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LOCAL RECAP News Brief

AROUND TOWN

New Canaan's Family Fireworks celebration will be on July 6 at Waveny Park, featuring food trucks, children's games, and performances by "Mind The Gap" and the Town Band. Entrance passes, costing \$35, are required for residents and can be purchased online or in person. Gates open at 5 pm. The rain date is July 7, with updates available on the town's website. For more information visit https://www.newcanaan. info/_T8_R522.php.

On June 16th, Caffeine and Carburetors, initiated by Doug Zumbach in 1995, raised \$16,000 for the **New Canaan Community** Foundation, marking the first time the event has donated funds to a local nonprofit. The donation aligns with Zumbach's goal of enhancing community partnerships.

Last summer, the spotted lanternfly appeared. Currently, these insects are in their nymph stage and cannot fly. If you see one, squash it. This invasive species is in Connecticut, with populations in Fairfield and New Haven Counties. The spotted lanternfly threatens Connecticut's environment, residential areas, and agriculture, particularly forests, orchards, vineyards, and nurseries. Eliminate these pests on sight. For more information please visit https://www. invasivespeciesinfo.gov/ terrestrial/invertebrates/ spotted-lanternfly.



By Peter Barhydt

The show must go on and it will. The Playhouse, a cherished landmark for generations, is reopening its doors after an extensive renovation. Under the stewardship of Cinema Lab, led by CEO Luke Parker Bowles, The Playhouse aims to redefine the movie-going experience with a blend of nostalgia and modern comfort.

While the four walls of the playhouse remain the same, when you walk through the doors everything is new.

"The essence of The Playhouse is community," Parker Bowles said during a recent walkthrough of the facility with the New Canaan Sentinel. "We wanted to create a space where families can come together, enjoy a meal, watch a movie, and simply relax. It's not just about the films; it's about the entire experience."

One of the standout features of the newly revamped Playhouse is its diverse concessions offering. "We have our own concessions. We have amazing empanadas, popcorn, pizza, and chicken

the concessions' part, so if you're unparalleled viewing experience. members, and we have event a family, it's easy to come in this go straight into the theater," he explained.

Adjacent to the concessions area is The Playhouse Pub, a cozy spot for adults to unwind. The space, designed by Daniela Parker Bowles and her partners, Kristen Childs and Alicia Bohn of DNA, and will feature both indoor and outdoor seating. "Four round tables that are going to be 40 inches that seat four to five and then two long tables that seat eight each," Parker Bowles remarked. The space's versatility allows it to be rented out for various events, ensuring it remains a lively and functional part of the venue.

The heart of The Playhouse is its theaters, which have been upgraded with the latest

auditory experience. From that speaker you can hear the birds, and from that speaker you can hear the person cry out, so you're actually leaning in rather than sitting back," Parker Bowles Despicable Me, Fly Me to the explained.

are sourced from Holland, offer comfort without the bulkiness of He highlighted "Fly Me to the full recliners. "We don't believe Moon" as a must-see, praising in full recliners. Our seat go back its engaging story and strong to the perfect angel to enjoy the show,' he said, emphasizing the balance between comfort and space efficiency.

The Playhouse aims to be more than just a cinema. It's envisioned as a community hub where residents can gather, work, and socialize. Brandon Jones, Chief Marketing Officer said, "We series. We do First Friday Frights, technology to provide an have Wednesdays; it's closed to where you bring in a horror film,"

"We have 12 speakers in each nights. And also, people that have way, get all your food, and then theatre, which allows for a rich birthday parties or whatever. We are already have 36 bookings for the space."

> Looking ahead, The Playhouse has an exciting lineup of films and events. "We have Moon, Twisters, Deadpool and The seats, lush and deep Wolverine in August, Harold and the Purple Crayon," Jones listed. performances.

The Playhouse will also host alternative programming, including live broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera and the National Theater from London. "We will do other programming. We do retrospective film series. We do have sensory-friendly film

New Canaan YMCA's ForeverWell Program

The New Canaan YMCA's ForeverWell program kicked off the summer with a lunch and learn event featuring a tea party cooking demo with local chef Ronnie Fein. Participants enjoyed sampling Fein's delicious homemade scones and tea sandwiches while learning baking and food decoration tips.

The Y's ForeverWell program is designed to benefit the total health of our community's seniors through opportunities to get active, stay fit, and be social at no cost to participants, thanks to donations to the Y's Annual Support Campaign. Events are offered monthly from September through June, with an average of 30 individuals coming together for each event.

"ForeverWell is a lovely program that gives me the opportunity to network and where I've met so many friends. I've been a member on and off at the New Canaan YMCA for about 45 years, and it's been such a wonderful experience for me," shared a ForeverWell participant.

Throughout the year, many local organizations and businesses partner with the Y's ForeverWell program to inform, enrich, and bring the community together. Over the last year, participants have had the pleasure of enjoying presentations from the Bristow Bird Sanctuary, Carriage Barn Arts Center, Planet New Canaan, Stamford Health, Staying Put in New Canaan, New Canaan Beautification League, New Canaan Historical Society, and New Canaan Police, among others.

To learn more about the Y's ForeverWell program and to get involved, visit www.newcanaanymca.org/ foreverwell.

Running's Health Benefits

Robin Fryer, a noted marathon runner and the author

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LOCAL BUSINESSES AND **NONPROFITS**

New Canaan's Playhouse Theater on Elm Street will reopen on June 28th after a two-year renovation. The theater will showcase a variety of films while also providing the option for private event rentals. Tickets will be available on the Cinema Labs website at https://playhouse. cinemalab.com/home/.

The Summer Theatre of New Canaan will debut its production of Mary Poppins on July 12th at 7 PM, located at 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan. Performances will run every Friday through Sunday until the final show on July 28th. Friday and Saturday evening shows begin at 7 PM, with additional matinee performances on Saturdays and Sundays at 2 PM. Ticket prices start at \$29 per person and are available at https://stonc. org/mary-poppins/.

fingers," Parker Bowles noted. The layout is designed with

families in mind. "This is really



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

Marriage counseling often has a negative connotation: something is broken and needs fixing. Let's call it marriage coaching instead. Coaching is something everyone welcomes, often for skills we are already good at, such as playing a sport or leading a team at work. Just as we wouldn't give a car to a 16-year-old without driving instructions, we shouldn't set out in marriage confident that our intelligence and our love for each other will conquer all differences. We are not the exception.

Our wedding day is the first day of our most challenging relationship, one that we hope will last a lifetime. Most of us haven't seen it well modeled. Weddings are an industry. We spend a lot of money getting married, but there is little support for staying married, and many worthy but time-consuming factors, such as work and children, to pull us apart. If we're smart, we'll get coaching. After all, divorce is an industry, too.

Liz and Jordan, both with advanced degrees, were certain that they didn't need marriage coaching. For the first ten years of their relationship, they focused on their careers and on their children, not on each other. Their "marriage tank" slowly emptied. When they finally met with a marriage counselor, they wished they had started coaching years before.

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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COLUMN by Julie O'Brien Deasy Aldrich Museum

local attractions that would be good to visit this summer?

Answer: Continuing last week's series about good summer excursions in our area, this week's featured spot is the Aldrich Museum in Ridgefield.

The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum is dedicated to the exhibition of contemporary art, featuring works by emerging and established artists including sculpture, art, photography and more.

The Aldrich is unique in that it is a non-collecting museum, so the works are completely changed out with each exhibit. It is also the only museum in Connecticut that is dedicated solely to the exhibition of contemporary art.

The campus includes a two-acre outdoor Sculpture Garden, which is currently under construction. It is scheduled to be completed in the Fall of living in New Canaan? Is there a resource 2025 and will be free of charge to visit.

Over the summer, the Alrdich hosts several children's programs including a storytime every third Saturday of the month (admission is free that day), open studio time, and weekly camps for

Question: Can you suggest some students in grades K-6 where they will participate in art-making workshops and activities.

> The museum also hosts public tours, artist presentations and talks, and art discussions and educational sessions about the current exhibitions.

> The Alrdich is open everyday except Tuesday. Admission is free for children under 13, and for everyone on the third Saturday of every month. Advanced tickets are encouraged.

> For more information on the event calendar, to purchase tickets, or for more information on current exhibits, visit www.thealdrich.org.

> Future columns will feature additional places to visit in our area. Let us know if you have a specific interest and we can make suggestions of places to visit this summer!

> What do you want to know about 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.

of a book on the benefits of running as exercise, will speak to the New Canaan Men's Club Friday, June 28, at its regular meeting in Morrill Hall at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

A marathon runner since 1974, Fryer's book, "Running For Your Life: Exploring the Amazing Benefits of Regular Exercise", gives runners practical advice about what to wear, safe practices, and what to expect as one ages. Tallying up the distances of his marathons, ultramarathons and shorter runs, Fryer estimates he has run the distance equivalent to two-and-a-half times around the globe.

The men's club meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with Fryer speaking to the group around 10:40 a.m.

In his career, Fryer was with Deloitte for 45 years where he headed its mining industry practice worldwide. He is a Certified Public Accountant and Chartered Accountant and retired as a senior partner with the firm.

Fryer, a New Canaan resident since 1988, also serves as president of the New Canaan Land Trust Board.

The Men's Cub has openings for new members, men 55-years old and above. For information, email ncmens@ncmens.info.

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Column



Illuminate Your Summer Nights with Firefly Magic

By Frank Gallo

The Magic of Fireflies

One of the most mesmerizing sights on a warm summer's night is the little creatures that light up the skies - fireflies! Ever wonder why they blink and how they do it?

Despite their name, fireflies aren't flies; they are special bioluminescent beetles in the family Lampyridae, that blink to communicate. Fireflies use their magical glow to talk to each other - it's like Morse code for bugs, and each species has its unique blinking pattern. Connecticut has at least sixteen species of fireflies, but few are common. There are 150+ species in North America and more than 2,200 species worldwide.

Like all beetles, fireflies undergo a four-stage life cycle: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. After mating in midsummer, adult females lay eggs in the ground under leaf litter usually in moist sites near water. Their eggs hatch in about three weeks and emerge as larvae that eat slugs, snails, worms, and a variety of insect larvae, including mosquitoes, and are beneficial in the garden. Although not all species of adult fireflies glow, their larvae are bioluminescent, earning them the name glow worms. Fireflies spend up to two years as larvae, before pupating underground and emerging as adults several weeks later sometime in late spring and summer depending on the species. Adults spend their 2-4-weeklong lives attracting mates to

reproduce before they die. So, how are they able to blink? It is all thanks to a chemical reaction. Inside their lower abdomen, fireflies have two chemicals - luciferin and luciferase. When oxygen combines with these chemicals, it triggers a reaction that results in their delightful glow. The glow isn't hot like the flame of a candle – it's cold light that produces very little heat.

Fireflies flash their light to attract potential mates. The males blink in a specific pattern, and the females respond with their unique signals so the males can find them. However, females of some species will purposely blink the pattern of another species. Why? To lure it's one of love connections or and her popular TED talk, unsuspecting males of a different species to prey upon them. It's a bug-eat-bug world out there.

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in May, peak firefly season is Park, where fireflies provide usually mid-June to mid-July. a natural lightshow for the Fireflies emerge at dusk and 4th of July celebrations, their yellow-green blinking is another local haven for lights are often seen near the fireflies. ground at forest edges and in meadows.

are out on a warm summer Woodbridge Connecticut, evening, keep your eyes and is a world authority on peeled for these winking fireflies. Her many published wonders. Try watching to works have enlightened see if you can discern the our understanding of these patterns from different fascinating creatures. Her species, and remember, each book Silent Sparks: The blink tells a story, whether Wondrous World of Fireflies, cunning traps.

Fireflies in Decline

declining globally due to recorded conversation with Their blinking also habitat loss, pesticide use, Dr. Lewis is also available at and light pollution.

Dr. Sara Lewis, biology professor emerita at Tufts So, the next time you University, grew up in "The Loves and Lives of Fireflies," are available if Firefly numbers are you wish to learn more. A

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reminds predators that fireflies are foul-tasting treats to avoid as they can create bitter-tasting chemicals when attacked.

common firefly species is the eastern or big dipper, Photinus pyralis, a half-inch covers trimmed in yellow with a yellow-edged pink headshield marked with a central dark dot. The dipper male's swooping I-shaped mating flight performed above the female while she watches from the vegetation below. After mating females lay eggs in moist ground under leaf litter and after 2-3 weeks both adult males and females die.

first firefly sanctuary in the US, the New Canaan Land Fireflies Trust's (NCLT) Marvin, Connecticut's most Massarella, & Friends Firefly Extension Service, here Sanctuary. Created in 1983 are ways to benefit firefly and enlarged in 2015, it protects 6.5 acres for fireflies long beetle with black wing near the intersection of night. Sleepy Hollow Road and Laurel Road. Thousands of fireflies may be seen here grow. each evening from late June moniker comes from the through early to mid-July. to your property, such as a NCLT requires reservations to visit during firefly seasonhttps://newcanaanlandtrust. especially on lawns org/events/

Although fireflies are seen at: https://newcanaannature. firefly.org. org/night-hikes/. Waveny

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How You Can Help

According to the UCONN populations:

Turn off outside lights at

Plant trees and leave litter under trees for fireflies to

Add an area of calm water water garden.

Avoid the use of pesticides,

For more information New Canaan Nature about fireflies and ways Center has a Night of 1,000 to help increase their Fireflies, Saturday, July populations, investigate 13th (7:15pm or 8:30pm) the Firefly Research and Reservations are required Conservation organization at

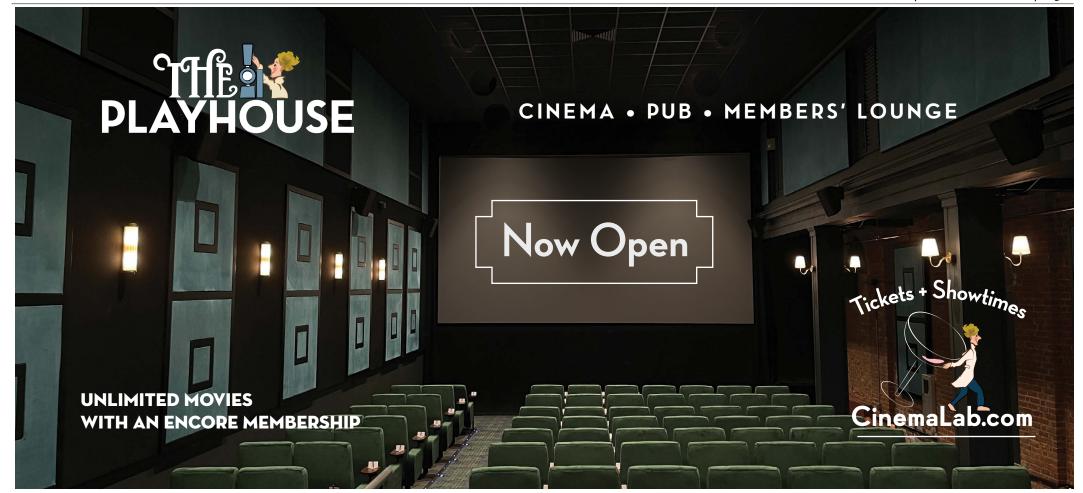


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PLAYHOUSE From Page 1

Parker Bowles elaborated.

The reopening of The Playhouse signifies a harmonious blend of tradition and innovation. Parker Bowles and his team have meticulously crafted a venue that respects its storied past while looking forward to the future.

"This town, I feel like really comes alive Friday afternoons where the kids are out of school and they're riding their bikes, they're walking up to the town center," said Brandon Jones. "And this is a safe place where people can go and meet up."

As The Playhouse prepares to welcome back the community, the excitement is palpable. It's more than a

cinema; it's a place to create memories, one film at a time. With its grand reopening set for

this weekend, The Playhouse is set to become a cornerstone of New Canaan's cultural and social scene. Under Parker Bowles' leadership, it promises to offer a unique, multifaceted experience that caters to all ages and interests. As the marquee lights up once again, it signals not just the return of a beloved venue, but the dawn of a new era for community entertainment.

For more information on upcoming shows and memberships, visit The Playhouse's official website or follow them on social media. https://playhouse. cinemalab.com/home/

Next week the New Canaan Sentinel will have coverage from this Thursday's red carpet opening night.



From left to right: Luke Parker Bowles (CEO), Andy Childs (CFO and Brandon Jones (CMO). Contributed Photo

Educational Theatre Takes Center Stage This Summer at the Powerhouse Theatre

"Since its founding in 1947, TPNC's mission has included 'the advancement of education in drama and theatre'. For several years our classes have been limited to adults. In partnership with OAA, we are pleased to once again offer communitybased theatre programs for kids - both on stage and back stage - to let kids explore their creative expression." says Town Players of New Canaan co-president, Patricia Spugani



Town Players of New Canaan [TPNC] nd Open Arts Alliance [OAA] of Greenwich are proud to announce a unique partnership between their two arts organizations. The initiative aimed at increasing performance opportunities for student actors in the local area has been led by Patricia Spugani, co-president of TPNC.

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to let kids explore their creative expression." The June 28th 3pm and 5pm performances of Willy Wonka KIDS are pleased to feature New Canaan residents Teddy and Wesley Benenson, Miles and Izzy Langrick, and are joined by other students from Greenwich, Darien, Stamford, and Norwalk.

This summer's partnership Ms. Spugani says, "Since features over 80 students, ages 6 to 17, from New Canaan and the surrounding communities in four separate productions: Willy Wonka KIDS, Broadway Beat, Disney's Alice In Wonderland Jr. and RENT (School Edition). The four productions are produced by Open Arts Alliance with a unique partnership between than just chocolate to learn OAA and TPNC for Willy about on this magical journey.

Wonka KIDS. This production, being offered in two two-week sessions will feature nearly 50 students from our community with thanks, in part, to participation support from the Exchange Club of New Canaan.

A beloved family classic, Willy Wonka KIDS tells the story of the delicious adventures experienced by Charlie Bucket on his visit to Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory. Enigmatic candy manufacturer, Willy Wonka, stages a contest by hiding golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. Whomever comes up with these tickets will win a free tour of the Wonka factory. But there's more

New Canaan kids at the Powerhouse Theatre, getting ready for Friday's performances of Willy Wonka KIDS (L-R: Izzy Langrick, Wesley Benenson, Teddy Benenson, Miles Langrick (Photo: Patricia Spugani)

This captivating adaptation of features the enchanting songs from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder, in addition to a host of fun new songs, Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS is a scrumdidilyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth.

Families are encouraged to come see this exciting show that proves you're never too old for adventure!

All performances are at the air-conditioned Powerhouse Theatre in Waveny Park, New Canaan.

For more information and tickets, please visit www. OpenArtsAlliance.com



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Independence Day Musings

We are getting a bit out in front on writing about Independence Day, but with good reason. Next Thursday, the day our paper is printed and delivered is the 4th of July. With many people away for the weekend, or otherwise engaged, we decided not to publish a printed paper next week. Our reporters will still be reporting, and content will go up online and on our social media platforms daily. We will just not have a printed paper that week.

Largely written by Thomas Jefferson, there was much debate about the wording of the document, and it finally included 27 grievances of the colonies against King George III.

We want to thank everyone who has renewed the subscriptions. Your support of our community newspaper has been overwhelming, and we are very grateful. Likewise, we are appreciative for all the new subscriptions that come in every week as well as the follows and likes on our social media platforms.

Independency Day, the 4th of July, is next week. Given everything happening around the world, we wanted to take a little time to look into this holiday a bit to understand better its history and meaning. What we found was interesting

Most of us know, from our American History classes, that the 4th of July celebrates the day the Declaration of Independence was signed. The Second Continental Congress actually voted to approve a resolution of independence two days earlier, on July 2nd. It then took those two days to write the reason and messaging explaining to the 13 original colony why they had voted for independence.

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Editoria LETTER The History of Flag Day

To the Editor:

the paper last week. Perhaps your readers would be now we run the New York City Flag Day Parade that interested in the history of this patriotic holiday. Flag starts at City Hall and ends with a ceremony at Fraunces Day began on June 14, 1889 as an idea of George Balch, a Tavern® Museum. Before I moved to New Canaan, and kindergarten teacher in New York City who had initiated was living in NYC, I had the honor of organizing the New appropriate ceremonies regarding the flag for his school York City Flag Day Parade for 20 years. children. His idea was later adopted by the NY State Board of Education. On June 14, 1891, the Betsey Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and

on June 14 the following year, the Sons of the Revolution Congratulations on a great Flag Day Editorial in in the State of New York first celebrated Flag Day and

> Peter Gibb Cropper Nemiroff NYC Flag Day Parade Chairman Emeritus



- The stolen vehicles total stayed the same from 2022 to 2023, with an increase in attempts
- Larcenies from motor vehicles have already surpassed the Year-To-Date total from last year
- Stolen vehicles were unlocked with the keys inside; Vehicle break-ins had visible valuables



- Lock ALL doors, take your keys with you and never leave any valuables in sight!
- Make sure spare keys are not left inside the vehicle

NEWS BRIEFS From Page 1

The Nature Center will host "Night of 1000 Fireflies" on July 13th, with sessions at 7:15pm and 8:30pm. Participants will explore woodland creatures and view over 1,000 fireflies in the meadows. Registration costs \$15 per person and is now open at https://newcanaannature.org/night-hikes/.

The Cathy Kangas Foundation for Animals is sponsoring an event that will waive adoption fees at Bridgeport Animal Control. The initiative, "Free the Shelters," takes place today, June 28th, and tomorrow, June 29th, permitting potential adopters to visit without prior appointments. However, they must provide documents that verify their living conditions. Before adoption, each animal will receive spaying, neutering, vaccinations, and a microchip, while the shelter retains the authority to approve or reject OUR NEIGHBORS applications. For more information please isit https:// www.facebook.com/CathyKangasFoundation/.

SPORTS

The New Canaan 9U softball team finished second at The Total Game tournament in Cheshire, beating the Wallingford and CT Fury teams before losing to the CT Charge in the finals. The team showed strong performance throughout the tournament. Congratulations to the girls.

The 25th Annual New Canaan Football Golf Tournament and Touchdown Dinner is on July 22nd at the Country Club of New Canaan. Participants can register to both play golf and attend dinner, or opt for the dinner-only registration. Golf check-in for the putting contest begins at 10:30 am, followed by dinner at 5 pm. Ticket prices start at \$99 per person. For more information and to register please visit https://e.givesmart.com/events/Cu0/?fbclid= IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR3AvCYPW-aacTp0WIbqI AIfe9IapdEmM2Rxu6EQJmUjS3gH96D29hT7ack_aem_ TNCcVr628su4J6rI8329lw.

South Norwalk and Route One.

Crews have begun work on a new Fairfield Avenue bridge over Interstate 95, expected to be completed by next spring, following

the destruction of the original bridge in a fire caused by a crash

on May 2. The project, managed by Yonkers Contracting Co. Inc.

with local subcontractors, will cost around \$20 million, with

the federal government covering 80 percent of the expenses.

Governor Ned Lamont and state officials are committed to the

swift completion of the bridge, which is crucial for connecting

and it finally included 27 grievances of the colonies against King George III. Included among them failure for the King to pass or allow Governor's to pass adequate laws to govern the colonies, not allow trial by jury, imposing taxes without consent, and, in general, treating those living in the colonies as second-class citizens and worse.

It is the second line of the declaration that is perhaps most famous: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." It is as powerful a statement today as it was when it was written 243 years ago and has been called one of the best-known sentences in the English language.

The meaning of this passage is one that we as a nation, and as a people, are continually trying to achieve. Indeed, it has come to represent a moral standard to which the United States should adhere. In fact, it is the view that President Abraham Lincoln used as the basis of all of his political beliefs.

Today, we may celebrate more the fireworks and bbg's, but it is important to remember what we are celebrating, and after 243 year that sometimes get a little fuzzy. Fortunately, there is a wonderful community event at Waveny Park to celebrate the holiday on Saturday, July 6th.

There will be live music, food trucks, bouncy houses and, of course, fireworks. It is the type of traditional community event that makes New Canaan such a remarkable place to live.

A few notable facts, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were the only signers of the Declaration of Independence who later served as President of the United States. They also died on the same day: July 4, 1826 – 50 years after they signed the document.

We hope you have a safe, family-filled and fun 4th of July weekend. We also hope you will take a moment to remember its meaning as well as the sacrifice of so many that fought our country's independence over 200 years ago and those who continue to fight for it today. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is worth fighting for.

Happy Independence Day!

PEOPLE IN TOWN

New Canaan resident Lucy LaGattuta, a 10th grader, made the head's list at The Harvey School for the spring term with a GPA of 3.7 or higher.

COLUMN



STUART ADELBERG

This week I created the best column I've ever written. It was funny. It was moving. It was thought provoking. I dug deep into the recesses of my mind and found ideas that I never knew were there, based on the deepest observations of critical aspects of the human condition. There is no doubt that this column was going to change your thinking and the way that each of you look at the world! When I sat down to write, the words just flowed in the most effortless process I've ever experienced. I had to work hard to limit my writing because I had so much to say, and I didn't want to leave out even one word that would rob readers of the chance to experience my brilliance. Unfortunately, and with great regret, I must report that you will never get to read my greatest masterpiece because. . I FORGOT MY PASSWORD! That's right. The only **\$%#@**

thing standing between me and a long overdue, but welldeserved Pulitzer Prize is an eight character combination of upper-case letters, lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols. Over the years, I have authored thousands of pages, written and delivered hundreds of speeches. I can recite poems that I memorized in second grade! I can sing the lyrics to just about every song that Carole King, Elton John, and dozens of other prolific songwriters ever composed. I can remember and probably still do all the steps to a tap dance I did in a musical production in 1985. But I cannot for the life of me conjure up the eight \$%#@<&!? characters that will open my computer screen and allow me to access my own brilliance!!

I tried shoving my face in front of the computer's camera - so much for facial recognition! Maybe I can try a fingerprint - but which finger did I use? My anger tempted me to use a specific finger but that wasn't particularly helpful! Someone told me that I can get my computer to send me an email with a password changing link - but how do I get to my messages if I can't

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I surely would have used was it? Upper-case, lowera password that would be case, numbers, or symbols? easy to remember. Hmmm. No problem, I have a system. What was my phone number in 1968, you know - when phones hung on the wall? What's my mother's second cousin's maiden name? Where was my great grandfather born? What was my father's childhood address? If I used beginning, in the middle, or at the end?

Don't I have a password manager on my smartphone? recognizes my face, and I how do I access the password manager? Oh no!! It wants me to enter a password!

Which one would I have How hard can this be? used? How many characters I always save this important information on a spreadsheet on my desktop for just this type of emergency. I even told my family where it is in case someday I should happen to. . . well, you know.

So now to access this my birth city, was it all in critical information, all I have upper-case letters? What to do is get into the computer. symbol did I add at the That shouldn't be a problem, if I could only remember my \$%#@<&!? PASSWORD!

Stuart Adelberg has a long I surely would have added history of leadership and active this password to the list. *participation in the region's* Fortunately, the phone nonprofit arts and human services sector. He appreciates don't need to remember that! *the opportunity provided by the* OK - I'm on the phone. Now, Sentinel to share his occasional thoughts and observations.

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COLUMN

A Tribute to Jürgen Moltmann

By Scott Herr

Jürgen Moltmann, one of the leading Protestant theologians in the world, died peacefully at age 98 in his home in Tübingen, Germany, Monday, June 3rd. Most people have never heard of Professor Moltmann, but he was a giant in my world and has helped to shape my understanding and practice of Christian theology over the years. I first was introduced to his writings while a student at Princeton Theological Seminary, but had the privilege of welcoming him for lectures in Paris in 2010.

His books, A Theology of Hope and the Crucified God were extremely helpful to me question (suffering and God). It was not just an academic know today why I am not dead question for Dr. Moltmann. His interest in theology came as a result of his terrifying experience let this happen? My question as a Nazi youth and teenage anti-aircraft gunner, when the Allies rained down bombs on his hometown of Hamburg, killing Germany and studied theology 40,000 people, and later as a at Göttingen, and was much

in wrestling with the theodicy 1945 to 1948. Miraculously, he favorite theologians, Karl Barth. theodicy question) is one thing. writes, "I lived, and I still don't too, like my companions. In that hell I didn't ask, why does God

was: my God, where are you?" After his release from prison camp, he returned to prisoner of war in Britain, from influenced by another of my God in the face of suffering (the He argued - and I have come violence. He would argue, "God's

God to the heart too?" motivated his theological inquiry. He

Questions like "Where is God? The existential question about center of Christian faith is the Is God far away from us, an God's involved companionship absentee God in his own heaven? in suffering is quite another. Or is he a sufferer among the The first question presupposes suffers? Does God share in our an apathetic God. The second suffering? Do our sufferings cut looks for a God who is full of heart of God's love, is how compassion.

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insisted that the theoretical to Dr. Moltmann, bring us to world and entered into solidarity question: how can we vindicate the heart of the Christian faith. with all victims of suffering and

to believe strongly - that at the passion of Christ. It was not any Christ that God raised from the dead, but rather the crucified-Christ. In other words, at the God became vulnerable to the These questions, according suffering and violence of our

Worship Directory and Services

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

682 South Avenue 203.966.5849 www.ComeUntoChrist.org Sunday Service: 12:00pm

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:

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM: Women's Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:30 AM: Bible Study Fourth Thursday from 12-2:30 PM: Meet at the Open Door Shelter in Norwalk to serve a meal. Saturdays at 9:45 AM: From now until September 1st, the church offer a simple refreshment of lemonade and a sweet treat, which can be enjoyed on the lawn after worship. For more information please contact laurel@ godsacre.org.

Sundays at 9:45 AM: Summer Fellowship time will take place after the 9:00am service and will include lemonade and a light snack provided by the host.

First Church of Christ, Scientist 49 Park Street 203.966.0293

christiansciencect.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.

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 PrayerRite II by Zoom. Wednesday at 12:05pm: Noonday Eucharist in the chapel.

Recurring Events:

Mondays & Tuesdays at 12pm: Alcoholics Anonymous First Wednesday at 1pm: Laundry Love volunteering opportunity to come alongside people who are struggling financially by assisting them with their laundry. First & Third Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm: Youth

Group

Wednesday 10am: Women's Alcoholics Anonymous

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:** Thursday 12 PM: Alcoholics Anonymous

Trinity Church New Canaan | Darien

468 South Avenue 203.618.0808 info@trinitychurch.life www.trinitychurch.life

Join us Sundays at 11:00 am 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. 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.; learn more at www. trinitychurch.life.

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 6:00 pm: Join us for a 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.

Saturdays at 10am: Men's Bible Study

Upcoming Events:

June 30th from 11:30 AM to 3 PM: Join Grace Gathering for a potluck picnic with burgers, hot dogs and beverages. Please bring something to share based on the first letter of your last name (A-K Appetizer, L-Z dessert). Bring a suit and towel to enjoy the lake. Held at a private home in Stamford. RSVP to bo@ gracecommunity.info

Talmadge Hill Community Church

870 Hollow Tree Ridge Road; Darien, CT 203.966.2314 www.talmadgehill.org talmadgehillchurch@gmail.com 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 with any questions utilizing information listed above! **Recurring Events:**

Thursdays at 9:30am: Bible Study First Saturday at 8am: Men's Group Second Saturday at 10am: Women's Circle

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.

Upcoming Events:

July 14th at 11:30 AM: Peaches on the Patio. This event will be held during coffee hour after the Sunday service. Call the number above for more information.

Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church

21 Cherry Street 203.966.0020 www.starcc.com Service Schedule: Saturday: Vigil for Sunday 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass is livestreamed, recorded. Monday-Friday: 7:00 am and 5:30 pm Saturday: 7:00 am

Recurring Events: Last Monday of every month 7pm: Women's Praise & Worship Holy Hour Wednesdays 8:30-9:15am: Rosary Walkers, informal group gathering together to walk in town and pray the Rosary. Contact youth@starcc.com or maryann@themanks.com with any questions. Fridays 7:30am-6pm: Eucharistic Adoration (September-June)

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

Tuesdays from 7-8:30 PM: July 2nd through July 23rd, Summer Faith & Friends. An opportunity for teens in the community to gather while enjoying dinner. For more information and to register visit https://starcc. com/series/summer-faith-friends-guys-girls-groups/.

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

Recurring Events:

Sundays at 10:30 AM: Pre-service prayer in Saxe Auditorium. Spend time in listening prayer, pray for those teaching, and seek the Lord prior to our worship service.

Third Saturday from 8-10 AM: Join for a homemade breakfast held at the Ministry Center, 5 River Road in Greenwich. For more information visit https:// trinitychurchlife.churchcenter.com/registrations/ events/2168146

Upcoming Events: July 9th from 7-9 PM: Join the Men's Fire Pit Fellowship for an evening of fellowship around a fire pit! Once registered the address will be shared. Register at: https://trinitychurchlife.churchcenter.com/ registrations/events/2366083

July 11th from 10-11 AM: Coffee Connection hosted by the lovely Linda Koe. The coffee will be held at the Dogwood Coffee Bar, located in the Dogwood Books & Gifts store on the Christ Church campus in Greenwich. For more information visit https://trinitychurchlife. churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2341708

United Methodist Church

165 South Avenue 203.966.2666 office@umcofnewcanaan.org www.umcofnewcanaan.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.

Upcoming Events: June Food Drive: The UMW would appreciate any and all items in support of the Fool Bank. Please place your donations in the collection box in the narthex. For more information, please contact cwtown34@aol.com.

Community Baptist Church

174 Cherry Street 203.966.0711 cbcnewcanaan@gmail.com https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCoZ2UNa8aHI3O_Syp_X0KDg Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CBCNewCanaan/ Sunday School at 10:00am Worship Service at 11:00am Live Facebook Broadcast 11:30 am

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

Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center 137 Putnam Rd www.newcanaanjewish.org info@chabadnewcanaan.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.

Upcoming Events:

July 2nd at 7:30 PM: My Jewish Community in the Gaza Strip and Gush Katif with With Yoav Yaron. This is the personal story of Yoav's life, the communities Yoav grew up in, and their experiences before during and after the events of 2005. For more information and to register please visit https://www. weinmanjewishacademy.org/yoavyaron

> Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue) 458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903 203.322.1649 www.templesinaistamford.org

Service Schedule: 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday - 6pm in person and via zoom 2nd & 4th - 7:30pm

Recurring Events:

Fridays at 12 PM: Torah Study Second Saturday at 10:30 AM: Mussar First and Third Fridays at 5:30 PM: Shabbat Service for Families with Young Children First Saturday at 8 AM: Avodat Halev Discussion Group

Temple Sholom

300 E. Putnam Ave. Greenwich, CT 06830 203-869-7191

www.templesholom.com

Services: In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am.

Recurring Events:

Saturdays at 9 AM: Shabbat Study via zoom at https:// zoom.us/j/94358392426?pwd=bFJQem9HWFcxU0EzZU M2VENEZmgyUT09#success

Upcoming Events:

July 15th from 7-9:15 PM: Sisterhood Game Night. Please contact the number above with any questions.

A TRIBUTE From Page 6

justice is always a social act."

There is a famous passage in Elie Wiesel's book, Night:

Three victims in chains – and one of them, the little servant, the sad-eyed angel. All eyes were on the child. He was lividly pale, almost calm, biting his lips. The gallows threw its shadow over him. ... The three necks were placed at the same moment within the nooses. 'Long live liberty,' cried the two adults, but the child was silent.

'Where is God? Where is He?' someone behind me asked. At a sign from the head of the camp, the three chairs tipped over. The two adults were no longer alive. But the third rope was still moving, being so light, the child was still alive...

Behind me, I heard the same man asking: 'Where is God now?' and I heard a voice within me answer him: 'Where is he? He is hanging here in the gallows.' That night, the soup tasted of corpses.

Dr. Moltmann in 1961 had a tour of the camp at Auschwitz, and later commented on this

passage as being the crucial question for Christian theology.

Was God hanging there on the gallows? I got the impression that every other answer would be irrelevant. There can be no other answer. To speak at this point of a God who cannot suffer, would make God a demon. To speak of an indifferent God would make us indifferent too. To deny God and turn to atheism would silence the cry of the victims. The "shema" of Israel and the Lord's Prayer were prayed in Auschwitz and therefore we can pray to God also after Auschwitz. God was in their prayers.

As we wrestle with injustice, violence and suffering in our world (ie Ukraine, Gaza, northern Nigeria, climate change, racism and LGBTQ discrimination in a global sense, or in our own more personal grief and mourning with the loss of loved ones, health, meaningful work, etc.), we too must wrestle with the question, "Where is God?" And if God is not with those who are suffering, if God is not with those victims of injustice and violence in our world, then can we believe God is anywhere in the world?

The question then, is how do we enter into the suffering of the world? How do we share in the suffering of others as an act of showing God's love and compassion for our neighbors (and for Christians out of obedience to Christ who commands us to "love our neighbor")? We do what we can out of freedom. I was fascinated by Dr. Moltmann's understanding of "God's wrath." He said that "God's wrath is God's wounded love, and an expression of God's interest. The opposite of love is not wrath, but indifference."

Strangely, the cross is the basis for a theology of hope! God continues to care for our world, to be active in the midst of and through the suffering of the world. In other words, suffering is not just meaningless. Suffering will not have the last word and can be redemptive. We do not always feel that, or intellectually see the redemptive possibilities of suffering. Sometimes, it seems hopeless, but the gospel pulls us forth even through suffering, so that as the Apostle Paul would declare, "Nothing in all creation... can separate us from the love of God which is our in Christ Jesus!"

Even though he was a world-renown scholar, Dr. Moltmann was also a humble and kind man. We were able to host him in our home and he was like "Uncle Jürgen" to our children. At the dinner table, he listened patiently when our son Matthew, 8 years old at the time, tried to explain the importance of the movie Shrek to him. I'll never forget how Dr. Moltmann listened carefully and lovingly!

Finally, one of my favorite insights I learned from Dr. Moltmann, is how the gospel helps you to "land" differently in the world. In Christ, our world is expanded and our respect and love for others is magnified. We become more open to the vast diversity of God's universe and how all beings are created in the imago dei. His autobiography, published in 2009, A Broad Place, is a reflection on Psalm 31:8, "Thou hast set my feet in a broad place."

He wrote his autobiography simply because he enjoys telling the story of his life, and because he is so thankful. Of course he was. He experienced the transforming forgiveness and love of Jesus. His life has been used by God to touch millions of lives with the good news of God's love and hope, even in the midst of the worst suffering of this world. It's not a summer beach read, but I encourage you to take time to read one of the many obituaries in the news about him, and any of his theological or autobiographical texts. He will take you to a "broad place."

The Rev. Dr. Scott Herr serves as one of the pastors at The First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan.



CONSTANCE SHEPPARD

Constance (Connie) McCune Sheppard, 81, of New Canaan, CT, passed away peacefully on June 16, surrounded by her family.

Connie was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to the late William J. McCune Jr. and Janet Waters on November 28, 1942. She grew up in Boston, MA, Scarsdale and Chappaqua, NY, and attended Chappaqua High School, where she met her husband, Leslie, during her Junior year. She went on to earn an Associate's Degree from Green Mountain College.

Connie and Leslie married in 1962 and called many places home. They moved from New York to New Jersey, out to California, down to Delaware, and then spent 7 years in the UK during the '70s and early '80s. On their return, she split her time between Boston, Cape Cod, Miami, FL, Pasadena, CA, and Connecticut. Connie was a woman with many talents and interests. She could play a mean game of backgammon and tennis. She was also known to be a ruthless croquet player and loved the daily challenge of the New York Times Crossword. Though it was a love-hate relationship, she enjoyed watching the Mets with her husband and tolerated his Yankee games. She was an avid traveler and especially loved Paris and collecting shells on her favorite beaches in Sea Island, GA, Maui and Sanibel / Captiva Island, FL. But her greatest joy was being Mimi to her grandchildren, crisscrossing the country, to attend their important events, or traveling with them abroad. Connie is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Leslie Davis Sheppard, her adoring children, Kirsten (Michael) Sheppard-Hyatt, Merrill (David) Flood, and Stacey (Scott) Essex. Her beloved grandchildren, Alex Falk, Olivia and Sarah Lam, Hunter, Sydney and Campbell Essex. Siblings, Betsey (John) Vinton, Anne (Andrew) Hogeland, Heather McCune and Joseph (Gigi) McCune, and sister-in-law, Susan (David) Norris. She also has many wonderful nieces and nephews. Connie was preceded in death by her brothers, Thomas C. Creamer and George W. Creamer. She will be deeply missed.

a better life for themselves and their children in their newly adopted country that Steve developed into the man he was. Steve attended Cardinal Hayes High

School in the Bronx. It was there that he not only developed his love of learning, but also his love of sports. As a three sport athlete, Steve was the quarterback for the elite New York City Allstars Team in both baseball and football for two years in a row. Recognized in many national publications as an All-American Quarterback, Steve was recruited by many outstanding universities in the country. The legendary Ohio State football coach, Woody Hayes, came to Steve's home to recruit him for their nationally recognized team. Becoming one of the first life-defining decisions of his life, Steve turned him down, prioritizing his education to football fame. He accepted a full athletic scholarship to attend Northwestern University playing Football and walking on to the Baseball team

Helping Steve make this difficult decision to attend Northwestern was Mr. Ivan Combe founder of Combe, Inc., and himself an alumnus of the university. Mr. Combe was an instrumental force in convincing Steve of the benefits of attending such a prestigious academic university. Mr. Combe followed Steve's collegiate career and saw in him the potential to become a valuable part of his expanding business. Steve was recruited to join Combe, Inc. where he worked for over 40 years.

Possessing a fluency in German, Steve was selected to be the person to lead the international expansion for the company, starting their German division. It was in Germany that Steve became acquainted with the German American football team, the Dusseldorf Panthers and eventually became their head coach in his spare time. The Panthers went on to become the German champions for two years in a row. Steve was later offered an opportunity to become the announcer for the European American football league but decided to come back to the United States. While back in the United States. Steve was selected to broadcast the Super Bowl throughout Germany because of his fluency with the language and his knowledge of and passion for the sport. When Steve returned to the United States, he made the decision to continue his education. He moved back to Chicago and earned his masters' degree at the prestigious University of Chicago. This proved to be the best decision of his life as it was there that he met his dearest friend and future wife, Carolyn Prazenka. During their 26+ years of marriage, they were blessed with three beautiful children. Katarina lives in New York City working in sales, following her father's professional background. Andreas lives in New Canaan and is currently finishing his Bachelor's degree in Engineering at Quinnipiac University after working in the automotive industry. Olivia recently graduated from Northwestern University and has begun her career in Data Analytics Consulting.

Obituaries

Saturday mornings with his tennis and paddle tennis friends. Often insisting his children go play when he couldn't so they could share the joy he had playing with that special group of friends.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn (Prazenka), their three children whom he adored, Katarina (25), Andreas (24), and Olivia (22), his sister, Helga, his dear sister and brothers-in-law, Barbara Moor, Matthew Prazenka, Diane Prazenka and Jose Martinez as well as his many nieces and nephews: Amy Gaylord, Alyssa Rivenburg, Victoria Rodriguez, Eric O'Neal, Brian O'Neal, Merrill Mauser, Aaron Prazenka, Anthony Franzen, Alexander Orozco, Brandon Orozco, Nicole Lozano, Ethan Cloonan, and his beloved mother-in-law, Jessica Agin and many grandnieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Frank Moor and niece Lynda DiLena.

A visitation was held on Thursday, June 20 at the Nicholas F. Cognetta Funeral Home & Crematory, Stamford. A funeral service was held on Friday, June 21 at the United Methodist Church of New Cannan.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.cognetta.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cardinal Hayes High School Football Program at 650 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451 in Steve's name.



in the Wyndemere Club Community.

Jim began his career of connecting in 1962 where he taught and coached briefly at the secondary level. The highlight of this period was when the star of his first basketball team, Ned Krause, introduced him to his sister, Merrily. Soon after they were married, Jim entered the real estate business which allowed Jim to combine teaching motivational and organizational sales skills in the Washington, D.C. area. During that time, he also completed his Master's degree in Education from American University in 1967. He was responsible for creating and leading the Shannon & Lucks Academy of Real Estate training in the D.C. area and it quickly became known as the premier organization of its kind in the country. Consequently, he became a sought-after speaker and traveled throughout the country teaching and coaching other firms. In 1978, this experience helped Jim be recruited to be the national training director for Merrill Lynches' real estate division in New York, NY. Two years later he continued on as the chief marketing officer for a select group of independent real estate companies operating nationwide

Alongside his real estate career, he was a part time statistician for the Washington Redskins 1970-1980 and traveled to support the CBS broadcast team for three Super Bowls during that time.

A major career change took place in 1984 when Jim joined the executive search firm, Spencer Stuart where he worked, collaborated, connected and thoroughly enjoyed building relationships for 18 years. He became a partner and managing director of the Stamford, CT office. Based once again on training and coaching principles he became the firm's international assimilation leader and functional specialist in the senior level world of finance. Jim treasured his relationships with people at the firm and with the people he helped place at companies. He enjoyed the travel aspect of the business. Connecting people was second nature to him. Jim continued part time consulting in the executive search group of R.L.Benson and Associates in an executive coaching. mentoring and senior level search capacity. He also helped assess internal corporate hiring processes. Jim was an accomplished and enthusiastic sportsman and he was dedicated to physical and mental fitness his entire life. His sense of sportsmanship, fair play and competitive zeal was a constant in his life but it was the cadre of friends and teammates who joined him on the courts, courses, fields and card rooms along the way that meant the most to him. Jim and Merrily belonged to Bethesda Country Club, The Edgemoor Club and Congressional in Maryland and The New Canaan Field Club and Shorehaven Club in Connecticut. They spent the last 34 years at Wyndemere Country Club in Naples Florida. Jim represented the clubs in hundreds of interclub tennis matches and served on many tennis committees. Jim credits his wife and partner, Merrily, for his greatest tennis victories; a Senior Olympic Mixed Doubles Bronze medal in 2001 and a Senior Olympic Mixed Doubles Silver medal in the 2003 games. He won over 50 club championships combined in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. Jim was known as the Voice of Wyndemere and umpired many professional and amateur tennis matches over the years. Jim became an avid golfer over the years. He enjoyed competing and the comradery on the course. He enjoyed traveling and had many legendary men's trips in the US and Canada and the groups formed enduring friendships. Jim was involved in the New Canaan High school sports council in the 1980s. He was an avid spectator at all Rams sports games and practices, particularly, Tracy and Kelly's time on the Girls tennis, basketball and field hockey teams. He announced the boy's basketball games for 8 years.

first SJN capital campaign and was a guardian angel supporter for years. He was the head tennis coach from 2005-2019 and was an active spectator for many SJN sports as the school grew. Again, the relationships he formed with school administrators, Clergy, other coaches, capital campaign volunteers and parents of the students made an impact in his life. However, "Coach K's" biggest source of pride was to give his coaching and life philosophies to the student athletes. Teaching and emulating sportsmanship to the next generation of people is his legacy. Jim was recently inducted into the Saint John Neumann Hall of Fame on April 20, 2024.

Jim was a devoted Christian for his entire life and his faith guided and inspired him. He is forever grateful to the Clergy and fellow parishioners at the congregations that meant so much to him; Saint Mary's Church, in Chillicothe, OH, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, in Notre Dame, IN, Church of the Little Flower and Saint Jane de Chantal, in Bethesda, MD, Saint Bartholomew Church, in Potomac, MD, Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Church in New Canaan, CT, Saint Ann Church and Saint Agnes Church in Naples FL. The Mass, the music, the traditions, the teachings weaved the fabric of his life. Merrily sang in the choir at Saint Agnes for several years. Jim was a lector at Mass for over 40 years at Saint Aloysius and Saint Agnes and truly loved this thread of communication as his ministry.

Jim was extremely grateful to the many Doctors, Nurses and Health professionals for helping him along his health journey over the past twelve years. He was a fierce advocate for himself and he valiantly tried to share what he learned about Amyloidosis to help others. Jim was grateful to have the last 12 years with Merrily to be involved in their grandchildren's lives. He cherished time with Merrily and his family. Jim is survived by the love of his life, Merrily. Also, his daughter Tracy Krauser Fincher, her husband, Douglas, and their three sons; Christian, John and Ryan. Tracy and Doug reside in Westport, CT. In 2014, Jim was preceded in death by his youngest daughter, Kelly. He is survived by her husband, Stewart Knott and their three children, Carson, Halle and Kendall Knott of Alexandria, VA. On the Krauser side of the family he is survived by his older sisters, Katy Krauser Kurz and Ann Marie Krauser Bechtold along with their families; Kathleen Kurz, Clare Kurz and her husband, Charlie Pryde, Annie Kurz and six Kurz grandchildren. He is survived by nephew, Marty (Naomi)Bechtold and his great niece Bridget Ann Bechtold.

A memorial service will be held in the Fall. For online condolences, please visit www.hoytfuneralhome.com



STEPHEN MOOR

Stephen Lawrence Moor, 70, beloved husband, father, uncle, and friend, passed away suddenly on June 15.

Steve was born on April 1, 1954 and grew up in the Bronx borough of New York. His parents, Frank and Theresa were immigrants from Romania. It was because of his parents' cultural background and their resolve to make Steve was known for many things but mostly for his great sense of humor, his strong values, morals and ethics, his strong faith, and his generosity. From the old neighborhood guys, to his college teammates, and to his professional colleagues, Steve was always the same a great friend to all.

Steve was a member of the United Methodist Church of New Canaan for 20 years, serving on numerous committees and as a trustee. You never had to ask Steve to help out, he just showed up all the time, for everyone; teaching the Youth how to use tools for their mission work; cleaning up from a flooded basement; running the Men's fellowship, landscaping and fixing anything and everything. He guided the church through the Pandemic, hours and hours of planning and cleaning. One Christmas Eve, he and his family pulled up, popped the SUV trunk. and hauled out two 8' patio heaters so we could worship outdoors. He loved his church family and would do anything for every single member. His generosity was tireless. Steve loved spending

HAROLD KRAUSER

Harold James (Jim) Krauser of Naples, FL, formerly of New Canaan, CT passed away peacefully on June 3 after a long battle with heart disease. He was a man of faith, family and friends.

Jim Krauser Jim was born November 21, 1940 to Frances Marion and Harold (Hal) Leo Krauser in Portsmouth, Ohio. He was raised in the Chillicothe, Ohio community along with his two sisters. He graduated Saint Mary's primary school and Chillicothe Catholic Central High School in 1958 where he excelled in multiple sports. Jim was the first player in school history to accumulate over 1000 in his high school basketball career and make the second team all-state in Ohio. He was also a four-year starter on the baseball team and hit above 300 during his final three years on the team.

Jim matriculated to South Bend Indiana in 1958 to attend The University of Notre Dame. Jim's father graduated with the Class of 1926 and his parents were married in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on October 4, 1926. At Notre Dame, Jim was a proud member of the Class of 1962 and he made tender, strong and true friendships that lasted a lifetime. Jim played a year of basketball for the Irish and four years of baseball. He was the freshman baseball coach his senior year and this coaching experience proved to be the foundation of his career and his community service. He was a whole -hearted Notre Dame fan. The connection to ND was strong throughout his life and he did not miss watching a football game for 60 years. There were many memorable visits to South Bend for Jim and Merrily and the entire Krauser family. Jim was very active in the Notre Dame alumni club of Naples FL and planned several class reunions.

Jim met his beloved wife, Merrily, in 1963 and they celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on April 24, 2024. They began their marriage living in Bethesda, MD and had their two daughters, Tracy and Kelly. The family moved to Potomac, MD and then moved to New Canaan, CT for almost 40 years. They joined the Naples, Florida community in 1990 with a second home

In 2001, he became involved at Saint John Neumann Catholic High School in Naples, Florida. He volunteered for the In addition to his parents, He was preceded in death by brothers in law, Jim Kurz and Eugene Bechtold, his niece's husband Mike Savonis and his great nephew Bryant Bechtold.

On the Krause side of the family, he is survived by his sister-in-law, Marjory M Reilly and her husband Walter Reilly of New Canaan, CT and his brother-in-law, Edward (Ned) Krause from Potomac, MD. He is survived by nephews, Bryan (Christina)Mellick and Jeff (Beatrice) Mellick and his nieces Merrily Mellick and Kara Krause.

Jim was preceded in death by Merrily's parents, Edward (Ted) and Theresa (Terry) Wamester Krause, his sister-in-law, Mary Ann Ruggieri Krause and most recently by his nephew, Jed Mellick.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Saint Agnes Church in Naples, FL on Saturday, November 2 at 11:30 am. Internment will take place at the Saint Agnes Columbarium.

In lieu of Flowers, donations can be made in Jim's honor to Saint John Neumann Catholic High School, 300 53rd Street SW, Naples Florida 34116. For online condolences, please visit Jim's Tribute at www.fullernaples.com.

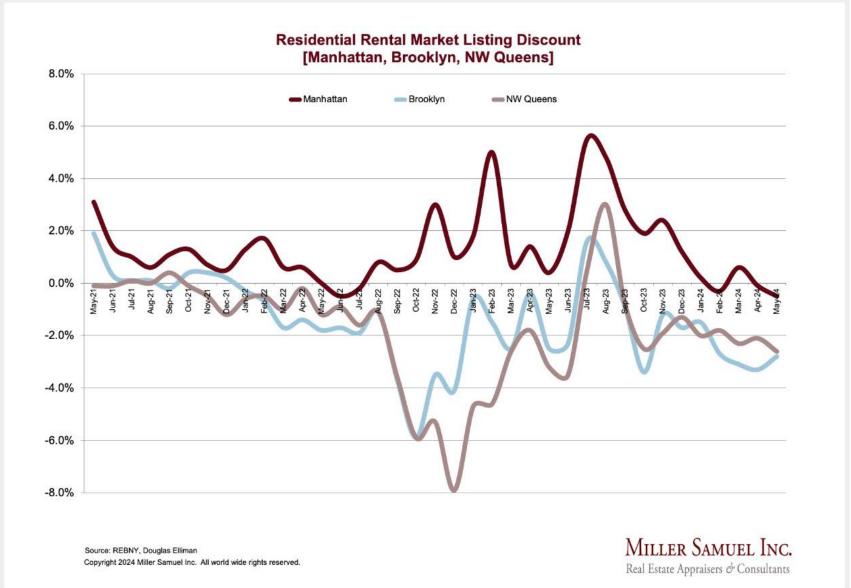
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Rental Market Roundup



We can see in this chart that in Manhattan the discount on rents has been close to zero since the beginning of 2024, while across the East River in Brooklyn and northern Oueens the discount has been negative for three years, at times quite extremely negative at -8%. Note, a negative discount means that the average property rented at a premium to its asking price. Just like we've been experiencing in the suburbs.

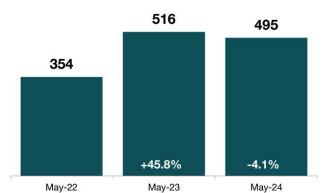
New York City apartment rents are currently hovering just below the record highs they achieved last August. And that's true in all 3 boroughs. New lease signings have been rising all year. New leases account for one third of all activity, while renewals account for two thirds. Leasing is rising because potential buyers are giving up in the face of decrease. rising mortgage rates, and existing renters are testing the market in response to rising renewal rates. These two factors combine to stimulate the rental market. Rents tend to rise when mortgage rates rise and fall when mortgage rates fall. When mortgage rates rise the high end of the market responds earlier than the This pattern is most clear in the 2021 to 2023 dramatic rise in rates, and flatter pattern of the last 18 months. New York City has the highest rents in the nation (according to Zumper), substantially higher than #2 Jersey City and #3 San Francisco, and rising seven times faster than wages. While the national index the same month that tenant ticked up 1.2% in May, it was the first time in 20 months we have seen a monthly increase above reports that demand more 1%. California seems to be than tripled in the past



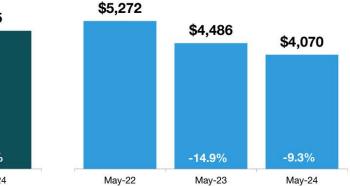
Activity for Fairfield County

		May			Year to Dat	e
	2023	2024	Percent Change	2023	2024	Percent Change
Number of Active Rentals	1,193	1,085	-9.1%	<u></u> 5		
Number of Properties Leased	516	495	-4.1%	2,115	1,992	-5.8%
Average Monthly Lease Price	\$4,486	\$4,070	-9.3%	\$3,757	\$3,846	+2.4%

Number of Properties Leased



Average Monthly Lease Price



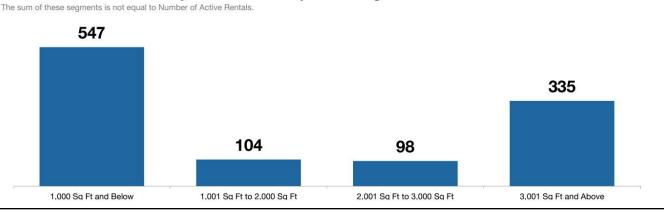
bucking the trend, with 7 of the largest cities reporting a decrease in rents over the last 2 years led by Oakland which experienced a -9.1%

Read RobertoCabrera. com's market reports for insight on the New York City market: "rentals, that's where the concentration of deals is actually happening . . . stress, right now, is on the rental market." Roberto says that rental prices are likely to surpass last summer's highs. Opportunity is in the sale bottom half of the market. market where competition is "tepid at best". He goes on to say that historically the uncertainty of an election means that deal volume will slow until

> November, and then pick up again right after the election.

Back to rentals. In Great Britain we saw divergent signals in May as both prices and inquires fell in demand rose dramatically. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Number of Active Rentals by Total Finished Square Footage





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NEW LISTINGS

List Price	SqFt	Price/SqFt	AC	BR	FB
\$927,900	3,298	\$281.35	2.09	2	2
\$1,250,000	3,249	\$384.73	2.06	4	3
\$1,250,000	2,340	\$534.19		3	2
\$2,595,000	6,270	\$413.88	1.34	5	6
\$2,750,000	3,213	\$855.90	4.23	2	2
\$2,975,000	6,231	\$477.45	3.09	5	4
\$3,295,000	5,413	\$608.72	2.00	4	5
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NEW SALES

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres
161 Heritage Hill Road D	\$379,000	\$379,000	\$365,000	24	1	1	
5 Down River Road	\$1,190,000	\$1,190,000	\$1,325,000	9	3	2	0.33
312 Elm Street #24	\$1,269,500	\$1,269,500	\$1,425,000	4	3	2	
512 Frogtown Road	\$2,295,000	\$2,295,000	\$2,610,000	8	4	2	2.01
120 Oak Street	\$2,395,000	\$2,395,000	\$2,310,000	48	5	5	0.25
720 Weed Street	\$2,749,000	\$2,749,000	\$2,500,000	77	5	4	2.06
436 Weed Street	\$2,895,000	\$2,895,000	\$3,100,000	9	5	6	1.00
34 Louises Lane	\$2,995,000	\$2,995,000	\$2,995,000	16	5	5	2.33
1 Echo Hill Road	\$5,195,000	\$5,195,000	\$5,500,000	15	5	5	5.01

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Address	Price	Day	Time	Broker
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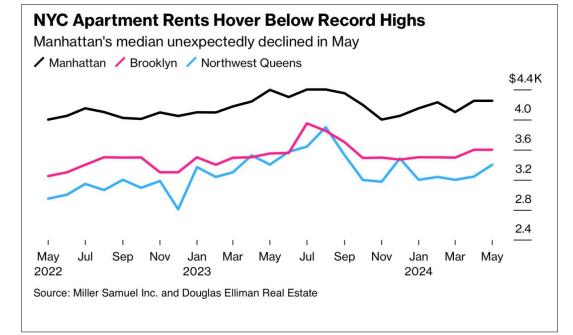
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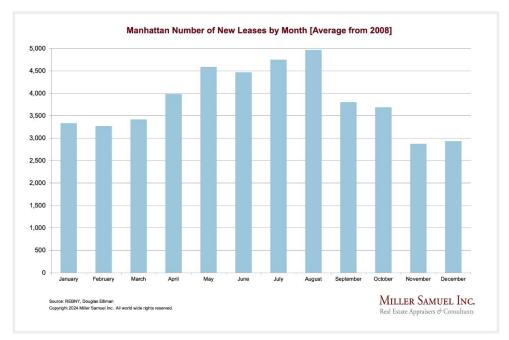
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two months as landlord supply of new properties fell flat. Prices are surging at an annual rate of 8.9%, down from a record high of 9.2% recorded in March. The two political parties are responding ahead of the July 4 elections: the Tories are proposing to abolish a tax on firsttime homebuyers with homes worth less than \$500,000 while Labor has proposed a government mortgate guarantee scheme called "freedom to buy"

What about Eainfield County

Fairfield County Rental Report – May 2024

A research tool provided by SmartMLS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT A REALTOR®

Activity by Area

		Active Renta	lls	Pr	operties Lea	ased Avg Monthly Lease Price					
	For the	Current Tin	ne Period	For the	12 Months	Ending	For the	12 Months I	Ending		
	May-23	May-24	Percent Change	May-23	May-24	Percent Change	May-23	May-24	Percent Change		
Fairfield County	1,193	1,085	-9.1%	4,953	5,152	+4.0%	\$3,877	\$3,890	+0.3%		
Bethel	23	12	-47.8%	85	96	+12.9%	\$2,340	\$2,373	+1.4%		
Bridgeport	165	211	+27.9%	810	930	+14.8%	\$1,823	\$1,838	+0.8%		
Brookfield	27	34	+25.9%	75	90	+20.0%	\$2,261	\$3,736	+65.2%		
Danbury	67	68	+1.5%	293	306	+4.4%	\$2,432	\$2,646	+8.8%		
Darien	40	18	-55.0%	104	121	+16.3%	\$7,306	\$8,198	+12.2%		
Easton	3	6	+100.0%	17	16	-5.9%	\$5,053	\$4,072	-19.4%		
Fairfield	108	109	+0.9%	398	359	-9.8%	\$5,382	\$4,502	-16.4%		
Greenwich	77	50	-35.1%	314	347	+10.5%	\$6,906	\$7,099	+2.8%		
Monroe	21	25	+19.0%	40	33	-17.5%	\$1,808	\$2,668	+47.6%		
New Canaan	54	24	-55.6%	124	140	+12.9%	\$7,554	\$7,568	+0.2%		
New Fairfield	15	11	-26.7%	16	31	+93.8%	\$4,378	\$4,781	+9.2%		
Newtown	16	15	-6.3%	39	57	+46.2%	\$2,887	\$2,535	-12.2%		
Norwalk	149	107	-28.2%	702	723	+3.0%	\$3,108	\$3,041	-2.2%		
Redding	5	9	+80.0%	32	25	-21.9%	\$4,502	\$5,355	+18.9%		
Ridgefield	22	19	-13.6%	122	120	-1.6%	\$3,321	\$3,490	+5.1%		
Shelton	38	35	-7.9%	167	156	-6.6%	\$1,912	\$2,065	+8.0%		
Sherman	13	10	-23.1%	17	20	+17.6%	\$13,868	\$6,885	-50.4%		
Stamford	163	175	+7.4%	1,082	1,059	-2.1%	\$3,033	\$3,479	+14.7%		
Stratford	38	37	-2.6%	154	169	+9.7%	\$2,035	\$2,274	+11.7%		
Trumbull	28	23	-17.9%	52	62	+19.2%	\$2,868	\$3,061	+6.7%		
Weston	18	10	-44.4%	26	32	+23.1%	\$7,828	\$7,610	-2.8%		
Westport	90	66	-26.7%	237	214	-9.7%	\$11,970	\$11,423	-4.6%		
Wilton	13	11	-15.4%	47	46	-2.1%	\$4,824	\$4,953	+2.7%		

What about Fairfield County, Connecticut? The number of properties leased fell in May and for the year to date, -4.1% and -5.8% respectively. The average monthly lease price has fallen for the second year in a row, down -9.3% in May to \$4,070.

Greenwich paints a similar picture where 230 rentals is up 11.7% from 206 last year, but the average rental is \$8,047, down -3.54%, and median rental price is \$4,988, down -7.08% year over year. It's worth noting that lease prices appear to be higher in May and during the busy summer leasing season than at any other time, a fact true in Greenwich, New Canaan, and for the broader Fairfield County, Connecticut market.

Notes from the Monday meeting. The team just produced 3 new property videos this week with a professional crew out of New York City: 23 Benedict Hill, 153 Sunset Hill and 60 Ferris Hill. It begs the question what is the purpose of video, and does video really sell houses in a market with scarce supply? In mathematics we learn the Property of Proportion (a/b=c/d) tells us that when our last 3 professionally shot and edited videos reached 25,000 views, but our home-made videos reach only 1,000 views, that good video must be effective for us and increases reach. But does it sell houses? No. There is a disconnect between where we consume video, and where we shop for houses. Of the 65 single family homes for sale in New Canaan on the SmartMLS I was not able to find any videos attached to the listings. On the New Canaan MLS 30%

of listings had a video or tour attached. A simple Google search revealed most of the high-end houses do have professionally shot videos hosted on Youtube, Tiktok and Instagram but some of those videos were shot years ago and those houses have sold. During the pandemic we relied on video to a greater degree. Since that time the tools have improved, and the video portals have grown, so the lack of video content on major real estate portals like Zillow, Realtor.com and Homes.com in 2024 comes as a surprise.

John Engel is a Realtor on The Engel Team of Douglas Elliman in New Canaan and he is sure June is the busiest month of the year, so much competing for our time and attention: graduations, weddings, proms, Caffeine & Carburetors, The Glass House Summer Party, The Historical Society's Ice-Cream Social, Juneteenth, Carriage Barn Art Show, the Special Olympics Torch Run, the Nature Center's Great American Campout, NCHS's production of Cinderella, Staying Put's Summer Soiree, the NC Land Trust Firefly Viewing and the beginning of Wednesday Waveny Park Concerts. The sidewalks of New Canaan are packed with diners, neighbors greeting neighbors, and the traffic about town is way up. John's going to need a summer vacation.





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Co-founders Lauren Berger (L) and Marla Felton (R) of Greenwich-based REAL Cookies introduced their innovative nutrition program, REAL Food is Fuel, to the eager students at The Julian Curtiss School.

REAL Cookies Make a Real Impact on Students

By Emma W. Barhydt

On Wednesday, June 12th, The Julian Curtiss School welcomed Lauren Berger and Marla Felton, the founders of the Greenwichbased gluten-free, plant-based cookie brand, REAL. Their visit presented their "REAL Food is Fuel" nutrition program, designed to educate elementary school students, grades 2-5, on the importance of reading food labels

At Whole Foods, the students were encouraged to explore the aisles and read the labels of various products. Berger and Felton guided them, pointing out key information on the labels and explaining what to look for in terms of nutritional content. The students discovered the importance of ingredients, serving sizes, and nutritional information like calories, sugars, and fats. This hands-

What we really focus on here is all about creating a gathering space and a sense of community.

and canola oil.

of The Julian Curtiss School. By the end of

and making informed food choices.

The day began with an engaging 30-minute classroom session, where Berger and Felton shared their passion for healthy eating. During the session, students learned to "scan" their food using their senses. Berger and Felton introduced the concept of visually inspecting food, taking note of its colors, textures, and overall appearance. The discussion then shifted to differentiating between foods that energize the body and those that don't, highlighting the benefits of fresh food over fast food.

Berger and Felton had planned a practical, hands-on experience to reinforce what the students had learned. Immediately following the classroom discussion, they led the students on a field trip to Whole Foods Market. This outing was an opportunity for the students to apply their new skills in a realworld setting.

on experience allowed the students to see firsthand how to make healthier choices when shopping for food.

To make the field trip even more enjoyable, Berger and Felton organized a tasting session. The students sampled a variety of nutritious foods, including some of the delicious cookies from REAL. This tasting experience demonstrated that healthy food can be both nutritious and delicious.

REAL, which stands for "Real Food, Real Ingredients, Real Taste," was founded by Berger and Felton in August 2021. Both women have family members with food sensitivities, which inspired them to create a line of cookies that just about everyone could enjoy. REAL cookies are made with clean, Non-GMO ingredients such as almond and coconut flours, real fruit, chocolate chips, and pure Vermont maple syrup. These cookies are not only gluten and grain-free but also free of dairy, eggs, corn, soy, artificial sweeteners,

and taste has not gone unnoticed. REAL understanding of how to read food labels cookies have received accolades from Good but also a newfound appreciation for making Housekeeping's annual snack awards, winning "Best Mini Cookies" in 2023 and "Best Grain-Free Cookies" in 2022. Available in a variety of flavors, including classic chocolate chip, peanut butter chocolate chip, and fresh lemon blueberry, REAL cookies can their nutrition. be found at Sprouts, Kroger, and select CVS online at REALCookiesCo.com.

The visit from Berger and Felton seemed to leave a lasting impression on the students

The brand's commitment to quality the day, the children not only had a better healthy food choices.

> The "REAL Food is Fuel" program is part of Berger and Felton's mission of promoting healthy eating habits and empowering young minds to make informed decisions about

For more information about REAL cookies stores. They are also available for purchase and their mission to provide healthy, delicious treats for all, visit REALCookiesCo.com.



Gluten free, grain free, vegan, deliciousness found at www.realcookiesco.com



Students ventured to Whole Foods, where they learned valuable lessons about selecting foods that provide essential nourishment for their bodies. Photo taken by Venera Alexandrova.

Happy Birthday, America!

On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress ratified the Declaration of Independence. With that act, the Congress declared that the Thirteen Colonies were no longer the subjects of King George III, the ruler of Great Britain. Instead, a new nation - the United States of America – was created.



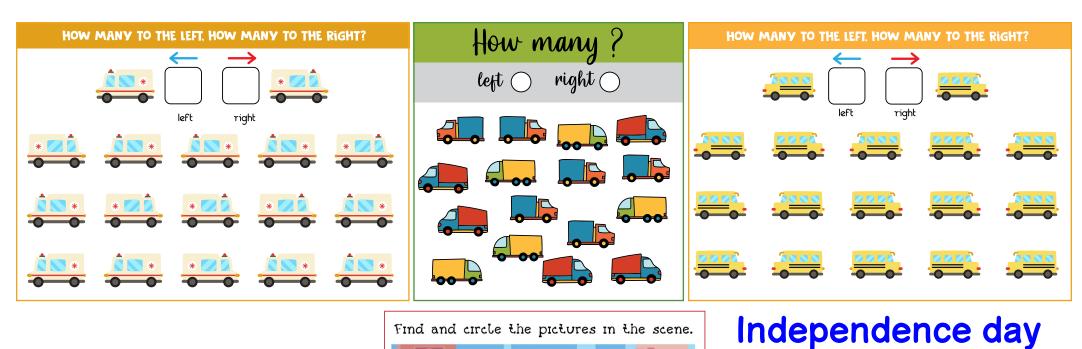


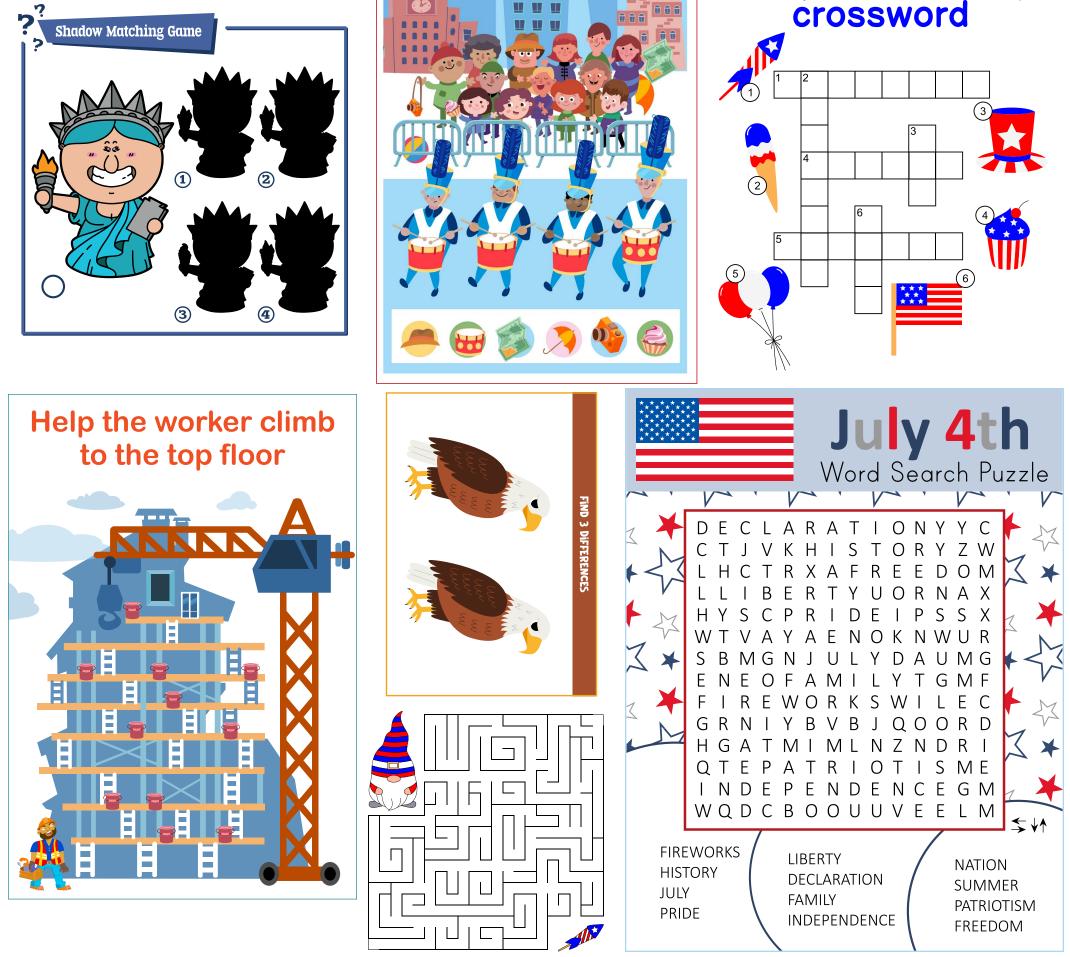
"The Declaration of Independence" by John Trumbull is perhaps the most famous painting of the founding document.

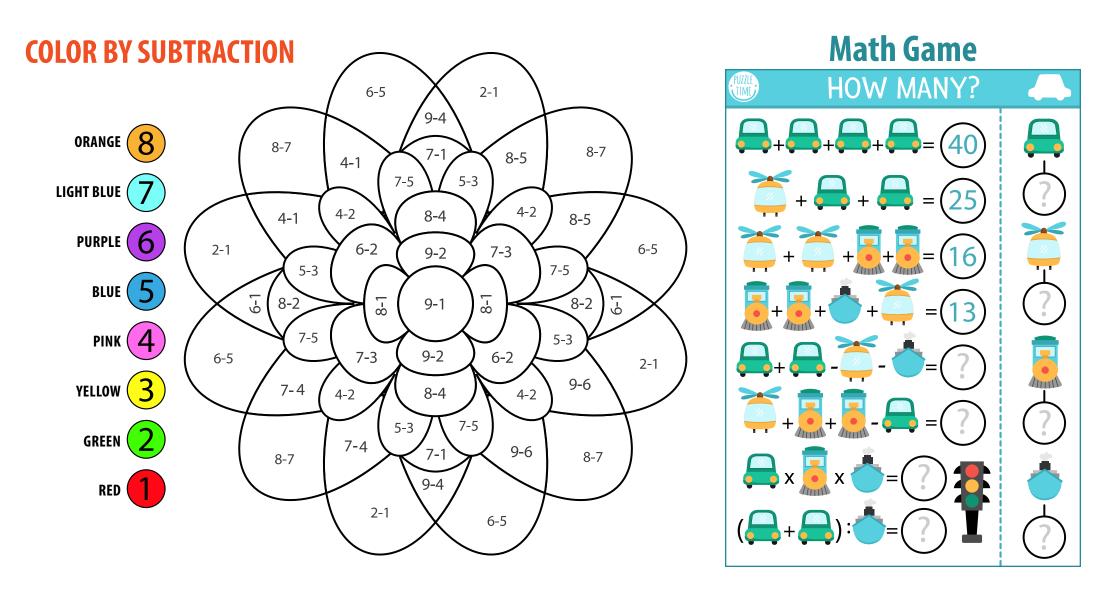
Turnbull was born in Lebanon, Connecticut, on June 6, 1756. His nickname was the "patriot artist," and his ambition was to tell important stories in American history through his paintings. He painted "The Declaration of Independence" in 1818. Today, it hangs in the U.S. Capitol rotunda.

The painting depicts the presentation of the first draft of the Declaration of Independence to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Thomas Jefferson, the principal author of the Declaration, is shown placing the document before the president of the Congress, John Hancock. The other members of the committee are John Adams, Roger Sherman, Robert Livingston, and Benjamin Franklin.

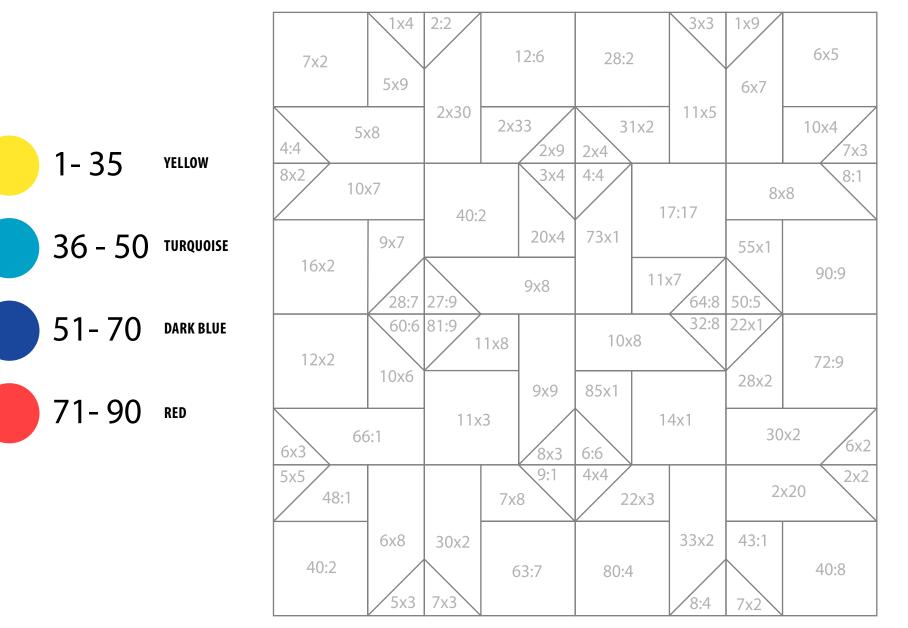
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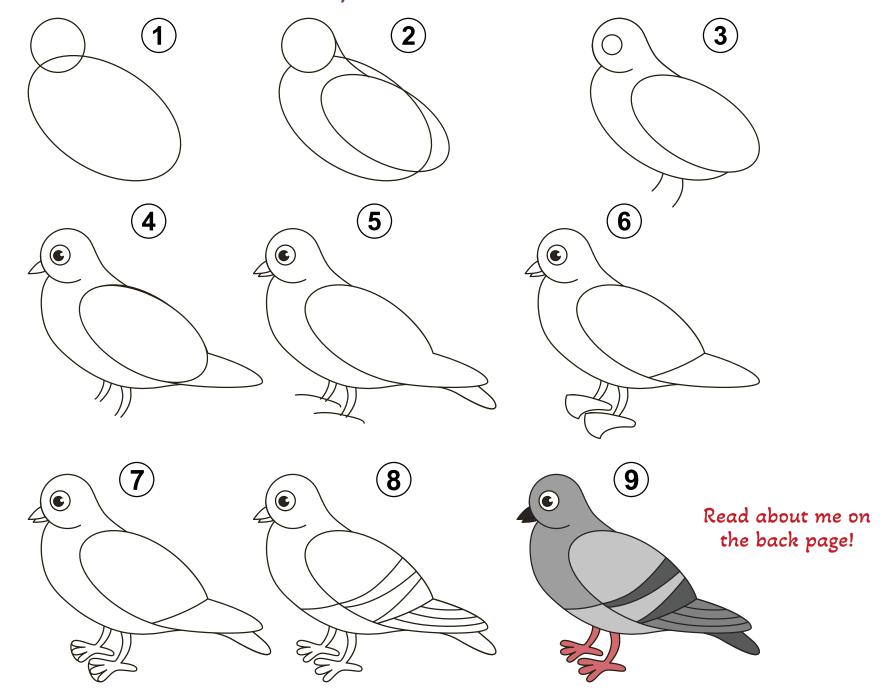




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PLEASE NOTE: The Greenwich Sentinel is on vacation next week, so the next two weeks' calendar is provided in this issue. We wish you and your family and friends a delightful Independence Day!

Submit your events at: newcanaansentinel.com/ submit-an-event/

TOWN MEETINGS

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Zoning Board of Appeals 7-8 p.m., Board Room

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COFFEE AND CONVERSA-TION

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Saturday, June 29

Town Farmers Market

10 AM - 2 PM at Lumber Yard Lot, 224 Elm Street There are many vendors with various local items available including specialty food, fresh meat, produce, soap, eggs, and honey!

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10 AM - 12 PM at the Lapham Center

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Waveny Park Plein Air Meet-Up with Vanessa Curri

10:30 AM - 1 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center Come capture the beauty of Waveny Park while working with others in the medium of your choice. Instructor Vanessa Curri will share techniques and tips for developing your skills and observations. All ages and skill levels welcome to participate, please register at https://carriagebarn.org/ event/plein-air/ and more details will be shared about the schedule and activities. \$25/

every joint in the body from head to toe. The exercises can be performed sitting or standing. Strength training with light weights included. \$90/ person. Call 203-594-3620 to reserve your spot.

Romeo and Juliet: A Theatrical Workshop

7-8 PM at the New Canaan Library, Community Room Dust off your vocal chords and try your hand at reading, performing and unpacking some of the many great speeches in the play. This lively workshop will be led by Shakespeare on the Sound's board member and Shakespeare teacher John Love. Free event Register at https:// www.newcanaanlibrary. org/event/calling-all-thespians-theatrical-workshop-romeo-juliet-72813

Tuesday, July 2

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Qigong with Steve 12:30 PM at the Lapham Center

drones, grills, candles, personal fireworks, or sparklers are permitted. All vehicles must use the South Avenue entrance to Waveny Park. \$35/car or family. For more information visit https://shorturl.at/D15V1

July 8

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July 9

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2 PM at the Lapham Center Come watch a showing of Rock Hudson: All that heaven allowed. Archival footage and interviews with close friends provide insight into the life and career of Rock Hudson "An illuminating account of a beloved icon's dual life, a vital piece of Hollywood history." Hollywood Reporter IMDb 7.3/10. 1h 44m. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

Dinner on the Patio

5-7 PM at the Lapham Center Bring your own dinner before heading over to the concert at Waveny. For more information call 203-594-3620.

Waveny Concert Series

7:30-9:30 PM at the Waveny House Lawn Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy music by Otis and the Hurricanes. Free event.

July 11

Open Sanctioned Bridge Games

3-6 PM at the Lapham Center Join host Tom Hunter for Open Sanctioned Bridge Games. \$15/ person for drop ins. For more information and to register for this event please call 203-594-3620.

Drawing At Dusk with Evelyn Harvey

5:30-7 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center

Hone your drawing skills while taking inspiration from plant life and the landscape of Waveny Park. All skill

World of Food

3-4 PM at Grace Farms Explore the origins of popular ingredients during this deep dive into the relationship between groceries and geography. Learn about the journey your food takes before it arrives on your plate, why shopping seasonally can help create delicious dishes, and more. Led by led by Pastry Chef and Educator Leah Jones. \$15/adult and \$10/student. Register at https://tickets.gracefarms.org/ events/018bab63-42d0-2f81-1575-8c782852e937

July 15

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July 18

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Non-Fiction Book Discussion: The Years by Annie Ernaux

6-7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Karl Family Study Room (#219)

This month's Non-Fiction Library Book Club meeting will delve into the acclaimed memoir The Years by Nobel Prize-winning author Annie Ernaux. Whether you're a long-time member or a firsttime attendee, this book club welcomes all perspectives and encourages lively discussion. Register at https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/nonfiction-book-discussion-yearsannie-ernaux-87894

Cross Sound Cruise and Lighthouse Tour

9 AM hosted by the Lapham Center

Experience the wonder and beauty of the Long Island Sound, while taking a guided boat tour of some of the area's most notable lighthouses. Bus departs from Lapham to New London, to board ferry. Visit historic Mystic Village for lunch or shopping afterwards. \$120/person, fee includes bus trip and cruise. Call 203-594-3620 reserve your spot, space is limited.

July 20

Students will learn a series

Sunday, June 30

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New Canaan Youth Field **Hockey's Fall Program** Registration

members and \$30/non-mem-

Registration for this program ends today! Sign up at https:// newcanaanyouthfieldhockey. leagueapps.com

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SAVE THE DATE Ju<u>ly 6</u>

Yoga and Movement with **Pilin Anice**

10:30 AM- 12 PM at Grace Farms

This restorative morning begins with a delicious cup of iced herbal tea from Grace Farms Foods, followed by an open-air movement class led by our longtime wellness guest expert, Pilin Anice, a renowned yoga, dance, and meditation instructor. \$20/ person. Register at https:// tickets.gracefarms.org/ events/0184eea0-73a7-b88a-0b62-db8041ae24ef

New Canaan Family Fireworks

5 PM at Waveny Park The 43rd Annual Family Fireworks of July Celebration. Get ready for a day packed with family fun, gourmet delights from various food trucks, bouncy houses for the kids, and live music. For safety reasons, no dogs, personal

Bring your knit or crochet project and come hang out with other knitters and crocheters on the Library green. Bring a blanket or chair. Limited seating will be available. This is a multigenerational event for ages 10+ to adults. Register at https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/knitcrochet-meetup-green-79038

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Marathon Mahjongg Day

11 AM- 5PM at the Lapham Center

Whether you are an old pro or a novice, join the Lapham Center to enjoy this popular game. All are welcome; we will sort tables according to skill levels. Lunch and drinks will be provided. \$10/person. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

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Twilight Sound Bath

7-8 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center Step into a realm of tranquility and profound relaxation at this twilight sound bath experience with Diane & Catherine

of Grounded Meditation! After a brief grounding meditation, amidst the peaceful and serene Carriage Barn, you'll be enveloped in a symphony of harmonious vibrations, produced by an assortment of crystal and Himalayan singing bowls, chimes, gongs, drums and more. Please bring a mat and any other props you would like for comfort. \$40/ person. Register at https://carriagebarn.org/event/twilightsound-bath/

July 12

Opening Night: Mary Poppins The Broadway Musical 7 PM at 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan

Everyone's favorite nanny takes the stage in this family musical adventure. This July, the Summer Theatre of New Canaan presents Mary Poppins for three weeks only! Last show date will be July 28th. Ticket prices start at \$29/person and are available at https://stonc.org/mary-poppins/.

July 14

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2 PM at the Lapham Center Come watch a showing of Ordinary Angels. A struggling hairdresser finds a renewed sense of purpose after meeting a widowed father working hard to care for his two daughters. With his youngest critically ill, the woman single-handedly rallies a community to help. IMBd 7.5/10. 1h 57m. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

Waveny Concert Series

7:30-9:30 PM at the Wavenv House Lawn Global Groceries | The Bring your own chair or blan-

Games on the Green During Sidewalk Sale

11 AM- 2 PM at the New Canaan Library, Merrill Event Lawn

In between shopping, stop by to play games, relax and refresh with some lemonade during New Canaan's annual Sidewalk Sale. We've got corn hole, badminton, spike ball, ring toss, tic tac toe, hula hoops, frisbees, and more.

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Summer Camp: More Than A Box Begins

9:30 AM-12 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center The potential is endless at camp when it comes to creating with an array of cardboard boxes, an array of art supplies, and a dash of imagination. Camp will begin on July 22nd and will run through July 26th. Ages 6-10. \$255/members and \$280/non-member. For more information visit https://carriagebarn.org/event/summercamp-more-than-a-box/

July 23

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Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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July 24

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2 PM at the Lapham Center Come watch a showing of The Boys in the Boat. During the Great Depression, members of the University of Washington rowing team compete for gold at the 1936 Olympics. IMDb 6.9/10. 2h 4m. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

Waveny Concert Series

7:30-9:30 PM at the Waveny House Lawn Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy music by Finster- 70's to Today's Hits. Free event.

July 26

Mary Poppins, JR

3:30 PM at 11 Farm Road An hour long version of Mary Poppins performed by the Summer Theatre's middle school Junior Company with full sets and costumes. An opportunity to bring younger children to experience the magic of Mary Poppins. Ticket prices begin at \$17. Tickets available at https://ci.ovationtix.com/36199/performance/11483948. Email boxoffice@stonc.org or call (203) 966-4634 with questions.

BLOOD DRIVES

in lower Fairfield County and surrounding counties

Friday, June 28

VFW 465 Riverside Avenue Westport, CT 06880 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday, July 2

Elevate Fitness 150 Washington Blvd Stamford, CT 06902 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wednesday, July 3

Stamford Church of Christ 1264 High Ridge Road Stamford, CT 06903 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Friday, July 5

Greenwich Blood Donation Center (Mobile) 99 Indian Field Rd Greenwich, CT 06830 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Support Services & Meetings **NEW CANAAN**

Friday, June 28

AA Speaker Meeting Wheelchair Access Fridays at 7:30 AM Congregational Church of New Canaan 23 Park St, New Canaan

Saturday, June 29

Adult First Aid/CPR/AED 9 AM- 12:30 PM at 99 Indian Field Road, Greenwich Equips students to recognize and care for a variety of first aid breathing and cardiac emergencies involving adults. It is designed for students who need a certification that satisfies OSHA workplace or other regulatory requirements. Upon successful completion a valid 2 year digital certificate

for Adult First Aid/CPR/AED

is issued. \$105/person. Regis-

ter at https://www.redcross.

org/take-a-class/cart/checkout

AA Meeting-Sober Citizens

178 Oenoke Ridge Rd., New

AA Meeting-Laundry and

Saturdays at 9:15 AM

Dry Cleaning Group

First Presbyterian Church

Group

Canaan

Wednesdays at 7:30 AM Congregational Church of New Canaan 23 Park St, New Canaan

Naloxone Training 3-4 PM Webinar

Training to learn about the Opioid Epidemic and Naloxone (Narcan), a life-saving tool to reverse opioid overdoses. Attendees who complete this training can receive a certificate of completion and one free Naloxone kit (two doses). Register at https://www.thehubct.org/event-info/naloxone-training-2024-07-03-15-00

Al-Anon Parent's & Newcomer's Mtg. Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Silver Hill, Jorgenson House 208 Valley Rd., New Canaan

Thursday, July 4

AA Big Book Meeting, Wheelchair Access Thursdays at 7:30 AM Congregational Church of New Canaan 23 Park St, New Canaan

New Canaan Parent Support Group

7-8:30 PM St. Mark's Episcopal Church New Canaan Email paul@ncparentsupportgroup.org for more information

Sunday, July 28

Wellness for Cancer at BA Skin Lab

8 AM- 4PM at BA Skin Lab Join for a day of Beauty & Wellness dedicated to those affected by cancer.Experience complimentary facials as BA Skin Lab supports your journey - whether in the midst of battling or in remission. For more information and to reserve your spot call 203-594-9898.



July 14

Cars and Coffee

6:30-10:30 AM at Goodwives Shopping Center 25 Old Kings Hwy S, Darien Featuring General Motors and GM-powered cars from all over the world. All make and models are welcome. Juding begins at 8 AM. Trophies awarded at 10 AM. For more information visit https://carsandcoffeedarien.com/event/ cars-and-coffee-darien-iv/.

July 18

Orange Street Art Market 5:30-8:30 PM at Orange Street Promenade

76 Orange Street, New Haven

Outdoor market highlighting local New Haven based vendors selling art, clothing, and other creations. Peruse the wares, as well as nearby food and retail shops. For more information visit https://www. downtownnewhaven.com/ promenade

Astrology for Next Week

CANCER

22 June-23 July The world is changing by the day and you must change with it or get left behind, Any lingering ideas about holding on to the old way of doing things will soon evaporate but the good news is you will adapt to your new situation with ease. Cancer is a great survivor.

LEO

24 July-23 Aug Mind planet Mercury's move into your sign makes this the ideal time for forward planning. What you think about today is likely to become your reality in the weeks ahead, so think carefully about the direction you want your life to take it's where you'll soon be heading.

VIRGO

24 Aug-23 Sept What is your greatest fear? What wakes you up at night? Whatever it is you'll confront over the next few days and, in confronting it, you'll learn that the power it held over you was just an illusion. Face up to your nightmares - and they'll cease to exist.

LIBRA

24 Sept-23 Oct Your views and opinions are likely to change as you become aware of potentials and possibilities that were hidden from you before. Time spent with friends will not be wasted. On the contrary, what they say will inspire you to aim higher and try harder.

SCORPIO

24 Oct-22 Nov Your attitude to your career will become more serious. Not that you weren't serious before but now you'll see clearly what's at stake and it's big enough for you to reconsider your career priorities. Someone has to be Number One - why not you?

SAGITTARIUS

23 Nov-21 Dec Even if you're the rare type of Sagi who gets lost in details you'll be more concerned with the bigger picture. As Mercury enters the most adventurous area of your chart you'll raise your sights and recognise just how broad your horizons can be.

CAPRICORN

22 Dec-20 Jan You may be loyal and reserved but if anyone thinks they can put one over on you they'll be disappointed your eagle eye will spot the deception straight away. What you do about it is up to you but make sure they know you know so they don't try it again.

AQUARIUS

21 Jan-19 Feb You're doing a lot for others just now but not much for yourself. Maybe it's your generous nature at work but it is more likely to be a sign that you've allowed certain people to gain an emotional hold over you. Take back the initiative. Do only what's good for you.

PISCES

20 Feb-20 March With mind planet Mercury entering the wellbeing area of your chart there's a danger you'll start seeing health problems where none exist. Of course, you must take care of yourself but don't go to the other extreme and think every ache is a sign of your impending demise.

ARIES

21 March-20 April At some point it will dawn on you that you've been living below your full potential. When that moment arrives you must plan something that will elevate you above the ordinary. Mercury's change of signs will help you to put your plan into effect.

TAURUS

21 April-21 May Others will try every trick in the book to make you change your way of looking at an issue but that will only show how little they know you. Once you've made up your mind it would be easier to move a mountain. You'll change when, and if, you want to change, not before.

GEMINI

22 May-21 June Your powers of persuasion will get a mega boost as your ruler Mercury enters the communications angle of your chart. Just remember that you don't have to convert everyone to your point of view. The world would be a dull place if you did.

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July 29

Summer Camp: Birdhouses, Butterflies, and Fairy **House Fun Begins**

9:30 AM- 12 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center Repurpose various materials such as wooden boxes, cans, and jars to craft and embellish charming birdhouses and butterfly shelters. Camp will begin on July 29th and will run through August 2nd. Ages 6-10. \$255/members and \$280/non-member. For more information visit https://carriagebarn.org/event/summercamp-birdhouses-butterfliesand-fairy-house-fun/

July 31

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June 29

18th Annual Swim Across America

8:15 AM at 96 Cummings Point Road, Stamford

This family fun event raises funds for the Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy, headquartered in Stamford. For more information visit https://www. swimacrossamerica.org/site/ TR/OpenWater/Greenwich?pg=entry&fr_id=7120

June 30

Concert on the lawn featuring Griffin House

5 PM at The Mather Homestead

19 Stephen Mather Road, Darien

Touring and making records for over 20 years, House has a discography that includes over 13 albums. His music is described as "rootsy, atmospheric Americana". \$30/ member, \$35/non-member. Tickets available at https:// www.matherhomestead.org/ event-details/music-at-mather-griffin-house-takes-themather-stage-lawn

July 11

Flights of Fancy

4:30-8:30 PM at The Omni Hotel

155 Temple Street, New Haven New Haven's premier shopping, wine and food crawl. Celebrate summer in Downtown New Haven with shopping discounts, food tasting, and wine. Enjoy 20 sipping, tasting and shopping stops, souvenir wine glasses and event bags, exclusive shopping discounts and promotions, raffle prizes, and more. For more information and to purchase tickets please visit https://www.downtownnewhaven.com/fof.

Astrology for the Week of July 8

CANCER

22 June-23 July Don't let money worries stop you enjoying yourself. With fun-loving Venus moving to highlight your finances, you can afford to splash out, even if others warn you to save your money for that proverbial rainy day. Maybe they're right but what if that day never comes?

LEO

24 July-23 Aug Something that's been worrying you for longer than you care to admit will fade in significance in the days ahead. With Venus, planet of harmony, in your sign for the next three weeks or so, you'll completely forget why you got so worked up. Don't let it happen again.

VIRGO

24 Aug-23 Sept Changes are inevitable but how you react to them is not. Cosmic forces in the most sensitive area of your chart may make it appear as if everything is coming apart at the seams but that is far from the truth. It's all about attitude - believe that it's good and it will be.

LIBRA

24 Sept-23 Oct Forget about the irritating people who seem to take the opposite view out of spite and join forces with someone on your wavelength. Group activities and social occasions will go well and will go even better when there are two of you working as a team.

SCORPIO

24 Oct-22 Nov A career issue that's been worrying you for months will turn out to be of no importance. No doubt you'll kick yourself for being so foolish but that's a small price to pay for feeling that a great burden has been lifted, even if it was never really there in the first place.

SAGITTARIUS

23 Nov-21 Dec Take a break from your usual activities. Get away and do something different and exciting that makes you glad to be alive. Also, with values planet Venus entering the most enlightening area of your chart give yourself time to ponder the meaning of life.

CAPRICORN

22 Dec-20 Jan Someone you're close to emotionally will bend over backwards to help you out and all you have to do is let it happen. If you need a loan or some other kind of financial assistance now is the time to ask. The answer won't be no and you won't be in debt for long.

AQUARIUS

21 Jan-19 Feb One of the best times for partnerships and affairs of the heart begins this week so forget about what may have gone wrong with your love life and look forward to all the things that are sure to go right with it in the future. And the future starts now.

PISCES

20 Feb-20 March Don't worry about your duties and responsibilities. Let others take care of the boring stuff. If you force yourself to do things that don't interest you then you'll almost certainly do a bad job. Besides, you've done your bit already - so take a break.

ARIES

21 March-20 April As Venus, planet of love and harmony, enters the most dynamic area of your chart, even if you're not feeling on top of the world now you will in a matter of days. Make sure that special person knows how much you care. Don't just tell them, show them.

TAURUS

21 April-21 May If you need to persuade someone to do you a favour, your way with words will have them eating out of your hand. Whether you deserve a favour is another matter entirely. It's not about ethics, it's about what can be done - and you can do anything.

GEMINI

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Saturdays at 10:30 AM First Presbyterian Group 178 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan

Lost Then Found NA Meeting

Wheelchair Accessible Saturdays at 7 PM United Methodist Church (back entrance) 165 South Avenue, New Canaan

Monday, July 1

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Adult Child Al-Anon Meet-

St. Mark's Church, Youth

111 Oenoke Ridge Rd., New Ca-

Adult Child Alanon Meeting

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Wednesday, July 3

AA Step Meeting

Wheelchair Access

Mondays at 12 PM

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Tuesdays at 12 PM

Universal Crossword

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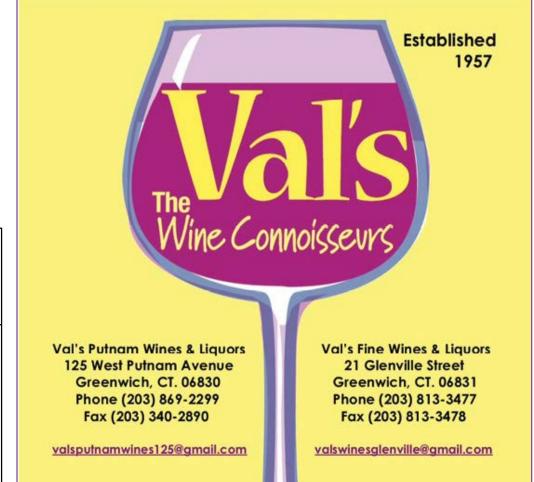
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7 LITTLE W©RDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses $\overline{\underline{a}}$ 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.

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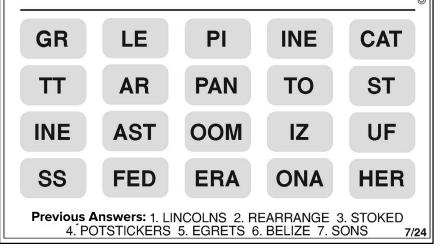
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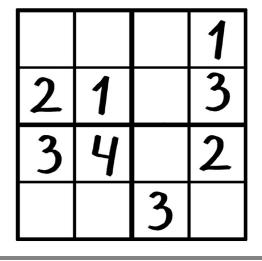
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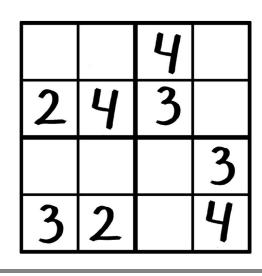


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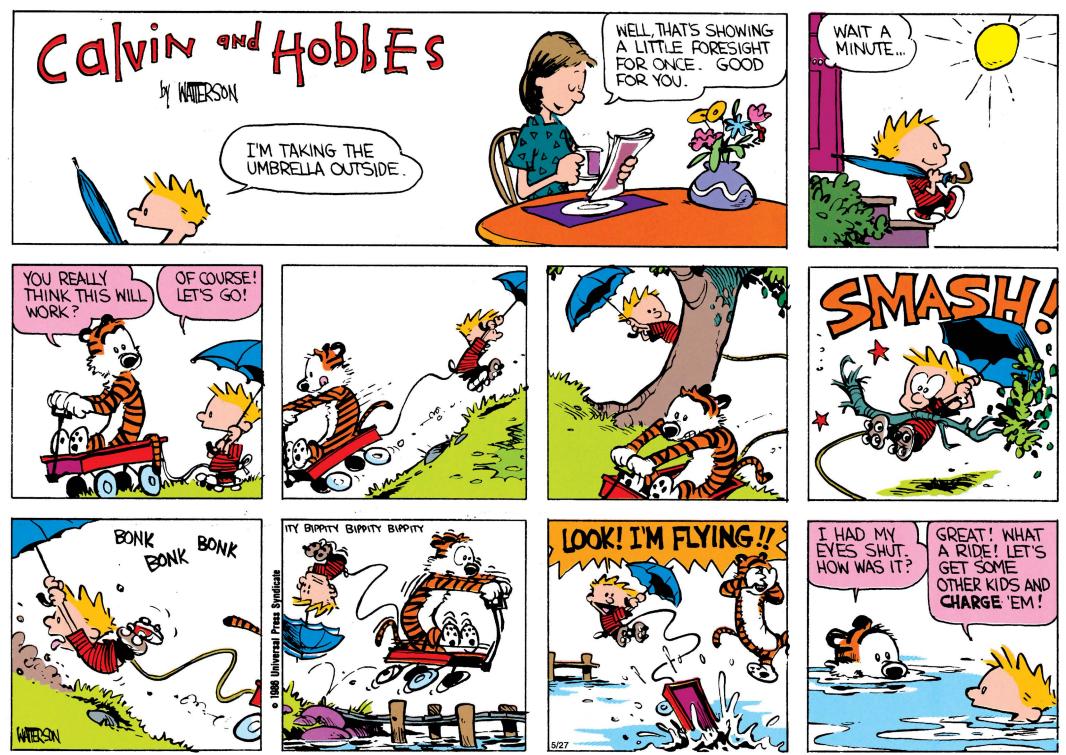
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COLUMN | WILDLY SUCCESSFUL: THE ROCK DOVE

A Common Sight, This Bird Is Full of Surprises

By Jim Knox

I held my dad's hand, poised to ascend the steps of The American Museum of Natural History, when their jerky movements first caught my eye. I studied them and wondered how they did it. How could the chunky birds circle around our feet, snatch food in an instant, and swirl into flight, narrowly missing speeding cars, taxis, and trucks? They seemed so at ease, so natural in their environment, that it must be their home. While they didn't originate in Manhattan, or even the New World, in a sense, they were very much at home. Columba livia, better known as the Rock Dove, Rock Pigeon, or Common Pigeon, is a bird of the Old World. Its close association with humans and its adaptability have facilitated its spread around the globe. Buenos Aires and London harbor flocks of these ubiquitous birds, as do Tokyo and Johannesburg. In fact, the first animal I observed on the African continent-while taxiing into Joburg airport-was a Rock Dove. Though favoring urban habitats worldwide, they also thrive in the countryside, nesting in barns, steeples, bridges, and rock ledges. As grain eaters which supplement their diet with insects, Rock Doves are especially adaptable. Its human-fostered introductions and legendary adaptability have made pinpointing the Rock Dove's original range guesswork. Our best estimates put its true home range somewhere in Mediterranean Europe or North Africa, and its predilection for sheer vertical nesting spots and lofty perches indicate cliffs or mountainous regions were their preferred habitat. Yet, most of this is educated guesswork, made hazy by a longstanding association



the army, the U.S. Navy in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard, recognized the pigeon's ultra-keen vision to save lives. In 1979, the 14th Coast Guard District in Honolulu teamed up with The Naval Ocean Systems Center to develop Project Sea Hunt in which teams of three pigeons were trained to use their exceptional field of view and color vision to spot the red and orange colors of life vests of downed aviators and sailors lost at sea. By pecking at sections of a clear bubble canopy suspended beneath Marine HH-46 Sea Knight and Coast Guard HH-52 Sea Guard rescue helicopters to receive a treat, the birds would alert the crew via sensor to the presence of the Personal Flotation Devices from miles away. With a 90% success rate in ocean trials, the birds outperformed their human counterparts roughly 2:1. If that wasn't impressive enough, consider the pigeon's superpowermagnetoreception. Tiny Magnetite deposits in the bird's beak give it the ability to orient to the poles and the earth's magnetic field, conferring unparalleled navigation ability. With these extraordinary attributes to its credit. and others emerging from scientific research, the Rock Dove has much more to reveal. So, the next time you see a pigeon bobbing along a sidewalk or scurrying for handouts in a city park, know you are in the presence of a common bird with most uncommon abilities.

The Rock Dove, aka the Common Pigeon

There is a creature – which resides in Greenwich - that was first domesticated by the ancient Egyptians 6,500 years ago.

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