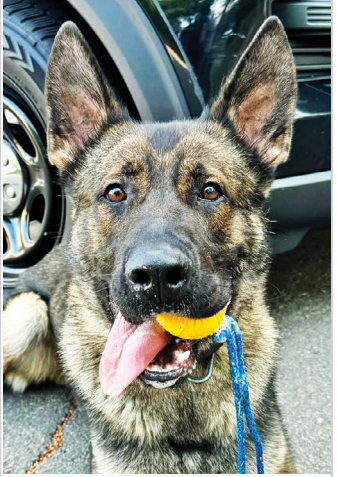




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## LOCAL NEWS

**POLICE AND FIRE**  
K9 Lito Joins Police Team



The New Canaan Police Department has added K9 Lito, a 19-month-old German Shepherd from Slovakia, to their team. Named in honor of Officer Sebastian Obando's late father, Lito has completed training in narcotics detection, tracking, and patrol. Both K9 Lito and Officer Obando are now certified and ready for active duty.

**Missing Stamford Man Found Deceased Here**  
Police found Santos Ejudo Perez of Stamford in a wooded area in New Canaan on Tuesday morning after he was reported missing Monday night. Perez was last seen working on a house in New Canaan. Authorities are investigating, with no indication of foul play or public danger.

### SPORTS



#### New England Junior Team Tennis Champions

New Canaan Racquet Club's 10 & Under co-ed junior tennis team won the New England Junior Team Tennis Championships played from June 29 - July 1 at the Guilford Racquet & Swim Club. Appearing in the photo are Coach Carlos Espinoza, Director of Developmental Tennis at the Club and participating players (from left to right) David Sheaffer, Gabe Paksi, Will Phillips, Miles Dawkins, Celina Sun, and Jane Sheaffer. New Canaan Racquet Club's 12 & Under team reached the finals of their division and its 14 & Under team finished 3rd.

#### New Canaan Football Teams Golf Tournament

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>.

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The inaugural screening of 'If', starring Ryan Reynolds at the New Canaan Playhouse. See our photo spread on pages 10-11 of this opening event. Photos by Elizabeth Nash.

# Lights, Camera, Action: Historic Playhouse Reopens in Style

BY ANNALI HAYWARD

Hollywood came to New Canaan for a triumphant celebration of cinema, as the iconic town Playhouse took center stage in a glamorous reopening.

Red carpet adorned Elm Street as this epic saga — full of plot twists — finally came to a fruitful conclusion, three years and \$8.5 million later.

Attendees began arriving at 5:00 p.m., Thursday June 27th, posing for photos in front of the 101-year old building, with guests of honor glittering under the beloved marquee lights.

CinemaLab, the innovative and somewhat starry team behind the revamp, are now the proud operators of the premises for the next ten years — and they couldn't contain their excitement.

CEO Luke Parker Bowles was a lively host, while actor and Head of Experience Patrick Wilson (Aquaman, The Phantom of the Opera) thoughtfully reflected on the journey and the Playhouse's future.

"I will tell you, this doesn't happen without the town," said Wilson, recognizing the efforts of New Canaan officials in their drive to see the project finished. "There has to be a desire to see beyond just movies."

"This is not just one thing," agreed Parker Bowles. "It's not just a movie theatre, or just a pub, or just a member's club." Indeed a large part of the CinemaLab vision is to offer something a little more

convivial and inviting than traditional movie theaters; hence the heavy emphasis on the holistic offering.

Flanking the two, cozy theaters (where tickets are about \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children) are the Pub, with its restored, 14-foot Victorian bar from the 1880s, and the custom-made, 1930s-style grab-and-go counter, where the team spent Thursday morning perfecting the ideal popcorn recipe to welcome their first customers Friday. Upstairs, the Marquis club — where an annual Bravo membership, which includes unlimited movies for two, starts at \$3,600 — has its own French Art Nouveau mirrored-back bar, with detailed inlay and cast bronze busts.

No attention to detail has been spared throughout the heritage property, with original brickwork and exteriors faithfully preserved — something Parker Bowles was "hugely" mindful of throughout.

CFO Andy Childs described the company's mission as seeking to "elevate the whole experience." Speaking before the inaugural screening (of 'If', starring Ryan Reynolds), Childs told guests they seek to "bring back the magic of cinema," and "activate this space to find real economic longevity for the next 100 years of the Playhouse."

And the glamour kept coming — with a special recorded message from 'If' director and major Hollywood star John Krasinski,

*"When we set out to do this," reflected Wilson, "this is what we wanted."*

who wished town residents congratulations on "having your wonderful cinema back."

With trademark humor, Krasinski added, "there's no other way to experience movies than in a dark room with strangers — it's the way I make movies because it's the way I watch movies. Have a wonderful time and I'll be thinking of you, cant wait to be there soon!"

Town officials were enjoying the festivities too. Director of Public Works Tiger Mann told the *Sentinel* the overall experience has been rewarding.

"It's absolutely beautiful," Mann said. "I love the way it turned out. I want to see the entire town here."

First Selectman Dionna Carlson was similarly jubilant.

"Beginning Friday, the community will have the opportunity to visit a stunning new theater that I believe will add to reasons why people love New Canaan," she said. "The Playhouse will bring more visitors...which will benefit the entire downtown business district."

As Wilson said, "I hope that even the people that maybe felt like it wasn't a worthwhile investment will see over time the investment back into the community."

Carlson acknowledged the project's hiccups, saying "there will be many lessons learned when we have the time to do a post mortem," but that for now she encourages everyone to visit over the summer.

That's exactly what Parker Bowles was going for. "We want you to have a reason to get off your sofa," he said.

And to the critics? "Get up from behind your computer and actually try it out."

As for the membership, he was equally clear: "it's not exclusionary at all — you get the same great experience." Part of the reason for a members' lounge, he explained, was to provide a later dining option (until 11:00 p.m.), which is not available anywhere else in New Canaan.

Private event bookings are already underway, while the Pub and the Marquis Lounge are set to officially open on Monday, July 8th. Food service and outdoor dining begins on Thursday, July 11th. Child tickets go for as little as \$10, and a summer hit for kids, *Despicable Me 4*, is now showing.

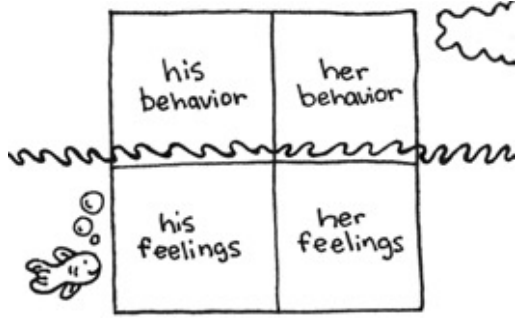
As the lights went down Thursday, a new day was dawning downtown.

"When we set out to do this," reflected Wilson, "this is what we wanted."

See photos from the event on pages 12-13.

### COLUMN

## Below the Waterline



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

We can see fancy windows and decks on large cruise ships, but we know that the massive engine rooms below the waterline are what make the ships move. Similarly, the engine room of emotion is what makes people move, not our cognition. Couples often do not argue about the things they think they are arguing about. It's not about taking out the trash or picking up the kids or sex. It's about the emotions underneath the waterline—typically, feeling unappreciated, unsafe, or criticized.

Identifying our true emotion is a gift that we give to ourselves and our partners. We know that we have found this true emotion when our voices lower. We naturally reach toward our partner's quieter, more vulnerable feelings, instead of pulling away in anger. Revealing the true emotion for just a few minutes, or even a few seconds, is often long enough to resolve the tension between us.

"What's going on under the waterline?" became shorthand for Mark and Alia. It signaled their willingness to dive deeper, to explore the hurt or sad feelings "underneath" their argument. At first it was risky. Now it is a habit that shortens their disagreements and increases their intimacy.

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.

### COLUMN by Julie O'Brien Deasy

## Summer Series

**Question: Can you suggest some local attractions that would be good to visit this summer?**

Answer: Continuing our summer series about good excursions in this area, this week's featured spot is the Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens in Stamford.

The Bartlett Arboretum is a natural preserve, featuring 93 acres of open space, gardens, and walking trails.

The miles of trails wind through gardens, champion trees, into native Connecticut habitats, alongside colonial stone walls, and over pristine wetlands. The trails are perfect for children (and leashed dogs) of all ages!

Many of the trails are in wooded areas, making them a great spot to explore on a hot summer day.

The Bartlett considers itself a "living classroom" to experience and enjoy nature. The grounds feature 13 gardens to explore including Kitchen, Butterfly, Native Sun Plants, and Tropical Gardens.

The Bartlett is open 365 days a year from dawn to dusk with no entry fee.

In addition to the outdoor trails, the Bartlett offers summer programming including concerts, book clubs, and other special events like birding and gardening workshops.

Summer concerts will be outside and will feature a wide variety of music genres. Visitors are asked to bring chairs or a blanket, and a picnic dinner. Food trucks will also be on-site if you prefer to purchase food there.

For more information on visiting,

to purchase concert tickets, or to make a donation to purchase a membership, visit [www.bartlettarboretum.org](http://www.bartlettarboretum.org).

The Maritime Aquarium is located along the SoNo waterfront, and gives visitors a window into aquatic and plant life in the waters around our area and beyond. There are several special exhibits and events planned for this summer.

Now open through September 2024, is the "Travel Back in Maritime" exhibit, highlighting modern-day descendants of ancient species that can still be found swimming in Long Island Sound, and underwater giants that went extinct with the dinosaurs.

Visitors can see these fossils come to life in two 4-D movies: "Sea Monsters 4-D: A Prehistoric Adventure," which rewinds 82 million years in the past to some of the most dangerous seas in history, and "Dinosaur Safari Adventure."

The theater features sensory special effects, such as scents, bubbles, wind, mists, and visitors also wear 3D glasses that enhance the experience. The two movies continuously alternate every 20 minutes, every day.

Several permanent exhibits at the Aquarium focus on Long Island Sound and the aquatic life it contains. "Pinniped Cove" is a 22 feet deep seal habitat, home to a group of harbor seals. It's the largest display in the Aquarium's history, allowing visitors to observe the seals from three different viewpoints. Seals are fed at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily.

A newer area of the Aquarium consists of several separate biomes,

whose regions' climates are either created or influenced by the oceans. A diverse group of animals are on exhibit including owls, lizards, meerkats, a skunk, and a porcupine.

If your child would like a more in-depth experience, the Aquarium hosts weekly summer camps. Separate sessions are held for ages 6-8, 9-12, and 13-15, each with appropriate curriculums and activities centered around marine life.

The Aquarium also runs tours of the Sound from their 64-foot catamaran, R/V Spirit of the Sound. As of July, the catamaran is currently undergoing restoration, but once these improvements are completed, visitors can book tickets. Check on the website for updates and to view schedules.

The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk is open daily from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. The Aquarium cafe offers lunch, snacks, and drinks on weekdays from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm and weekends from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. For more information visit [www.maritimeaquarium.org](http://www.maritimeaquarium.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!

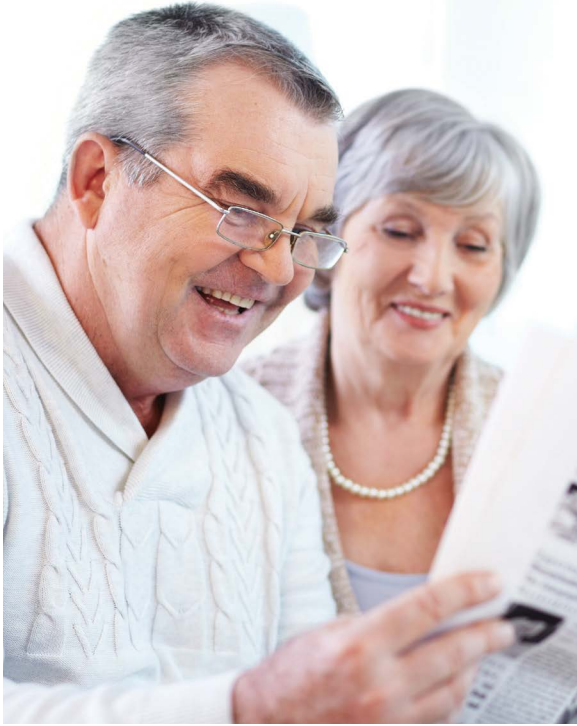
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COLUMN

# Home Winemaking: Perils and Joys

BY JOHN KRIZ

This is a more personal story – a story of my on-going journey as a home winemaker. To borrow a well-worn phrase, there have been thrills of victory and agonies of defeat (including five gallons of hard cider that sadly became five gallons of vinegar). Though I have received several awards for my wine at local agricultural fairs, I am by no means an expert, or even within shouting distance of becoming one. However, I have learned a thing or two, and this is that story, with some tips for those among you who are interested in trying winemaking yourself.

*Note: There are myriad laws on alcohol production, use and sale. Be sure you understand and follow them. And if you choose to drink, always drink responsibly.*

## Where Wine Comes From

In essence, wine is grape juice that has been fermented. Fermentation, for those who have forgotten your organic chemistry, happens when a sugary liquid is mixed with yeast. The result: The yeast eats the sugar, and converts it to ethyl alcohol and carbon dioxide. You can also make wine from other sugary liquids, such as juice from honey (called mead – remember Beowulf?), apples (hard cider), pears (perry), various other stone fruits (such as cherries and peaches) and soft fruits (such as elderberries, blueberries and raspberries). I have made wine from apples, blueberries, honey (I'm a beekeeper, too) and elderberries (it's like a Zinfandel,

very fruit forward), as well as exotic stuff like Melomel (a great crossword puzzle and Scrabble word, it's a mix of honey and soft fruit -- fabulous) and Cyser (honey and apple juice). These latter two are part of my Robin Hood and His Merry Men collection. Winemaking provides opportunity for creativity.

## Getting Started

First time out I suggest getting a kit. These generally come with instructions (follow them!), juice, the chemicals you'll need and yeast. Most all of the guesswork has been taken out, and your chances of producing something decent is substantially increased. A kit helps you get a feel for the steps involved in a simple way.

## Also remember:

- Be sure you have all the ingredients and equipment (more on this later) you'll need before you start.
- Be sure your ingredients have not spoiled.
- Be sure your equipment is clean. **This Is a Big Deal.** Wine is sensitive to contamination. I know one fellow who (unwisely) cleaned his equipment with Dawn dishwashing liquid. He ended up with 24 gallons of Dawn wine – yuk. Only clean and sanitize your equipment

with chemicals specifically approved for wine and water. And any cleaning tools (sponges, rags, brushes) should be chosen carefully and only used for winemaking.

- Read your recipe before you start. Seems obvious, but...

**Go slowly, be careful. There is no ReDo button.**

## Some Basic Stuff You'll Need

• **Juice.** Try the internet. It either comes in a concentrate (add water – works fine) or as 'must' which is raw juice, used as-is. Be very cautious buying juices from a grocer. They often contain preservatives or something else that will adversely affect your winemaking. When I make hard cider or Cyser, I get my raw apple juice from an orchard I trust. If you want to crush your own grapes, it's a chore. To get 5 gallons of juice you'll need 100-125 pounds of grapes. Plus a wine press. And a forgiving spouse.

## • Fermentation Vessels.

You'll need at least two: one for fermentation and the other into which you'll 'rack' your wine (more later) for further fermentation and aging. Sizes for home winemaking are typically 5-6 gallons. This makes it liftable (5 gallons of water weighs around 42 pounds) and

will produce about two cases. Choices include:

o **Specially made plastic buckets** (My favorite – so easy to use). Most have spouts for easy racking and bottle filling, tight closures and an aperture for the airlock (see below). Plus cleaning is simple.

o **Glass Carboys.** These are big glass bottles that are heavy, breakable, hard to lift and difficult to clean.

o **Wooden Kegs.** They look cool, but are expensive, heavy, hard to handle and have short lives.

## SIDEBAR: Oak

If you want to oak your wine, you can do this by adding oak sticks, balls, cubes or chips to the must. They work great. Why oak? It adds flavors to the wine, such as caramel, vanilla, coconut, clove and smoke. By using oak sticks, etc. you can be very precise on how much oak you want. You can also use toasted oak, meaning it's been charred. Also regarding oak, there are three basic choices: 1) American Oak (quercus alba), which is White Oak. Why? White oak does not leak. If you're making a wine barrel, you do not want leaks. Ditto if you're building a ship. 2) French Oak

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COLUMN

# The Surprising Link Between Water and Your Brain Power

*It can be easy to let your fluid intake slide, especially when you're busy. But keeping hydrated isn't just about quenching your thirst—it's about keeping your brain sharp and your body healthy.*

By TERESA ALASIO MD

Ever wondered why you're feeling foggy-headed, or why your afternoon productivity plummets? The answer might be as simple as a glass of water. Water makes up a whopping 60 to 70 percent of our body weight. Yet, shockingly, up to 75 percent of Americans are chronically dehydrated, and seniors are especially at risk.

Dehydration doesn't just make you thirsty—it affects your brain in profound ways. Even being just 1% dehydrated can cause a 5% decrease in cognitive function. And if you hit 2%, you could start experiencing short-term memory loss and trouble with basic math. Prolonged dehydration? That can cause your brain cells to shrink, a condition common among elderly individuals who have been dehydrated for years.

### Recognize the Signs

It's crucial to recognize the telltale signs of dehydration to avoid these debilitating effects. Typical symptoms include a dry mouth, dark urine, fatigue, dizziness, a rapid heart rate, and muscle cramps. Thirst,

surprisingly, isn't always the most reliable indicator. Your brain could be crying out for water long before you feel thirsty.

Mental symptoms of dehydration are even more startling. Depression, afternoon fatigue, sleep issues, poor focus, short-term and working memory decline, lack of mental clarity, and even hallucinations can all be linked to inadequate hydration.

### The Brain's Dependence on Water

Since the brain cannot store water, it's essential to continuously hydrate. A well-hydrated brain functions at its best, helping you think faster, focus more clearly, and maintain better mental clarity. Dehydration can be incredibly dangerous, particularly for the elderly, leading to severe health issues like seizures and kidney problems.

### How Much Water?

To prevent dehydration, drink plenty of fluids and eat foods high in water such as fruits and vegetables. Aim for at least 6 to 8 cups of water each day, more if you're in a hot climate or

engaging in vigorous exercise. The old adage of eight glasses a day is a good start, but there's more to it.

### Water and Electrolytes: A Perfect Pair

Don't forget about electrolytes—key minerals like sodium, potassium, and magnesium that regulate your heartbeat, blood pressure, fluid balance, and muscle contractions. Dehydration can lead to an electrolyte imbalance, so it's vital to consume foods that help maintain these levels.

Fruits and veggies are your best friends in this fight. They can help you avoid electrolyte imbalance while keeping you hydrated. Around 20 percent of your daily water intake comes from food. Here are some top hydrating options:

- Cucumbers: 96% water
- Tomatoes: 95% water
- Spinach: 93% water
- Watermelon: 92% water
- Mushrooms: 92% water
- Cantaloupe: 91% water
- Broccoli: 90% water
- Peaches: 88% water
- Brussels sprouts: 86% water

### Three Tips to Boost Your Hydration

1. Simply Increase Your Water Intake: Make a conscious effort to drink more water throughout the day.
2. Add Some Flavor: Enjoy herbal teas and flavored seltzers to keep things interesting.
3. Keep Track: Use a daily log or a wearable device like a Fitbit to make proper hydration a habit.

### The Bottom Line

We all lose water daily through sweat, bathroom breaks, and even breathing. It can be easy to let your fluid intake slide, especially when you're busy. But keeping hydrated isn't just about quenching your thirst—it's about keeping your brain sharp and your body healthy. So, grab that glass of water and toast to your brain health. Your mind and body will thank you.

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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

# Engel-Ellis Engagement



Charlotte Ann Engel and John Joseph Ellis

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Engel III of New Canaan are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlotte Ann Engel, to John Joseph Ellis of Darien.

Charlotte was born and raised in New Canaan, Connecticut. She attended the university of St Andrews, Scotland, and the College of William & Mary as part of their Joint Degree Program, where she earned her degree in History. Charlotte currently works as a freelance makeup artist, as well as at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society, where she is their clothing historian.

John was born and raised in Darien, Connecticut. He also attended The University of St Andrews, Scotland, where the two met, and earned a degree in History. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 2022, and currently works at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP where he is an associate.

John and Charlotte will become Mr. and Mrs. Ellis on August 31, 2024 before friends and family at St. Aloysius Church in New Canaan. The couple will reside in New York City after the wedding.

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## HOME WINE MAKING From Page 6

(quercus robur) and 3) Slavonian Oak (quercus robur slavonica) from the Croatia/Hungary/Serbia region (and the oak's name varies by region). Each type is a bit different, and there is terroir in oak just like in wine. There are endless discussions on oak – how much, how long, which type, new vs. old barrels.

• **Chemicals.** Don't be scared. Your recipe will guide you. Just be sure they have not gone off.

• **Yeast.** There are dozens upon dozens of yeasts. Your recipe will guide you. Each yeast has characteristics that make it optimal for particular types of wines. Some yeasts tolerate colder or warmer temperatures. Some can generate higher alcohol levels. Some are best for white wines, some for red. If you simply leave your juice out, nature will take its course and so-called wild yeast will establish residence and it will begin to ferment. Is this OK? Some people like wild yeasts as they can generate interesting flavors. But...it's a crap shoot on exactly how the wine will turn out. Could be great, could be dreadful. Yeast affects flavor, so its best to use the appropriate wine yeast. If using dry yeast, be sure to 'proof' the yeast before 'pitching' it (adding it to the must). How to proof yeast? Use a clean coffee mug, and add half a cup of tepid water and a teaspoon of white sugar. Then add the yeast. Mix. When you see it foaming after a few hours, it's ready to 'pitch'. Proofing the yeast gives it a head start and you'll get a better fermentation.

### SIDEBAR: Stuck Fermentations

Keep some K1V-1116 or EC-1118 yeast around to try to fix a stuck fermentation. What is this? It's when your wine refuses to ferment, or just stops fermenting before you want it to. Why does this happen? My best answer is it just does. What to do? These yeasts are the 'big guns' of fermentation, and by adding them to a stuck fermentation you can (usually) get it going again.

• **Airlocks.** Get a few. They have a tendency to break at inconvenient times. Airlocks are used on fermentation vessels and allow the carbon dioxide from the fermenting must to escape, but prevent oxygen from entering. Oxygen causes oxidation, which causes spoilage – sort of like leaving leftovers uncovered in the refrigerator. Always have one in place in your fermentation vessel.

• **Bottles.** Buy new ones, all the same size. Trying to reuse used wine bottles of various shapes and sizes is a recipe for madness. Pick a shape and color you like and stick with it. There are two main bottle types: Plain old wine bottles (750ml size) and champagne bottles (also 750ml). The latter are sturdier and are used for sparkling wines. Also, keep your empty bottles, be sure they're clean (and you'll need to buy a special wine

bottle brush) and reuse them. I have had many bottles for over twenty years.

• **Hydrometer.** This is used to test specific gravity. By comparing the starting specific gravity reading of the must with the reading once fermentation has stopped, you can determine the alcohol level. As fermentation occurs, and the alcohol content rises, the specific gravity changes because different liquids have different weights for a given volume. Sugary water has a different weight (specific gravity) than a liquid whose sugar content has been converted to alcohol. Search the internet and you'll find simple tables that will translate your two readings into the alcohol content. Also, your initial reading will tell you the 'potential alcohol' of your must, or the maximum alcohol level attainable assuming you 'ferment to dryness'. If you want some residual sweetness in your wine, as you monitor your rising alcohol levels with new readings, you can stop the fermentation whenever you want. How to do this? Add potassium metabisulfite (called Campden Tablets in winemaking) to the must.

### Closures. There are several choices.

• **One is screwtops,** which are increasingly common in wine. At home, these are not possible as they require industrial equipment you won't have. Skip it. (You can buy specially threaded bottles and do-it-yourself screwcaps but I have found they work poorly and are expensive.)

• **Bottle caps.** Don't laugh. If you're using champagne bottles, bottlecaps are easy to use and effective. You will need to buy a bottle capper device. The alternative is a champagne cork (plastic or actual cork) but these are very difficult to insert.

• **Corks.** There are four basic choices. First is a 'straight' natural cork made from a single piece. Second choice is a 'straight' composite cork, which is comprised of little bits of cork glued together. The risk is the wine touches the glue, and these corks tend to shred when removed. Third choice is a straight plastic cork. These are difficult to insert using home equipment. Fourth is a mushroom cork. These use either composite or plastic corks and have a plastic top. They're common in scotch and bourbon bottles. The good news is they insert easily with no equipment. The bad news is the seal is not tight, so there's a risk of oxygenation. 'Straight' natural cork tends to work best. You'll need a cork inserter. You prepare the corks for insertion by placing them in a vegetable steamer on your stove, and steaming them for ten minutes. This makes the cork pliable and easier to insert.

### SIDEBAR: CORK

Cork is tree bark (yup) from a special type of oak (quercus suber) with most of the forests found in Portugal. The cork/bark is peeled off the trees every ten or so years. This does not hurt the trees. These cork oak forests are important environmentally, as they are pretty much left alone except for bark harvests, chemicals are avoided, and the wildlife love them, including



some endangered species.

• **Neck Capsules.** These are those bits of plastic or pliable metal (often aluminum) around the tops of wine bottles. Why are they there? Today, they're really decorative atavisms. But in pre-industrial times they had a purpose. Back then wine bottles were individually hand blown by a glassmaker, and the size and shape of the apertures varied. Plus corks (the kind from bark) were individually hand cut, more or less to the proper size. The upshot is that the cork might not fit tightly in the aperture, and there would be a risk of oxygen infiltration, and thus oxygenation and spoilage. What to do? Take some wax and pour it over the top of the corked bottle. That would help seal the bottle, and it was easily removed. Do we need neck capsules on wine bottles today? They're traditional and look nice. Most of the ones for home winemaking are heat-shrink plastic.

• **Labels.** By all means label your bottles once they're filled. You can go cheap and write on masking tape, or you can order custom labels. There are many pre-designed labels available which you can customize with the type of wine, date bottled, your name, etc. And you can add custom art if you're so inclined. The best ones are peel and stick, and come off easily so when time comes you can remove the old label easily and reuse the bottle.

### The Process, and More Tips

First, follow the recipe. These can be found on the internet, from many home wine equipment suppliers, and in books.

**Remember:** If you want to crush your own grapes, it takes 100-125 pounds of grapes to generate five gallons of juice. And you'll need a fruit press. These are not cheap and are a hassle to use. So purchased must or concentrate is much easier. If you're making wine from, say, blueberries, it's a different story. For a five or so gallon batch you'll need maybe 8-9 pound of blueberries. I freeze them, and then run them briefly through a food processor and dump the juice and shredded blueberries in a fruit bag, which can be purchased from wine supply stores.

It's essentially a big tea bag. Then the full fruit bag is put in the fermentation vessel with water. I have made wine this way and it works fine.

If you use concentrate and thus need to add water, avoid municipal tap water as it likely has fluoride, chlorine and other stuff you do not want. If you have decent well water, that's OK. If not, consider buying natural spring water from the grocer.

As to racking, this is transferring the wine from one vessel to another. The idea is to leave the heavy gunk that falls to the bottom during fermentation in the first fermentation vessel, and to transfer only clear(er) wine to the new fermentation vessel. You'll likely do this three or four times before bottling to help clear your wine. By using those plastic fermentation vessels, this is easy as all you do is put the full vessel on the kitchen counter with the spigot hanging over the side, place an empty vessel on the floor, and open the spigot. Gravity does the rest. If your fermentation vessel does not have a spigot you'll need to use a siphon. They're a bit of a hassle.

Once your wine is ready for bottling, place the full fermentation vessel on the kitchen counter, put an empty bottle under the spout and slowly fill it. Leave some headspace for the cork. First fill the bottle, then cork it, then add the neck capsule (if you want) and finally add the label.

Be sure to take notes about what you did and when, and especially your hydrometer readings and dates, and racking dates.

Your wine should begin to ferment within 24 hours after you've pitched the yeast. If not, you likely have a stuck fermentation. Most of the sugar-to-alcohol conversion will occur in the first few days of fermentation. You'll see your airlock vigorously bubbling away, and you'll smell it, too. (Smells OK.) Fermenting wine does not like cold (shuts down the fermentation) or heat (cooks it). As a rule of thumb, keep it around 75 degrees. Some wines need a few months to be ready for bottling. Some a year. And once bottled you'll likely want them to mature a bit. Cheers!

*John J Kriz is a 30+ year resident of New Canaan. The opinions expressed are his own.*



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COLUMN

# We ALL need a Family Advocate who works in Healthcare



By Dr. Russell R. Barksdale

that come with having such a supportive figure, some healthcare providers have introduced disease-specific “navigators” to assist clients in navigating the complex landscapes of healthcare and insurance coverages. These navigators effectively step into the role of a family member, offering round-the-clock availability for medical needs without the complications of malpractice, ethics, or contractual obligations inherent in caring for a family member.

In the realm of healthcare, having a close relative who is a physician, nurse, or healthcare professional is not only a matter of pride but also a valuable asset. For many, this familial connection means more than just prestige; it translates into convenient access to expert advice or swift referrals to specialists in high demand. With the appointment wait times for many specialists measured in weeks and not days, having an inside connection or navigator who can advocate for timely access is a real benefit.

Recognizing the advantages and increased satisfaction

One notable program, the Navigator—Alzheimer’s at Home in New Canaan (Navigator@waveny.org), exemplifies this concept by providing tailored support for families dealing with loved ones suffering from Alzheimer’s Disease. This initiative addresses various challenges faced by families, including accessing clinical assessments, education on disease progression, coordination of care, and assistance with insurance coverage and benefits. By offering a personalized, concierge-level service free of charge to New Canaan residents, this program aims

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to alleviate the emotional and financial strains experienced by caregivers and loved ones.

While many healthcare professionals may accommodate requests from their relatives for prompt care or medical advice outside regular hours, there are ethical and legal implications to consider in such scenarios. State laws and licensing regulations often mandate that medical services provided to family members adhere to the same standards as those provided to non-relatives. This means that any assessment or treatment given to a relative should mirror what would be done for any other patient, with proper documentation and adherence to professional standards.

If a physician would not prescribe an antibiotic for a patient without conducting a physical assessment, the same would apply for a relative. A physician also wouldn’t provide

services without appropriately documenting such services in a medical record; the same should be done for a relative. The assessment and treatment process for a relative should mirror that of a non-relative.

Relatives can enjoy a few perks. What good is having a physician in the family if one cannot receive home visits, phone calls outside normal business hours, expedited medical appointments with specialists, etc. Many physicians are surprised; however, to learn that major insurers often exclude medical treatment provided to a physician’s family member from coverage, let alone a prohibited service from their employment contract or malpractice insurance coverage.

While these prohibitions may seem like yet another unnecessary intrusion, there are benefits to these burdens. Not all families remain close and

civil over time, as in-laws and spouses may come and go, or disconnected from the family.

These issues aside, having a family member working in the healthcare industry or professional navigator can bring several benefits, both personally and for the family as a whole:

Access to a wealth of medical knowledge and information. They can provide guidance on health-related issues, recommend specialists or treatment options, and answer questions about medical conditions. A navigator and advocate interpreting medical jargon and advocate for the best care is a real benefit.

Understanding the Healthcare System. Healthcare can be complex and overwhelming at times. Having a family member in the field can help demystify the healthcare system, making it easier for other family members to access

and understand healthcare services, coverages, and in- and out-of-network barriers.

Emotional Support. Healthcare professionals possess strong empathetic and compassionate qualities. Having a family member or professional navigator in healthcare can provide emotional support during difficult health-related situations, offering comfort and reassurance.

Overall, having a family member or professional navigator in healthcare can be a true blessing. They can enhance the family’s overall health literacy, advocate for timely accessibility, demystify terminology and insurance coverage issues, and provide support during health-related obstacles and challenges.

*Russell R. Barksdale is a PH.D., MPA/MHA, FACHE President, and CEO Waveny LifeCare Network*

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### Marinelli Named NHSACA Coach of the Year

Lou Marinelli, New Canaan High School’s football coach, has been named the 2024 NHSACA Football Coach of the Year. Marinelli, who has secured 14 state championships and holds a record of 393-113-7, has won the most games in Connecticut’s history as a coach. He received this award at the NHSACA convention in Bismarck, ND.



### New Canaan Field Club Event

The New Canaan Field Club held a Member Guest event during the weekend of June 22nd. Joe Motta and Maurice Sanchez won the Men’s Championship, while Amy Tucci and Amanda Bryan won the Ladies’ Championship. Finalists included Will Flynn and Kirk Carr, as well as Charlotte Allen and Maureen Ruckman.

### LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

#### Wine expert is Men’s Club speaker Friday

The New Canaan Men’s Club will hear about fine wines and how they’re valued at its meeting Friday, July 12, from Charles Antin, an auctioneer and senior wine specialist with Zachys Wine Auctions based in Brooklyn. Before joining Zachy’s, Antin was wine specialist and head of wine sales for Christie’s auction house. The Men’s Club meeting will be at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 111 Oenoke Ridge, beginning at 10 a.m. For information about joining, email [ncmens@ncmens.club](mailto:ncmens@ncmens.club).

#### Mary Poppins Debuts in New Canaan

The Summer Theatre of New Canaan will debut its production of Mary Poppins today, 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/>.

#### Glass House Names New Director

The Glass House has appointed Courtney Skipton Long, Ph.D., as its new Director of Development. Dr. Long brings over 15 years of experience in fundraising and development from institutions like the Yale Schwarzman Center and Yale University Art Gallery. She aims to help preserve The Glass House for the future.



### New Canaan Exchange Club Inducts New Officers

The New Canaan Exchange Club, a service organization since 1952, has inducted a new slate of officers for the fiscal year ‘24-’25. The Club raises and distributes funds to local nonprofits. From left to right the New Officers are Chris LeBris, Secretary; James Bakal, Past President; James Hennessy, Director External Communications; George Benington, Past President; Joel Pelzner, Director Membership; David Shea, Director; John Fulkerson, Past President and Director Member Communications; Chip Steppacher, Director; Eric Wiechmann, President Elect; John Doherty, Immediate Past President; Rich Kurth, Current President; and Jim Murray, Director and Past President; and Fred Bird, Director. Not shown are Andrew Brooks, Treasurer; Russ Barksdale, Director; and Nick Trahanas, Director.

A visit to [www.newcanaanexchangeclub.com](http://www.newcanaanexchangeclub.com) will provide details on the Club’s activities.

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING BRIEFS

#### Fire Department Purchase Orders

Chief Basset presented a request for FY25 purchase orders for goods and services totaling \$269,500. The purchase orders included training from the Commission on Fire Protection and Control, equipment repairs by Fire Tech and Safety, repairs by Gabrieli, service from Gowans and Knights, occupational health services from Greenwich Hospital, uniforms from New England Uniform, dispatching services from the Town of Fairfield, record management from Locality Media, tires from Belardinelli Tire, and repairs from Superior Spring. The order was approved unanimously.

#### Police Department Purchase Orders

Chief DiFederico requested approval for FY25 purchase orders totaling \$64,279.50 for various equipment and uniforms. The purchase orders included items from Galls, New England Uniform, Tactical Police Gear, and Jurek Bros Incorporation. The order was approved unanimously.

#### Parks Department Mower Purchase

Mr. Deklyn and Mr. Howe from the Parks Department requested approval to purchase a new Hustler Super Z 60” zero turn mower from Goff’s Equipment for \$12,915.89. This mower will replace an 11-year-old machine and is essential for daily mowing operations. The order was approved unanimously.

#### Parks and Recreation Purchase Orders

Mr. Howe presented a comprehensive list of FY25 purchase orders for parks maintenance and recreation activities. These orders covered parks maintenance, pool maintenance, various supplies for activities and town buildings, and self-sustaining recreation programs. The order was approved unanimously.

#### Commuter Parking Permit Renewals

Ms. Miltenberg presented a request to approve commuter parking permit fees for the Lumberyard, Richmond Hill, and Talmadge Hill commuter parking lots for FY25. The fees were set at \$663.62 for the Lumberyard Lot and \$504.10 for both the Richmond Hill and Talmadge Hill Lots. After some questions regarding the current wait list status, the renewal was approved unanimously.

#### Transfer Station Purchase Order

Mr. Mann requested approval for a FY25 blanket purchase order with Clean Harbors for \$30,000. This order is for household hazardous waste services, allowing residents to utilize waste days scheduled throughout the year. The order was approved unanimously.

#### Department of Public Works Purchase Order Increase

Mr. Mann and Mr. Oestmann requested approval for an increase in a previously approved FY24 purchase order with M.A. Garamella, amounting to \$12,580. This increase covers emergency HVAC repairs at Vine Cottage and Lapham Center. The order increase was approved unanimously.

#### Preventative Maintenance Contract Renewals

The Department of Public Works requested approval for contracts for preventative maintenance services beginning July 1, 2024. The contracts covered both general preventative maintenance and proprietary services. The amended totals were \$322,620.87 for general preventative maintenance services, \$74,196.24 for proprietary preventative maintenance services, with a 10% contingency of \$39,681.71, bringing the grand total to \$436,498.82. The renewal of contracts was approved unanimously.

#### Waveny Woodland Management Survey:

Mr. Mann presented a request to enter into a contract with RKW Land Surveying for \$5,400. This contract is for surveying services at Waveny Park, particularly around the Jeniam Meadow area, in partnership with the Waveny Park Conservancy. The project entails the surveying of wetlands in the area to assist with the woodland management plan. The order was approved unanimously.

#### Human Resources Purchase Orders

Ms. Jones and Ms. Kelly-Lenz presented a request for approval of FY25 purchase orders totaling \$3,004,881 for various insurance and consulting services. These included AmWINS (Retiree Medical), CIGNA Dental (Insurance), CIRMA LAP Insurance, CIRMA Workers

Comp, CIRMA Heart & Hypertension, EPIC (Consulting Fee), and Life Insurance Co. of North America. The order was approved unanimously.

#### Information Technology Contracts

Mr. Kaiser requested approval for two contracts. The first was with Total Communications for \$22,694.84 to upgrade the Cisco Unified Communications Manager. The second was with Darktrace for \$15,000 for their Prevent module, which provides attack surface management. The contracts were approved unanimously.

#### Volunteer Tax Abatement

Ms. Kelly-Lenz presented a request to approve the abatement of real and/or personal property taxes for volunteer first responders, totaling \$55,106.99. This abatement is in accordance with the ordinance titled “Property Tax Abatement and Other Benefits for Volunteer First Responders.” The abatement was approved unanimously.

#### Emergency Services

Ms. Kelly-Lenz requested approval to pay \$62,117.37 to Southwest Regional Communications Center Inc. for EMS and EMD dispatching as well as CMED services. This was approved unanimously.

#### Selectmen’s Comments

The Selectmen expressed gratitude to all volunteers and staff for organizing the successful Family Fireworks event on Sunday. They extended special acknowledgement to the Fireworks Committee and its chairman, Tom Stadler, for their year-long planning and efforts to make the event a success.

### ACROSS CT

#### Avoid Shorebird Nesting Areas

State environmental officials are urging beachgoers to avoid shorebird nesting areas, as these birds are protected by law. DEEP has marked and closed certain nesting sites, advising the public to stay at least 25 feet away. Recreational activities are banned at three state-owned sites to prevent disturbances to nesting birds.

#### Trader Joe’s Recalls Scented Candle

Trader Joe’s has recalled its “Mango Tangerine Scented Candle” due to a burn risk from an unexpected flame pattern. Customers are advised to stop using the candle and return it for a full refund. No injuries or fires have been reported, but there have been online accounts of the issue. Contact (626) 599-3817 or <https://www.traderjoes.com/home/contact-us/product-feedback> with any question.

### OUR NEIGHBORS

#### Green & Tonic Expands to Stamford

Green & Tonic will open a new location at 54 West Park Place, Stamford in August 2024, with additional stores planned for Glenville and Old Greenwich this year. The plant-based eatery offers a gluten-free menu, including custom salads and meal boxes. Established in 2012, Green & Tonic now has six locations across Fairfield and Westchester counties.

#### Stamford Health Launches Firefighter Cancer Prevention Program

Stamford Health has launched a pilot program to address the significant cancer risk faced by firefighters. This initiative involves specialized health screenings and care tailored to the unique risks of the profession. The program aims to improve overall wellness and is expected to expand to more departments across Connecticut.



#### Paddle to protect Long Island Sound

The SoundWaters Flotilla, set for July 20, invites kayakers and paddleboarders of all ages and skill levels, including many from New Canaan, to join this fundraising event supporting Long Island Sound education programs. Participants will launch from Cove Island Park in Stamford and Weed Beach in Darien, paddling a four-mile route to Boccuzzi Park in Stamford. The event features a celebratory lunch and music. Rentals and shuttle services are available. SoundWaters President Leigh Shemitz emphasizes the event’s goal of fostering a connection to the Sound and promoting environmental responsibility. Sponsors include Franklin Templeton, Kaster Moving Company, and local radio stations.

#### Submit a Press Release

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## Buy Local

In an age when we use keystrokes instead of footsteps to acquire what we want, it's easy to undervalue the impact of shopping, eating, and getting services locally. With the rise of large-scale businesses and e-commerce, it can seem like small businesses are unable to compete. However, supporting these local establishments is critical for the sustainability and vitality of our communities.

*Studies show that for every \$100 spent at a local business, \$68 stays in the community*

One of the most significant ways supporting local businesses benefits the economy is by keeping money within the community. When you purchase goods or services from a local business, the money you spend stays within the community, circulating through the local economy. This creates jobs and other opportunities while helping to support the infrastructure of the area. Studies show that for every \$100 spent at a local business, \$68 stays in the community.

Small businesses are the backbone of our communities, providing jobs and creating opportunities for entrepreneurs. By staying local, you directly support these business owners, helping them thrive. The success of these entrepreneurs means a healthier economy and better job opportunities for our residents. These entrepreneurs also sponsor local events, fostering connections and building trust.

Supporting local businesses offers unique customer experiences and personalized service. Small business owners are invested in their communities and are passionate about providing excellent service. Local businesses often have unique offerings not found at larger retailers. Whether it's a specialty food store or a boutique shop, these businesses know their market and clients.

Environmentally, shopping locally reduces your carbon footprint by cutting down on shipping and transportation. Small businesses often prioritize sustainability and ethical practices.

By making a commitment to shop local or support small businesses, you cycle money back into your community. If you're like most Americans, you shop at large chain stores where they might have the best deals and a large selection. However, there are many reasons why buying local is better for your community and your wallet.

Local businesses make more local purchases, requiring less transportation and reducing pollution and congestion. This helps reduce traffic, habitat loss, and resource depletion.

Small businesses play a significant role in supporting local community charities and causes. Local businesses benefit from a strong community, so the owners tend to be more engaged members of the community themselves. Small businesses donate 250% more than large businesses to local nonprofits and community causes, creating a positive cycle of giving back.

Local store owners value each customer, and their livelihood depends on your satisfaction. Unlike big chains, local businesses hire people with proficient knowledge of their products or services. Employees take the time to know their clients, making for a pleasant experience. Also, if you have a quandary, rest assured you won't be hashing it out with a robot.

In order for small businesses to stay afloat, they need to stand out from their big-box competition. This fosters innovation as small-business owners create unique products and solutions, catering to specific customer needs.

The American dream is about equality of opportunity. Small-business owners believe in this dream and actively pursue it. By supporting small businesses and shopping small, you support real people who are passionate about their work.

Encourage others to think globally, shop small, and support local businesses to fund a better tomorrow.

# Editorial Page

LETTER

## 43rd Fireworks Spectacular: Thank you!

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Family Fireworks Committee, I would like to thank all who supported the 43rd Annual New Canaan Family Fireworks Celebration at Waveny Park by purchasing an entrance pass and attending this Independence Day celebration.

The fireworks show was spectacular. It was another memorable celebration...an outstanding evening of family fun, wonderful music, great food and a fantastic fireworks display. Your financial support makes this great New Canaan tradition possible; whether you drove in or walked in, thank you for buying an entrance pass.

We offer a big thank you to the New Canaan Family Fireworks volunteer Committee (George Benington, Jordan Cerbone, Scott Cluett, Chris Cody, Sven Englund, Wendy Dixon Fog, Win Goodrich, Sue Holland, John Howe, Suzanne Jonker, Russ Kimes, Tucker Murphy, Andrew Walsh, Maria Weingarten, and Pat Wood) as well as all of the following; the show could not have gone on without their endless energy, hard work and commitment:

- Police Department
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Fire Department and Fire Marshal
- Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
- Town Band and Mind the Gap Band

Parking, Parks, Public Works, Recreation and Information Technology Departments

The Exchange Club of New Canaan

Master of Ceremonies Dan Taylor

Our special benefactors

The fourteen gourmet food trucks

The volunteers who worked from early morning, to very late at night, to set up and take down all of the necessary infrastructure and equipment.

A special thank you to Walter Stewart's Market for selling entrance passes and to the local print and on-line papers for getting the word out about the event.

As usual, the Police and CERT volunteers did a wonderful job handling the traffic flow; the park was nearly empty about 30 minutes after the fireworks ended.

And I offer special kudos, as always, to our Recreation Staff, led by John Howe, (Zack Philippos, Steve Dayton, Butch Landon, Bea Watkins, and Deborah DiMuzio) and the Parks Department led by Todd Deklyn and Ryan Restivo for their tireless efforts in creating a quintessential Independence Day celebration.

Please send any comments, thoughts and suggestions for next year to me at Town Hall.

**Tom Stadler, Chairman - New Canaan Family Fireworks**  
tom.stadler@newcanaanct.gov

### LEGAL NOTICE

(Pursuant to CGS Section 9-433)

Notice is hereby given that a Primary of the political party listed below will be held in your town on

August 13, 2024 for nomination to each office indicated below.

Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the party-endorsed candidates, if any, for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidate. The party endorsed candidates, if any, are indicated by an asterisk. Additionally, the following are the names of all other candidates who have filed their certificates of eligibility and consent to primary or have satisfied the primary petitioning requirements in conformity with the General Statutes as candidates for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street addresses of said candidates.

#### United States Senator - Republican

\*Gerry Smith 163 Laskey Rd., Beacon Falls, CT. 06403

Matthew M. Corey 181 Center St., Manchester. CT. 06040

#### 4th Representative in Congress - Republican

\*Bob MacGuffie 144 Mayweed Rd., Fairfield, CT. 06824

Michael Goldstein 10 Sandy Ln., Greenwich, CT. 06831

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 30 day of June, 2024.

**STEPHANIE THOMAS**  
SECRETARY OF THE STATE

The foregoing is a copy of the notice which I have received from the Office of the Secretary of the State, in accordance with Section 9-433 of the General Statutes. As provided such primary will begin with early voting on August 5, 2024 through August 11, 2024, and the primary of the referenced party for nomination to the state or district offices therein specified will be held on August 13, 2024.

The hours of voting during early voting and at said primary and the location of the polls will be as follows:

Early Voting - Hours of Voting: Location: Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, CT 06840

August 05, 2024 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

August 06, 2024 - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

August 07, 2024 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

August 08, 2024 - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

August 09, 2024 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

August 10, 2024 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

August 11, 2024 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

HOURS OF VOTING on PRIMARY DAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024: 6:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

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East School – 54 Little Brook Rd.

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Dated at New Canaan, Connecticut, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

**CLAUDIA A. WEBER**  
NEW CANAAN TOWN CLERK

LETTER

## Snow/Ice Removal from Sidewalks

To the Editor:

It seems the Town has recklessly made the decision not to fulfill its obligation to remove snow and ice from all sidewalks as the ordinance dictates as less than half of the sidewalks were cleared. Tiger Mann acknowledged he did his best within financial and personnel constraints. The Town's insufficient maintenance is indicative of the First Selectman's willingness to change the ordinance to allow Town to shirk its obligation while it installs miles of sidewalks. An ordinance change would cause irreparable reputational damage for the Town.

I question why Town would continue to install more sidewalks while placing Town at risk. On April 2, 2024, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to enter into a contract which entails the installation of new concrete sidewalks, granite curbing and a parking pull-off along Old Stamford Road from Park Street to the Bristow Bird Sanctuary with a \$217,984.00 total project cost. In addition, if connecting Town parks with a "greenlink system" is the goal, Town should fund sidewalk maintenance, including snow/ice removal.

Town is proposing maintaining liability and snow/ice removal to select streets. This enables special treatment such as residents rejecting traffic study recommended safety measures in front of their home on a sharp unlit curve which has been the location of cars driving off the road and others having an intrusive flashing solar paneled sign permanently installed in front of their home. This scenario seems to me to be a divide and conquer tactic since only affected parties will be vocal in their opposition. Also, the liability and financial burden would be pushed on an increasingly smaller subset of homeowners as opposed to all taxpayers.

While the First Selectman said my property value would increase with the installation of a public sidewalk abutting my house, I believe my home will become less favorable to homebuyers while residents with direct access to the sidewalk without any liability or high costs will

benefit.

The suggestion during the first Bylaws & Ordinances Committee meeting that homeowners should rely on their "umbrella policy" for liability coverage for a public sidewalk demonstrates a need for both the Town and homeowner to study the insurance/insurability implications.

Inaction to clear all sidewalks of snow/ice and a lack of clarification of its responsibility by the Town has misled some to unjustly accept blame and responsibility. Residents were wrongfully "shamed" on social media for not having properly cleared the sidewalk. Other residents expressed dissatisfaction through a Letter to the Editor and comments (not here) including an inaccurate "gentle reminder" that it was the homeowner's responsibility, "If not as a courtesy then as a way to protect yourself from a potential lawsuit due to a slip and fall."

New Canaan is not the "only" town which accepts liability, snow/ice removal responsibilities. Weston, CT; Burlington, Vermont and New Hampshire do.

It should be noted that while I was told to check the Town's government calendar for the second Bylaws & Ordinances meeting, having expressed concern for a lack of transparency on this topic, this meeting notice was provided on Friday, June 28th for a Monday, July 1st meeting during the 4th of July holiday week, furthering my position. (June's Town Council meeting shared the date of the meeting but posted it on the calendar over two weeks later.)

The full Town Council will apparently discuss the ordinance change at its July 17th meeting, the result of confusing successive votes by the Bylaws & Ordinances Committee on July 1st. Additionally, Town Council should have the 2024 POCD draft and sidewalks are a significant topic. The agenda has not yet been posted.

Teresa Piontkowski

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I, Liz Ballantyne, run Stories, Songs, and Senses here in New Canaan and am a mom to a 6 year old and 3 year old. I hold a Masters in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education and have over 17 years of teaching experience. I believe that sensory play is one of the best ways to foster brain development in young children and it is so much fun! At home, it can be hard to provide lots of messy learning experiences which is one reason I began a sensory play class.

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THE ANNUAL NEW CANAAN VILLAGE FAIR AND SIDEWALK SALE WILL BE HELD OVER A TWO DAYS IN JULY.

On Friday July 19th New Canaan's local merchants will kick off the fun by placing all of their great bargains on the sidewalk out in front of their stores, this gives the "early bird" shoppers a chance to check out the best deals. This two-day Event is generously sponsored by William Raveis Real Estate - New Canaan

On Saturday July 20th our local merchants will move out to the street and be joined by close to 100 other vendors and organizations from all over Fairfield County on Elm, Main and Forest Streets. A family friendly pedestrian mall is created by closing these streets to vehicles so you can come and shop with ease. Come for the Bargains stay for the Music, Food, and Entertainment. School of Rock and Town Band will be playing at the South/Elm intersection. The New Canaan YMCA will be hosting a Family Entertainment area at the Elm/Main Intersection and you may even get a glimpse of Santa Claus in his summer attire!

Friday July 19th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm New Canaan Stores on the Sidewalk

Saturday July 20th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm on 100 + Vendors on Elm, Main and Forest Streets.

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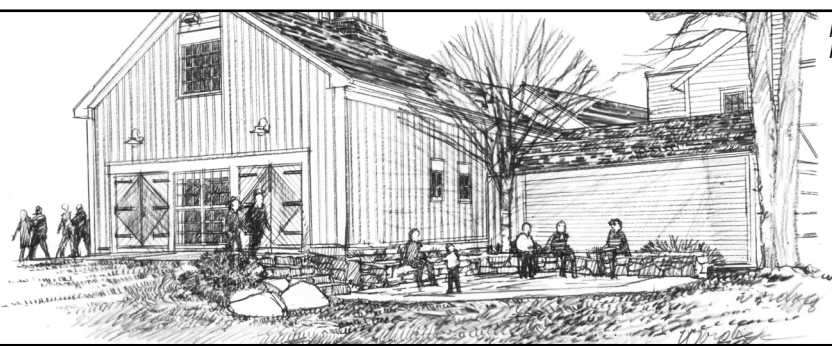
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[www.ComeUntoChrist.org](http://www.ComeUntoChrist.org)  
 Sunday Service: 12:00 PM

## Congregational Church

23 Park Street 203.966.2651  
[office@godsacre.org](mailto:office@godsacre.org)  
[www.godsacre.org](http://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](mailto: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

[christiansciencet.org/newcanaaan](http://christiansciencet.org/newcanaaan)

**Sunday 10:30 AM,** in person only. Sunday School is available during Sunday Service and is open to children and young people up to the age of 20. There is also childcare available for children too young for Sunday School.

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

## First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002  
[fpcc.org](http://fpcc.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.

**August 18th at 11:30 AM:** Classic summer cookout with burgers, hot dogs, and potluck dishes provided by the congregation. Come for food, drink, and lawn games.

## Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church

21 Cherry Street 203.966.0020

[www.starcc.com](http://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 live-streamed, 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](mailto:youth@starcc.com) or [maryann@themanks.com](mailto: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:** Through July 23rd, join 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@stmarksnewcanaaan.org](mailto:churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaaan.org)

[www.stmarksnewcanaaan.org](http://www.stmarksnewcanaaan.org)

**Sunday Services: 8:00am:** Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite I; **9:00am:** Outdoor Holy Eucharist Rite II; **10am:** Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite II (Live Stream also available on

the St. Mark's website). Coffee Hour follows the 10am service.

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

**Weekday Services: Monday-Friday, 8:30am:** Morning 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](mailto:office@stmichaelslutheran.org)

[www.stmichaelslutheran.org](http://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](mailto:info@trinitychurch.life)

[www.trinitychurch.life](http://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](http://www.trinitychurch.life).

### 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 13th and August 24th from 12-3 PM:** Bring your family or friends and join us each month to build or renovate the homes of our neighbors in need. This project can help fulfill community service hours. Please email [matthew.carrion@trinitychurch.life](mailto:matthew.carrion@trinitychurch.life) for more information.

## United Methodist Church

165 South Avenue 203.966.2666

[office@umcofnewcanaaan.org](mailto:office@umcofnewcanaaan.org)

[www.umcofnewcanaaan.org](http://www.umcofnewcanaaan.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:

**August 10th at 12 PM:** Join at a private residence for a covered dish party with Bill's famous "Puerto Rican hamburgers. Don't forget to bring your bathing suit. RSVP to [laurenhunt1956@gmail.com](mailto:laurenhunt1956@gmail.com) by August 5th.

## Community Baptist Church

174 Cherry Street 203.966.0711

[cbcnewcanaaan@gmail.com](mailto:cbcnewcanaaan@gmail.com)

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8aHI30\\_Syp\\_X0KdG](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8aHI30_Syp_X0KdG)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CBCNewCanaan/>

Sunday School at 10:00am

Worship Service at 11:00am

Live Facebook Broadcast 11:30 am

### Upcoming Events:

**July 20th from 12-4 PM:** Annual Community "Fun, Food & Fellowship". For more information please call or email the CBC.

## Grace Community Church

365 Lukes Wood Rd 203.966.7600

[info@gracecommunity.info](mailto:info@gracecommunity.info)

[www.gracecommunity.info](http://www.gracecommunity.info)

**Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9:30am**

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

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

**July 17th from 6-8 PM: Ladies' Potluck Salad Supper at Sherwood Island State Park. RSVP to [carla@gracecommunity.info](mailto:carla@gracecommunity.info)**

## Talmadge Hill Community Church

870 Hollow Tree Ridge Road; Darien, CT  
 203.966.2314

[www.talmadgehill.org](http://www.talmadgehill.org)

[talmadgehillchurch@gmail.com](mailto: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

## Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center

137 Putnam Rd

[www.newcanaanjewish.org](http://www.newcanaanjewish.org)

[info@chabadnewcanaaan.org](mailto:info@chabadnewcanaaan.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.templestain Stamford.org](http://www.templestain Stamford.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

### Upcoming Events:

**July 19th from 5:30-6:30 PM:** Bring your own Shabbat dinner to enjoy in our backyard.

## Temple Sholom

300 E. Putnam Ave. Greenwich, CT 06830

203-869-7191

[www.templesholom.com](http://www.templesholom.com)

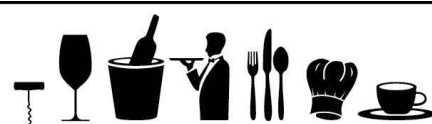
Services: In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am.

### 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.



## GREENWICH STAFFING

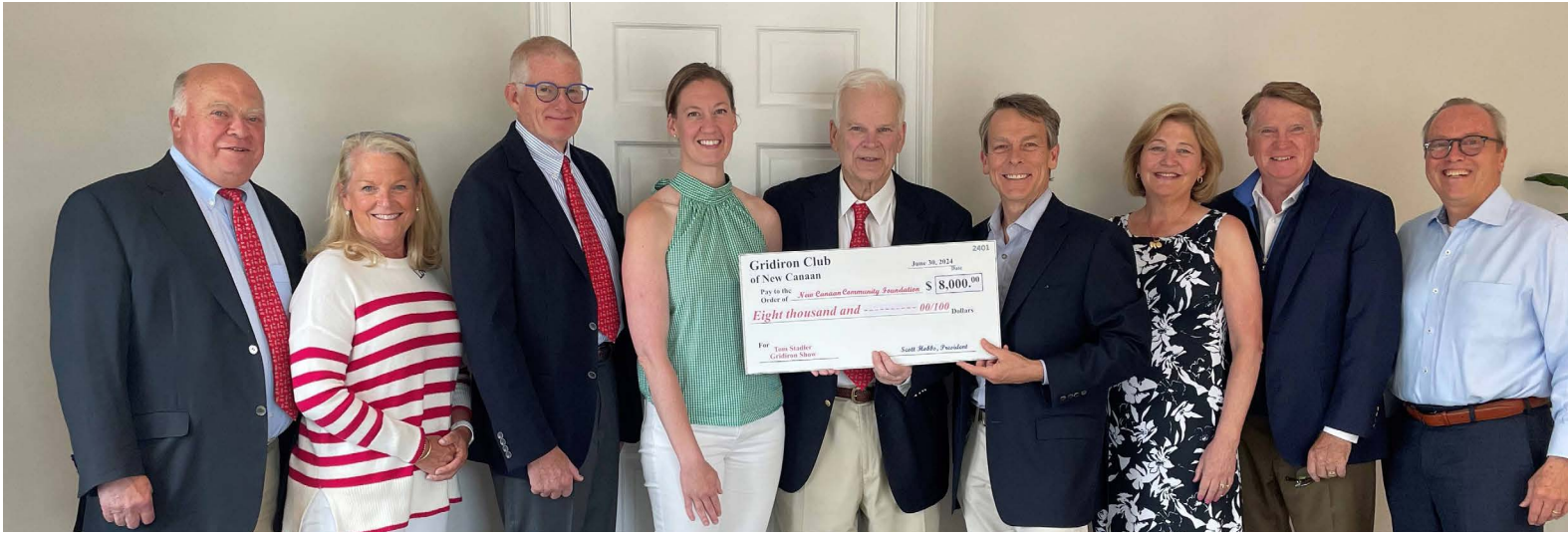
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# Gridiron Club Supports New Canaan Community Foundation



Left to Right: Dave Hunt, Tucker Murphy, Eric Thunem, Lauren Patterson (NCCF Pres & CEO), Tom Stadler (2024 Fall Guy), Scott Hobbs (Gridiron President), Tracey Karl, Robert Doran, Leo Karl

The Gridiron Club of New Canaan recently presented the New Canaan Community Foundation (NCCF) with a generous donation of \$8,000, proceeds from Gridiron's annual show. This year's April 2024 event recognized Tom Stadler for his outstanding example and many years of community service to New Canaan. Stadler selected NCCF as the beneficiary based on the organization's broad reach and support of local organizations focused on health, human services, and education.

Stadler has been an active volunteer with multiple organizations supported by NCCF

over many years. "Tom is a great example of what it means to serve the community. He gets involved, gives 100% effort, and loves helping people. He's thoughtful and people are inspired by his dedication and commitment to serve," commented Lauren Patterson, President & CEO of the Foundation.

The Foundation expects to grant more than \$2 million this year, including more than \$860,000 recently awarded in an annual competitive grant process that invests in local nonprofits. NCCF's grants are designed to support high-quality and impactful programs

and initiatives that make a positive difference in the community. These grantmaking decisions are guided by the input of more than 100 community volunteers each year and are based on the needs and interests of New Canaan and its surrounding communities.

The Gridiron Club exists solely to celebrate community service, "and we do it in a creative way", explains Scott Hobbs, President, "by putting on an original musical each year, showcasing one person's years of service while also enjoying some good-natured fun roasting the Fall Guy". Stadler was "honored and

humbled, and I laughed all the way through" the evening's performance, produced and directed by Robert Doran and Eric Thunem. Gridiron Treasurer Tracey Karl noted, "we were thrilled to raise a lot of money for a great organization."

About the New Canaan Community Foundation

New Canaan Community Foundation, founded in 1977, is a nonprofit organization that addresses our community's needs by providing leadership on local issues, making impactful grants, and facilitating New Canaan's effective charitable giving. The Foundation's vision is a town that comes together to meet the needs of New Canaan and its neighbors, creating a healthier and more vibrant community. Learn more at [www.newcanaancf.org](http://www.newcanaancf.org). Connect on Instagram: @newcanaancommunityfdn.

About the Gridiron Club of New Canaan

The Gridiron Club of New Canaan was founded in 1961, and is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization established in order to honor local citizens who have dedicated years of community service to the town of New Canaan. The annual Gridiron Show is a one-time event, open to the public, and net proceeds from ticket sales each year are donated to a charity of the honoree's choosing. For more information, call Eric Thunem at (475) 266-9001.

## COLUMN

BY STUART KNECHTLE

Sometimes people question why there are so many denominations in Christianity. Doesn't this show division and maybe even a lack of love between believers?

Denominational differences span all the way back to Jesus's day. The religious group known as the pharisees often set up rules and regulations to divide people. In the gospel of Luke Jesus sends out a few of his disciples to heal people. These disciples see a

man who is healing people in the name of Jesus Christ. Frustrated and upset the disciples return to Jesus and tell him about such blaspheming.

In a powerful response Jesus tells the disciples that though this man was not part of their group,

he is healing people in Christ's name. Jesus sets up a rule to love people of different denotations and to steer clear of any type of self righteous tribalism. In some of his last words before going to the cross Jesus prays to the Father in John 17 that

"they would be one as you and I are one." Jesus wasn't against denominational differences as long as denotations were steeped in unity amongst the diversity. This is a crucial lesson that we as a community can learn more about today to make the world a

better place.

*Stuart Knechtle is the Youth Pastor at Grace Community Church*

## Love Not Division

## Obituaries



### DONALD HUDSON

Donald (Don) Gylum Hudson, a resident at Harbor Chase in Madison, CT, passed away peacefully on July 2, with family gathered around him in person and spirit.

Don was born in Lebanon (then known as Syria) on October 16, 1927. His father served on the faculty of the American University in Beirut, and his mother (a graduate of the University of Chicago) supported the family, including during their subsequent move back to the United States.

Raised primarily in Evanston (Illinois), Don graduated from Northwestern McCormick School of Engineering and later received his MBA from Northwestern Kellogg School of Management. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps, first at Fort Sheridan in Colorado and then at Scofield Barracks in Hawaii until the fall of 1947. In 1956, Don met and married his wife, Sue, who preceded him in death in 2022. Don joined Procter & Gamble in Chicago, relocating later to Macon (Georgia) and then Cincinnati (Ohio). The family then spent 57 years in New Canaan (Connecticut) as Don embarked on a longer engagement as a management consultant. He was a partner with Booz Allen and Hamilton, and finished his career as a partner at Towers Perrin.

After retiring, Don pursued his passion for helping business students launch their careers. He worked in career counseling at the NYU Stern School of Business and then the Yale School of Management. During this time, he co-authored "Finding Your Way with an MBA", a career planning guide for MBA students, with Susan Cohn.

Don participated in a rich array of community service roles in New Canaan. As a member of St. Mark's for over 50 years, Don served on the vestry and was active in many of the church's outreach programs.

He also was a member of the vestry at Trinity Church, Wall Street, from 1984 to 1990. Don volunteered as his sons' Little League coach and served on the Board of Education for New Canaan Public Schools. One of his greatest passions was supporting the work study program at New Canaan High School.

Don enjoyed playing tennis and golf, participating in a book club, and was engaged in activities with the Senior Men's Club in New Canaan. He was an avid ham radio operator and member of the Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club. Being a grandpa was Don's greatest joy later in life. He routinely entertained his grandchildren with puns and other gags, and always took an active interest in the personal goals and aspirations of each of those grandchildren: Miriam, Annika, Wyatt, Kevin, Lilian and Olivia. In addition to his grandchildren, Don is survived by his son, Scott (and his wife Susan), his son, Stewart (and his wife Jackie), and his daughter, Sherrill (and her husband Paul).

Contributions can be made in Don's name to: Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club, 304 Main Avenue, #115, Norwalk, CT 06851.

A private family service will be held at the St. Mark's Columbarium later this year. For online condolences, please visit [hoityfuneralhome.com](http://hoityfuneralhome.com)



### JOSEPH PAGLIARO

Joseph John Pagliaro Jr. (Joe), age 81 of Shallotte, NC formerly from Norwalk, CT went on his journey to Heaven, surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, June 26.

Joe was an avid golfer most of his life and enjoyed his Tuesday

Foursome. He loved gardening and was particularly proud of his amazing hot peppers, which he never ate. He was a great storyteller and was happy to tell a tale to anyone who would sit and listen for a bit, or maybe longer if given the chance. His infectious smile and robust laugh were enjoyed by all who knew him and his birthday parties were always an epic affair with everyone invited. In his younger years he was an avid fisherman and hunter.

Joe was born in Newport News, VA and attended Notre Dame HS in West Haven, CT and Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, GA. He graduated from McAllister School of Embalming & Funeral Services, NY, NY and began his career with his father-in-law at Shay-Pagliaro Funeral Home in Ansonia, CT. Later, he partnered with Thomas A. Cicaless as owners of Franklin Hoyt Funeral Home in New Canaan, CT; and Raymond Funeral Home in Norwalk, CT. He was a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association. He was a 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Joseph is predeceased by his parents Dr. Joseph J. Pagliaro and Anna O'Brien Pagliaro. He is survived by his wife of 61 years Ellen Shay Pagliaro, his children James J. Pagliaro (Jennifer Delaney Pagliaro), Helene A. Pagliaro, and Petrea L. Pagliaro-Randazzo (Gerald E. Dennison), his beloved grandchildren Daniel J. Pagliaro (Chelsea Guerra Pagliaro), Julia L. Randazzo, Michael P. Pagliaro, Kristen A. Pagliaro, and Caroline N. Pagliaro. He is also survived by his sister Joanna Pagliaro Peters (Frederick Peters) and numerous nieces and nephews, as well as two of his many close friends who are family Mary L. Torres, "Number Two Wife" and Joseph D'Amicol.

A memorial service will be held at a later date and announced by the family.

Contributions can be made to Lower Cape Fear Lifecare, 1414 Physicians Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401-7335. Please state contribution on behalf of Joseph Pagliaro Jr. Reference: Brunswick Care Center.

Online condolences may be made to [shallotefunerals.com](http://shallotefunerals.com)

White Funeral and Cremation Service, Shallotte Chapel

### JOSEPH GARIBALDI

Joseph G. Garibaldi, Jr., affectionately known as Joe, passed away on June 22, at the age of 89 in Norwalk, CT. Born on July 23, 1934, in Norwalk Hospital, he was the son of the late Joseph Garibaldi, Sr. and Ethel (Demko) Garibaldi.

Joe was raised in New Canaan and attended New Canaan Public Schools until 1954 when he learned the plumbing and pipe fitting trade. He dedicated over 40 years to his career as a plumber in the same town. Joe's passions extended far beyond his professional life; he was an avid hobbyist with a profound love for conservation and the outdoors. These interests led him to a life rich with adventure, friendship, and storytelling, beautifully captured through his still and moving photography. His strong commitment to community was evident in his membership with the Flying 20 Club, the South Norwalk Boat Club, and Harmony Lodge No 67.

Joe was predeceased by his beloved wife of sixty years Theresa (Iaizzi) Garibaldi who died on June 22, 2017.

Joe's legacy is cherished and survived by his two daughters, Joellen (Tom) and Michele; grandchildren Joshua, Alison (Jay), Joseph, Jonathan; and great-grandchildren Henry, Vivienne, and Thomas.

A private memorial service is being planned to honor Joe's life and legacy.



### LOUISE SEVERANCE

Louise Morey Severance died peacefully surrounded by family love on May 16 in Stamford, CT at the age of 94.

Louise is survived by her children Lynne Roe of Upper Saddle River, NJ, Laurie Johnson of Wilmette, IL, David Severance

of Stamford, CT and Thomas Severance of New Canaan, CT, and 13 grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Richard (Dick) Severance of West Dover, VT, and brother Robert Morey of Tiburon, CA.

Louise was born on September 7, 1929 in Pittsburgh, PA to Robert Morey and Elizabeth Brahm. She graduated from Syracuse University in 1950 and married Dick Severance, her college sweetheart, in 1952. After graduation, she attended Radcliffe College for graduate courses while working in the Harvard library. The couple then moved to San Diego, CA while Dick was in the Navy, and then to Chappaqua, NY where together they raised four children.

In Chappaqua, Louise was a successful businesswoman and community leader. As a realtor with exceptional people skills, she helped countless families sell a house or buy their dream home. She also served as a leader in multiple organizations including the school board in the Chappaqua School District, League of Women voters, Junior League and PTO. Additionally, she held several elected positions in Chappaqua and West Dover, VT, throughout her life. Her children remember her as a supportive mother who encouraged them as they pursued their goals.

Louise was known as a woman of great strength, grace, and love. She was an active member of the First Congregational Churches of Chappaqua and West Dover, where she also started and ran several programs to support youth. Her Food 4 Kids program in West Dover continues today and has ensured hundreds of children in need received a nutritious meal daily. She enjoyed the art of conversation, and all who came into her sphere of influence benefited from her warm personality, welcome all approach, down-to-earth wisdom.

She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother.

A graveside interment ceremony service was held June 30 at the First Congregational Church of Chappaqua, NY.

Memorial donations can be sent to Food 4 Kids, West Dover Church, P.O. Box 710, West Dover Vermont 05356.

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# REAL ESTATE DASHBOARD

## NEW LISTINGS

Address	List Price	SqFt	Price/SqFt	AC	BR	FB
90 Evergreen Road	\$1,850,000	3,382	\$547.01	6.75	4	3
253 Turtle Back Road	\$3,250,000	5,754	\$564.82	2.58	4	4

## NEW SALES

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres
101 Ferris Hill Road	\$1,895,000	\$1,895,000	\$2,000,000	7	5	3	2.00
137 Old Kings Highway	\$2,095,000	\$2,095,000	\$2,500,000	6	4	4	0.30
88 Four Winds Lane	\$2,625,000	\$2,625,000	\$2,690,000	28	5	6	2.00
437 Main Street	\$2,799,000	\$2,799,000	\$3,200,000	8	6	5	0.59
34 Adams Lane	\$4,900,000	\$4,900,000	\$5,250,000	6	5	6	2.63

## FEATURED OPEN HOUSES

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

Address	Price	Day	Time	Broker
90 Evergreen Road	\$1,850,000	SAT & SUN	1:30PM-3:30PM	Houlihan Lawrence
116 Juniper Road	\$3,195,000	SAT & SUN	1:00PM-3:00PM	William Raveis
253 Turtle Back Rd	\$3,250,000	SAT & SUN	1:00PM-4:00PM	William Raveis
277 S. Bald Hill Road	\$1,495,000	SUN	1:00PM-3:00PM	William Pitt
118 Benedict Hill Rd	\$1,589,000	SUN	2:00PM-4:00PM	William Raveis
25 Lukes Wood Rd	\$2,895,000	SUN	2:00PM-4:00PM	Houlihan Lawrence

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# Mid Year Market Report for 8 Towns

(Darien, Fairfield, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Weston, Westport, and Wilton)

### Last 90 Days of 30-Year Mortgage Rate Average

Average of nationwide rates for 30-year fixed-rate new purchase loans with at least a 20% down payment and an applicant credit score of 680 to 739.

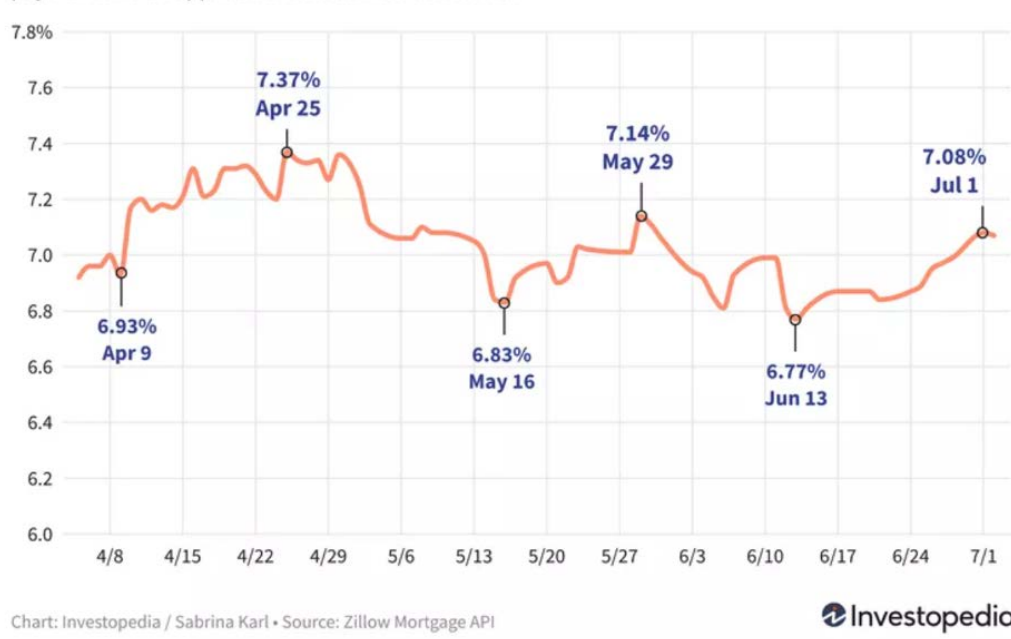


Chart: Investopedia / Sabrina Karl • Source: Zillow Mortgage API



BY JOHN ENGEL

We looked at the stats for the first 6 months, comparing towns of similar size and wealth head to head in order to add some context. When we quote a number, it is a comparison with this time last year. These figures include houses, condos and co-ops. Most striking is Darien's lack of inventory, Norwalk's median percentage of list price of 107.7%, and Westport's median price of \$2.175 million, much higher than Darien and New Canaan. We consider around 3 months of inventory to be normal in this environment so New Canaan's 4 months and Norwalk's 1.8 months stand out. The graph of closed sales is seasonal, a sine wave peaking in June, but Stamford surged in December and Wilton in January, so unpredictable. Except for the Darien vs. New Canaan comparison, it seems the lower priced towns have fewer months of inventory, and are commanding a higher percentage vs. list price.

#### DARIEN VS. NEW CANAAN (ESTIMATED POPULATION 22,020 VS. 20,862)

Darien has 41 homes for sale, down 24%, and New Canaan has 90, down 11%

Darien median price is \$1,983,000, down 4%, and New Canaan is \$1,997,150, down 2.6%

Darien's percentage of list price is 101.6%, down 3.2%, and New Canaan is 102.9%, up 2%

Darien has 2.3 month's supply of inventory, down 8%, and New Canaan has 4 months, no change.

Darien closed 22 homes in June, down 43.6% while New Canaan closed 41, up 17.1%

#### NORWALK VS. STAMFORD (ESTIMATED POPULATION 92,980 VS. 136,480)

Norwalk has 121 houses for sale, down 17%, where Stamford has 233, up 1%

Norwalk median price is \$660,000, up 13%, where Stamford is \$738,000, up 19%

Norwalk's percent of list price is 107.7%, up .4%, where Stamford is 102.9%, up .7%

Norwalk has 1.8 months of inventory, no change, where Stamford has 2.5 months, up 13.6%

Norwalk closed 85 homes in June, down 24.8%, while Stamford closed 95, down 22.1%

#### WESTPORT VS FAIRFIELD (ESTIMATED POPULATION 27,470 VS. 63,433)

Westport has 100 houses for sale, down 22.5%, while Fairfield has 148, down 15.4%

Westport's median price is \$2,175,000, up 3.9%, while Fairfield is \$900,000, up 5.3%

Westport's percentage of list price is 100%, down .7% while Fairfield is 102.4%, up .2%

Westport has 3.5 months of inventory, down 16.7% while Fairfield has 2.7%, down 6.9%

Westport closed 37 in June, down 28.8% while Fairfield held even with 82, down only 1.2%

#### WILTON VS. WESTON (ESTIMATED POPULATION 18,400 VS. 10,344)

Wilton has 56 houses for sale, up 21.7%, while Weston has 46, up 7%

Wilton's median price is \$1,195,000, up 1.5%, while Weston is \$1,350,000, up 24.9%

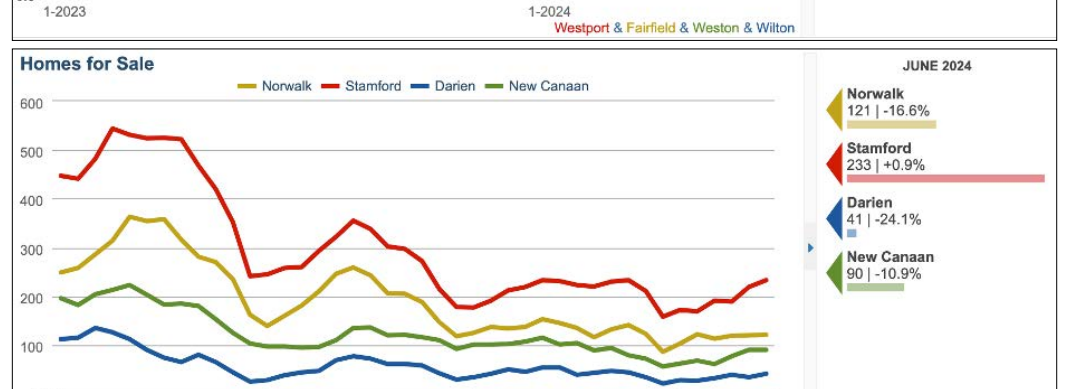
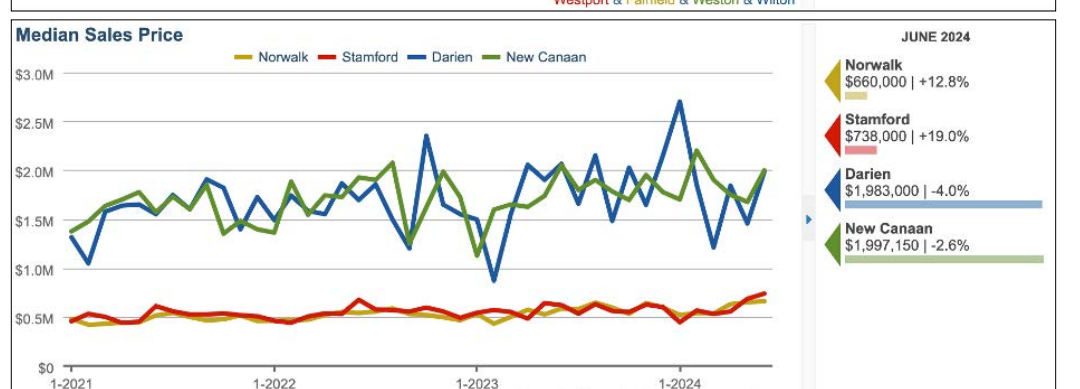
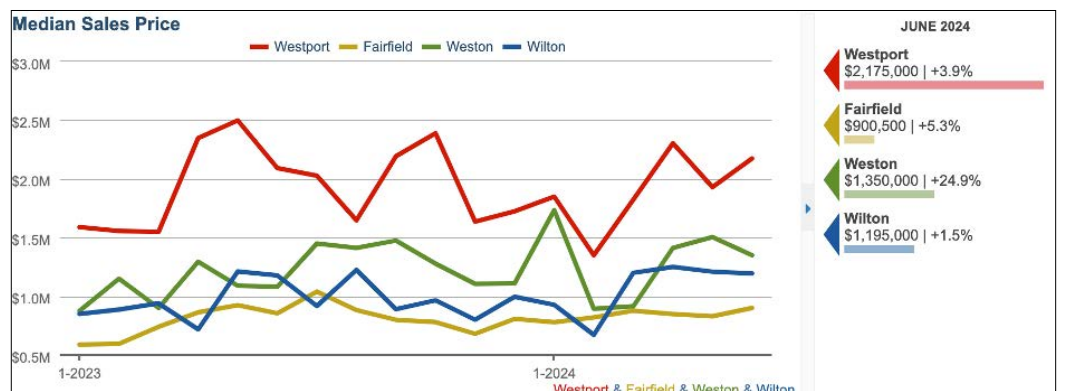
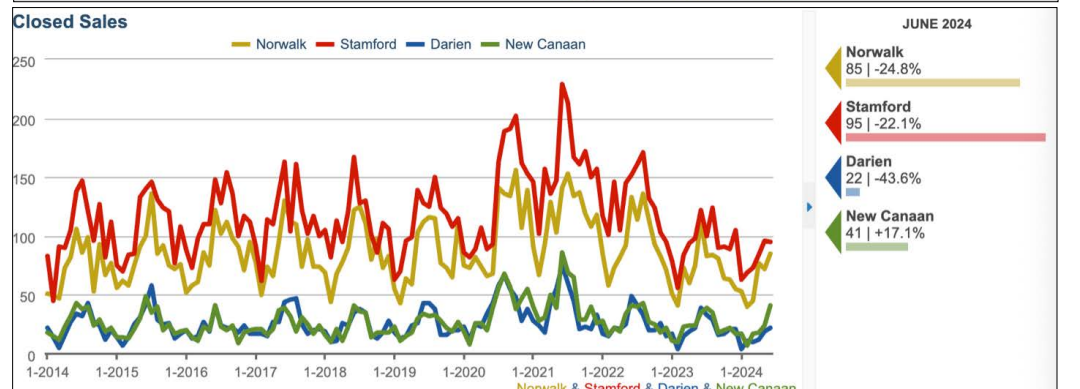
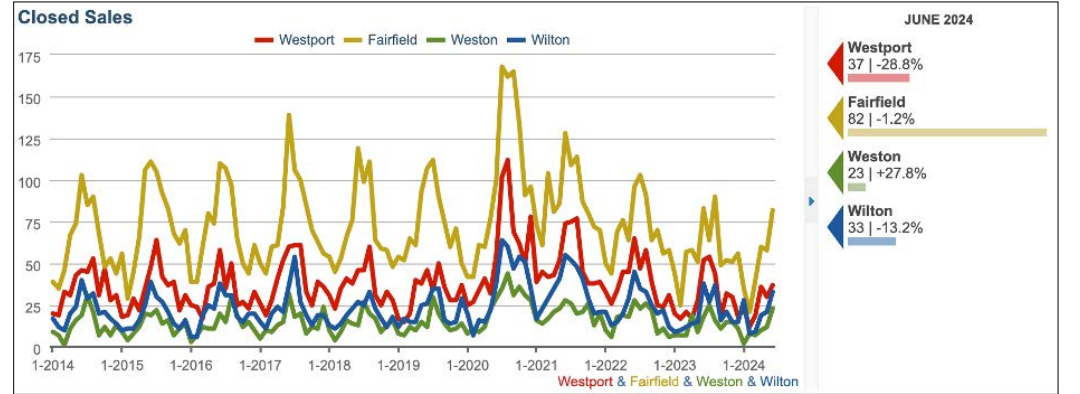
Wilton's percent of list price is 104.8%, up .2% while Weston is \$104.5%, up 3%

Wilton has 2.6 months of inventory, up 13% while Weston has 3.9 months, up 25.8%

Wilton closed 33 homes in June, down 13.2% while Weston closed 23 homes, up 27.8%

The NAR Settlement has yet to be approved by a judge, and deadlines are approaching after which the multiple listing services will no longer publish an offer of buyer-agent compensation. What does this mean for the industry? Will uncertainty have a negative effect on the market? Agents I've asked in both New York and Connecticut say it's not expected to be a factor. But there seems to be concern that there will be a shift to direct deals in which more buyers will seek out the listing agent directly. The consensus seems to be that buyers and agents will look for the offer on the listing agent's website, and that major real estate portals like Zillow, Realtor.com and Homes.com will seek to fill the void. Thinking about the question of direct deals with the listing agent, I decided to investigate, using the 43 sales in New Canaan over the last 30 days to see how many of the deals were done within the same office. The answer is 14. 29 deals involved two different agencies. And, of the 43 transactions only 4 were direct deals involving only one agent. In the past month four agencies had more than a dozen transactions. Four more agencies had more than one transaction but less than a dozen, and five agencies had one transaction each. My conclusion using this small sample is that the market is well distributed among the dozen or so agencies taking part, with the largest agency achieving a 24% market share.

The Fed made no change at the June meeting and penciled in only one cut for the remainder of the year saying the current inflation rate of 3.3% is well above the 2% target. That's hardly news. But what struck me was that the Fed revised downward the employment and jobs figures of the previous few months and it signaled a softening of the economy. 30-year rates are around 7% and I am told by our lenders that jumbo mortgages are even less.



### NOTES FROM THE MONDAY MEETING:

We talked, as we always do, about listings that are lingering, not selling right away. Are our sellers concerned? Are we asking for price cuts? We are now firmly in the slower summer season and sales are supposed to slow. We asked, "Does anybody expect the upcoming presidential election to affect real estate sales in our area?" The consensus in Connecticut agents is "no effect" from either the election (or interest rate movement). We expect the low-inventory environment to persist and apparently so do our sellers. In contrast, NYC agents on the call think

the election has had a negative impact, citing a slow Spring market.

John Engel is a broker on the Engel Team at Douglas Elliman in New Canaan, and he is thinking about summer in New Canaan. On the one hand it's hard to get things done when people are away. On the other hand, it's kind of nice when you are the one getting away. Summer jobs! 8th grader Natalie tells me that C-level caddies make \$60 per bag now. John caddied at Woodway back in 8th grade, but they were only paying \$8 per bag. Inflation is real.

Submit questions and comments to [John.Engel@Elliman.com](mailto:John.Engel@Elliman.com)



Luke Parker Bowles with friend Suzi Covino.



Patrick Wilson (Head of Experience) and Luke Parker Bowles, CEO.

Hollywood came to New Canaan for a triumphant celebration of cinema, as the iconic town Playhouse took center stage in a glamorous reopening on June 27, 2024. Photos by Elizabeth Nash (lznashphoto@gmail.com for portraits, family, sports, and events.)



State Representative Tom O'Dea and Kerry O'Dea.



Selectman Steve Karl and Tracy Karl.



Representative Tom O'Dea and Luke Parker Bowles.



Donna Howard and Judy Neville.



Claire and Jon Cheng, Julie Toal, Brittney Singer, and Clem Pascarella



First Selectman Dionna Carlson



Luke Parker Bowles, CEO, Andy Childs, CFO, Brandon Jones, CMO, Rep. Tom O'Dea, Rep. Lucy Dathan, Sen. Ryan Fazio, and Dionna Carlson at the presentation of \$2 million in state funds to the New Canaan Playhouse. The check was presented on opening night.



Five members of the CinemaLab leadership Team: Vincenzo Onorati, Head of Operations; Patrick Wilson, Head of Experience; Luke Parker Bowles, CEO; Andy Childs, CFO; and Brandon Jones, CMO.



Chris Wilson, friend, Bob Hamill.



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# THE GODS OF ANCIENT GREECE

Ancient Greeks used to worship a host of gods, lesser deities, and heroes. The ancient Greek gods resembled humans and had the same needs, desires, and failings of mankind – but they were immortal.

According to ancient Greek myths, the gods lived at the top of Mt. Olympus, the highest mountain in Greece. They meddled in the lives of humans, bringing both good and ill fortune. People tried to appease the gods by offering up sacrifices, and holding religious festivals and athletic contests in their honor. Animal sacrifices took place at an altar in the god's temple. Worshipers burned the choice parts of the animal so that the scent of roasting meat would rise to the gods and please them.



**ARTEMIS**  
Goddess of the Hunt and Wild Animals  
Roman name: Diana



**APOLLO**  
God of Music, Poetry and Healing  
Roman name: Phoebus



**ATHENA**  
Goddess of Wisdom  
Roman name: Minerva



**ZEUS**  
The most powerful god, God of thunder  
Roman name: Jupiter



**ARES**  
God of War  
Roman name: Mars



**DIONYSUS**  
God of Wine  
Roman name: Bacchus



**HADES**  
God of Death, Ruler of the Underworld  
Roman name: Pluto



**DEMETER**  
Goddess of the Earth and Agriculture  
Roman name: Ceres



**POSEIDON**  
God of the Sea  
Roman name: Neptune



**HERA**  
Wife to Zeus, Goddess of Marriage and family  
Roman name: Juno

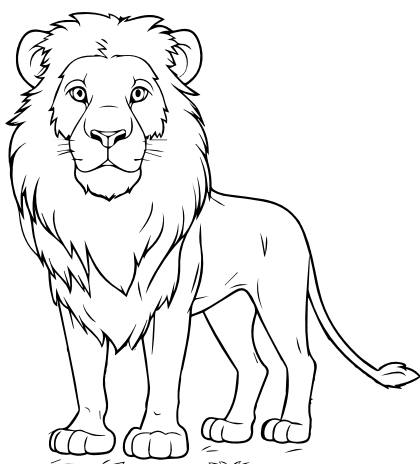
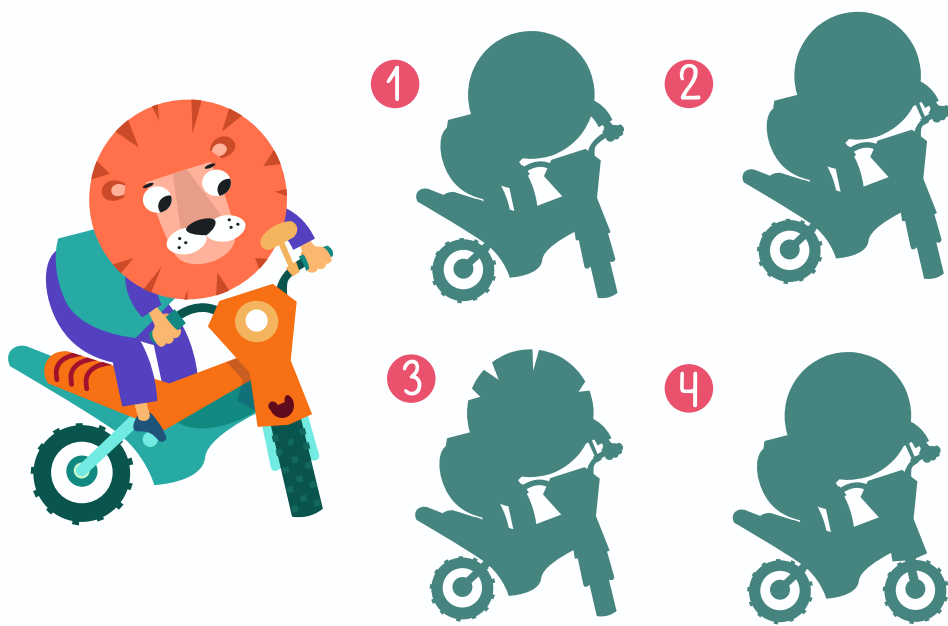


**APHRODITE**  
Goddess of Love and Beauty  
Roman name: Venus

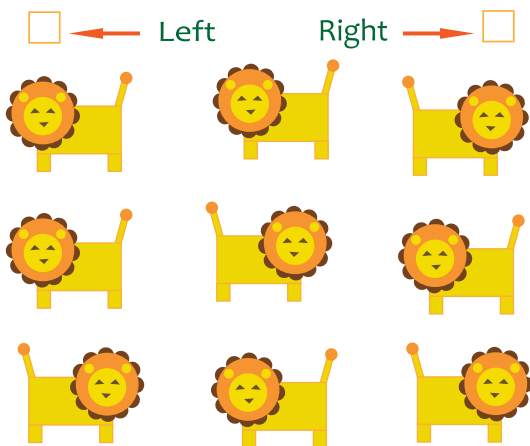


**HERMES**  
The Messenger of the Gods  
Roman name: Mercury

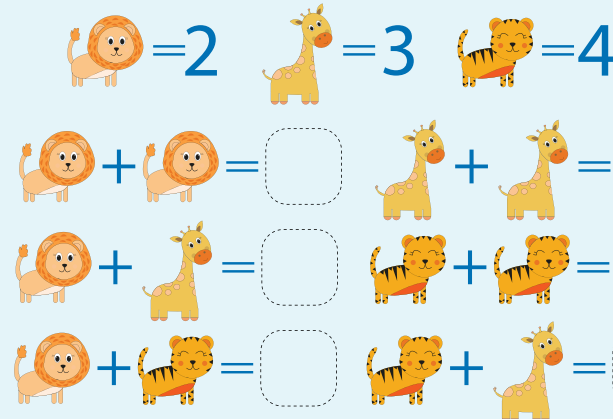
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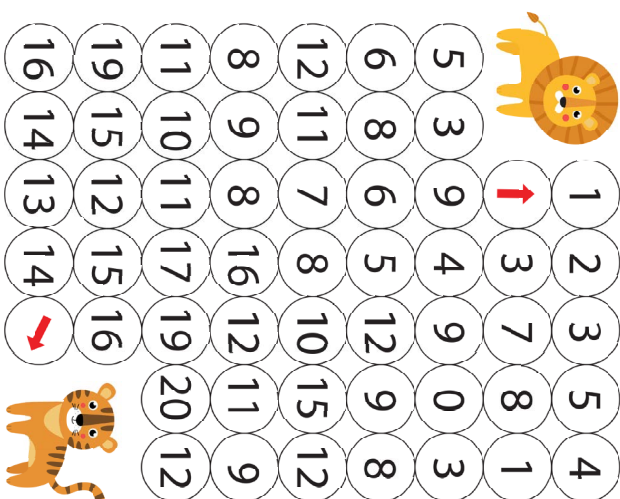
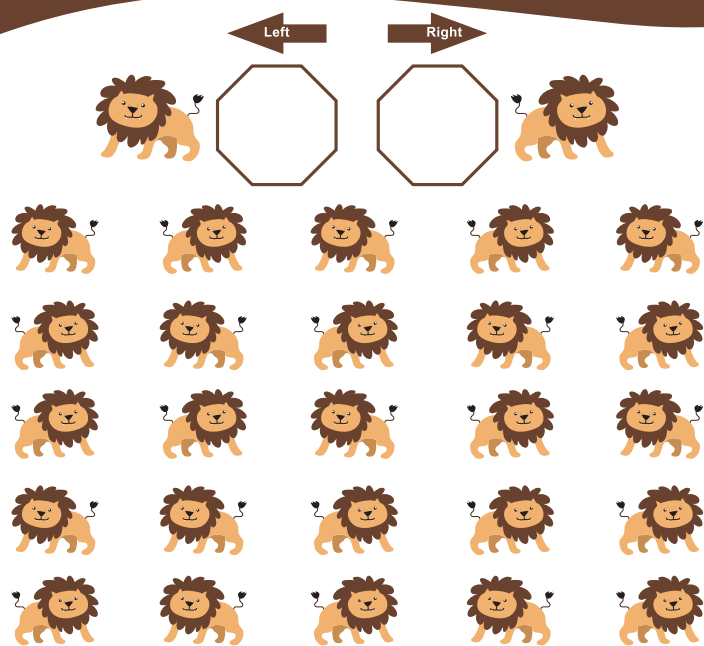


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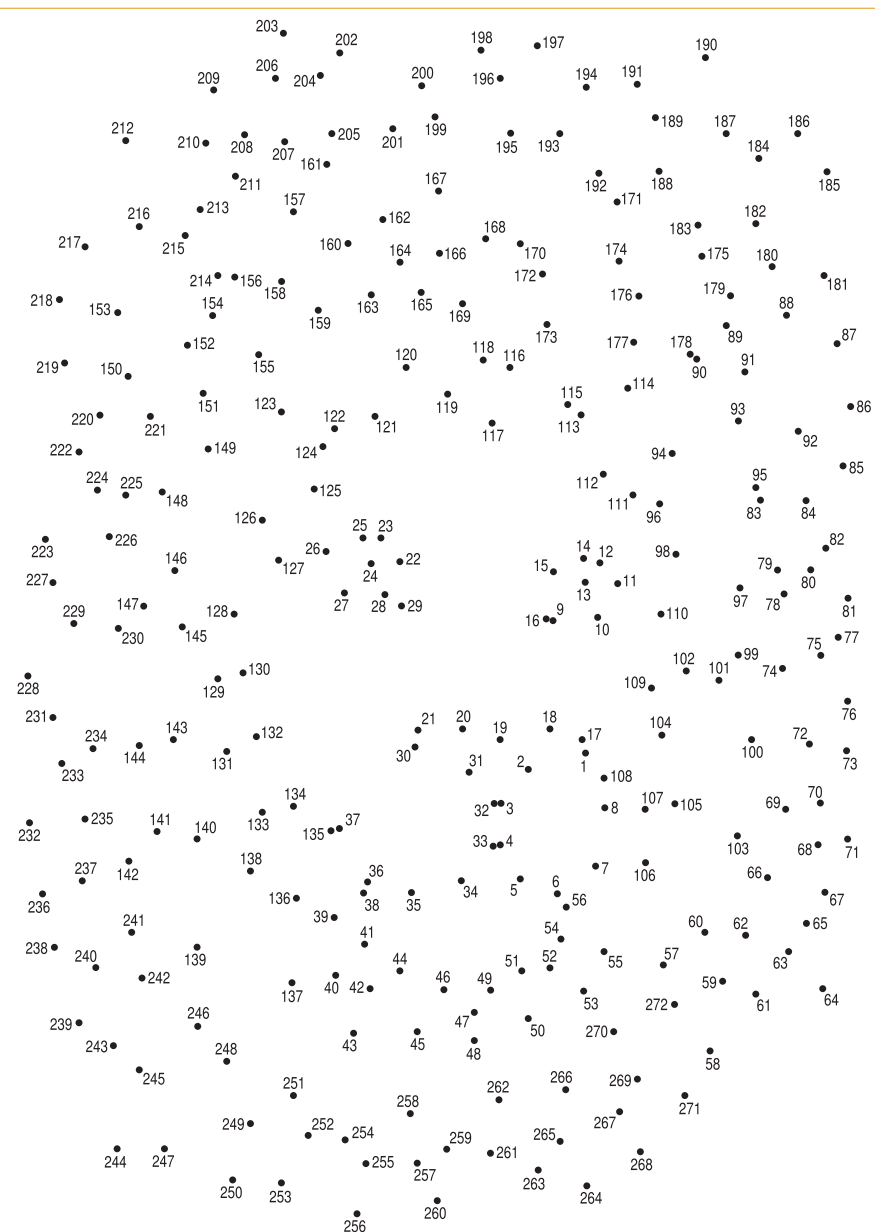


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August 18, 11:30 AM

### **Rally Day**

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September 8, 11:30 AM

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### **Despicable Me**

1hr 35mins – Animated  
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Purchase tickets at <https://playhouse.cinematlab.com>

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## TOWN MEETINGS

### **Monday, July 15**

Inland Wetlands Commission  
7-8 p.m., Town Meeting Room & via zoom

### **Tuesday, July 16**

EMS Commission  
6-7 p.m., EMS Headquarters

### Utilities Commission

7-9 p.m., Town Meeting Room

### **Wednesday, July 17**

Police Commission  
6-7 p.m., Town Hall Board Room

### Town Council

7-9 p.m., Town Meeting Room & via zoom

### **Friday, July 12**

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**  
8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center Dining Room. Join the New Canaan Sentinel Team for coffee and conversation.

### **Physics Exploration**

10-11 AM at the New Canaan Library, Arlene H. Grushkin Children's Program Room  
Through creative crafts and interactive demonstrations, complex physics concepts will be made accessible and enjoyable. The goal of the class is to ignite curiosity and a love of science. For students in grades 4-6 in Fall 2024. Free event. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/physics-exploration-grades-4-6-89837>

### **Summer Movie Screening**

2 PM at 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan  
Come watch a showing of Dune Part 1. Paul Atreides, a brilliant and gifted young man born into a great destiny beyond his understanding, must travel to the most dangerous planet in the universe to ensure the future of his family and his people. Runtime 155 minutes. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/summer-movie-screening-dune-part-1-80259>

### **Opening Night: Mary Poppins The Broadway Musical**

2 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 Summer Picnic**

5:30-7:30 PM at Grace Farms  
Families are invited to enjoy a delicious dinner made by a culinary team, play lawn games, take part in summer-themed crafts designed by Grace Farms educators, and see what's growing in the Community Garden. \$18/members, \$22/nonmembers. Tickets are available at <https://gracefarms.org/event/summer-picnic-july>

### **Saturday, July 13**

### **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!

### **Sunday, July 14**

**Global Groceries | The 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>

### **Monday, July 15**

### **Balance & Posture for Fall Prevention with Ellen**

10 AM at the Lapham Center  
This program is designed to decrease the risk of falling and improve upper and lower body strength. Posture exercises will strengthen the muscles that support the spine and contribute to overall balance and alignment. You must be able to stand on one foot with the support of a chair. Strength training with light weights included. \$90/person. Call 203-594-3620 to reserve your spot.

### **Gentle Yoga**

10-11 AM at the New Canaan Library, Bartlett Auditorium  
A tranquil, foundation-building class designed to introduce new students to yoga, as well as offer regular practitioners a gentle class to complement their yoga practice. Participants must bring their own yoga mat. For more information visit <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/gentle-yoga-59010>

### **Cricut Crafts for Adults: Summer Bookmarks**

11 AM- 12:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Anderson MakerLab  
Create your very own Summer themed bookmark using the Cricut machine. Before creating your bookmark, there will be an introduction to the Cricut Maker- a machine that can cut and draw on a wide-range of materials. Participants are encouraged to make a free Cricut account and bring their login information to class. Free event. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/cricut-crafts-adults-summer-bookmarks-87890>

### **Tuesday, July 16**

### **Walking for Wellness at Waveny**

11 AM at the Lapham Center  
Take a leisurely lap around the park with friends and enjoy the beauty of the season. The walk will start at Lapham, circle the new outdoor fitness area, and return to Lapham. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

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### **Sip and Stitch with Aggie**

5-7 PM at the Lapham Center  
Aggie will be there to help with your stitch, bring along your needlepoint, knitting or crocheting. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

### **Creativity, the Brain, and Parkinson's**

6-7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Community Room  
A moderated conversation with the artist and neuropsychologist David H. Rose about the relationship between creativity, the brain, and Parkinson's. Free event. For more information and to register please visit <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/>

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### **Wednesday, July 17**

### **Qigong with Steve**

12:30 PM at the Lapham Center  
Students will learn a series of slow, dance-like Qigong movements which will help increase stamina and vitality, reduce stress, enhance the immune system, improve balance, and aid cardiovascular, respiratory, circulatory, and digestive functions. Students at all levels will benefit from this practice. \$100/person. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

### **Movies on Wednesdays**

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 Waveny House Lawn  
Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy music by Doug Allen. Free event.

### **Thursday, July 18**

### **Baking 101: Basic Skills Workshop for Adults**

2-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, Kend Kitchen and Community Room  
In this class, led by Catherine Macdonald from Tastebuds CT, essential baking skills will be taught: blending, creaming and foaming. Free event. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/catherine-taste-ct-baking-skills-83382>

### **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 levels welcome. Please bring your materials of choice (they will have some boards, tape, pencils and paper on hand as well). Meet in the Carriage Barn classroom to review before going outside. \$25/members and \$30/non-members. For more information and to register visit <https://carriagebarn.org/drawing-at-dusk/>

### **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 first-time attendee, this book club welcomes all perspectives and encourages lively discussion. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/non-fiction-book-discussion-years-annie-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.

### **Friday, July 19**

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**  
8:30 – 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center Dining Room. Join the New Canaan Sentinel Team for coffee and conversation.

## SAVE THE DATE

### **July 20**

### **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!

### **Writing Tips: Writing the Intimate Perspectives of Characters**

10:30 AM- 12 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room  
This class will focus on writing in the first person from the perspective of a character with hardships or an illness. The first-person narrative will enable writers to fully understand and express the impact the hardship has on a character's motivations. Writers of all levels are welcome. Free event. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/character-writing-intimate-perspectives-89266>

### **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.

### **Half-Hour Portraits**

11 AM- 3:30 PM at the Little Plucky  
Have your portrait painted by local Artist Jessica Miller. Each 7 x 5 inch expressionist portrait will capture the subject's likeness and mood, painted in one half-hour sitting. All are welcome to sit for a portrait. \$250/person. Tickets available at <https://www.thelittleplucky.com/event-details-registration/half-hour-portraits-by-jessica-miller-2024-07-20-11-00>

### **Summer Concert | Bluegrass Guitarist Rick Snell**

4:30- 6 PM at Grace Farms  
Rick Snell is the virtuosic guitarist behind New York City's thriving bluegrass scene. Join Grace Farms for a lively summer concert the entire family can enjoy. This family-friendly seasonal music series is curated by our Music Director, Marcus G. Miller. The concert will take place indoors. \$8/members, \$10/nonmembers. Tickets available at <https://gracefarms.org/event/rick-snell>

### **July 22**

### **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/summer-camp-more-than-a-box/>

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### New Canaan Football Golf Tournament and Touchdown Dinner

10:30 AM at the Country Club of New Canaan  
All funds subsidize NCHS football programs including camps, off season 7v7's, coach salaries and clinics, technology, tutoring, transportation, special equipment needs, field improvements, scholarships. All family, friends, fans are invited. There will be a putting contest, silent auction, and much more. Ticket prices vary. Prices and more information are available at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Cu0/>

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### July 24

#### Movies on Wednesdays

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.

#### Buying and Selling a Business

6:30-8 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room  
Score of Fairfield County presents a workshop on A Business Appraisal Road Map for Creating & Enhancing Value in Your Business. Knowing how to value your business and how to create value are key factors in achieving near—and long-term growth and other business objectives. Valuation experts will lead a discussion on the importance of knowing your business's value on an ongoing basis. Free event. Register at <https://score.tfaffirms.net/17?EventID=a10V-t000001Y67F>

#### 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 25

#### Cardboard Regatta Boat Race

11 AM -2 PM at Kiwanis Park  
Working solo or with friends/siblings build a seaworthy boat. Those who register will get 5 rolls of duct tape and a choice of cardboard as materials to start there build. Pick up for the supplies will start July 15th. More information available at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/Cardboard%20Regatta%20Rules%202024.pdf>. To register please visit <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/summer-cardboard-regatta-boat-registration-76766>

### July 26

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**  
8:30 - 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center Dining Room. Join the New Canaan Sentinel Team for coffee and conversation.

#### 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](mailto:boxoffice@stonc.org) or call (203) 966-4634 with questions.

### July 27

#### 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!

#### Supervised Mahjongg

10 AM - 12 PM at the Lapham Center  
Join Aggie for some Saturday Mahjongg fun. Registrants must know how to play. If possible, players will be placed with others of the same skill level. Free event. Call 203-594-3620 to register.

### 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/summer-camp-birdhouses-butterflies-and-fairy-house-fun/>

### July 30

#### Science of Suds with Connecticut Science Center

3:30- 4:15 PM at the New Canaan Library, Bartlett Auditorium and Community Room  
Have some fun exploring the

captivating, colorful science of soap and water. Uncover the mysteries of bubbles' shape, see what happens when you make bubbles with different gases, and push the limits of what suds can do. Free event. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/science-suds-connecticut-science-center-59818>

#### Fairfield County Dance Festival on the Green

6:30- 8:30 PM at the Merrill Event Lawn  
The Ted Thomas Dance Foundation and East Coast Contemporary Ballet are proud to present a free outdoor dance performance. Please bring your own chairs, blankets and food. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-fairfield-dance-festival-76224>

### July 31

#### Get Creative with Canva

1-2 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room  
You will learn how to open a free Canva account, how to create a design using templates and stock photos/elements, and how to upload your own images. The many functions of Canva will be covered, including how to find and save projects and how to print or download your finished product. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/get-creative-canva-88643>

#### Movies on Wednesdays

2 PM at the Lapham Center  
Come watch a showing of The Beautiful Game. As an English football squad heads to Rome for the Homeless World Cup, their talented new player must let go of his past to be part of the team. IMDb 6.3/10. 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 The Bookends- 60's and 70's songs. Free event.

### August 1

#### Exhibit MAKERS

2-3:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Anderson MakerLab  
This workshop will combine research and digital literacy with computer design skills to create files for the laser cutter and 3D printer. Students will choose a space-related topic and research, design and create their exhibit for display in our MakerLab exhibit space for the summer. For students in grades 3-4 in Fall of 2024. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/exhibit-makers-grades-3-4-80499>

### August 2

#### COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

8:30 - 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center Dining Room. Join the New Canaan Sentinel Team for coffee and conversation.

#### DIY Space Lander

3:30-4:15 PM at the New Canaan Library, Arlene H. Grushkin Children's Program Room  
Children entering grades 3 and 4 will put their engineering abilities to the test when they design and build their own space lander. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/diy-space-lander-grades-3-4-75715>

### August 3

#### 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!

#### The Adventures Of Robin Hood

2 PM at 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan  
Two actors take the stage telling this classic tale with sporting equipment straight from the school gym – hockey sticks, jump ropes, basketballs, and more. Join for a one-of-a-kind performance that promises thrills, laughs, and plenty of surprises. The show will run for 55 minutes. Ticket prices start at \$25. Tickets available at <https://shorturl.at/R0JBS>

### BLOOD DRIVES

#### in lower Fairfield County and surrounding counties

### Friday, July 12

United Church of Rowayton  
210 Rowayton Ave  
Norwalk, CT 06853  
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Temple B'nai Chaim  
82 Portland Avenue  
Georgetown, CT 06829  
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

### Saturday, July 13

Archangels Greek Orthodox Church  
1527 Bedford Street  
Stamford, CT 06905  
8:00 AM - 1:15 PM

### Monday, July 15

First Presbyterian Church  
Stamford  
1101 Bedford St  
Stamford, CT 06905  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### Tuesday, July 16

Saint Mark's Church  
111 Oenoke Ridge Road  
New Canaan, CT 06840  
1:00 PM - 6:30 PM

### Friday, July 19

St. Philip's Church  
25 France Street  
Norwalk, CT 06851  
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### Support Services & Meetings

#### NEW CANAAN

### Friday, July 12

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

### Saturday, July 13

AA Meeting-Sober Citizens Group  
Saturdays at 9:15 AM  
First Presbyterian Church  
178 Oenoke Ridge Rd., New Canaan

AA Meeting-Laundry and Dry Cleaning Group  
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 15

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

#### Adult Child Al-Anon Meeting

Mondays at 12 PM  
St. Mark's Church, Youth Room  
111 Oenoke Ridge Rd., New Canaan

### Tuesday, July 16

Adult Child Alanon Meeting  
Tuesdays at 12 PM  
St. Mark's Parish House, Conf. Room  
111 Oenoke Ridge Rd., New Canaan

### Wednesday, July 17

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

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

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM  
Silver Hill, Jorgenson House  
208 Valley Rd., New Canaan

### Thursday, July 18

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](mailto:paul@ncparentsupportgroup.org) for more information

### Friday, July 19

#### Suicide Prevention Training: Question, Persuade and Refer

11 AM- 1PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room  
Those trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. This training will certify you as a QPR gatekeeper. Free event. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/suicide-prevention-training-question-persuade-and-refer-82865>

### 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.

## Our Neighbors

### July 12

#### Greenwich Sidewalk Sales

9:30 AM- 6 PM at Greenwich Avenue and surrounding streets  
This sidewalk sale is a shop-

per's paradise, filled with incredible sales and unbeatable bargains. More information available at <https://livinggreenwich.com/event/greenwich-sidewalk-sales-2024-get-ready-for-great-deals/>

### July 13

#### Greenwich Sidewalk Sales

9:30 AM- 6 PM at Greenwich Avenue and surrounding streets  
This sidewalk sale is a shopper's paradise, filled with incredible sales and unbeatable bargains.

### 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. Judging begins at 8 AM. Trophies awarded at 10 AM. For more information visit <https://carsandcoffeedarien.com/event/cars-and-coffee-darien-iv/>

#### Greenwich Sidewalk Sales

10 AM- 5 PM at Greenwich Avenue and surrounding streets  
This sidewalk sale is a shopper's paradise, filled with incredible sales and unbeatable bargains. More information available at <https://livinggreenwich.com/event/greenwich-sidewalk-sales-2024-get-ready-for-great-deals/>

### July 17

#### Mastering the Art of Networking

12 - 1PM at HAYVN  
320 Boston Post Road  
Suite 180, Darien  
Discover the secrets to building meaningful connections, leveraging your network for personal and professional growth, and mastering the art of networking in today's dynamic business landscape. Whether you're an entrepreneur, a seasoned professional, or just starting your career journey, this presentation will equip you with the tools and strategies to expand your circle of influence and create lasting relationships. Free event. Purchase tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/halftime-mastering-the-art-of-networking-tickets->

#### Cocktails & Comedy

5:30 - 7 PM at HAYVN  
320 Boston Post Road  
Suite 180, Darien  
Celebrate the summer and community! Gather for connection, conversation, cocktails (and mocktails), and comedy. Enjoy light bites, sip on a summery beverage, and savor some laughter. \$35/member, \$50/non-member. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cocktails-mocktails-comedy-summer-social-tickets->

### 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>

# Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

## ACROSS

- 1 Beyond's partner
- 6 Tolstoy's Karenina
- 10 Revolutionary Guevara
- 13 Floodgate
- 15 King in a Shakespeare tragedy
- 16 \_\_\_ the groundwork
- 17 "The Birdcage" star Nathan, on the gridiron?
- 19 Valuable rock
- 20 Acura model
- 21 Gets the better of
- 23 Many were played in the '90s
- 24 Sound on Old MacDonald's farm
- 27 As well as
- 28 "Only Murders in the Building" star Martin, at a track meet?
- 33 Abhors
- 36 Book jacket blurb
- 37 Nike competitor
- 38 Lift up
- 41 Most bronzed
- 43 "Here on Gilligan's \_\_\_" (end of an old TV theme song)
- 44 Wrath
- 46 Lots of land

- 10 Become less clear
- 11 Triangular instrument
- 12 Peepers
- 14 "\_\_\_: The Smartest Guys in the Room" (documentary about an energy company)
- 18 Acquire
- 22 Add value to
- 25 Pen point
- 26 Make a sweater, say
- 28 Party animal
- 29 Where to find Walla Walla, Wash.
- 30 Indian state known for its beaches
- 31 Ascend
- 32 "Ink"
- 33 Next in line
- 34 "Not to mention ..."
- 35 Is deceitful

- 39 Man's makeup in "The Wizard of Oz"
- 40 Thus
- 42 A Bobbsey twin
- 45 Sixth sense: Abbr.
- 48 Summer treat on a stick
- 49 Pianist and radio host John
- 50 Being broadcast
- 53 Shrink in fear
- 54 Some designer bags
- 55 Like a tight race
- 56 Tiff
- 57 Ring up?
- 58 In \_\_\_ straits
- 60 Nibble away
- 61 Waffle maker
- 64 Base of the decimal system
- 65 Camp bed

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## Sporting Group by Gary Larson

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### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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## Astrology for Next Week

### CANCER

**22 June-23 July** Identify your number one priority and focus on it to the exclusion of all else. There may be 1,001 interesting things going on but with disruptive Uranus so strong if you let your attention wander you'll find it hard to catch up. Shut off your senses from outside influences.

### LEO

**24 July-23 Aug** You like to be in control but you're smart enough to realise that a lighter touch may be needed, especially when dealing with people who don't take kindly to being told what to do. This week, especially, you must be subtle. Cracking the whip will get you nowhere.

### VIRGO

**24 Aug-23 Sept** With changes planet Uranus so prominent you can expect some kind of disruption over the next few days - but it will be the sort that results in good things. New theories and ideas will also interest you. Study them carefully - they could change your life.

### LIBRA

**24 Sept-23 Oct** You may find it tricky to make decisions but once you've chosen a course of action no force on earth can stop you from taking it. Positive aspects to Uranus mean the time to act is now, while your rivals are off guard. The quicker you move, the richer you could be.

### SCORPIO

**24 Oct-22 Nov** You have too much of one thing and not enough of another and because your life is so unbalanced there's a danger you'll tip over either this way or that. The planets will help you to take remedial action - if you don't do it by choice, it will be done for you.

### SAGITTARIUS

**23 Nov-21 Dec** Your professional and social standing will receive a boost and you could soon find yourself moving up on the work front or breaking into circles closed to you in the past. Just remember that work isn't everything. People must come first, not power and prestige.

### CAPRICORN

**22 Dec-20 Jan** Some sort of ending is imminent but it doesn't have to be negative. In fact, with the Sun and Mars positively linked to changes planet Uranus there's every chance this particular ending will also mark a new beginning. So stop worrying and start looking for the silver lining.

### AQUARIUS

**21 Jan-19 Feb** Aim for your highest ideal and don't let anyone tell you to be more materialistic or ambitious. The world is full of people fighting to get ahead but you're too intelligent to get caught up in the rat race. If you're happy with what you're doing nothing else matters.

### PISCES

**20 Feb-20 March** Travel and social plans are likely to be disrupted but don't get cross as it could work in your favour. Try not to switch off your mind if you're stuck in traffic: keep your eyes and ears open and something will catch your attention and send you off in a new direction - eventually.

### ARIES

**21 March-20 April** You don't have to understand why someone's being obstructive, you just have to do something about it. With Uranus energised by your ruler Mars and the Sun you won't hesitate to apply pressure of your own and there can only be one winner in this battle of wills - you.

### TAURUS

**21 April-21 May** You can't run away from your troubles, nor should you want to as the planets will make it easy for you to deal with them once and for all. If you make radical changes of your own volition now you won't be forced into changes you may not enjoy. Be bold.

### GEMINI

**22 May-21 June** You may not be able to do what you want to do now but in a few days you'll look back and thank your lucky stars your options were limited. Those who were allowed to follow their desires will look at you in envy for having the good sense to stay clear.

Discover more about yourself at [sallybrompton.com](http://sallybrompton.com)

## Family Time Crossword

### The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

## ACROSS

- 1. (K) "Hold it right there!"
- 5. Not even ajar
- 9. (K) It can be grape or strawberry flavored
- 12. (K) Volcano feature
- 13. U-turn from difficulty
- 14. Best starting pitcher
- 15. Rocks in need of refinement
- 16. "That ends my prayer"
- 17. (K) Start for "school" or "heat"
- 18. Internet gateway
- 20. (K) Bad winter weather
- 22. With 36-Across, Chewbacca's friend
- 23. (K) "Magic \_\_\_ House" (book series)
- 25. (K) Lumberjacks' tool
- 27. (K) Alvin and the Chipmunks or the Jonas Brothers

- 29. (K) Trade
- 33. Wander
- 35. Words that end an engagement? (2 words)
- 36. See 22-Across
- 37. (K) Create apps from scratch
- 38. Back muscles
- 40. (K) Splinter from "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" is one
- 41. (K) Squeal on someone
- 43. (K) URL ending, often
- 45. Experimented with
- 48. (K) Plates on the table
- 51. (K) Scorching
- 52. (K) Thing that leads to an invention
- 55. Barbecue grill nugget
- 56. (K) Had ribs with no sauce
- 57. Carefully select and gather
- 58. Sax variety
- 59. Suffix with "organ" or "real"

- 60. Hefty reference volume
- 61. (K) Kick back and relax
- DOWN
- 1. Stuff in a pig's belly
- 2. Starchy Pacific plant
- 3. (K) Where a halo is located
- 4. (K) Angel hair or farfalle
- 5. (K) Animal that can honk horns and clap
- 6. (K) A sandwich meat
- 7. (K) \_\_\_ as directed
- 8s. English 101 subject
- 9. Mocking comment
- 10. Farming measurement
- 11. Swimming competition
- 19. (K) "The \_\_\_ and the Grasshopper" (fable)
- 21. (K) Fewer
- 23. Kind of massive wave

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?  
When trying to save money?  
Look for the answer in next week's paper.

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Previous riddle answer:  
High light highlight?  
6-D) STAR

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## 7 LITTLE WORDS

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

### CLUES

- 1 tree shredder (7)
- 2 "handy" digit (6)
- 3 fibber (11)
- 4 knocked off the shine (7)
- 5 unwell (6)
- 6 like grapevine news (10)
- 7 1950s TV star Lucille (4)

### SOLUTIONS

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Previous Answers: 1. LEGROOM 2. PITT 3. CATHERINE  
4. ARIZONA 5. STUFFED 6. PANERA 7. TOASTINESS

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

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# SUDOKU

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## Sudoku

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

### Easy

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### Hard

8	4		9	6			1	3
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6	9		2	1		3	8	

### Very Hard

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### Easy

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		2				3		
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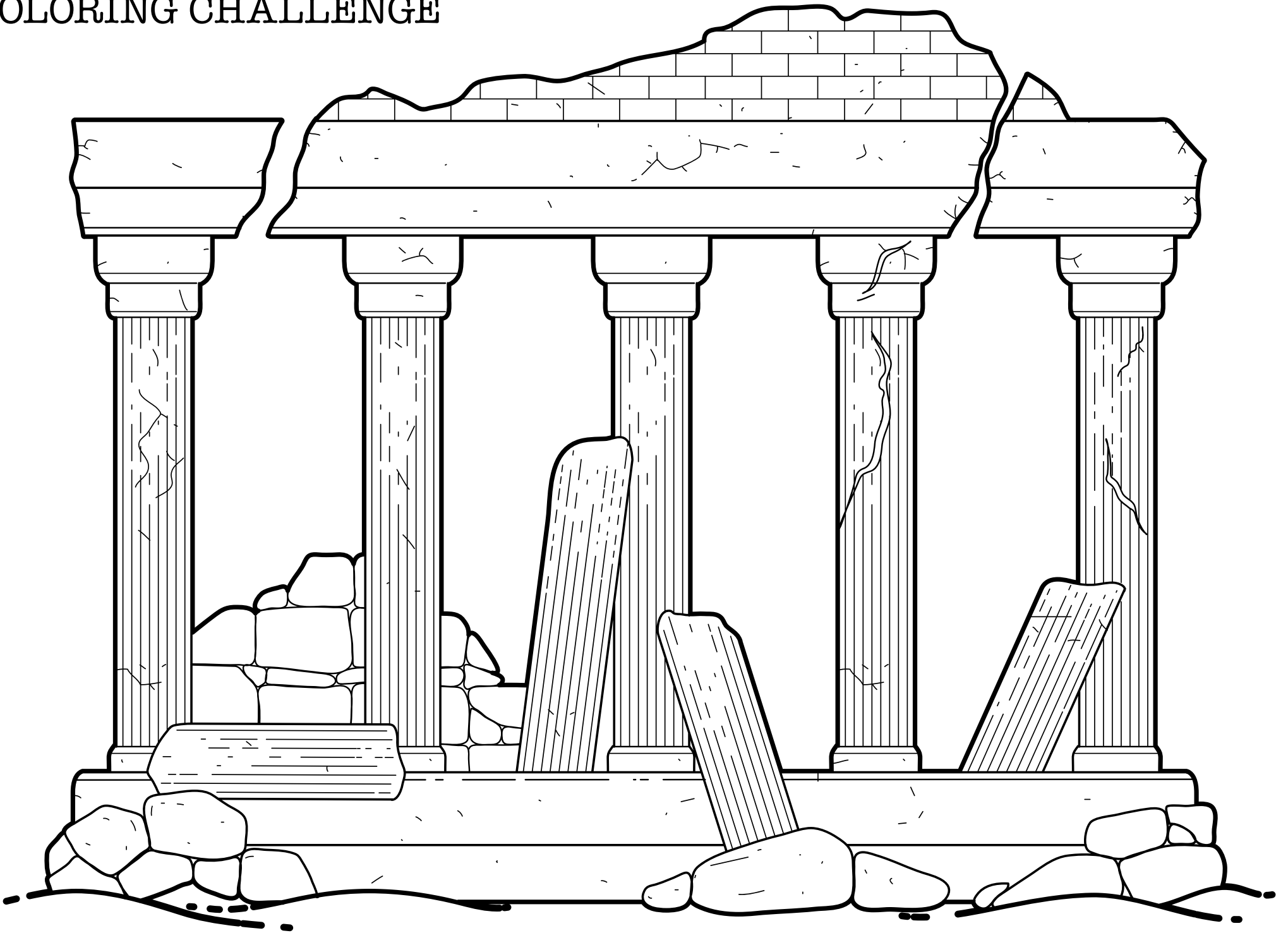
### Hard

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### Very Hard

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## COLORING CHALLENGE



### Sudoku answers

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

Bottom row - Very Hard

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

Bottom row - Hard

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

Bottom row - Easy

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

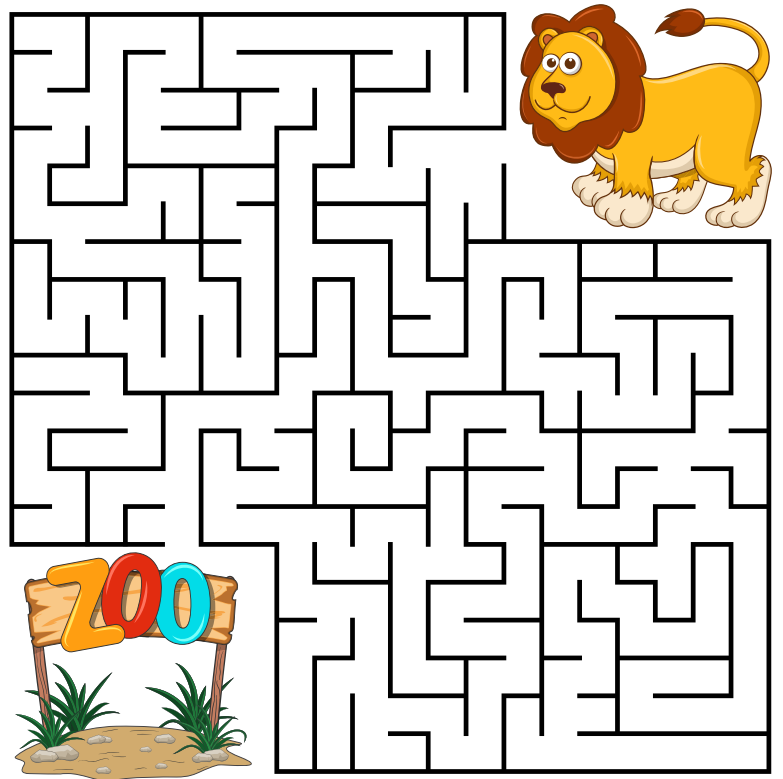
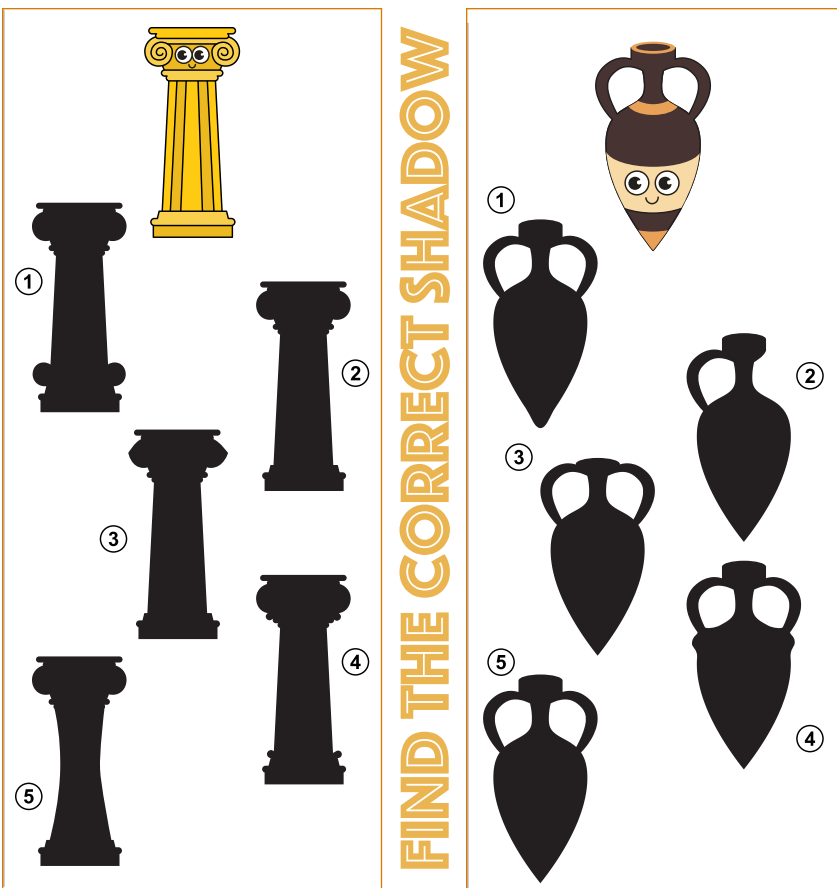
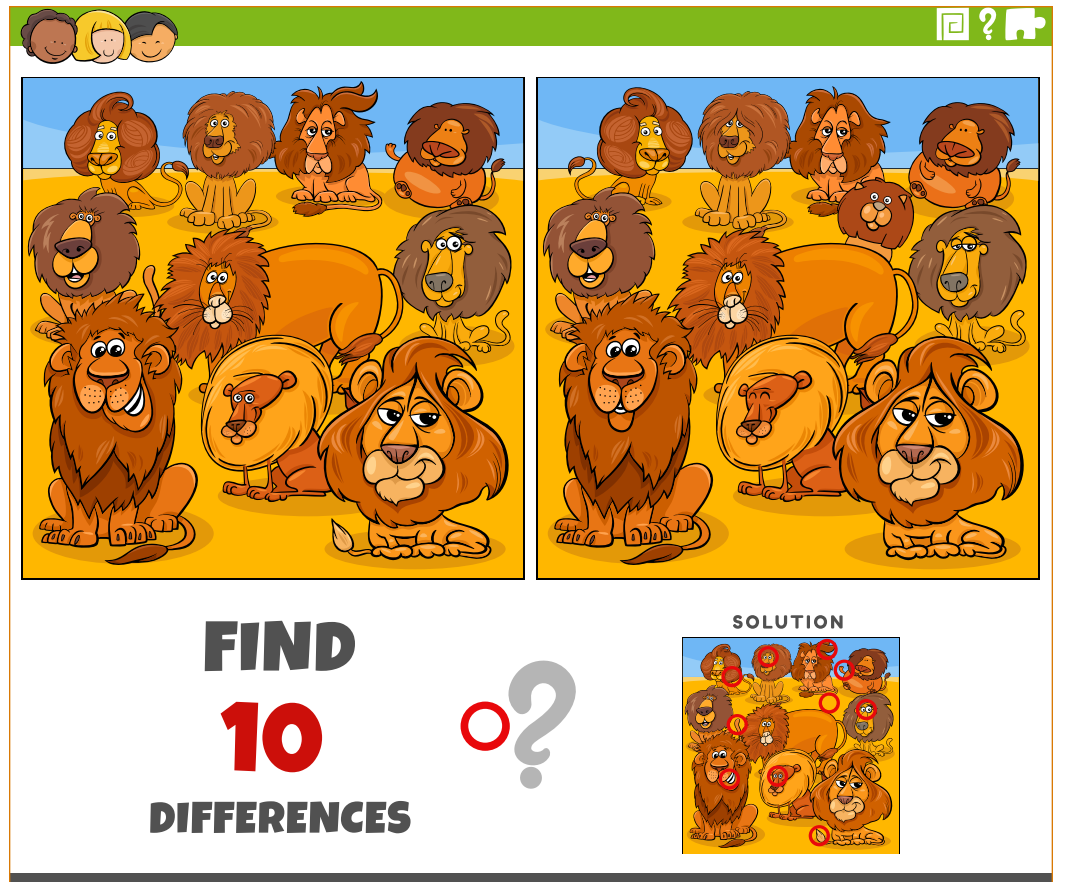
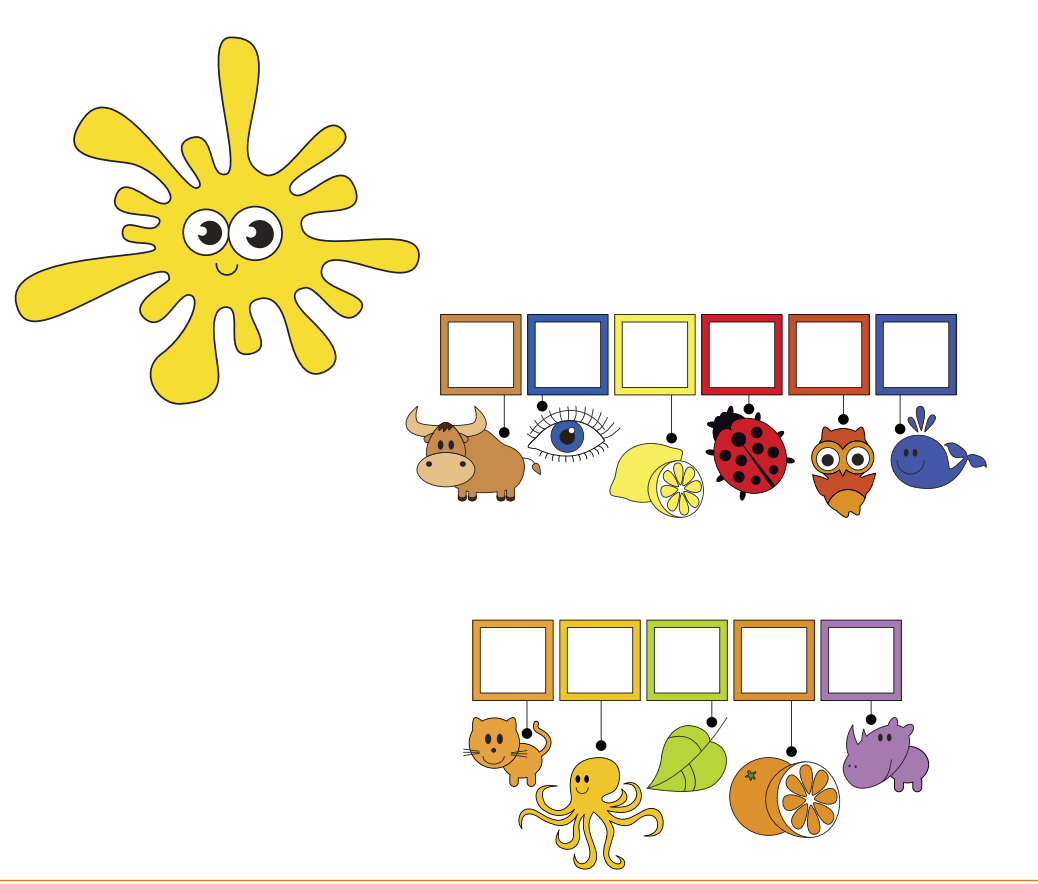
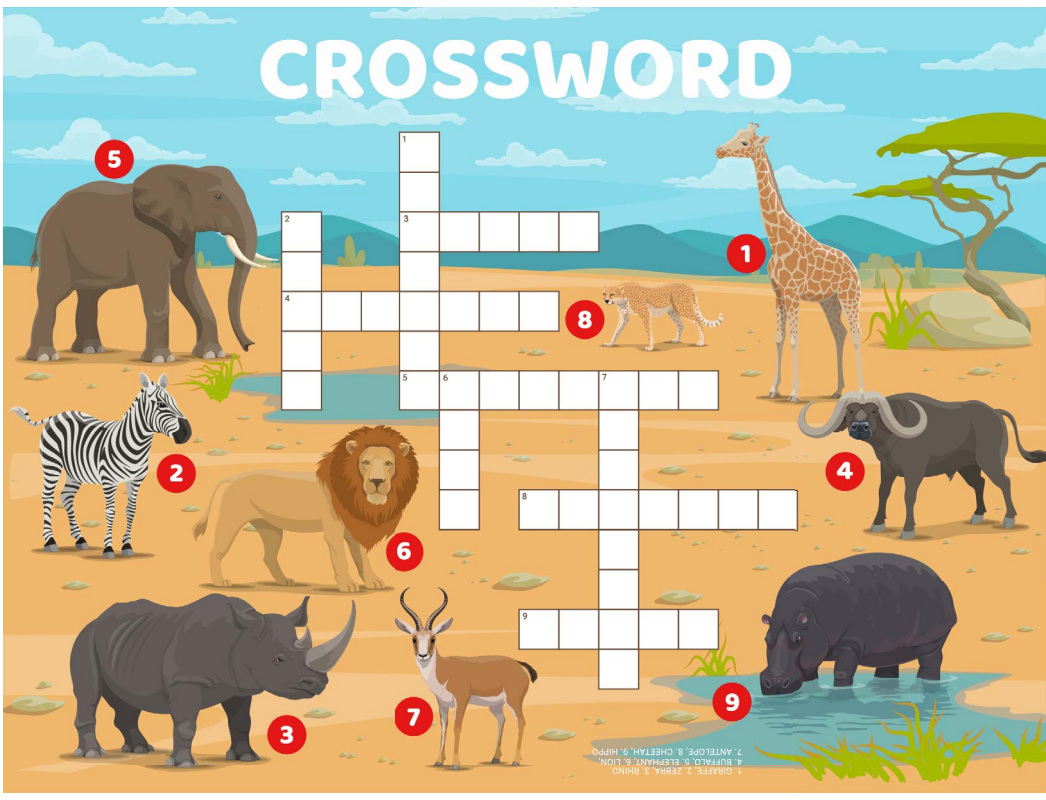
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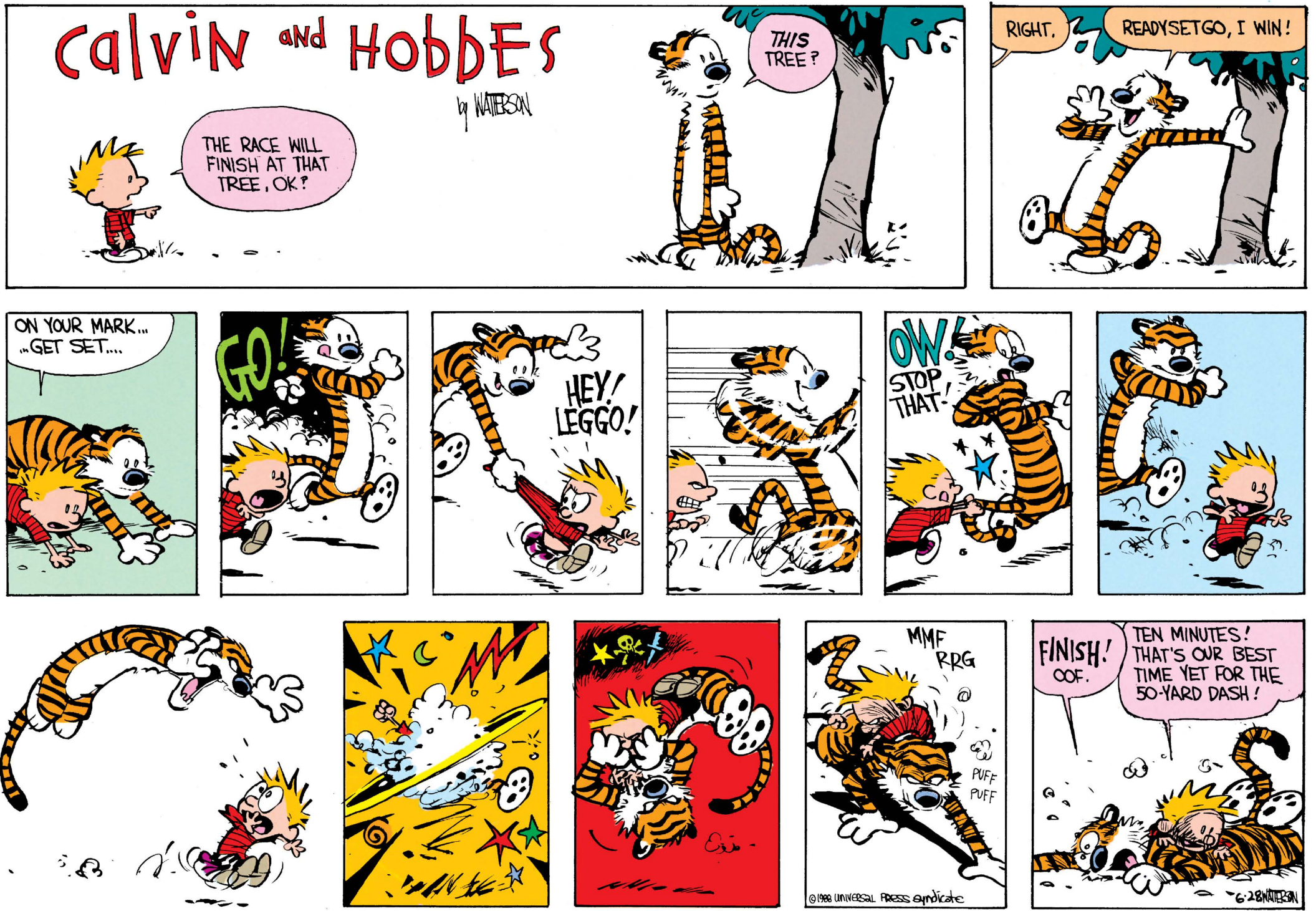
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# A Beast of Legend and Mystery

BY JIM KNOX

If you were to ask most kids and adults the difference between tigers and lions, they would invariably respond that tigers are orange with black stripes and lions are tan or golden brown in color. They would then inform you that tigers live in Asia and lions live in Africa. Aside from some anomalies in coat color, they would be correct. It is also true that all the world's tigers live in Asia. Lions, however, might surprise you. Although most of the world's lions live in the eastern and southern regions of Africa, these great cats are more widespread than you might suspect, and they hide their secrets well.

The Asiatic or Asian Lion (*Panthera leo persica*) is simultaneously a beast of legend and mystery. At a casual glance, this big cat is one and the same with its African cousins, yet a studious eye begins to tease out the subtle distinctions among these great cats. Unlike its better-known cousin, the Asian Lion typically sports a fine peppering of black or buff-gray spots in its coat. Aside from certain skull differences, males possess shorter, more sparse manes, rarely exceeding four inches in length, leaving their ears visible. All Asian Lions also possess a much larger tail tuft, a skin fold along their abdomen and typically attain smaller sizes than their African counterparts with males rarely exceeding 9.5 feet in length and 380 pounds in weight.

Inhabiting the fertile crescent and hunting the Tigris and Euphrates River Valleys for millennia, the Asian Lion has witnessed the birth of civilization, served as a competitor, lethal adversary, and timeless source of inspiration to humanity from our earliest days. Ranging into Europe from Albania and Greece eastward, their range



The Asian Lion

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wrapped around the entire Mediterranean basin. From present day Turkey, Palestine, Syria, and Egypt. To the east they ranged through present day Iran, Iraq, through the Caucasus and beyond to present day Pakistan and India.

With such an immense range encompassing the known civilized world for myriad cultures, the lion became synonymous with the sheer power, awe, and majesty of the wild world. This was the beast of the forests and limitless wilderness beyond the horizon—its untamed likeness adorning shields, coats of arms and royal crests. It was also the

ultimate beast of dread—taking human and animal prey alike before 50,000 spectators at the Great Colosseum and hundreds of other lesser venues across the entirety of the Roman Empire.

Yet, fear of this lethal predator, economic losses from predation of domestic stock due to overhunting of the lion's natural prey, and unsustainable capture of lions for the arena, led to inexorable population declines over the centuries. As early as 350 BC Aristotle referred to the lion of ancient Greece as, "A scarce animal not found in many places." By the 10th century AD lions had disappeared from

much of the Caucasus region. Predictably, their successive population extinctions cascaded; disappearing from Turkey by the 1870's, Syria by 1895, and Iran by 1944. By the twentieth century, their range that had spanned across Europe and Asia had contracted to a tiny remnant area within India's Gir Forest. Today, this protected population lives in the grasslands and deciduous forests of Gir National Park—once the royal hunting grounds of maharajas—and surrounding areas of the Indian State of Gujarat.

While this decline is not unexpected and parallels that of nearly all apex predators worldwide, there is reason

for hope. From a perilously low population of as little as 10 animals, Asian lions have held on with an unmatched tenacity. Thanks to rigorous and pioneering protection efforts which include the relocation of human settlements and domestic stock and the protection of their hoofed prey species and forest habitat from fuel wood collection, the great cats have slowly increased their numbers over the last several decades to exceed the 500 individual mark. In recent years they have even extended their range beyond Gir National Park. The most recent survey in 2020 revealed lions had established six satellite populations in Gujarat and the population had reached a modern era high of 674 animals!

Buoyed by this success the Indian government has initiated bold lion reintroduction initiatives to Kuno and Barda Wildlife Sanctuaries, to safeguard against the risk of natural disasters such as forest fires or epidemics threatening these majestic cats.

Having lived alongside these great cats for thousands of years, what can we learn from them and how can we

apply that knowledge to our own lives? In contrast to its perceived image, the Asian Lion is generally a retiring creature, with the ability to live alongside humans with rare exhibition of aggression. Capable of unmatched power, it engages when it must. Taking advantage of favorable conditions, these big cats expand their territories when opportunity presents itself. Social creatures, they access resources together and extend protection to the other members of their pride. Perhaps most significantly, when these cats get figuratively knocked down, they get back up. Clawing their way back from a worldwide population the size of a single pride, the Asian Lion is a true survivor. If we ever doubt our abilities, we only must look to these great cats to reaffirm that we are capable of roaring back from even the most daunting challenge.

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