J. MacKay, MD, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. Please note that this and all future RMA presentations will be held at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

Dr. Cynthia MacKay will speak about LASIK surgery, a cosmetic surgical eye procedure. She will outline why patients

want the procedure (which is supposed to eliminate the need to wear glasses) and talk about the nature of the procedure (which involves alterations to the cornea). The problem is a high percentage of patients suffer life-altering complications as a result of the surgery - but many patients are not told of the risks prior to consenting to the surgery.

Dr. MacKay is a board-certified ophthalmologist, with comprehensive training in all aspects of eye care, and with special expertise in diseases of the retina and eye laser surgery. She is Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons (Emeritus). Dr. MacKay retired in August 2018 after 40 years of ophthalmology practice in Manhattan. She was the Executive Director of a 2024 film on LASIK, "Broken Eyes", which has been shown at a number of film festivals and won a number of awards. She also co-authored a book on LASIK which was published in May 2024. On December 6 she was honored at the Annual Westchester County Senior Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon.

Her formal training and education: Harvard University: BA, 1964; State University of New York, Downstate Health Sciences Center Medical School, M.D.1973-1977; Lenox Hill Hospital: Internship in Medicine, 1977-1978; New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center: Residency in Ophthalmology, 1978-1981; New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center and Bellevue Hospital: Fellowship in Retina, 1981-1982.

To stream the presentation by Dr. Cynthia MacKay at 11 AM on Wednesday, February 19, click on <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79. The public is also invited to attend the presentation in person at Christ Church Greenwich, Parish Hall, 254 E. Putnam Avenue.

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

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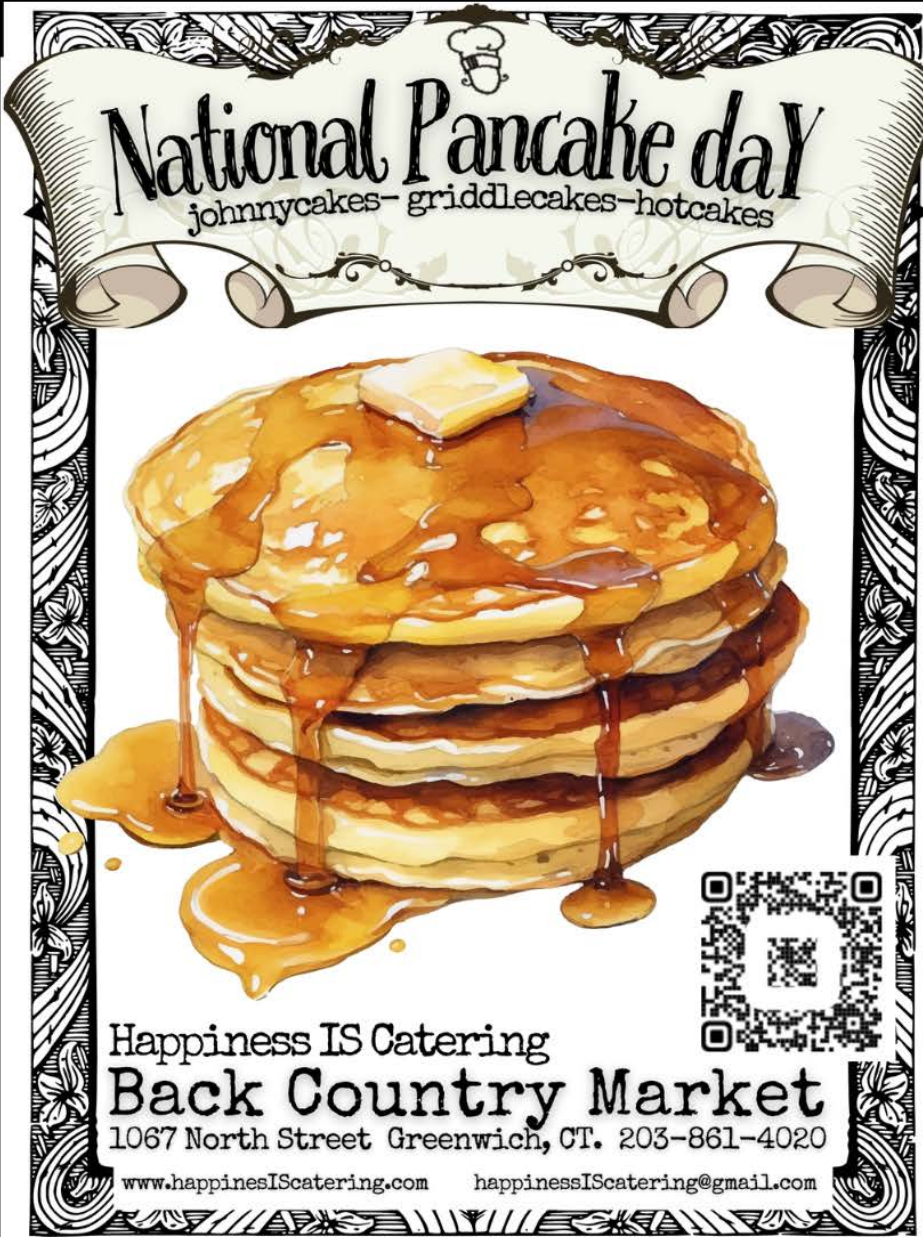
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Audrey Appleby’s New York Cabaret Show at Pangea Supper

BY ANNE W. SEMMES

Audrey Appleby has become a storyteller through music and dance. Her Magic Dance young students of yesteryear, and more, are now being captivated by her songs of romance, as she lives her life as a newly widowed mother of a movie-making daughter and an entertainer through the art of cabaret. This was all spelled out recently at her show intriguingly entitled “Life...A Seduction Tour” at the New York supper club Pangea.

Costumed in black sequin pants and shoulder length earrings captured in her abundant brunette hair, she introduced her show title: “I’m still on this journey, this tour, this seduction of life. Mostly it’s relationships, lovers of course, but also long marriages, children, friends, and the connections born in the sacred collaboration of making art.”

After introducing her six-piece band, her story telling began: “I was maybe three or four years old when my grandparents would spend summers with me in Miami ... They allowed me to stroll down the beach dressed the way I wanted to be...I wore my blue tutu. I was swaying on the beach, and Miami cast a spell on me.” That spell became a prize-winning song, “Miami Mosaic,” with Appleby’s lyrics and a Uruguayan’s guitar music.

“Parading wavy path of sand/Little old people walk hand in hand/It’s all so familiar, it’s all so strange / Childhood memories sure can change /Into a love so wild and deep/ There’s no way this music will let me sleep. / I was swaying on the sand. / Miami romance/ My feet found the rhythm of Miami’s dance.”

Appleby continued her story. “As a songwriter, I’m offered the opportunity to remember. I hope I’m never afraid to take those long looks back.” As in those late teenaged years in Italy, as told in her song “Not Really Me.” “Retracing my steps I see/ the girl you tried to paint/ was the woman you wanted me to be/ Chandeliers, red velvet walls/ We danced very close/ You whispered “Bellissima” and gave me a rose/ Our nightclub was called Martini/ I was 17 and fell

in our Venice love affair/ Where you cast your Painter’s spell.”

“Retracing my steps I see,” she sang, “the girl you tried to paint/ was the woman you wanted me to be/ Not really me...I refused to be your possession/ You turned and walked away

Thank you for leaving me/ to break out of your frame.”

“I count myself lucky,” Appleby told her audience, “to have met my husband [Jim McNitt] soon after college. I was quickly reassured that wonderful people and excellent things really do happen. My husband and I embodied that - that opposites attract sometimes. Well, after that initial thrill and the magnetic pull, we realized some compromises had to be made...Sometimes the songs I wrote were brutally honest and too revealing for Jim. So, we agreed that when I performed live, he would sit outside the show at the bar. But he was always there with flowers in hand and my date for the after party.” And that song was “Beyond the Velvet Curtain.”

“The lights go down, I hear applause / I thank God and/

“As a songwriter, I’m offered the opportunity to remember. I hope I’m never afraid to take those long looks back.” Audrey Appleby.

I pray then part the curtain as I pause / Wondering if you stayed / As all the people smile at me the butterflies begin / My heart starts pounding and I search the crowd /and hope and then beyond the curtain you / sit there at the bar flowers in hand / Your smile’s all I need/ Now I can breathe... Beyond the velvet curtain,/ It’s just you and me.”

Audrey’s story continued. “I was so privileged to collaborate and write that “Curtain” song with guitarist Sean Harkness. He gave me the tune and it took me two years to figure out the words... Life can be painfully blunt... Jim died in February of 2022. Jim was sipping lemonade on the beach in Los Angeles one minute and the next minute he was leveled with stage four pancreatic cancer...So this song is called ‘Soul Crush.’ “Dearest Jim I remember we’d float on your waterbed /That was then and we had just met - and our kiss made it begin... Dearest Jim, somehow years and time flew by while we stayed young/What tomorrow brings is a mystery but you’re safe with me today/ And we won’t give up - cause we’ve got our love and that’s enough for us my sweet sour crush.”

The next song, also autobiographic and dated 2008, Appleby noted as possibly “the best song in the whole show - ‘Picasso Woman,” with her lyrics, “and someone famous wrote the music, pianist Shelley Markham.” The song flows like a poem: “My body was once a classic/ Greek, Roman, Renaissance symmetry/ That period of my life is now Jurassic/ As I observe the changes in me/ I’m more off center now/ One part Cubism, two parts lyric flow/ But nevertheless to you/ I’m a Picasso.”

The song’s last stanza mirrors the singer: “I’m not a thin Giacometti/ I just adore eating spaghetti / The grace and flow of Venus De Milo / Will never match my body’s high lows / And most important you prefer me / I’m your Picasso / Your Picasso Woman.”

“For 45 years, Jim called me his joy and his music,” told Appleby. “It doesn’t get much better than that for me. He also left me with a beautiful adult daughter, Eliza. And she is in the audience with six friends. Eliza ‘Lay Lay’ rocks me to the moon and back. She is completely engulfed in her science fiction, filmmaking, imagination, exploration, and countless successes. I’d like to think I had something to do with this stellar woman, but when I take a look back, I think she deserves most of the credits. She is a true original. She very early on showed her unique creativity.”

And then came the song written for Appleby’s daughter, “Lay Lay’s Lullabye,” with help from collaborator Kiara Duran. “When you were a baby you reached for my hand /Just a little girl, but so ready to stand / A tiny voice whispering words so wise / You held every rainbow in your eyes...{Chorus) As you move along, as you’re growing up / Your butterfly lashes will lift you to the moon / If you look up and you want them to/ Lay Lay remember wherever you are/No matter how far/ Wish on every star/ I’ll always be here...”

Audrey Appleby (right) gifted flowers by her daughter Eliza McNitt at her mother’s recent New York performance at the Pangea Supper Club. Contributed

Audrey Appleby sings one of her many signature songs at the Pangea supper club in New York. Contributed photo.

Audrey Appleby performing her show “Life – A Seduction Tour” at the Pangea supper club in New York, last January 23. Contributed photo.

“I want you to know that I know that it’s hard/ Living in this world and being the age that you are/ You’re trying to find the right footsteps for you / Listen inside you, you’ll know what is true,/ (Chorus) As you move along, if you trip and fall...Lay Lay remember wherever you are/ No matter how far/ Wish on every star/

I’ll always be here, I’ll always be here... loving you.”

Upcoming La Vie En Rouge Paris French Jazz Music and Swing Dance Evening with Audrey Appleby and Paris Jazz Pianist Ludovic de Preissac on April 16 at Bistro V on Greenwich Avenue. In June Audrey Appleby will perform in Paris.

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Meals on Wheels: Delivering More Than Meals



Meg Piper, Head of Civic Improvement at Hortulus

BY DEBRA McLAUGHLIN

At Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich, the mission extends beyond providing nutritious, prepared meals to those in need. Each delivery is an opportunity to offer warmth, kindness, and a sense of connection to our clients, many of whom face isolation.

This Valentine's Day, clients were delivered an extra something special - heart-shaped sugar cookies, donated by Meals-on-Wheels president, Lori Jackson.

Hortulus, a local organization spreading the love of gardening through education and civic improvement, also played a meaningful role. They delivered beautiful pink flower-filled vases for each client, brightening homes and spirits alike. Meg Piper, Head of Civic Improvement at Hortulus, shared that while Hortulus spreads generosity throughout the year, Valentine's Day has always been reserved for Meals-on-Wheels clients. She emphasized their appreciation for our work and their hope to bring joy to those we serve.

This Valentine's Day, that spirit of giving was also beautifully

demonstrated by Caroline Stickel and Tess Azmak, from Greenwich Academy. As co-chairs of the Gifts on Wheels Club, they dedicate their time to planning, purchasing and preparing thoughtful gifts for Meals-on-Wheels clients throughout the year. Their commitment ensures that each package is filled with warmth and kindness.

Each gift bag included a heartfelt note from the girls, several red heart-shaped lollipops, Nerds gummy clusters, a cuddly teddy bear, and a pair of cozy red fuzzy socks.

“These small gestures reinforce a powerful message: Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich delivers more than meals - we deliver care, companionship, and a reminder that our clients are valued and remembered,” said Jackson.

If you would like to support Meals-on-Wheels by volunteering, partnering on a project, or making a financial contribution—please contact them at 203-869-1312, via email at mealsonwheelsgreenwich@outlook.com, or their website mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org.



Caroline Stickel from Greenwich Academy



Rotary February Day of Service

On February 5, 2025, members of the Greenwich Rotary Club dedicated their time to Neighbor to Neighbor, a nonprofit that provides food, clothing, and essential support to local residents. The volunteer effort was part of the club's ongoing commitment to community service and engagement.

Club members Carrie Bundock, Agathe Likoba, Shashi Dayal, and Sally Parris were welcomed by Executive Director Brent Hill and staff member Elvis Ruiz, who provided insight into the organization's daily operations. Volunteers assisted with various tasks, met staff members, and gained a deeper understanding of the nonprofit's role in addressing food insecurity and financial hardship in Greenwich.

A Longstanding Partnership in the Community

Greenwich has supported Neighbor to Neighbor for more than a decade, recognizing its vital role in serving the community. The organization, founded in 1975, assists more than 600 people per week through its food pantry, seasonal clothing program, and emergency aid services.

Beyond the efforts of the Rotary Club, Neighbor to Neighbor thrives through widespread community involvement. Local schools, businesses, and volunteers contribute food donations, funding, and time to support the organization's mission. This collective effort has helped sustain vital programs and expand services to meet growing needs.

For the Rotary Club, direct engagement with local organizations is an essential part of its mission. Club President Agathe Likoba highlighted the value of hands-on involvement:

"By volunteering directly, we gain a deeper understanding of the organizations we have supported for years. This strengthens our commitment to making a tangible impact."

Neighbor to Neighbor continues to be a cornerstone of support for the Greenwich community, ensuring that no family goes without essential resources. For more information or to get involved, visit www.ntngreenwich.org.



A decorative background for a Valentine's Day menu. It features a light pink background with a subtle pattern of darker pink hearts. The menu is framed by a thin red line. Decorative elements include several large, realistic-looking hearts in shades of pink and red, and several roses in shades of pink and red. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, italicized, and standard fonts.

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Ryan Fazio is Protecting Our Kids; Attacks on Him Are Absurd



By Edward D. Dadakis

If Greenwich police arrest someone in town—a convicted felon here illegally—should they be allowed to notify federal immigration authorities if there's an outstanding detainer (a request to local law enforcement from U.S. Immigration and Customs) for that convict?

Seems like an easy question. The answer is, of course they should. But thanks to Connecticut's 2019 misnamed "Trust Act" they can't.

That law, which even a few Democrats opposed, is an extreme outlier. Few states have anything like it. It protects criminals, not communities or their children. And let's be clear: We're not talking about some guy with an expired visa. We're talking about people who have already been convicted of serious crimes.

Why is this even an issue? Because Democrats and especially Governor Ned Lamont are saying that illegal aliens are welcome in Connecticut, even the most violent.

Once again it is our State Senator Ryan Fazio

who is fighting back to protect the regular people of Connecticut like you and me. He has said enough of this nonsense and has called for rolling back the law, giving police their authority back, and letting law enforcement do what they do best—protect us.

For that, local Democrats have gone off the rails.

Because at the end of the day, repealing the Trust Act isn't about politics. It's about whether our police should be allowed to do their jobs and whether our children should be protected.

The Greenwich Democratic Town Committee put out a ridiculous statement saying Fazio wants to "divert" police from their work by making them focus on immigration enforcement. That's a flat-out lie. The 2019 Trust Act does the exact opposite—it **prevents** cops from doing their jobs. It takes tools away from them. It strips them of

the ability to decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether to work with federal authorities.

Then there was the opinion piece in the *Greenwich Time* by far left wing Democrat alarmist David Rafferty. He didn't bother debating the issue. Instead, he went straight to hateful character attacks and lies in an effort to scare people.

And what's the big scare tactic Rafferty and the Democrats are using? That Fazio's position would "bring ICE to Greenwich." Please. ICE can come here no matter what the state law says. The only thing repealing the Trust Act would do is give **our** police the ability to cooperate when a known criminal is in custody.

That's it.

And here's why it matters:

While Democrats and Raferty may think the only illegals in our area are kind folks who help out with household chores the reality is much different. Just a few months ago in Stamford, two illegal immigrants from Venezuela—members of a violent gang—kidnapped, robbed, tortured, and murdered a man. Had police encountered them before the crime, the Trust Act would have **prevented** them from being held for ICE, even if there was an active detainer.

Or take the case of the illegal immigrant from Jamaica, convicted of sexually assaulting two minors (read children). He served just 21 months

in prison, and despite a detainer from Biden's ICE, Connecticut let him walk free. Perhaps he is in your neighborhood right now.

Or the illegal immigrant from Honduras, convicted of sexually assaulting a child under 13. Again, ICE put in a detainer. And again, Connecticut released him. Where is he now? I don't know ask Lamont or Raferty.

This is insanity.

Does anyone—Republican or Democrat—actually believe these criminals should have been released? Of course not. But because of the Democrat's Trust Act, that's exactly what happens.

Fazio understands this, which is why he's fighting to change it. His opponents? They're throwing around personal attacks, hoping voters don't notice the facts.

They should be embarrassed. They owe Ryan an apology. More importantly, they owe the public an honest debate.

Because at the end of the day, repealing the Trust Act isn't about politics. It's about whether our police should be allowed to do their jobs and whether our children should be protected.

Ryan Fazio is right. His critics are wrong. And the people of Greenwich know it.

Edward Dadakis has served in Greenwich town government for more than 40 years. You can follow him on Twitter at Eddie on Watch.

COLUMN

Finding Common Ground Through Love, Respect & Honest Conversations



By Rabbi Mitchell Hurvitz

Shakespeare wrote: "Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows."

I suspect this is the later inspiration for the adage: "Politics makes strange bedfellows."

Recently, I have contemplated the political arena and the accompanying misery. Like many, my family and friends are at odds with each other about the present political climate. I have witnessed harsh rhetoric and the refusal to maintain a sacred environment for interpersonal relationships.

My wife Roseanne and I have had our lives intertwined for forty years. In essence, we have "grown up" together as a couple. Neither of us is perfect, although I believe Roseanne usually does better than me. During our many years together, we have shared, agreed, and disagreed on various issues. Our mutual love created the demand for appropriate tone usage even when we dramatically disagreed.

Since the October 7 Hamas massacre and the present American political arena, we often find ourselves disagreeing more than usual. Roseanne and I will read an article, watch a video, or listen to a commentator and share the content. We engage in our conversation to be friendly and civil - which is appropriate for two individuals who love each other love, their country, and their Judaism. We often don't agree, and we don't care because we love each other.

In the present American political climate, this is how all Americans need to learn

As Americans and as Jews, we need to each effectively learn to cut through the barricade of rock that separates us from each other.

to talk with each other. We are all part of the human family, all part of the beautiful tapestry that is America, and all created equally in God's image. We are supposed to frame all our communications with each other from the starting, middle, and end points of love. A posture of love allows us to disagree, sometimes vehemently, on specific issues. But, a discussion can always take place within a forum of holiness.

The Talmud instructs us that only controversies discussed for "the sake of heaven" have any permanent value. Two thousand years ago, the sages Hillel and Shammai may often have disagreed, but we honor their "sage" status to this day because they argued with each other in civil language for the "sake of heaven."

In the Talmudic tractate of Yevamot, we read how the followers of Shammai and Hillel remained in constant disagreement. Nevertheless, the children of each group married the children of the other. No matter their differences, they found commonalities that could keep them together as a people. They always cited their love and friendship to frame their essential disagreements. The prophet Zechariah taught this principle: "Love truth, but also peace."

In America, we have witnessed the continued rise of ugly rhetoric on both sides of the political aisle. In expressing our love of our country, we also should insist that our political leadership engages in a respectful exchange of ideas without the need for divisive and unnecessary rhetoric, which only diminishes the importance of our country's crucial issues at this challenging

time. However, making this demand for our political leadership begins with setting an example for ourselves in conversations and exchanges with friends and neighbors with whom we may disagree.

Last week, I sat with a dear friend within the Temple. We are tremendously different in our political views. Yet, we could discuss ideas in friendship and embrace each other after our dramatic differences of opinion, and this should be the mandate for our political leadership and all of our American family.

In the Jewish community, Jews radically disagree at times with each other. God, however, commands us to "love our brothers and sisters." I find myself often internally irritated by what I consider personally to be naiveté or even "dangerous" thinking on the part of many people in the Jewish community, many of whom are people I love and respect. When I hear these opinions, which I fear are damaging to the Jewish people, I become anxious that these views may also damage the relationship that I share with them. Yet, I ask myself, "What if I'm wrong?" And "Even if I'm right, how will it be helpful to my relationship with this other person I care about if I don't respond to their genuine concerns with love and compassion?"

Almost always, when I respond to an opinion with which I disagree, I choose my words carefully, trying to honor an opposing viewpoint while also keeping my perspective. Some may say that a rabbi's role is to "preach," but I usually find that this is an expectation when the words preached agree with the listener's desires. However, as a spiritual leader, I would rather challenge our assumptions to enable each of us to struggle

and not be shut down from our meaningful contemplations.

Archeologists found the oldest inscription in Jerusalem, a 2700-year-old note in King Hezekiah's tunnel south of Temple Mount. The notation inscribed read as follows:

- And this is the way that the tunnel was cut through: Each man toward his fellow, and while there were still three cubits to be cut through, there was heard the sound of a man calling to his fellow, and there was an overlap in the rock on the right and the left. And when the tunnel was driven through, the quarrymen hewed the rock, each man toward his fellow, axe against axe, and the water flowed from the spring toward the reservoir.

America is our country, a country we love; and Israel is our Jewish homeland, which we also love. As Americans and as Jews, we need to each effectively learn to cut through the barricade of rock that separates us from each other. The time has come to reject hyperbole, sound bites, and playing the "games" of politics. Instead, we must insist on civility and discipline for ourselves and others, acknowledge that we can love each other while disagreeing, and find common ground whenever possible. I urge us all to strengthen our commitment to speak of all matters and to one another with kindness, compassion, fairness, and respect.

Shabbat Shalom.

Temple Sholom'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.

Senator Fazio Thanks Governor Lamont for Supporting His Bill to Cut Workers' Fees in the 2026-2027 State Budget

State Senator Ryan Fazio (R-Greenwich) today commended Governor Lamont's for including a proposal to eliminate licensure fees for key professions in Connecticut as part of the administration's budget address. The initiative, proposed by Senator Fazio in S.B. 388 in 2025, S.B. 135 in 2024, and S.B. 135 in 2023 with colleagues on both sides of the aisle, is aimed at making the state a more attractive place to live and work by cutting unnecessary financial barriers and fees for skilled professionals.

"For too long, excessive licensure fees have discouraged talented individuals from entering and remaining in Connecticut's workforce. From electricians to teachers to social workers and beyond, we should not be forcing these workers to pay an annual fee in excess of \$500 every year to the government just for the right to work," said Senator Fazio. "By eliminating these fees, we are sending a clear message that we want workers to stay, grow, and thrive here. Not take their talents to other states."

The measure addresses long-standing concerns about affordability and workforce retention in industries where costly licensure requirements have acted as a deterrent. Eliminating these fees will provide immediate relief to workers while helping Connecticut compete with neighboring states that impose fewer barriers to employment.

"This is a commonsense step toward making Connecticut more competitive," Senator Fazio added. "I appreciate the governor's willingness to adopt my proposal, which was co-introduced by Senators Gordon and Maroney, and Representative Kavros DeGraw, as part of his budget plan."

Senator Fazio has been a vocal advocate for workforce development policies that lower costs for professionals, improve economic mobility, and strengthen Connecticut's economy. He remains committed to ensuring that this proposal moves forward and delivers real benefits to workers across the state.

Senator Heather Somers and Senator Ryan Fazio Applaud Governor Lamont's Announcement on Hormonal Contraceptive

Senator Heather Somers (R-Groton) and Senator Ryan Fazio (R-Greenwich) issued the following joint statement in response to Governor Ned Lamont's recent announcement that hormonal contraceptives will soon be available directly from pharmacists:

"We are thrilled to see Governor Lamont and his administration embrace a policy we originally introduced and passed into law, first in SB 171 in 2023, which was then incorporated into Section 6 of HB 6768. The announcement that hormonal contraceptives will be made available from pharmacists is a win for Connecticut women and marks an important step toward ensuring access to affordable and reliable healthcare. Licensed, qualified, and trained pharmacists have the capacity necessary to administer safe access to these drugs, and now they have the authority to do so.

Our goal has always been to expand access to contraception in a way that makes it more convenient, affordable, and accessible for all Connecticut residents. After years of work on this issue, it is worthwhile to see our efforts gain the attention they deserve. We are happy our policy is being recognized and the administration is shining a light on this important issue.

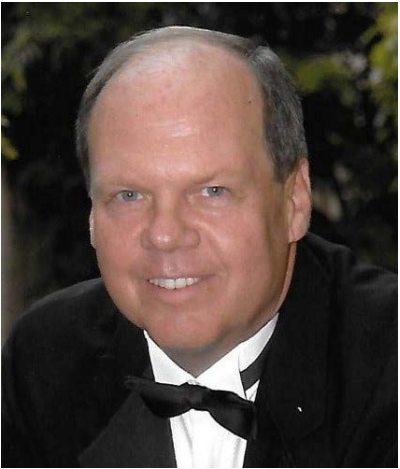
This policy will provide women and families the freedom to make their own healthcare decisions, with less hassle and more convenience. It will also reduce barriers for those who face challenges accessing healthcare providers or who may not have the means to visit a doctor for a prescription.

As we continue working to improve healthcare access across the state, we are encouraged by today's progress and look forward to continuing our collaboration with the governor and our colleagues to further improve the lives of all Connecticut residents."

View the previous legislation: SB 171 (2023); HB 6768, Sec 6 (2023)

See Governor's announcement here: https://portal.ct.gov/governor/news/press-releases/2025/01-2025/governor-lamont-announces-new-programs-that-are-expanding-access-to-contraception-in-connecticut?language=en_US

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JAMES MCINTOSH

James R. (Jim) McIntosh, age 78, of Fairfield, CT, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 8, at Bridgeport Hospital surrounded by his family.

James was born in Greenwich, CT, on January 3rd, 1947, to parents James G. and Margaret McIntosh (Nolan). Growing up in Greenwich, Jim had many fond memories that he loved to share, such as his first job at Fawcett Publications, waiting on tables at Maneros, taking the Island Beach boat in the summer, and enjoying his favorite dessert, chocolate mousse cake from San Moritz bakery. A graduate of Saint Mary High School, he earned his Bachelor of Arts from Sacred Heart University as a member of the school's first graduating class and his Master's and Sixth-Year degree in education from the University of Bridgeport. While at Sacred Heart, Jim was a member of the Ephebeians fraternity, through which he formed many close relationships with his brothers that he maintained throughout his life.

Jim had a distinguished career as an educator in the Stamford school system, where he worked as a teacher at Westover and Rogers Elementary Schools, as well as Davenport Ridge and Dolan Middle School.

“Mr. Mac” was beloved and respected by all of his students, many of whom still kept in touch with him regularly through his active presence on social media.

James married Catherine Short, of Fairfield, CT, his beloved wife of 52 years, on February 19th, 1972, and from that day forward, the two were inseparable in their love for one another. Even after 50 years of marriage, they always did everything together through all stages of life. Family has always been everything to Jim and Cathy.

Faith also played a big role in Jim's life. From his youngest days as an altar boy at St. Mary Church in Greenwich, Jim was an active parishioner and volunteer at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Fairfield, serving on the first Parish Council and working at the annual church picnic serving strawberry shortcake.

With Cathy always by his side, he enjoyed UConn men's and women's basketball games, frequent trips to the Connecticut casinos, scenic drives, vacations to Saratoga Springs, including bass fishing at the family lake cabin, family picnics and parties, softball, gardening and painting, a latent talent Jim discovered following his retirement in 2005.

In addition to his wife, Catherine, James is survived by his three sons and seven grandchildren, Marshall and Mollie of Fairfield, and their four boys, Ryan, Robert, Luke and Brady. James J. McIntosh of Greenwich, and Christopher and Leslie of Oyster Bay, NY, along with their three children, Madeline, Anne and Charles. James is also survived by his three brothers, Donald of Cape Haze, FL, Robert of Milford, and Michael of Greenwich.

He was predeceased by his sister, Mary Alice Kerri, and his grandson, Nolan John McIntosh.

James will be remembered as a kind-hearted and devoted father, husband, mentor, and teacher who positively impacted the lives of everyone who knew him.

Visiting hours for friends and family were held on Wednesday, February 12 at Lesko Funeral Home, Fairfield Center. The Mass of Christian Burial for James occurred at St. Anthony Church in Fairfield on Thursday, February 13. James's interment will be held privately.



CAROL GIANESELO
December 6, 1935 - February 5, 2025

Carol (Bertone) Gianesello, 89, of Greenwich, CT, and Vero Beach, FL, passed away peacefully, after a short illness, on February 5.

Born in 1935 in Syracuse, New York, Carol was the daughter of the late Anthony and Lucy Bertone. She grew up alongside

her older brothers, Richard and Peter Bertone, who predeceased her.

Carol found her “soulmate” when she met Richard (Dick) Gianesello, while he was attending graduate school in Syracuse, NY. Married in 1956, they shared a wonderful life in Greenwich while raising their four children. In retirement, Carol and Dick resided in Madison, CT and Vero Beach.

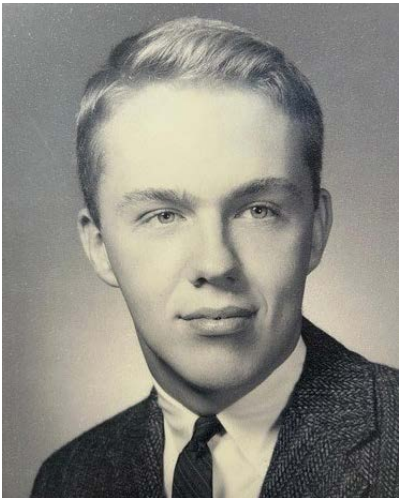
Carol had a diverse and fulfilling career across multiple industries. She worked in the airline industry and banking before dedicating time to the Religious Education office at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Riverside, Connecticut. Later, she found her calling in retail sales, most recently at Talbots.

Beyond her professional life, Carol could be found with her friends in Vero Beach and Madison, CT, playing golf, bocce and bingo, and found joy in watercolor painting. She and Dick loved to travel, especially to Bermuda and Italy. She cherished time spent on the beach and with family, where she could relax and enjoy her six grandchildren, to whom she was a special “Grammy.” She had style and grace in all that she did. Her smile reflected her love of life, and nothing seemed to phase her.

Carol was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Richard (Dick) Gianesello. She is survived by her four children: Elizabeth Gianesello Judd (Randy) of Chester, CT, Ellen Whitin (Randy) of Wilton, CT, Meg Ann Gianesello (Donn Stoltzfus) of Tucson, AZ, and Paul John Gianesello (Natalie) of Riverside, CT. Carol will be greatly missed by her grandchildren: Emily Judd Raffoul (Jeff) of Abu Dhabi, UAE, Claire Whitin (Jake Salzman), Michael Gianesello of Austin, TX, Wyatt Stoltzfus of Seattle, WA, Christina Gianesello of Rockville, MD and Carson Stoltzfus of Tucson, AZ, as well as her granddog, Milo.

Carol's family would like to acknowledge the wonderful friends that she made and the great staff at Brightview on New Canaan in Norwalk, CT, where Carol lived for the past 4 years.

Carol's memory will live on through those who knew and loved her. A celebration of Carol's life will be held in the Spring. Please consider a donation to your favorite charity in Carol's memory.



GEORGE AYDELOTTE

January 15, 1940 - February 04, 2025

“GTom” as we all knew him, one of the last and finest of the old-school gentlemen, passed on February 4, at his Mountain Lake, Florida home at which he had very happily taken up year round residence in late 2021 after a partial recovery from a stroke in October of 2020. That move from Deer Park, Greenwich, CT where he and his wife Dana, and daughter Lee, to both of whom he was devoted, had lived many years as a family.

Tom was born January 15, 1940 in Schenectady, NY, to William and Margaret Hanson Aydelotte. After succeeding at Secondary School (at Hotchkiss), Tom attended Colgate University, Hamilton, NY where his principal extra-curricular focus was leading the ColgateI3, its fabled a cappella group. Tom was forever an appreciator of fine music. Tom's business career and success revolved around the then throbbing competitive advertising business in the '60s and '70s in New York. After breaking in with Benton & Bowles as a media buyer for Proctor & Gamble, General Foods and Texaco, his longest affiliation was with Grey Advertising where he was Executive Vice President and also managed multi-national accounts, then was hired by Cheesborough Ponds as Brand Manager for their Vaseline and Ponds lines. Tom's final chapter in the business world was as an Executive Search professional with his own firm, Ingram and Aydelotte, where among other high-profile assignments, he recruited and placed Fay Vincent as the Commissioner of Major League Baseball (1989-1993). Tom and Dana were popular and enjoyed many many enduring friendships in and around Greenwich (Round Hill Club, after Tom was President of the Stanwich Club), resulting from their golf enthusiasm. Tom was a low-handicapper, Dana was a scratch handicapper! And Tom's prowess at tennis and paddle and squash gave him great pleasure. Tom particularly enjoyed his work as a board member and key volunteer of The Wild Center, Museum of the Adirondacks, which kept his interest, particularly following Dana's passing in 2002 which jolted him tremendously.

Tom leaves his daughter, Lee (Jim Randall) who he loved and who brought him keen pride as a designer and as she forged a career as a major factor in the Fairfield/Westchester area estate sales business. Tom's grandson Jackson Boffey has also gave Tom pride as he flourished and became a gentleman. Tom is also survived his sister Margaret Mills, and her children Julie (Andrew) Levine and Tommy (Karin) Mills. His brother-in-law Richard Lombard, and his daughter Carter L. Sullivan.

Tom's family wishes to express

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their sincere thanks - Tom's also- to his wonderfully devoted personal aide and health care representative, Timothy Williams, and his wife Kaylee and their daughter Bella, for their support, and also to Gloria Carnley for hers over decades.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Wild Center or Bok Tower Gardens.



ZACHARY BROOKS

December 18, 1990 - February 3, 2025

Zachary A. Brooks, age 34, of Shelton entered into rest on Monday, February 3, at Bridgeport Hospital. He was the devoted husband of Melissa (Hopco) Brooks. Zachary was born in Greenwich on December 18, 1990, son of Diane Brown and Beres Brooks.

He received his bachelor's degree from UCONN and went on to receive his Juris Doctor degree from Cardozo School of Law. Zachary was a real estate attorney for Leopold and Associates in Southbury. He loved music and basketball and was an avid Los Angeles Lakers fan. Most of all, he cherished spending time with his family.

Zachary was the beloved father of Noah John Brooks. He is also survived by his maternal grandmother Helen Brown, In-laws Mark and Matilda Hopco, and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Zachary was predeceased by his paternal grandmother, Hazel Brooks.

Friends greeted his family on Thursday, February 13 at the Riverview Funeral Home, Shelton. His prayer service was also held Thursday in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Noah John Brooks Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made to Noah Brooks and sent to the funeral home, Riverview Funeral Home, 390 River Road, Shelton, CT 06484. Friends may leave condolences at www.riverviewfh.com



ANDREW DEROSA, SR.

Andrew Augustus DeRosa, Sr., 80, of North Haven, formerly of Riverside from the day he was born, passed away on Sunday, February 2, at his home.

Born in Greenwich on August 20th, 1944, Drew was the son of the late Philip and Alice Imbrogno DeRosa. Drew was a proud cameraman for ABC Sports for over 40 years until his retirement. He was an original member of the Monday Night Football television crew, and covered historic sporting events like the Olympics, Super Bowls, World Series, and more. Drew always considered his road crew more than friends and coworkers-he always considered them family.

An avid boater, Drew was a proud member of the Ponus Yacht Club, of Stamford, where he spent another cherished chapter of his life, and where he docked his boat, “The Final Score.”

Most of all, Drew enjoyed being with his family who he loved unconditionally. He is survived by his loving companion of over 20 years, Doris Albrecht Gaanderse. Drew will always be beloved by his son Philip (Cole) DeRosa and his wife Theodora (Teddy), and the late Andrew A. DeRosa, Jr. He also found immense pride in his grandchildren, Corey Kenneth DeRosa and Andie Winter DeRosa.

Private services have been entrusted to The Havens Family North Haven Funeral Home, North Haven. A celebration of life will follow this coming spring. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages loved ones to contribute to a charity they are passionate about in Drew's name. www.northhavenfuneral.com



PATRICIA BLESSINGTON

Patricia “Pat” M. Blessington of Weston,

MA (formerly of Cos Cob, CT) passed away peacefully on January 31. She was 88.

Born in the Bronx to Anna and Tommy Murray on February 22, 1936, Patricia Ann was one of five children (Angela, John, Thomas and William) and a caring and loving daughter to her late parents. Pat and her late husband Jack were longtime residents of Cos Cob, CT, and active parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena in Greenwich, CT, for 60 years. Pat's father emigrated from Ireland, landing at Ellis Island in 1925 and owned a restaurant for over 30 years on Webster Avenue in the Bronx. Pat loved spending time at the family restaurant (which they referred to as “The Store”) and going to movies with her younger brothers. She also loved her summers at their bungalow in City Island, NY.

Pat graduated from The Academy of Mount Saint Ursula in the Bronx before attending The College of New Rochelle. Upon graduating, she worked at ABC Radio for several years before leaving to raise her family becoming a full-time headmaster's wife at three schools with Jack: Whitby School, Greenwich, CT; Berkshire School, Sheffield, MA; and The Unquowa School, Fairfield, CT. Although Pat welcomed staying in the background and yielding the spotlight to Jack, she was his rock in every sense of the word, always available for guidance and encouragement. Jack's many professional accomplishments and honors would not have been possible without Pat by his side.

Years later, always generous with her time, Pat volunteered at Neighbor to Neighbor in Greenwich, as well as the Greenwich Library.

Pat was an impeccable dresser and carried herself with grace and style. She often said, “You can never be overdressed,” and lived by those words. She loved the arts, particularly music, and was an accomplished pianist and guitarist. At any point in the day, one would find Pat relaxing at her Baldwin playing everything from Beethoven and Mozart to Elton John and Billy Joel.

Pat had many other hobbies, including baking, knitting, needlepoint, reading and drawing. She was a gifted artist, and her cursive handwriting was second to none, which she put to good use sending cards and notes to friends and family on a regular basis, never missing anyone's birthday or anniversary.

Throughout her life, Pat's family was her pride and joy. She had a big heart and was truly selfless. She was a devoted wife to her late husband, as well as a loving mother and grandmother, showering each of them with unconditional love. She was a tireless supporter of her family and loved spending time with them. Nothing beat a family gathering in Pat's mind, particularly a Murray one.

Pat is survived by her three children: Patricia Heneghan, John Blessington (Anne) and Thomas Blessington (Martha), as well as eight grandchildren: Shannon Jutras (Phil) and John Heneghan; Chase, Emme and Jack Blessington; and Madison, Kathryn and Ben Blessington. Pat has now joined her beloved Jack, her partner in crime for almost seven decades, who passed away this past February 2024. Pat's love, kindness, keen wit and wisdom will be sorely missed.

Calling hours will be on Saturday, February 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home, 31 Arch Street, Greenwich, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated later that same day at 12:00 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena, 4 Riverside Avenue, Riverside, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you be kind and generous to one another, as that's what Pat would want.



GRACIA WINGET

Gracia Gaynor Winget passed away peacefully on January 18, at her longtime Riverside, CT home, surrounded by her children, Bill, Joe, Sue and Chris, daughters-in-law, Wendy Dye and Betty Hinsey Winget, and 3 of her 9 grandchildren, Anthony Feith, Ainsleigh Winget, and Marcella Winget. Mrs. Winget was 97 and some years ago lost the ability to walk or speak due to Alzheimer's Disease, but she found her own ways to communicate and somehow managed to exude happiness, affection, and a strong will to live. She was good company to the end, an inspiration to her family, and will be sorely missed.

Known as “Gay” to her many friends, Mrs. Winget enjoyed a wonderfully happy marriage for 64 years to Nelson Winget, who died in 2021, at age 94. Always proud to identify herself as a stay-at-home wife and mother, starting in her 40s, Mrs. Winget nonetheless channeled lifelong passions for art, antiques and salvaging discarded furniture into an astonishingly successful estate liquidation business.

Proudly and devoutly Irish Catholic, Mrs. Winget was born in 1927, being baptized and living with her parents in Forest Hills, Queens and, as a young child, moving to Nutley, New Jersey, where she resided with family until her marriage to

Mr. Winget in 1957.

Mrs. Winget's father, William T. Gaynor, a lawyer and eventually an executive with the New York Central Railroad, hailed from an upstate-New York family that had operated the Bangs & Gaynor cement mill on the Erie Canal, dating back to 1818. Mrs. Winget fondly recalled spending summers in the 1930s at a 19th century family home in Fayetteville, New York, where her father had grown up, no doubt nurturing a taste for antique furniture and American history that remained a powerful influence throughout her life. Mrs. Winget's mother, Madeleine – whose maiden name was also Gaynor despite no known familial connection with her husband – had been born in upstate Elmira, New York into a “railroad family,” her father working as an engineer for the Lackawanna Railroad. Madeleine Gaynor enjoyed a long career as a French Teacher at Nutley High School, from where Mrs. Winget also graduated.

Having grown up during the Great Depression, in later life Mrs. Winget frequently voiced gratitude for her family's good fortune during that painful era in that both of her parents managed to keep their jobs, albeit at reduced salaries. The family home was located near a suburban train station, and Mrs. Winget recalled soberly how her mother would leave plates of food on their back porch for the stream of unemployed men – sometimes referred to unkindly as “hobos” – that wandered along train tracks in New Jersey (and all over the country) in a desperate search for work.

Mrs. Winget graduated from Elmira College with an Economics major in 1949. The College then admitted only women as students, being notable for, among other things, housing the landmark “Octagon Library,” where Elmira summer resident Mark Twain penned his classic novels immortalizing Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. As a loyal Elmira alumna, Mrs. Winget devoted extraordinary time and energy to supporting the College over the decades after graduation, in particular working tirelessly on a number of editions of its yearly “Octagon Fair.”

During her Elmira years, Mrs. Winget was briefly introduced to a Cornell undergraduate who had just returned from military service named Nelson Winget. While Mrs. Winget and Mr. Winget recalled only a passing acquaintance before their respective graduations in 1949, they were eventually re-introduced by mutual friends while working in the New York area in the early 1950s with happily momentous results, marrying in 1957. Before her marriage, Mrs. Winget worked as an assistant buyer at the B. Altman department store and subsequently as a flight scheduler at American Airlines in New York City, a job she particularly enjoyed.

Mrs. Winget gladly traded-in her corporate jobs for motherhood and a lifelong partnership of equals with her husband, Nelson. The couple moved to Riverside with their four children in 1966, where they resided for the rest of their lives in the same colonial-style house built in 1929. Gay and Nelson reveled in their family and life in Riverside, always being kind and attentive parents while relishing school concerts, youth sporting events, graduations, and the friendship of a much-loved group of neighbors. They were longstanding members of St. Agnes Roman Catholic Parish.

Mrs. Winget cultivated a profound passion for rehabilitating discarded wooden furniture that she acquired for a few dollars at church auctions, garage sales, and even junkyards. She would routinely amaze her family by turning what appeared to be crudely painted pieces of junk into stunningly beautiful furniture, painstakingly stripping and refinishing the underlying wood surfaces to their natural glory. The restored chests, tables and other pieces that she particularly liked found a place in the Winget Family home, along with select paintings, glassware and furnishings of great beauty that she somehow managed to salvage for minimal or no cost from obscure sources. Along the way, she became a dedicated student of art and antiques, especially knowledgeable about traditional wooden furniture, antique American glassware and American painters.

In the 1970s, Mrs. Winget helped her widowed mother, Madeleine, move from the house in Nutley to an apartment in Greenwich. Grasping a demand from similarly situated individuals, Mrs. Winget founded “Your Move” as a support service to handle all phases of the relocation process. That business quickly centered around the sometimes emotionally wrenching need to dispose of treasured family property that could not be kept in a downsized home, with the humble “tag sale” proving to be a highly efficient vehicle for realizing the value of surplus items.

Mrs. Winget's tag sales for Your Move clients attracted the attention of local attorneys, who began to seek out her services for dealing with the homes of deceased, relocating or divorcing clients. From there, the business was rebranded as “Early Bird” and came to focus largely on estate liquidations, with Mrs. Winget and her partner, Jean Barker, exhaustively inventorying the contents of a client family's home, identifying particularly valuable items for auction (no small thing working in the stately homes of Fairfield County), and holding a tag sale to realize the value of everything else from furniture to toothbrush holders. The term “tag sale” hardly does justice to the scale of Mrs. Winget's enterprise as hers evolved into almost carnival-like events with dozens of dealers from New York and more distant cities clamoring for early access and a cadre of off-duty Greenwich Police Officers needed to maintain security.

Partnering with Mrs. Barker and

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AROUND TOWN

DPW Supports Heart Health



The Department of Public Works is recognizing American Heart Month to raise awareness about heart disease prevention. Photo credit: Greenwich Department of Public Works

Historic Overlay Request Denied, Demolished

The Greenwich Planning & Zoning Commission denied a request for a historic overlay at 49 Sherwood Place, ruling that the structure lacked sufficient historical or architectural significance. The designation would have allowed an additional housing unit in exchange for preserving part of the existing building, but the commission found the proposed preservation efforts insufficient. The day after the decision, the property was demolished.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Barbershop Supports Veteran With Haircut

Hammer & Nails, a barbershop in Greenwich, provided a complimentary haircut and beard trim to Billy, a veteran at Greenwich Hospital, after receiving a request from local resident Phil Brous. Barber Satish completed the service, which was made possible through the shop's membership credit donation program. Hammer & Nails encourages clients to contribute unused credits to support similar community efforts.

Abilis Opens New Stamford Center

Abilis has opened The Cohen Abilis Advancement Center at 78 Harvard Avenue in Stamford, expanding services for individuals with disabilities in Fairfield County. Funded by a \$3.78 million grant from the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation, the facility doubles Abilis' space and offers career training, life skills programs, and recreational activities. The center is fully accessible and located near major transportation routes to improve access for participants and staff.

Family Centers Expands Healthcare Access

Family Centers has taken over management of the medical clinics at 75 Holly Hill Lane, previously run by Greenwich Hospital and Yale New Haven Health Systems. The transition, reviewed by state regulators in 2023, became official on February 4, with Family Centers integrating primary care and additional support services for underserved populations. The facility remains part of Yale New Haven Health Systems but is now operated by Family Centers, which expects to serve over 5,000 patients annually.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Resident Receives Distinguished Honor

Stephanie Dunn Ashley has been named the 2024 Cecil H. Gardner Memorial Distinguished Patrolman for her service with the Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol since 2013. She has held multiple leadership roles, including board president since 2019, and has contributed to training, fundraising, and emergency response efforts. Her certifications include EMT, multiple FEMA courses, and HAZMAT operations, and she has logged over 2,700 service hours.

John R. Conte Leads Conservancy

The Greenwich Tree Conservancy has elected John R. Conte as its new president. Conte brings over 40 years of experience in arboriculture, landscape architecture, and construction, along with a history of leadership in local conservation and civic organizations. As president, he will oversee tree planting initiatives, maintenance efforts, and ongoing projects in collaboration with town agencies.

SCHOOLS

CMS Project Advances

The Central Middle School project has secured a Guaranteed Maximum Price contract with Turner Construction for \$93,587,800, coming in under the original \$97,705,000 estimate. The cost savings will be added to the contingency fund to address potential unforeseen issues. The project remains on schedule, with the new school expected to open in 2026.

Naomi Clark Explores Site-Specific Art



Naomi Clark, a Visual Arts teacher at GCDS Middle School, participated in the High Desert Test Sites artist residency in Joshua Tree, California, where she worked on site-specific art. In January, she introduced her students to the concept and techniques she explored during the residency, guiding them in creating installations that interact with their school's physical spaces. Photo Credit: Greenwich Country Day School

GA Explores American Roadways



Greenwich Academy's English XII: On the Road explores the American road trip as a literary and cultural phenomenon. Students read works such as *The Grapes of Wrath*, *As I Lay Dying*, *Sing, Unburied, Sing*, *The Road*, and *Lost Children Archive*, alongside essays, poetry, and films that examine themes of migration, freedom, and displacement. The course includes a real-life road trip experience to connect literature with travel. Photo Credit: Greenwich Academy

GCDS Seniors Earn Scholars Recognition

Greenwich Country Day School seniors Imran Iftikar and Abraham Milgram have been named candidates for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Established in 1964, the program recognizes high school seniors for academic achievement.

GHS Seniors Earn Scholars Recognition

Twelve Greenwich High School students—Adam Allegro, Allison C. Bauer, Justin R. Bernstein, Thomas G. Erensen, Zara I. Haque, Audrey R. Ku, Ashley T. Malkin, Brandon E. Nadel, Naomi L. Rosell, Natasha A. Samant, Robert L. Vine, and Zerach Zou—have been named candidates for the 2025 United States Presidential Scholars Program.

Brunswick Senior Earns Scholars Recognition

One Brunswick School student—Gabriel Trahanas—has been named as a candidate for the 2025 United States Presidential Scholars Program.

SHG Senior Earns Scholars Recognition

One Sacred Heart Greenwich student—Lily S. Carroll—has been named as a candidate for the 2025 United States Presidential Scholars Program.

GHS Students Take 3rd Place in Competition

Greenwich High School, under the guidance of teacher Aaron Hull, placed third in Connecticut's We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution Competition at Yale University. Students spent months studying constitutional principles and presented their arguments in simulated congressional hearings before a panel of judges. Former Secretary of the State Denise Merrill presented awards at the event, organized by The Connecticut Democracy Center, which prepares students for potential participation in the national We The People competition in Washington, D.C.

Cos Cob School Wins Competition

Greenwich Public School library media specialists hosted the sixth annual Battle of the Books at Greenwich High School's Performing Arts Center, where students from 11 elementary schools competed. Cos Cob School won the competition, which featured a reading list of ten novels selected from Nutmeg, Caldecott, and Newbery honorees. The 2024–2025 book selections remain available for those interested in reading.

GHS Students Earn Art Honors

The 2025 Scholastic Art Awards recognized several Greenwich High School students for their outstanding artwork. Gold Key recipients include Alexa Loera (Photography), Arianne Pires (Ceramics & Glass), and Yihan Shao (Painting). Additional awards were given to Greta Garcia and Hannah Hochman (Silver Key) and Heidi Farnum, Ella Piu, Adam Shin, Chloe Stranzl, and Lula Wang (Honorable Mention).

Windrose Program Celebrates Mid-Year Graduation

Greenwich High School's Windrose Program held its mid-year graduation for five students. The ceremony included remarks from school and district leaders emphasizing perseverance, preparation, and adaptability.

Cos Cob Cuts Cafeteria Waste

Cos Cob School implemented food scrap recycling in its cafeteria, reducing waste by 80%—the highest in the district. Students divert an average of 28 pounds of food scraps daily from incineration to anaerobic digestion, with an estimated 8,900 pounds eliminated from the waste stream this school year. The program, part of the Zero Waste Schools initiative, has expanded to seven district elementary schools, collectively diverting over 15,000 pounds of food waste.

Black History Essay Contest Announced

Greenwich High School's Social Studies Department is hosting a Black History Month Essay Contest, asking students to write a 500-word research-based letter to the Board of Education advocating for the inclusion of an overlooked event in Black history in the curriculum. Submissions must include at least four MLA-formatted sources and comply with the GHS Academic Integrity Policy. Entries are due by March 1 via Turnitin.com (Class ID: 47259608, Code: history), and the winner will receive 50 Cardinal Bucks for the school store.

Distinguished Teacher Award Nominations Open

Nominations are open for the 2025 Distinguished Teacher Awards, recognizing educators, counselors, and specialists for their work with students. The nomination criteria

and eligibility details are available in the 2025 Nomination Instruction Packet online. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, March 6.

SPORTS

GHS Athletes Commit to Colleges

Twelve Greenwich High School student-athletes signed National Letters of Intent on Wednesday to compete at the collegiate level. The signing ceremony took place in the GHS staff café with family, teammates, and school staff in attendance. The athletes and their respective colleges are: Pietro Carvalho (Pace, soccer), Michael D'Angelo (Elon, football), Thomas Fiorito (Washington, rowing), Aquinnah Geisler (Wisconsin, crew), Joy Houde (Iona, volleyball), Jack Jedlicka (Fordham, football), James Markline (Hobart & William Smith, rowing), Donovan Moses (Cornell, rowing), Peter Murphey (San Diego, rowing), Thomas Stowe (MIT, rowing), Ana Sucic (Oklahoma, crew), and Colin Zeller (Yale, lacrosse).

GHS Hockey Continues Winning Streak



Greenwich High School's ice hockey team continued its strong late-season push with victories over Sacred Heart Greenwich (4-1) and Trumbull (4-0), bringing its record to 9-10. Freshman Miren Woolven scored twice against Sacred Heart, while sophomore Eleanor Fine notched a hat trick in the shutout win over Trumbull. Strong goaltending from Eleanor Woolven and improved team chemistry have fueled the Cardinals' recent success as they aim for a state tournament berth. Photo credit: Greenwich Sports Beat.

GHS Basketball Undefeated



Greenwich's girls basketball team remained undefeated at 15-0 with a dominant 46-22 win over Stamford. Junior Madi Utzinger led the Cardinals with 18 points, while their defense held Stamford to just eight second-half points. Greenwich sits atop the FCIAC standings and is ranked first in the CIAC Class LL rankings. Photo credit: 06878 Photography.

SHG Basketball Dominates Rival



Sacred Heart Greenwich dominated St. Luke's with a 78-50 home victory, powered by Aisha Hassan's 26 points and Jadamarie Henry's career-high 23. The Tigers exploded for 50 first-half points, maintaining their undefeated FAA record at 7-0 while improving to 13-4 overall. Strong defense and efficient shooting helped Sacred Heart secure its position as a top contender in the league. Photo credit: 06878 Photography.

GHS Hockey Senior Night



Greenwich High School's boys hockey team secured a 6-2 Senior Night victory over Trumbull, breaking a two-game losing streak and improving to 6-8-1. After falling behind 2-0 early, the Cardinals responded with six unanswered goals, including two from junior Alex Zhukovsky. Strong goaltending from senior Luke Priatka helped Greenwich control the game as they prepared for the postseason. Photo credit: Greenwich Sports Beat.

GHS Girls Track Team Triumphs

The Greenwich High School girls' indoor track and field team won the FCIAC Western Division Championship with 143 points, defeating Staples High School, which scored 105. This is their third consecutive win, a streak last achieved from

1980 to 1982, and their seventh title since the championship began in 1978. Nearly every team member contributed points, positioning them strongly for the upcoming FCIAC Championship.

Brunswick Hockey Senior Day Victory



Brunswick School's hockey team secured a 5-2 Senior Night victory over Hoosac, marking its 19th win of the season. The Bruins took a quick 2-0 lead in the first two minutes and maintained control throughout the game. With a strong record and key matchups ahead, Brunswick is on track for a NEPSAC Elite 8 Tournament berth. Photo credit: Greenwich Sports Beat.

GHS Girls Basketball



Greenwich took its first loss of the season in a 41-40 thriller against Ridgefield, decided by a last-second layup from Sophie Desiano. The Cardinals led 38-29 after three quarters but were held to two points in the fourth as Ridgefield completed the comeback. Despite the loss, Greenwich rebounded with a dominant 46-20 win over Norwalk to move to 16-1 overall. Photo credit: 06878 Photography.

FROM HARTFORD

Connecticut Considers Pet Store Reform

The Connecticut General Assembly's General Law Committee held a hearing on HB 5112, which would prohibit pet stores from sourcing dogs, cats, and rabbits from commercial breeders. Supporters argue the bill would reduce the sale of animals from large-scale breeding operations, while opponents contend it would harm pet stores and drive consumers to unregulated sellers. The committee is reviewing testimony to determine the bill's impact on animal welfare and the pet industry.

AG Tong Proposes Social Media Limits

Attorney General William Tong proposed HB 6857, a bill requiring parental consent for minors to access social media algorithms and notifications. The legislation sets default privacy settings, limits notifications between midnight and 6am, and caps daily use at one hour unless adjusted by a parent. It also mandates social media companies to report data on minor users and their platform engagement to the state.

ACROSS CT

CT Celebrates Iconic Pizza Culture

Connecticut officials announced new initiatives to promote the state's pizza culture ahead of National Pizza Day, including The Pizza Capital Trail, an interactive art installation, and a Guinness World Record attempt for the largest pizza party. A state report found Connecticut has 1,376 pizzerias, with New Haven leading at 63 establishments and ranking high nationally in pizzerias per capita. Public voting for the best pizzerias begins March 14, with results released in September.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Wegmans Opening in CT

Wegmans will open its first Connecticut location in Norwalk on July 23rd at 675 Connecticut Avenue. The 92,000-square-foot store, originally expected to open between April and June, is hiring about 500 employees through ongoing recruitment efforts. It will feature a two-story parking deck, self-checkout and full-service registers, Tesla charging stations, and solar canopies.

Norwalk Route 7 Project

The Connecticut Department of Transportation's Route 7 and Merritt Parkway interchange project in Norwalk is now set to begin construction in 2027. The plan includes new bridges, improved roadways, upgraded ramps, and pedestrian and bicycle access along Main Avenue. DOT expects to complete the final design in 2026 and will hold a public meeting in the spring to provide updates.

Baby Giant Anteater



A baby giant anteater was born at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo. Photo credit: CT Beardsley Zoo Instagram.



By MAREK ZABRISKIE

Psalm 119 is one of my favorite psalms in the Bible. It is also the longest. It has 176 verses. Compare that with the much beloved Psalm 23, which has only 6 verses. Psalm 119 is nearly 30 times longer. Yet, Psalm 119 is full of stunning spiritual insights. We read:

Oh, how I love your law!

It is my meditation all day long. (Ps. 119:97)

It echoes Psalm 1, which is said to be the key to understanding the entire Psalter or collection of 150 psalms. Psalm 1 begins with these words:

*“Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
(Ps. 1:1-2)*

The Psalter was the hymnal that Jesus and his fellow Jews used for worship. The psalms were set to music and were sung. Many of the psalms are said to have been composed by King David, who was not only a political and a military leader but also a very gifted musician. His wonderful harp playing soothed King Saul, who suffered from terrible migraines.

The ancients knew that meditating on God’s

Word allowed spiritual nutrients to enter the soul. The author of Psalm 119 was well aware of this, but he gets a little carried away as his lack of humility demonstrates:

*Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,
and it is always with me.*

*I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my study.*

I am wiser than the elders... (Ps. 119:98-99)

There’s an adage, “If you are the wisest person in the room, then you are in the wrong room.” If you are wiser than your teachers, you need to find new teachers or switch schools.

I once asked Canon Donald Allchin, who had served as a tutor to Archbishop Rowan Williams while he was a seminary student, “What was that like?” Allchin replied, “There was nothing that I could teach him that he didn’t already know.” But, of course, few minds in the history of Anglicanism are on par with that of Rowan Williams.

The author of Psalm 119 goes on to say:

*I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.*

*I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me. (119:101-102)*

In the letter to the Hebrews, we read:

*“Indeed, the Word of God is living and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides the soul from spirit, joints from marrow;
it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)*

Reading God’s Word and marinating ourselves in it, helps us to develop a Christian conscience, which is indispensable for faithful Christian living. That’s why attending church, praying a little bit each day and reading some Scripture is vital, especially in times of great uncertainty and change.

We live in a time when we must reclaim the Christian conscience. We must hold onto the moral order or else we as a people will greatly suffer. Life is not reality TV. We need to tell the truth to others and to ourselves and be willing to listen to the truth spoken to us. We must also call out those who would serve up a steady stream of lies.

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The author of Psalm 119 notes,

*How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

*Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.*

Throughout Scripture that are references to consuming God’s Word like manna from heaven. The prophets are said to have tasted God’s Word and found it sweeter than honey.

I drink my coffee with honey, not sugar, each

morning as I read the Bible at home, and I, too, find God’s teachings are sweeter than honey.

If I read three chapters of the Old Testament, a psalm, and a chapter of the New Testament, I never find a day where I do not feel spiritually refreshed by what I have read. Even if I just read one chapter of the New Testament a day, I still never come away without some spiritual nugget or vital truth that refreshes my soul.

The key is to read slowly and meditatively. To mull over what you read in the Bible like a cow chewing her cud. Savor a particular word or phrase that stands out like “the glory of God,” or “I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly” or “peace be with you.”

Then let the words sink in. Let them carry out their mystical, magical work. You will often be amazed on a little slow, meditative Bible reading at the beginning of the day will transform the entire rest of your day.

The Rev. Marek Zabriskie is committed to putting God’s Word at the center of Christian community and in the life of each follower of Jesus.

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. *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. 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. “Be Thou With Me” concert with violinist Elena Peres and organist Liya Petrides: Friday, Feb. 14, 2:30pm, Free admission (donations welcome), music.director@stc-sta.org.

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. 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.*

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. Women’s Guild Meeting: Wednesday, February 19.*

St. Roch Church

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

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

Christian Science

First Church of Christ, Scientist

11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555
christiansciencect.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: through February 28.*

North Greenwich Congregational

606 Riversville Rd; 203-869-7763
(Instagram photos and videos @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). Moms’ Group Coffee: Saturday, February 22, 10am. Teddy Bear Story Hour at Coffee for Good: Saturday, March 1, 8am. Shrove Sunday: March 2, 11:30am.*

Episcopal

Anglican Church of the Advent

606 Riversville Rd; 203-861-2432
facebook.com/greenwichanglican

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

Christ Church Greenwich

254 E. Putnam Ave;
203-869-6600

www.christchurchgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every 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. Walking in the Way of Love: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7pm, Dogwood Mezzanine.*

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.stpaulsriverdale.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 22, 5pm.*

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.*

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. 18, 7pm.*

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. *Shabbat Morning Services: Saturday, Feb. 22, 10am.*

Temple Sholom

300 E. Putnam Ave.;
203-869-7191

www.templesholom.com

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. *Special Edition Lunch ‘n Learn with Rabbi Mitch: Tuesday, February 18, 12pm. Musical Shabbat with Mikhal & Ella: Friday, February 21, 6:30pm.*

Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church

286 Delavan Ave.;
203-531-8466

www.firststpaul.com

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

Methodist

Diamond Hill United Methodist

521 E. Putnam Ave.;
203-869-2395

www.diamondhillumc.com

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

First United Methodist Church

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

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

Dingelton 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). *Virtual Children’s Lyceum: Sunday, February 16, 9:30am. Past Lives Message Circle with James Luse: Wednesday, February 19, 7-9pm, \$35. Healing Service: Thursday, February 20, 7-7:30pm (3rd Thursday of the Month), Contact: CSDPastor@gmail.com for Zoom link.*

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. *Welcome to Trinity Greenwich: Sunday, February 23, 5:30pm.*

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church

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

Worship: Sundays, 10am. *Blood Drive: Friday, February 14, 11:30am. Academy Lecturer: Sunday, February 16, 11:30am.*

Grace Church of Greenwich

89 Maple Ave.
203-861-7555

www.gracechurchgreenwich.com

Worship: Sundays, 8:45am, 10:45am & 4:30pm, Woman’s Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. Bible Studies and Sunday School meet in person. All are welcome.

Living Hope Community Church

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

In-person & online (LivingHopeoct.org/livestream) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm, Online. Register and more information: livinghopeoct.org/resources/alpha.

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wonderful new experience.

But here we are in February, and we have finally made it to the bottom of the box. The chocolates have been picked over and a few are left with the nibble

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requiring immigration agents to locate and arrest them after they have already been released. **Supporters of the law**, however, say it is necessary to prevent immigrants from being unfairly targeted and to encourage victims and witnesses of crimes to report offenses without fear of deportation.

In a statement to the *Greenwich Sentinel*, Greenwich Police Chief Jim Heavey, who is also a vice-president of CPCA, acknowledged the challenges the law presents for law enforcement agencies attempting to comply with state and federal directives.

“First and foremost, the Greenwich Police Department does not want any victim or witness of a crime not to call us because of a concern with their legal status,” Heavey said. “That said, if you are arrested and are wanted by any other local, state, or federal law enforcement agency, we will notify that agency of your arrest. A person is considered wanted if a judicial warrant has been issued for their arrest.”

Heavey clarified that under the Trust Act, federal immigration officers can take custody of individuals only under specific conditions, including a judicial warrant, a conviction for a Class A or B felony, or a match in the federal Terrorist Screening Database.

The Greenwich Police Department, he said, also makes an effort to avoid arrests at schools, hospitals, and places of worship, except in cases where there is an immediate threat to public safety.

To ensure compliance with the Trust Act, Heavey said he and other members of the CPCA met with the State’s Attorney’s Office and the Attorney General’s Office to request additional legal guidance and officer training.

Under federal immigration enforcement policy, immigration officials regularly issue detainers when local authorities arrest an individual who may be subject to removal from the United States due to an existing deportation order or serious criminal record.

marks of rejection. One might consider it the dregs (but, realistically, there are no dregs in a See’s box).

It’s time to savor our gift, and in that comes the lesson of the remains.

Back when the box was full, we didn’t take the time to cherish and treasure; it felt like the chocolates would last forever. Unfortunately, nothing does, so we eat more delicately – slowly and

with more enjoyment.

And that is true in life, too.

When we near the end of a happy experience - a wonderful vacation, four years in college (longer for some of us...), a sunset, a visit from an old friend, deep August days (and even those later years of life) - we stop and pause and reflect.

We linger, trying to extend the feeling, knowing that the finale is in

sight.

We hold on, and because we are insanely present, mindful, and focused on the one task, we get more out of it.

The experience is more fulfilling, and more profound (or as profound as a box of chocolates can be).

Yes, life can be irrefutably like a box of chocolates. And as we move towards the holiday that is often feted with just

“The 2019 Trust Act takes away the option for Connecticut police to contact federal authorities regarding any illegal migrant arrested or convicted of Class C, D, or E felonies, misdemeanors, or known gang affiliation,” Fazio said in a statement.

Fazio has pointed to cases such as the release of convicted sexual offenders and individuals charged with child sex crimes as evidence that the law has compromised public safety.

The 2019 law was passed on a party-line vote, with all Republican legislators and some Democrats opposing it. Supporters of the law say that it was designed to prevent racial profiling and to ensure that undocumented residents feel safe reporting crimes without fear of deportation. Critics argue that it goes beyond its intended purpose, making no distinction between violent felons and individuals accused of minor offenses.

Connecticut is one of several states that have implemented noncooperation policies regarding federal immigration enforcement. Other states with similar laws include California, Illinois, and Massachusetts, where local jurisdictions are also prohibited from honoring immigration detainers in most cases.

Immigration officials maintain that detainers are issued based on criminal history, not simply on immigration status. They argue that state-level policies limiting cooperation force federal officers to locate and re-arrest individuals after their release, rather than taking them into custody before they re-enter the community.

With bipartisan concern growing over the law’s impact, Connecticut lawmakers are expected to debate whether to repeal or modify the 2019 expansion of the Trust Act. While Democratic leadership has historically supported noncooperation policies, the number of high-profile cases in which released offenders have committed additional crimes has increased pressure to revisit the law.

As the debate continues, federal immigration authorities say they will continue tracking down released individuals, a process that, in some cases, has allowed convicted criminals to remain at large for months before they are taken into custody.

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assisted by various friends in staffing their tag sales, Mrs. Winget worked hard and successfully at Early Bird’s business for many years, enjoying the satisfaction of assisting families and the excitement of discovering many extraordinarily valuable items overlooked in basements, garages, closets and attics.

For her leisure time, Gay enjoyed long walks, sailing and canoeing with Nelson, and swimming at Greenwich Point and various beaches, where she and Nelson would take holidays with the family, notably on Martha’s Vineyard, Long Beach Island, New Jersey, and Caspian Lake, Vermont. Gay and Nelson also cherished being grandparents, doting on nine grandchildren in Vermont, Connecticut and New York City, joined later by four great-grandchildren.

Even as Alzheimer’s took its harsh trajectory, Mrs. Winget always remained palpably enthralled by the continuous presence of her husband, Nelson, and their devotion to each other never wavered. The family takes great solace that their last years together were spent comfortably at home in Riverside, and that Mrs. Winget was able to remain there after Mr. Winget’s passing, wishing to thank a dedicated team of caregivers who will forever be considered “family,” Rose Telima, Joana Jules, Patricia Dorisca, Michelle Gale and St. Heureuse Telima. Mr. and Mrs. Winget were also fortunate to have new generations of terrific neighbors in Riverside, most born decades after Gay and Nelson moved to the area, who with their children were invariably warm and inclusive in greeting “Grandma” and “Grandpa” – honorifics they cherished – and keeping them engaged with neighborhood life even in their final years.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Winget were held on February 11 in the St. Agnes Chapel on the grounds of St. Catherine of Siena Church, Riverside, followed by burial at Putnam/St. Mary’s Cemetery. A reception followed in the dining room at Louie’s, Cos Cob.

In lieu of flowers, the family would be grateful for contributions “In Memory of Gracia Winget” to Elmira College, 1 Park Place, Elmira, NY 14901, Attn: Advancement; <https://www.elmira.edu/support-elmira/give-now> ; or at (607)-735-1855.



SKYE HUBBARD

We are devastated to share that our bright, shining light Skye passed away on January 17.

Skye Dauphinot Hubbard shared her radiant light, selfless heart, and boundless love with her family, friends, and everyone she knew. Born on January 26, 1993 in New York City, Skye was affectionately nicknamed “Skyebird” early in life and embodied the spirit of her name—limitless and radiant. Among her abundant gifts was her ability to make everyone feel truly seen, valued, and loved. She found joy in giving—whether it was her time, energy, or infectious laughter—and never took herself too seriously. Her compassion was boundless, from offering dignity to the homeless to honoring firefighters every 9/11.

Skye lit up every room she walked into. Family was Skye’s greatest joy, and she made every gathering special with her devotion to family traditions, her deep appreciation for time spent together, and her warm, fun-loving spirit. She adored her niece and nephews, showering them with meaningful attention, playful adventures, and unconditional love. Her knack for finding the most perfect, thoughtful gifts was unmatched. Skye created memories filled with laughter, a good dose of mischief, and connection that her family will treasure forever. Skye took great joy in helping take care of her niece and nephew during COVID, and their smiles always warmed Skye’s heart as well. As her niece and nephews lovingly described her, Skye was giving, loving, and usually wearing a big smile and a cowboy hat. “She was always up for anything, she was always there for you, and she was cool about everything.”

Skye’s passion for real estate began in her youth, inspired by her father and his colleagues at Hines and her fascination with urban development in New York City. As a young girl she grew up in both New York City and Greenwich, CT. She was an active and passionate volunteer at CitySquash, an experience that shaped her early years. During her time at Taft School, she formed deep and lasting friendships that she treasured throughout her life. After studying at Duke University, she joined WeWork during its early days and later helped transform a defunct golf course in Arizona into a sustainable living community. In Los Angeles, she designed interiors for Serena & Lily before moving to Denver, where she thrived as a trusted Associate Broker at Slifer Smith & Frampton, connecting with colleagues and clients through her warmth and dedication.

Skye shared a beautiful life with her devoted fiancé, David Edward Castro, and their beloved French bulldog, Animal Skywalker. Together, they created a home filled with love, joy, friends, and lots of football. Skye was thrilled with her budding Real Estate career, finding the love of her life, her community in Denver and a bright future ahead.

Skye is survived by her fiancé, David Edward Castro; her loving parents, Tori Dauphinot and Ken Hubbard; her siblings, West Dauphinot Hubbard (fiancée Alexandra George), Suzanne Hubbard Brutocao (husband Matthew Brutocao and children Elle and Nicholas Hubbard Brutocao, and Paul Fuller Hubbard (wife Betsy Hands and son Pelican Hands Hubbard).

Skyebird, you were a bright shining light, a selfless giver, and a reminder of the beauty found in loving others. Your playful humor, deep empathy, strong loyalty and endless generosity left an indelible mark on everyone fortunate enough to know you. May your life inspire us all to cherish one another, give generously, and live with kindness and love every single day.

A celebration of Skye’s extraordinary life will take place on October 4, the date of Skye and David’s planned wedding, in Aspen, Colorado. Details to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Aspen Institute (Skyebird Flower Garden). Aspen is where she enjoyed so many happy moments from her first days and planned to spend a lot of her future life. Or to the Denver Health Foundation (Skyebird Educational Endowment) where the trauma team heroically worked to save her life. Donation information is below:

Aspen Institute, Skyebird Flower Garden, 1000 N 3rd Street, Aspen, CO 81611 <https://www.aspeninstitute.org/support-us/> - “Donate Now”. Please note “Skye Hubbard” in the In Honor box/section. Denver Health Foundation, Skyebird Educational Endowment, 601 N Broadway, MC 0278, Denver, CO 80204. <https://www.denverhealthfoundation.org/donate/> - Please note “Skyebird Educational

Endowment” in the comments section.

MAUREEN WING

Maureen T. Wing, lifelong resident of Greenwich, passed away suddenly on February 2. She was 61 years old.

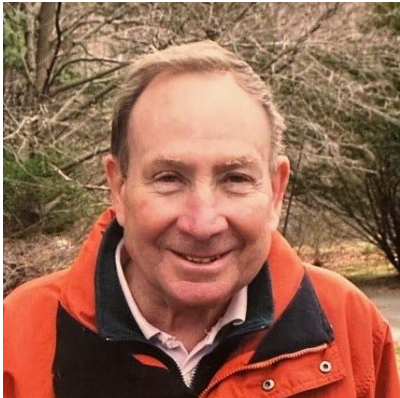
Born in Greenwich, Maureen was the daughter of William and Mary Margaret Wing. She graduated from St. Mary’s High School and Quinnipiac University. She was employed at US Tobacco, The Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich and most recently at Summer Rain Sprinklers.

Maureen had many interests and most will know her from countless hours spent with friends and family at Greenwich beaches or from her volunteer work at The Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich before she came to work there. All who were fortunate to know her will remember her kind and caring nature; she always celebrated special holidays and birthdays with loved ones, being sure to bring a beautifully wrapped gift or send a thoughtful card.

She is survived by her son Kevin Wing, fiancé Craig Morrell, mother Mary Margaret Wing and siblings Bill Wing, Chris Wing, Brian Wing, and Meghan Wing, along with their spouses, 11 nieces and nephews, and many cousins.

Calling hours were Monday, February 10, at Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home, Greenwich. Funeral service was celebrated on Tuesday, February 11, at Sacred Heart Church, Greenwich. Interment immediately followed at St. Mary’s Cemetery, Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to The Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich, 4 Horseneck Lane, Greenwich, CT 06830 (<https://bgcg.org/get-involved/donate.html>).



ROBERT FORD

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Robert Louis “Skip” Ford on January 16, at the age of 88, after a courageous battle with Parkinson’s disease. A loving father, devoted friend, and compassionate soul, Skip’s warmth and generosity touched many lives.

Born on February 10, 1936, Skip was raised in Scarsdale, NY by his parents, Siegfried and Claire (Oehl) Fruchterman. Soon after graduating from Scarsdale H.S., Skip proudly served in the U.S. Army in Germany for 3 years. After his honorable discharge from the service, he took classes at New York University and worked in the mortgage banking industry. By chance one day on the commuter train, he would reconnect with a former high school classmate, whom he would marry. After a few years living in Valhalla, the couple would settle in Cos Cob, CT, to raise their family.

A passionate model train enthusiast, he spent years operating “Skip’s Train Station” in Ann’s Hobby Center on the Post Road in Cos Cob. He traveled throughout Fairfield and Westchester counties bringing the joy of Lionel trains to collectors and hobbyists. Whether restoring beloved Lionel trains or crafting intricate displays for holiday exhibits, Skip’s artistry left an indelible mark. His longtime friend commented: “if anyone in the tri-state area has a Lionel train set you can bet that Skip touched it.”

He had a deep connection with the natural world and cherished the feeling of

sand beneath his feet. Skip’s favorite place to spend time was Greenwich Point Park in Old Greenwich, known by locals as Tod’s Point. You could find him most mornings walking the many miles of trails, taking in the sunshine, and appreciating the waterfront beauty of the area. For him, the beach was a place of solace and renewal. A place where he could enjoy the simple joys of life.

Skip was the kind of man whose love for his children knew no bounds. His joy was found in their laughter, their growth, and the moments they shared together. After divorcing in 1980, he made it his priority to be ever-present in his children’s lives, consistently demonstrating his unconditional love and support for them. His heart was full of pride for each of them, and his devotion to his family was unwavering. Whether teaching them small lessons or simply spending time with them, he was a constant source of inspiration and deep connection and understanding.

In a nursing home in Florida for the last 4 years, Skip faced the challenges of Parkinson’s disease with quiet strength and grace. Though the disease gradually took its toll, he never let it dampen his spirit, and he continued to cherish the visits with his children, never letting the illness define him.

Skip is survived by his children, Wendy Joy Ford of Australia, Heidi Ford Nagel of Apopka, FL and Drew Wells Ford of Duxbury, MA, along with five adoring grandchildren who will forever miss his warmth, laughter, smile and playful spirit. His former wife and the children’s mother, Joy Wells Coombs of Apopka, joins the family in their time of grieving and reminiscing.

Skip will be deeply missed, but his memory will live on in the stories we share, the lessons he taught, and the footprints he left along the shore. May he rest in peace, forever basking in the sun and warmth he loved so much.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Skip’s memory to The Parkinson’s Foundation (parkinson.org) or Friends of Greenwich Point (friendsofgreenwichpoint.org) to support conservation efforts.



ROBERT WYLIE, JR.

Robert Stirling Wylie, Jr. passed away peacefully on January 6, at the age of ninety-nine. Bob, as he was known, and Karen, his wife, were ten-year residents of Meadow Ridge in Redding, CT.

Bob was born in New York City on April 13, 1925, to Robert Stirling Wylie, Sr., and Marjorie Flack Wylie. He was raised in New York City, Westchester County, and Stony Brook, NY. Bob attended The Stony Brook School, which his grandfather, Dr. David G. Wylie, was instrumental in founding. At Stony Brook he played football and made many lifelong friends. He graduated from Stony Brook in June 1943.

Before graduation Bob enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces. During World War II he rose to the level of Staff Sergeant, serving as a B-17 togglier in the Eighth Army Air Force. Based in England, he completed twenty-five combat missions over Germany,

that, I wish you a Valentine’s Day full of love, the fortitude to go for it, the openness for an unexpected win, and the peace that comes with savoring the moment for as long as the box will last.

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After an honorable discharge from the Army, Bob entered Wesleyan University, graduating in 1949 as an Olin Scholar. He was a varsity runner on the track team and participated in the U.S. Olympic Trials at Randall’s Island in 1948. Bob was a president of the Chi Psi Fraternity and a member of the Mystical Seven, a senior honor society.

On January 9, 1953, Bob married Karen Berthelsen at St. James’ Church in New York City, moving to Chicago for several years prior to returning to Stamford, CT to start a family Beginning in 1958 they had four children, Robert, Liza, James, and Ian. The Wylies moved to Greenwich, CT in 1966 where Bob and Karen focused on family, home, career, and community.

The majority of Bob’s career was in the textile industry, serving as Marketing Vice President for Celanese Fibers Co. and then Hoechst Fibers Industries. He was a member of the Textile Distributors Association and The Board of Trade. After textiles, Bob joined World Courier as a Senior Vice President of Marketing.

Community service was important to Bob. He was a deacon of his church in Chicago, a member of the Session at the First Presbyterian Church in Stamford, CT, and a member of the executive board of the Second Congregational Church in Greenwich. Bob was a director of the Round Hill Association and the Historical District Commission of Greenwich as well as an active member of the Retired Men’s Association. Bob served on the Representative Town Meeting, as a Chairman of the Democratic Town Committee and as a Democratic candidate for Selectman. Bob was renowned for his skills in organizing volunteer groups and orchestrating political campaigns in Connecticut for national, state, and local Democrats. At Meadow Ridge, Bob was active on the resident marketing committee, led the employee scholarship fundraising for many years and was involved in the recently completed solar energy project.

A lifelong learner, Bob was a member of the Harvard AMP class of 1973 and after retiring, earned a master’s degree in history and education from Western Connecticut State University. Bob was an avid reader with a particular interest in history and biography. He enjoyed a good game of tennis and many spectator sports, especially football. Bob had many close friends from every aspect of his life, and he greatly enjoyed his interactions with all of them. Bob placed his family first and his children remember many wonderful adventures and experiences. Most importantly, Bob had wonderful values that he lived his life with and transmitted to his children and their families.

Bob is survived by Karen, his wife of 71 wonderful years and their four children, Robert, and his daughters, Sarah and Meaghan, Liza and her husband, Peter, and their son Jack, James and his wife, Donna and their daughter, Emma, and Ian and his wife, Pilar and his two sons, Ian, Jr., and David. Bob is also survived by a large extended family. His sister, Jane Wylie Marshall, of Branford, CT passed in February 2025 and Bob was predeceased by his daughter-in-law, Jane.

A memorial service celebrating Bob will be held at Norfield Congregational Church, 64 Norfield Road, Weston, CT on February 22, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals can be made in Bob’s honor.

SPORTS

Greenwich High edged by FCIAC girls basketball rival Ridgefield for first loss of the season; Tigers score at buzzer for win

By DAVID FIERRO

Holding a one-point lead in the final seconds of the fourth quarter, Greenwich High School's girls basketball team was on the verge of improving its record to a perfect 16-0 when it hosted FCIAC rival Ridgefield High School on Feb. 7.

The Cardinals came oh so close to keeping their undefeated season going, yet the Tigers made a shot at the buzzer, handing Greenwich its first loss of the season.

Junior guard Sophie Desiano made a layup just before the buzzer sounded, giving Ridgefield a dramatic 41-40 comeback win over Greenwich before a big crowd at Greenwich High School. The Cardinals, who are in the process of having their most successful regular season ever, shook off the tough loss by defeating Norwalk at home on Feb. 10, 46-20.

In Greenwich's 41-40 loss to Ridgefield, freshman center Zuri Faison scored a game-high 14 points and freshman guard Elsa Xhekaj added 13 points for the Cardinals. Junior guard Madi Utzinger

scored seven points, while junior guard/forward Mikayla Kiernan made two 3-pointers for six points for GHS.

Greenwich held a 14-9 lead on Ridgefield after the first quarter and went into halftime with a slim 24-34 edge.

Ridgefield () received 13 points from senior Zoe Desmarais, nine points from sophomore Cathryn Mills and eight points from junior Sophie Desiano, who made the game-winning shot with 0.5 seconds remaining in the game and the clock quickly ran out from there.

On Ridgefield's game-winning play, Greenwich possessed the ball with just under 10 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. The Cardinals inbounded the ball, but the Tigers soon came up with a steal near the right sideline, just before halfcourt.

Desiano made the steal, made a few dribbles toward her left and drove left to the basket for the layup, giving the Tigers the buzzer-beating victory. The Cardinals were ahead of the Tigers, 38-29, after three quarters of play.

However, Ridgefield



©6878 Photography by Antonio Monteiro: Greenwich High School senior guard Elsa Xhekaj, left, dribbles the ball past halfcourt during the Cardinals' varsity basketball game against visiting Ridgefield High School. GHS lost, 41-40.

methodically erased its nine-point deficit in the final quarter, limiting GHS to only two points in the game's final eight minutes.

"It was intense," Greenwich coach Megan Wax said. "We knew going into the game that Ridgefield is always a talented and aggressive team, so we were prepared for that from

the get-go. We met our match aggression wise."

Utzinger converted a layup off a missed Ridgefield free throw, driving almost the length of the court, putting the Cards on top, 38-29. Junior guard Juliette Pelham made it 40-31 in favor of the Cardinals by making a runner in the lane early in the fourth quarter.

That proved to be the final points of the game, however, for the hosts.

The Tigers scored the next eight points, before Desiano's clutch steal and layup just before the buzzer sounded, sending her squad to victory.

"At the end, the pressure can get to be a lot," Wax noted. "You're trying to be calm and

everything gets extra physical. But the girls were trying to fight through it and make the right decisions. We'll learn from it and hopefully, move forward."

Faison experienced pain in her right foot while attempting to make a layup with 2:24 remaining in the fourth quarter. She left the game, but returned to action in the game's final minute. Both teams played strong man-to-man defense, displaying why they are among the top teams in the FCIAC and state.

For the season, Greenwich has an overall record of 16-1 and is 11-1 in the FCIAC. Ridgefield is also 11-1 in the FCIAC, its loss coming against Fairfield Warde.

Greenwich visits Westhill on Friday, then travels to Fairfield Warde for a big matchup on Feb. 17.

"We had a pretty stagnant fourth quarter, but our message to the girls after the game was we're proud of them regardless," Wax said. "It's about our progression and this game really pushed us."

Brunswick ice hockey team skates past Hoosac for Senior Day victory at Hartong Rink

By DAVID FIERRO

In the midst of another sensational season, Brunswick School's hockey team hosted Hoosac School on its Senior Night on Feb. 7 at Hartong Rink and produced a familiar result before its home crowd.

The Bruins, who have excelled at Hartong Rink so far this season and have thrived against most of their opponents, added another 'W' to the win column, cruising past Hoosac, 5-2, for their 19th victory of the season.

Brunswick generated goals on its first two shifts to seize a quick 2-0 lead and never looked back. To its credit, Hoosac School put forth a representative showing thereafter, but the Bruins' fast start was too much for the visitors to overcome.

"These games are tough to play when the opponent doesn't have a great record, then you score a couple early and you get back on your heels," Brunswick coach Mike Kennedy said. "We're happy to get through it and get the win but we need to be a lot better in the next few weeks."

Prior to Brunswick's matchup against Hoosac, the Bruins paid tribute to their five seniors with a special Senior Night ceremony. The Bruins' five seniors include: Goalie LJ Bylow, forward Oliver Czaja, forward Alex Melillo, forward Tucker Spiess and defenseman Blake Stant.

"It's a small senior class," Kennedy noted. "We had 14 last year. Everybody has contributed to the program, whether that's two years, or three or four years. It's a small class, but they are a bunch of great kids who have contributed a lot to our program."

"They are good students and good citizens of Brunswick, so it's nice to give them good recognition tonight and honor them," Kennedy continued.

Brunswick was ahead of Hoosac, 2-0, after the first period, then skated into the third period with a 4-1 advantage. In the victory, junior forward Mason St. Louis registered one goal and one assist and senior forward Joe Salandra also posted one goal and one assist, as did senior right wing Joe Lombardi for the Bruins.

Just 39 seconds into the 18-minute first period, the Bruins took a 1-0 lead on Hoosac, with St. Louis scoring off a strong rush up the ice. Salandra and Lombardi assisted on the game's opening goal.

Following the ensuing faceoff, Brunswick struck again. Spiess, an alternate captain, tallied off

assists from sophomore left wing Keegan Kazan and senior linemate Oliver Czaja 1:40 into the first period, making it 2-0.

Senior goalie LJ Bylow, meanwhile, kept Hoosac off the scoreboard in the first period, as 'Wick enjoyed a 13-7 shots-on-goal advantage the first 18 minutes of play.

In the second period, Salandra snapped a shot home from the left faceoff circle, giving the Bruins a 3-0 lead on the visitors from upstate New York. St. Louis set up Salandra for the game's third goal. Hoosac got on the scoreboard at the 10:42 mark of the second period, but the Bruins regained their three-goal edge, courtesy of a Lombardi goal 11:36 into the period.

Senior defenseman/captain Blake Stant sealed the Bruins' scoring 3:39 into the third period, putting the hosts in front, 5-1. Czaja assisted on the tally. Stant has been one of Brunswick's mainstay defensemen during his varsity hockey career.

"It's an honor to be part of the program at Brunswick," Stant said. "It's such a cool school and to wear the logo, it's something else."

Like his fellow seniors, Stant enjoyed the Senior Night ceremony and competing at Hartong Rink in one of his final home games.

"It means a lot, the support from the school was unreal," Stant said. "It was a special night and I was enjoying playing one of my last times playing at this rink with everybody."

"There were five of us, so it was special for us," he continued. "I've always loved playing at this rink, it's a beautiful rink. I've always enjoyed it and we have a great student body that supports us, so I love it."

Currently, Brunswick is well on its way toward earning a berth in the NEPSAC Elite 8 Tournament, which features the top eight ranked teams in the ultra-competitive NEPSAC.

"We basically control our own destiny as far as where we're going to end up and we'll take it one game at a time," Kennedy said.

Brunswick, which has defeated a number of strong NEPSAC teams, plays Cushing Academy on Feb. 12 at Sacred Heart University. They will then visit Frederick Gunn School on Feb. 14, before hosting Berkshire School on Feb. 15.

"We are going to look forward to some tough games coming up and the playoff stretch," Kennedy said. "We have a seven-game stretch coming up with all quality opponents, starting with Cushing on Wednesday. It will



Photo by David Fierro: LJ Bylow, a senior goalie, was one of the seniors honored by the Brunswick School varsity ice hockey team prior to its game against Hoosac School on Feb. 7, 2025. The Bruins were victorious, 5-2.



Photo by David Fierro: Brunswick School senior alternate captain Alex Melillo, left, moves the puck against Hoosac School on Feb. 7, 2025, at Hartong Rink. He was one of the seniors honored by the Bruins on their Senior Day.

be played at Sacred Heart. Then we have other tough games against playoff caliber teams."

Said Stant: "We've been pretty solid this season. We were just up in Canada and had some big competition. Tonight wasn't really our best effort, but we're looking to get back at it. We have a big stretch with some big games coming up. I love playing against the tougher challenges, so I'm looking forward to that."

Brunswick's George Karayiannis in action during a game at Hartong Rink against Hoosac. The Bruins won the game, 5-2.

On Feb. 5, 'Wick earned a 5-0 road victory against Lawrenceville School.

The Bruins dominated the opening period, outshooting the hosts by a 24-3 margin and jumping out to a three-goal cushion. Salandra, who has committed to attend and play hockey at Harvard University, highlighted the period by pulling off the Michigan move at nearly full speed as he rounded the net and finished with the lacrosse-style goal to the top shelf.

"The L'Ville faithful could do nothing but applaud what should be a top candidate for Prep Goal of the Year," Kennedy noted.

Seniors Oliver Czaja (2) and Tucker Spiess rounded out the scoring on the afternoon and junior Dylan Lee-Stack made 24 saves to earn the victory.



Brunswick forward Mason St. Louis, left, had one goal and one assist in the Bruins' 5-2 win over Hoosac School.

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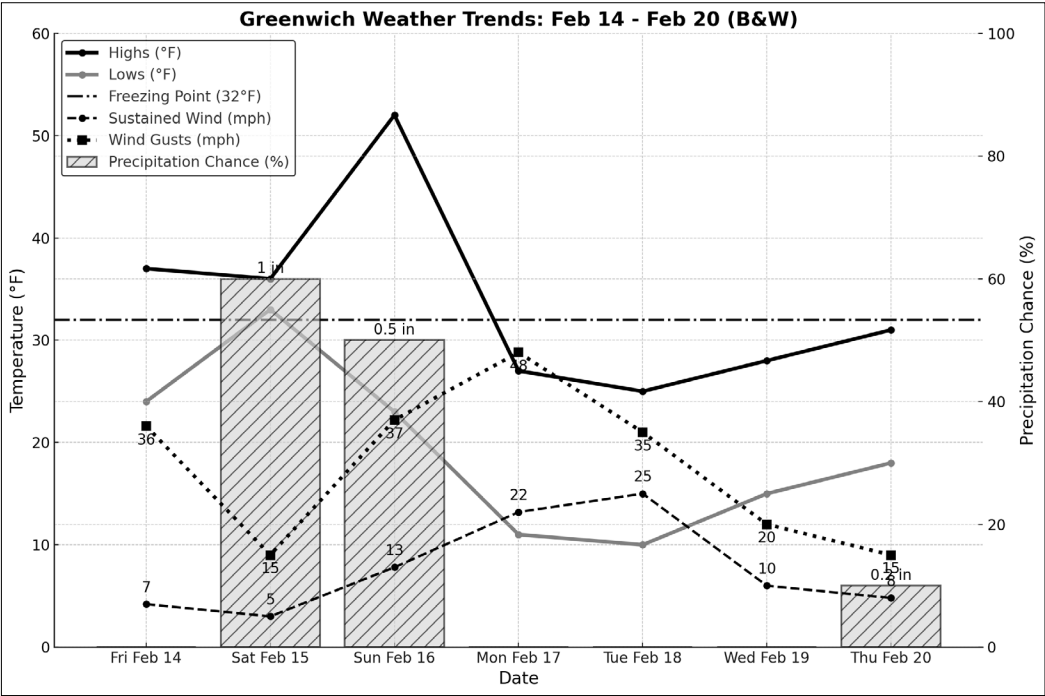
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Local Weather: Prep for Frigid Temps in The Week Ahead

By Emma Barhydt

Greenwich, brace yourself for a rollercoaster of winter weather in the coming days. From a wintry mix and chilly breezes to a brief warm-up before an arctic blast returns, the forecast promises plenty of variety. Here's what to expect as February's unpredictable mood swings continue.

Friday, February 14: Expect a chilly day with a high of 37°F, though it will feel even colder thanks to gusty northwest winds reaching up to 36 mph. The sun will be out, but with only 15% cloud cover, there won't be much to block the breeze. There is no precipitation expected. By night, temperatures will dip to 24°F under thick cloud cover. Winds will calm a bit, coming from the west at 7 mph with occasional gusts up to 20 mph. It'll stay dry, but the overcast sky will make for a gloomy evening.



Saturday, February 15: Bundle up, Greenwich! A chilly 36°F high will be accompanied by overcast skies, setting the stage for a wintry mix in the afternoon. Expect light snow and rain by midday, with up to an inch of accumulation. Winds will be mild from the southeast at 5 mph, gusting up to 15 mph. As night falls, temperatures

will hover around 33°F but feel more like 25°F with the breeze. Rain will persist, making for a damp evening.

Sunday, February 16: A dramatic warm-up is on the way, with temperatures spiking to 52°F. Morning rain showers will linger into early afternoon, so expect some slick roads and sidewalks.

Winds will pick up from the southeast at 13 mph, gusting to 37 mph. By evening, temperatures will plummet to 23°F, with a slight chance of lingering showers. Winds will shift westward and strengthen overnight.

Monday, February 17: After Sunday's warmth, winter returns in full force.

Expect a high of just 27°F, but it will feel much colder with powerful 22 mph winds and gusting up to 48 mph. A mix of sunshine and clouds will brighten the day. The UV index will be moderate, so if you're braving the outdoors, layer up and protect your skin. By night, temperatures will plummet to 11°F, with wind chills as low as -8°F. Clear skies will dominate, but the bitter cold will make for a frosty night across town.

Tuesday, February 18: Another crisp and windy day ahead! Temperatures will hover in the mid-20s, but strong westerly winds—gusting up to 35 mph—will make it feel significantly colder. The sky will be clear, offering plenty of winter sunshine. Nighttime temperatures will plunge to around 10°F, with wind chills well below zero. The gusty northwest winds won't let up, making for a freezing but clear night over Greenwich.

Wednesday, February 19: Expect similar frigid conditions, with highs reaching the upper 20s. A moderate west-northwest wind will keep things brisk, making it feel even colder. Skies will remain mostly clear, offering bright but chilly conditions. By nighttime, temperatures will dip into the mid-teens, with occasional gusts. Clouds will gradually increase, but no precipitation is expected.

Thursday, February 20: A slight warm-up is in store, with daytime highs reaching the low 30s. The west-northwest breeze will be lighter, making it a bit more bearable for those venturing outside. Skies will be mostly sunny today. As night falls, temperatures will drop to the high teens, and increasing cloud cover may hint at some precipitation in the days ahead.

Stay bundled up and keep an eye on shifting conditions as we navigate the season's final stretch.

Nationally: The Week Ahead

By Emma Barhydt

Northeast:

The Northeast is expected to experience a mix of winter conditions during this period. A powerful storm is anticipated to impact the area over the weekend of February 15-16, bringing snow and rain, with potential heavy snowfall in interior regions. Following the storm, temperatures are forecasted to drop significantly, leading to much colder conditions with brisk winds and plenty of sunshine. The latter part of the week may see a gradual moderation in temperatures, but conditions are expected to remain cold with occasional sunshine.

Southeast:

The Southeast is set to experience variable conditions throughout the week. The weekend of February 15-16 may bring periods of rain and a thunderstorm, followed by a significant drop in temperatures, leading to much colder conditions with brisk winds and sunshine. The warmth is

expected to return midweek, with temperatures rising above average for the region, reaching the low 70s with ample sunshine. Cloud cover may increase slightly towards the end of the week, leading to potential showers by Friday, February 21.

Midwest:

The Midwest will experience typical winter variability. The period begins with windy conditions and a mix of rain and snow, though little accumulation is expected. A cooling trend is anticipated, leading to colder temperatures and partial sunshine. The week continues with considerable cloudiness and occasional sunshine, providing a balance between winter's chill and moments of brightness. There is a slight risk of much below-normal temperatures for the northern Great Plains and Upper Mississippi Valley during this period.

Southwest:

The Southwest will enjoy a stretch of pleasant weather. The period is expected to be mostly

sunny and less humid, setting the tone for the week. Temperatures are anticipated to be warm, reaching the mid-70s. The warmth persists into the week, with mostly sunny to partly sunny skies. Cloud cover may increase slightly midweek, bringing chances of showers. The week concludes with morning clouds giving way to afternoon sunshine.

Northwest:

The Northwest will experience a mix of rain and snow showers during this period. The weekend brings breezy conditions with periods of rain. The region remains chilly with temperatures slightly below average, accompanied by sun and clouds and passing showers, with the possibility of wet snowflakes mixed in. Early in the week, expect intervals of clouds and sun with occasional rain or snow showers. Midweek brings partial sunshine, but the chill persists. The week concludes with considerable cloudiness and periods of ice changing to rain. There is a moderate risk of heavy snow for the Cascades

and Sierra Nevada Mountains during this period.

West Coast:

The West Coast is set to enjoy mild and stable weather throughout the week. The period offers times of clouds and sun, with temperatures around 68°F (20°C). The week brings sun through high clouds, with temperatures reaching the low 70s°F (around 22°C). The pleasant conditions continue into the week, with mostly sunny to partly sunny skies. Midweek sees an increase in low clouds, but these are expected to clear, leading to a brightening sky. The week concludes with sun through high clouds. This period provides a great opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities under favorable conditions

Please note that weather conditions can change, and it's advisable to check the latest forecasts from reliable sources such as the National Weather Service and AccuWeather for the most up-to-date information.

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Trump and Putin Initiate Talks to End Ukraine Conflict

President Trump announced that he and Russian President Vladimir Putin have agreed to commence negotiations aimed at concluding the war in Ukraine. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth indicated a shift in U.S. policy, stating that returning Ukraine to its pre-2014 borders is unrealistic and ruling out NATO membership for Ukraine as part of any peace agreement.

Judge Lifts Freeze on Trump's Buyout Plan for Federal Workers

A federal judge has allowed the Trump administration to proceed with its buyout program, which offers federal employees pay and benefits through September if they voluntarily resign. The decision rejects labor unions' attempts to pause the initiative, which aims to reduce the federal workforce. As of Tuesday, approximately 65,000 federal workers had opted to resign.

Inflation Accelerates in January, Complicating Federal Reserve's Plans

Consumer prices increased by 0.5% in January, marking the largest monthly rise since August 2023 and pushing the annual inflation rate to 3%. The surge was driven by higher costs for used cars, auto insurance, and eggs, the latter affected by a bird flu outbreak. This trend challenges the Federal

Reserve's potential for rate cuts and suggests a need to maintain or increase rates to manage inflation.

DOJ Dismisses Case Against New York City Mayor Eric Adams

The Department of Justice has ordered the dismissal of charges against Mayor Eric Adams, citing concerns that the prosecution interfered with his ability to focus on President Trump's priorities, such as combating illegal immigration and violent crime.

House Republicans Propose \$4.5 Trillion in Tax Cuts

House Republicans have unveiled a plan proposing \$4.5 trillion in tax cuts, aiming to reduce federal spending by at least \$1.5 trillion over the next decade. The blueprint also allocates \$300 billion for immigration enforcement and the military and raises the federal debt limit by \$4 trillion. The proposal sets lower tax and spending cut targets than some conservative members desired and has elicited mixed reactions within the party.

China's Xi Is Building Economic Fortress Against U.S. Pressure

Chinese President Xi Jinping is implementing strategies to fortify China's economy against external pressures, particularly from the United States. Measures include boosting domestic consumption, investing in technology sectors, and reducing reliance on foreign imports.

Israel's Netanyahu Warns Hamas Must Free Hostages by Saturday

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has issued an ultimatum to Hamas, demanding the release of hostages by Saturday. Failure to comply may result in intensified military actions in the Gaza Strip. The situation has escalated tensions in the region, with international observers calling for restraint and dialogue.

Mewing, Beta Maxing, Gigachad, Baddie: Parents Are Drowning in New Lingo

Parents are finding it challenging to keep up with rapidly evolving slang terms used by younger generations. Expressions like "mewing," "beta maxing," "gigachad," and "baddie" have entered the vernacular, reflecting cultural shifts and the influence of social media. Understanding this new lingo is becoming increasingly important for effective communication across age groups.

How Good Is Scrabble's GOAT? He Wins in Languages He Can't Speak.

Scrabble champion Nigel Richards has achieved remarkable success by winning tournaments in languages he does not speak. His method involves memorizing word lists and understanding game strategies, allowing him to excel in French and German competitions despite language barriers. Richards' accomplishments highlight the cognitive skills involved in competitive Scrabble.

Trump Imposes 25% Global Tariffs on Steel and Aluminum Imports

President Trump has announced a 25% tariff on steel and aluminum imports worldwide, aiming to bolster domestic industries. The decision has prompted concerns about potential trade wars and increased costs for manufacturers relying on imported materials. Allies and trading partners are considering retaliatory measures in response to the tariffs.

President Trump: 'I'm Committed to Buying and Owning Gaza'

In a recent statement, President Trump expressed his commitment to acquiring and administering the Gaza Strip. The proposal includes plans for economic development and infrastructure improvements in the region. The announcement has generated significant international debate regarding its feasibility and implications for Middle East peace efforts.

Trump on Gaza Plans: 'We Are Going to Take It'

Elaborating on his Gaza initiative, President Trump stated that the U.S. intends to take control of the territory to implement proposed development projects. The plan has been met with mixed reactions, with some viewing it as a bold move toward regional stability, while others criticize it as overreach.



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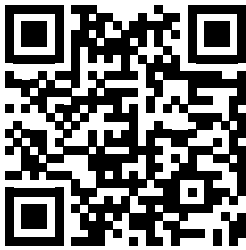
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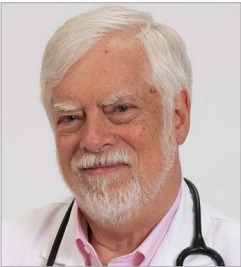
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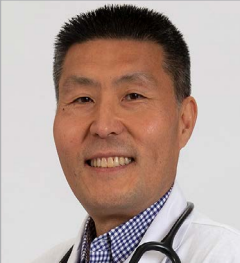
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Food

Classic Valentine Recipes to Savor

Valentine’s Day is the perfect occasion to create a beautiful dining experience, complete with exquisite food, stunning presentation, and thoughtful details. Whether you’re planning an intimate dinner for two or a cozy gathering with family, the right meal transforms an ordinary evening into an unforgettable celebration. This year, embrace the art of entertaining with a carefully curated menu that is as visually stunning as it is delicious.

Setting the Scene with Style

A truly elegant evening begins with the ambiance. Set the table with crisp linen napkins, polished silverware, and delicate china. Incorporate seasonal elements—perhaps fresh roses, scattered petals, or dainty votive candles in soft hues. Layering textures, such as a velvet runner or a touch of gold flatware, adds refinement. A small handwritten place card adds an inviting touch, letting your guest know this meal was prepared with love.

Appetizer: Strawberry & Goat Cheese Crostini (Gluten-Free Option Included)

These crisp, golden crostini feature a perfect balance of sweet and savory flavors, creating an effortlessly elegant starter.

- Ingredients:**
- 1 French baguette or gluten-free bread, sliced into ½-inch pieces
 - 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 - 4 ounces fresh goat cheese, softened
 - 1 cup ripe strawberries, hulled and thinly sliced
 - 1 tablespoon high-quality honey
 - 1 teaspoon aged balsamic glaze
 - Fresh basil leaves, chiffonade
 - Flaky sea salt and freshly cracked black pepper

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Arrange baguette slices on a baking sheet and brush each with olive oil. Bake for 8-10 minutes until golden and crisp. Spread a generous layer of goat cheese onto each crostini. Top with fresh strawberry slices. Drizzle lightly with honey and balsamic glaze, then sprinkle with flaky salt and black pepper. Garnish with fresh basil and serve immediately, beautifully



arranged on a vintage platter.

Main Course: Pan-Seared Filet Mignon with Red Wine Reduction

A perfectly cooked filet mignon is a classic choice for a romantic dinner. The deep, velvety red wine sauce elevates this dish to gourmet status.

- Ingredients:**
- 2 (6-ounce) filet mignon steaks
 - 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
 - 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
 - 2 cloves garlic, smashed
 - 1 sprig fresh rosemary or thyme
 - Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the Red Wine Reduction:

- ½ cup full-bodied red wine (Cabernet or Merlot)
- ½ cup rich beef broth
- 1 tablespoon aged balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter

Instructions: Remove steaks from the refrigerator 30 minutes before cooking. Pat dry and season generously with sea salt and black pepper.

Heat a cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat. Add olive oil and 1 tablespoon butter.

Sear steaks for 3-4 minutes on each side until a golden crust forms. Add garlic and rosemary, then baste with the remaining butter for 1-2 minutes.

Transfer steaks to a warm plate and tent with foil to rest while preparing the sauce.

In the same skillet, pour in red wine and scrape up

any browned bits. Add beef broth, balsamic vinegar, and Dijon mustard. Simmer for 5-7 minutes until reduced by half.

Whisk in butter for a luxurious finish. Drizzle over the steaks and serve with an elegant garnish of fresh thyme.

Side Dish: Garlic Parmesan Roasted Asparagus (Gluten-Free)

Tender, crisp asparagus roasted with garlic and Parmesan adds a vibrant and sophisticated touch to the meal.

- Ingredients:**
- 1 bunch fresh asparagus, trimmed
 - 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
 - 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
 - ¼ cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
 - Sea salt and cracked black pepper

Instructions: Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Toss asparagus with olive oil, garlic, sea salt, and black pepper. Arrange in a single layer.

Roast for 12-15 minutes until tender yet slightly crisp.

Sprinkle with Parmesan and serve on a beautiful serving dish.

Dessert: Decadent Chocolate Lava Cake (Gluten-Free Option Included)

This indulgent dessert with a molten chocolate center is the perfect way to end a romantic evening.

- Ingredients:**
- 4 ounces high-quality bittersweet chocolate, finely

- chopped
- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 2 large eggs
- 2 egg yolks
- ¼ cup superfine sugar
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour or gluten-free all-purpose flour

Butter and cocoa powder for greasing ramekins

Instructions: Preheat oven to 425°F. Butter four ramekins and dust with cocoa powder.

Melt chocolate and butter over a double boiler (or microwave in 15-second increments).

In a separate bowl, whisk eggs, yolks, and sugar until thick and pale. Gently fold in the melted chocolate, then sift in flour and stir until combined.

Divide batter among ramekins and place on a baking sheet.

Bake for 10-12 minutes until edges are set but centers remain soft.

Let cool for 1 minute before inverting onto dessert plates. Serve with a dusting of powdered sugar, fresh raspberries, and a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Final Touch: A Toast to Love

Enhance the evening with a Raspberry Champagne Cocktail, a delicate and celebratory pairing.

- Ingredients:**
- 1 bottle chilled Champagne or sparkling wine
 - ¼ cup raspberry liqueur (such as Chambord)
 - Fresh raspberries for garnish

Instructions: Pour 1 tablespoon raspberry

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liqueur into each Champagne flute.

Top with chilled Champagne and drop in a fresh raspberry.

Serve immediately in elegant glassware and toast to a night filled with love.

Bringing it All Together

Valentine’s Day is about creating beautiful moments through thoughtful details. Whether preparing an elegant meal or a quick feast from pantry staples, love shines through in every bite.



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

Enter to Win Cash Prizes in our Cross-Over Contest!

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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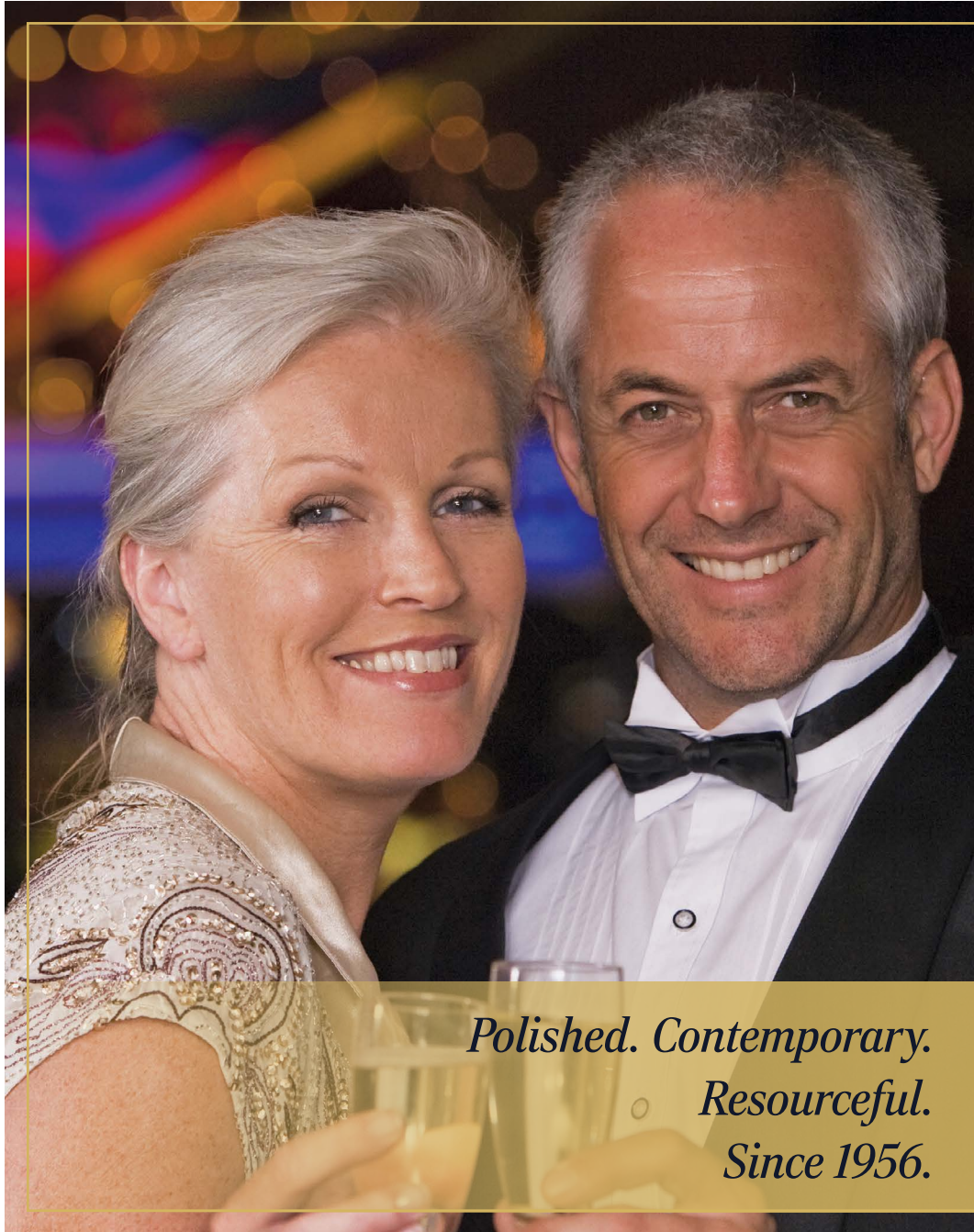
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Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Barbara’s House 6th Annual Valentine’s Day Bake Sale fundraiser. Greenwich Town Hall lobby, 101 Field Point Rd. 203-869-1276. office@barbarashousect.org

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

11 a.m.
Valentine’s Vacation Fun: Story Time. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.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. greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events

1 p.m.
Valentine’s Vacation Fun: Foil Print Cards. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

1 p.m.
Valentine’s Vacation Fun: STEAM Hearts. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. brucemuseum.org

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. greenwichhistory.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

4 - 8:30 p.m.
Kid’s Night Out: ‘Kid’s Stay, Parents Play!’ YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Drop off begins at 4. greenwichymca.org/events.

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

2:30 p.m.
“Be Thou With Me” concert with violinist Elena Peres and organist Liya Pedtrides. St. Catherine of Siena Church, 4 Riverside Ave. Free admission, donations welcome. music.director@stc-sta.org.

MONDAY, FEB. 17

11:30 a.m.
Adult CPR Class with Greenwich Hospital. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Free. Register. greenwichymca.org/events

TUESDAY, FEB. 18

10 a.m.
Perrot Walks at Binney Park. Meet outside the front entrance of the Perrot Memorial Library. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. perrotlibrary.org

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

1 p.m.
Adult CPR Class, in partnership with Greenwich Hospital. YWCA Greenwich, 259 East Putnam Ave. Free. Register. ywcaग्रn.org/CPR

4 p.m.
Debate Club (For Ages 9-12). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

4 p.m.
Greenwich Newcomers Club: Kids at Play. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. RSVP. greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org

6 p.m.
Greenwich Newcomers Club: Wellness Event – HIIT Class. YWCA Greenwich, 259 E. Putnam Ave. RSVP. greenwichnewcomersclub.wildapricot.org

6:15 p.m.
College Admission & Financial Aid Workshop. Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center, 449 Pemberwick Road. Free. Register. freecollegefinancialaidworkshop.com

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

10 a.m.
Bruce Beginnings Junior: Little Printmakers (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: Cynthia Johnson MacKay, MD, Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, “The Unsightly Truth of Laser Vision Correction: LASIK Surgery Makes Healthy Eyes Sick.” Christ Church Greenwich, 254 E. Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. greenwichrma.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

4 p.m.
Women’s Business Development Council (WBDC): How to Calculate Projections. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

5 p.m.
Women’s Business Development Council (WBDC): Marketing Made Simple: Ecommerce Skill Building. Online. Free. Register. ctwbdc.org/class-listings

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

6 p.m.
Physical and Technical Causes of Common Swing Faults and How to Address. Greenwich Water Club, 49 River Road. eventbrite.com/e/1218450691819

7 p.m.
Perrot Memorial Library: Protecting the Mianus River Watershed Through Conservation, Research, and Education. Via Zoom. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

7 - 9 p.m.
Astronomical Society of Greenwich: Bowman Observatory Public Nights. Bowman Observatory, on the grounds of the Julian Curtiss School. Free. GreenwichStars@Gmail.com. astrogreenwich.org

THURSDAY, FEB. 20

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

5 p.m.
The Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center: The Transition to Adult. Online. Free. cpacinc.org/events.aspx

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

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

4 p.m.
Creative Ventures: Hanging Stars (Ages 7-13). Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. perrotlibrary.org

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

9:30 a.m.
Teen Pickleball Tournament. YWCA Greenwich, 259 East Putnam Ave. Adults: \$20, Teens: \$10. Register. ywcaग्रn.org/CPR

10 a.m.
CSOPA Portrait Workshop (for Ages 5-9). Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

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

1 p.m.
Science Solvers: Rainbow Minerals (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, Jan. 12. brucemuseum.org

1 p.m.
CSOPA Portrait Workshop (for Adults). Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. \$75, GBC Family Members; \$90, Non-Members. Register. greenwichbotanicalcenter.org

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

9 a.m.
Greenwich Town Ice Skating Competition. Dorothy Hamill Rink, 1 Sue Merz Way, Greenwich. <https://www.greenwichct.gov/149/Parks-Recreation>

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

3 p.m.
ICC Greenwich: Preteen Pottery Party. Stamford, 1012 Hope St., Stamford. \$35. iccgreenwich.org

2 p.m.
Bruce Experiences: French Film Series: “-1874, The Birth of Impressionism” with the Alliance Française of Greenwich. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. \$10. brucemuseum.org.

THROUGH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5
“Camera-less” Art Exhibit. Flinn Gallery - Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Ave., 2nd Floor. 203-622-7947. flinngallery.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. friendsof-greenwichpoint.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. light-house@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-rh-cc

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

Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

THURSDAYS:
8 a.m. & 4 p.m.
Tai Chi Basic Moves. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Registration required. Tuition is paid as a donation made directly by the participant to abilis, Neighbor to Neighbor, or the First Congregational Church. experiencetaichi.org
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@kidsincrisis.org. kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse
EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY:
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Book Exchange – choose from a huge selection of books. Holly Hill Recycling Center. Free, or, donate books. (Open every Fri & Sat. books4everyone.org
GREENWICH LIBRARIES: greenwichlibrary.org
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
Monday, Feb. 17
All Libraries Closed.
Tuesday, Feb. 18
11 a.m.
Free Adult CPR. Marx Family Black Box Theater.
11 a.m.
Storytime with Patty (Birth – Pre-K). Byram Shubert Library Community Room.
5 p.m.
International Book Club (Zoom): “The Propagandist” by Cecile Despres. ntngreenwich.org
5 p.m.
The Great Potato Chip Tasting. Children’s Constellation Room.
7 p.m.
Foreign Affairs Book Group. Community Rm 5.
Wednesday, Feb. 19
10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Career Coach: AI in Action - Job Seeking Strategies for the Digital Age. Byram Shubert Library Lot.
12 p.m.
Brown Bag Book Club. Online.
1 p.m.
LaserLab: Design & Create. Innovation Lab.
3 p.m.
R.E.A.D. to a Dog. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.
4 p.m.
Clean Up Your iPhone for the New Year. Learning Lab.
5 p.m.
Bookworms Book Club (Grades 2-3). Children’s Constellation Room.
5:30 p.m.
Community Sponsored: United Way Board Meeting. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.
Thursday, Feb. 20
10 a.m.
Japanese Storytime. Marx Family Black Box Theater.
11 a.m.
Technology Help. Learning Lab.

11:30 a.m.
Qi Gong. Online.
12:30 p.m.
CPR for Adults (Registration Required). Byram Shubert Library Community Room.
4 p.m.
Tai Chi for Adults with Ken Dolan. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.
5 p.m.
Jr. Book Club. Children’s Constellation Room.
6 p.m.
Teen Scene: Felted Desserts. Teen Commons.
7 p.m.
Signature Series: Thomas Friedman. Berkley Theater.
Friday, Feb. 21
9:30 a.m.
Senior Chinese Book Discussion Group. Online. ywang@greenwichlibrary.org.
3 p.m.
Innovator-in-Residence: Building the Ultimate Chess Set. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org
7 p.m.
Friends Friday Films: “The League.” Berkley Theater. cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org.
Saturday, Feb. 22
9:30 a.m.
AARP Tax Help. 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Appointments are NOT required. 203-622-7900.
10 a.m.
Blooming Beginnings!: Art, Movement & Mindfulness (ages 3-5). Children’s Constellation Room. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org.
11 a.m.
Puppet Show with Mr. Rogers: “The Shining Knight to the Rescue”. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.
11 a.m.
Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org.
2 p.m.
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GREENWICH HOSPITAL: greenwichhospital.org/events
888-305-9253
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
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Safety Event: Greenwich Hospital offers free monthly car seat safety checks. West Putnam Medical Center, 500 W. Putnam Ave. Make an appointment at: 203-200-KIDS or email Car-seats@ynhh.org.
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 Riverside 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: RedCross-Blood.org
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.
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Rye YMCA, 21 Locust Ave Rye, NY .

Sunday, Feb. 16
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.
Monday, Feb. 17
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.
Tuesday, Feb. 18
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.
1 - 6 p.m.
Saint Pauls Lutheran Church, 761 King Street, Rye Brook, NY.
Wednesday, Feb. 19
8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Corcoran Centric Realty, 103 Mason St., Greenwich.
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
American Red Cross, 40 Saw Mill River Road, Upper Level 3, Hawthorne, NY.
Thursday, Feb. 20
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.
10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Matthew’s Church, 382 Cantitoe St., Bedford, NY.
Friday, Feb. 21
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Italian Center, 1620 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Village of Mamaroneck, 1 Harbor Island Park, Mamaroneck, NY.
12 - 5 p.m.
Port Chester Senior Center, 222 Grace Church St., Port Chester, NY.
Sunday, Feb. 23
7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.
TOWN MEETINGS: greenwichct.gov/calendar
Friday, Feb. 14
12 p.m.
RTM Call closes at 12 noon.
Tuesday, Feb. 18
7 a.m.
Old Greenwich School Building Committee Meeting in Person @ Old Greenwich School Media Center and Virtual via Zoom.
10:30 a.m.
Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Sign-Meeting.
7 p.m.
First Selectman’s Youth Commission Board Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.
Wednesday, Feb. 19
9 a.m.
Budget Mtg - Day 5.
10 a.m.
FS Active Transportation Task Force Meeting. Virtual via Zoom.
11 a.m.
BET Investment Advisory Committee.
11:30 a.m.
Rink User Committee Meeting. Parks & Rec. Conference Room.
12 p.m.
FS Nominating Advisory Committee Meeting. Via Zoom.
7 p.m.
Architecture Review Committee (ARC) Regular Meeting.
7 p.m.
Fair Rent Commission Meeting. Zoom Webinar.
Thursday, Feb. 20
9 a.m.
Budget Mtg - Day 6.
SAVE THE DATE:
Thursday, Feb. 27
6 p.m.
Girls With Impact Trailblazer & Future Innovators Fundraising Gala. L’escalade at the Delamar. give.girlswithimpact.org/event/2025-trailblazer-gala/e650022
Friday, Feb. 28
6:30 p.m.
Greenwich Alliance for Education’s Trivia Challenge Benefit. Tamarack 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. kidsincrisis.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. greenwichhibernians.org/dinner-dance
Sunday, March 23
2 p.m.
Greenwich St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Beginning at the Greenwich Town Hall. [\[nians.org\]\(http://nians.org\)
Sunday, March 30
2 p.m.
Special Education Legal Fund \(S.E.L.F\) and SEEK CT’s \(Special Education Equity for Kids of CT\) Resource Fair. Stamford JCC. \[eventbrite.com/e/1096645178249\]\(http://eventbrite.com/e/1096645178249\)
Friday, April 4
6 p.m.
Person to Person’s Spring Benefit “Rising Together.” Serafresca at the Italian Center, Stamford. \[bit.ly/RisingTogetherBenefit\]\(http://bit.ly/RisingTogetherBenefit\)
Thursday, April 24
Neighbor to Neighbor 50th Anniversary. Hyatt Regency, Greenwich. \[ntngreenwich.org/50th-anniversary-save-the-date\]\(http://ntngreenwich.org/50th-anniversary-save-the-date\)
Saturday, April 26
9 a.m.
The Center for Family Justice’s 13th Annual Walk A Mile in Her Shoes. Downtown Fairfield Train Station. \[centerforfamilyjustice.org\]\(http://centerforfamilyjustice.org\)
6 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity 40th Anniversary Gala. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. \[habitatcfc.org\]\(http://habitatcfc.org\)
6 p.m.
American Red Cross Greater New York Region’s Red & White Ball: A Salute to Service and Valor. Riverside Yacht Club. \[e.givesmart.com/events/DoN/page/order-form2\]\(http://e.givesmart.com/events/DoN/page/order-form2\)
Thursday, May 1
11 a.m.
YWCA Greenwich’s Old Bags Luncheon 20th Anniversary. Belle Haven Club. \[ywcagreenwich.org/events/old-bags-luncheon-20th-anniversary\]\(http://ywcagreenwich.org/events/old-bags-luncheon-20th-anniversary\)
• Greenwich Arts Council’s “Art to the Avenue.” \[greenwichartscouncil.org\]\(http://greenwichartscouncil.org\)
Sunday, May 4
Breast Cancer Alliance 5K Run/Walk. \[breastcanceralliance.org\]\(http://breastcanceralliance.org\)
Friday, May 9
6 p.m.
YMCA of Greenwich’s An Evening in Las Vegas Annual Gala. Greenwich Country Club. \[greenwichymca.org/events\]\(http://greenwichymca.org/events\)
Friday, May 16
7:30 a.m.
BIC’s 12th Annual Spring Benefit Breakfast. Hyatt Regency Greenwich. \[secure.qgiv.com/for/blcbenefitbreakfast2025/event/12thannual-springbenefitbreakfast\]\(http://secure.qgiv.com/for/blcbenefitbreakfast2025/event/12thannual-springbenefitbreakfast\)
Saturday, May 17
7 p.m.
Spring for Abilis Gala. Greenwich Country Club. \[e.givesmart.com/events/GGE/\]\(http://e.givesmart.com/events/GGE/\)
Our Neighboring Towns
FRIDAY, FEB. 14
7:30 p.m.
Curtain Call presents “Mystic Pizza”. The Kveskin Theatre, 1349 Newfield Ave., Stamford. Performances: Fri & Sat, 7:30pm, & Sun, 2pm \(Feb. 14 & 15\). \[curtaincallinc.com\]\(http://curtaincallinc.com\)
SATURDAY, FEB. 15
11 a.m.
2025 Vision Board Workshop. Ferguson Library - West Side Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. \[fergusonlibrary.org\]\(http://fergusonlibrary.org\)
11 a.m.
STEM Workshop: Black Inventors Who Made the Stuff Around Us, a Black History Month Program. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. \[fergusonlibrary.org\]\(http://fergusonlibrary.org\)
MONDAY, FEB. 17
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
President’s Day - explore how people across the country \(including you!\) can step up to care for communities big and small. Stepping Stones Museum for Children – Mathews Park, 303 West Ave, Norwalk. \[steppingstonesmuseum.org\]\(http://steppingstonesmuseum.org\)
TUESDAY, FEB. 18
6 p.m.
Funding their Future: Financial Planning for Education. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. \[fergusonlibrary.org\]\(http://fergusonlibrary.org\)
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19
2 p.m.
Open Lab: Resume Assistance. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. \[fergusonlibrary.org\]\(http://fergusonlibrary.org\)
5:30 p.m.
Medicare Planning: Protecting Wealth from Healthcare Costs in Retirement. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. Register. \[fergusonlibrary.org\]\(http://fergusonlibrary.org\)
6 p.m.
Life Skills Series: Budgeting for Your Lifestyle. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. \[fergusonlibrary.org\]\(http://fergusonlibrary.org\)
7 p.m.
Trivia Night. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. \[bedfordplayhouse.org\]\(http://bedfordplayhouse.org\)
THURSDAY, FEB. 20
5 p.m.
Young Adult Queer Group. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. \[fergusonlibrary.org\]\(http://fergusonlibrary.org\)
FRIDAY, FEB. 21
4 p.m.
Sip & Paint Junior. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. \[fergusonlibrary.org\]\(http://fergusonlibrary.org\)
SATURDAY, FEB. 22
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Kids Helping Kids’ 3rd Annual Hope Day - a mental health fair. UCONN Stamford, 1 University Pl, Stamford. Free & open to all. \[kidshelpingkidsct.org\]\(http://kidshelpingkidsct.org\)](http://greenwichhiber-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

THE HOUSE AT POOH CORNER BY A.A. MILNE

CHAPTER VIII IN WHICH Piglet Does a Very Grand Thing

Half way between Pooh's house and Piglet's house was a Thoughtful Spot where they met sometimes when they had decided to go and see each other, and as it was warm and out of the wind they would sit down there for a little and wonder what they would do now that they had seen each other. One day when they had decided not to do anything, Pooh made up a verse about it, so that everybody should know what the place was for.

This warm and sunny Spot
Belongs to Pooh.
And here he wonders what
He's going to do.
Oh, bother, I forgot—
It's Piglet's too.

Now one autumn morning when the wind had blown all the leaves off the trees in the night, and was trying to blow the branches off, Pooh and Piglet were sitting in the Thoughtful Spot and wondering.

"What I think," said Pooh, "is I think we'll go to Pooh Corner and see Eeyore, because perhaps his house has been blown down, and perhaps he'd like us to build it again."

"What I think," said Piglet, "is I think we'll go and see Christopher Robin, only he won't be there, so we can't."

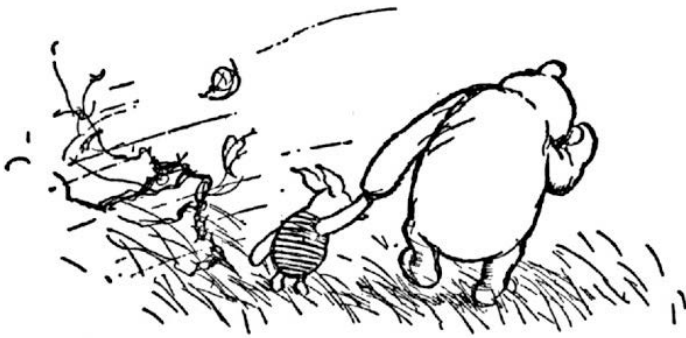
"Let's go and see everybody," said Pooh. "Because when you've been walking in the wind for miles, and you suddenly go into somebody's house, and he says, 'Hallo, Pooh, you're just in time for a little smackerel of something,' and you are, then it's what I call a Friendly Day."

Piglet thought that they ought to have a Reason for going to see everybody, like Looking for Small or Organizing an Expotition, if Pooh could think of something.

Pooh could.

"We'll go because it's Thursday," he said, "and we'll go to wish everybody a Very Happy Thursday. Come on, Piglet."

They got up; and when Piglet had sat down again, because he didn't know the wind was so strong, and had been helped up by Pooh, they started off. They went to Pooh's house first, and luckily Pooh was at home just as they got there, so he asked them in, and they had some, and then they went on to Kanga's house, holding on to each other, and shouting "Isn't it?" and "What?" and "I can't hear." By the time they got to Kanga's house they were so buffeted that they stayed to lunch. Just at first it seemed rather cold outside afterwards, so they pushed on to Rabbit's as quickly as they could.



"We've come to wish you a Very Happy Thursday," said Pooh, when he had gone in and out once or twice just to make sure that he could get out again.

"Why, what's going to happen on Thursday?" asked Rabbit, and when Pooh had explained, and Rabbit, whose life was made up of Important Things, said, "Oh, I thought you'd really come about something," they sat down for a little ... and by-and-by Pooh and Piglet went on again. The wind was behind them now, so they didn't have to shout.

"Rabbit's clever," said Pooh thoughtfully.

"Yes," said Piglet, "Rabbit's clever."

"And he has Brain."

"Yes," said Piglet, "Rabbit has Brain."

There was a long silence.

"I suppose," said Pooh, "that that's why he never understands anything."

Christopher Robin was at home by this time,

because it was the afternoon, and he was so glad to see them that they stayed there until very nearly tea-time, and then they had a Very Nearly tea, which is one you forget about afterwards, and hurried on to Pooh Corner, so as to see Eeyore before it was too late to have a Proper Tea with Owl.

"Hallo, Eeyore," they called out cheerfully.

"Ah!" said Eeyore. "Lost your way?"

"We just came to see you," said Piglet. "And to see how your house was. Look, Pooh, it's still standing!"

"I know," said Eeyore. "Very odd. Somebody ought to have come down and pushed it over."

"We wondered whether the wind would blow it down," said Pooh.

"Ah, that's why nobody's bothered, I suppose. I thought perhaps they'd forgotten."

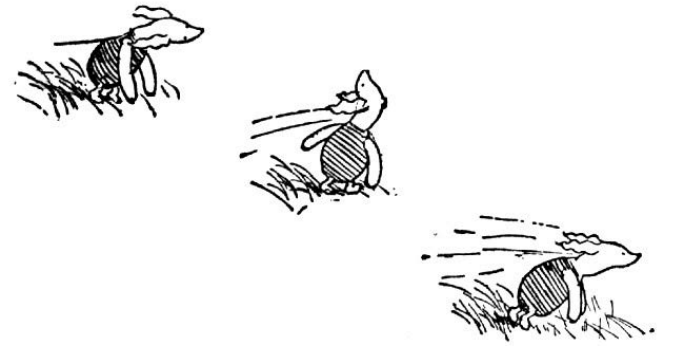
"Well, we're very glad to see you, Eeyore, and now we're going on to see Owl."

"That's right. You'll like Owl. He flew past a day or two ago and noticed me. He didn't actually say anything, mind you, but he knew it was me. Very friendly of him, I thought. Encouraging."

Pooh and Piglet shuffled about a little and said, "Well, good-bye, Eeyore" as lingeringly as they could, but they had a long way to go, and wanted to be getting on.

"Good-bye," said Eeyore. "Mind you don't get blown away, little Piglet. You'd be missed. People would say 'Where's little Piglet been blown to?'—really wanting to know. Well, good-bye. And thank you for happening to pass me."

"Good-bye," said Pooh and Piglet for the last time, and they pushed on to Owl's house.



The wind was against them now, and Piglet's ears streamed behind him like banners as he fought his way along, and it seemed hours before he got them into the shelter of the Hundred Acre Wood and they stood up straight again, to listen, a little nervously, to the roaring of the gale among the tree-tops.



"Supposing a tree fell down, Pooh, when we were underneath it?"

"Supposing it didn't," said Pooh after careful thought.

Piglet was comforted by this, and in a little while they were knocking and ringing very cheerfully at Owl's door.

"Hallo, Owl," said Pooh. "I hope we're not too late for—I mean, how are you, Owl?"

Piglet and I just came to see how you were, because it's Thursday."

"Sit down, Pooh, sit down, Piglet," said Owl kindly. "Make yourselves comfortable."

They thanked him, and made themselves as comfortable as they could.

"Because, you see, Owl," said Pooh, "we've been hurrying, so as to be in time for—so as to see you before we went away again."

Owl nodded solemnly.

"Correct me if I am wrong," he said, "but am I right in supposing that it is a very Blusterous day outside?"

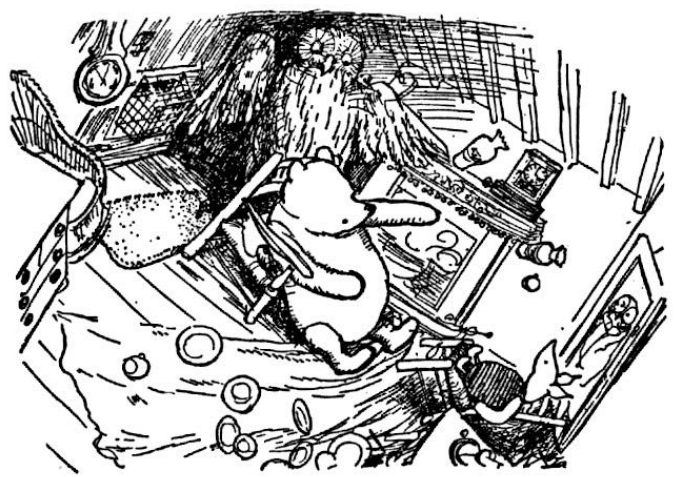
"Very," said Piglet, who was quietly thawing his ears, and wishing that he was safely back in his own house.

"I thought so," said Owl. "It was on just such a blusterous day as this that my Uncle Robert, a portrait of whom you see upon the wall on your right, Piglet, while returning in the late forenoon from a——What's that?"

There was a loud cracking noise.

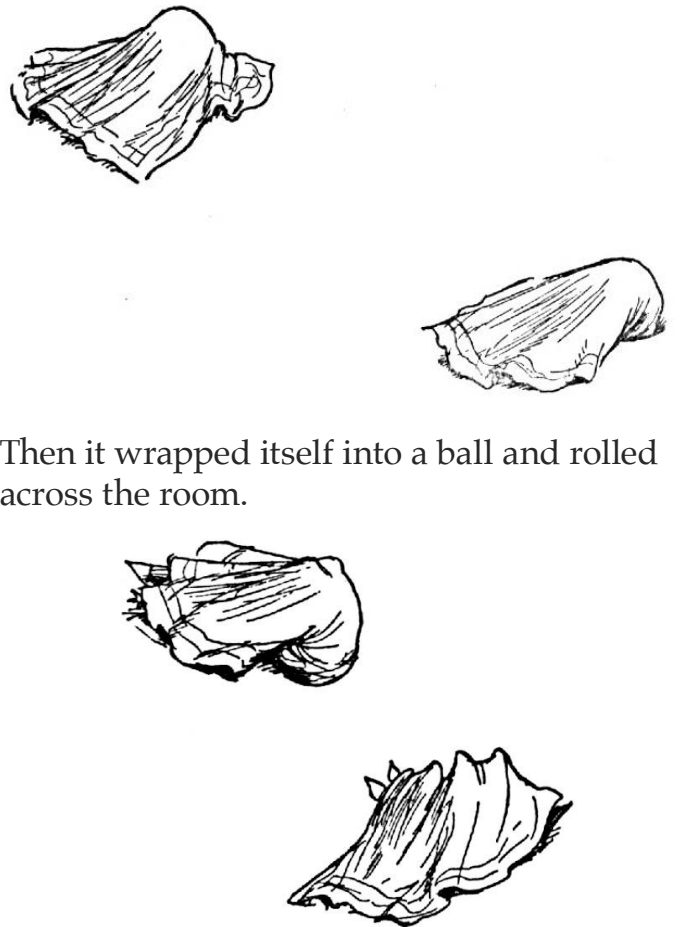
"Look out!" cried Pooh. "Mind the clock! Out of the way, Piglet! Piglet, I'm falling on you!"

"Help!" cried Piglet.



Pooh's side of the room was slowly tilting upwards and his chair began sliding down on Piglet's. The clock slithered gently along the mantelpiece, collecting vases on the way, until they all crashed together on to what had once been the floor, but was now trying to see what it looked like as a wall. Uncle Robert, who was going to be the new hearth-rug, and was bringing the rest of his wall with him as carpet, met Piglet's chair just as Piglet was expecting to leave it, and for a little while it became very difficult to remember which was really the north. Then there was another loud crack ... Owl's room collected itself feverishly ... and there was silence.

In a corner of the room, the tablecloth began to wriggle.



Then it wrapped itself into a ball and rolled across the room.

Then it jumped up and down once or twice, and put out two ears. It rolled across the room again, and unwound itself.



"Pooh," said Piglet nervously.

"Yes?" said one of the chairs.

"Where are we?"

"I'm not quite sure," said the chair.

"Are we—are we in Owl's House?"

"I think so, because we were just going to have tea, and we hadn't had it."

"Oh!" said Piglet. "Well, did Owl always have a letter-box in his ceiling?"

"Has he?"

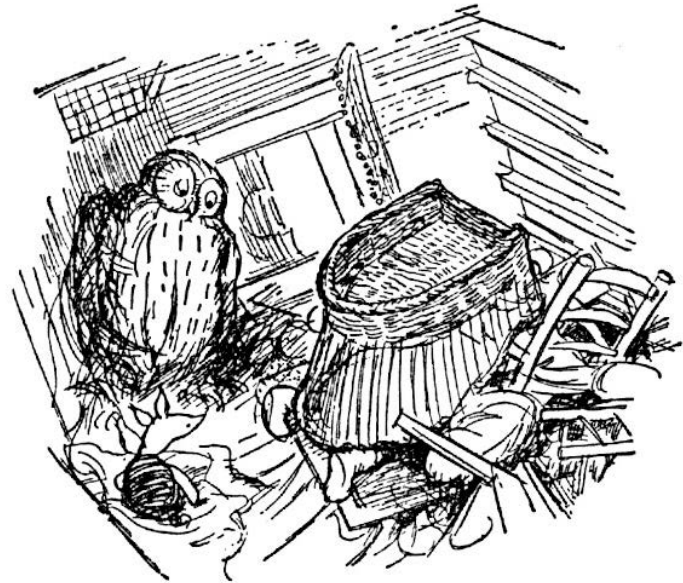
"Yes, look."

"I can't," said Pooh. "I'm face downwards under something, and that, Piglet, is a very bad position for looking at ceilings."

"Well, he has, Pooh."

"Perhaps he's changed it," said Pooh. "Just for a change."

There was a disturbance behind the table in the other corner of the room, and Owl was with them again.



"Ah, Piglet," said Owl, looking very much annoyed; "where's Pooh?"

"I'm not quite sure," said Pooh.

Owl turned at his voice, and frowned at as much of Pooh as he could see.

"Pooh," said Owl severely, "did you do that?"

"No," said Pooh humbly. "I don't think so."

"Then who did?"

"I think it was the wind," said Piglet. "I think your house has blown down."

"Oh, is that it? I thought it was Pooh."

"No," said Pooh.

"If it was the wind," said Owl, considering the matter, "then it wasn't Pooh's fault. No blame can be attached to him." With these kind words he flew up to look at his new ceiling.

"Piglet!" called Pooh in a loud whisper.

Piglet leant down to him.

"Yes, Pooh?"

"What did he say was attached to me?"

"He said he didn't blame you."

"Oh! I thought he meant—Oh, I see."

"Owl," said Piglet, "come down and help Pooh."

Owl, who was admiring his letter-box, flew down again. Together they pushed and pulled at the arm-chair, and in a little while Pooh came out from underneath, and was able to look round him again.

"Well!" said Owl. "This is a nice state of things!"

"What are we going to do, Pooh? Can you think of anything?" asked Piglet.

"Well, I had just thought of something," said Pooh. "It was just a little thing I thought of." And he began to sing:

I lay on my chest
And I thought it best
To pretend I was having an evening rest;
I lay on my tum
And I tried to hum
But nothing particular seemed to come.
My face was flat
On the floor, and that
Is all very well for an acrobat;
But it doesn't seem fair
To a Friendly Bear
To stiffen him out with a basket-chair.
And a sort of sqoze
Which grows and grows

Is not too nice for his poor old nose,
And a sort of squch
Is much too much
For his neck and his mouth and his ears
and such.

"That was all," said Pooh.

Owl coughed in an unadmiring sort of way, and said that, if Pooh was sure that was all, they could now give their minds to the Problem of Escape.

"Because," said Owl, "we can't go out by what used to be the front door. Something's fallen on it."

"But how else can you go out?" asked Piglet anxiously.

"That is the Problem, Piglet, to which I am asking Pooh to give his mind."

Pooh sat on the floor which had once been a wall, and gazed up at the ceiling which had once been another wall, with a front door in it which had once been a front door, and tried to give his mind to it.

"Could you fly up to the letter-box with Piglet on your back?" he asked.

"No," said Piglet quickly. "He couldn't."

Owl explained about the Necessary Dorsal Muscles. He had explained this to Pooh and Christopher Robin once before, and had been waiting ever since for a chance to do it again, because it is a thing which you can easily explain twice before anybody knows what you are talking about.

"Because you see, Owl, if we could get Piglet into the letter-box, he might squeeze through the place where the letters come, and climb down the tree and run for help."

Piglet said hurriedly that he had been getting bigger lately, and couldn't possibly, much as he would like to, and Owl said that he had had his letter-box made bigger lately in case he got bigger letters, so perhaps Piglet might, and Piglet said, "But you said the necessary you-know-whats wouldn't," and Owl said, "No, they won't, so it's no good thinking about it," and Piglet said "Then we'd better think of something else," and began to at once.

But Pooh's mind had gone back to the day when he had saved Piglet from the flood, and everybody had admired him so much; and as that didn't often happen he thought he would like it to happen again. And suddenly, just as it had come before, an idea came to him.

"Owl," said Pooh, "I have thought of something."

"Astute and Helpful Bear," said Owl.

Pooh looked proud at being called a stout and helpful bear, and said modestly that he just happened to think of it. You tied a piece of string to Piglet, and you flew up to the letter-box with the other end in your beak, and you pushed it through the wire and brought it down to the floor, and you and Pooh pulled hard at this end, and Piglet went slowly up at the other end. And there you were.

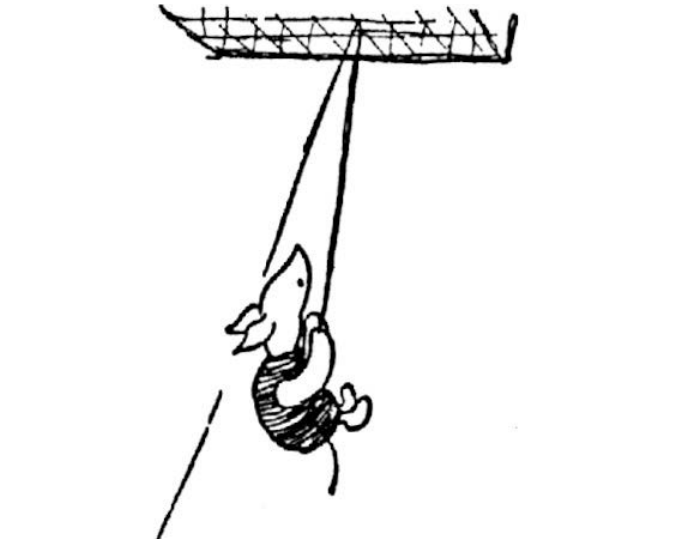
"And there Piglet is," said Owl. "If the string doesn't break."

"Supposing it does?" asked Piglet, wanting to know.

"Then we try another piece of string."

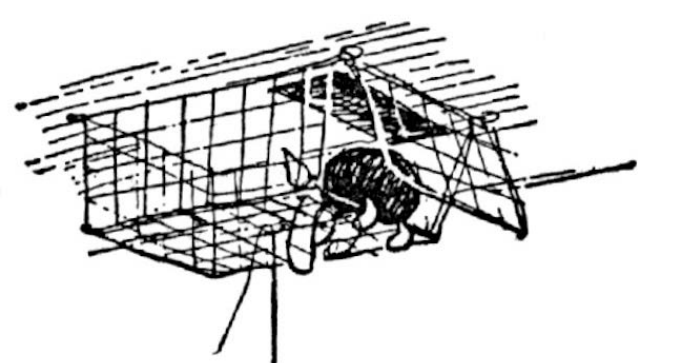
This was not very comforting to Piglet, because however many pieces of string they tried pulling up with, it would always be the same him coming down; but still, it did seem the only thing to do. So with one last look back in his mind at all the happy hours he had spent in the Forest not being pulled up to the ceiling by a piece of string, Piglet nodded bravely at Pooh and said that it was a Very Clever pup-pup-pup Clever pup-pup Plan.

"It won't break," whispered Pooh comfortingly, "because you're a Small Animal, and I'll stand underneath, and if you save us all, it will be a Very Grand Thing to talk about afterwards, and perhaps I'll make up a Song, and people will say 'It was so grand what Piglet did that a Respectful Pooh Song was made about it.'"

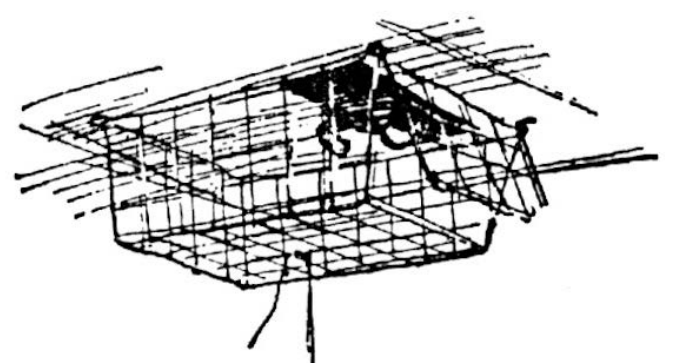


Piglet felt much better after this, and when everything was ready, and he found himself slowly going up to the ceiling, he was so proud that he would have called out "Look at me!" if he hadn't been afraid that Pooh and Owl would let go of their end of the string and look at him.

"Up we go!" said Pooh cheerfully.



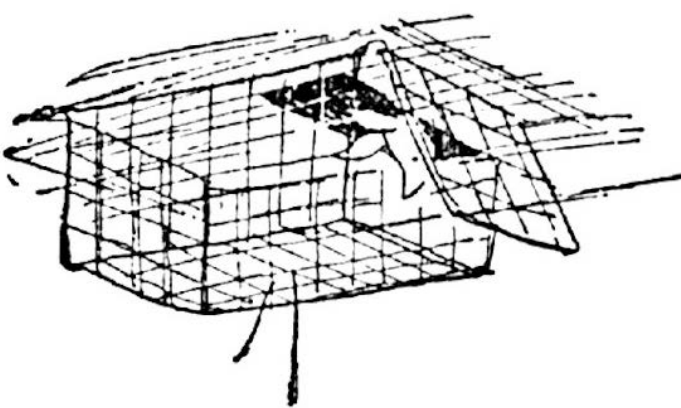
"The ascent is proceeding as expected," said Owl helpfully. Soon it was over. Piglet opened the letter-box and climbed in. Then, having untied himself, he began to squeeze into the slit, through which in the old days when front doors were front doors, many an unexpected letter that WOL had written to himself, had come slipping.



He squeezed and he squoze, and then with one last squoze he was out. Happy and excited he turned round to squeak a last message to the prisoners.



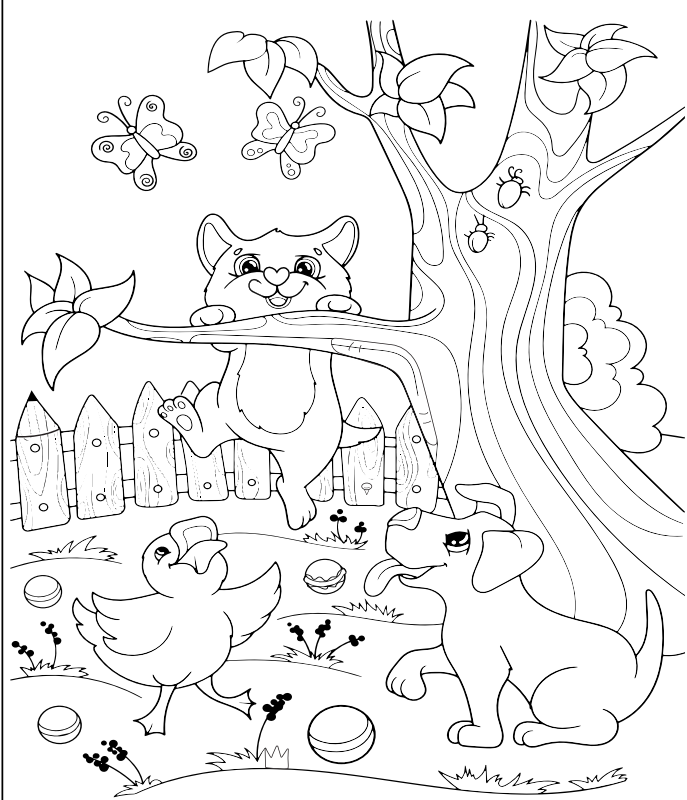
"It's all right," he called through the letter-box. "Your tree is blown right over, Owl, and there's a branch across the door, but Christopher Robin and I can move it, and we'll bring a rope for Pooh, and I'll go and tell him now, and I can climb down quite easily, I mean it's dangerous but I can do it all right, and Christopher Robin and I will be back in about half-an-hour. Good-bye, Pooh!" And without waiting to hear Pooh's answering "Good-bye, and thank you, Piglet," he was off.



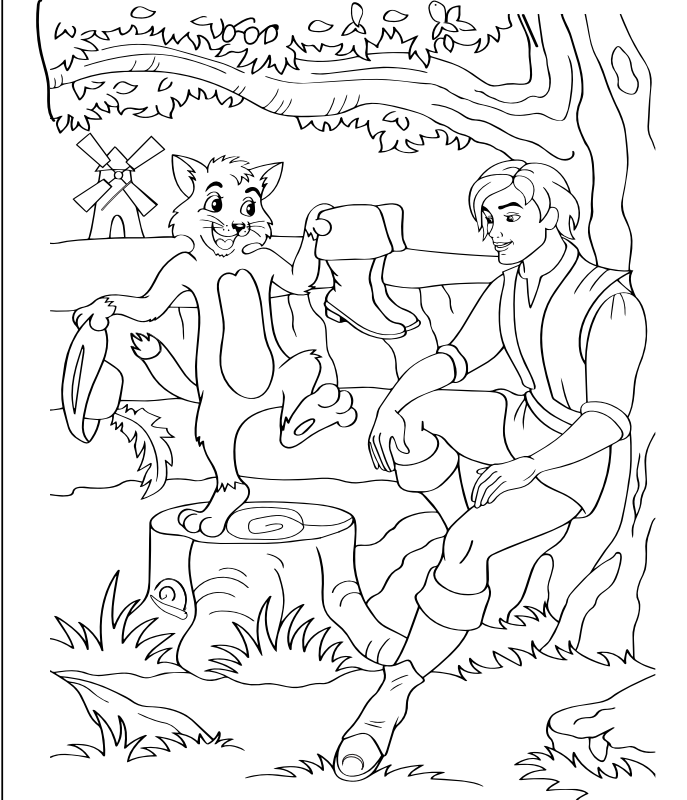
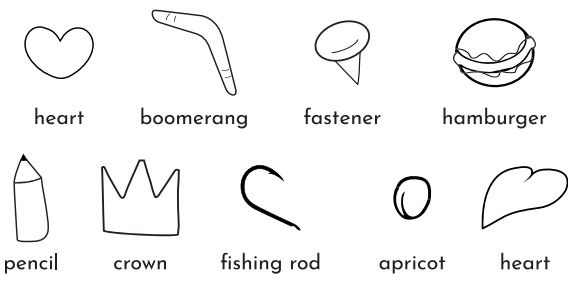
"Half-an-hour," said Owl, settling himself comfortably. "That will just give me time to finish that story I was telling you about my Uncle Robert—a portrait of whom you see underneath you. Now let me see, where was I? Oh, yes. It was on just such a blustery day as this that my Uncle Robert——"

Pooh closed his eyes.

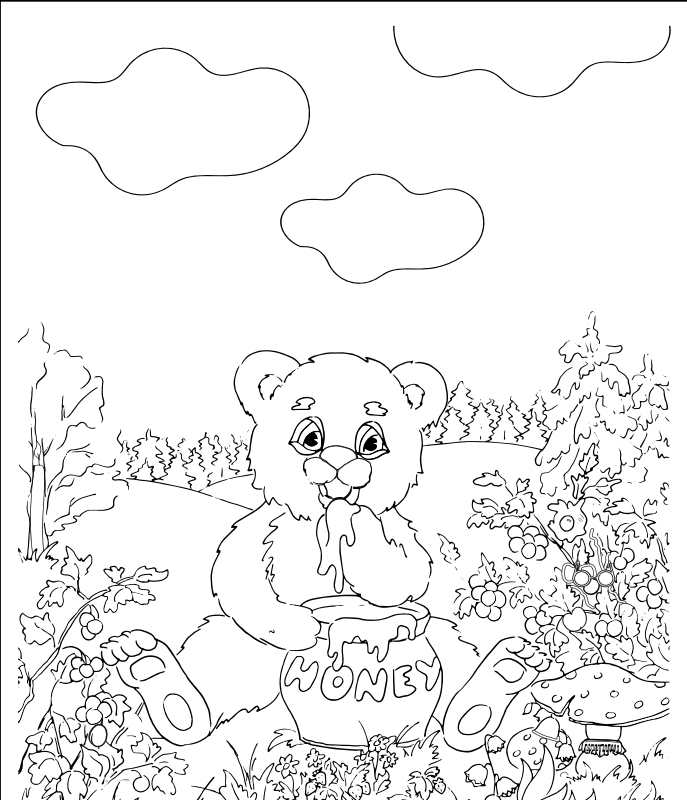
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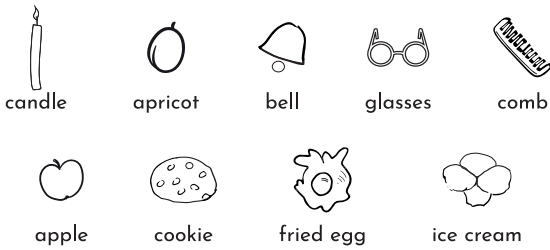
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WEEK FOUR
MONDAY

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

MATTHEW CHAPTER 13

19:1. And it came to pass when Jesus had ended these words, he departed from Galilee and came into the coasts of Judea, beyond Jordan.

19:2. And great multitudes followed him: and he healed them there.

19:3. And there came to him the Pharisees tempting him, saying: Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

19:4. Who answering, said to them: Have ye not read, that he who made man from the beginning, made them male and female? And he said:

19:5. For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they two shall be in one flesh.

19:6. Therefore now they are not two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

19:7. They say to him: Why then did Moses command to give a bill of divorce, and to put away?

19:8. He saith to them: Because Moses by reason of the hardness of your heart permitted you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

19:9. And I say to you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and he that shall marry her that is put away, committeth adultery.

19:10. His disciples say unto him: If the case of a man with his wife be so, it is not expedient to marry.

19:11. Who said to them: All men take not this word, but they to whom it is given.

19:12. For there are eunuchs, who were born so from their mother's womb: and there are eunuchs, who were made so by men: and there are eunuchs, who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven. He that can take, let him take it.

19:13. Then were little children presented to him, that he should impose hands upon them and pray. And the disciples rebuked them.

19:14. But Jesus said to them: Suffer the little children, and forbid them not to come to me: for the kingdom of heaven is for such.

19:15. And when he had imposed hands upon them, he departed from thence.

19:16. And behold one came and said to him: Good master, what good shall I do that I may have life everlasting?

19:17. Who said to him: Why askest thou me concerning good? One is good, God. But if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

19:18. He said to him: Which? And Jesus said: Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness.

19:19. Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

19:20. The young man saith to him: All these have I kept from my

youth, what is yet wanting to me?

19:21. Jesus saith to him: If thou wilt be perfect, go sell what thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

19:22. And when the young man had heard this word, he went away sad: for he had great possessions.

19:23. Then Jesus said to his disciples: Amen, I say to you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

19:24. And again I say to you: It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

19:25. And when they had heard this, the disciples wondered much, saying: Who then can be saved?

19:26. And Jesus beholding, said to them: With men this is impossible: but with God all things are possible.

19:27. Then Peter answering, said to him: Behold we have left all things, and have followed thee: what therefore shall we have?

19:28. And Jesus said to them: Amen I say to you, that you who have followed me, in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit on the seat of his majesty, you also shall sit on twelve seats judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

19:29. And every one that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting.

19:30. And many that are first, shall be last: and the last shall be first.

PSALMS

17:21. And the Lord will reward me according to my justice; and will repay me according to the cleanness of my hands:

17:22. Because I have kept the ways of the Lord; and have not done wickedly against my God.

17:23. For all his judgments are in my sight: and his justices I have not put away from me.

17:24. And I shall be spotless with him: and shall keep myself from my iniquity.

17:25. And the Lord will reward me according to my justice: and according to the cleanness of my hands before his eyes.

17:26. With the holy thou wilt be holy; and with the innocent man thou wilt be innocent:

17:27. And with the elect thou wilt be elect: and with the perverse thou wilt be perverted.

17:28. For thou wilt save the humble people; but wilt bring down the eyes of the proud.

17:29. For thou lightest my lamp, O Lord: O my God, enlighten my darkness.

17:30. For by thee I shall be delivered from temptation; and through my God I shall go over a wall.

17:31. As for my God, his way is undefiled: the words of the Lord are fire-tried: he is the protector of all that trust in him.

17:32. For who is God but the Lord? or who is God but our God?

17:33. God, who hath girt me with strength; and made my way blameless.

17:34. Who hath made my feet like the feet of harts: and who setteth me upon high places.

17:35. Who teacheth my hands to war: and thou hast made my arms like a brazen bow.

17:36. And thou hast given me the protection of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath held me up: And thy discipline hath corrected me unto the end: and thy discipline, the same shall teach me.

17:37. Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; and my feet are not weakened.

17:38. I will pursue after my enemies, and overtake them: and I will not turn again till they are consumed.

17:39. I will break them, and they

shall not be able to stand: they shall fall under my feet.

17:40. And thou hast girded me with strength unto battle; and hast subdued under me them that rose up against me.

17:41. And thou hast made my enemies turn their back upon me, and hast destroyed them that hated me.

17:42. They cried, but there was none to save them, to the Lord: but he heard them not.

17:43. And I shall beat them as small as the dust before the wind; I shall bring them to nought, like the dirt in the streets.

17:44. Thou wilt deliver me from the contradictions of the people; thou wilt make me head of the Gentiles.

17:45. A people which I knew not, hath served me: at the hearing of the ear they have obeyed me.

17:46. The children that are strangers have lied to me, strange children have faded away, and have halted from their paths.

17:47. The Lord liveth, and blessed be my God, and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

17:48. O God, who avengest me, and subduest the people under me, my deliverer from my enraged enemies.

17:49. And thou wilt lift me up above them that rise up against me: from the unjust man thou wilt deliver me.

17:50. Therefore will I give glory to thee, O Lord, among the nations, and I will sing a psalm to thy name.

17:51. Giving great deliverance to his king, and shewing mercy to David, his anointed: and to his seed for ever.

TUESDAY

MATTHEW CHAPTER 14

20:1. The kingdom of heaven is like to an householder, who went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

20:2. And having agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

20:3. And going out about the third hour, he saw others standing in the marketplace idle.

20:4. And he said to them: Go you also into my vineyard, and I will give you what shall be just.

20:5. And they went their way. And again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did in like manner.

20:6. But about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing, and he saith to them: Why stand you here all the day idle?

20:7. They say to him: Because no man hath hired us. He saith to them: Go ye also into my vineyard.

20:8. And when evening was come, the lord of the vineyard saith to his steward: Call the labourers and pay them their hire, beginning from the last even to the first.

20:9. When therefore they were come that came about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

20:10. But when the first also came, they thought that they should receive more: And they also received every man a penny.

20:11. And receiving it they murmured against the master of the house,

20:12. Saying: These last have worked but one hour, and thou hast made them equal to us, that have borne the burden of the day and the heats.

20:13. But he answering said to one of them: friend, I do thee no wrong: didst thou not agree with me for a penny?

20:14. Take what is thine, and go thy way: I will also give to this last even as to thee.

20:15. Or, is it not lawful for me to do what I will? Is thy eye evil, because I am good?

20:16. So shall the last be first and the first last. For many are called but few chosen.

20:17. And Jesus going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples apart and said to them:

20:18. Behold we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man shall be betrayed to the chief priests and the scribes: and they shall condemn him to death.

20:19. And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified: and the third day he shall rise again.

20:20. Then came to him the mother of the sons of Zebedee with her sons, adoring and asking something of him.

20:21. Who said to her: What wilt thou? She saith to him: say that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left, in thy kingdom.

20:22. And Jesus answering, said: You know not what you ask. Can you drink the chalice that I shall drink? They say to him: We can.

20:23. He saith to them: My chalice indeed you shall drink; but to sit on my right or left hand is not mine to give to you, but to them for whom it is prepared by my Father.

20:24. And the ten, hearing it, were moved with indignation against the two brethren.

20:25. But Jesus called them to him and said: You know that the princes of the Gentiles lord it over them; and that they that are the

greater, exercise power upon them.

20:26. It shall not be so among you: but whosoever is the greater among you, let him be your minister.

20:27. And he that will be first among you shall be your servant.

20:28. Even as the Son of man is not come to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a redemption for many.

20:29. And when they went out from Jericho, a great multitude followed him.

20:30. And behold two blind men sitting by the way side heard that Jesus passed by. And they cried out, saying: O Lord, thou son of David, have mercy on us.

20:31. And the multitude rebuked them that they should hold their peace. But they cried out the more, saying: O Lord, thou son of David, have mercy on us.

20:32. And Jesus stood and called them and said: What will ye that I do to you?

20:33. They say to him: Lord, that our eyes be opened.

20:34. And Jesus having compassion on them, touched their eyes. And immediately they saw and followed him.

PSALMS

18:1. Unto the end. A Psalm for David.

18:2. The heavens shew forth the glory of God, and the firmament declareth the work of his hands.

18:3. Day to day uttereth speech, and night to night sheweth knowledge.

18:4. There are no speeches nor languages, where their voices are not heard.

18:5. Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth: and their words unto the ends of the world.

18:6. He hath set his tabernacle in the sun: and he as a bridegroom coming out of his bridechamber, Hath rejoiced as a giant to run the way:

18:7. His going out is from the end of heaven, And his circuit even to the end thereof: and there is no one that can hide himself from his heat.

18:8. The law of the Lord is unspotted, converting souls: the testimony of the Lord is faithful, giving wisdom to little ones.

18:9. The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts: the commandment of the Lord is lightsome, enlightening the eyes.

18:10. The fear of the Lord is holy, enduring for ever and ever: the judgments of the Lord are true, justified in themselves.

18:11. More to be desired than gold and many precious stones: and sweeter than honey and the honeycomb.

18:12. For thy servant keepeth them, and in keeping them there is a great reward.

18:13. Who can understand sins? from my secret ones cleanse me, O Lord:

18:14. And from those of others spare thy servant. If they shall have no dominion over me, then shall I be without spot: and I shall be cleansed from the greatest sin.

18:15. And the words of my mouth shall be such as may please: and the meditation of my heart always in thy sight. O Lord, my helper and my Redeemer.

WEDNESDAY

MATTHEW CHAPTER 15

21:1. And when they drew nigh to Jerusalem and were come to Bethphage, unto mount Olivet, then Jesus sent two disciples,

21:2. Saying to them: Go ye into the village that is over against you: and immediately you shall find an ass tied and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to me.

21:3. And if any man shall say anything to you, say ye that the Lord hath need of them. And forthwith he will let them go.

21:4. Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

21:5. Tell ye the daughter of Zion: Behold thy king cometh to thee, meek and sitting upon an ass and a colt, the foal of her that is used to the yoke.

21:6. And the disciples going, did as Jesus commanded them.

21:7. And they brought the ass and the colt and laid their garments upon them and made him sit thereon.

21:8. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way: and others cut boughs from the trees and strewed them in the way.

21:9. And the multitudes that went before and that followed cried, saying: Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

21:10. And when he was come into Jerusalem, the whole city was moved, saying: Who is this?

21:11. And the people said: This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.

21:12. And Jesus went into the temple of God and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple and overthrew the tables of the money changers and the chairs of them that sold doves.

21:13. And he saith to them: It is written, My house shall be called

the house of prayer; but you have made it a den of thieves.

21:14. And there came to him the blind and the lame in the temple: and he healed them.

21:15. And the chief priests and scribes, seeing the wonderful things that he did and the children crying in the temple and saying: Hosanna to the son of David, were moved with indignation,

21:16. And said to him: Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus said to them: Yea, have you never read: Out of the mouth of infants and of sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

21:17. And leaving them, he went out of the city into Bethania and remained there.

21:18. And in the morning, returning into the city, he was hungry.

21:19. And seeing a certain fig tree by the way side, he came to it and found nothing on it but leaves only. And he saith to it: May no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And immediately the fig tree withered away.

21:20. And the disciples seeing it wondered, saying: How is it presently withered away?

21:21. And Jesus answering, said to them: Amen, I say to you, if you shall have faith and stagger not, not only this of the fig tree shall you do, but also if you shall say to this mountain, Take up and cast thyself into the sea, it shall be done.

21:22. And all things whatsoever you shall ask in prayer believing, you shall receive.

21:23. And when he was come into the temple, there came to him, as he was teaching, the chief priests and ancients of the people, saying: By what authority dost thou these things? And who hath given thee this authority?

21:24. Jesus answering, said to them: I also will ask you one word, which if you shall tell me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

21:25. The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven or from men? But they thought within themselves, saying:

21:26. If we shall say, from heaven, he will say to us: Why then did you not believe him? But if we shall say, from men, we are afraid of the multitude: for all held John as a prophet.

21:27. And answering Jesus, they said: We know not. He also said to them: Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

21:28. But what think you? A certain man had two sons: and coming to the first, he said: Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

21:29. And he answering, said: I will not. But afterwards, being moved with repentance, he went.

21:30. And coming to the other, he said in like manner. And he answering said: I go, Sir. And he went not.

21:31. Which of the two did the father's will? They say to him: The first. Jesus saith to them: Amen I say to you that the publicans and the harlots shall go into the kingdom of God before you.

21:32. For John came to you in the way of justice: and you did not believe him. But the publicans and the harlots believed him: but you, seeing it, did not even afterwards repent, that you might believe him.

21:33. Hear ye another parable. There was a man, an householder, who planted a vineyard and made a hedge round about it and dug in it a press and built a tower and let it out to husbandmen and went into a strange country.

21:34. And when the time of the fruits drew nigh, he sent his servants to the husbandmen that they might receive the fruits thereof.

21:35. And the husbandmen laying hands on his servants, beat one and killed another and stoned another.

21:36. Again he sent other servants, more than the former; and they did to them in like manner.

21:37. And last of all he sent to them his son, saying: They will reverence my son.

21:38. But the husbandmen seeing the son, said among themselves: This is the heir: come, let us kill him, and we shall have his inheritance.

21:39. And taking him, they cast him forth out of the vineyard and killed him.

21:40. When therefore the lord of the vineyard shall come, what will he do to those husbandmen?

21:41. They say to him: He will bring those evil men to an evil end and will let out his vineyard to other husbandmen that shall render him the fruit in due season.

21:42. Jesus saith to them: Have you never read in the Scriptures: The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner? By the Lord this has been done; and it is wonderful in our eyes.

21:43. Therefore I say to you that the kingdom of God shall be taken from you and shall be given to a nation yielding the fruits thereof.

21:44. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it shall grind him to powder.

21:45. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they knew that he spoke of them.

21:46. And seeking to lay hands on him, they feared the multitudes, because they held him as a prophet.

PSALMS

19:1. Unto the end. A psalm for David.

19:2. May the Lord hear thee in the day of tribulation: may the name of the God of Jacob protect thee.

19:3. May he send thee help from the sanctuary: and defend thee out of Sion.

19:4. May he be mindful of all thy sacrifices: and may thy whole burntoffering be made fat.

19:5. May he give thee according to thy own heart; and confirm all thy counsels.

19:6. We will rejoice in thy salvation; and in the name of our God we shall be exalted.

19:7. The Lord fulfil all thy petitions: now have I known that the Lord hath saved his anointed. He will hear him from his holy heaven: the salvation of his right hand is in powers.

The salvation of his right hand is in powers.... That is, in strength. His right hand is strong and mighty to save them that trust in him.

19:8. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will call upon the name of the Lord, our God.

19:9. They are bound, and have fallen: but we are risen, and are set upright. O Lord, save the king: and hear us in the day that we shall call upon thee.

THURSDAY

MATTHEW CHAPTER 16

22:1. And Jesus answering, spoke again in parables to them, saying:

22:2. The kingdom of heaven is likened to a king who made a marriage for his son.

22:3. And he sent his servants to call them that were invited to the marriage: and they would not come.

22:4. Again he sent other servants, saying: Tell them that were invited, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my beeves and fatlings are killed, and all things are ready. Come ye to the marriage.

22:5. But they neglected and went their ways, one to his farm and another to his merchandise.

22:6. And the rest laid hands on his servants and, having treated them contumeliously, put them to death.

22:7. But when the king had heard of it, he was angry: and sending his armies, he destroyed those murderers and burnt their city.

22:8. Then he saith to his servants: The marriage indeed is ready; but they that were invited were not worthy.

22:9. Go ye therefore into the highways; and as many as you shall find, call to the marriage.

22:10. And his servants going forth into the ways, gathered together all that they found, both bad and good: and the marriage was filled with guests.

22:11. And the king went in to see the guests: and he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment.

22:12. And he saith to him: Friend, how camest thou in hither not having on a wedding garment? But he was silent.

22:13. Then the king said to the waiters: Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the exterior darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

22:14. For many are called, but few are chosen.

22:15. Then the Pharisees going, consulted among themselves how to insnare him in his speech.

22:16. And they sent to him their disciples with the Herodians, saying: Master, we know that thou art a true speaker and teachest the way of God in truth. Neither carest thou for any man: for thou dost not regard the person of men.

The Herodians.... That is, some that belonged to Herod, and that joined with him in standing up for the necessity of paying tribute to Caesar, that is, to the Roman emperor. Some are of opinion that there was a sect among the Jews called Herodians, from their maintaining that Herod was the Messias.

22:17. Tell us therefore what dost thou think? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?

22:18. But Jesus knowing their wickedness, said: Why do you tempt me, ye hypocrites?

22:19. Shew me the coin of the tribute. And they offered him a penny.

22:20. And Jesus saith to them: Whose image and inscription is this?

22:21. They say to him: Caesar's. Then he saith to them: Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God, the things that are God's.

22:22. And hearing this, they wondered and, leaving him, went their ways.

22:23. That day there came to him the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection; and asked him,

22:24. Saying: Master, Moses said: If a man die having no son, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up issue to his brother.

22:25. Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first having married a wife, died; and not having issue, left his wife to his brother.

22:26. In like manner the second and the third and so on, to the seventh.

22:27. And last of all the woman died also.

22:28. At the resurrection therefore, whose wife of the seven shall she be? For they all had her.

22:29. And Jesus answering, said to them: You err, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

22:30. For in the resurrection they shall neither marry nor be married, but shall be as the angels of God in heaven.

22:31. And concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken by God, saying to you:

22:32. I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.

22:33. And the multitudes hearing it were in admiration at his doctrine.

22:34. But the Pharisees, hearing that he had silenced the Sadducees, came together.

22:35. And one of them, a doctor of the law, asked him, tempting him:

22:36. Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

22:37. Jesus said to him: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and with thy whole soul and with thy whole mind.

22:38. This is the greatest and the first commandment.

22:39. And the second is like to this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

22:40. On these two commandments dependeth the whole law and the prophets.

22:41. And the Pharisees being gathered together, Jesus asked them,

22:42. Saying: What think you of Christ? Whose son is he? They say to him: David's.

22:43. He saith to them: How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying:

22:44. The Lord said to my Lord: Sit on my right hand, until I make thy enemies thy footstool?

22:45. If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?

22:46. And no man was able to answer him a word: neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions

PSALMS

151. The inscription of a title to David himself. Preserve me, O Lord, for I have put my trust in thee.

152. I have said to the Lord, thou art my God, for thou hast no need of my goods.

153. To the saints, who are in his land, he hath made wonderful all my desires in them.

154. 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.

155. The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup: it is thou that wilt restore my inheritance to me.

156. The lines are fallen unto me in goodly places: for my inheritance is goodly to me.

157. I will bless the Lord, who hath given me understanding: moreover, my reins also have corrected me even till night.

158. I set the Lord always in my sight: for he is at my right hand, that I be not moved.

159. 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

23:1. Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to his disciples,

23:2. Saying: The scribes and the Pharisees have sitten on the chair of Moses.

23:3. All things therefore whatsoever they shall say to you, observe and do: but according to their works do ye not. For they say, and do not.

23:4. For they bind heavy and insupportable burdens and lay them on men's shoulders: but with a finger of their own they will not move them.

23:5. And all their works they do for to be seen of men. For they make their phylacteries broad and enlarge their fringes.

23:6. And they love the first places at feasts and the first chairs in the synagogues,

23:7. And salutations in the market place, and to be called by men, Rabbi.

23:8. But be not you called Rabbi. For one is your master: and all you are brethren.

23:9. And call none your father

upon earth; for one is your father, who is in heaven.

23:10. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your master, Christ.

23:11. He that is the greatest among you shall be your servant.

23:12. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled: and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

23:13. But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut the kingdom of heaven against men: for you yourselves do not enter in and those that are going in, you suffer not to enter.

23:14. Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you devour the houses of widows, praying long prayers. For this you shall receive the greater judgment.

23:15. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you go round about the sea and the land to make one proselyte. And when he is made, you make him the child of hell twofold more than yourselves.

23:16. Woe to you, blind guides, that say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but he that shall swear by the gold of the temple is a debtor.

23:17. Ye foolish and blind: for whether is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?

23:18. And whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gift that is upon it is a debtor.

23:19. Ye blind: for whether is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?

23:20. He therefore that sweareth by the altar sweareth by it and by all things that are upon it.

23:21. And whosoever shall swear by the temple sweareth by it and by him that dwelleth in it.

23:22. And he that sweareth by heaven sweareth by the throne of God and by him that sitteth thereon.

23:23. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; because you tithe the mint and anise and cummin and have left the weightier things of the law: judgment and mercy and faith. These things you ought to have done and not to leave those undone.

23:24. Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel.

23:25. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; because you make clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but within you are full of rapine and uncleanness.

23:26. Thou blind Pharisee, first make clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, that the outside may become clean.

23:27. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; because you are like to whited sepulchres, which outwardly appear to men beautiful but within are full of dead men's bones and of all filthiness.

23:28. So you also outwardly indeed appear to men just: but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

23:29. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, that build the sepulchres of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the just,

23:30. And say: If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

23:31. Wherefore you are witnesses against yourselves, that you are the sons of them that killed the prophets.

23:32. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

23:33. You serpents, generation of vipers, how wilt you flee from the judgment of hell?

23:34. Therefore behold I send to you prophets and wise men and scribes: and some of them you will put to death and crucify: and some you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city.

23:35. That upon you may come all the just blood that hath been shed upon the earth, from the blood of Abel the just, even unto the blood of Zacharias the son of Barachias, whom you killed between the temple and the altar.

23:36. Amen I say to you, all these things shall come upon this generation.

23:37. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered together thy children, as the hen doth gather her chickens under her wings, and thou wouldst not?

23:38. Behold, your house shall be left to you, desolate.

23:39. For I say to you, you shall not see me henceforth till you say: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord..

PSALMS

20:1. Unto the end. A psalm for David.

20:2. In thy strength, O Lord, the king shall joy; and in thy salvation he shall rejoice exceedingly.

20:3. Thou hast given him his heart's desire: and hast not withholden from him the will of his lips.

20:4. For thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness: thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones.

20:5. He asked life of thee: and thou hast given him length of days for ever and ever.

20:6. His glory is great in thy salvation: glory and great beauty shalt thou lay upon him.

20:7. For thou shalt give him to be a blessing for ever and ever: thou shalt make him joyful in gladness with thy countenance.

20:8. For the king hopeth in the Lord: and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.

20:9. Let thy hand be found by all thy enemies: let thy right hand find out all them that hate thee.

20:10. Thou shalt make them as an oven of fire, in the time of thy anger: the Lord shall trouble them in his wrath, and fire shall devour them.

20:11. Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth: and their seed from among the children of men.

20:12. For they have intended evils against thee: they have devised counsels which they have not been able to establish.

20:13. For thou shalt make them turn their back: in thy remnants thou shalt prepare their face.

In thy remnants thou shalt prepare their face.... Or thou shalt set thy remnants against their faces. That is, thou shalt make them see what punishments remain for them hereafter from thy justice. Instead of remnants, St. Jerome renders it funes, that is, cords or strings, viz., of the bow of divine justice, from which God directs his arrows against the faces of his enemies.

20:14. Be thou exalted, O Lord, in thy own strength: we will sing and praise thy power.

SATURDAY

MATTHEW CHAPTER 18

24:1. And Jesus being come out of the temple, went away. And his disciples came to shew him the buildings of the temple.

24:2. And he answering, said to them: Do you see all these things? Amen I say to you, there shall not be left here a stone upon a stone that shall not be destroyed.

24:3. And when he was sitting on mount Olivet, the disciples came to him privately, saying: Tell us when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming and of the consummation of the world?

24:4. And Jesus answering, said to them: Take heed that no man seduce you.

24:5. For many will come in my name saying, I am Christ. And they will seduce many.

24:6. And you shall hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that ye be not troubled. For these things must come to pass: but the end is not yet.

24:7. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And there shall be pestilences and famines and earthquakes in places.

24:8. Now all these are the beginnings of sorrows.

24:9. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted and shall put you to death: and you shall be hated by all nations for my name's sake.

24:10. And then shall many be scandalized and shall betray one another and shall hate one another.

24:11. And many false prophets shall rise and shall seduce many.

24:12. And because iniquity hath abounded, the charity of many shall grow cold.

24:13. But he that shall persevere to the end, he shall be saved.

24:14. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world, for a testimony to all nations: and then shall the consummation come.

24:15. When therefore you shall see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place: he that readeth let him understand.

24:16. Then they that are in Judea, let them flee to the mountains:

24:17. And he that is on the housetop, let him not come down to take any thing out of his house:

24:18. And he that is in the field, let him not go back to take his coat.

24:19. And woe to them that are with child and that give suck in those days.

24:20. But pray that your flight be not in the winter or on the sabbath.

24:21. For there shall be then great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, neither shall be.

24:22. And unless those days had been shortened, no flesh should be saved: but for the sake of the elect those days shall be shortened.

24:23. Then if any man shall say to you, Lo here is Christ, or there: do not believe him.

24:24. For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets and shall shew great signs and wonders, insomuch as to deceive (if possible) even the elect.

24:25. Behold I have told it to you, beforehand.

24:26. If therefore they shall say to you, Behold he is in the desert: go ye not out. Behold he is in the closets: believe it not.

24:27. For as lightning cometh out of the east and appeareth even into the west: so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

24:28. Wheresoever the body shall be, there shall the eagles also be gathered together.

24:29. And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun

shall be darkened and the moon shall not give her light and the stars shall fall from heaven and the powers of heaven shall be moved.

24:30. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven. And then shall all tribes of the earth mourn: and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with much power and majesty.

24:31. And he shall send his angels with a trumpet and a great voice: and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the farthest parts of the heavens to the utmost bounds of them.

24:32. And from the fig tree learn a parable: When the branch thereof is now tender and the leaves come forth, you know that summer is nigh.

24:33. So you also, when you shall see all these things, know ye that it is nigh, even at the doors.

24:34. Amen I say to you that this generation shall not pass till all these things be done.

24:35. Heaven and earth shall pass: but my words shall not pass.

24:36. But of that day and hour no one knoweth: no, not the angels of heaven, but the Father alone.

24:37. And as in the days of Noe, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

24:38. For, as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, even till that day in which Noe entered into the ark:

24:39. And they knew not till the flood came and took them all away: so also shall the coming of the Son of man be.

24:40. Then two shall be in the field. One shall be taken and one shall be left.

24:41. Two women shall be grinding at the mill. One shall be taken and one shall be left.

24:42. Watch ye therefore, because you know not what hour your Lord will come.

24:43. But this know ye, that, if the goodman of the house knew at what hour the thief would come, he would certainly watch and would not suffer his house to be broken open.

24:44. Wherefore be you also ready, because at what hour you know not the Son of man will come.

24:45. Who, thinkest thou, is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath appointed over his family, to give them meat in season?

24:46. Blessed is that servant, whom when his lord shall come he shall find so doing.

24:47. Amen I say to you: he shall place him over all his goods.

24:48. But if that evil servant shall say in his heart: My lord is long a coming:

24:49. And shall begin to strike his fellow servants and shall eat and drink with drunkards:

24:50. The lord of that servant shall come in a day that he hopeth not and at an hour that he knoweth not:

24:51. And shall separate him and appoint his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth..

PSALM

18:1. Unto the end. A Psalm for David.

18:2. The heavens shew forth the glory of God, and the firmament declareth the work of his hands.

18:3. Day to day uttereth speech, and night to night sheweth knowledge.

18:4. There are no speeches nor languages, where their voices are not heard.

18:5. Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth: and their words unto the ends of the world.

18:6. He hath set his tabernacle in the sun: and he as a bridegroom coming out of his bridechamber, Hath rejoiced as a giant to run the way:

18:7. His going out is from the end of heaven, And his circuit even to the end thereof: and there is no one that can hide himself from his heat.

18:8. The law of the Lord is unspotted, converting souls: the testimony of the Lord is faithful, giving wisdom to little ones.

18:9. The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts: the commandment of the Lord is lightsome, enlightening the eyes.

18:10. The fear of the Lord is holy, enduring for ever and ever: the judgments of the Lord are true, justified in themselves.

18:11. More to be desired than gold and many precious stones: and sweeter than honey and the honeycomb.

18:12. For thy servant keepeth them, and in keeping them there is a great reward.

18:13. Who can understand sins? from my secret ones cleanse me, O Lord:

18:14. And from those of others spare thy servant. If they shall have no dominion over me, then shall I be without spot: and I shall be cleansed from the greatest sin.

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Valentine's Day



Throughout history, men and women have honored the virtues of love, loyalty, and kindness. Valentine’s Day, celebrated on February 14, is one such occasion. It is a time not only for giving flowers and cards but for remembering that true love is not just a feeling—it is an action. It is something we choose to do by showing patience, generosity, and selflessness. But how did this tradition begin? And what lessons can we learn from those who came before us?

The Story of St. Valentine: A Man of Courage

Long ago, in ancient Rome, there lived a man named Valentine. He was a priest and a man of great faith. At the time, Emperor Claudius II ruled Rome with a firm hand, and he believed that young men made better soldiers if they were not married. So he passed a law forbidding them from wedding, thinking it would make his army stronger.

But Valentine knew that marriage was not just a tradition—it was a sacred bond, built on love and commitment. He defied the emperor’s order and secretly performed weddings for young couples. When Claudius learned of this, he had Valentine arrested. Even in prison, Valentine remained steadfast in his faith and kindness. The jailer’s daughter visited him often, and according to legend, Valentine left her a note before he was executed, signing it “From your Valentine.”

Valentine was put to death on February 14, but his courage and selflessness were not forgotten. Centuries later, the Christian Church declared February 14 a day to honor him. His story reminds us that love is more than a fleeting emotion—it is a commitment, sometimes requiring bravery and sacrifice.

How the Day Became a Celebration of Love

For many years, February 14 was a day to remember St. Valentine, but it was not yet a celebration of romance. That changed in the 14th century, when the English poet Geoffrey Chaucer wrote about lovebirds choosing their mates in mid-February. Chaucer’s poem, The Parliament of Fowls, suggested that February 14 was the time when birds found their partners, leading people to associate the day with romance. Soon, young men and women in Europe began writing love notes to one another, a tradition that grew over time into the Valentine’s Day we know today.

Traditions Around the World: The Many Ways We Show Love

As time passed, different cultures developed their own ways of celebrating this special day.

United States and Canada: Children exchange cards and small gifts with classmates, and people express love through flowers, chocolates, and kind words.

France: French lovers write poems and letters, a tradition dating back to the 1400s.

England: Long ago, young women placed bay leaves under their pillows on Valentine’s Eve, hoping to dream of their future husband.

Italy: Italians celebrate with chocolates, especially Baci, which means "kisses" in Italian, symbolizing sweet words of love.

Denmark: Danish men write gaekkebreve, playful rhyming poems,

without signing their names. The recipient must guess who sent it.

Japan and South Korea: In Japan, women give chocolates to men on February 14. A month later, on March 14—White Day—men return the favor. In South Korea, those who did not receive a gift gather on Black Day in April to eat black bean noodles together.

Brazil: Instead of February 14, Brazilians celebrate Lovers’ Day on June 12 with music, dancing, and gift-giving.

South Africa: Some women pin the names of their crushes to their sleeves, an old Roman tradition that still survives today.

Philippines: In the Philippines, many couples choose Valentine’s Day to get married in large wedding ceremonies.

Symbols of Valentine’s Day: What They Mean

Many symbols of Valentine’s Day remind us of the deeper meaning behind love and devotion:

Hearts – The heart represents love, not just as an emotion, but as an act of kindness and sacrifice.

Cupid – In Roman mythology, Cupid’s arrows cause people to fall in love. But real love, unlike Cupid’s arrows, is not something that simply happens—it is something we must choose every day.

Roses – The rose is a symbol of beauty and devotion. Love, like a rose, must be nurtured with care.

Doves – Doves symbolize loyalty, as they remain with the same partner for life. True love requires commitment and faithfulness.

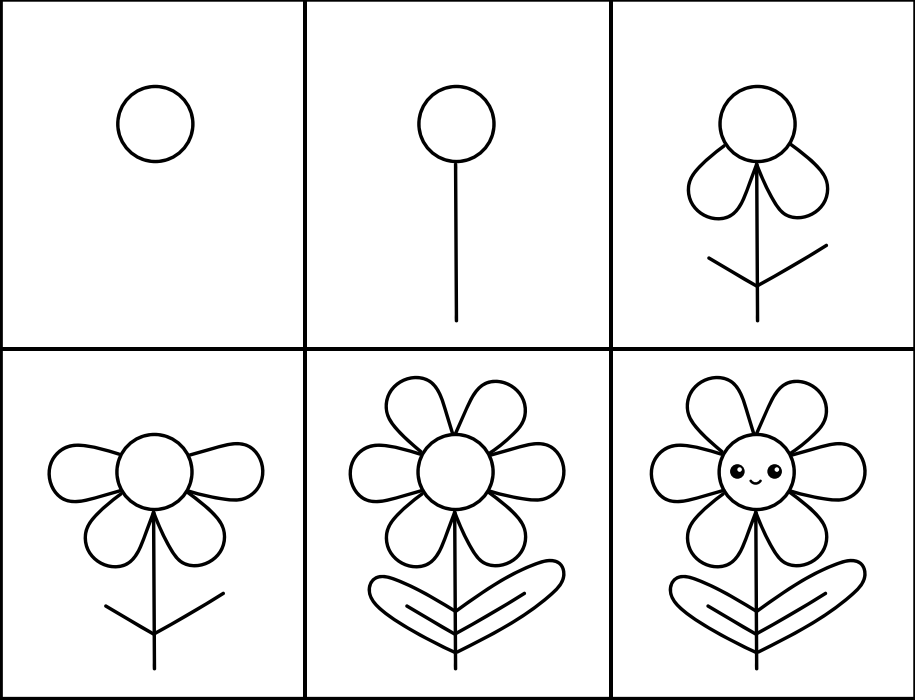
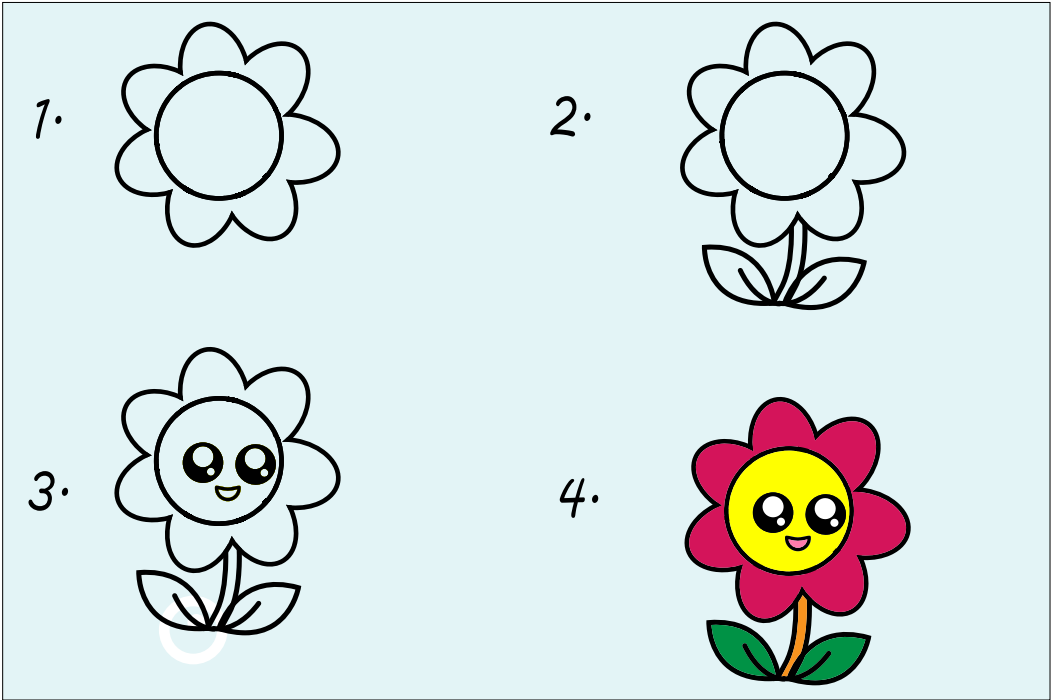
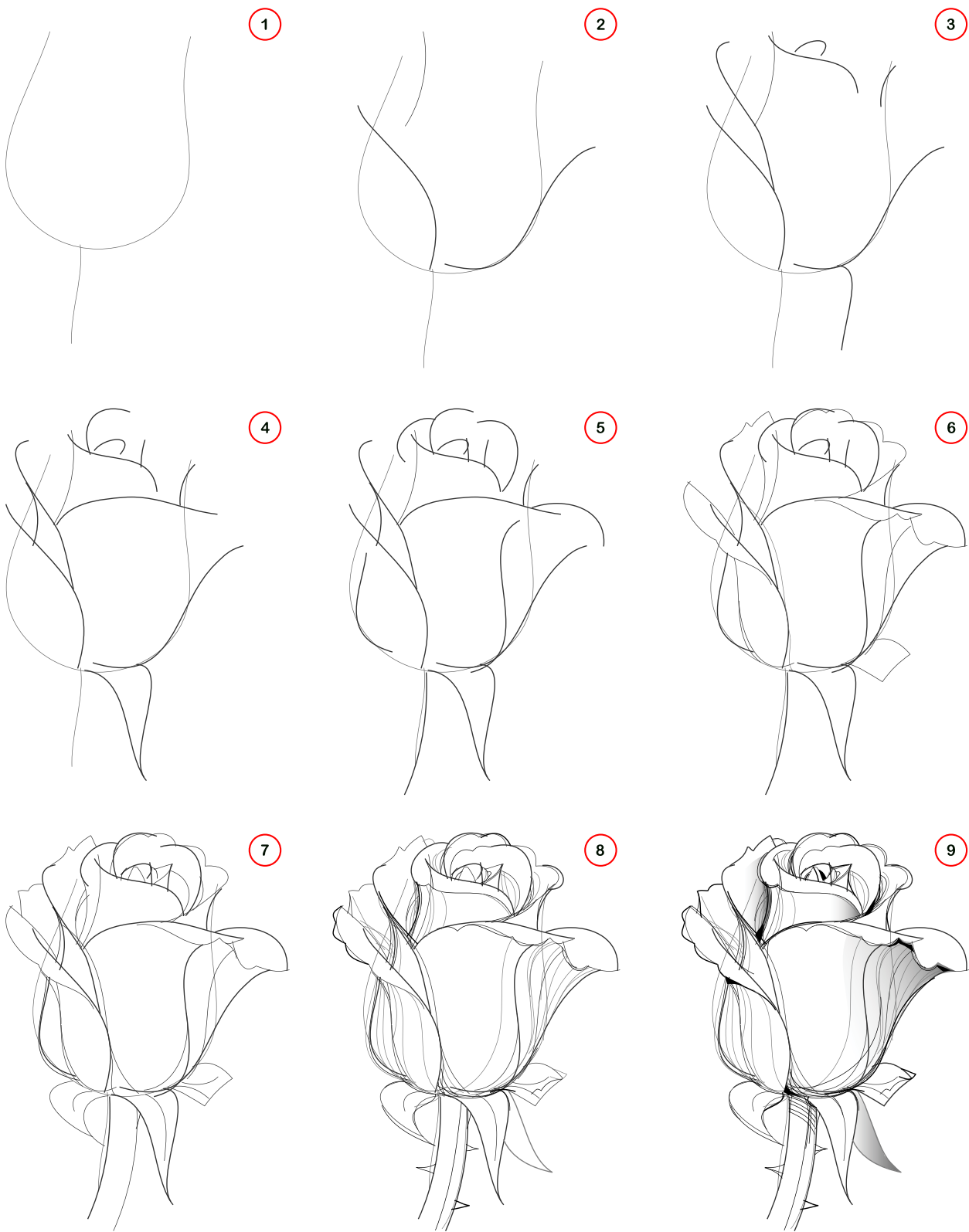
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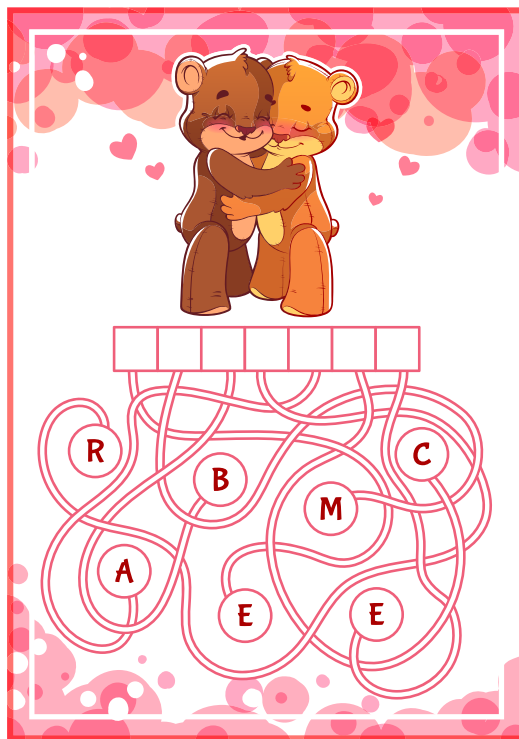
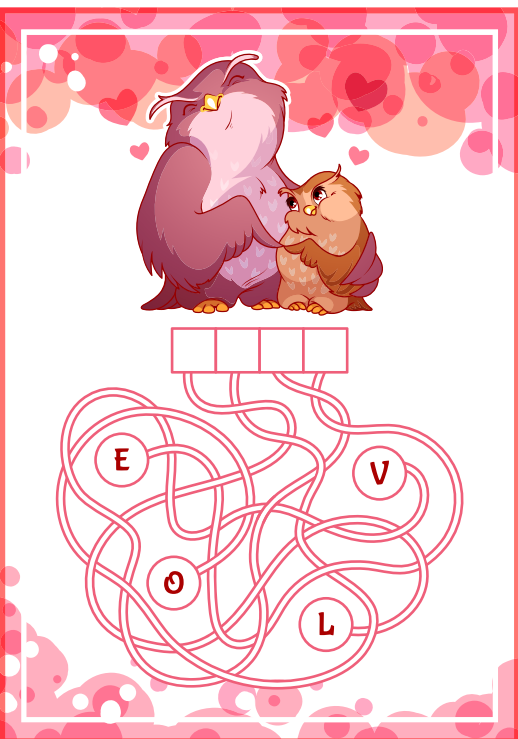
Valentine’s Day is not just about candy and cards. It is a reminder of the virtues of love—kindness, loyalty, and selflessness. True love is not always easy. Sometimes, it means putting others before ourselves. It means standing up for what is right, as St. Valentine did, even when it is difficult. It means choosing patience over anger, generosity over selfishness, and forgiveness over resentment.

Love is not something we give only on one day of the year. It is something we practice every day in how we treat our parents, siblings, friends, and even those we do not know. A kind word, a helping hand, or a simple act of generosity can be more valuable than any gift.


This Valentine’s Day, remember that the greatest gift you can give is love—not just in words, but in actions..


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Love, Loyalty, and the Strength of Connection

By Jane Noyce

In the wild, survival is often dictated by strength, speed, or stealth. But for elephants, the secret to success is something more enduring: loyalty. These giants of the animal kingdom thrive not through solitary dominance but through deep, lasting relationships. They form lifelong bonds, support one another in crisis, and even mourn their dead. Their ability to nurture connections, communicate across vast distances, and work together for the good of the herd sets them apart. In a world that often prizes competition, the elephant reminds us that true strength lies in unity, empathy, and devotion to those who walk beside us.

Elephants are among the most intelligent animals on the planet, possessing a brain structure remarkably similar to our own. With the largest brain of any land animal, they demonstrate advanced problem-solving skills, emotional intelligence, and even self-awareness—passing the mirror test, an indicator of consciousness shared only with a handful of species. But what truly defines them is their extraordinary capacity for social bonds.

African and Asian elephants live in matriarchal herds led by an elder female, who guides the group using knowledge passed down through generations. These herds, often made up of mothers, daughters, aunts, and grandmothers, remain together for life. They communicate using a complex language of trumpets, rumbles, and low-frequency infrasound, which can travel miles across the savanna. Recently, researchers



Family of Elephants

Take a lesson from the herd: cherish those who stand with you, protect the vulnerable, and lead with kindness.

have discovered that elephants may even have names for each other—distinct vocal calls used to address specific individuals, much like human names.

Male elephants, on the other hand, lead more independent lives, forming loose bachelor groups or traveling alone. Yet even they maintain social ties, forging bonds with other males in a display of camaraderie and mutual support.

Few animals exhibit empathy as profoundly as elephants. They comfort distressed companions, assist the injured, and even pause their migrations to grieve the loss of a fallen herd member. Stories abound of elephants returning to the bones of their deceased, gently touching and caressing them with their trunks, as if paying their respects. In moments of

crisis, elephants rally together, encircling the vulnerable and fending off threats with unwavering determination.

In one documented case, an elephant calf became stuck in the mud of a drying riverbed. Rather than abandon the struggling youngster, the herd worked tirelessly, using their trunks and tusks to pull it free. They did not leave until the calf was safely back on solid ground. This instinct to help, to protect, and to care for others is hardwired into their being—a lesson in unwavering devotion.

The elephant’s reliance on community is not just a sentimental trait; it is a survival strategy. In an unpredictable world of droughts, predators, and human encroachment, their

ability to work together ensures their continued existence. Knowledge is passed from one generation to the next—where to find water in a dry season, which migration routes are safest, how to respond to danger.

For humans, the lesson is clear: independence has its place, but lasting success is built on the foundation of strong relationships. Whether in families, businesses, or communities, those who invest in others, share wisdom, and uplift those around them create a legacy that endures.

The qualities that make elephants successful in the wild—teamwork, communication, and emotional intelligence—are the same

traits that help people thrive in business, leadership, and personal relationships.

Teamwork and Trust – In both elephant herds and human societies, the most successful individuals understand the power of collaboration. Just as elephants rely on one another for protection and guidance, people who build strong professional and personal networks find greater resilience and opportunity. Research shows that workplaces with high levels of trust and cooperation outperform those driven by individual competition.

Emotional Intelligence – Elephants recognize distress and offer comfort, a skill that is just as valuable in human interactions. Leaders who demonstrate empathy, who listen, and who support their teams foster stronger, more loyal organizations. Studies have shown that emotionally intelligent leaders inspire greater productivity and job satisfaction.

Long-Term Thinking – The matriarchal leadership of elephant herds is built on generational wisdom. The ability to think beyond immediate gains and plan for the future—whether in conservation, business strategy, or personal growth—is a defining trait of successful individuals and organizations.

On this Valentine’s Day, let the elephants remind us of what truly matters—connection, loyalty, and love. Whether in friendships, family, or romantic relationships, the bonds we nurture shape our lives. Take a lesson from the herd: cherish those who stand with you, protect the vulnerable, and lead with kindness.



Calvin and Hobbes

by WATTERSON

HEY, CALVIN! ARE WE NEAR A SLAUGHTERHOUSE, OR DID YOU FORGET YOUR DEODORANT?!

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WHAT'S IT LIKE TO FALL IN LOVE?

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YEAH?

FIRST, YOUR HEART FALLS INTO YOUR STOMACH AND SPLASHES YOUR INNARDS.

ALL THE MOISTURE MAKES YOU SWEAT PROFUSELY.

THIS CONDENSATION SHORTS THE CIRCUITS TO YOUR BRAIN, AND YOU GET ALL WOOLY.

WHEN YOUR BRAIN BURNS OUT ALTOGETHER, YOUR MOUTH DISENGAGES AND YOU BABBLE LIKE A CRETIN UNTIL SHE LEAVES.

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