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News Brief

SENTINEL

Please note there will not be a Sentinel community coffee today in observance of Good Friday. The meeting will resume next Friday, April 5.

POLICE & FIRE

The New Canaan Police Department swore in three new officers this past Thursday in the Town Hall Meeting Room, selected from more than eighty applicants. These officers, with backgrounds in finance, social work, and the military, will begin training at the Connecticut Police Academy on April 5, followed by at least 400 hours of field training. The selection process involved several stages, including exams, interviews, and evaluations.

The New Canaan Police Department took part in the Penguin Plunge event in Brookfield, supporting the Connecticut Special Olympics' fundraising efforts. Their involvement underlines a collaborative partnership with the organization, aimed at enhancing programs and competitions for athletes. Through community donations, they successfully raised over \$2,100 for Special Olympics Connecticut, expressing gratitude to all contributors.

FROM TOWN HALL

The Clean Your Mile initiative in New Canaan is scheduled from April 22 to April 28, and aims to rejuvenate the town's public areas. Volunteers from various groups collaborate to clean sidewalks, parks, and parking spaces, with supplies available for pickup. Emphasis is placed on cleaning parks, schools, and roadside areas, with safety measures and dumpsters provided for debris disposal at the train station commuter lot.

AROUND TOWN

New Canaan has initiated a project to refine its cellular coverage maps through a detailed survey, led by the network diagnostics firm Ookla, chosen by the town's utilities commission. The commission intends to propose Ookla's service, costing \$32,500, to the Board of Selectmen, while also presenting a less expensive option at \$25,500. Scheduled for June, Ookla will assess cellular service over 125 miles of roads to enhance the town's connectivity data.

Two parcels of land on Weed Street, 566 and 588, are undergoing changes to improve access for 588. 566 owners agree to transfer land to 588 to resolve the access issue, despite the need to navigate a wetland, leading to environmental considerations and approval from local officials. Landscape architect Bill Pollack has stated that the plans involve adding 18 trees and 96 new shrubs, while also removing about two dozen invasive shrubs.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

The Bristow Bird Sanctuary, a 17-acre site near Mead Park, is close to finishing a

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Sharon Prince, CEO and Founder of Grace Farms and Design for Freedom opens the summit, Tuesday 26 March (Jacek Dolata)

Grace Farm's 3rd Annual Design for Freedom Summit

By ANNALI HAYWARD

A global movement continued to swell last week from New Canaan's corner of the world, in the form of the third annual Design for Freedom Summit at Grace Farms.

The target? Modern slavery, which ensnares some 28 million people worldwide in forced labor — an estimated \$150 billion criminal industry.

Over 550 members of the building, construction

and raw materials industry gathered at the 80-acre site Tuesday, for a summit on the insidious practices that often go unseen through the built-environment supply chain.

"This is a time that we are just accepting 'slavery discount,'" said Sharon Prince, CEO and founder of Grace Farms, in her opening remarks.

"First the food industry was called to be accountable, then clothing — today, shelter is being called to account," said Prince, who began the

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Design For Freedom summit in 2020 to re-imagine architecture in a more just world.

Prince told attendees that these practices produce an estimated \$63 billion worth

of goods for those in the industry to consume: "Our sisters and brothers would not be enslaved if we refuse to touch that mammoth amount of tainted goods."

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COLUMN

Big, Ugly Earrings



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

By JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

Imagine someone says to you, "Those are the biggest, ugliest earrings I have ever seen!" Confronting that person's rudeness directly or disagreeing with her could easily escalate into an argument. "Oh, I do have on big earrings today" is a response that avoids a confrontation.

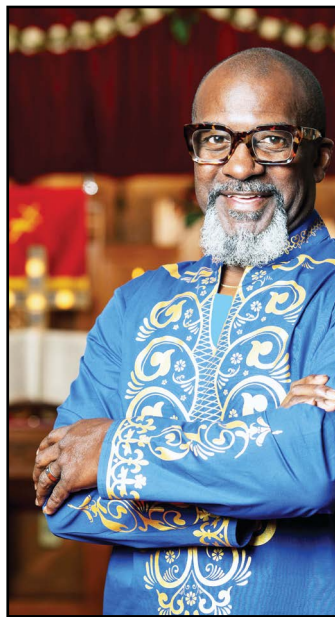
Whenever we can agree with even a small part of what someone else is saying, it calms our nervous system and defuses the energy behind the other person's comment. It is literally disarming. The other person will feel heard—and perhaps surprised.

We all stumble into saying the wrong thing sometimes. Let's give ourselves and others a second chance. (Of course, if the hurtful language is abusive, repetitive, or contemptuous, we need a different strategy.)

Cameron's teenaged son, Liam, complained, "You are always late to pick me up." Cameron wisely avoided reacting to the word, "always." He was late that day. Instead, he countered with, "You're right. I am late sometimes." Liam felt heard and was open to hearing the reasons why Cameron sometimes arrives late.

Excerpted from Jill Woolworth's book, *The Waterwheel*, available at Diane's Books, Dogwood Bookstore, Amazon, and barnesandnoble.com. Jill is a therapist at the Center for Hope & Renewal.

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DOUGLAS ELLIMAN AND KNIGHT FRANK HAVE RELEASED THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED 2024 WEALTH REPORT. THESE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS.

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COLUMN by Julie O'Brien Deasy

Glass House



Question: I've never visited The Glass House, and it's right here in New Canaan. Can you tell me more about it?

Answer: This is a great time to think about visiting this local historic site as tours are just about to start for the season. Visiting The Glass House gives an insight into modern architecture, which New Canaan was known for in the 1940s and 50s.

The Glass House was built in 1949 by architect Philip Johnson, and is a National Trust Historic Site located on Ponus Ridge Road. The 49-acre landscape comprises fourteen structures, including the Glass House itself, and also features a permanent collection of 20th-century painting and sculpture, along with temporary exhibitions.

Guided tours are available from April 15 - December 15. Tickets are already on sale, and advance reservations are highly recommended as many days sell out completely.

Depending on the tour, visitors will visit The Glass House, Painting Gallery, Sculpture Gallery, and more. There is an approximately three-quarter mile walk over grass

and paths. Tours typically last about 90 minutes.

The Glass House Visitor Center + Design Store at 199 Elm Street is the starting point for tours. All tours are taken to and from the site in a shuttle. Please note parking is not available at the Visitor Center; guests should park in either the Park Street or Lumberyard lots. Lots are metered (pay at the kiosk) or require parking passes on weekdays and Saturday. All parking is free on Sunday.

Please note that children must be at least 10 years old to visit The Glass House.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.theglasshouse.org.

Do you have something to share about living in New Canaan that most people might now know? Or a question about living in New Canaan?

Is there a resource you are looking for or something you need in our area? We want to hear from you!

Send in your ideas or queries to Julie@NewCanaanSentinel.com and your question may be featured in a future column.

NC Cares

Schools Host "Social Media and Your Kids" with Max Stossel

By SARAH MORGAN



On April 4th at 7:00 PM in the Saxe Middle School Gym, New Canaan CARES, in collaboration with New Canaan Public Schools, St. Luke's School, and New Canaan Country School, will host a thought-provoking discussion titled "Social Media and Your Kids" featuring Max Stossel, a renowned speaker from socialawakening.org.

Stossel is known for his insightful perspectives on the impact of technology and social media on society. On April 4 and 5, Max will speak to students at New Canaan Country School, Saxe Middle School, New Canaan High School, and St. Luke's School during the school day. On the evening of April 4th, he will engage parents in a conversation addressing the challenges and opportunities presented by the digital age. The event aims to equip parents with valuable insights and strategies to navigate the complex landscape of social media and its influence on children.

The initiative stems from New Canaan CARES' commitment to empowering youth, strengthening families, and fostering community connections. Reflecting on their mission, Executive Director Colleen Prostor emphasized the importance of collaborative

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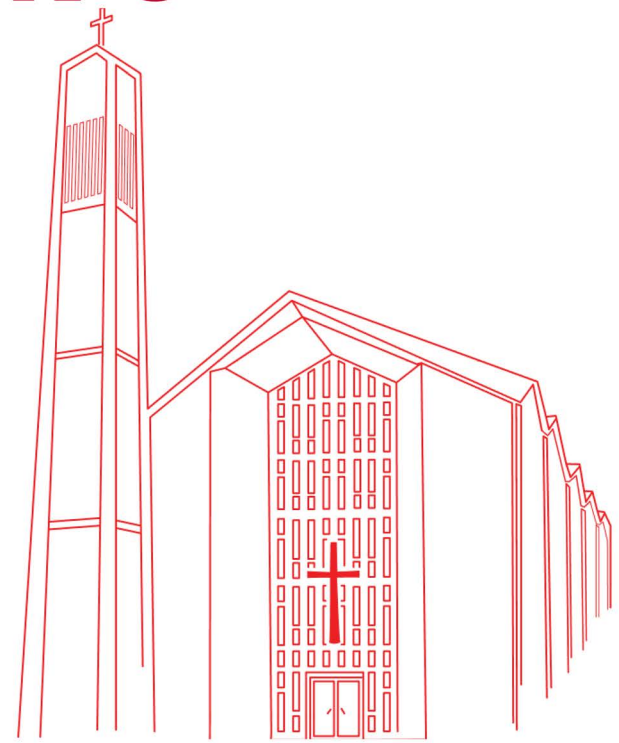
Easter Joy at St. Mark's

Sunday, March 31

7AM, 9AM, and 11AM



St Mark's
Episcopal Church
111 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan, CT



COLUMN

Holy Week Humility and Easter Hope



By MONSIGNOR ROBERT M. KINNALLY

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
-Phillipians 2:6-8

In order to embrace the Paschal Mystery – the suffering, dying, and rising of Jesus – we have to embrace the humility of Jesus. His entrance into Jerusalem which we celebrate on this Palm Sunday is nothing like that of a king. He rides on a donkey without any entourage or fanfare. He lives out his kingship on this earth in humble obedience to the will of His Father and dies for the sake of sinners.

The humility of Jesus that marks his suffering and dying challenges us to examine our own humility, especially when it comes to submission to the will of God. As we begin Holy Week, we might ask ourselves, “Has my Lenten observance

of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving helped me to die to self and begin to live for others?” “Has my contemplation of the words of Scripture throughout these 40 days brought me to a better understanding of what God has done for me by sending His Son into the world and humbling Himself for my sake?” “Has my desire to make plans without God been tempered by a stronger desire to let God take the lead?” “Has my posture toward others been changed so that I listen in love so as to be humbled by the presence of Christ in others?” “Has God challenged me to give up what prevents me from keeping it simple?”

If we answered “no” to any of these questions, it’s not too late. Let us ask the Lord Jesus who “humbled himself” for our sake, to give us the gift of humility and walk with Him through the events of Holy Week so that we may empty ourselves of what prevents us from experiencing the overwhelming gift of His sacrificial love.

I invite you to join in the beautiful prayer and worship of Holy Week in your church. Take the time to watch and pray as this great mystery of our faith unfolds before our eyes. Trust me, you will be humbled and strengthened by what you experience and prepared for the hope-filled celebration of Easter.

There is an ancient hymn that is sung in many Christian Churches that speaks to the beauty and life-giving reality of Easter. Victimae Paschali is sung after the Gospel on Easter and on each day of the Octave of that great feast:

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!
A Lamb the sheep redeems;
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconciles sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended in that combat

Perhaps our prayer this Easter should be that the world will spend more time asking God to write our story, inspire our leaders, and soften hardened hearts.

stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.
Speak, Mary, declaring
What you saw, wayfaring.
“The tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;
bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;
to Galilee he goes before you.”
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life
obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!
Amen. Alleluia.

The hymn ends with the acclamation “Yes, Christ my hope is arisen...Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.” With so much unrest in the world, we long to see light, justice, and a true and lasting peace. The hope that comes from celebrating Christ’s victory over death means that our prayers for a peaceful and just world are not in vain; all shall be well because “the Prince of Life...reigns immortal.” We long to witness such a peaceful world, and we surely can grow impatient when it doesn’t come quickly, but if we put our trust in the “victor King,” we know it will come.

Perhaps our prayer this Easter should be that the world will spend more time asking God to write our story, inspire our leaders, and soften hardened

hearts. Perhaps we should take our Easter joy out into the world and proclaim Christ risen. Such an act would help those who dwell in darkness, fear, and hopelessness to rise with Christ to a whole new life. Perhaps if we act each day as if we truly believe Christ is risen from the dead, we may impress upon those who write our laws and teach our children that there is a way of meaningful living that has everything to do with believing and following the One who created us for a life-giving purpose. Put more simply, if we sing “Alleluia” for the entire season of Easter and beyond, each one of us will find more joy and bring more hope to anyone who hears our song. Happy Easter!

Rev. Msgr. Robert Michael Kinnally was ordained to the priesthood in 2005 by Archbishop William E. Lori. Born in Yonkers, New York to Ann O'Brien Kinnally and Robert Seton Kinnally, Father Kinnally attended Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle and Manhattan College in the Bronx. He holds a master's degree in English and American Literature from NYU. Prior to entering the seminary, Father Kinnally had a twenty-year career in university admission and financial aid. He was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Bridgeport in July 2022 by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, after having served as diocesan Chancellor since June 2014. In December 2016, he was named pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in New Canaan.

UPDATE SERVICES AND ADD SPECIAL EVENTS TO THIS CALENDAR AT

www.NewCanaanSentinel.com/worship-calendar-updates

First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002

fpnc.org

Sunday Service: 10am in person or via LocalLive. All are welcome. Coffee hour after the service is also available in person or via Zoom. Dedicated childcare is available for all children via Wee Care Nanny Agency from 8:45-11:30am in the Nursery School. Transcripts of previous sermons are also available via the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan's website. Recurring Events: Every Saturday 9:15am (closed) and 10:30am (open): Alcoholics Anonymous. Every Tuesday 8pm: Men's A.A.

Grace Community Church

365 Lukes Wood Rd 203-966-7600

info@gracecommunity.info

www.gracecommunity.info

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9:30am

We invite you and your family to join us in the Sanctuary at Grace Farms for our contemporary worship service with a culturally relevant message from Senior Pastor Cliffe Knechtle. Nursery care and Sunday school/teen programming is available for babies through 12th grade. Stay afterward to catch up with friends and enjoy coffee and bagels in the Commons.

Wednesday Evening Service & High School Club at 6:00pm

Join us for a NEW weekly gathering on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm. All are invited to meet in the West Barn Hall with Assistant Pastor Stuart Knechtle leading discussions on the Christian life including how to grapple with tough questions about faith, emotional well-being and spiritual discipleship. Concurrently, Youth Pastor Rob will meet with high school students in the Court for midweek club to hang out with friends and talk about navigating the waves of everyday life. Saturday 10am: Men's Bible Study

Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church

21 Cherry Street 203-966-0020 | www.starcc.com

Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 4:00 pm-4:45 pm
Masses at 7:00 am and 5:00 pm (Vigil for Sunday); Sunday: Masses at 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am (Children's Mass), 11:30 am and 5:00 pm (Teen Mass). The 8:30 am Mass is live-streamed and available at www.starcc.com. Weekly Adoration is every *Friday* from 7:30am -6pm. Monday-Friday: Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm.

Recurring Events:

Saturday 8:30am: St. A's Healing Rosary Prayer Group
Last Monday of the month 7pm: Women's Praise & Worship Holy Hour

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

111 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.4515

churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaan.org

www.stmarksnewcanaan.org

Sunday Services: 8:00am: Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite I; 9:00am: Outdoor Holy Eucharist Rite II; 10am: Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite II (Live Stream also available on the St. Mark's website). Coffee Hour follows the 10am service. Church School during the 10am service: Godly Play for children in kindergarten through second grade; Holy Moly for third and fourth grades; Meet in the Middle for fifth, sixth and seventh grades. Professional childcare is offered for children ages four and under. Families with children who are not yet ready to separate for childcare are invited to use the rocking chairs at the rear of the chapel. Weekday Services: Monday-Friday, 8:30am, Morning Prayer Rite II by Zoom. Wednesday, 12:05pm, Noonday Eucharist in the chapel. Recurring Events: Monday & Tuesday 12pm: Alcoholics Anonymous; First Wednesday 1pm: Laundry Love volunteering opportunity to come alongside people who are struggling financially by assisting them with their laundry. First & Third Wednesday 6-7:30pm: Youth Group

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – March 24
7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Monday, March 25
3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Confessions (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Men and Women

Wednesday, March 27
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Holy Thursday – March 28
7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose (Chapel)

Good Friday – March 29
7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Confessions in the Chapel
12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross
The church will remain open for silent prayer until 9:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday – March 30
7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church
12:00 Noon Blessing of the Easter Food in the Church
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Confessions in the Chapel
8:00 p.m. The Vigil of Easter
Blessing of the New Fire
Lighting of the Pascal Candle
Blessing of the Water
Sacraments of Initiation for New Catholics

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – March 31
Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Please note: No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday

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Palm/Passion Sunday - March 24, 10am Worship

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae - March 28, 7pm Worship

Good Friday - March 29, 5pm Worship

Easter Sunday
March 31, 7am Sunrise Service
8am Breakfast (Common Room)
10am Worship Service
11:30am Easter Egg Hunt (weather permitting)



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Friday, March 29th
5:00pm Good Friday Reflections
6:00pm Potluck Supper

Sunday, March 31st
8:30am Easter Family Breakfast
9:30am Easter Celebration Service*
11:00am 5,000 Easter Egg Hunt & Refreshments

**Nursery care & Sunday school classes for children third grade and younger*

All are welcome!

Grace Community Church at Grace Farms
365 Lukes Wood Road
New Canaan, CT



Community Baptist Church: Small Church, Big Heart

By JOHN KRIZ

New Canaan is sometimes viewed through a narrow lens, with the town being, as the British say, 'Much of a muchness.' While true in some respects (New England charm, neighborly spirit – good things), our town has changed over the decades, from the rise and fall of farming and shoemaking, to the rise (and fall?) of Wall Street. Furthermore, this narrow lens ignores the range our town has had for many decades.

The Community Baptist Church, a historically Black Church now in its second century among us, is one example. Its humble position on Cherry Street and simple white-painted exterior belie a warm and welcoming interior, and a history of action that has substantially shaped the New Canaan of today. Its new pastor, Rev. Gilbert Burgess, in partnership with the Church's trustees, are striving to reinvigorate the Church, and make an even bigger impression on our town.

Early History

The Church's establishment reflects the faith and fortitude of two women: Cora Scott and Mary Cantor. Cora Scott was a graduate of Howard University, trained as a teacher. During World War I she served our country by working in a servicemen's club in her hometown of Washington DC. Margaret Breuchaud, a friend of hers at the club, who was from New Canaan and unaware of Cora Scott's education, asked her to come and work in her household as a domestic servant. Though college trained and not relishing domestic work, she had been praying for an opportunity for greater service to God, and saw this offer as a response from the Holy Spirit. So, off she went to New Canaan along with her friend Mary Cantor, who was a trained cook.

Once in New Canaan, the two devout women began to organize religious services in Raymond Hall (now the Raymond building on Main Street) led by a neighboring minister. They cleaned the hall in exchange for its free use. This congregation became more fully formed in 1922 as an African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. In 1926 the women were ordained as Evangelists by an AME bishop to do the Lord's work in New Canaan. Time passed, the Lord provided, and in 1930 these two women, with \$1400 in hard-earned savings, a \$2500 mortgage and money raised from important townspeople and friends, bought land on Cherry Street and broke ground, laying the church's cornerstone in 1931. That church still stands today.

A large fifth anniversary ceremony was held in 1936, attended by New Canaan's First Selectman, clergy from the town's Congregational, Methodist and Episcopal churches, with various other clergy, prominent townspeople and judicial officials joining the festivities. In 1940 the mortgage was paid off and burned in a celebration, also attended by various clergy and town leaders.

In 1942 the church decided to withdraw from the AME conference. Soon after the church decided to affiliate with the Northern Baptist Convention, and it became, and remains, the Community Baptist Church. Cora Scott was also at that time ordained as a minister by the New York Missionary Conference, and she and Mary Cantor decided to leave Mrs. Breuchaud's employ and devote themselves full time to the mission of the Church, with now-Rev. Scott being the minister in charge.

In 1943 Mary Cantor, who had been denied the benefits of education and was illiterate, passed after a short illness, and the leadership of Community Baptist Church fell fully on Rev. Scott. Whenever Mary Cantor had been assigned to do the readings, Cora Scott would step in and say "I'll do the reading, and Sister Cantor can do the praying; she can pray better than I can." Cora Scott never told Mary Cantor of her college education, as she did not want her to feel unequal.

Community support and involvement continued, and in 1953 D. Putnam Brinley, a prominent Silvermine artist, as well as an Episcopalian and Republican, donated a painting of a nativity scene to the Church which still adorns the sanctuary. Various townspeople contributed to cover the cost of the frame, lettering and installation.

Rev. Scott continued to lead Community Baptist Church until her passing in 1958, after 37 years of devoted service.

More Recent Times

According to Church Trustee and New Canaan resident Tim Craig, Community Baptist Church has always been "a pivotal hub of the Black community" in New Canaan. This is echoed by Trustee and

former New Canaan resident and public school teacher Robert Jeffress, who notes that "the Church has always been central in culture, and as a social support group." Adds long time Church secretary, Trustee and New Canaan resident Janice Benson, "We feel like a family spirit here." Trustee, Deacon and New Canaan resident Willie Blue remarks that "Church is powerful, where you get strength." Plus, "the town supported us when we needed help," affirms Trustee Jeffress. When the Church was short of funds they held bake sales and BBQs. "There were lines around the block."

Trustee Craig, a member since 1960, is retired after many years with Eversource. Exuding the air of a practical gentleman who knows how to get things done, his family moved to New Canaan from Detroit when he was a small child. "Dad was not wealthy," and his mother, Hilda, worked as a domestic servant. They came to New Canaan "seeking a piece of the American pie. It was a good place to grow and prosper." His mother was also "an entrepreneur" and a member of the local NAACP chapter (which has since disbanded) and the Chamber of Commerce. Trustee Craig notes that his mother would collect money, food and clothes, and drive them to Mississippi to support people in need. But it was not all roses. Trustee Craig notes that, in 1963 when his mother was buying a house on East Avenue, she had trouble getting a mortgage because she was Black.

Trustee Willie Blue has been a member since 1963, having moved to New Canaan the year before. One of fifteen children of sharecroppers, he was nineteen years old and had had "very little education." Despite this limitation, his positive attitude prevailed, with him emphasizing there was "nothing I couldn't do if I set my mind to it." Once here he started working for the Gilmore Cleaning Service, run by husband and wife team Elliot and Evelyn. He met them at Church. Mrs. Gilmore "was a mentor" and had a side catering business where he also worked. He bought the cleaning business from the Gilmores in the 1970s. "Use the brain God gave you to get ahead," he says. Trustee Blue and his beloved wife Kathen Ann Blue have four children, who have all attended college. Trustee Blue says he feels a part of the New Canaan community. "I am well welcomed now." He observes that "once they found I had high goals, people got behind me." He also notes that his "kids were treated badly" in the town's schools at first. However, when he complained, and demonstrated that the parents cared and were supportive, they then received teacher support.

Trustee Jeffress attended the public schools in New Canaan, and after graduating from Morehouse College returned to New Canaan as a guidance counselor and Community Resource Liaison at the high school, also teaching a Black history course. He has the character of a firm but caring educator. His mother was one of the first crossing guards in town, and she went on to become a Special Matron of Police – the first Black person on our police force. He notes that the NAACP, which held its meetings at the Church, encouraged the New Canaan Public Schools to recruit more Black teachers and, in response, the NCPS started an arrangement with Norfolk State College, a historically Black college, to send some of its trainee teachers here, living with host families. "It was an awakening for the teachers to live in such affluence," he notes.

Trustee Janice Benson is a nurse caring for infants at Stamford Hospital, with a quiet, 'get it done right' confidence. Originally from South Carolina, her family first moved to Norwalk, then to New Canaan in 1967, where she had most of her schooling. She had been bullied in Norwalk by other Blacks because she was light skinned. In New Canaan she and the other Black students "felt isolated," an observation shared by Trustees Craig and Jeffress. The schools then had 22 Black students, 15 being female, and all were Church members. "We went to Norwalk and Stamford for socialization, seeking dates." It was especially tough on the girls, as the boys had sports but the girls did not. Eventually a request was made to then-high school principal Alan Haas to bring more young Black males to town, and this was a genesis for the ABC House.

New Pastor, Fresh Vision

Backed by thirty years of preaching, and a desire to "be a part of change for individuals," Rev. Gilbert Burgess, Community Baptist Church's new pastor, is intent on reinvigorating his Church, and finding ways to better fit in to the community and be effective. A graduate of Hartford Seminary, Rev. Burgess was interim pastor for a bit over a year before

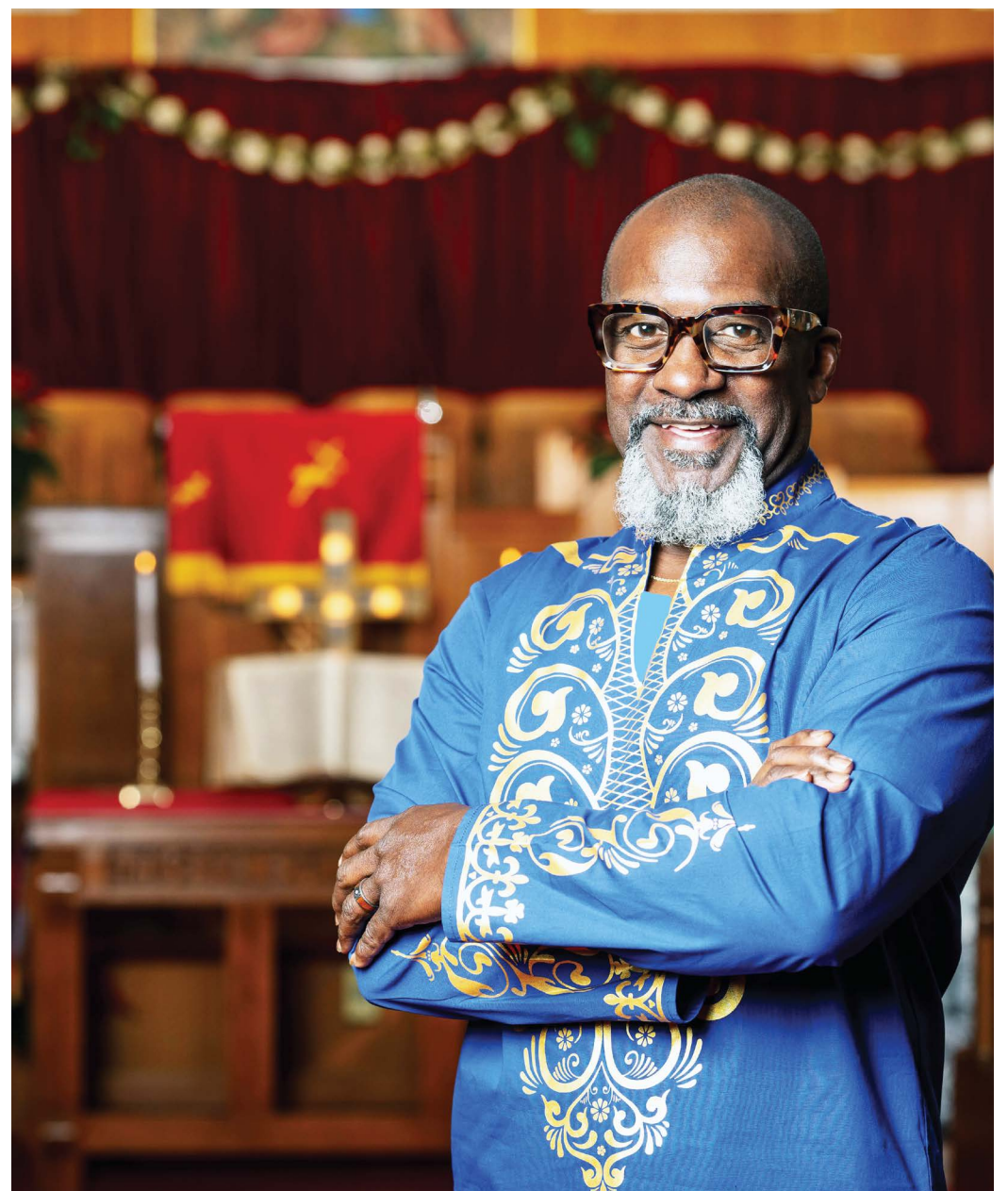
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Rev. Gilbert Burgess of Community Baptist Church preaching at Palm Sunday services.



Rev. Gilbert Burgess with parishioners.



Rev. Gilbert Burgess

the Holy Spirit called him to the position permanently. A former assistant pastor for nearly eighteen years to Rev. Lindsay Curtis of Grace Baptist Church in Norwalk, chef and auto mechanic, he is also in the process of opening a classic car showroom. His wife, Kim Bianca Burgess – the Church's 'First Lady' -- teaches at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport.

A gentle man with quiet strength and much optimism, Rev. Burgess has already taken several steps to fold himself into the New Canaan community. He has joined the Interfaith Council of New Canaan, and leads some of the worship services at Waveny LifeCare Network. His installation in January was also a broad affair, with the town's Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Presbyterian clergy participating.

"I want to make us large. I want to make noise, be noticed." This desire is shared by Trustee Craig, who emphasizes that the Church needs "to expand our reach out to

people." One of Rev. Burgess's ideas is to explore a partnership with the Presbyterian Church, and perhaps others, for a vacation bible school.

When discussing his choice of Rev. Burgess as the new pastor, Trustee Craig said, "he was faithful, always available, consistent." Trustee Jeffress calls Rev. Burgess a "visionary who could lead us into the future." Trustee Benson adds that he has "lots of ideas. And he gets things done." Trustee Blue says that Rev. Burgess "has a spirit that speaks to the heart. Pray and God will open the door, and He opened the door" for Rev. Burgess and brought him to us.

Rev. Burgess is also seeking ways to affiliate with the many civic groups and charities in New Canaan. He sees no need to reinvent the wheel, but rather to find the best ways his Church can participate more fully in the good works already being done – and perhaps create some new ones.

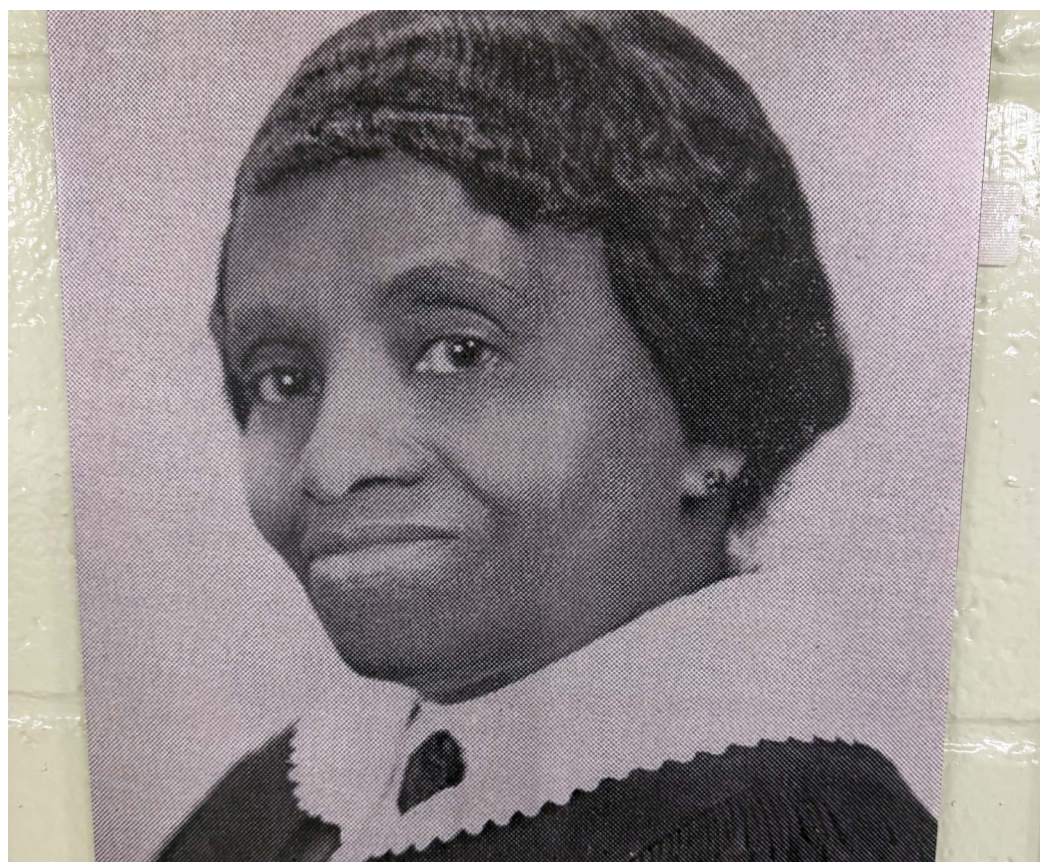
There is much to do at Community



Msgr. Rob Kinnally of St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church with Rev. Gilbert Burgess and parishioners.



Mary Cantor. One of the church founders.



Cora Scott. One of the church's founders, and its first minister.



Rev. Gilbert Burgess (right) with Rev. Peter Walsh (first from left) of St. Mark's Episcopal Church



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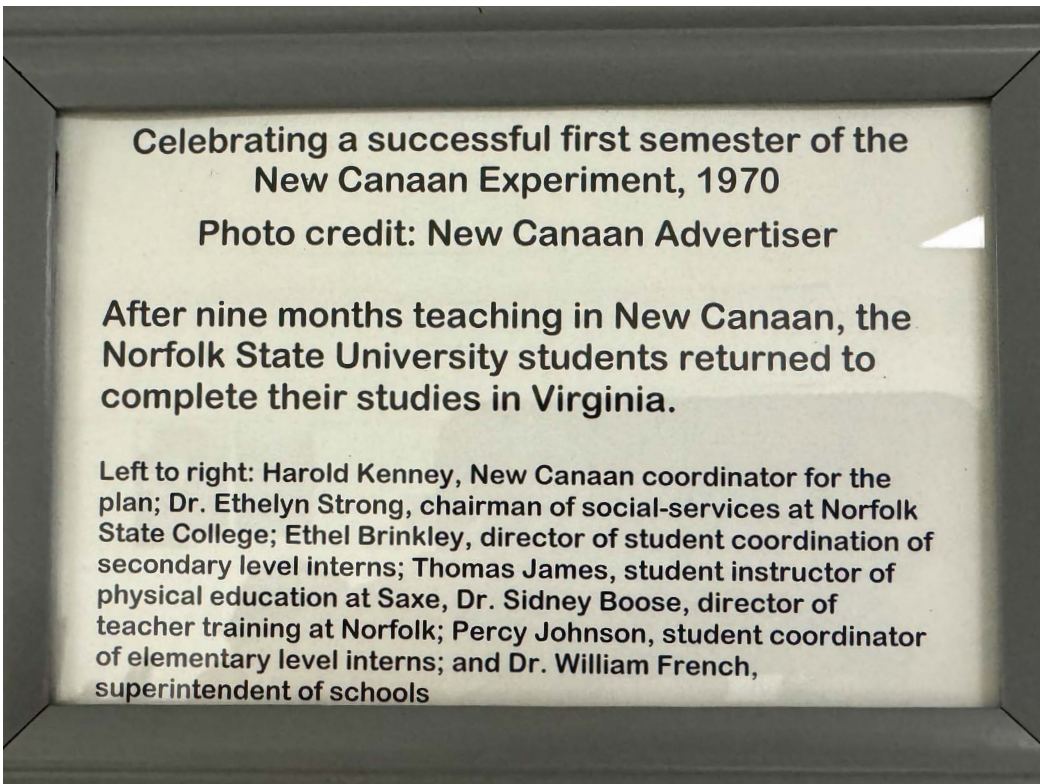
Baptist Church. COVID put a large dent in membership that has not been repaired. New Canaan's property costs have a continuing effect on many Black families' ability to live in town. And, like many Christian congregations, members are aging. After peaking at a bit over 200 members in the 1970s, membership is now fewer than a quarter of that.

Though Rev. Burgess talks of building a legacy, perhaps it's more a task of deepening the impressive legacy that Community Baptist Church already has, and strengthening what he calls "that bond with the community." Says Rev. Burgess, "We want to be here, be a part." But the pastor

need not fear: Community Baptist Church is very much here, and a part of New Canaan. With a proud past, a prouder present and the proudest of futures, our town has much to be thankful for, with boundless blessings to come as Community Baptist Church marches onward into its second century.

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Coffee with a Cop

New Canaan stands as a beacon of community spirit and excellence, boasting everything from exceptional schools and community care, to a charming downtown area and inviting parks. Yet, amidst these pillars of our town identity, it's important to acknowledge the unsung heroes who form the bedrock of our safety and security: our first responders.

The tireless vigilance of New Canaan's police force, fire department, and EMS personnel is the crucial foundation upon which we build our daily lives. Around the clock, regardless of weather conditions or personal convenience, these dedicated individuals stand ready to respond to emergencies, rushing toward danger to protect lives and property. Unlike most of us, they don't have the luxury of choosing when to answer the call of duty, or someone else to call when things get tough;

We may not be thinking of them continuously, unless we need them, however they are thinking about us and our community all the time.

their commitment to public service is unwavering.

While we may not always have our first responders at the forefront of our thoughts, we remain ever-present in theirs as they tirelessly safeguard our community. Theirs is a profession driven by an unyielding sense of duty and responsibility to those they serve. So, when we encounter them at parades or community gatherings, it's incumbent upon us to take a moment to express our gratitude for their selfless service.

One of the many opportunities to connect with our local law enforcement is fast approaching: the New Canaan Police Department's "Coffee with a Cop" event, scheduled for this coming Tuesday, April 2 at 9:00 am at Greenology. If you haven't participated in this event before, I strongly encourage you to attend.

Originating in Hawthorne, California, in 2011, "Coffee with a Cop" was born from a desire to cultivate stronger bonds between police officers and the communities they serve. It represents a break from the traditional forms of community policing, offering a more personal and informal setting for dialogue and understanding. This simple concept of sharing a cup of coffee has proven remarkably effective in breaking down barriers and building trust.

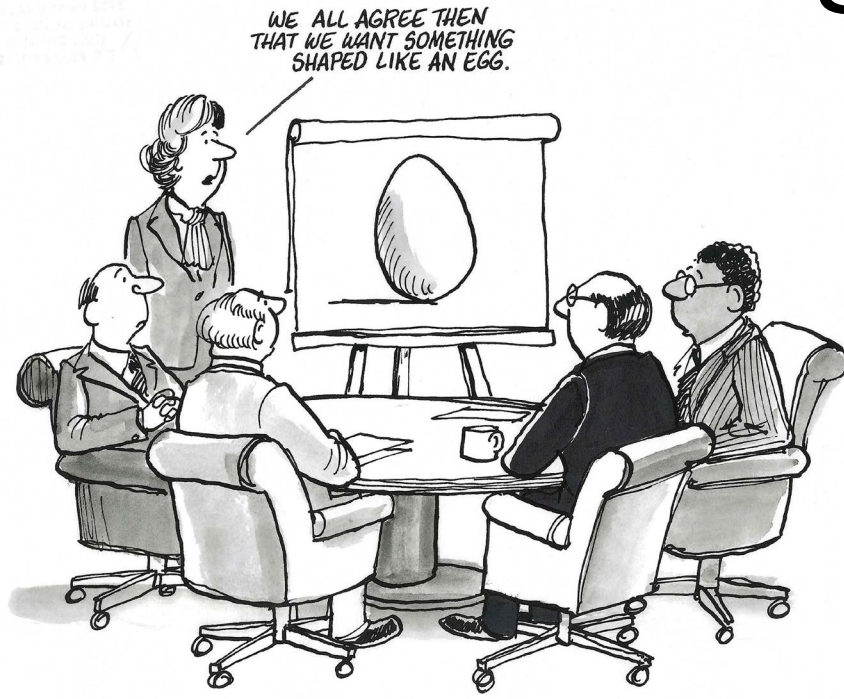
Unlike formal meetings or structured initiatives, "Coffee with a Cop" gatherings offer a relaxed setting. By engaging in one-on-one conversations with residents, officers gain valuable insights into local concerns and priorities, and us civilians can better understand some of the processes of the NCPD. These interactions pave the way for deeper connections and collaborative efforts aimed at enhancing community well-being.

Since its inception, Coffee with a Cop has grown into one of the most successful community-oriented policing programs nationwide, with events now held in all 50 states and beyond. The first time you meet your local police officers shouldn't be in an emergency. By fostering interactions outside of crisis situations, this initiative helps further integrate the NCPD and its officers into the fabric of our town.

The upcoming coffee event in New Canaan is a testament to the dedication of our police department and the sustained efforts of Community Impact Officer Nicole Vartuli. Having had the privilege of attending a previous gathering in March, I saw firsthand the positivity of these interactions among those in attendance and, indeed, on the greater New Canaan community. NCPD's commitment to facilitating meaningful dialogue deserves commendation, and I eagerly anticipate seeing you there on Tuesday.

In a world often characterized by division and discord, initiatives like Coffee with a Cop serve as a reminder of the power of simple gestures and genuine connections. By coming together over a cup of coffee, we reaffirm our shared commitment to building a safer, stronger, and more united community.

Editorial Page



WE WELCOME AND VALUE THE DIVERSE VIEWS AND OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY OUR READERS IN THE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR SECTION. THIS SPACE IS DEDICATED TO FOSTERING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY DIALOGUE, REFLECTING A SPECTRUM OF PERSPECTIVES ON CURRENT ISSUES, LOCAL AFFAIRS, AND GENERAL INTEREST TOPICS. THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED HERE DO NOT REFLECT THOSE OF THIS PAPER OR ITS STAFF.

LETTER

St. Luke's Parking Garage

It's no exaggeration to say that St. Luke's School's proposal to build a private above ground 200 car parking garage in a residential zone threatens all of New Canaan.

Why? Because in order for St. Luke's to push this through, the school needs to change an important subsection of residential zoning for the entire town.

For the record, I've never had any complaints about St. Luke's. I'll admit, from where I sit on Laurel Road, I barely knew they were there.

But it upsets me that such an ill-conceived text amendment to New Canaan's zoning would be contrived for the benefit of teenagers from Greenwich and Westport.

Like most places, New Canaan doesn't allow high-capacity parking garages in neighborhoods: "Parking structures, whether detached or attached, shall not be permitted, except in a Business or Retail Zone." (Section 6.2.F.6)

So, in order to grant St. Luke's this very special special permit to build an 80,000 square foot parking structure, P&Z must also pass a broad text amendment to make us the first town in Fairfield county to allow high-capacity parking garages in residential zones. P&Z must also exempt parking garages from coverages as there is a playing surface on the roof. That means any building with a roof can be exempted from coverage.

Every tennis court, field or lawn is now a potential parking garage. I suppose P&Z will also discover that with the right doors, any one story can fit a car...so I guess New Canaan will no longer have coverage limits?

When New Canaan tax-payers went to POCD meetings asking for "Open Space," no reasonable person can believe they wanted fields to be replaced by parking garages.

I hope you write a letter or email to P&Z begging them not to alter such a sensible regulation. In the words of one neighbor: "Go to bat for the home team."

Here's St. Luke's threat: "If you don't change the law and become the first town in Fairfield to allow parking garages in residential zones and if you don't become the first town to allow a 200 car parking garage with no sewer connection 1,000 feet from a drinking water reservoir...then we'll be forced to add normal paved parking and that will be ugly."

Well, sorry St. Luke's. Those paved spots won't be ugly because New Canaan doesn't let you build ugly parking spots.

For starters, surface level parking lot won't have 24 hour motion activated lighting. It can be properly shaded. It can be made even greener with the addition of a "bioswale," an attractive kind of landscaping which catches harmful tire chemicals like those our experts presented before the town. To be clear, the tire chemicals come from cars, so don't let St. Luke's talk your ear off about virgin rubber.

It's important to note that St. Luke's is illegally parking 30 or so cars on their tennis courts.

Their board chair from Southport also

argues we should rewrite residential zoning laws if it brings them into compliance. Let's put that entitlement aside for a moment and talk about the additional 140 cars.

The school points to a theory that parking will prevent more trips to campus. In reality teenagers who drive themselves will decide how many trips they want to make—running out for lunch or after school before sports practice—racing back on curvy roads with poor sight lines.

But 140 additional cars plus the 30 illegally parked cars is only 170 cars? Yes...this 200 car parking garage can no longer fit 200 cars because St. Luke's can't measure the length of a parking spot. It's one of several embarrassing revisions with many more to come.

That's known as "workshopping" and they've workshopped these plans all over Town Hall. At one point, they wanted it below ground, but the Fire Marshall shut that down, so now it's above ground and open, dumping light, noise and exhaust into a pristine woods. It's also cantilevered over the woods, so none of the normal safeguards for preventing visual impact or light pollution will work here. Next stop, the wetlands office.

While it's commendable to help residents navigate a complex process, it's bad public policy to participate in lengthy back and forth with sloppy applications.

As we have seen with St. Luke's misuse of a First Water District peer review that they initially failed, with each draft and revision of plans, the town accrues more risk. Engineering information gets more complicated. Remember, there's no "up to code" on an experimental structure. With workshopping, mistakes get missed, new engineering additions are not thoroughly vetted, and seemingly minor plan changes can have large public impact. While the applicant enjoys the transfer of development costs to local taxpayers, those taxpayers don't get to make oral comments on the revisions. Worse, when this extensive back forth is referenced in public hearings, it undermines the transparency New Canaan voters say they want.

So, if you're applying for an illegally zoned football-field sized parking garage with a cantilever drilled to a ledge over a wetlands setback draining to Grupes reservoir, and you're asking P&Z to change the law, you should hand in perfect plans.

These plans are imperfect. For example, St. Luke's offers zero engineering data to describe how they will drill this behemoth to the ledge or if the load will do to neighboring foundations. The school's answer to almost every question is that it will be mapped out after permitting. We struggle to understand why a private school mandated with educating children is attempting to invent a Frankenstein experimental structure driven by space limitations instead of common sense. Novel structures have a hard time making the jump from a glossy rendering to our three-dimensional reality. It's relevant that this Southport-board-chair-real-estate-developer

also moonlights as a fiction writer.

No humor can make light of St. Luke's stunningly irresponsible application.

Zoning regulations against parking garages in residential neighborhoods exist in part to protect well-water.

A parking garage cantilevered over a wetlands setback is to our knowledge unprecedented. Not in Fairfield county or anywhere else. To paraphrase the Yale wetlands expert I spoke with: "They want to build this in New Canaan?"

Yes, St. Luke's school wants to make New Canaan famous for an idea so stupid, no one has even tried it.

When a wetlands commissioner asked if a sand filter was a typical water treatment for a parking garage, St. Luke's admitted that parking garages are "traditionally" attached to sewer systems. I would add that planes "traditionally" land on runways.

It should concern you that the lawyer for the school objected to the entry of the newly released 2024 water quality manual into the record. When building this experimental design, the school says New Canaan must stick to the bare minimum of the 2013 water quality manual. Unfortunately for New Canaan and St. Luke's, this suggestion that we ignore water quality is on YouTube.

How did we get here?

St. Luke's unchecked violations and development have been rubber-stamped by previous P&Z boards, so the current board inherits a mess of special permit violations, grandfathered clauses, and overdevelopment.

This problem isn't their fault, but they shouldn't let inertia disrupt rational thinking.

This application is a wild overreach for a minor problem. St. Luke's needs to fix their football field and do better with 3pm traffic to get the permit. Great, let's do both those things. There are 10,000 better ways to improve that traffic flow on to campus and we 100% support their desire to put in a fancy new PFAS-free field.

But if this text amendment passes, we're all in trouble.

Love of nature, darkness and seclusion are among the reasons people come to New Canaan. If you're asking why I bought a house next to a school, the answer is that our three acre plot is adjacent to wetlands and an unlit football field. Again, at present, I barely notice St. Luke's.

Here's the only real question: Why should the Town be willing to go on this adventure? What's in it for New Canaan?

New Canaan wants more parking downtown. We want preservation of open space. We want to preserve the pristine woods that inspired our mid-century architects. We want sustainable development that doesn't wash our homes in light and sound pollution. I don't recall anyone begging for parking garages in residential zones in our 2024 POCD. Most of all, New Canaan voters don't want outside actors changing our local laws.

Sarah Pierce

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Application

This is to give notice that I,

ADAM C ZAKKA, 64 HOWARD RD, GREENWICH, CT 06831-3104

Have filed an application placarded 03/22/2024 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a RESTAURANT LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at GULFSTAR 44 LLC 103 Elm Street New Canaan, CT 06840

The business will be owned by: Gulf Star 44 LLC

Entertainment will consist of: No Live Entertainment

Objections must be filed by: 05-03-2024

Visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/remonstrance> for more information

GULFSTAR 44 LLC

COLUMN

Your Moment in the Sun



By Icy Frantz

If I had to choose, I would say I am a dog person.

We have three enormously treasured four-legged furry friends in our family right now. They are big, often covered in Long Island Sound sludge, and two of them possess an extremely loud bark. They like to roam the neighborhood when they escape the imprisonment of the electric fence, and they are susceptible to ear mites and ticks. One of them failed dog training bootcamp, and another was let go from the Good Dog training class.

But still, their loyalty is unwavering, and we love them dearly.

We have had others over the years, dogs that invoked similar feelings. Most notably, Budman was in our wedding. Skyscraper raised our children. And we

have sat inconsolable at their bedsides when their lives on this earth were nearing the end.

We also own two rescue cats who were discovered in a dumpster in Scalzi Park in Stamford. And while our kids consider the dogs the varsity team and the cats junior varsity, the JV team adds a different kind of value to our home. Our cats are vastly different from their canine housemates, and I am amazed at how much they teach me by how they live life on their own terms.

Unlike our dogs, our cats are slow to warm up to strangers; they would not welcome you with a paw and a slobbery kiss at the front door. In fact, they would probably run and hide until you had earned their trust. They will not love you without thorough examination.

As such, my relationship with our cats has developed over time. And although it may be based on bottom scratches (theirs, not mine) and smelly breakfast treats, it is not unlike many of my

We can delight in our moments too. Working towards them, creating them, climbing high and sometimes low, and then savoring them with complete abandon.

deeper relationships, those that have grown slowly and safely through experience, give and take, and ups and downs.

Sometimes when we are relaxing in our family room at the end of the day, our cats will swagger in - with an emphasis on swagger (and if you own a cat, you probably know what I mean). They literally walk like they own the joint (and in a way they do). Their head is held high - for no apparent reason - and they give off an air of complete and utter confidence.

Because for the cat, it's all about attitude. And frankly, it's a good reminder to me that I get to decide how I embrace the day - and how I strut.

And while our dogs have an innate amount of kinetic energy - constantly moving, needing, fetching, and running, until they drop exhausted in the evening

- our cats are content to lounge and do nothing all day long. They are never bored.

It is not unusual for me to find one of our cats sitting and staring at the wall. What are they looking at?

Perhaps they are noticing the details of the molding, or the fact that the wall could really use a fresh coat of paint. They are appreciating the minutiae, and I don't think it is a leap to imagine that they are living in the present - not worried about the past or contemplating the future.

But the characteristic that I admire most about our cats is how they are able to find their moment in the sun.

Our dogs are completely unaware of and unbothered by the weather. They will go outside in a hurricane, torrential rains, or a heat wave. It doesn't

seem to concern them.

Our cats, on the other hand, will contort themselves - climb high and sometimes low, curl up in a ball or stretch out their limbs - just to experience the one beam of sunlight peeking through a window. And then with a look of pure ecstasy on their faces, they take it all in, for everything it is worth, and relish in the warmth.

I do not think they understand the significance of sunlight. Medically speaking, UV exposure boosts vitamin D levels (which account for numerous health benefits) and increases the brains release of serotonin (which is associated with better mood and focus). So, the very act of chilling in the sun is beneficial.

Our cats own their moment in the sun. They are not shy or humble but are rather boastful

and eager to show the world their achievement. They do not settle for a cloudier spot upon a chair or bed.

And as every day is not blue skies, they are not frustrated waiting for the return of the sun. It will come.

And we can delight in our moments too. Working towards them, creating them, climbing high and sometimes low, and then savoring them with complete abandon.

I love that feeling of the sun on my face on a cold winter's day, and then instinctively lifting my head towards the heavens. As winter turns to spring and that sun grows more abundant, and the flowers bloom and our dogs get muddier - and our cats more superior - I hope we will find our moments in the sun too, and when we do, relish in the warmth.

COLUMN: NARRATIVES OF A NEW CANAAN NEWBIE

Easter with My Peeps



By Emily Umbdenstock

Beyond everything, the very best Easters are naturally those spent with your Peeps (pun totally intended by the way...).

Our little Umbdenstock Easters are very much rooted in the traditions of my childhood. The excitement and happiness that I associate with this infamous Sunday can be fully attributed to my parents who made sure this blessed day was as special as could be year after year. I am beyond thankful to have grown up like this, and since becoming a mother myself, I have made it my mission to recreate this magic with my own children. And, truth be told, while our annual Easter celebration likely appears as nothing crazy fancy or extremely elaborate to the outside world, to us, it is perfect. Hectic, chaotic and sugar-fueled...well, DUH, but perfectly imperfect nevertheless.

One of my favorite Easter traditions is most definitely the Easter morning candy hunt. I vividly remember running down the stairs with my siblings, barefoot in our matching bunny pajamas, my parents waiting at the bottom of the stairs with an old school camcorder to immortalize the moment. Our journey led us to a living room adorned floor to ceiling with "hidden" candies and chocolates, all for the taking. It was the ultimate game of Candy Land personified; every child's fantasy! Jellybeans colorfully lined

Our annual candy hunt always makes me giggle because it is tangible proof that my children can find things when they really want to.

the wainscoting, foil wrapped eggs pastel shades were recklessly strewn on arm rests and seat cushions, and holiday themed Hershey's kisses were tucked behind vases and gently placed atop picture frames. And, if we were really lucky, we'd stumble upon the mother lode...a cleverly disguised Cadbury cream egg just begging to be scooped up.

Now I am the one laying out the sweet sugary treasures on Easter Eve, and our stampedes are captured on iPhones. Our annual candy hunt always makes me giggle because it is tangible proof that my children can find things when they really want to. On a typical day, the usual response to my request to look for something is "I can't find it," however, on Easter, my kids can miraculously spot a sugar bomb the size of my thumbnail from 30 feet across the room with absolutely no problem. I should probably start sewing candy into the pockets of coats and taping them to the sides of water bottles to ensure that they return home at the end of the day...I really

think I might be onto something here...just saying...

Every family has their own version of our candy hunt; a tradition just as joyful to everyone participating no matter what it may be. Whether it be dyeing Easter eggs at the kitchen table, whipping up your grandmother's famous carrot cake or attending church in your Easter best, it really doesn't matter. The most important part of any of these rituals are not in the acts themselves, but, rather, the significance lies in the special people with whom you practice them. In the end, every bunny needs some bunny to love...after all, we may not have it all together, but together we certainly have it all!

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Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation.

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The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

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New Officers

The New Canaan Police Department hired three new officers on March 28. The officers were sworn-in at 11:00 A.M. at the New Canaan Town Hall Meeting Room.

Brian Buckley is 39 years old, married, and lives in Bethel, CT. Prior to being selected as a new officer, he was employed as a financial advisor for Charles Schwab. He graduated from New Milford High School and went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree from Le Moyne College, where he majored in History.

Austin Malizia is 33 years old and lives with his fiancée and their two children in Norwalk, CT. Prior to being selected as a new officer, he held several positions as a social worker in the healthcare field. He is also a volunteer with the New Canaan Fire Company. He graduated from New Canaan High School and went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree from Southern Connecticut State University, where he majored in Social Work.

Carlos Prado is 25 years old, single, and lives in Fairfield, CT. He is a 2nd Lieutenant and Platoon Leader with the CT Army National Guard's 248th Engineering Company. He graduated from Stamford High School and went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Connecticut, where he majored in Nutritional Science.

All three candidates participated in the fall 2023 recruitment process for Police Officer with the New Canaan Police Department. They were three of over 80 candidates that submitted eligible applications for employment. They each successfully endured an intensive testing and selection process including a written examination, physical agility testing, interview panel, polygraph, psychological evaluation, background investigation, medical testing, and Police Commission interview.

These three new officers will begin their recruit training on April 5, 2024 at the Connecticut Police Academy's 382nd training session in Meriden, CT. The tentative graduation date for that class is during the first week of October 2024. After completion of the academy, they will undergo a minimum of 400 hours of field training with the New Canaan Police Department before being certified as Probationary Police Officers.

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five-year revitalization in time for its 100th anniversary, funded by over \$700,000 from local government and community donations. The final improvements include a Flexi-Walk trail to increase accessibility, an observation deck, and the replacement of a statue of St. Francis of Assisi. The project is expected to be completed by September, with plans to connect the sanctuary to other local parks.

The Glass House at 199 Elm St. marks its 75th anniversary with tours starting April 15 and the reopening of the Brick House on May 2, after a closure since 2008 due to water damage. There are three tour options: a one-hour Glass House Tour, a two-hour tour that includes additional galleries and outdoor sculptures, and a two-and-a-half-hour extended tour that also covers Philip Johnson's Studio. Prices vary from \$25 to \$100, depending on the tour and day, with access to the Brick House included from May 2.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Susan Magrino Dunning and Allyn Magrino, from New Canaan, co-own The Magrino Agency, a communications firm based in New York City. The agency has been included in the Observer's PR Power List 2024, marking the 10th year it has received this recognition. The list ranks top individuals and agencies in the public relations industry. According to the co-founders, the honor highlights the contributions of their team and the support from their clients. They express satisfaction with the recognition and anticipate further achievements in 2024.

SCHOOLS

New Canaan High School will host Safe Driving Week from April 8th to 12th to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving, including texting while driving and driving under the influence. The main event of the week is a motor vehicle crash reenactment on April 12th at 11 am, organized by School Resource Officer Jeff Deak, with support from various local departments such as the New Canaan Police Department and the Youth Services Division.

At a fundraiser for the New Canaan High School Scholarship Foundation, a helicopter dropped 2,000 numbered golf balls over Waveny Park, targeting a specific area for prize wins. Prizes ranged from a \$41,000 Chevrolet Colorado to a \$2,000 gift card and art pieces, with each golf ball sold for \$100. The event's earnings supported need-based scholarships for the high school's graduates.

Laura Newell has been appointed as the Visual and Performing Arts Director for New Canaan Public Schools, effective July 1. She has experience in arts education and leadership, including a previous role as K-12 Arts Coordinator at Greenwich Public Schools, and holds advanced degrees in educational leadership and music education. The selection process for her appointment included input from various stakeholders in the school community.

New Canaan High School is organizing the 2024 New Age Film Festival for middle and high school students in Fairfield County, offering multiple film submission categories. Entries, limited to one per participant or group, must be submitted by April 26th, with guidelines

available on the festival's website. The event concludes with an Awards Night on May 22nd, judged by professionals, and questions can be directed to Jennifer Sinski.

Twelve students from New Canaan High School participated in the American Choral Directors Association Honor Choirs at the Eastern Division conference in Providence, Rhode Island. They were chosen from a large pool of applicants across the region. These students earned spots among the top forty students selected from Connecticut.

SPORTS

NFL player Zach Allen and his former teammate Alex LaPolice supported Team IMPACT at Elm Restaurant, a program connecting children with collegiate sports teams. LaPolice plans to run the Boston Marathon to raise funds for the cause. Their actions aim to provide sports opportunities to children, enhancing community welfare.

ACROSS CT

The Newman's Own Foundation announced the Food Justice for Kids Prize, offering \$1 million to support projects aimed at reducing food insecurity among children. Applications are open until June 11 for public charities, Indigenous organizations, and public schools, with ten organizations to be selected in September. The initiative focuses on projects related to Indigenous food justice and nutrition education, addressing high rates of food insecurity among children, particularly in Indigenous communities.

Gearing up for the total solar eclipse on April 8, we in New Canaan are set to see 90.7% coverage at its peak, as detailed by NASA. For those eager to witness the event in its entirety,

a trip to northern states like New York or Maine is advisable, although local viewings are also organized in Hamden and Litchfield. Weather predictions currently indicate a chance of clouds or rain, yet this might improve by the eclipse day, which will trace a path from Mexico through the U.S. to Canada.

Connecticut residents have noticed SpaceX's Starlink satellites passing overhead as part of a global internet initiative, with thousands already launched. Concerns have been raised about potential radiation leaks affecting radio astronomy and the satellites contributing to a significant portion of close encounters in orbit. The Federal Aviation Administration has warned of risks from falling debris, while astronomers face disruptions, highlighting ongoing challenges as SpaceX plans to deploy more than 40,000 satellites.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Laurent de Brunhoff, the artist and writer who expanded his father's Babar the Elephant series into a beloved global franchise, has passed away at 98 in Key West, Florida. Taking over after his father's death, Laurent's own contributions—including titles like "Babar at the Circus" and efforts to address the series' colonialist criticisms—helped cement Babar's place in children's literature and culture. His legacy is defined by a balance between honoring his father's creation and adapting to the evolving cultural and moral landscape.

NC CARES

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efforts in bringing unique programs to the community. "We really love to partner with schools and other local nonprofit organizations to bring dynamic programming to New Canaan. Thankfully, we're able to have the full support of the community to fulfill our mission and do what we do," she said.

The upcoming April 4th event highlights the necessity for discussions regarding the impact of social media on children. As technology becomes more ingrained in daily life, parents face the challenge of weighing its advantages against potential drawbacks.

Stossel's expertise offers valuable insights for parents navigating these complexities. Colleen highlighted the importance of addressing timely issues in a manner that resonates with children and parents. She stated, "We're bringing people a program that empowers the youth and also strengthens families. We give them an opportunity to have conversations after these events and build and connect our community by having community-wide programs where everybody is welcome."

The conversation with Max Stossel is part of a broader effort by New Canaan CARES to address pressing issues facing families today. Following the event, the organization will continue the conversation with smaller, more focused programs for different age groups. These include "Kids and Tech: Tips to Develop Healthy

Digital Habits" on April 23 and "Technology and Tweens: the Big Three," scheduled for April 25th.

New Canaan CARES extends its gratitude to the community for their support, emphasizing that all programming is made possible through the generosity of donors, sponsors, and supporters. In an evolving digital landscape, initiatives like the upcoming conversation with Max Stossel are crucial platforms for education, discussion, and community engagement.

Registration for the event is currently open on the New Canaan CARES website, newcanaancares.org. Interested participants are encouraged to secure their spots early, as seating is limited.

DESIGN FOR FREEDOM

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Kicking off the day with her searing portraits of people around the world engaged in backbreaking, life-threatening forced labor was Lisa Kristine, a renowned humanitarian, photographer and founder of the Human Thread Foundation. Her pictures of children carrying slabs of slate bigger than themselves — "slate like I have in my house," said Kristine — drove home the desperation that many architects and their customers never see. There was barely a dry eye in the house as she concluded with the words of her "old friend" Archbishop Desmond Tutu, 'none of us are truly free until all of us are finally free.'

If Kristine set the tone for the day, the moderators, panelists and speakers after her took it as a call to action. What followed was at times blistering commentary on the blindness of ever-more outdated sourcing and supply chain practices, as well as laws and policies that do not go far enough, combined with innovative ideas and insight into tackling the issue.

Panelist Leonardo Bonanni explained how his company, Sourcemap, uses tech to help manufacturers map, monitor and verify that the sources of their raw materials are conflict-free. One of their customers, Shaw Industries, relies on that technology. VP of Sustainability Tim Shaw reflected on how industry understanding of sustainability has moved on in the past ten years. "It had everything to do with things: objects, stuff," said Shaw, but now it is becoming much more about "who are the people behind it."

But, true to form for Grace Farms, there is more to the story. The next panel of experts tackled the question of how to fight modern slavery in a world — and an industry — that is also tasked with rapid decarbonization.

Combining seemingly disparate issues and perspectives is par for the course for Prince, whose principle that "space



Design for Freedom Summit at Grace Farms

communicates" underpins the work of the Grace Farms foundation in bringing together the worlds of the arts, justice and community.

Accordingly, for those at the summit, the challenge was posed to continue to meet client demands in "driving costs lower and trying to meet our budgets and timelines," as Prince said, while striving for zero-slavery materials, all while reducing their carbon.

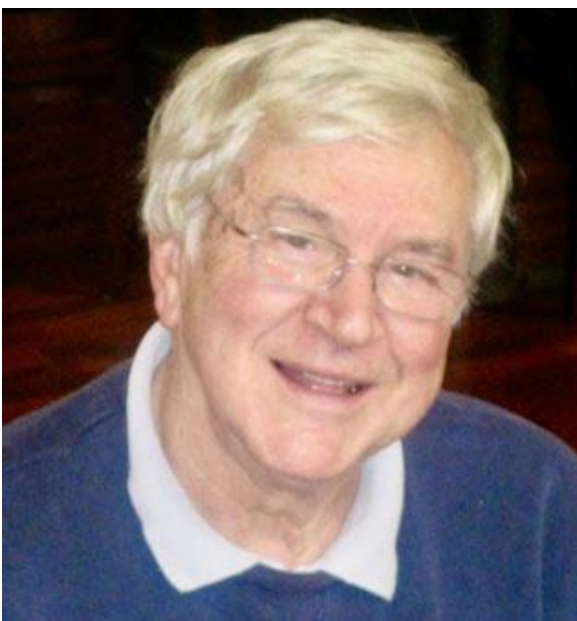
Indeed, eight percent of the world's carbon is emitted through concrete cement manufacturing and another eight percent through steel, said Fiona Cousins, director and Americas chair for global engineering firm Arup. Cousins sat on a panel with Hind Wildman, a director at the Yale Center

for Ecosystems + Architecture, which has recently produced a report that gives guidelines for how to reduce carbon in the built environment, based around the framework of "avoid, shift and improve," according to Wildman.

The drive for change was evident among the attendees in the sinuous River building's Sanctuary auditorium Tuesday. Indeed, 75 students from 30 universities were present, representing those at the beginning of their careers with "immediate agency to prioritize ethical supply chains on [their] first job," said Prince.

As Shaw said, in reaction to Kristine's stories, "[it] broke my heart a little bit...but never inspired me more to continue to do this work."

Obituary



SEABOURNE TANNER, JR.

Seabourne Herbert (Bert) Tanner Jr., 90, of Duxbury, Massachusetts and Southport, Maine passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on March 2, 2024.

He was born October 2, 1933 in Mountain Brook, Alabama, son of Seabourne Herbert and Martha Tanner. He met his British wife Kathy at a party in the Hamptons in 1966 and

enjoyed 56 years of marriage living first in Manhattan, then spent 43 years in New Canaan, CT. where they raised their children. They recently moved to Peterson Road in Duxbury, MA.

Bert is survived by his loving wife Kathy and their children Richard and Susan. Richard Tanner, his wife Gillian de Haan and their children Rowan (16) and Reilly (14) reside in Rowayton, CT. Susan Uitti, her husband David and their children Luke (15), Jane (12) and Libby (6) live in Duxbury, MA. Bert was predeceased by his sister Edith Broughton of Birmingham, AL and survived by younger sister Martha Jane (Janie) Henderson of Mountain Brook, AL.

After attending The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, he moved to New York City in 1955 to study at The Art Student's League. Bert's career centered on illustration, animation and working with major New York advertising agencies doing animatics and television test commercials. His earlier career focused on science fiction illustration, comic books, aviation and textbook illustration. He was commissioned to illustrate the then future NASA lunar landing module and was an animator for the startup children's show 'Sesame Street.' He was a long-standing member of the Society of Illustrators.

Bert's wide range of interests included Crimson Tide

Football, photography, music, video, film, kites, birds, meteorology, astronomy, hiking, beach volleyball, skiing, snorkeling, current events, and an extraordinary fascination with flight, specifically World War II aviation. To say he loved art is an understatement, he adored all art. He will be remembered for his wonderful creativity, curious mind and great sense of humor. Bert was drawn to the written word and was known by many for his witty poems and limericks. 'Pop' loved his family and will always be missed for his creative cartoon cards to mark every family occasion.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Cranberry Hospice in Plymouth, MA.

A family funeral was held in Duxbury on March 11. A Celebration of Life will be held in New Canaan, CT in June.

Please send obituaries, photos, and service information to Caroll@GreenwichSentinel.com The Sentinel does not charge for obituaries.

Argentina Comes to the Carriage Barn Courtesy of Local Artists and Artisans



Tango. Bob Capazzo photo.

Worship Directory and Services

UPDATE SERVICES AND ADD SPECIAL EVENTS TO THIS CALENDAR AT
www.NewCanaanSentinel.com/worship-calendar-updates

Upcoming (non-recurring) events:

March 7 9:30am @ Congregational Church: Women's Fellowship
Cake & Coffee

March 19 9:30am @ Trinity Church: Family Pancake Party

Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center

www.newcanaanjewish.org

The Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center is dedicated to strengthening and building the New Canaan Jewish Community by offering local Jewish resources that bring more positivity, Jewish education, charitable activity, good deeds and blessing to our lovely town.

We are about Judaism, not affiliation. Regardless of your background, and however you choose to define your level of Jewish observance or identity, the Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center can add spirituality, joy, study, community and connection for you and your family.

The programs of the Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center are held in various locations, all located in New Canaan.

Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue)

458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903
(203) 322-1649

www.templestain Stamford.org

Service Schedule:

1st, 3rd & 5th Friday - 6:00pm

2nd & 4th - 7:30pm

Recurring Events:

12pm Friday: Torah Study

10:30am 2nd Saturday: Mussar

5:30pm 1st & 3rd Friday: Shabbat Service for Families with Young Children

8am 1st Saturday: Avodat Halev Discussion Group

Upcoming Events (through March 31st):

March 2, 9, 16 1:30pm: Musical Genres Lecture Series

March 8-10: Brotherhood Men's Retreat

March 15-17: Women's Retreat

March 6, 13, 20 6pm: Zentangle

Feb 15 & 29, March 7th 7pm: Crash Course- Death and Dying Rituals

March 22 6:30pm: Congregational Shabbat Dinner

March 23: Purim for Families with Young Children

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

682 South Avenue 203-966-5849

www.ComeUntoChrist.org

Sunday Service: 12:00pm

Community Baptist Church

174 Cherry Street 203-966-0711

ncommunity@sbglobal.net

Sunday School at 10:00am

Worship Service at 11:00am

Facebook: CBCNewCanaan

Congregational Church

23 Park Street 203 966-2651

office@godsacre.org

www.godsacre.org

Sunday Services: 8:00 am and 10:00 am. The 10:00 am service is also live streamed and recorded, the video replay will be available throughout the week. Church School is available on Sundays for children ages 3 through 7th grade each Sunday from September through mid-June.

Recurring Events:

Tuesday 9:30am: Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 9:30am: Bible Study

11:15am-2pm 4th Tuesdays: Volunteering at Open Door Shelter in Norwalk

Upcoming Events (through March 10th):

March 7 9:30am: Women's Fellowship Cake & Coffee

First Church of Christ, Scientist

49 Park Street 203 966-0293

christiansciencet.org/newcanaan

Sunday 10:30 AM, in person only. Sunday School is available

during Sunday Service and is open to children and young people up to the age of 20. There is also childcare available for children too young for Sunday School.

Wednesday Testimony Meeting: 1st Wednesday of each month, join by zoom or by phone 646 558 8656. Reading Room Hours: Open Mondays 11-2, Call to confirm hours 203-966-0293. All are welcome to the Sunday and Wednesday services, Sunday School, and the reading room.

First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002

fpcnc.org

Sunday Service: 10am in person or via LocalLive. All are welcome. Coffee hour after the service is also available in person or via Zoom. Dedicated childcare is available for all children via Wee Care Nanny Agency from 8:45-11:30am in the Nursery School. Transcripts of previous sermons are also available via the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan's website. Recurring Events: Every Saturday 9:15am (closed) and 10:30am (open): Alcoholics Anonymous. Every Tuesday 8pm: Men's A.A.

Grace Community Church

365 Lukes Wood Rd 203-966-7600

info@gracecommunity.info

www.gracecommunity.info

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9:30am

We invite you and your family to join us in the Sanctuary at Grace Farms for our contemporary worship service with a culturally relevant message from Senior Pastor Cliffe Knechtle. Nursery care and Sunday school/teen programming is available for babies through 12th grade. Stay afterward to catch up with friends and enjoy coffee and bagels in the Commons.

Wednesday Evening Service & High School Club at 6:00pm

Join us for a NEW weekly gathering on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm. All are invited to meet in the West Barn Hall with Assistant Pastor Stuart Knechtle leading discussions on the Christian life including how to grapple with tough questions about faith, emotional well-being and spiritual discipleship. Concurrently, Youth Pastor Rob will meet with high school students in the Court for midweek club to hang out with friends and talk about navigating the waves of everyday life.

Saturday 10am: Men's Bible Study

Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church

21 Cherry Street 203-966-0020

www.starcc.com

Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 4:00 pm-4:45 pm

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:00 pm (Vigil for Sunday); Sunday: Masses at 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am (Children's Mass), 11:30 am and 5:00 pm (Teen Mass). The 8:30 am Mass is live-streamed and available at www.starcc.com.

Weekly Adoration is every *Friday* from 7:30am -6pm.

Monday-Friday: Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm.

Recurring Events:

Saturday 8:30am: St. A's Healing Rosary Prayer Group

Last Monday of every month 7pm: Women's Praise & Worship

Holy Hour

Upcoming Events:

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

111 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.4515

churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaan.org

www.stmarksnewcanaan.org

Sunday Services: 8:00am: Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite I; 9:00am: Outdoor Holy Eucharist Rite II; 10am: Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite II (Live Stream also available on the St. Mark's website). Coffee Hour follows the 10am service.

Church School during the 10am service: Godly Play for children in kindergarten through second grade; Holy Moly for third and fourth grades; Meet in the Middle for fifth, sixth and seventh grades. Professional childcare is offered for children ages four and under. Families with children who are not yet ready to separate for childcare are invited to use the rocking chairs at the rear of the chapel.

Weekday Services: Monday-Friday, 8:30am, Morning Prayer

Rite II by Zoom. Wednesday, 12:05pm, Noonday Eucharist in the chapel.

Recurring Events:

Monday & Tuesday 12pm: Alcoholics Anonymous

First Wednesday 1pm: Laundry Love volunteering opportunity to come alongside people who are struggling financially by assisting them with their laundry.

First & Third Wednesday 6-7:30pm: Youth Group

St. Michael's Lutheran Church

5 Oenoke Ridge 203-966-3913

office@stmichaelslutheran.org

www.stmichaelslutheran.org

Sunday Service at 10:00 am. Following the service there is coffee, cookies and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.

Recurring Events:

Tuesday 8:30am: Community Bible Study (welcomes the broader community, not just church members)

Tuesday 7:30pm: Body Building Bible Study

Thursday noon: Alcoholics Anonymous

Talmadge Hill Community Church

870 Hollow Tree Ridge Road 203-966-2314

www.talmadgehill.org

Ministers: Rev. Carter Via and Rev. Cheryl Bundy Sunday worship service at 10:00am in person. All are welcome! We encourage everyone to stay for coffee hour after the service. Sunday School is every Sunday during the service and uses the Godly Play curriculum. Please reach out at talmadgehillchurch@gmail.com or 203-966-2314 with any questions!

Recurring Events:

Thursday 9:30am: Bible Study

First Saturday 8am: Men's Group

Second Saturday 10am: Women's Circle

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www.templestainstamford.org

458 Lakeside Drive Stamford, CT 06903

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A Reform Synagogue Friday night services are in person and via Zoom 1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays - Service is at 6pm 2nd & 4th Fridays - Service is at 7:30pm

Trinity Church

New Canaan | Darien

468 South Avenue 203-618-0808

www.trinitychurch.life

Join us Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the Saxe Middle School auditorium for lively worship, thoughtful and applicable teaching, weekly Communion, and an opportunity to make friends and grow in community. Children and youth participate in age-appropriate classes, and nursery care is also available. Trinity services also take place in Greenwich and Larchmont; learn more at www.trinitychurch.life.

Sunday Services: 11:00 a.m. in the auditorium at Saxe Middle School, 468 South Ave. All are welcome! Trinity Kids (infants through fifth grade) and Trinity Youth (middle and high schoolers) take place during the service, and coffee and refreshments are served following worship. Trinity also holds services in-person in Greenwich and Larchmont, and on livestream via YouTube on Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

Join us Easter Sunday, March 31, at 11:00 a.m. in the Saxe Middle School auditorium as we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection! All are welcome to our celebration, which includes lively worship, a life-giving teaching, and Communion, and is followed by coffee and refreshments. Nursery care is available during the service.

United Methodist Church

165 South Avenue 203.966.2666

office@umcofnwcanan.org

www.umcofnwcanan.org

Sunday Service is at 10:00 am followed by coffee and conversation during Fellowship Time. Sunday School is available during Sunday Service. All are welcome.

Recurring Events:

Thursday afternoons: Bible Study

Laura Newell New Visual and Performing Arts Director

By SARAH MORGAN



Beginning July 1, New Canaan Public Schools will welcome Ms. Laura Newell as the District's new Visual and Performing Arts Director. Ms. Newell will spearhead the development of art, theater, dance, and music programs and curriculum for

grades K-12.

"We are delighted to welcome Ms. Newell to New Canaan Public Schools," stated Superintendent Bryan Luizzi. "Her extensive background, visionary leadership, and dedication to arts education make her the perfect fit for our Visual and Performing Arts program. We eagerly anticipate the contributions she will make to our district," he continued.

Laura holds a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (Sixth Year) in Educational Leadership from the University of Connecticut and is pursuing a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) from Kansas State University. Additionally, she earned a Master of Music Education from the University of Hartford and a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the same institution.

"I am honored and thrilled to join New Canaan Public Schools as the new Visual and Performing Arts Director. I am eager to become a part of the NCPS community and look forward to collaborating with students, staff, and the community to foster a love for the arts," - Laura Newell

Ms. Newell previously served as the K-12 Arts Coordinator at Greenwich Public Schools. In this role, she was instrumental in implementing the district's comprehensive K-12 Arts Curriculum and overseeing Visual Art, Theater, and Music programs across 16 schools. Prior to her experience in Greenwich, she worked as the K-12 Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts at East Hartford Public Schools, where she played a pivotal role in curriculum revision and mentorship

initiatives.

Before transitioning to administrative roles, Ms. Newell taught Piano, AP Music Theory, and Band at East Hartford High School. Actively engaged in professional organizations, she is a member of the National Association of Music Education (NAME), the National Art Educators Association (NAEA), the Connecticut Music Education Association (CMEA), and the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD).

"I am honored and thrilled to join New Canaan Public Schools as the new Visual and Performing Arts Director," expressed Laura. "I am eager to become a part of the NCPS community and look forward to collaborating with students, staff, and the community to foster a love for the arts," she continued.

Acknowledging the diligent efforts of the Human Resources Department and the interview committee, Superintendent Luizzi expressed gratitude for their role in the new Arts

Director's selection process. "I want to personally thank each of them for sharing their time and expertise with us and helping us identify and hire an outstanding professional in Ms. Newell. I'm excited for her to join our team in the months ahead!" he exclaimed.

Ms. Laura Newell's appointment signals a bright future for arts education within the New Canaan Public Schools, promising an enriching experience for students in the coming school years.

GetAbout New Canaan Announces Spring Fundraiser

By ALEX SULLIVAN

GetAbout New Canaan invites the community to an evening brimming with elegance and purpose. On Saturday, April 6th, The Country Club of New Canaan will open its doors for a spring fundraiser, promising attendees a night filled with delicious dinner, dancing to a live band, and an array of entertainment options including a silent auction and performances by a celebrated mentalist.

For over four decades, GetAbout has stood as a beacon

of support and mobility for New Canaan's seniors and others who find driving beyond their reach. With a fleet of eight vans equipped to accommodate wheelchairs, GetAbout has not just facilitated over 9,000 rides in the past year but has also been instrumental in delivering more than 5,000 meals in collaboration with Meals on Wheels.

This event, apart from being a testament to the spirit of community and generosity that defines New Canaan, is also a critical fundraiser to ensure the continuation and expansion of

It's an opportunity to engage with the heart and soul of GetAbout's mission, learn more about the impact of their work, and contribute to a cause that touches the lives of so many.

these indispensable services.

Supporters of GetAbout New Canaan and newcomers alike are invited to partake in this splendid evening, which not only celebrates the organization's

monumental service to the community but also raises crucial funds to sustain and expand its offerings. It's an opportunity to engage with the heart and soul of GetAbout's mission, learn more

about the impact of their work, and contribute to a cause that touches the lives of so many.

Tickets and additional details about the event are available on the GetAbout website at [https://](https://getaboutnc.org/events/)

getaboutnc.org/events/.

Join us for an inspiring and fun night. Your support ensures that GetAbout New Canaan continues to be more than just a ride; it's a community lifeline.

Submitted Releases and News

Dr. Stewart Launches Look



Look New Canaan, an optometry practice and optical boutique, is opening its doors and inviting patients to experience a fresh perspective on eye care. Founded by Dr. Jennifer Stewart, Look New Canaan aims to transform the traditional patient experience through its stylish environment and curated collection of eyewear.

Dr. Stewart is an optometrist and founder of Look New Canaan. She has been caring for patients in Fairfield County for over 15 years and looks forward to welcoming new patients and their families. Dr. Stewart is an internationally recognized speaker, writer, consultant, and educator. She

serves as the Professional Editor of Independent Strong, an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the New England College of Optometry, and an industry consultant.

Reimagining Eye Care

Look New Canaan's studio features advanced diagnostic equipment and an aesthetic that evokes a relaxed mountain retreat. Dr. Stewart and her team prioritize building genuine connections with patients, taking the time to understand their individual needs and lifestyles.

The optical boutique at Look New Canaan showcases an array of independent eyewear from global brands. Each frame is handpicked for its exceptional craftsmanship, innovative design, and timeless aesthetic. Patients can expect to find frames that complement their personal style while receiving expert guidance from the knowledgeable team.

"At Look New Canaan, I wanted to reimagine the patient experience," said Dr. Stewart. "We are passionate about merging exceptional vision care with a

boutique atmosphere. Our mission is to provide a personalized journey for every patient, ensuring eye health while matching a person's unique style through our curated frame selection."

Look New Canaan is now accepting new patients and invites the community to explore their reimagined approach to optometry and optical services.

Our vision is to transform patients' lives through customized care, innovative technology, and exceptional eyewear. At Look New Canaan, we want our patients to see their best and to be their best every day. Our mission is to deliver exceptional vision care with innovative technology, stylish eyewear, personal attention, and a splash of fun. Our optical boutique is a relaxed environment that offers a curated selection of eyewear where you can discover the perfect glasses that express your unique style. We want our patients to see the world with clarity and confidence. For more information, please visit <https://looknewcanaan.com>.

New Canaan Police Adds Community Meetings

The New Canaan Police Department has scheduled more opportunities for all members of the community to meet with officers on an informal basis to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers serving New Canaan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee with a Cop

Tuesday April 2, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Greenology, 96 Main Street, New Canaan. Complimentary coffee.

Conversations with a Cop

Thursday April 11, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Lapham Community Center in Waveny Park. Topic: Getting to know the New Canaan Police Department.

Thursday May 9, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Lapham Community Center in Waveny Park. Topic: Police Academy Training.

Lapham Community Center is open to all New Canaan residents age 21 and up.

For more information, contact New Canaan Police Community Impact Officer Nicole Vartuli, 203-989-6050, or Nicole.vartuli@newcanaanct.gov



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After graduating among the top of his class at New York University School of Medicine,

Dr. Tepper trained at the renowned Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery, NYU Langone Medical Center, completing his plastic surgery residency as well as fellowships in craniofacial reconstruction and pediatric plastic surgery.

Dr. Tepper lives in Greenwich, provides specialized care from Manhattan to Connecticut and consults worldwide. He is acclaimed for his role in the separation of conjoined twins Jadon and Anias McDonald, performing similar surgeries twice more in Brazil.



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REAL ESTATE DASHBOARD

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Address	List Price	SqFt	Price/SqFt	AC	BR	FB
498 Valley Rd.	\$2,175,000	4,034	\$539.17	1.82	4	4
79 Ferris Hill Rd	\$3,850,000	6,984	\$551.26	6.27	6	5

FEATURED OPEN HOUSES

Get Your Open Houses Into the MLS by Wednesday at Noon for a Listing Here

Address	Price	Day	Time	Broker
21 Driftway Ln.	\$2,195,000	SAT	1:00-3:00PM	William Pitt Sotheby's
498 Valley Rd.	\$2,175,000	SAT	1:00-3:00PM	Corcoran Centric
282 Main St	\$3,875,000	SAT	1:00-3:00PM	Brown Harris Stevens

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NEW SALES

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres
55 Fitch Ln.	\$1,349,000	\$1,349,000	\$1,450,000	29	4	3	2.00
57 Brushy Ridge	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,900,000	138	3	2	0.50
391 Weed St.	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$2,172,000	63	4	3	2.00
1022 Silvermine Rd.	\$2,697,500	\$2,697,500	\$2,697,500	77	5	4	1.60
153 Carter St.	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000	\$3,125,000	162	5	4	1.79

The Wealth Report - 2024



BY JOHN ENGEL

Douglas Elliman and Knight Frank have released the highly anticipated 2024 Wealth Report. These are the highlights:

First, some definitions: HNWI is a high-net-worth individual, defined as \$1 million or more. UHNWI is ultra-high-net-worth individual, defined as \$30 million or more. Prime property is the top 5% in any location.

Last year's report was dominated by news that UHNWI wealth had fallen 10% because of energy, economic and political shocks. Turn the page. This year we saw a 4.2% rise in the number of UHNWIs led by growth in the U.S. (up 7.2%) and the Middle East (up 6.2%) to 626,600. Editors of the report expect that number to rise by 28.1% over the next 5 years, buoyed by particularly high growth in India (up 50%) and China (up 47%). The 38% rise in female UHNWIs is expected to continue building. Europe is home for the highest 1%.

More than a fifth of global UHNWIs are planning to purchase residential real estate in 2024. Let that sink in. 22% of the 626,600 wealthiest on the planet plan to buy residential real estate this year. Unfortunately, New Canaan did not make the top ten list of places they are looking, a list led by Auckland (10+) and Mumbai (5.5%). 19% of the world's HNWI's are expecting to buy property in 2024.

The global economy defied recession fears and grew 3.1% in 2023 and is expected to grow another 2.9% in 2024. A surge in financial market returns last year (S&P Global 100 was up 25.4%) led to a reallocation away from luxury collectibles. Luxury collectibles fell -1% in 2023 led by rare whisky (-9%), classic cars (-6%), handbags (-4%) and furniture (-2%). While art (+11%), jewelry (+8%) and watches (+5%) did well the collectibles market is significantly volatile. Here in New Canaan, we only have 2 opportunities to window-shop for our next exotic ride in 2024. Caffeine & Carburetors is scheduled for June 16 downtown and on October 20 in Waveny Park.

Bond markets experienced improved performance in the 4th quarter anticipating future rate cuts. Gold was up 15% and Bitcoin was up 155% (after crashing in 2022)

Residential capital values grew 3.1% across the world's residential prime markets through 2023.

There is great wealth transfer taking place from the Silent and Boomer generation to the younger generations: Gen X, Millennial and Gen Z revealing changing attitudes about residential real estate, it does note that they are a more diverse group, and their wealth comes from more diverse sources, and their attitudes toward wealth and property are significantly different. As a result, new "wealth hubs" are being created and challenging the supremacy of incumbent wealth hubs such as New York and London. I reported in a previous column that the average American stays in their home 13 years before selling, up from every 5 years a decade ago. Now, we see an increasingly nomadic group of HNWI's appear happy to respond to incentives to move. The biggest reasons the wealthy move include tax, safety and lifestyle. Perceptions of a fall in living standards in major US cities, particularly safety, are offset by the challenger's problems, such as a lack of good schools. Just as Florida and Texas are challenging New York, so too in Europe, Paris has just introduced a package of incentives to lure wealthy Londoners and their banks in a post-Brexit economy. They've lured 2,800 financial service jobs from London with Germany (1,800) and Dublin (1,200) not far behind. The number of French bankers earning at least one million Euro surged 63% between 2020 and 2021. Milan wants UHNWIs, offering since 2017 an annual flat tax of 100,000 Euro on non-domiciled Italian residents' (and family members') foreign income. The number of rich people taking advantage of this doubles every year. Hong Kong and Singapore are ascendant, minting 35 new UHNWIs every day, and putting the incentives in place to attract and retain them.

Looking at the PIRI 100, our index of the 100 luxury real estate markets across the globe, we see luxury prices climbed 3.1% on average in 2023. Sunny locations (up 4.7%) outperformed ski resorts (up 3.3%) and cities (up 2.7%). Asia-Pacific was

the strongest performing region (up 3.8%), slightly above North America (up 3.6%) with Manila and Dubai #1 and #2 in the world. London and New York remain closely aligned. Prices dipped 2% in both markets and sit 8% and 17% below their most recent market peaks. Spain grabbed 5 of the top 20 spots. The PIRI 100 markets outperformed expectations a year ago with 80 recording flat or positive annual price growth. Auckland is expected to gain 10% to top the charts next year with Sydney (up 5%) and Miami (up 4%) close behind. The top 3 risks in prime markets include election/policy changes, climate risk and the lack of supply of luxury homes in these markets. The top opportunities investing in these markets stem from the relaxation of regulations, property as a diversification strategy and safe-haven capital flight.

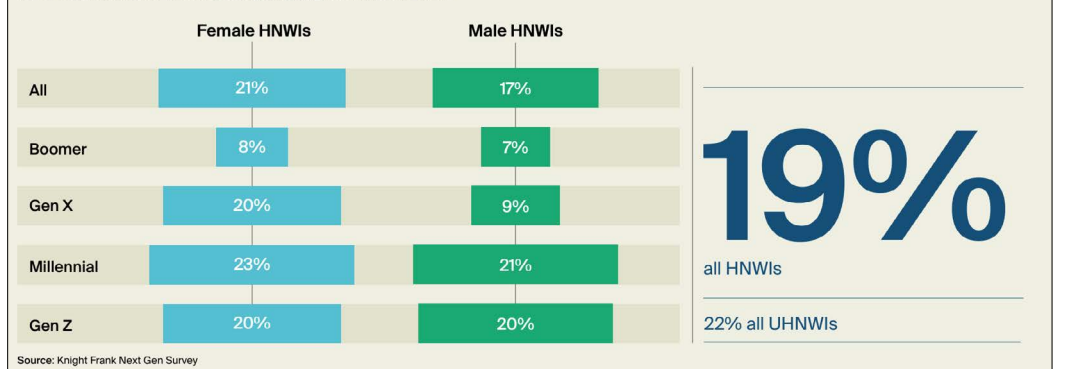
Notes from the Monday meeting: We have new agents joining The Engel Team. New agents want training and leads. The best way to learn this business is to go see the open houses with an experienced agent and talk about what you see with other agents. Unfortunately, there are so few brokers open houses and agents have gotten out of the habit. Maybe that's why more than 50% of sales are from out-of-town agents. New listing leads are more valuable (than buyer leads) and they don't come from New York, they come from living here and developing a local reputation. Get out of the office. Homes for sale continues to decline both in New Canaan (-40% YOY) and across Fairfield County (-18% YOY), to the lowest level in 20 years. If you are waiting for new inventory there are no signs it's improving.

John Engel is a realtor with the Engel Team at Douglas Elliman, located at 199 Elm Street in New Canaan, next to the Philip Johnson Glass House Visitor Center. Tours begin April 15. The Brick House, newly restored by Hobbs Inc, will be open for tours May 2. There is a "secret society" of midcentury modern fans called The Grainger Society, and they get to see the Brick House early on April 25 (and a private tour of the Goodyear House) April 15. Ask John about the secret Grainger MCM handshake!

"Over 20% of the world's wealthiest individuals plan to invest in residential real estate in 2024."

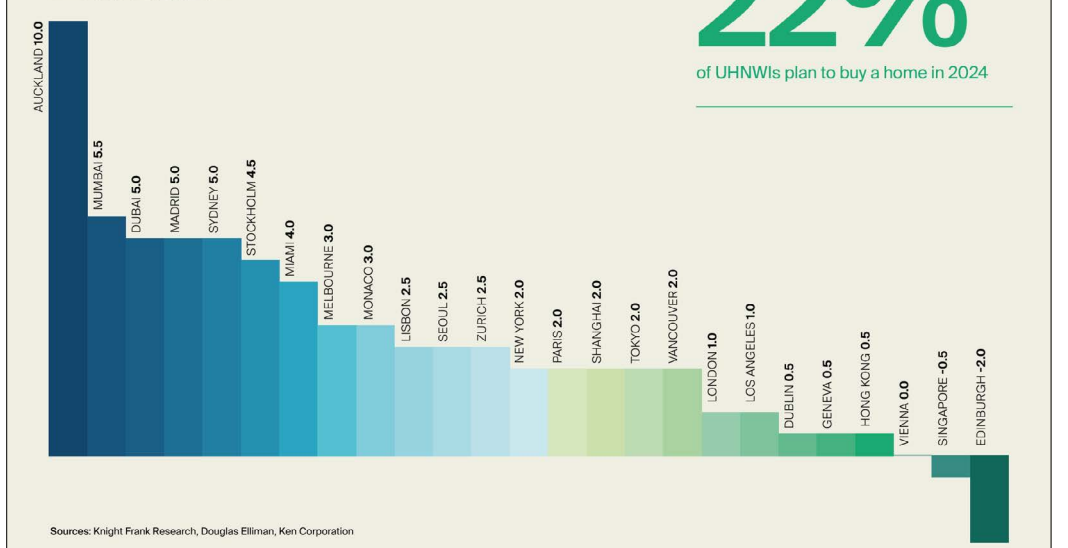
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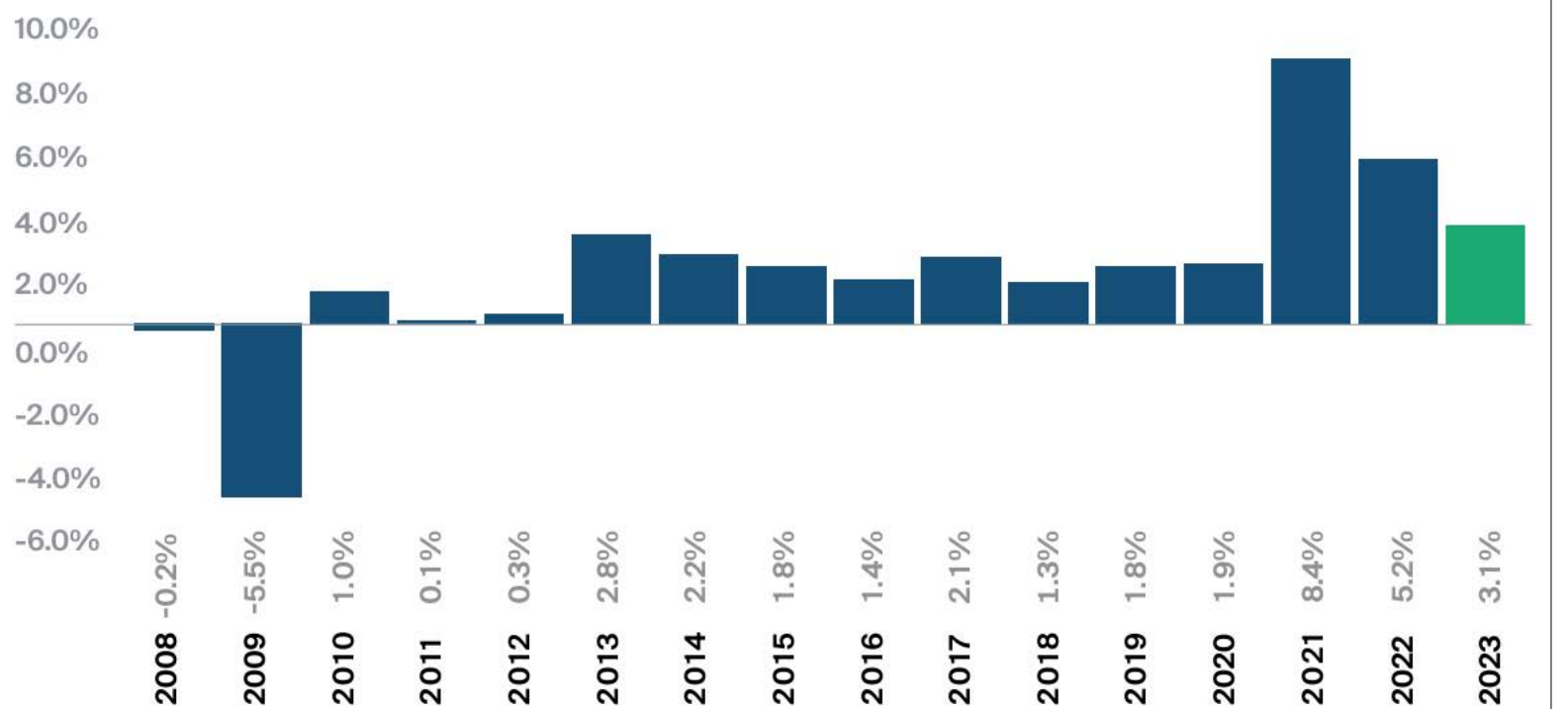
Prime price forecast

Annual % change, 2024



2023 in perspective

Average annual % change across the PIRI 100 markets



AVERAGE ANNUAL CHANGE BY WORLD REGION

AMERICAS ▲ 3.6%

TOP 5
BAHAMAS
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MIAMI

EMEA ▲ 2.6%

TOP 5
ALGARVE
CAPE TOWN
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IBIZA
CYPRUS

ASIA-PACIFIC ▲ 3.8%

TOP 5
MANILA
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EMERGING ▲ 3.2%

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1	▲ 26.3%	MANILA	36	▲ 4.5%	ROME	71	▲ 1.0%	GSTAAD
2	▲ 15.9%	DUBAI	37	▲ 4.2%	DELHI	72	▲ 0.8%	LAUSANNE
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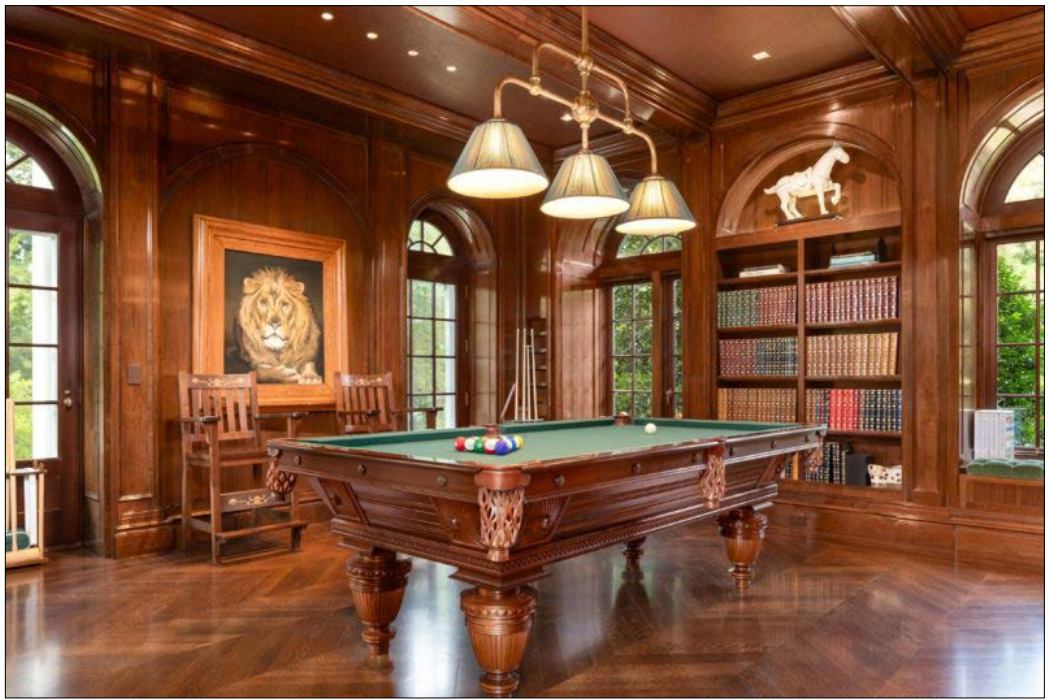
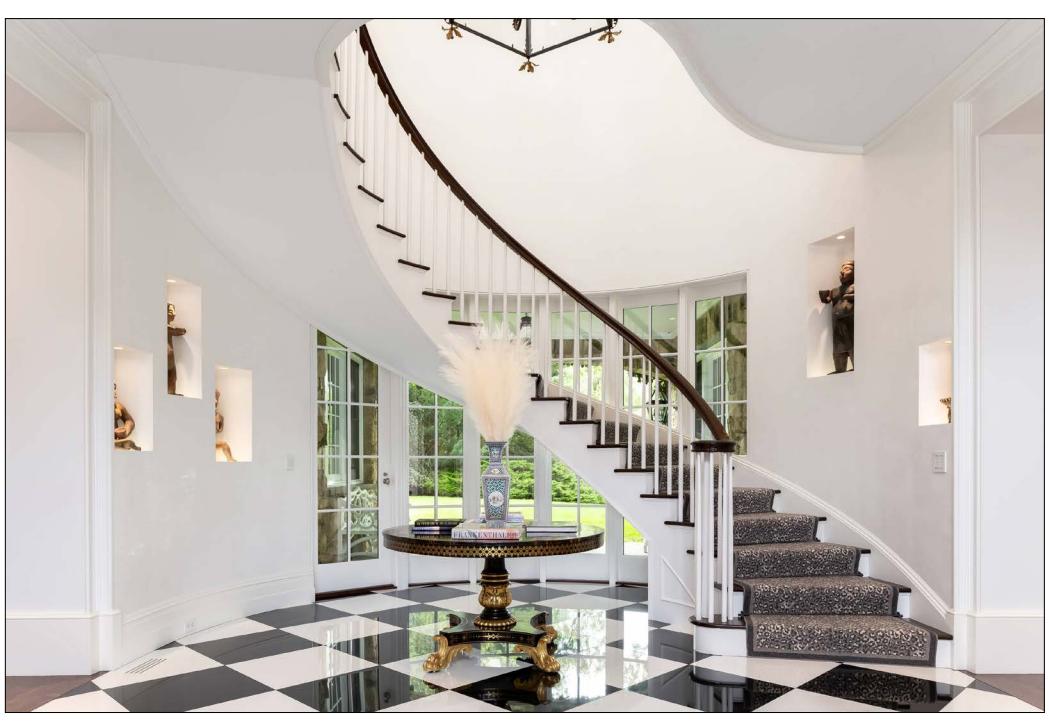
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For Easter, Try a Greek-Style Roast Leg of Lamb



BY KIA TSAKOS HEAVEY

Lamb is a traditional meal to celebrate Easter across many Christian denominations, but Greeks really kick it up a notch. While Greek Orthodox Easter (*Pascha*) falls on May 5 this year, it is usually only a week behind Western Easter.

Traditionally, Greeks roast an entire lamb on a spit over an open fire to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. If you have Greek friends, try to get invited over for Easter dinner. But if you don't, there's no reason why you can't cook up a savory, tangy Greek-style lamb feast for your family and friends!

Greek-Style Roast Leg of Lamb

6-8 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 1 leg of lamb, bone-in, about 7-8 pounds
- 10-12 garlic cloves, cut into slivers
- 3-4 teaspoons salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano*
- Several sprigs fresh rosemary
- 1 cup water
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges

2 onions, cut into 8 wedges (optional)

1/4 cup olive oil

**If you have access to it, Greek oregano is the best. Otherwise, regular oregano is fine.*

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350F.
- Note: You may do steps 2-4 up to one day ahead and refrigerate.*
2. Place the lamb in a roasting pan.
3. Pierce the meat with a sharp knife and insert garlic slivers into the slits.
4. Whisk together the lemon juice and olive oil and pour it over the lamb. Season the lamb all over with the salt, pepper, and oregano.
5. Add the rosemary sprigs and the onions (if using) to the pan. Pour in the water.
6. Cover tightly with foil and bake for 3-4 hours. Meat should be soft and almost falling off the bone.
7. Remove the foil and finish the lamb under the broiler until the crust is golden-brown. This will take 5-10 minutes; keep an eye on it so you don't burn it!
9. Let the meat stand for 20 minutes before serving. Serve with lemon wedges.

Patates Lemonates

(Lemon Potatoes) Approx. 8 servings

INGREDIENTS

5-6 large potatoes (Russet, Yukon Gold, or white, scrubbed, peeled if desired)

3-4 cloves of garlic, minced

1 tablespoon salt

1 teaspoon pepper

1 tablespoon dried oregano

1 teaspoon paprika

1/2 cup olive oil

Juice of 1 lemon

For crispy potatoes: 1/2 cup of chicken or vegetable broth

For saucy potatoes: 2 cups of broth

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 375F.
2. Cut the potatoes into wedges and place them in a large bowl.
3. In a small bowl or cup, whisk together the garlic, salt, pepper, oregano, paprika, olive oil, and lemon.
4. Pour the mixture over the potato wedges and toss to coat. Spread potatoes in a single layer in a baking pan.
5. Add broth to the baking pan. For crispier potatoes, only use 1/2 cup. If you want creamy, saucier potatoes, add 2 cups of broth.
6. Roast the potatoes in the oven for 45 minutes to an hour. Cooking time will depend on the size of the

wedges. For crispy wedges, you may want to turn the potato slices half-way through cooking with a thin spatula. You can even finish the wedges under the broiler for an extra-crispy crust.

VARIATION

If your roasting pan is large enough and you don't need to prepare vegetarian or vegan options, roast the potatoes directly in the pan with the lamb. They will absorb the fat and juices as they cook, becoming unbelievable creamy-soft, rich, and savory.

Tzatziki Sauce

INGREDIENTS

2 cups of plain, strained Greek yogurt (It's important to get the strained kind so it doesn't come out watery. I recommend Fage 5% or 2%.)

1 English cucumber, peeled and shredded with a box grater

Juice of 1/2 lemon and/or 1 teaspoon white vinegar

1 tablespoon good quality olive oil

1/2 cup finely chopped fresh dill

4-5 garlic cloves, peeled and minced

1 teaspoon salt, divided

Freshly ground black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place the shredded cucumber in a sieve and toss with half a teaspoon salt. Allow it to drain into the sink

for 15 minutes, then dump it into a clean dishtowel. Wrap it in the towel and wring it tightly to remove the remaining moisture.

2. To a large mixing bowl, add the garlic, remaining salt, lemon juice/vinegar, and olive oil. Stir to combine.
3. Add the cucumber, yogurt, dill, and a few grinds of black pepper. Stir to combine.
4. Cover and refrigerate 30 minutes to one day before serving. Serve with wedges of pita bread for dipping and as a condiment for the lamb.

Accompaniments

Bowls of marinated Greek olives as well as chunks of feta cheese should be readily available. Don't skimp – get the imported feta. Dodoni or Mt. Vikos are available in most supermarkets, and nothing else tastes like real Greek feta.

A platter of pita bread cut into triangles is a must, toasted or not.

Whip up an easy salad of shredded romaine lettuce, minced dill, a bunch of thin-sliced scallions, and crumbled feta tossed in olive oil and red wine vinegar.

Finally, check with your favorite wine merchant to see if they can provide you with a flavorful Greek red wine to complement the meal!



Lamb shoulder is another cut that works wonderfully for this recipe.



Make plenty of tzatziki and serve it as a dip for appetizers as well as a tangy condiment for the lamb.



Lemon potatoes are easy to make and can be prepared two ways: crispy or creamy and saucy.

SENSORY OVERLOAD

Spring Events

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PANGEA WORLD/JAZZ/FUNK
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Sudoku

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Very Hard

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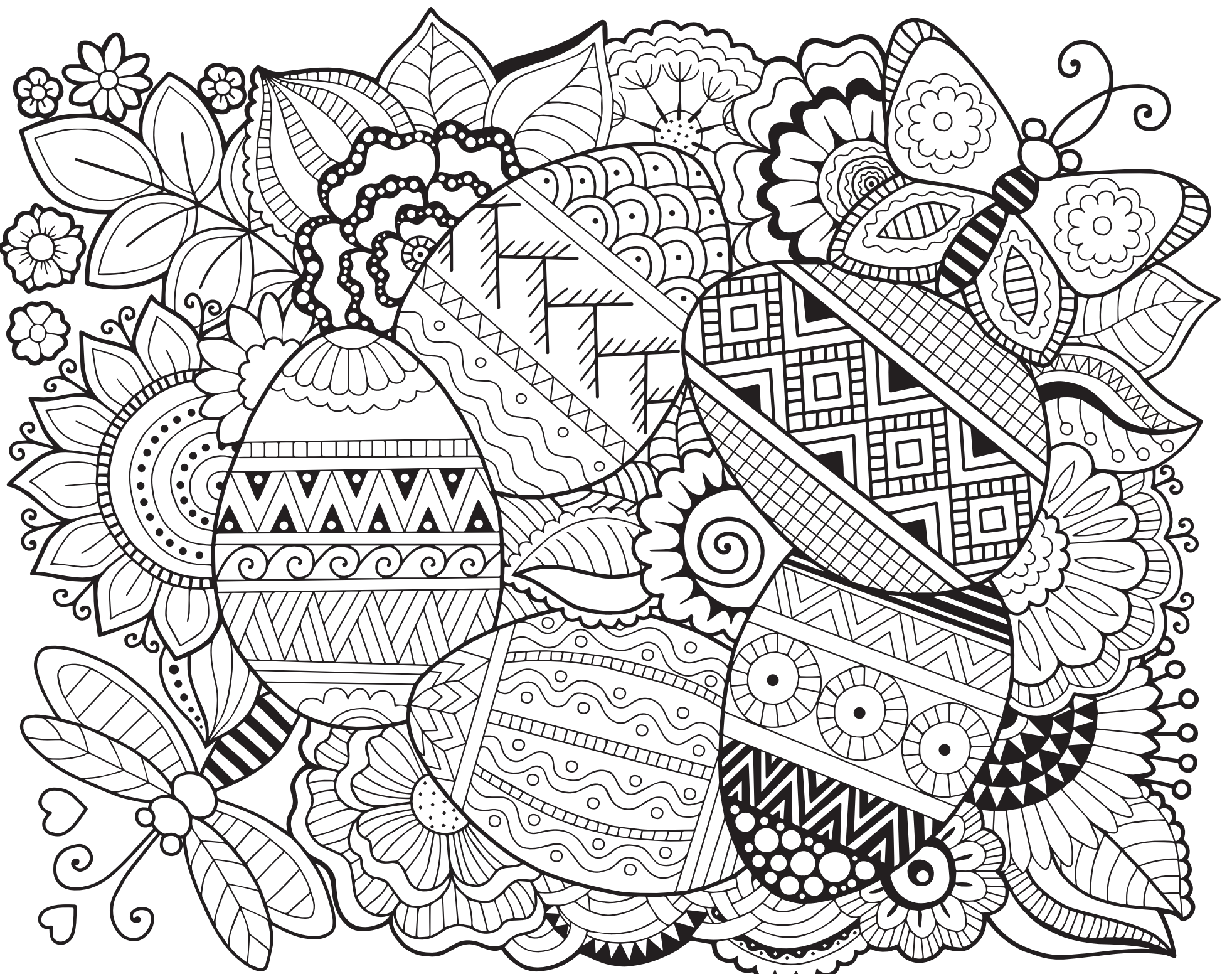
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Very Hard

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COLORING CHALLENGE

Sudoku answers

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Bottom row - Very Hard

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Bottom row - Hard

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

Bottom row - Easy

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Top row - Very Hard

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Top row - Hard

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Top row - Easy

Universal Crossword

Edited by Kelsey Dixon

ACROSS

- 1 Titan with the world on his shoulders
- 6 "Sisters" star ___ Ward
- 10 Instrument showcased in "In the Air Tonight"
- 14 Windy City food served without ketchup
- 16 Six Flags attraction
- 17 Dolly Parton song about workplace injustice
- 18 Grandson of Adam and Eve
- 19 Doc to see for vertigo
- 20 Livid
- 21 ___ cum laude (with great distinction)
- 22 Stout vessels
- 23 Bursting at the ___
- 25 Certain follower of Muhammad
- 28 Phony negroni
- 31 With claws out, say
- 32 Like music that gets you moving
- 33 Second-in-command: Abbr.
- 34 Good name-o for a dog
- 35 Sing loudly
- 36 Downsized living spaces
- 38 Europe's longest river

- 39 Shaved ice treats
 - 40 British equivalent of "y'all"
 - 41 Awards for Audra McDonald
 - 42 Jabba the ___
 - 43 "Luke Cage" actress Woodard
 - 45 "I'm pointing right at it!"
 - 47 "American Auto" network
 - 50 Like 31-Across behavior
 - 51 Like some Girl Scout cookie campaigns
 - 53 Garfield's companion (and frequent victim)
 - 54 Black-and-white dessert with a cherry on top
 - 55 Warriors coach Steve
 - 56 "I love ___" (Marie Kondo quote)
 - 57 Sweet or sour
- DOWN**
- 1 Zits
 - 2 Weak, as an excuse
 - 3 Belly button gunk
 - 4 Snoopy's pilot persona
 - 5 "I'm stuffed" state
 - 6 Living room seats
 - 7 Prune for print

- 8 "As" and "For Once in My Life"
- 9 Grow older
- 10 Had fantasies of
- 11 Sounds familiar
- 12 Japanese noodle used in shabu-shabu
- 13 Plateau relative
- 15 Canyon
- 21 Create
- 22 Across from, diagonally
- 24 Danish shoe brand
- 25 Sings like Betty Carter or Benjamin Crothers
- 26 Invites over
- 27 "The odds are against me!"
- 28 Horse hairs
- 29 "Send me!"
- 30 Sic on

- 32 Bargain shop sometimes called a "Nickel and Ten"
- 34 Skeletal
- 37 Fine-tune
- 38 Remove from office
- 40 Circular dwellings from Central Asia
- 42 Subway fare?
- 43 Wild way to run
- 44 Article's intrigue
- 46 Garden tools
- 47 Nominations
- 48 Cutter, catamaran or canoe
- 49 Indigenous Canadian people
- 51 ___ Toretto ("Fast" franchise protagonist)
- 52 Hand-me-down genes?

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Astrology for Next Week

ARIES

21 March-20 April It is of the utmost importance that you keep things simple over the next few days because if you complicate matters for no good reason you won't know where you are. Yes, this is your time of year but, no, that does not mean it's okay to stop thinking.

TAURUS

21 April-21 May It does not matter if the whole world is against you, if you believe that what you are doing is right then it is. Act quickly and decisively and don't doubt for a moment that you are on the correct track. It is almost impossible for you not to be.

GEMINI

22 May-21 June The Sun in Aries brings group activities to the fore and with charismatic Venus also moving in your favour the group you are now involved with can have only one leader - you. Some people will follow you to the ends of the earth. Others will go even further.

CANCER

22 June-23 July You may have to get tough - especially with people who challenge your authority. Don't make a war of it but do remind those you work alongside that you did not get your seniority by luck; you got it, in part at least, by not suffering fools.

LEO

24 July-23 Aug A change of scene is what you need and with the Sun and Venus transiting the travel area of your chart there is no reason why you should not take a short vacation. Don't worry about whether you can afford to get up and go - you cannot afford not to.

VIRGO

24 Aug-23 Sept The current cosmic setup may be having a depressing effect on your state of mind but it won't last forever, so do what you can to cheer yourself up and don't doubt that tomorrow will be a much better day. The day after that will be better still.

LIBRA

24 Sept-23 Oct With Mercury turning retrograde in your opposite sign you could so easily take what others say the wrong way, leading to bad feelings in both directions. Strive to be positive even when confronted by what appears to be negative news. Chances are it isn't.

SCORPIO

24 Oct-22 Nov You must have faith in your abilities. You must believe you can do anything. You must also - and this is the important bit - avoid getting into a rut, especially on the work front. It may be comfortable where you are but you should be aiming even higher.

SAGITTARIUS

23 Nov-21 Dec The Sun in your fellow Fire sign of Aries will boost your confidence and make it easy for you to be positive. Romantically and creatively this is one of the best times of the year to be a Sagittarius. You will find a way to get whatever you want.

CAPRICORN

22 Dec-20 Jan It is your mind that creates your world but with Mercury, planet of the intellect, seeming to move backwards through the heavens your thought processes are creating a world that is more fantasy than reality. You must get your head out of the clouds.

AQUARIUS

21 Jan-19 Feb You seem to be in a mad rush to get things done, no doubt due to the Sun in hyperactive Aries, but some things take time and, with Mercury moving retrograde, you cannot afford to get them wrong. If you do, you will have to do them all over again.

PISCES

20 Feb-20 March There are some things you can change easily and some things you have to accept as they are, and if you are not sure which is which what happens this week will point you in the right direction. Pay attention - there may be money involved.

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Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker D

ACROSS

- 1. Send away as punishment
- 7. Small, poisonous vipers
- 11. Aural pain
- 12. 1,000 in Paris
- 14. (K) 10-year-old, e.g.
- 15. (K) Hunts
- 16. Bank's savings offering
- 17. California place that starts with Santa
- 19. (K) Insect that builds hills
- 20. (K) What many Christians do on 36-Across
- 24. (K) Ocean relative
- 25. (K) Word of the past
- 26. Firstborn of the bunch
- 28. (K) Large amounts of land
- 31. The "1" in Matthew 2:1
- 32. Grad student's major project

- 34. (K) Cheap metal material
 - 35. Just a little bit
 - 36. (K) What Dec. 25 is
 - 41. Curved path in the sky
 - 42. (K) Have some spaghetti and oysters
 - 43. "___ the only one seeing this?" (2 words)
 - 44. Workbench thing
 - 47. Made sheep sounds
 - 50. Person saying, "Welcome to the company!"
 - 51. Straightest possible pathway
 - 52. (K) Part of a ruler
 - 53. (K) Place with plenty of beach
- DOWN**
- 1. Ballet school handrail
 - 2. "You are in for ___ treat!" (2 words)

- 3. Legendary singer "King" Cole
- 4. (K) Slip-and-fall cause
- 5. Sheep clippers
- 6. Reddish-brown hair dye
- 7. (K) Plug your guitar into this
- 8. (K) "Mister" alternative
- 9. With "crowd," a great entertainer
- 10. Fox's clever trait
- 11. Grand or majestic
- 13. A manor is on it
- 18. (K) Already had the spaghetti and oysters
- 21. (K) Mamas saying "maa"
- 22. Word before "cable" or "training"
- 23. Singing legend from Graceland
- 27. (K) Bike-hitting-a-car-door result

- 28. (K) Fasten with a paper clip
- 29. (K) Brown with the famous dog
- 30. (K) Soccer's "Get out of here!" indicator (2 words)
- 33. (K) The girl with the candy cane
- 34. (K) What all books have
- 37. Jewish synagogue leader
- 38. Bird's morning song
- 39. Change a bill, as in Congress
- 40. (K) One of three on a triangle
- 45. Small RAM unit
- 46. (K) "School" or "historic" starter
- 48. (K) Skinny electric swimmer
- 49. Pie ___ mode (dessert with ice cream)

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?
It looks like a C for carpenter?
Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Previous riddle answer:

Didn't go fast?
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The answers to this week's puzzles can be found in next week's issue.

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

- 1 fancy ceiling light (10)
- 2 removing a shadow (7)
- 3 combines (6)
- 4 painstakingly (9)
- 5 "The Tipping Point" author (8)
- 6 occurrences (10)
- 7 lacking empathy (11)

SOLUTIONS

- _____
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Previous Answers: 1. PRUNE 2. ADORABLE 3. REGRETFUL 4. REPLACEMENT 5. SAFEGUARD 6. PRIDEFUL 7. SUFFICIENT 7/11

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New Canaan Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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TOWN MEETINGS

Friday, March 29

Good Friday- Town Hall CLOSED
 Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00- 8:00 PM.....
 Town Meeting Room
 Tuesday, April 2
 Board of Selectmen, 8:30 AM.....
 Town Meeting Room
 Town Council, 7:00- 9:00 PM.....
 HYBRID/ Town Meeting Room
 Wednesday, April 3
 Housing Authority, 5:30- 7:00 PM.....
 Town Meeting Room
 Parking Commission, 7:00- 8:00 PM.....
 Town Meeting Room
 Thursday, April 4
 Health and Human Services, 8:45- 10:00
 AM..... Town Meeting Room

Friday, March 29

**THERE IS NO SENTINEL COFFEE TODAY
 IN OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY**

Bridge 3.0 with Mike Hess

10:00 AM- 12:00 PM at the Lapham Center
 This is a class for students who have finished Mike's beginning bridge class and those who haven't played in many years and feel they need a refresher. This class will continue to cover the basics with more practice playing hands. Limited to 12.

Robert Guitar Guy Kids Concert

10:00- 10:30 AM at the New Canaan Library
 Join Robert the Guitar Guy as he plays some favorite kids' songs for 30 minutes of fun! Best for families with children ages 5 and under!

3-5's Storytime

10:30- 11:15 AM at the New Canaan Library
 Kontulis Family Storytime Room

Saturday, March 30

Last Saturday on the Train: Ribbit Rhapsody

10:00- 11:00 AM at NCLT's Still Pond- Fowler Entrance
 Join Sarah Breznen, the Director of Education at the Woodcock Nature Center, for a spring amphibian walk! Walk the trail at Still Pond to the chorus of wood frogs and spring peepers.

Stories and Crafts for Ages 2 and 3 Years

10:30- 11:15 AM at the New Canaan Library

Swiftie Dance Clinic

2:30 PM at HALO, New Canaan
 Calling all kids ages 6-11: Join the Swiftie Dance Clinic! This exciting six-week program is designed for kids who love Taylor Swift's music.

Easter Vigil

8:00 PM at Saint Aloysius Parish

Sunday, March 31

Easter Service and Celebration

7:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan
 Attend a sunrise service at 7 AM followed by 8 AM breakfast, or attend the 10:00 AM worship service and celebrate Easter with an Easter Egg hunt at 11:30 AM!

Family Easter Potluck Breakfast

8:30 AM at Grace Community Church
 Start your Easter morning with the Grace Community Church community. Enjoy donuts, muffins, bagels, and coffee and bring something yummy to share. Sign up online at www.gracecommunity.info.

Easter Celebration

9:00 AM at North Stamford Community Church
 Families can attend an Easter Sunday service followed by an Easter Breakfast, egg hunt, and candy drop from the church bell tower. Special activities will be offered for kids in grades K-5.

Yoga for Everybody

9:00- 10:00 AM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
 Classes are open to students of all levels and offer accessible alignment principles and biomechanics from which students can be playful, explore their creative potential, heal, and transform.

Jubilant Sunday, Calypso and Reggae Music

3:00 PM at Sensory Overload Art Space, 84 Main Street
 City Lights' Bridgeport Art Trail takes a detour,

bringing a blast of its diverse and eclectic art and music to New Canaan. Attend a Jubilant Sunday of Calypso + Reggae music with Luke Rodney and Tambulatay band, March 31, 3-5 pm, view art, enjoy music.

Monday, April 1

Watercolor Class

10:00 AM at the Lapham Center
 Learn the importance of materials and water control, while exploring techniques such as working wet on wet, layering, and dry brushing. Tiffany McKay provides demonstrations and offers individual attention with easy examples to follow.

Stories, Songs, and Senses for Ages 12-36 Months

10:00- 10:45 AM at the New Canaan Library

Balance and Posture for Fall Prevention with Ellen

10:00 AM at the Lapham Community Center
 This program is designed to decrease the risk of falling and improve upper and lower body strength. You must be able to stand on one foot with the support of a chair. Strength training with light weights included.

Advanced Bridge with Mike Hess

10:00 AM- 12:00 PM at the Lapham Center
 For Intermediate/ Advanced players. \$96 for the 8 week-session.

French Revolution with Mark Albertson

10:30 AM- 12:00 PM at the Lapham Center
 Join Mark Albertson for a course on the French Revolution.

Blood Pressure Clinic

11:15- 12:15 PM at the Lapham Center
 Bethany Zaro, RN, MPH, Director of Human Services, will provide blood pressure testing. Call 203-594-3620 to schedule an appointment.

Fit for Life with Mike

12:00 PM at the Lapham Center
 This class focuses on upper, lower, and core muscle strength while emphasizing posture and balance. Participants use their own body weight and stretch bands in a power circuit of exercises. This class integrates elements of sports conditioning, yoga, and Pilates. It is a dynamic and safe program, and every aspect is scalable to almost any fitness level.

String Quartets of Beethoven, Life and Music of Haydn and Mozart

2:30 PM at the Lapham Community Center
 Professor Greenberg leads attendees in an exploration of famous composers.

Bestselling Author Jeanette Walls Presents Her Latest Novel, Hang the Moon

6:30- 8:00 PM at the New Canaan Library
 New Canaan Library welcomes author Jeannette Walls, speaking about her latest hit novel, Hang the Moon, which tells the tale of an indomitable young woman, and is set in rural Virginia during the Prohibition era.

Tuesday, April 2

Nautical Narratives with Art Gottlieb

10:00 AM at the Lapham Center
 Art Gottlieb returns to explore the rich U.S. naval history. This session will focus on the USS Missouri. Free.

The Art of Drawing

10:00 AM at the Lapham Center
 Learn to see and measure space using proportions and relationships to articulate form, using still life and figure drawing. Taught by Jeanne McDonagh, all levels are welcome. \$80/ person.

Book Babies ~Walkers (12-23 months)

10:30-11:00 AM at the New Canaan Library

Fresh Air Fund Information Session

11:00 AM- 12:30 PM at the New Canaan Library
 The Fresh Air Fund: Give the Gift of a Summer Vacation to a City Child This Summer! The organization is seeking volunteer host families who would be willing to open their hearts and homes to give New York City children an experience they'll never forget. Children ages 8-14 stay for one week and are eager to experience the summer life our community has to offer.

"The Orientalists"

1:00 PM at the Lapham Center
 Experts Tom Davies and Nick Ranieri teach a six-part course on Western Artists in Arabia, the Sahara, Persia, and India. Free.

Life Drawing Evening

6:00 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
 The session will be full-figure and clothed, starting with short gestures and building up to one long pose or larger pose. Leave your harsh critique at the door and you will surprise yourself by using a playful but observant mindset. Vanessa will be on hand to guide you through some exercises that can loosen you up and find new ways of seeing. Carriage Barn

Members & Students \$15 / Non-members \$25

Don Winslow Discusses his Final Novel, "City in Ruins"

6:30-7:30 PM at the New Canaan Library
 Award winning and New York Times bestselling Don Winslow comes to New Canaan Library to speak about his work, and introduce his latest and final novel, City in Ruins. Mr. Winslow will be participating in an audience Q&A and signing copies of his novel.

She Cares Circle

6:30- 7:45 PM on Zoom
 Join a cohort of high schoolers passionate about teen mental health and get ready to help shape the future of She Cares! Virtual meetings will be held Tuesdays from March 12- May 2.

Wednesday, April 3

Book Babies ~Walkers (12-23 months)

9:15- 10:00 AM at the New Canaan Library

Book Babies ~Pre- Walkers (0-12 months)

10:45-11:30 AM at the New Canaan Library

First Look at the Whitney Biennial: Guided Tour

11:30 AM- 1:00 PM at the Whitney Museum of Art
 The Whitney Biennial—a showcase of what's new in American art—returns to the Whitney for its eighty-first installment which opens on March 20, 2024.

Neighbor to Neighbor Annual Spring Luncheon

11:45 AM- 2:00 PM at the Greenwich Country Club- 19 Doubling Road

Please join Neighbor to Neighbor for our Spring Luncheon featuring Lydia Fenet! Lydia Fenet is the founder and CEO of the Lydia Fenet Agency, a boutique agency representing best-in-class charity auctioneers.

Demystifying Medicare: A Lunch and Learn with Dr. Ronald Kahan

12:00 PM at the Lapham Center
 Join physician and expert Dr. Ronald Kahan for a stimulating discussion about how to navigate the options, enrollment, care, and coverage of the Medicare system. Registration required.

Ukulele Lessons with Uncle Zac

12:00- 2:30 PM at the Lapham Community Center
 Uncle Zac, the "Uke guy", a local ukulele

performer and teacher who has played the uke for 50 years, will teach a variety of chords, techniques, and songs. The beginner class (12:00- 1:00 PM) is for those with little or no experience. If you need a uke, Uncle Zac will bring one for you to borrow. The player class (1:20- 2:30 PM) is for those who have experience playing a ukulele.

3-5's Storytime

1:30- 2:15 PM at the New Canaan Library

Billiards with Mike Bacon

2:00 PM at the Lapham Center
 If you're looking to have some fun, learn to play pool, or just play a game or two for enjoyment. Stop by for a lesson or game with Mike!

CARES Crafts Club for Grades K-2

4:15- 5:00 at the New Canaan Library

Thursday, April 4

Free Medicare Counseling

By Appointment at the Lapham Community Center
 Dick Neville is a Medicare counselor trained by CHOICES, the State of Connecticut program. If you are turning 65, he can guide you through the Medicare process and answer questions about Medicare. These sessions are offered free of charge to New Canaan residents and Town employees. Call 203-594-3620 to schedule your appointment. No drop-ins please.

The Rise and Fall of the British Empire

9:15 AM at the Lapham Center
 Ned Monaghan leads a discussion on the rise and fall of the British Empire. \$20.

Acrylic Painting Class

10:00 AM at the Lapham Center
 Althea Ericsson will help you strengthen your painting fundamentals as you take your artwork to the next level. She will guide you through the fundamentals of composition, portraiture, color values, and perspective, while you discuss other artists and their styles. All levels welcome.

STAR Inc. Annual Speakers Luncheon Featuring Brandi Chastain

10:30 AM- 2:00 PM at the Country Club of New Canaan
 Tickets on sale now for STAR, Inc. 10th Annual Speakers Luncheon and Spring Shopping Boutique Featuring Guest Speaker—Brandi Chastain Renowned U.S. Soccer Hall of Famer,

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Woodcarving

12:30 PM at the Lapham Center
Join Dennis Taylor to explore the time-honored craft of woodcarving. Free.

Quiz Game Book Group for Grades 4-6

5:00- 6:00 PM at the New Canaan Library

Social Media and Your Kids

7:00 PM at Saxe Middle School Auditorium
Max Stossel provides insights on how technology and social media influence today's youth. In partnership with New Canaan CARES, New Canaan Public Schools, New Canaan Country School, and St. Luke's School.

Friday, April 5

Coffee and Conversation

8:30 AM at the Lapham Community Center
Join the New Canaan Sentinel team for coffee, community, and conversation.

Bridge 3.0 with Mike Hess

10:00 AM- 12:00 PM at the Lapham Center
This is a class for students who have finished Mike's beginning bridge class and those who haven't played in many years and feel they need a refresher. This class will continue to cover the basics with more practice playing hands. Limited to 12.

3-5's Storytime

10:30- 11:15 AM at the New Canaan Library

Movies at Noon: Past Lives

12:00 PM at the Lapham Center
Join the Lapham Center for a free movie. This week's film is: Past Lives 1h 46m. Childhood friends, Nora and Hae Sung, are separated when Nora's family emigrates from South Korea. Decades later they are reunited for one fateful week. IMDb 7.9/10.

Sustainable Systems Tour

1:00 PM at Grace Farms
Follow Grace Farms' facility experts for a rare glimpse of the 55 geothermal wells and other systems integral to keeping the River building – one of the only buildings in Connecticut with a double LEED certification – efficient, comfortable, and sustainable. This event is rain or shine.

Saturday, April 6

Faces and Places: Street Photography Workshop

10:30 AM- 2:00 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Join award-winning photographer Butch Quick for a special Street Photography Workshop in New York City. Butch will share his insights about shooting "faces & places" with the urban backdrop of New York City. Following the workshop, participants will have the opportunity to get together again for an in-person group critique session at the Carriage Barn.

Yoga and Movement with Pilin Anice

10:30 AM- 12:00 PM at Grace Farms
Attend a movement class designed for all levels. Each class emphasizes a different characteristic of wellness in movement and tea.

DIY Microscopes with ASML for Grades 4-8

11:00 AM- 12:00 PM in the Anderson MakerLab at the New Canaan Library
Join friends from ASML, one of the world's leading manufacturers of chip-making equipment with a location in Wilton, CT to learn what microchip manufacturing and microscopes have in common. You'll be making pocket-size microscopes with Foldscope kits and learning how to take images with our project. Your Foldscope will go home with you! For students in grades 4-8.

Swiftie Dance Clinic

2:30 PM at HALO, New Canaan
Calling all kids ages 6-11: Join the Swiftie Dance Clinic! This exciting six-week program is designed for kids who love Taylor Swift's music.

Conversations in Architecture: A River of Glass

3:00-5:30 PM at Grace Farms
Grace Farms Architecture advisor Toshihiro Oki and Michael Ra, Founding Principal at Front Inc. discuss architectural glass. Conversation is from 3:00- 4:00 PM with a member reception from 4:30- 5:30 PM.

GetAbout Spring Fundraiser

6:30- 11:00 PM at the Country Club of New Canaan
GetAbout was founded in 1980, please attend a festive evening to celebrate all that it has done for the residents of New Canaan over the last 40-plus years. Dinner, Dancing and Silent Auction Saturday, April 6, 2024 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM The Country Club of New Canaan

Tickets \$150 per person. \$130 for seniors.

Alice in Wonderland Opens

7:00 PM at New Canaan Country School- 635 Frogtown Road, New Canaan
Embark on a magical journey with Rising Stars Performing Arts as talented student actors in Grades 1-5 bring Alice in Wonderland to life! General admission tickets available at \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors, and \$20 for students. Don't miss this captivating 40-minute performance that promises to transport you to a fantastical Wonderland!

Sunday, April 7

Open-ended Art Exploration with Barbara Rucci

12:00- 2:00 PM at the New Canaan Library
Families can drop in to come make art with Barbara Rucci! We will have 3 different art stations where you can explore your creativity. No registration needed, this is a drop-in program. This program is designed for children to explore materials and ideas on their own.

Filling in the Blanks- Unite to Fight 5K

7:30- 11:30 AM at Waveny Park
Let's outrun childhood hunger! Sign up today for Filling in the Blanks' Unite to Fight 5K. Kids Fun Run 8:15 a.m., 5K Run/Walk 8:45 a.m. To elevate your commitment to the cause, register as a fundraiser and spread community awareness of our mission.

SAVE THE DATE

April 11

Spring into Summer Entertaining Fete

4:00 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
Come mix and mingle with the area's top event professionals at this popular Spring into Summer Entertaining Fete returning this April, hosted by All Sett up and The Vintage Horse in partnership with the Carriage Barn. Enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and live music while getting fresh ideas for your next party or celebration. Meet Caterers, Florists, Designers, Photographers, Stationery designers and more to be inspired with creative ideas for your event.

The Fund for Women and Girls: An Evening Together

5:30- 7:30 PM at Greenwich Country Club, 19 Doubling Road
Join us for our 26th annual celebration to illuminate the change you've sparked. Come together for cocktails and conversation, hear stories of the lives you've touched, and be inspired by our keynote speaker, legendary broadcast journalist Jane Pauley. Proceeds will benefit The Fund for Women & Girls Programs – including the new Black Maternal Health Initiative and the emme coalition. Visit <https://givebutter.com/FWGCelebration2024> for more information, to purchase tickets or to make a donation.

Spring Awakening Dinner

6:30- 9:00 PM at 31 Vittit Street, New Canaan
The Connecticut Women's Club invites you to the Invite-Only Connection Dinner. Find yourself inspired and empowered by this curated group of women. Discover new collaborations and opportunities through sharing and warmth, and experience a spring awakening to begin the season ahead. Limited to 20 women, Ticket price includes dinner, drinks, gift + experience. Dinner provided by Kinney Lane.

April 12

Spring Garden-to-Table Dinner

6:30- 8:00 PM at Grace Farms
Experience a delicious meal prepared by Grace Farms culinary team highlighting fresh produce and herbs harvested from the Grace Farms garden. Master Gardener Lauren Elliot and Pastry Chef and Educator Leah Jones will introduce the meal and provide helpful tips on how to select, grow, and extend the life of local produce.

April 15

The Glass House Tour Season Begins and Shigeru Ban: Paper Log House Opens

11:00 AM at the Glass House
75th Anniversary season opening: Tickets for the 2024 season are available now! We look forward to your visit. Glass House 75th Anniversary Tour season opening April 15- December 15th. Tour season opens with tours running Thursday – Monday. Shigeru Ban: The Paper Log House at The Glass House marks the first time in six years that the innovative house will be on display in North America. The exhibit will remain on display through the upcoming tour season, April 15 – December 15th, 2024.

April 20

Earth Day Celebration

11:00 AM at Grace Farms
Spend time connecting with the natural world. Guests are invited to explore all corners of

Grace Farms' natural landscape as well as participate in activities including discussions with experts like Kimberly Kelly and Lauren Elliot, encounters with rescued animals from the Animal Embassy, and create Nature-Inspired Artmaking with Arts initiative Curator Pamela Ruggio.

April 26

Alice in Wonderland Opens!

8:00 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre
The Town Players of New Canaan present the Manhattan Project's version of Lewis Carroll's classic under the direction of André Gregory.

ABC New Canaan's 50th Anniversary Gala

6:30- 9:30 PM at the Hyatt Regency Greenwich
ABC New Canaan's 50th Anniversary Gala.

Horizon's Greatest Hits Benefit

6:00 PM at Horizons at NCCS Athletics and Wellness Center
Horizons at NCCS is celebrating sixty years! Get ready to dance the night away at this community event that will include cocktails, dinner, dancing, and a live auction to raise program funds for Horizons at NCCS.

BLOOD DRIVES in lower Fairfield County and surrounding counties:

Saturday, March 30

New Canaan Library
151 Main Street
New Canaan, CT 06840

10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Monday, April 1

Greenwich Reform Synagogue
92 Orchard Street

Cos Cob, CT 06807

1:30- 6:30 PM

Greenwich Blood Donation Center

99 Indian Field Road

Greenwich, CT 06830

11:00 AM- 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 2

Norwalk Inn

99 East Avenue

Norwalk, CT 06851

8:00 AM- 1:30 PM

Greenwich Blood Donation Center

99 Indian Field Road

Greenwich, CT 06830

11:00 AM- 7:00 PM

Masonic Temple Lodge

210 Post Road East

Westport, CT 06880

10:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Wednesday, April 3

Holy Spirit Church

403 Scofieldtown Road

Stamford, CT 06903

12:15- 5:15 PM

Thursday, April 4

Boy's & Girl's Club of Stamford

347 Stillwater Ave

Stamford, CT 06902

8:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Friday, April 5

United Church of Rowayton

210 Rowayton Ave.

Norwalk, CT 06853

11:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Support Services/Meetings NEW CANAAN

Friday, March 29

Fridays at 7:30 AM

AA Speaker Meeting, Wheelchair Access

Congregational Church of New Canaan

23 Park St, New Canaan

Saturday, March 30

Saturdays at 9:15 a.m.

AA Meeting-Sober Citizens Group

First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Rd., New Canaan

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

AA Meeting-Laundry and Dry Cleaning Group

First Presbyterian Group

178 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan

Monday, April 1

Mondays at 12 p.m.

Adult Child Al-Anon Meeting

St. Mark's Church, Youth Room

111 Oenoke Ridge Rd., New Canaan

Mondays at 7:30 a.m.

AA Meeting, Wheelchair Access

Congregational Church of New Canaan

23 Park St, New Canaan

Tuesday, April 2

Tuesdays at 12 p.m.

Adult Child Alanon Meeting

St. Mark's Parish House, Conf. Room

111 Oenoke Ridge Rd., New Canaan

Wednesday, April 3

Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.

AA Step Meeting, Wheelchair Access

Congregational Church of New Canaan

23 Park St, New Canaan

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Al-Anon Parent's & Newcomer's Mtg.

Silver Hill, Jorgenson House

208 Valley Rd., New Canaan

Thursday, April 4

Thursdays at 7:30 a.m.

AA Big Book Meeting, Wheelchair Access,

Congregational Church of New Canaan

23 Park St, New Canaan

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

New Canaan Parent Support Group

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

New Canaan

Friday, April 5

Fridays at 7:30 AM

AA Speaker Meeting, Wheelchair Access

Congregational Church of New Canaan

23 Park St, New Canaan

Saturday, April 6

Saturdays at 9:15 a.m.

AA Meeting-Sober Citizens Group

First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Rd., New Canaan

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

AA Meeting-Laundry and Dry Cleaning Group

First Presbyterian Group

178 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan

Our Neighbors

March 30

Firdaus Fashions

11:00 AM at the Hilton Garden Inn, 560 Main Avenue, Norwalk, CT

Attend a trunk show featuring the latest Collection of Anarkali, Gown, Gharara Suits, Palazzo Suits, Lengha, Saari, Readymade blouse, Men's wear, Kid's wear, Kurti's, Jewelry, & many more Accessories.

Pianist Margarita Rovenskaya Performs Dvorak

2:30 PM at Fish Church, 1101 Bedford Street, Stamford, CT

The Connecticut State Music Teachers Association, Shari Weisz and the DARO Foundation present renowned pianist Margarita Rovenskaya in a FREE lecture-recital of music from Czech composers Dvorak, Janacek, and Smetana. For more information visit the CSMTA website (CSMTA.org).

An Evening with Lydia Johnson Dance

7:30 PM at the Darien Arts Center, Darien, CT
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April 5

Grand Opening Event

9:00 AM at 5 River Road, Wilton CT
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"Pairings" Tastings from Around the World

6:30 PM at the Tomes- Higgins House, 216 East Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT
Attend a special Friday evening with 6 Wine Distributors representing vineyards from around the world. Upon arrival, you will be presented with your Passport for your Pairings journey, providing wine and cheese details and the ability to purchase your favorite offerings. Also enjoy a dining table full of ham, turkey, and nibbles, while you socialize, learn, and compare notes.

April 6

Fairfield Penguin Plunge

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM at Jennings Beach, 880 S. Benson Road, Fairfield, CT

Join Special Olympics Connecticut and jump into the icy waters, uniting for an unforgettable experience that goes beyond the chill. It's not just a plunge; it's a celebration of inclusivity, athleticism, and the power of community. All proceeds go towards Special Olympics Connecticut.

THE COMPETITION

Judged by JOE DAWSON

Calling all sophisticates, literary snobs, savants, aficionados, and our cleverest Sentinel readers!

Enter our weekly Competition and match wits with your neighbors in the Sentinel community. Simply read the prompt below, come up with a clever example, and email your entry to the erudite Mr. Dawson for consideration. This competition is meant to be irreverent and funny.

THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION: Resurrections

PROMPT

Name a thing that is defunct but can find new life as something else.

EXAMPLES

That baking experiment failure that can be used as a doorstop.

That disasterous relationship that has become an exceptional learning experience.

A pile of maxed out credit cards creatively upcycled into guitar picks.

ENTER! PSEUDONYMS WELCOME! Be IRREVERENT. Enter as many times as you like.

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Submit your entries by email to: Dawson@GreenwichSentinel.com. **Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, April 4, 2024**

Winners will be announced in the April 12 issue of *The Sentinel*.

The Competition is exclusively for readers of the print or digital editions of The Sentinel and is not available on our website.



WINNERS OF THE MARCH 8 COMPETITION

A new line of swimwear

PROMPT

Mr. Dawson is looking for just the right name for his new line of swimwear. Please send suggestions.

WINNER

Zeena Hine

Teen/Tween Terror Wear: Inspired by social media, these suits are guaranteed to traumatize parents. Girls, if you are willing to risk losing the investment you've made with your babysitting money, these are sure to have the effect you want on your parents when they confiscate these tiny swimsuits.

RUNNER UP

Erica Blair

The Greenwich: an extensive line of elegant one piece bathing suits in various shades of green because that is the only color Hartford says we can use.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Mark Van Buren

Sunsetter: Incredibly versatile swimwear takes you from the beach to the bar!

Arlene Mark

Barely Here and There Bikinis: Buy Before they Disappear

Erica Blair

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Anonymous

Stubble Disclosure

Kitty McAllen

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IN NEXT WEEK'S SENTINEL

Winners of the March 22 Competition:

Happy Spring Haiku



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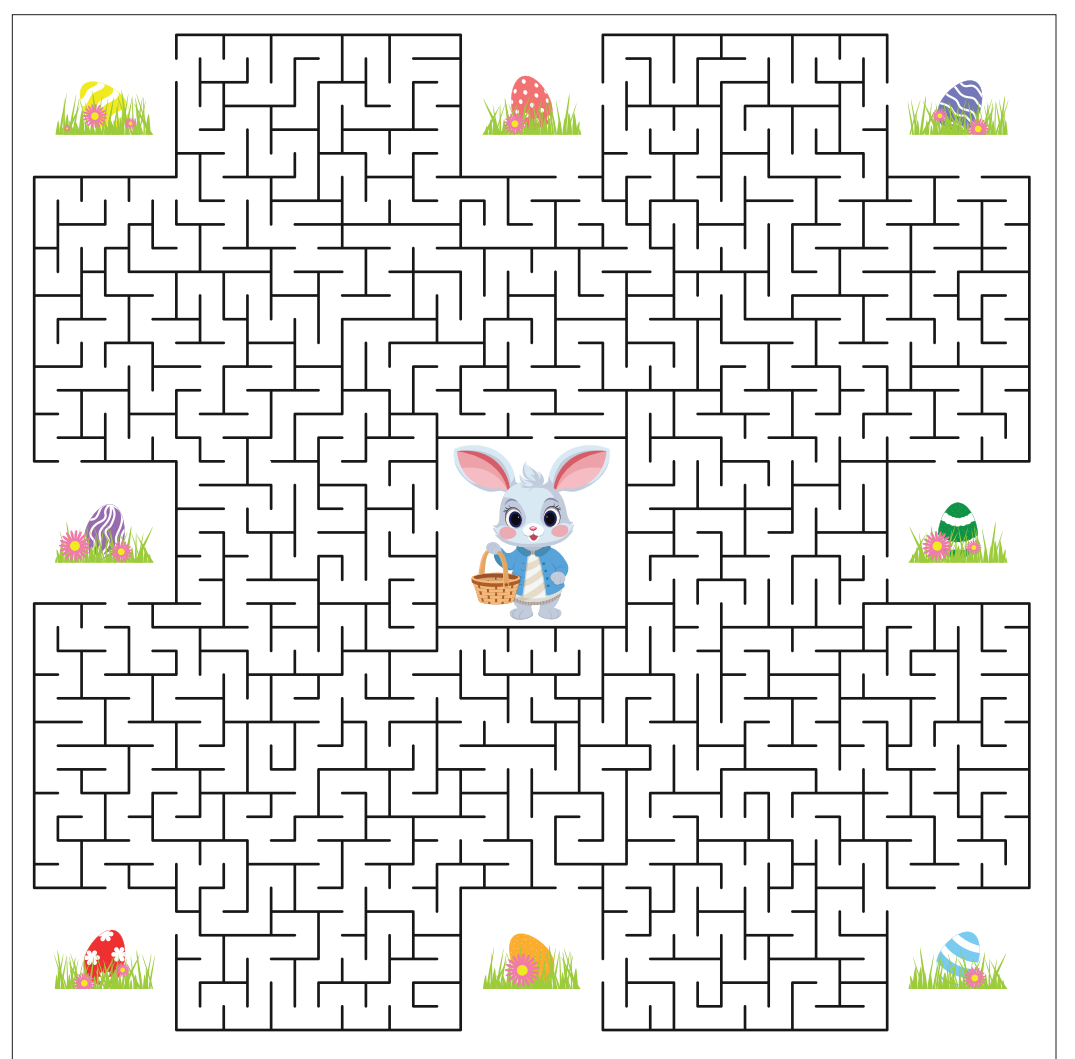
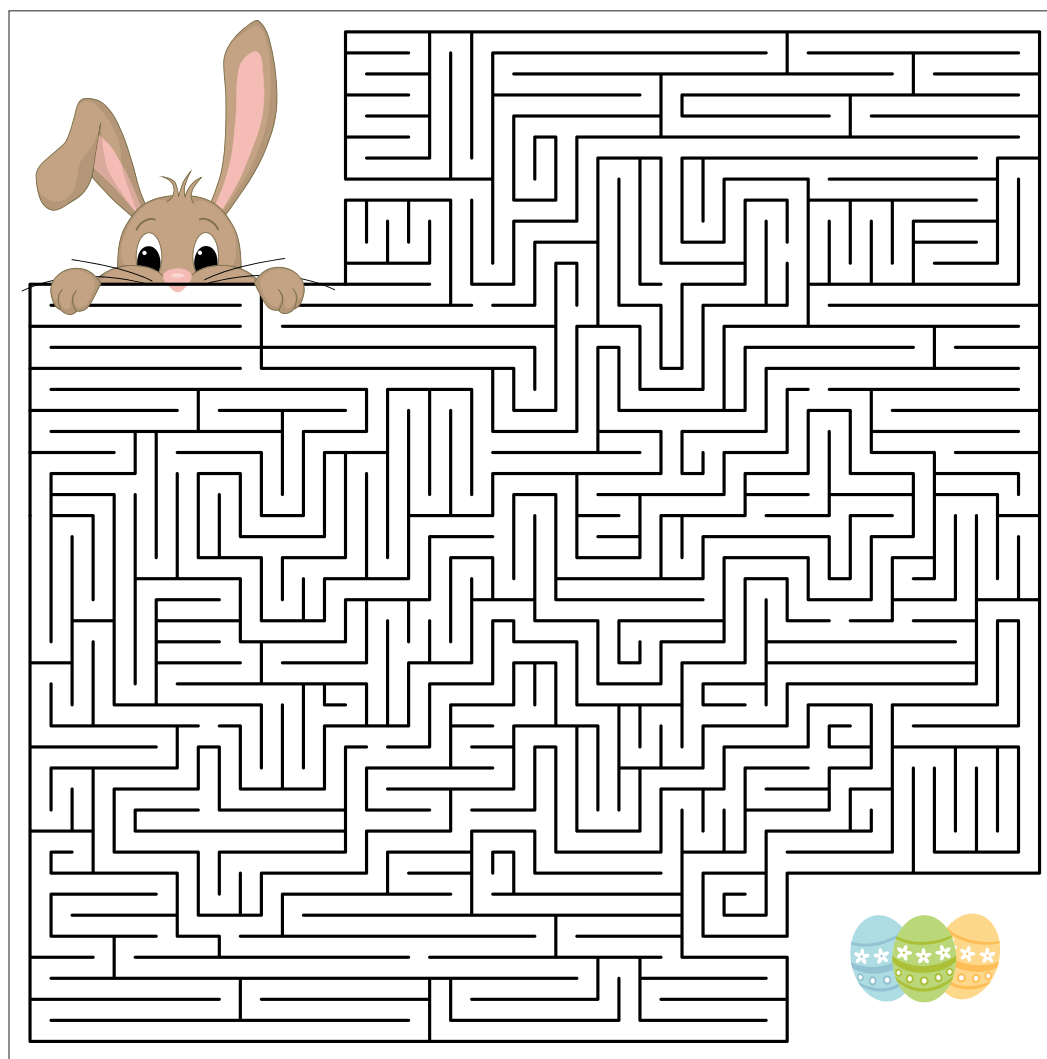
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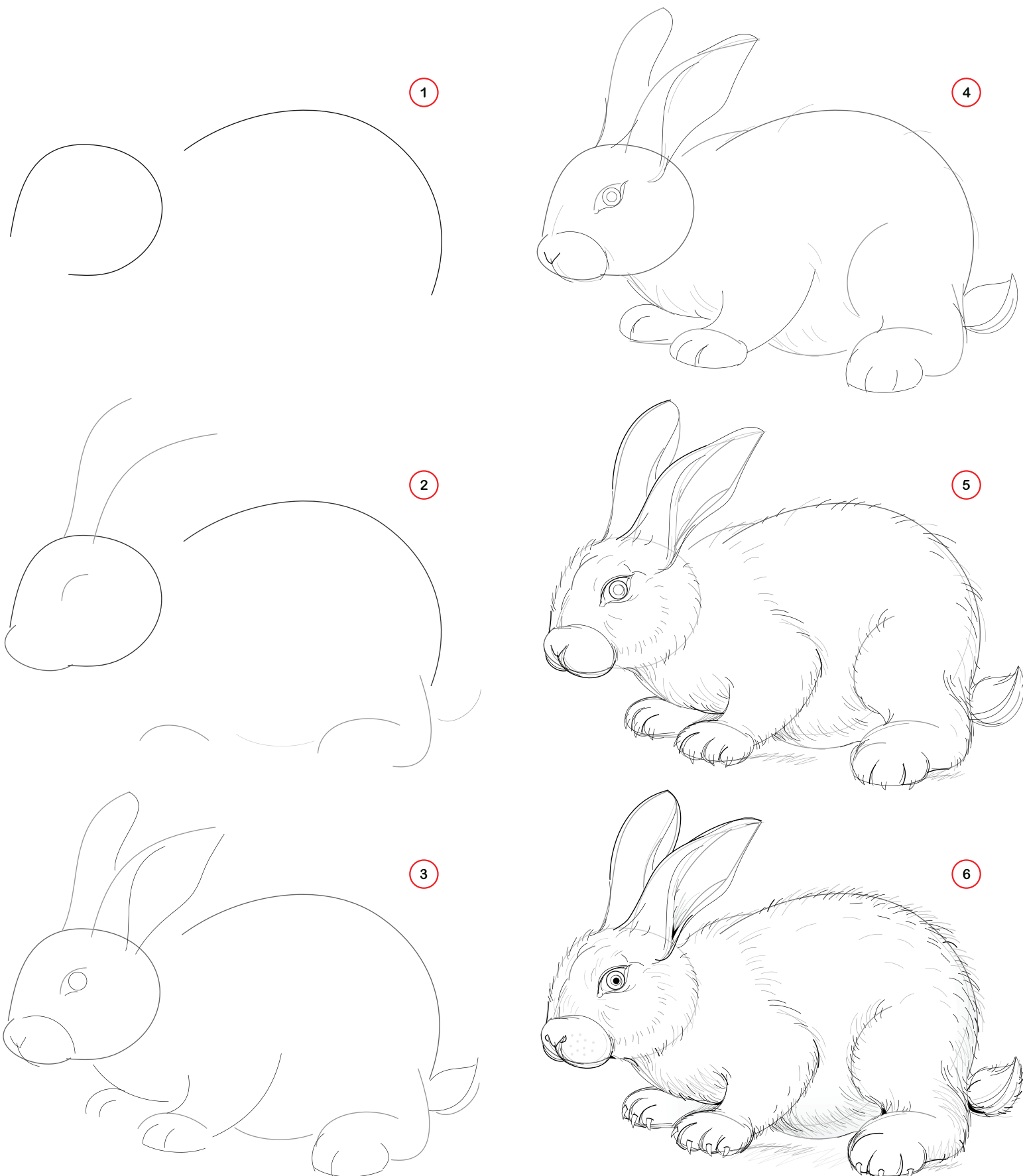
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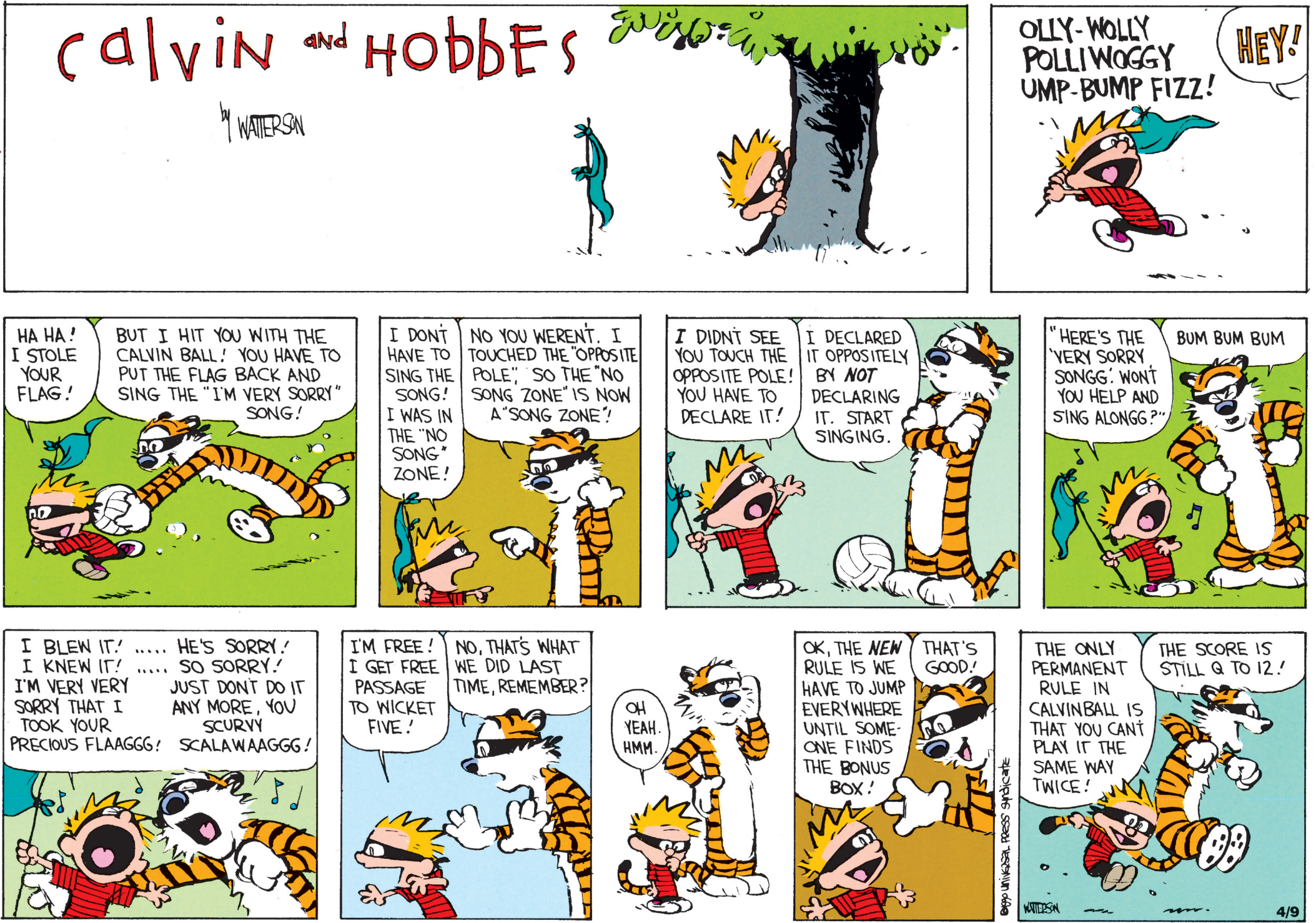
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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE NEW ENGLAND COTTONTAIL

Happy Easter Little Cottontail

By JIM KNOX

Perhaps no animal is more synonymous with spring than the rabbit. Throughout recorded history, it has served as both harbinger and metaphor for the season of life, renewal and growth. Though active year 'round, rabbits breed, reproduce and flourish with the coming of the spring season.

To most, the rabbit is a generic creature identified across cultures by its small brown body, long ears and hind legs, and overall adorable appearance. A closer look in our own backyard reveals a creature which deserves special attention, and even study.

If you ask most Connecticut residents the identity of the cute bunnies doing their utmost to eat the contents of their gardens, they'd identify the "Cottontail" as the culprit. They'd be right, at least generally. But there is more to this little beast than a casual glance may render.

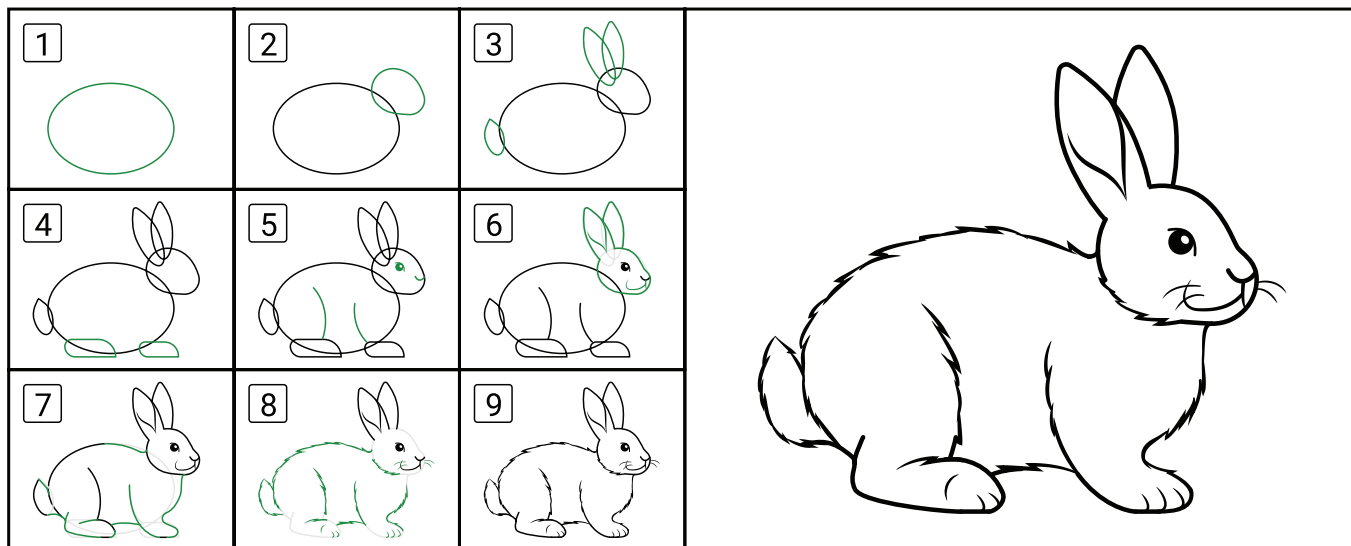
The Eastern Cottontail Rabbit, *Sylvilagus floridanus*, is abundant throughout Connecticut, and does indeed make return trips to Fairfield County's all-you-can-eat suburban salad bar. This is the species we see grazing along the green shoulders of the Merritt Parkway and zipping into hedgerows at the slightest approach. Yet, despite its familiarity and seeming omnipresence, this creature is no native New Englander.

That distinction is owned by its discrete, more reclusive cousin. The New England Cottontail, *Sylvilagus transitionalis*, is the only rabbit native to Connecticut, New England and neighboring New York. It was the rabbit known to English colonists as a coney, and is thought to have inspired the name Coney Island, for its great abundance on the island in the 1600's and 1700's.

While this native New England rabbit was uniquely adapted to the habitats and natural habitat succession of New England, development and land practices altered the landscape. With the introduction of the more adaptable Eastern Cottontail from other regions of the country in the early 1900's, the native found itself with stiff competition for limited resources.



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Closer scrutiny reveals two distinct creatures. The New England Cottontail is a creature of forests, specifically transitional forests, known as thickets. Naturally, these occur in the aftermath of forest fires, floods and severe storms. These rabbits thrive in the dense cover of these regrowth areas. They rarely stray far from that cover

and their eyesight is designed to detect potential predators at close range.

The Eastern Cottontail, by contrast, is a creature of open spaces. They prefer grasslands and meadows, as well as their manicured counterparts such as parks, lawns and golf courses. In short, they were practically designed for suburbia.

While these close-cousin species share excellent hearing, sense of smell and swiftness of foot, one key adaptation makes a world of difference—eyesight. With eyes approximately 50% larger than their thicket-dwelling cousins, Eastern Cottontails hold the advantage in human-altered New England. With such distance vision, they

can venture further from cover to access plentiful grasses while still tracking potential predators from a safe range. Likewise, they are the look-alike cousins who invade our gardens and scurry under our fence lines.

Though both species are approximately 14-19 inches in length and up to 2.5 pounds in weight, the unique traits of the

New England Cottontail include: smaller ears, fine black fur lines along the edges of those ears and a black star at the crown of the head. Sadly, these specialists have lost approximately 85% of their home range in New England and they need our help.

Thankfully, there is hope for their recovery. Study has revealed no evidence the species are hybridizing, and there are those who are coming to the aid of their wild neighbors in need. Through programs like the Young Forest Habitat Initiative and other restoration efforts, The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is conserving essential rabbit habitat. Given that 90% of our state's land is privately owned, citizens are making all the difference. By working with our state wildlife agency, our neighbors are managing their land to benefit New England Cottontails, along with native songbirds and amphibians. Additionally, groups such as The Catherine Violet Hubbard Wildlife Sanctuary have adopted land use practices which actively conserve native rabbit habitat right here in Fairfield County.

While an adorable appearance never hurts a marketing campaign, it doesn't speak to conservation merit. Yet the evolutionary wealth of native species is not to be dismissed. The plants and animals native to a region are the ones uniquely designed to survive amidst the conditions and environmental challenges of that region. More specifically, protection from introduced diseases and species often reside within the physical and behavioral makeup of our wild neighbors. By protecting them, we not conserve native biodiversity, we also promote our own resilience.

So the next time you see that adorable icon of spring, remember there's more to them than meets the eye...and the ears.

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