

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFING



Officers Join Share-a-Story

Local police officers participated in South School's annual Share-a-Story event, which began in 1985 and invites community members to serve as guest readers. The event focuses on promoting reading among students. Officers expressed appreciation for the opportunity to take part. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department.



New Firefighters Sworn In

The New Canaan Fire Department held a swearing-in ceremony on January 14, 2025, for firefighters Lauren Freeland, Peter Black, and Mike Stewart. The event marked their official entry into the department after completing required training. Photo credit: Town of New Canaan.

Winter Heating Safety Tips

The New Canaan Fire Department advises keeping flammable items and people at least three feet away from heat sources and using certified, properly maintained heaters. Older adults face higher risks from heating-related fires, requiring regular heater checks and fire escape plans tailored to mobility or hearing needs. Emergency preparedness should include accessible essential items and designated assistance for evacuation.

TOWN HALL

BOE Approves School Budget

The New Canaan Board of Education approved a \$114.2 million budget, a 4.6% increase, including funds for a high school math interventionist and an additional elementary classroom coach. Most of the increase stems from salaries and benefits tied to a new teachers' contract, with \$5 million allocated for capital projects like a PA system, scoreboard, and kiln replacement. The budget now advances to the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and Town Council for review.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

Silver Hill Expands to NYC

Silver Hill Hospital has acquired Freedom Institute, now operating as Silver Hill New York, to expand its mental health and substance use treatment services in New York City. The Intensive Outpatient Program addresses complex mental health and substance use needs through personalized treatment plans developed after a two-week assessment.

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Aquarion Sale Sparks Political and Financial Concerns

By ELIZABETH BARHYDT

On January 27, Eversource Energy announced the sale of Aquarion Water Company to a newly formed quasi-public entity, the Aquarion Water Authority (AWA), operating alongside the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (RWA). The \$2.4 billion transaction, which includes \$1.6 billion in cash and \$800 million in debt, was described by Eversource CEO Joe Nolan as a strategic decision to refocus the company's core operations. "This transaction reinforces our commitment to our core electric and natural gas operations," Nolan stated in the release. Yet for many in Connecticut, the announcement was not a cause for celebration but rather confirmation of fears that had been mounting since July: a high-stakes deal was set in motion with little public scrutiny, leaving customers and municipal officials questioning its long-term impact.

The sale's approval process—steeped in legislative maneuvering and last-minute amendments—has been a point of contention. State Senator Ryan Fazio, one of the sale's most vocal critics, minced no words in his January 29 op-ed (see page 5), calling the deal "a fix" from the

start. "This was a major change that appeared out of nowhere," Fazio had warned in September. Now, with the sale finalized pending regulatory approval, his concerns have only intensified. "The legal change allowing an RWA acquisition of Aquarion was only publicly known when news was broken by a reporter two days before the special session of the legislature," he wrote. He pointed out that the 50-page legislation enabling RWA to bid was released only hours before it was brought to a vote, leaving no opportunity for substantive debate.

The sale's implications stretch far beyond process. A key concern among local officials is the likely increase in water rates for Aquarion customers. Unlike Aquarion, which has been regulated by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) and imposed only an 8.5% rate increase

period. First Selectman Dionna Carlson, speaking last fall when the sale was first being discussed, expressed skepticism about RWA's financial management. "RWA's claim that it would hold rates steady after the acquisition is difficult to believe given their track record," she said at the time. The deal effectively removes Aquarion's 625,000 customers from PURA's oversight, leaving future rate increases to be determined by RWA's Policy Review Board—an entity Fazio argues lacks both independence and enforcement authority.

The sale also introduces another layer of financial uncertainty: the shift from a private company to a quasi-governmental entity means that towns like New Canaan could see a loss in tax revenue. Under its current structure, Aquarion pays more than \$300,000 annually in property taxes to the town.

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over the past decade, RWA has raised rates by more than 40% in that same

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Survey Highlights Behavioral Health Opportunities

By JOHN KRIZ

The Community Health & Well-Being Survey results—an initial effort to better understand the current state of behavioral health in New Canaan, and residents' understanding of and access to supportive resources—were shared with the New Canaan community on Monday, January 27, in New Canaan Library's Bartlett Auditorium, with numerous community leaders speaking.

The key takeaways are that while most people in town are doing well, many are not—especially parents and other caregivers, those worried about their own mental health, or who have low life satisfaction or low financial security. In a word: Stress. When you have the phrase "Parenting may be hazardous to your health" on a presentation slide, you know it just got very real.

While numerous supportive resources are available in New Canaan, including the Urgent Assessment Program www.newcanaan.info/T8_R433.php run by the town in partnership with Silver Hill Hospital, many survey respondents were unaware that such resources were available at all. Beyond that challenge, assuming the person in need is aware of available resources, trying to sort out just where to begin, let alone manage cost and insurance, was a steep mountain for many to climb.

This survey, funded by the Town of New Canaan and completed by nearly 1500 residents, was the brainchild of the New Canaan Behavioral Health Alliance (www.newcanaanbha.org), which was



Susannah Lewis with Silver Hill Hospital speaks to a full house about New Canaan's Health & Well-Being Survey.

Dr. Luizzi noted training programs at NCPS involving a wide range of staff to strengthen their emotional intelligence. "We did that because we wanted to make sure that our schools were welcoming places everywhere kids went."

formed several years ago by concerned local charities and community leaders with a goal of encouraging, developing and supporting "a greater community awareness of behavioral health issues and resources in our area. Through

community partnering, the alliance's mission is to improve access to behavioral health care for New Canaan residents seeking help." Nearly forty regional and local groups are part of the

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Gannet Rain



Northern gannets in various flying and diving.

By FRANK GALLO

Northern Gannets are raining into the sea. One after another these birds pound the waves like hail on pavement, thundering into the surf to spear fish. Gannets move on the wind in every direction, suffusing the sky with flecks of white, as if a massive feather pillow leaked its stuffing across the clouds. Set aglow by the late afternoon sun, they appear as beams of light tipped in jet, arching across the heavens, skimming the surface of the waves, speeding on angled wings toward the horizon. Where they converge, thunderheads form from swirling avian bodies, broiling

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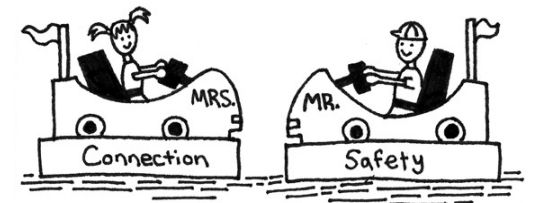
Connection & Safety

By JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

During moments of marital stress, each of us favors either connection or safety. Both are essential to relationships. We typically choose a partner with the opposite priority because we are attracted to his or her complementary personality. Which is your priority? Connectors tend to be effervescent and outgoing. Partners who prioritize safety are usually reliable and steady.

The challenge arises during inevitable disagreements when the one who favors connection pursues an argument the way a dog pursues a bone and the one who favors safety withdraws behind a stone wall. One yells and the other won't talk. The more connectors won't let go, the more partners who prioritize safety retreat. This often escalates into an infinity loop of unhappiness.

Though it is difficult in the moment, when we remember that the "attacker" really wants



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

connection, and the "stone wall" longs for safety, we can shorten our arguments and become allies.

Jordan and Caitlin were at each other's throats until they understood that Jordan was desperate for connection and Caitlin wanted safety. Prior to that, the more Jordan "came after" Caitlin, the more Caitlin "ran away." Seeing each other's need as 100 percent normal changed their perception of each other from hostile to compassionate.

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.

Fiddler on the Roof Opening on Feb. 8 in Ridgefield

By TOM NISSLEY

I was invited to attend a sneak peek of a rehearsal of the new "Fiddler on the Roof," opening at ACT of CT on February 8. It will play on weekends for an entire month, with 26 actors that Director Daniel C Levine will have on stage throughout the show. When they're not in a scene, they will be watching the scene, surrounding the action on stage, and reflecting the audience members in front of the stage. The Royal Danish Ballet used a similar technique when they traveled to the USA in the 1950s, and it's beautifully effective.

Musical direction will be by Bryan Perri, always the musical supervisor at ACT productions but for "Fiddler" the actual Director of the music in the show. Perri can be demanding, and at the sneak peek was working the cast to sing harder and more fully in "Tradition," with the poppas and the mommas and the daughters and the sons each claiming their roles in life in Anatevka. To watch Levine and Perri work together is in itself a rich experience. Of course they are a couple in real life, but on stage they are a powerhouse, pretty much guaranteeing that their "Fiddler on the Roof" will be the excellent production we are lining up to see.

You can order your tickets for "Fiddler" by calling 475.215.5497; or by going on line to actofct.org.

Tom Nissley for the Ridgelea Reports on Theatre

Fiddler on the Roof is a timeless musical masterpiece. The musical takes place in the small Jewish village of Anatevka in Imperial Russia at the turn of the 20th century, and follows Tevye, a humble milkman, and his family, as they grapple with faith and changing societal norms.

Performance Dates and Times: Thursdays 7pm, Fridays 8pm, Saturdays 2pm* & 8pm, Sundays at 2pm. *Please note there will be no matinee performance Saturday, February 8.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN NEWS BRIEFS FROM JAN. 28 MEETING

New Canaan Farmers' Market

The Board approved the request to hold the Farmers Market at the Lumber Yard parking lot from April 26th to December 20th, 2025, on Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm.

Animal Control Vehicle

The Board approved the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Equinox for \$24,179, which includes a \$450 trade-in credit for the current vehicle. This ensures reliable transportation for the busy Animal Control Officer and enhances operational efficiency.

CIRMA Purchase Order Increases

The Board approved a \$5,500 increase in previously approved purchase orders with CIRMA for the insurance on additional vehicles.

Police Facility Renovations, Materials

The Board approved a \$19,000 contract from the Department of Public Works to increase a contract with Special Testing Lab

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Wellness, Turf, and the New Economy of Self-Care

In New Canaan the relaunch of HALO Fitness at 45 Grove Street offers a window into a curious cultural moment. HALO, a health and wellness complex which also houses the New Canaan Racquet Club, recently unveiled an ambitious upgrade. A 1,200-square-foot Turf Room now anchors the facility, joining a 5,800-square-foot renovated gym, revamped locker rooms, and an array of wellness services. The relaunch will be celebrated with a Wellness Weekend on February 8 and 9, a showcase of activities ranging from yoga and massage to kids' soccer drills.

At first glance, HALO seems to embody the small-town gym ideal: a community hub where fitness enthusiasts can mingle and families can explore age-appropriate activities. But HALO's new trajectory—a seamless integration of boutique fitness, sports training, and wellness services like chiropractic care and facials—reflects something larger: the combining of health and self-care.

In the past, a gym was just a gym: fluorescent-lit, unremarkable, and heavy on ellipticals. HALO's evolution, however, aligns with an industry-wide transformation. Fitness spaces are no longer just about exercise; they are lifestyle centers catering to an increasingly segmented and specialized audience. The Turf Room, for example, offers agility

and sports-specific training, while yoga classes cater to those seeking mindfulness. A massage studio and Pilates partner round out the package. In this sense, HALO mirrors the rise of the wellness economy, a \$4.5 trillion industry that merges fitness, leisure, and personal optimization.

Eric Fromm, CEO of HALO Fitness, sees the relaunch as a way to meet these evolving demands. "Our mission is to create a space where people of all ages and abilities can pursue their health and wellness goals," he said. To that end, HALO's Wellness Weekend will offer free activities, such as yoga by Sama Yoga, facials from Catalina Skin & Body, and introductory turf training sessions. "We're excited to show the community everything HALO has to offer," Fromm added.

The centerpiece of HALO's relaunch is the Turf Room, a functional training space that caters to athletes and general fitness enthusiasts alike. It is also a rarity in New Canaan, a town more associated with manicured lawns than artificial grass. For tennis players at the New Canaan Racquet Club, the Turf Room offers off-court conditioning. For others, it is a chance to push the limits of their workouts in a space specifically designed for performance training. Fromm describes it as a place where members can build strength, speed, and agility, all while improving overall athletic

performance.

The integration of services under one roof is another hallmark of HALO's approach. The building houses not just HALO Fitness but also Restore Massage Studio, Nearwater Pilates, New Canaan Chiropractic, and Matrix Personalized Medicine, among others. This ecosystem of wellness providers reflects an emerging trend: the consolidation of health services into boutique spaces that emphasize convenience, luxury, and personalization.

For members like Abby Lane, this all-encompassing approach makes HALO more than just a gym—it's a community and a hub for holistic wellness. "It's always been a convenient and welcoming place with excellent personal trainer options and a friendly staff," says Abby, who has long valued the accessibility and supportive atmosphere that set HALO apart.

Membership at HALO comes with perks, including discounted services from wellness partners and a complimentary personal training session. A promotional offer through February 28 waives initiation fees for select memberships and reduces dues



by up to 20%.

What is striking about HALO is how it captures the ethos of New Canaan itself. This is a town where tradition meets reinvention, where pastoral settings coexist with luxury amenities, and where wellness is both a communal aspiration

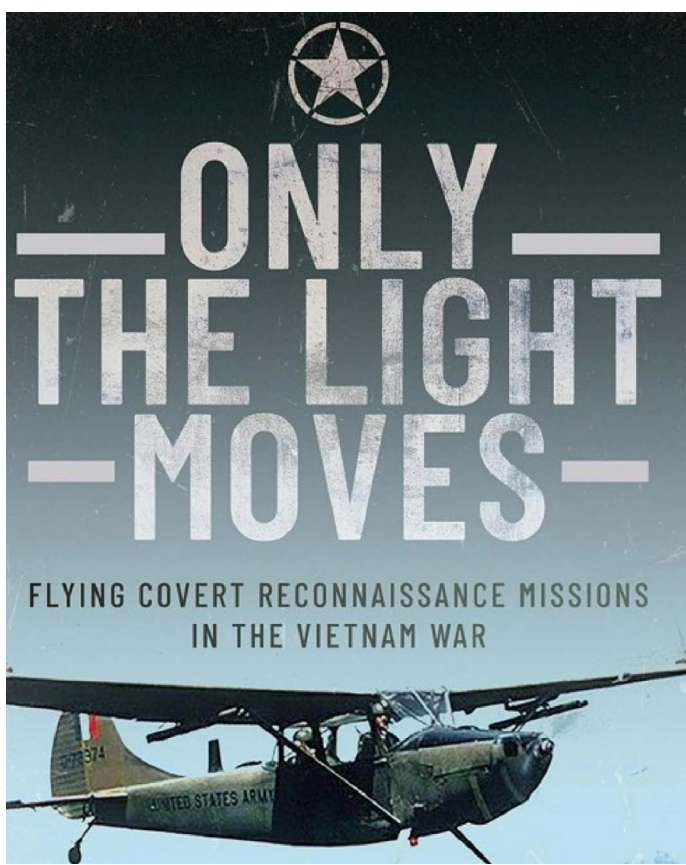
and a personal responsibility. The relaunch of HALO Fitness is not just about fitness; it is about adapting to a world where families are increasingly investing in their health and bodies the way they might invest in real estate or education.

Whether HALO becomes

a model for other small-town wellness hubs remains to be seen. For now, it is a microcosm of a larger cultural trend, one in which fitness and wellness are no longer just pursuits—they are carefully curated to fit the contours of modern life.

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Men's Club Welcomes Author Francis Doherty



The New Canaan Men's Club will welcome U.S. Army veteran and former commercial airline pilot Francis Doherty as its featured speaker on Friday, where he will share his firsthand experiences flying covert reconnaissance missions during the Vietnam War. The meeting will take place at 10 a.m. in Morrill Hall at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, with Doherty's presentation beginning at approximately 10:40 a.m.

Doherty, a New Canaan resident and 1967 graduate of the University of San Francisco, served as a pilot for the U.S. Army, flying classified missions over Laos and Cambodia. Piloting a Cessna O-1 Bird Dog, a single-engine, unarmed reconnaissance aircraft, he was responsible for locating enemy troop movements and directing strikes by F-4 Phantom jets. The missions, part of the clandestine Studies and Observations Group (S.O.G.) operations, were often conducted under extreme danger, with pilots encountering relentless enemy fire from AK-47s and 51-caliber anti-aircraft guns.

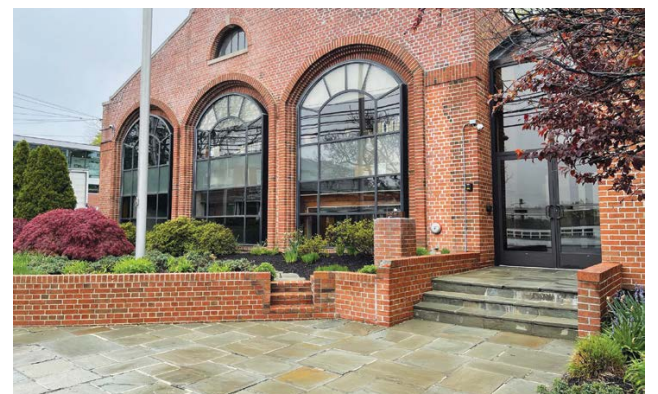
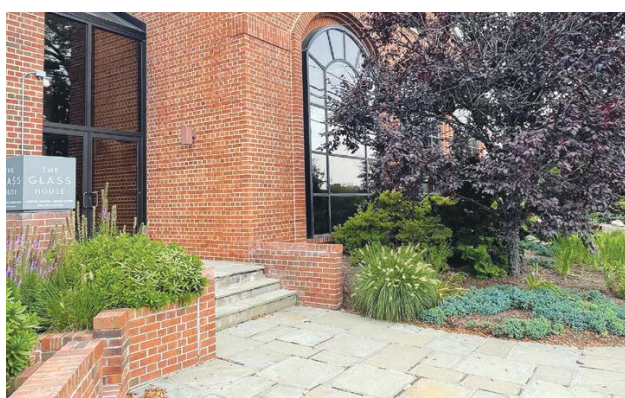
His experiences are detailed in his memoir, *Only the Light Moves: Flying Covert Reconnaissance Missions in the Vietnam War*, published in 2023 by Pen and Sword. The book provides an unvarnished account of the war, describing not only the high-risk missions but also the psychological challenges he and his fellow pilots faced. The *Journal of the Air Force Historical Foundation* called his accounts "hair-raising," praising his ability to capture both the tactical and emotional dimensions of his service.

Doherty's memoir, however, is more than a war story—it is also a deeply personal reflection on aviation and its connection to family. His father, a TWA captain during the golden age of commercial flight, inspired his early interest in flying. Following his service in Vietnam, Doherty continued his aviation career, becoming a commercial airline pilot for 32 years. In *Only the Light Moves*, he explores the transition from military to civilian aviation and the lasting impact of war on those who serve.

His presentation at the Men's Club will cover both the technical aspects of his missions and the broader themes of duty, sacrifice, and the struggles of reintegration into civilian life. Doherty will also discuss the personal toll of combat and the loss of fellow soldiers, as well as the resilience required to move forward.

The New Canaan Men's Club provides weekly programs featuring distinguished speakers from a variety of fields. Membership is open to local men aged 55 and older. Those interested in joining can email ncmens@ncmens.club for more information.

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Best Bites: New Canaan



BY PAUL REITANO

Marie Pinchbeck was your teacher. You may not remember it. It was a long time ago; Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st grade - it's all a blur. You've had so much to drink through the years, you don't remember much as it is. But Mrs. Pinchbeck remembers. With 31 years in the New Canaan Public School System and 21 years as a teacher at First Presbyterian Nursery School - Marie Pinchbeck has taught thousands of New Canaan's children for over half a century. She's teaching the children of parents she taught. She teaches with teachers who she taught in Kindergarten. Mind bending. But also a testament to character. There is no one in New Canaan who cares about children more than Mrs. Pinchbeck. She also loves hot and sour soup. Could she possibly be the most wonderful person on the planet? Read on to find out.

Q: When did you start teaching in New Canaan?

A: Oh gosh, Paul. I'm not sure, 1966 maybe?

Q: And what was New Canaan like back then?

A: Oh, my - not as bustling - not as high end - very much just a family town. I remember going to Fat Tuesday's where Sole is now. The teachers and I would all go out once a month to dinner. It was very fun. That was memorable.

Q: Where did you teach before First Presbyterian Nursery School?

A: For many years I taught at Center School. It's where the parking lot to the library is now. It closed in 1983. I remember we had a big party when it closed. It was a wonderful school, I miss it. I went on to West for many years.

Q: With the kids - can you tell who's going to be a CEO and who's going to end up in jail?

A: Oh, gosh, Paul. I wouldn't say.

The truth is, sometimes you can tell, sometimes they change. Around 3rd or 4th grade, there can be a big leap in maturity.

Q: It's Flu Season. How do you convince your kid not to be a nose picker?

A: Oh, goodness. We do a lot on germs. I make a big deal out of washing hands. I get out a big basin of water and sing happy bday to myself so they wash long enough. I'll also take a tissue out of my pocket and pretend to be confused. I'll say "what's this? What do I do with this?" The children have so much fun with that.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

A: These days I'm the Science Lady and I go from class to class. I wear a body suit full of body parts that detach. I can take out the heart and show them how everything works.

Q: When do you think you'll stop teaching?

A: When I can't get up. I just love going to work and seeing the kids. You need purpose in life. I like being busy.

Q: Mrs. Pinchbeck, I feel like people want to know...which student, in your entire career, was, you know, your favorite?

A: Oh gosh - how can you ask that? The thing that is so amazing - there are children that I had in my Kindergarten class that are my colleagues now. Part of that is how long I've been teaching and part of that is that people love being in New Canaan - they come back.

Q: You've lived through a lot. Best TV show of your lifetime?

A: I love Lucy. It was very funny.

Q: Best movie?

A: Gone With The Wind.

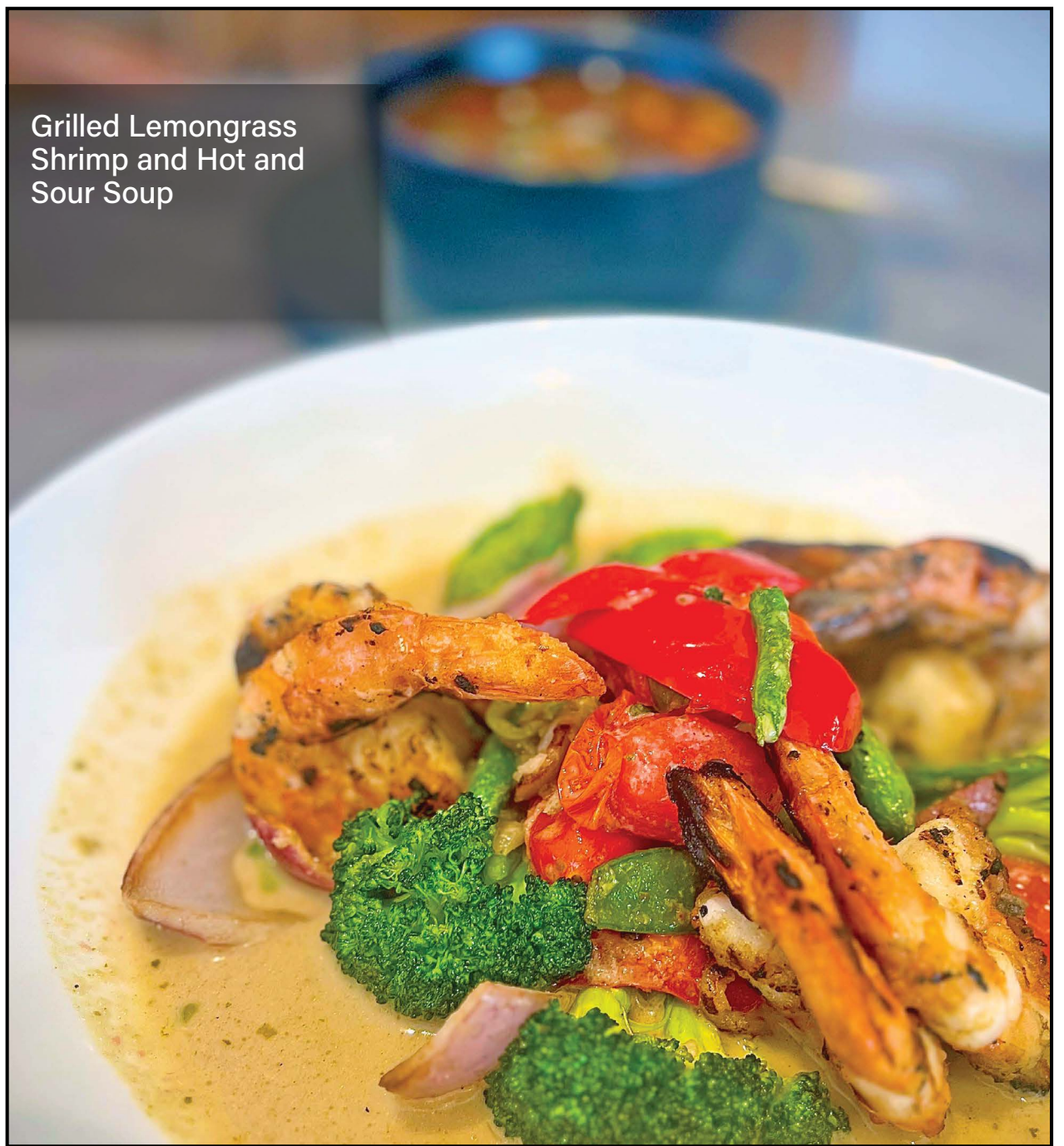
Q: Not Die Hard?

A: Didn't The Wizard of Oz come out the same year? That got all the awards - but Gone With The Wind is just so lovely.

Q: Best holiday to have in the classroom?

A: Valentine's Day is so much fun to do with the kids. They have fun cutting out the hearts and showing love to one another.

Marie Pinchbeck has taught thousands of New Canaan's children for over half a century. She's teaching the children of parents she taught. She teaches with teachers who she taught in Kindergarten. Mind bending.



Grilled Lemongrass Shrimp and Hot and Sour Soup

Q: Expressing love to everyone you know - that never happens again, does it?

A: It doesn't. That's why it's so special.

Q: What do you enjoy eating in New Canaan right now?

A: I love Chinese. And Ching's Table is very nice. Their hot and sour soup is wonderful.

Q: Hot and Sour soup - too orange?

A: Not for me, especially in the winter - it's so satisfying. And I love their

Lemongrass Shrimp - they grill it there. It's wonderful.

Q: You're wonderful. Thank you for taking the time to talk to me.

A: Thank you, Paul. This was lovely!

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- 9:00 AM DYNAMIC STRETCHING TENNIS (30 MINS)

WELLNESS PARTNERS

- 8:30 AM SUNRISE YOGA FLOW WITH SAMA YOGA (60 MINS)
- 9:30 AM SCULPT & CARDIO WITH THE FITNESS COLLECTIVE (60 MINS)
- 9:30 AM-11:30AM CHAIR & TABLE MESSAGES WITH RESTORE (10 MINS)
- 10:00 AM-2:00 PM OXYGEN FACIALS WITH CATALINA SKIN & BODY (15 MINS)

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- 6:00 AM-4:00 PM COMPLIMENTARY 2-HOUR GYM PASSES

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ADULT FITNESS

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- 10:00 AM TURF FIT 101: HIGH SCHOOL (30 MINS)
- 10:30 AM PERSONAL TRAINING SESSION (30 MINS)
- 11:00 AM PERSONAL TRAINING SESSION (30 MINS)
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- 12:00 PM PERSONAL TRAINING SESSION (30 MINS)

HALO KIDS

- 11:00 AM RED BALL FITNESS - AGES 4-8 (30 MINS)
- 12:30 PM RED BALL TENNIS AGES 5-8 (45 MINS)
- 12:30 PM FIELD DAY GR. K-2 (45 MINS)
- 1:15 PM RED BALL TENNIS AGES 5-8 (45 MINS)
- 1:15 PM FIELD DAY GR. 3-4 (45 MINS)
- 2:00 PM SOCCER DRILLS BY NCFC (60 MINS)
- 2:30 PM KIDS YOGA WITH SAMA YOGA (30 MINS)
- 3:00 PM HALFTIME DANCE & CHEER WITH NC DANCE CLINICS - GR 1-4 (45 MINS)



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Reflect, Renew, and Move Forward

As we step into 2025, we do so with the wisdom gained from the Year of the Dragon, a time of bold ambitions and great transformations. Now, we move forward into the Year of the Snake, bringing with us the lessons learned and the challenges faced, ready to embrace a new phase of resilience, strategy, and renewal. On January 29, the Lunar New Year marked not just a change in the zodiac, but an opportunity—a moment to pause, reflect, and refocus.

The Lunar New Year, a tradition that has carried across generations and continents, is a reminder that no matter how fast the world moves, there is always time to reconnect—with family, with community, with our own aspirations. Across Asia and beyond, families will gather for reunion dinners, share meals rich with symbolism, and honor customs that have stood the test of time. In these moments, we find the essence of what binds us together: shared history, shared hope, and shared purpose.

The transition from one year to the next is never just about turning a page—it's about understanding what the last chapter taught us. The Year of the Dragon, with all its fire and energy, called for action, for courage, for taking big leaps. And now, the Year of the Snake invites us to move with wisdom, patience, and adaptability. In ancient Chinese culture, the snake represents

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intelligence and intuition, a reminder that progress is not always about force but about foresight. It is a call to be deliberate in our choices, to listen as much as we speak, to act with precision rather than impulse.

In the coming days, the world will celebrate in ways both grand and intimate. Fireworks will light up the sky, dragon and lion dances will fill city streets, and red envelopes will be exchanged as a sign of prosperity and goodwill. The Lantern Festival, which brings this season of renewal to a close, reminds us of the light we carry forward, the dreams we continue to chase, and the connections that sustain us.

Here in New Canaan, we can take this moment to reflect on what lies ahead. Maybe it's recommitting to the resolutions that January 1st already tested. Maybe it's setting new goals with greater clarity. Or maybe it's simply recognizing that every day offers a fresh start if we have the discipline to seize it.

Those born under the Year of the Snake are known for their keen minds, their persistence, their ability to navigate complexity with grace. In a time that calls for resilience and understanding, these are qualities we can all strive to embody.

So as we welcome this new Lunar Year, let's do so with intention. Let's learn from what came before and step forward with purpose. The challenges ahead are real, but so is our capacity to meet them. The opportunities are great, but so is our responsibility to make the most of them. And no matter what, let's remember that progress is not only just measured by what we achieve, but also by the thoughtfulness, the wisdom, and the kindness with which we move forward.

Happy Lunar New Year.

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A New Year, A New Administration So, What's in Store for the Markets and the Economy?



By PATRICK CHADWICK

The stock market is one, among a number, of leading indicators of the U.S. economy. Other such indicators include: new orders for both nondefense capital goods and also for consumer goods; consumer confidence; building permits for new homes; retail sales; and initial claims for unemployment insurance. The strength or weakness of those pillars of the economy are harbingers of future growth or decline in the GDP. Other measures—for example, employment, production and sales—are identified as co-incident indicators of economic activity because they simply explain what is currently happening within the economy. And then there are lagging indicators. Most notable among them are the unemployment rate and corporate profits—both of them are evidence that the economy has already slowed down or gone into recession. So, you might ask, how is the stock market an indicator of the future direction of the economy? The answer is, very simply: stock prices reflect the anticipated future earnings of publicly held corporations. If the outlook for the economy is looking bright, so too will the prospects for corporate earnings, and as a company's earnings grow, it logically follows that the valuation of its stock will do so as well.

Twelve months ago, there were many naysayers among economists and stock market watchers. With the Fed Funds (short term interest) rate at 5.3%—a level not seen since before The Great Recession in 2008, mortgage rates were sitting close to 9%, a 24-year high. People with long-held, low-rate mortgages were reluctant to sell their homes and take on new, more expensive financing, which put a serious damper on the housing industry. As a leading indicator of economic growth, the sluggish housing starts data caused many to fear

an impending recession. However, there was offsetting good news—the high Federal Funds rate had the intended impact of reducing inflation. From its high in 2022, inflation had its most precipitous decline in half a century—a trend that continued to make progress through the end of 2024. Employment was the shining star of the economic landscape last year, despite there being some pockets of the U.S. economy that faced a slowdown. Contrary to “old school” theories of economics that falling unemployment will lead to inflationary wage increases, the beneficial impact of rising labor productivity allowed workers to reap the benefits of growing real wages.

In November, the change in leadership in Washington begged the age-old question: What does history tell us about the U.S. stock market performance under Democrat administrations versus Republican administrations? Logic might assume that the during periods when the president was a Republican, the benefits of low-tax policies and incentives to invest capital might provide a record of outperformance. However, over the span of more than 65 years, there has been slight outperformance under a Democrat presidency. There is no moral to that statistic and the difference is not remarkable. Despite a tsunami of political

promises made since November, including threats of tariffs of monumental proportion, the economic impact of those threats is almost guaranteed to be tempered by pragmatism. The U.S. economy, relative to its industrialized country competitors, particularly in Europe, is strong. Inflation has moderated to a level that is no longer threatening consumers' purchasing power. Food prices remain sticky, particularly when it comes to eggs. Blame the avian flu which has now wreaked havoc with egg production for over two years and there's little end in sight. Low inflation is good; deflation, on the other hand, is harmful—it decreases any incentive to spend, creating a “why buy today when the price might come down tomorrow?” syndrome. Productivity will continue to improve, aided and abetted by the benefits of artificial intelligence (AI). There is plenty of low hanging fruit in this new world of analytics, and it's hard to imagine any sector of the U.S. economy that won't find opportunities to reduce costs and enhance profitability. AI will certainly lead to economic disruptions—think what the introduction of the automobile to the mass market in the early 20th century did to the manufacture of horse drawn carriages and all the paraphernalia that were part of that mode of transportation. But automotive factory jobs far

outstripped the industry that was annihilated. That is but one example among countless other industries that died at the hands of new technology. The future holds the same.

Last year at this time, I was full of optimism about the U.S. economy and the stock market. 2024 proved to be an excellent year for equity investors, with the S&P500 returning 25%. I remain optimistic that the investment environment will continue to be favorable, although it goes without saying that the trajectory for the market will include corrections and volatility. Tensions exist on many fronts, including between the U.S. and its trading partners; regarding ongoing wars; on issues of nuclear proliferation; around cybersecurity. But challenges like those have been part and parcel of the life of this country since its inception. They will continue to be so in the future.

Patricia Chadwick is a businesswoman and an author. Her second memoir, *Breaking Glass*, with the subtitle: *Tales from the Witch of Wall Street*, came out on May 14, 2024. It tells of her “growing up” and succeeding in what was then the all-male bastion called Wall Street. Her second book is a sequel to her first *Memoir, Little Sister*, the story of her childhood in a religious community-turned-cult. www.patriciachadwick.com



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Help Bring “The Harvard 5” Film to Life - Your Support Doubles Until Jan. 31!

“Inspired by my grandmother, Nina Bremer who was an artist and a true New Canaan “modernist”, I began this documentary almost 20 years ago to carry on this legacy,” says Director Devon Chivvis. “This film is a work of passion, and an homage to my family as well as the artists and intellectuals, risk takers and friends who made New Canaan modern.”

DEVON CHIVVIS

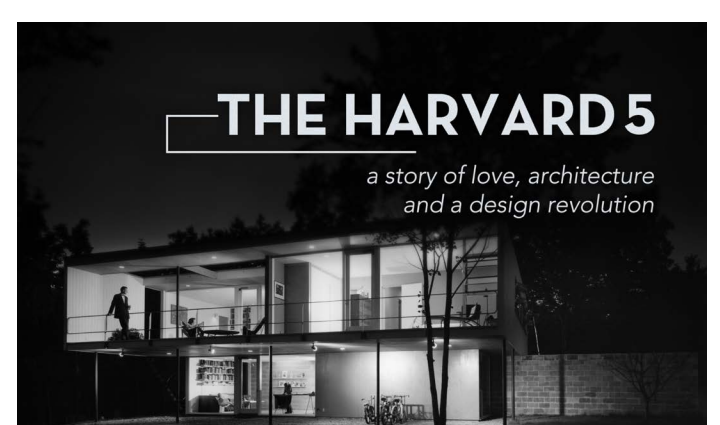
Close to twenty years in the making, local Director Devon Chivvis's film “The Harvard 5: a story of love, architecture and a design revolution” about mid-century modern architecture in New Canaan will premiere next

month and needs your support to bring it over the finish line!

The clock is ticking – the film has received a matching grant opportunity that expires on January 31st... CT-based Jeniam Foundation will generously match donations dollar for dollar up to \$10,000. Tax-deductible donations can be made by clicking here or by pasting this link into your browser: <https://theharvardfive.allrafundraising.com/>

Any amount will help, especially when doubled by Jeniam!

This first-ever film about the impact of the Harvard 5 on New Canaan's Modern history details a moment that influenced the entire



world of design and architecture and put New Canaan on the map in the 20th century.

Please follow the film on Instagram @theharvardfive for

updates and more information leading to the upcoming film premiere in Palm Springs during Modernism Week and in New Canaan during October4Design.

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The Proposed Aquarion Sale Will Increase Water Rates and Public Distrust



By SEN. RYAN FAZIO

This stinks.

That is what I warned in the Senate during July's special legislative session when a potential acquisition of Aquarion Water Company by the quasi-governmental Regional Water Authority (RWA) was given legal approval without any public hearing and only a few hours' notice.

Now that the New Haven-based RWA has been announced as the winning bidder for Eversource-owned Aquarion, the public can see that the fix was in all along. And most of us in western Connecticut will be paying the price for it.

Let's review and revisit the sins committed:

First, giving the RWA the ability to purchase Aquarion could result in major rate hikes for water customers. According to a preliminary analysis by the Office of Consumer Council, RWA customers pay roughly 50% more than similar Aquarion customers. That equates to a \$269 increase for a normal customer annually. There are multiple reasons for that but clearly RWA has

a higher cost structure than Aquarion's more efficient operations.

Second, Aquarion's rates are currently regulated and approved by PURA, which provides protection to consumers against regulated monopolies. The RWA's rates, to the contrary, are regulated and set by their own Policy Review Board which does not have either the independence nor capability to probe and check rate increases that PURA does.

Third, the RWA gets to charge the full purchase price of the asset to Aquarion customers where another bidder would only be allowed to charge a lower cost, the book value of the assets, to customers.

Fourth, the governing board of the new RWA is expected to consist of 6 members in the legacy RWA area and 5 members from the new Aquarion area (mostly Fairfield and Litchfield County) even though the legacy New Haven RWA area serves about 430,000 people and the new Aquarion area serves about 625,000 people. There will not be fair representation on the board that runs the company.

Fifth, as a quasi-governmental utility, the RWA will not be legally required to pay full property taxes to their resident towns and cities and will instead make a "Payment In Lieu Of Taxes." While I appreciate that RWA has said they will negotiate in good faith with towns, there is no legal requirement to make the same payments as Aquarion and therefore a strong possibility

of revenue loss for our municipalities which will require a property tax increase on the rest of us.

Sixth, there were at least two other competitive bids for Aquarion from two other viable companies who likely would have maintained more cost effective operations and who would have rates regulated by PURA. The higher bid was rumored only \$200 million below the RWA bid of \$2.4 billion. For just an 8 percent difference, Aquarion customers will be deprived of all the protections mentioned. The cake was baked, however. RWA would always likely bid higher because it can charge customers more. Its rates are not regulated by PURA and it can charge the entire purchase price back to customers.

Seventh, the RWA bid required emergency legislation allowing their expansion which was passed in a special session of the legislature in July. The topic and policy change, which has billions of dollars of consequence, was never once the topic of public debate or a public hearing in my two years on the Energy Committee. It was not vetted, explored, or investigated. It wasn't even mentioned. Perhaps with vetting we could have made changes to make this new arrangement more acceptable, like giving PURA cognizance over rates.

Instead, all legislative norms about openness and deliberation were thrown out the window. The legal change allowing an RWA acquisition of Aquarion was only publicly known when news was broken by a CT Mirror reporter two days

before the special session of the legislature. The 50-page legislation it entailed was only released hours before we voted on it. Even the Democratic chairmen of the Energy Committee expressed skepticism of the change. This change was imposed on Connecticut by the highest levels of leadership in the legislature and the governor's office. Because there is a one-party supermajority in the state, there was no natural check in the process to force openness, bipartisanship, or deliberation.

Connecticut residents deserve lower cost of living, affordable utilities, and trustworthy government. Unfortunately, the Aquarion sale to Regional Water Authority, which their elected officials foisted upon them will deliver higher utility bills and diminished trust. The only remaining check on the sale is now PURA. I strongly urge them to investigate this matter before them and use do whatever within their legal right to stop this transaction if the evidence aligns with what I have said above.

I hope I am wrong about all of this. Unfortunately, everything I said in July when I argued against this change in the Senate has proved truer in January. We can do better as a state and, in the future, I hope that we will.

Ryan Fazio represents Greenwich, Stamford, and New Canaan in the state Senate.

COLUMN

Never Again: Reflections on International Holocaust Remembrance Day



By RABBI MITCHELL HURVITZ

Elie Wiesel z'l was deported to Auschwitz in May 1944. He was "lucky" to be selected for forced labor and thus survive. He later said, "I thought in 1945 antisemitism died in Auschwitz, but I was wrong. Its victims perished, antisemitism did not."

In 2005, the United Nations designated "International Holocaust Remembrance Day" to commemorate the January 27th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1945. On this day, the world is to remember the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust and the Jewish resistance that accompanied and followed these events. In the shadow of such horror, we sit in the mournful darkness of our pain, suffering, and multigenerational trauma that the six million Jewish victims and their families sustained.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day is an opportunity to look both backward and forward and link the memory of the past with a call to conscience in the present. We remember the loss of children and adults, each individual who had a unique life and story cut short by their extermination. The scale of our collective loss is too much. And, yet, we must remember because of the reality of ongoing antisemitic hatred, threats, and violence.

The Holocaust is the paradigm for how human beings can embody evil. We must confront the evildoers who exist within our world. The irony of the Holocaust is that the worst examples of evildoers are omnipresent. Yet, there are stunning examples of the men and women who refused to stand idly by while innocent blood was shed.

Viktor Frankl was a neurologist, psychiatrist, and Holocaust survivor. He wrote about "Men's Search for Meaning" and human capacity for good. He recorded incidents of kindness that concentration camp prisoners would show others, even at their significant personal risk. Unfortunately, these prisoners were the minority, yet we can perceive the inspirational hope that people have the capacity for good under the worst circumstances.

In 1953, Israel created Yad Vashem, their major

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Holocaust Memorial Museum. In addition to recalling the stories of the victims, they also serve as Israel's "Martyrs' and Heroes' Memorial Authority."

The tasks of Yad Vashem are to commemorate the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators during the Holocaust, pay tribute to the Jewish resistance fighters, and honor the "high-minded Gentiles who risked their lives to save Jews." The "Avenue of the Righteous" was created by planting trees to commemorate the "righteous gentiles," or the "righteous among the nations."

In 1962, a Commission was formed and chaired by Justice Moshe Landau, a member of Israel's Supreme Court, and their responsibility was to create the criteria to define who was a "righteous gentile" or a "righteous rescuer."

There are four primary qualifications:

1. Individual Holocaust rescuers must have been actively involved in saving Jews from the threat of death or deportation to concentration camps or killing centers.
 2. Individual must have risked their own life or liberty in their attempt to save Jews.
 3. The original motive for rescue must have been to protect and save Jews from the Holocaust. Motivations not considered included potential financial gain, protecting Jews to convert them to Christianity, taking a Jewish child with the intention of adoption, or rescuing individuals during resistance activities that were not explicitly geared towards rescuing Jews.
 4. There must be first-hand testimony from those rescued to verify the individual's role in the rescue. If testimony does not exist or cannot be found, there must be irrefutable documentation of the individual's participation in the rescue and the conditions surrounding it.
- Four distinct ways often manifested amongst the "righteous rescuers."
1. Some hid Jews in the rescuer's home or on their property and provided food and other necessities to the Jews while in hiding.
 2. Some of the Righteous obtained false papers and false identities that helped to save Jews.
 3. Some helped Jews escape from Nazi-occupied territory to a less dangerous area.
 4. Some rescuers saved children after their

Never would I have expected to see two such awesome events in succession. Yet, the previous evening, I watched Long-tailed Ducks fill up the sky, moving in mass to their evening roost in a protected harbor. It was as if the edge of a weather front was approaching. An estimated 200,000 strong, they advanced in a thick line from horizon to horizon for more than an hour! In my mind, nothing rivals, not in sheer numbers or beauty, the aerial display of these cackling creatures passing before the setting sun, its rays glinting off the patchwork plaid colors of their bodies.

Seeing such splendors reminded me of accounts I had read of passenger pigeons darkening the skies for days with their numbers and of the vast unimaginable buffalo herds roaming across prairies of virgin grass. What must it have been like to witness such celebrations of life? I have, perhaps, an inkling of an idea now. I am glad to know that some such wonders still exist. But it saddens me to realize what is now missing. Incomprehensible as it seems, the passenger pigeons are all gone. The buffalo, like the virgin prairies on which they thrived, are reduced to remnants (remnant

parents were taken away, most of whom were murdered.

The Righteous Among the Nations are people from a myriad of diverse backgrounds: Christians from all denominations, Muslims, Atheists, etc.

Yad Vashem retains an exhaustive list of individuals and groups awarded the title "Righteous Among the Nations." And a shining example is Raoul Wallenberg.

Wallenberg was a wealthy Swedish businessman who chose to serve as a special Swedish envoy to Hungary during the war's later stages. His purpose in service was to try to find a way to save Hungary's Jewish citizens while it was under Nazi occupation.

By 1944, as many as 12,000 Jews were deported from Hungary to concentration camps each day. By the time of Wallenberg's arrival in Hungary in 1944, over two-thirds of the Jewish population had been deported to Auschwitz in the space of just a few months, and only 230,000 Hungarian Jews remained.

Wallenberg issued protective passes "supposedly" authorized by the Swedish government to as many of the remaining Jewish citizens as he could. The passes were illegal, and Wallenberg had produced them on a mimeograph in yellow and blue, with the Swedish three-crown symbol in the corner. While fake, they looked official enough to trick the Nazi and Hungarian authorities.

Additionally, he rented 32 buildings in Budapest, which he established as Swedish extraterritorial safe houses. He hung large Swedish flags from the buildings and placed signs over the doors calling the houses "The Swedish Library" and "Swedish Research Institute." Hungarian Jews lived in these buildings in relative safety.

One driver working for Wallenberg recounted the Swedish diplomat's actions upon intercepting a trainload of Jews about to leave for Auschwitz:

"Wallenberg climbed up on the train's roof and began handing in protective passes through the doors that were not yet sealed. He ignored orders from the Germans for him to get down, then the Arrow Cross men [the Hungarian fascists working with the Nazis] began shooting and shouting at him to go away. He ignored them and calmly continued handing out passports to the hands that were reaching out for them. I believe the Arrow Cross men deliberately

aimed over his head, as not one shot hit him... I think this is what they did because they were so impressed by his courage. After Wallenberg had handed over the last of the passports, he ordered all those who had one to leave the train and walk to the caravan of cars parked nearby, all marked in Swedish colours. I don't remember exactly how many, but he saved dozens off that train, and the Germans and Arrow Cross were so dumbfounded they let him get away with it."

In less than a year, Wallenberg may have saved as many as 100,000 Jews, more than any other person or institution succeeded in doing in Europe during the war.

By the end of 1944, the Soviet army had circled Budapest, although the Germans would not surrender. On January 17, 1945, during the height of the German-Russian fighting, Wallenberg was summoned by a Russian general on suspicion of being an American spy. No confirmed reports exist of Wallenberg after that date, although Russian authorities stated that he died in a Soviet Prison in 1947.

My childhood congressman, Tom Lantos z'l, was one of the Hungarian Jews saved by Wallenberg. He said:

"During the Nazi occupation, this heroic young diplomat left behind the comfort and safety of Stockholm to rescue his fellow human beings in the hell that was wartime Budapest. He had little in common with them: he was a Lutheran, they were Jewish; he was a Swede, they were Hungarians. And yet, with inspired courage and creativity, he saved the lives of tens of thousands of men, women, and children by placing them under the protection of the Swedish crown. In this age devoid of heroes, Wallenberg is the archetype of a hero who risked his life day in and day out to save the lives of tens of thousands of people he did not know whose religion he did not share."

Each International Holocaust Remembrance Day, we take the time to remember the horror of the Holocaust. Also, inspired by the "Righteous Among the Nations," we help ensure that Never Again is not a prayerful wish but a guarantee!

Shabbat Shalom.

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

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masses that are transformed by the sunset's rays into glistening crystals of purest white. Once they reach the apex of these living clouds, they freeze in motion. Then without warning, like water droplets from saturated clouds, they rain, wings folded, pouring into streams, rushing into torrents, cascading into the sea in a frenzy of feeding birds.

How many passed by me in that hour? Ten thousand? Twenty? In less than four minutes, I counted 1,800, and watched countless squadrons of Gannets form on the horizon to follow one another like kamikazes into the waves. But where had they come from? Northern Gannets are gregarious creatures, nesting in large colonies on cliff-faces in the North Atlantic. Normally, they spend the winter far out at sea, from our area to Florida and the Gulf of Mexico. Rarely do wind and tide combine to bring such numbers within view of shore. I felt privileged to have witnessed such an unusual and inspiring spectacle.

populations). How little our predecessors have left to us of the splendors they were given. Our present world is very different from that of our ancestors, yet we accept what remains to us as the norm. My concern is that what is left to be accepted as normal will diminish with each passing generation. If this trend is to be halted, we can no longer afford to foster our environmental ills onto the next generation to cure. Immediate attention is required for the security of our descendants' future environment. It is far too easy for them to accept whatever future they are handed.

This article was originally to be about Morus Bassanus, the Northern Gannet. I intended to write about their crowded cliffside nests and of a life spent predominantly at sea, visiting land only to repopulate. I wished to express a natural beauty and grace on the wing and contrast their incredible capacity for long distance flight with their comical inability to ambulate well on land. I meant also to discuss Long-tailed Ducks. I wished to relate the story of how settlers used their incessant winter cackling as an unflattering basis for their former name, Oldsquaw, and to draw attention to their extraordinary ability

to dive to depths of up to 200 feet in search of crustaceans. Instead, I got to wondering. What would it have been like to see the buffalo roam? Sadly, we'll never know.

I had the good fortune to gain spiritually from seeing Long-tailed Duck-filled skies and gannet rain. It is my hope that our descendants will not have to accept any less from us than we were given.



Rams Over Cardinals 58-48



Photo by Ben Harper/Chaos Crew Media

Greenwich High School's boys basketball team dropped a tough 58-48 decision to New Canaan on Jan. 17 at home, but the Cardinals left the game with plenty of optimism and momentum.

The Cardinals trailed the Rams by double digits at certain points of this FCIAC matchup yet pulled to within 43-40 with 4:29 remaining in the fourth quarter. New Canaan finished the fourth quarter strong however, eventually earning a 10-point win.

Senior guard Matthew Maloney scored a game-high 20 points for the Cardinals, 18 of which came during the second half. Maloney made two 3-pointers in the game for Greenwich, which trailed New Canaan, 15-11 after the first quarter and 28-20 at halftime. Junior guard/forward Sandro Scott

added 10 points for Greenwich, which faced a 39-30 deficit heading into the fourth quarter, before cutting New Canaan's lead to three points in the fourth quarter.

"We've had a number of games recently where we've closed well," Greenwich assistant coach James Maloney said. "We had opportunities to at the end to be tied or take the lead. I'm proud of these guys and the progress that we're making."

Guy Germain, a senior guard, scored nine points with a 3-pointer for Greenwich. Sophomore guard Matthew Vertin had 14 points, including two 3-pointers to pace New Canaan.

Henry Chandra, a junior and Andrew Esposito, also a junior scored 12 points apiece for the Rams.

"New Canaan is a great team, well-coached, they got a lead and it's hard to come back against a good team," coach Maloney said. "There was plenty of fight in us and it was a real team effort."

Junior Michael Golden and senior Ryan Brennan each had three points for Greenwich.

"It was a physical and a drag out sort of game," coach Maloney said. "It's good to be in these games and I think we're going to have a chance to close games out soon."

Those words rang true, as Greenwich handed Staples its first loss of the season on Jan. 21 before a big crowd at GHS. As you'll see in the next post here on Greenwich Sports Beat, it was indeed, a memorable win for the Cardinals.

Game Wrap Ups

Team	Date	Opponent	Result
Boys Basketball	1/21	Wilton	Win (58-47)
Boys Basketball	1/24	Stamford	Win (53-49)
Boys Basketball	1/28	Brien McMahon	Loss (49-57)
Boys Hockey	1/25	Westhill Stamford	Win (6-0)
Girls Hockey	1/21	Greenwich	Win (9-2)
Girls Hockey	1/24	Wilton	Win (7-5)
Girls Basketball	1/21	Wilton	Win (40-22)
Girls Basketball	1/24	Stamford	Loss (30-53)
Girls Basketball	1/27	Sheehan	Win (44-38)
St. Lukes Ice Hockey	1/22	Kingswood-Oxford School	Loss (3-7)
St. Lukes Ice Hockey	1/25	Wilbraham & Monson Academy	Win (6-5)
St. Lukes Squash	1/22	New Canaan	Win (6-1)
St. Lukes Basketball	1/23	King	Win (84-78)
St. Lukes Basketball	1/25	Kent	Win (75-71)
St. Lukes Basketball	1/28	Brunswick	Loss (54-56)
St. Lukes Girls Basketball	1/22	Wilbraham & Monson Academy	Win (66-56)
St. Lukes Girls Basketball	1/23	Putnam Science Academy	Loss (41-44)

Upcoming Rams Sports Schedule

31	JAN, FRI	● 3:30 – 5:30pm	Boys Varsity Swimming vs Greenwich High School 564 South Avenue, New Canaan CT 06840		
		● 4 – 5:30pm	Girls Freshman Basketball vs Darien High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
		● 4 – 5:30pm	Girls JV Basketball @ Darien High School 80 High School Lane, Darien CT 06820		
		● 5:30 – 7pm	Girls Varsity Basketball @ Darien High School 80 High School Lane, Darien CT 06820		
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Boys Varsity Basketball @ Darien High School 80 High School Lane, Darien CT 06820		
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Boys JV Hockey @ Ridgefield High School 700 N Salem Rd, Ridgefield Connecticut 06877-1799		
1	FEB, SAT	● 9am – 3pm	Boys Varsity Wrestling @ Brookfield High School 45 Longmeadow Hill Road, Brookfield CT 06804		
		● 9am – 2pm	Boys JV Wrestling @ Norwalk 23 Calvin Murphy Drive, Norwalk CT 06851		
		● 9:30am – 2:30pm	Girls Varsity Competitive Cheer @ Trumbull 72 Strobel Rd, Trumbull Connecticut 06611-5597		
		● 9:30 – 10am	Boys Varsity Track - Indoor @ Wilton High School 395 Danbury Rd, Wilton CT 06897		
		● 9:30 – 10am	Girls Varsity Track - Indoor @ Wilton High School 395 Danbury Rd, Wilton CT 06897		
		● 10:30am – 12pm	Boys Freshman Basketball vs Darien High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
		● 12 – 1:30pm	Boys JV Basketball vs Darien High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
		● 6 – 7:45pm	Girls Varsity Hockey vs De La Salle Middle School 55 Old Kings Highway North, Darien Connecticut 06820		
		● 7:20 – 7:50pm	Boys Varsity Hockey @ St. Joseph 784 River Road, Shelton Connecticut 06484		
		2	FEB, SUN	● 9 – 11am	Boys Varsity Wrestling @ Brookfield High School 45 Longmeadow Hill Road, Brookfield CT 06804
3	FEB, MON	● 8 – 9:45pm	Girls Varsity Hockey vs Stamford High School 55 Old Kings Highway North, Darien Connecticut 06820		
4	FEB, TUE	● 4 – 5pm	Boys Freshman Basketball @ Westhill 125 Roxbury Rd, Stamford CT 06902		
		● 5:30 – 7pm	Girls Freshman Basketball vs Westhill 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
		● 5:30 – 6:30pm	Boys JV Basketball @ Westhill 125 Roxbury Rd, Stamford CT 06902		
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Girls Varsity Basketball vs Westhill 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
		● 7 – 8pm	Boys Varsity Basketball @ Westhill 125 Roxbury Rd, Stamford CT 06902		
5	FEB, WED	● 6 – 8pm	Boys Varsity Wrestling @ Staples High School 70 North Ave, Westport CT 06880		
		● 6 – 7:30pm	Boys JV Hockey @ Fairfield Prep 123 Glenwood Avenue, Bridgeport Connecticut 06610		
		● 6 – 7:15pm	Boys Varsity Hockey @ Notre Dame-West Haven 1 McDonough Plaza, West Haven CT 06516		
6	FEB, THU	● 4 – 8pm	Boys Varsity Track - Indoor 480 Sherman Parkway, New Haven Connecticut 06511		
7	FEB, FRI	● 4 – 5:30pm	Boys Freshman Basketball vs Bridgeport Central High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
		● 4 – 5:30pm	Girls Freshman Basketball @ Bridgeport Central High School 1 Lincoln Boulevard, Bridgeport CT 06606		
		● 5 – 6:45pm	Boys Varsity Swimming @ Danbury High School 56 Gillotti Road, New Fairfield CT 06812		
		● 5 – 6:15pm	Girls Varsity Hockey @ Darien High School 55 Old Kings Highway North, Darien Connecticut 06820		
		● 5:30 – 7pm	Boys JV Basketball vs Bridgeport Central High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
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		● 7 – 8:30pm	Boys Varsity Basketball vs Bridgeport Central High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Girls Varsity Basketball @ Bridgeport Central High School 1 Lincoln Boulevard, Bridgeport Connecticut 06606		
		● 8 – 9:45pm	Boys JV Hockey vs Xavier 55 Old Kings Highway North, Darien Connecticut 06820		
		8	FEB, SAT	● 10am – 3pm	Boys Varsity Track - Indoor @ Staples High School 70 North Ave, Westport CT 06880
				● 10am – 3pm	Girls Varsity Track - Indoor @ Staples High School 70 North Ave, Westport CT 06880
● 4:15 – 6:15pm	Boys Varsity Hockey vs Ridgefield High School 55 Old Kings Highway North, Darien Connecticut 06820				

Girls Ice Hockey Stays Perfect in January, Extends Winning Streak

New Canaan girls ice hockey continued its dominant run in January, securing five victories to maintain its undefeated record. The Rams showcased both offensive firepower and defensive resilience, outscoring opponents 19-7 across their games.

The team's most recent win came on January 24 with a 7-5 victory over Wilton/Norwalk/McMahon. Maddie Tully led the scoring effort with three goals and an assist, while Serena O'Connor, Izzy Hanna, Jenna Vigano, and Marissa DelCarmine each found the net. Ashton Pinkernell contributed three assists, and goaltenders Larkin Celiberti, Charlotte Heyn, and Macyn Callahan combined for 16 saves.

On January 18, New Canaan shut out Mercy 5-0 behind a balanced attack. Tully and O'Connor each recorded two goals and two assists, while Fiona Curri added a goal. Callahan anchored the defense with 24 saves.

A week earlier, the Rams earned a 3-1 victory over South Kingstown (RI) on January 12. O'Connor scored twice and assisted on Tully's goal, while Curri and Pinkernell provided assists. Callahan made 12 saves in goal.

In a tightly contested matchup on January 10, New Canaan edged Avon/Southington 1-0. Tully provided the lone goal off an assist from Claire Hickey, and Callahan stopped 15 shots to secure the shutout.

The Rams opened January with a 3-1 win over Stamford/Westhill/Staples on January 5. Tully scored twice, Hanna added a goal, and O'Connor, Pinkernell, and Izzy Janiga recorded assists. Callahan made 12 saves in net.

New Canaan's consistency in both ends of the ice has solidified its place atop the FCIAC standings. The Rams will look to continue their strong play as they prepare for key matchups in February.

Boys Ice Hockey Improves to 12-0

The New Canaan varsity boys ice hockey team secured a 6-0 victory over Westhill (Stamford, CT) in a home non-conference game on Saturday. The team improved to 12-0 on the season.

New Canaan took control early, scoring three goals in the first period, followed by two in the second and one in the third. Senior goaltender Brendon Harmon stopped all 15 shots faced, recording a shutout.

Junior Bauer Gammill and senior Bryce Lyden each scored twice. Junior George Ives and sophomore Jack Thompson added one goal each. Senior Brayden Robie and junior Tony DelCarmine led the team in assists with two each.

New Canaan allowed just 15 shots on goal while generating sustained offensive pressure.

Boys Basketball Secures Fourth Straight Win Against Stamford

New Canaan boys basketball earned its fourth consecutive victory with a 53-49 win over Stamford. The Rams improved their record and strengthened their position in the FCIAC standings.

New Canaan maintained control for most of the game, holding a lead in the final minutes. Inbounding from under their own basket, the Rams executed a short pass that led to a foul, securing the final points needed for the win.

Andrew Esposito led the Rams with 11 points, while Simon Tchakarov contributed seven and played a key role defensively. Several key players transitioned from the football season, which ended in mid-December, requiring adjustments to basketball conditioning and chemistry.

The Rams had a slow start to league play but have gained momentum. In the past ten days, they secured wins over Greenwich, Wilton, and Stamford, teams that could be potential tiebreak opponents. Their next five matchups are against teams with losing records, though several remain close in the standings.

With recent success, New Canaan is positioning itself for a strong finish in the FCIAC tournament race.

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property taxes and instead makes payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT). Carlson, in her previous remarks, expressed doubts about the reliability of PILOT payments, particularly since RWA has indicated it would not increase them, even if it invests in infrastructure improvements. "PILOT payments are not a reliable replacement. They're static, which means they won't keep pace with inflation or improvements," she warned last fall.

Adding to the concerns is the governance structure of the new authority. The proposed board of directors would grant disproportionate representation to the New Haven-based RWA region, despite the fact that Aquarion serves a larger population. "There will not be fair

representation on the board that runs the company," Fazio stated, pointing out that RWA customers in Greater New Haven—about 430,000 people—would be given six board seats, while the 625,000 Aquarion customers would receive only five. "New Canaan's representation would be minimal compared to these larger cities, and we would have little say in how decisions affecting our water service are made," Carlson had warned previously.

The deal's financing structure also raises questions. While competitive bids were submitted by other private companies, Fazio suggested that RWA was always positioned to outbid them—because, unlike private bidders, it could recoup the full purchase price by passing costs directly onto customers. "The higher bid was rumored only \$200 million below the RWA bid of \$2.4 billion," he stated. "The cake was baked, however, because RWA would

always likely bid higher because it can charge its customers more." Unlike a private buyer, which would be required to charge only a book-value rate, RWA has the ability to pass its full acquisition cost onto its new customers.

For those opposed to the sale, the last hope of intervention now lies with PURA, which must approve the transaction before it is finalized. "The only remaining check on the sale is now PURA," Fazio wrote, urging the agency to scrutinize the deal's structure and potential impact on consumers. The transaction must also pass regulatory hurdles in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, as well as undergo review under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act. While approval is expected by late 2025, opponents are hoping that regulatory agencies will demand stricter oversight before signing off.

Fazio's conclusion was blunt: "Connecticut residents deserve lower cost of living and

trustworthy government. Unfortunately, the Aquarion sale to Regional Water Authority, which their elected officials foisted upon them through special legislation, will deliver higher utility bills and diminished trust." Carlson, meanwhile, had previously called for local residents to stay informed and engaged. "This sale could have long-lasting effects on our town's finances and water service," she had stated. "We need to make sure that residents are fully informed about what's at stake and that we, as a community, are involved in the process."

As the regulatory review unfolds, the question remains whether those most affected—Connecticut's water customers—will have any real influence over a deal that has, from the outset, been driven by forces beyond their control.

proposed legislation. Photo credit: St. Luke's School.

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Hobson Speaks at Rotary Club

Tom Hobson, DPT, Physical Therapy Manager at ONS, presented to the New Canaan Rotary Club on the importance of movement for health and quality of life. He holds degrees from Georgetown University and New York University and is certified in multiple techniques, including Graston Therapy and Functional Movement. His presentation highlighted movement as essential for maintaining overall well-being.

Talk at Nature Center



Wendy Dewey led a program at the New Canaan Nature Center on healthier living, covering food additives, beneficial and harmful foods, and the importance of diverse plant-based diets. She also demonstrated exercises for digestive health and bone density. The next session, on February 4th, will feature Elisa Bulgrin discussing cutting garden planning. Photo credit: New Canaan Nature Center.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Reverend Burgess Elected

Rev. Gilbert Burgess of New Canaan's Community Baptist Church has been elected president of the Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship of Norwalk and vicinity. This group's mission is to provide spiritual leadership that speaks truth to power, and addresses issues that affect all people's well-being. Rev. Burgess's goals as president are to "foster an atmosphere that allows people from all walks of life the opportunity to advance for the greater good of themselves and the community, and to strengthen the bonds between our elected officials and community, sharing God's love."

Tickoo Helps Build Sustainable Gardens

Zane Tickoo, a New Canaan High School student, partnered with Groundwork Bridgeport and Green Village Initiative to create gardens at three Bridgeport preschools. The initiative addresses food insecurity by teaching children about gardening and sustainability, with support from the Newman's Own Foundation. Future plans include expanding to additional preschools and integrating water conservation systems.

Lee Leads Connecticut Bar

Lina Lee of New Canaan is the new Executive Director of the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) as of January 2nd. Lee previously led Communities Resist, managing a \$6 million budget and serving over 4,000 clients. The CBA, founded in 1875, supports Connecticut legal professionals through programs and initiatives focused on the legal profession and justice.

SCHOOLS

SLS Fifth Graders Explore Native Culture



Recently, fifth-grade students from St. Luke's School visited the Institute for American Indian Studies Museum & Research Center. They explored hands-on exhibits to supplement their classroom studies on Native American culture. Photo credit: St. Luke's School.

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to perform materials testing as required.

Police Facility Renovations, Equipment

The Board approved a \$65,117.43 contract with IT Savvy LLC to provide new computers and networking equipment for the police department.

Neglected Cemetery Grant

The Board approved a resolution authorizing the first selectman to apply for a \$5,000 grant to maintain nine neglected cemeteries. Funds will be used for mowing, clearing brush, and minor repairs, with the assistance of volunteers.

Fence Repairs

The Board approved an \$805.11 increase to the existing purchase order for fence repairs at the Water Pollution Control Facility. These repairs address aging infrastructure and ensure safety.

Sidewalks 2025

The Board approved a \$19,943.75 contract with William Stone for granite curbing as part of sidewalk improvements.

Waveny House Upgrades

The Board approved \$11,475 for Eastern Mechanical Services to replace outdated plumbing at the historic Waveny House. This project includes removing and installing new domestic water piping and waste line piping to the current Grooms Room located on the second floor.

Tree Warden

The Board approved a \$17,404 contract with Mill

Students Explore Chinese Tea Traditions



St. Luke's sixth-grade students created ceramic teacups in art class and used them to study Chinese tea traditions. They sampled teas and snacks as part of a lesson on cultural customs. Photo credit: St. Luke's School.

Student Wins Essay Contest



Isabel Bui '29 Selected Winner of Senator Chris Murphy's Annual MLK Jr. Essay Challenge

Isabel Bui, an eighth grader at St. Luke's, won the 4th Congressional District award in Senator Chris Murphy's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Essay Contest. Her essay reflected on Dr. King's question, "What are you doing for others?" and its impact on her perspective on service. Photo credit: St. Luke's School Instagram.

ACROSS CT

Recall for First Aid Beauty Cream

First Aid Beauty recalled 2,756 jars of its 14-ounce Ultra Repair Cream in coconut vanilla scent due to the accidental distribution of quarantined products. The recall, classified as "Class II" by the FDA, applies to specific lot numbers sold exclusively on FirstAidBeauty.com. Affected customers were notified and provided with replacement products and disposal instructions.

Egg Prices Rise

Bird flu outbreaks have led to higher egg prices in the U.S., with Connecticut prices reaching \$6.99 per dozen and the national average surpassing \$4. The virus has reduced egg supplies through culling efforts, affecting both backyard and large-scale flocks. While the CDC reports low human risk, producers and retailers are working to address market disruptions.

Kia Recalls 80K Vehicles

Kia is recalling 80,255 Niro EV, PHEV, and Hybrid vehicles from 2023 to 2025 due to a floor wiring defect that could affect airbag and seat belt functionality or cause unintended airbag deployment. Dealers will inspect, repair, or replace the wiring assembly and add protective covers at no cost. Owner notification letters will be sent starting March 14, 2025, with further details available at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/?nhtsaId=25V024000> or from Kia.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Truwit Visits Swim School

Paralympian Ali Truwit, a shark attack survivor and Darien native, recently visited the Stewie the Duck Swim School in Norwalk to share her journey. During her visit, she presented a \$5,000 donation from her Stronger Than You Think Foundation to support low-cost swim lessons. Truwit, who lost part of her leg in 2023, won silver medals in the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games. The swim school, founded by Kim and Stew Leonard Jr., promotes water safety education in memory of their son, who drowned in 1989.

River Tree Service for tree removal, pruning, and stump removal at various town locations.

Full-Time Employee

The Board approved the hiring of Jackson Sainville as a Mechanic II for the Public Works Department. He brings experience, having previously worked with the City of Bridgeport.

Information Technology

The Board approved a request from the Information

Technology Department to enter into a contract with Presidio for \$16,276.20 to renew Exchange Online, Microsoft Teams, and SharePoint.

Standard Mileage Rate

The Board approved an increase in the mileage reimbursement rate from 67 cents to 70 cents per mile, aligning with recent IRS guidelines. This adjustment applies to town business travel effective January 1st.

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NCBHA, including the New Canaan Public Schools, New Canaan Library, St. Luke's School, Silver Hill Hospital, New Canaan Country School, the town's Police, Fire, Parks & Recreation and Human Services departments, New Canaan EMS, New Canaan YMCA, New Canaan Parent Support Group, New Canaan Cares, New Canaan Community Foundation, Staying Put and Waveny Life Care.

A slide deck of the results, and full report, will be posted on the NCBHA's website soon.

This survey, which was focused on adults, provides a baseline of data – a launching pad for follow-up surveys to generate longitudinal data, and test which solutions are working and which are not, as well as for more targeted surveys, such as one focused on the youth population.

Susannah Lewis, Director of Community Relations at Silver Hill Hospital, led off, noting the youth mental health crisis, and the stresses of parenting and loneliness – all exacerbated by COVID. Recent suicides in New Canaan have further focused the community's attention on behavioral health. Said Ms. Lewis, "it was a good time to pause and say 'How are we doing?' 'How do the residents of New Canaan feel like they're doing?' And 'Do they have what they need to lead healthy, thriving lives?'" The survey became the starting point.

Lauren Patterson, president of New Canaan Community Foundation, and co-chair with Ms. Lewis and Marcella Rand of the town's Human Services Department of the NCBHA, noted that, first, the town is "program and resource rich" but that "it's a very hard system to navigate. Two, we have to do everything we can to reduce stigma and make it easier to talk about a whole variety of issues that fall under this [behavioral health] umbrella. And three, we really need local data."

Key Findings

Groups of particular concern are people who are worried about their own mental health, have low life satisfaction, low financial security and are multiple caregivers (such as to both a child and an aging parent). These vulnerable groups report "much higher rates of not getting needed physical and mental health care," per the presentation led by Nina Chanana of Chanana Consulting. While at least two-thirds of respondents did not report facing barriers to accessing physical and mental health services, the other third did. These barriers include getting an appointment, cost and insurance issues, and were higher for women than men, and for people from age 30 to 59. Also, people between 30 and 59 reported lower rates of well-being compared with older residents, and people

between 40 and 59 reported the lowest rates of life satisfaction. "The Sandwich Generation is stressed out, low on money and short on time."

The survey also found that many people in town are unaware of the resources that do exist. For example, 38%, 35% and 34% of respondents were not aware of available substance misuse, adult mental health and domestic violence community supports, respectively.

The survey results strongly indicated that it was easy for youths to access dangerous substances. For example, 95% of respondents said it was easy or very easy for children to access alcohol at home, with scores of 87% for tobacco, 79% for marijuana and 64% for prescription drugs.

Regarding family norms, most parents – with all scores being at least 90% – report strong family norms around monitoring, communication and modeling.

As to children's mental health, 16% of parents reported that they believe their child has struggled with persistent anxiety during the past year, and 10% of parents reported that they believe their child has struggled with persistent depression during the past year. For both results, percentages rose with the age of the child. As well, 33% of parents did not know, or were unsure, where to get help if their child is struggling with mental health issues. Sixty percent of respondents to the survey had at least one child living at home.

On the brighter side, community support for prevention is strong, with 93% of respondents viewing prevention programs as a good community investment, and 84% believing they help reduce substance use problems.

Leaders Speak

Dr. Andrew Gerber, president of Silver Hill Hospital, noted that "the founders of the hospital believed in the notion of community mental health. That was a founding principle," and that "we have to talk about it [behavioral health]. We have to have it part of our daily conversation." However, even if you have the finest therapists and facilities, it's all for naught "if you can't reach the people who are struggling, if the individuals who have the problems and their families are either afraid or don't know how to step up, raise their hands and access that care." Dr. Gerber cited the one-third of people who had trouble accessing services, saying "we need to figure out what it is that's keeping them from accessing those services."

A key challenge seems to be about how best to get the word out. "We have great marketers in this town. We have great people who can teach us how to do that," says Dr. Gerber. "And I think there's more to be done there and it doesn't have to cost a lot to do that. But I also think we have to learn in more detail what it is that's keeping people from coming."

New Canaan Public Schools superintendent Dr. Bryan Luizzi said that "mental health really has

taken that top tier of concern," and that socialization isn't what it was a few years ago. "Kids aren't going out as often as they used to. School dances aren't as attended as they used to be."

Much of this speaks to the value of emotional intelligence. Dr. Luizzi noted training programs at NCPS involving a wide range of staff to strengthen their emotional intelligence. "We did that because we wanted to make sure that our schools were welcoming places everywhere kids went."

Furthermore, technology and social media use are important concerns of parents, and NCPS is "looking at systems to help empower students to become in charge of their relationships with their personal technology, instead of vice versa." At Saxe Middle School there is a phone-free policy during the school day. "And we've seen a difference."

"It's about empowerment. Empowering them [students] to make the right choices, empowering them to know they're the ones in charge of the decisions that they make."

Colleen Prostor, executive director of New Canaan Cares, noted that many private and government grants require data, such as that created by this survey, as a prerequisite to a funding application. She noted that neighboring towns, such as Darien and Greenwich, have received large grants based in part on needs surveys they've done.

Leo Karl, who is on the Behavioral Health Committee of the New Canaan Community Foundation, concluded by noting that he knows of "really good New Canaan families, great parents that have not always had the smoothest road and the most fortune bringing up kids. And these issues pop up and you read about or hear about their story and you say, 'Why didn't I know about that?' Or 'Why couldn't the community have done something?'" It is hoped that this survey, and the actions that will follow, will help address those questions.

Need Help Now?

During a post-presentation interview with the New Canaan Sentinel, Lauren Patterson of the New Canaan Community Foundation said "We want people to talk directly to a human being. We don't want them to Google search or rely on maybe getting good information." For those in need of truly immediate assistance, call 911 for a medical, fire, police or other emergency, or 988 for those who are suicidal or in emotional distress.

In addition, she strongly recommends accessing the Urgent Assessment Program run by the town and Silver Hill Hospital as a starting point. And one does not need to be in urgent distress to do so. In fact, early intervention is strongly recommended. "You'll be seen within 24 to 48 hours for an assessment on campus and then they make a referral to a provider that's already vetted to match your particular needs, the insurance that you might have. They have availability. So we're not sending

someone into a potential bottleneck or waitlist. We know this provider is available and waiting for that person call."

Similar to the Urgent Assessment Program is Resources to Recover (www.rtor.org), which is an email and telephone line that's run out of Laurel House, a nonprofit in Stamford that's a referral service. "But again, you're getting a human being on the phone or via email. There's a direct person you're talking with."

All of these resources can be found on the Behavioral Health Alliance's website www.newcanaanhba.org

What's Next?

According to Ms. Patterson, immediate next steps include reviewing the exit surveys from the Monday presentation, and further outreach to the community on the survey's findings to better understand the responses, and hear directly what would be most useful to address the needs. "We really want to hear from the community as to where the resources would be best placed. I think there are some lower hanging fruits, if you will, around outreach." As well, she wishes "we could relieve that access issue. It's not going to fix everything, but it is going to help more people."

As to other "To Do" items, a youth survey "is at the top of the list." The Behavioral Health Alliance is "in active conversation with the public and private schools in town about what that could look like." A follow-up adult survey is also likely, to "see if we're making progress where we've made investments, where we've made adjustments to programs and outreach."

Developing a better understanding of the barriers to both mental and physical health care is also in the cards. "The good news was most people were accessing care, but I think in a town like New Canaan we'd want to say there could be a gold standard that our town is as healthy as they want to be."

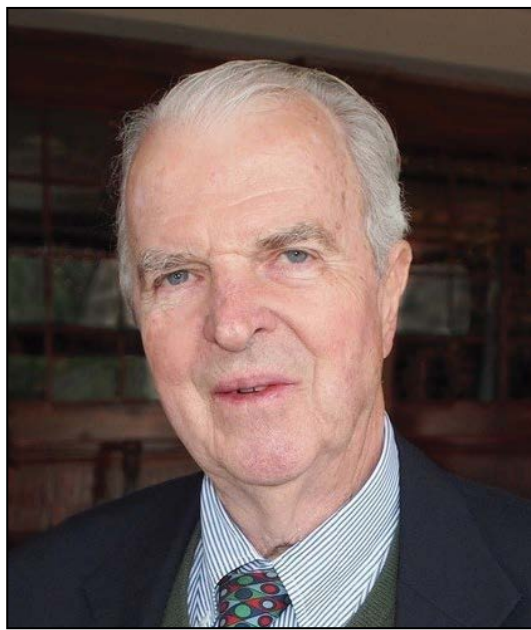
Another item is to help regional service providers "tailor some of their regional work to what would really work for this particular town. And maybe it's things that they know, but now we have the data to really help them make some change internally or we can help them."

Ms. Patterson emphasizes that "it would be ideal to have a punch list. We're going to do things one to three, but I think we want to be careful about not overreaching and over-assuming what would be the right next step." She also stresses that "we want this to be actionable. We don't want this to be a survey just for the sake of a survey and that it's a great report and it sits on a shelf." She concludes that "we want to build in enough of a pause to allow people to plan and react."

Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

Jeremiah 33:6

Obituaries



JOHN LOWRY, JR.

John Lowry, Jr. died peacefully at home on January 27, 2025 at the age of 98. Born in New York City, John grew up in Mount Vernon, NY. As a child he spent his summers on Cape Cod where he developed a love of the sea. After graduating from The Hotchkiss School in 1944 he joined the Navy and served aboard the USS Belleau Wood. He returned to civilian life in 1946 and attended Princeton University.

After college, John joined the family construction business which built many of New York City's landmarks including Radio City Music Hall, the Museum of Modern Art and the International Building at Rockefeller Center. He spent 36 years at John Lowry Inc. before the company became a casualty of the early-1980s economic recession. He spent the balance of his career with Walsh Construction and Beth Israel Hospital where he served as an in-house construction consultant. He was a life member of the University Club and served as the Chair of their House Committee. He also served on the board of New York's Sloane House YMCA and was once their Man of the Year.

As a newlywed in the early 1950s, John and his wife Mary moved to New Canaan, CT to raise a family. For seven decades John was an engaged member of the community. He served on many local boards including The Nature Center and the New Canaan Library, lending his expertise on construction projects and other affairs. He served as the Vice President of the New Canaan Country Club and was an accomplished golfer. He was also a founding member of the 1st Presbyterian Church and the New Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps (now called New Canaan EMS). The Ambulance Corps had special significance to him as his eldest daughter, Meg, died at the age of 5 while suffering an asthma attack. This was before there was an ambulance service in New Canaan.

John was a friendly but often private man. He treated others with respect and lived a life driven

by his faith and values. He was that old breed of gentlemen who would never think of imposing his faith and his values on others. Setting the right example was enough. Although he took his responsibilities seriously, he didn't take himself very seriously. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a youthfulness that he retained until the very end.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 18 years, Virginia Celaya and was predeceased by Mary, to whom he had been married for 55 years and had three children. John is also survived by his daughter, Jane, son John III (Meleda), grandsons Summer Miller (Abby) and Preston Miller as well as by Virginia's children Laura, Michael and Francisca.

A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 1, at 11:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan, 178 Oenoke Ridge Road, New Canaan, CT.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to New Canaan EMS.



PATRICIA HUSSEY-WHITE

Patricia Marie Hussey-White, 63, of New Canaan, passed away peacefully on January 26, at Mt. Sinai Hospital after battling a long illness surrounded by family. Patricia is survived by husband David White, daughter Katherine White; sister Laurie (John) Novak; aunts Janet DaSilva, Christine Hussey, Julie Hussey, Vera Oliver as well as a large extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents Martin and Winifred (Cromwell) Hussey. Patricia (Patti) was born in Norwalk and had a deep affection for her hometown, as a native New Canaanite. Above all, spending time with family and friends was most important to Patti. Her love of gardening, cooking, crafting and decorating were just a few of her passions and she generously shared the results of her talents with many. Patti retired after many years of service as a Case Manager for the State of CT's Department of

Developmental Services. While many of Patti's interests kept her close to home, she was also an avid fan of Bruce Springsteen, reminiscing with her lifelong friends, vacations to Chatham, MA, antiquing trips to Stormville, NY and enjoying the sunshine by the pool.

Patti received much love, strength and support from her two closest friends Karin Bochicchio and Amy Reilly as well as from all her cousins, nieces and nephew. Patti cherished her daughter Katie, and in her final thoughts, she shared her pride in her daughter and sincere gratitude, love and thanks to family and friends. While we mourn her loss, we take comfort in knowing she is at peace.

Calling hours were held on January 30 at Hoyt's Funeral Home, New Canaan, CT. A Mass will be celebrated at St. Aloysius on January 31, at 12:30.

CAROL SCOTT

Mrs. Carol G. Scott went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 16, in Cedar Grove, NJ. She was 93 years old.

Born and raised in Chicago, IL, Carol traveled extensively with her family, living on Long Island, in Paris, Cincinnati, New Canaan, CT, Greenville, SC and Dorset, VT. She graduated from Park Ridge South High School in Illinois and Taylor University in Upland, IN.

Carol was an active member of Hope Evangelical Free Church in Wilton, CT. She also served on the board of The Bowery Mission in NYC for 25 years. At The Bowery, she was instrumental in the establishment of a women's center as well as helping to generate growth for the Mount Lawn Camp and the Kids With a Promise afterschool program. Additionally, Carol volunteered with the New Canaan Sewing Group, raising money for local charities. Carol also worked with the Waveny Care Center in New Canaan.

Carol encouraged her children and grandchildren, attending numerous sports and music programs as well as sleepover adventures. She was predeceased by her husband, John Stewart Scott and is survived by two daughters, Lauren C. Meyer (Robert) and Christyn A. Scott; her grandchildren, Robert Scott Meyer (Lindsey), John Gordon Meyer (Jiane) and Tess Elizabeth Loomis (Kenan); and her great-grandchildren, Henry, Catherine and Maxine.

Visiting was held in the Prout Funeral Home, Verona, NJ on Friday, January 24 with a service at Noon. Burial followed in the Rosedale Cemetery, Montclair, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in her name to The Bowery Mission, Murray Hill Station, P.O. Box 2000, New York, NY 10156-2000 (www.bowery.org/donate) would be greatly appreciated.



DIANE KISKKEN

Diane Martha (Jones) Kiskken, 84, of New Canaan, CT and more recently of Meriden, CT, passed away peacefully at home on January 23, 2025.

Diane was born in New Canaan, CT to the late Elmer and Martha (Davis) Jones. She was raised in Pound Ridge, NY and attended John Jay High School in Cross River, NY. Upon graduation, she began her career at Home Oil. A dedicated and diligent employee, Diane remained with them through various acquisitions and mergers, eventually retiring from Petro Oil. When not at work, Diane loved being outdoors and tending her garden. Her beautiful flowers were a source of great pride! She also enjoyed spending time with her dear friends, especially those in her apartment complex.

Diane is survived by her children, Brenda Ward-Kelley of Meriden, Michael Kiskken and his wife Amy of Bethel, and David Kiskken and his partner Wendy Doling of Bethel; her grandchildren, Christianna (Cliff) Connery, Devon (Catherine) Ward, Bryanna Ward, Zachary Kelley, Rachel Kiskken, Mitchell Kiskken, and Matthew Kiskken; her great-grandchildren, Lilyanna Connery and Maddox Ward; her sister Lynn Jessup and her husband John of York, PA; as well as several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother Donald Jones and her ex-husband, Joseph Kiskken.

Diane is grateful to all of those who provided care and support during her journey, especially Dr. Gerald Fumo. Donations can be made in her honor to the Lung Cancer Research Foundation (<https://www.lungcancerresearchfoundation.org/>).

A celebration of Diane's life will be held during the summer. Further details will be shared as plans are finalized. Plantsville Funeral Home has been entrusted with handling the arrangements.

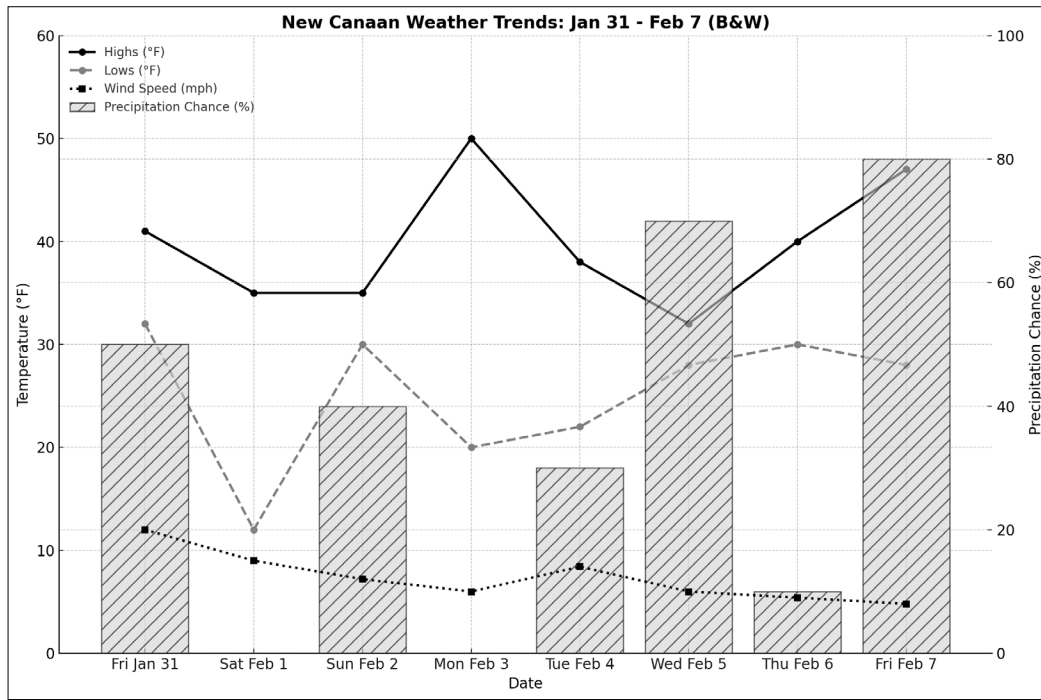
Local Weather: Prep for Frigid Temps in The Week Ahead

By Emma Barhydt

New Canaan is closing out January with a mix of rain, snow, and winter sunshine as the first week of February brings shifting temperatures and varied conditions. From mild days to brisk nights, residents can expect everything from flurries to a brief early week warm-up before winter makes another return.

Friday, January 31, will bring partly sunny skies with a high of 41°F and a low of 32°F. We'll receive about a half inch of rain today which will continue into the evening. In the evening wind gusts will be as high as 35 mph.

Saturday, February



1, kicks off the new month with a bright but brisk morning. Highs will reach the mid-30s, and the day will be partly sunny with some early breezes. Evening lows will drop into the low teens under partly cloudy skies.

Sunday, February 2, welcomes seasonal flurries, with highs in the mid 30s. Snow showers will continue into the evening, with lows settling in the low 30s. Expect a light dusting of less than an inch by morning.

Monday, February 3, sees a warming trend, with highs soaring to the low 50s before dipping back into the low 20s overnight. Skies will be partly cloudy throughout the day and evening.

Tuesday, February 4, stays mild, with highs in the upper 30s and a mix of sun and clouds. By evening, temperatures will fall into the low 20s, bringing a mix of snow and ice, though accumulation will stay under half an inch.

Wednesday, February 5, starts with lingering snow, adding just over an inch before tapering off in the afternoon. Highs will hover in the low 30s, with evening lows in the upper 20s. Clouds will gradually clear overnight.

Thursday, February 6, brings a welcome break in the winter weather, with sunny skies, highs in the low 40s, and only a few passing clouds.

The evening will see increasing cloud cover, with lows in the low-30s and calming winds.

Friday, February 7, turns overcast with the chance for light morning snow, shifting to a mix of rain and snow in the afternoon. Highs will reach the upper-40s, while evening temperatures drop into the upper 20s, allowing any rain to turn back into snow. Expect up to two inches of accumulation.

February is off to a dynamic start, but winter isn't done yet—so keep the layers handy and stay ready for whatever the season has in store.

Nationally: The Week Ahead

By Emma Barhydt

Northeast: The Northeast will experience a mix of winter conditions during this period. Friday, January 31, brings milder temperatures with periods of rain. The weekend sees a return to colder conditions, with breezy and partly sunny skies on Saturday, February 1, and a chance of light snow on Sunday, February 2. Early in the week, temperatures will be milder with variable cloudiness, but expect a drop in temperatures midweek, accompanied by intervals of clouds and sunshine. Snow is anticipated on Wednesday, February 5, followed by mostly sunny skies on Thursday, February 6. The week concludes with cloudy conditions and a mix of morning flurries and afternoon rain on Friday, February 7. Overall, while winter's chill persists, there will be periods of milder weather and sunshine to enjoy.

Southeast: The Southeast is set to experience mild and pleasant conditions throughout the week. Friday, January 31, may bring periods of rain and a thunderstorm, but this will give way to plenty of sunshine and mild temperatures over the

weekend. The warmth continues into the week, with temperatures well above average for the region reaching the low 70s with ample sunshine. Cloud cover increases slightly midweek, leading to potential showers by Friday, February 7. This period offers an excellent opportunity for outdoor activities, with comfortable temperatures and mostly clear skies.

Midwest: The Midwest will experience typical winter variability. Friday, January 31, starts with windy conditions and a mix of rain and snow, though little accumulation is expected. The weekend brings cloudy skies, with milder temperatures on Sunday, February 2. A cooling trend begins on Monday, February 3, with mostly cloudy conditions, leading to colder temperatures and partial sunshine by Tuesday, February 4. The week continues with considerable cloudiness and occasional sunshine, providing a balance between winter's chill and moments of brightness.

Southwest: The Southwest will enjoy a stretch of pleasant weather. Friday, January 31, is expected to

be mostly sunny and less humid, setting the tone for the weekend. Saturday and Sunday offer plenty of sunshine and warm, above-average temperatures, reaching the mid-70s. The warmth persists into the week, with mostly sunny to partly sunny skies. Cloud cover increases slightly midweek, bringing chances of showers by Wednesday, February 5, and Thursday, February 6. The week concludes with morning clouds giving way to afternoon sunshine on Friday, February 7. This period provides ample opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities under favorable conditions.

Northwest: The Northwest will experience a mix of rain and snow showers during this period. Friday, January 31, brings breezy conditions with periods of rain. The weekend remains chilly with temps slightly below average and sun and clouds accompanied by passing showers, and the possibility of wet snowflakes mixed in. Early in the week, expect intervals of clouds and sun with occasional rain or snow showers. Midweek brings partial sunshine, but the chill persists. The week concludes with considerable cloudiness and

periods of ice changing to rain on Friday, February 7. While the chill remains, there will be moments of brightness to look forward to.

West Coast: The West Coast is set to enjoy mild and stable weather throughout the week. Friday, January 31, offers times of clouds and sun, with temperatures around 68°F (20°C). The weekend brings sun through high clouds, with temperatures reaching the low 70s°F (around 22°C). The pleasant conditions continue into the week, with mostly sunny to partly sunny skies. Midweek sees an increase in low clouds, but these are expected to clear, leading to a brightening sky by Thursday, February 6. The week concludes with sun through high clouds on Friday, February 7. This period provides a great opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities under favorable conditions.

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

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President Trump Proposes Universal Tariffs

President Trump proposed implementing universal tariffs exceeding 2.5%, aiming to bolster domestic industries. This announcement led to a strengthening of the U.S. dollar against the Japanese yen and the Canadian dollar.

General Motors Reports \$2.9 Billion Quarterly Loss

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concerns among investors.

ASML Reports Strong Chip Equipment Orders

Dutch chip-making equipment supplier ASML announced that orders surpassed expectations in the final quarter of 2024. This development provided optimism for the semiconductor industry.

T-Mobile U.S. Shares Rise on Positive Earnings

T-Mobile U.S. shares increased following the release of favorable earnings reports. The company's performance contributed to positive sentiment in the telecommunications sector.

Nvidia Stock Recovers After Significant Decline

Nvidia's stock surged 8.9% after experiencing a 17% drop, which had erased over half a trillion dollars in market capitalization. Investors viewed the decline as a buying opportunity.

Oracle Shares Gain Amid Tech Sector Recovery

Oracle's stock gained 3.6% as part of a broader recovery in technology stocks. The company's resilience contributed to renewed investor confidence.

President Trump's Social-Media Company Expands into Financial Services

President Trump's social-media company, Trump Media, announced plans to enter the financial services sector. This strategic move led to a surge in the company's stock price.

Benchmark Treasury Yields Decline

Benchmark Treasury yields decreased after settling at 4.548% the previous day. Investors shifted

focus toward riskier assets, influencing bond market dynamics.

DeepSeek's Emergence Raises Questions for U.S. Tech Giants

The rise of China's DeepSeek has prompted U.S. technology companies to assess potential impacts on their market positions. Upcoming earnings reports from Meta Platforms and Microsoft are anticipated to address these concerns.

Federal Reserve's First Rate Decision Under Trump Administration

The Federal Reserve's upcoming rate decision marks the first under President Trump's administration. Investors are closely monitoring potential policy shifts and their implications for the economy.

Meta Platforms and Microsoft Set to Release Earnings

Meta Platforms and Microsoft are scheduled to report their earnings, providing insights into their financial health. Analysts expect these reports to shed light on the companies' strategies amid evolving market conditions.

Investors Anticipate Federal Reserve's Policy Statement

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It's Brutal Out There



BY JOHN ENGEL

"The Brutalist" is the hottest movie in the nation, with 10 Oscar nominations. It's currently playing in New Canaan and has deep New Canaan roots. Why should New Canaan care and what does it mean that Brutalism is part of the conversation in 2025 (named by Zillow and *Better Homes and Gardens* to be the most searched term)?

Brutalism is a post-war architectural style. It's powerful and honest, not pretty, emphasizing mass, weight, and scale. Brutalism, from the French word for raw and unrefined, expresses the structure instead of decorating or covering it, and some of the best examples show off exteriors of windowless rough concrete to hammer home this point.

The movie is a fiction that its creator Brady Corbet says is loosely based on architects Paul Rudolph, Louis Kahn, and Marcel Breuer, saying "their work was all wrestling with what the entire world had been through in the first half of the century." But it was New Canaan's Marcel Breuer with whom I believe the movie's protagonist is most closely aligned. A Hungarian immigrant just like protagonist Laszlo Tóth, Breuer both studied and taught at the Bauhaus in Germany and he was one of modern architecture's earliest and most heavily influential proponents, a teacher of Paul Rudolph, Philip Johnson, and I.M. Pei during his tenure at Harvard.

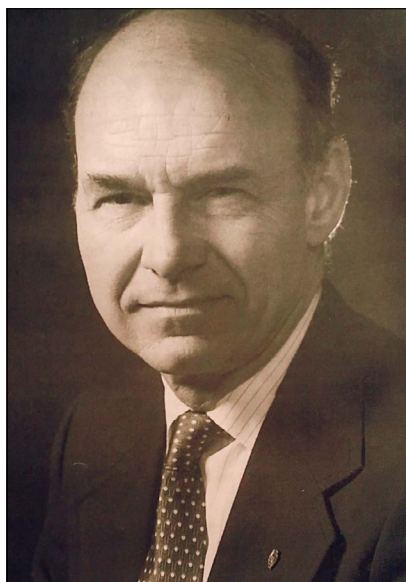
The movie makes only passing reference to Connecticut. Fictional creations in the movie include an episcopal church in Greenwich and a reform synagogue in Wilton. In reality, New Canaan was home to Breuer and several other architects who shaped the Brutalist movement. Elliot Noyes designed the Wilton Public Library, and Philip Johnson designed the Kneses Tifereth synagogue in Port Chester, both brutalist.

Breuer's first house in New Canaan, Breuer House I on New Canaan's Sunset Hill, was built in 1947 and has more in common with the "light and tensile work of his early career," making use of cantilevers and featuring glass and stone.

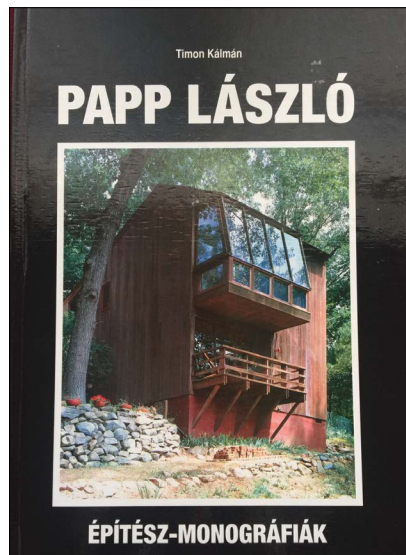
Breuer House II on New Canaan's West Road, built in 1951, may have been the turning point of his career, the beginning of Brutalism. It was called "a blocky house made of fieldstone" by the *New York Times*. After building this home, Breuer's subsequent work became heavier and more sculptural; their "feeling switched to one of massiveness," wrote the *Times*.

What about New Canaan architect Laszlo Papp? (Has no one else made the connection?) He also grew up in the war-torn Hungary of WWII, was a prisoner of war, and fought the Hungarian communists in 1956 before emigrating to New Canaan where he practiced architecture, raised a family,

and held many leadership positions in our town over four decades. Like the fictional Laszlo Toth in the movie, his journey started with connections to the Hungarian community in Pennsylvania before he settled here.



Laszlo Papp, one of New Canaan's own Brutalists



Our Laszlo Papp was once quoted as saying "this town is a beautiful oasis in a very turbulent world." It makes perfect sense to me that, coming out of the World War era, our midcentury architects would want to make sense of chaos, impose rules on that turbulence, and pursue something solid, truthful, and enduring, not decorative. While their extensive use of glass and flat roofs might be what is most remembered, it's their use of local fieldstone, recalling the colonial walls all around us, that made their Brutalism of New England.

New Canaan's Philip Johnson went through a Brutalist phase, designing a no-nonsense Brutalist addition to the Boston Public Library in 1972. In New Canaan, his (almost) windowless Brick House, designed between 1945-1948, is an early example of Brutalism, clean and pure and devoid of decoration.

Elliot Noyes, another great Harvard Five architect living and working in New Canaan, had his brutalist moments. Noyes House (1955) on Country Club road presents a massive, windowless masonry façade to the street. But it was his Brutalist Southside Middle School of 1966 that looks like the Brutalism of the current movie.



Philip Johnson's brutalist wing of the Boston Public Library

Ulrich Franzen was a German-born American architect known for his "fortress-like" buildings in the Brutalist style. His Alley Theater in Houston looks like a concrete castle, but his Dana House of 1963 in New Canaan, also called Brutalist with its massive, windowless brick walls, is actually light-filled and airy.

No discussion of Brutalism would be complete with mentioning LeCorbusier. His U.N. building featured briefly in the movie. Lincoln Center, also Brutalist, did not make the cut.

This brings us to the question of why Brutalism is making a comeback of sorts, both in Zillow searches and at this year's Academy Awards. If in the mind of the film's creator, Brutalism is not easy to love, maybe it has more in common with how the world is feeling in 2025 than we realize. "Brutalist architecture is representative of something that people do not understand and that they want torn down and ripped away," Corbet told the *Hollywood Reporter*. The words and phrases we use to describe Brutalism are the same being used to describe the politics of 2025: "harsh," "on a massive scale," "authoritarian," and "strength."

Why Brutalism now? I looked to the bestselling book *The Fourth Turning* by William Strauss and Neil Howe, an exploration of recurring generational cycles in history, called turnings. We are currently in the Fourth Turning, the crisis phase. Decision-making becomes more centralized and authoritative during the crisis phase as leaders are granted more power to manage the crisis. There's a focus on order, security, and efficiency over personal freedoms. Sound familiar?

Brutalism was born out of the previous Fourth Turning (the Depression and World War II) and so it makes sense that then, as now, the raw, unpolished honesty of that movement resonates. It reflects a "what you see is what you get" philosophy, often perceived as stark and unyielding but also transparent and authentic. This time around? We see evidence of Brutalism in the



Philip Johnson's brutalist synagogue in Port Chester, N.Y.

massive stone walls of our new New Canaan Library. These are not times for decoration. Just as New Canaan can lay claim to the birth of the movement in America, Brutalism is in the air today.

John Engel is a member of the Engel Team, now Douglas Elliman's #1 team in Connecticut, with 150% growth year over

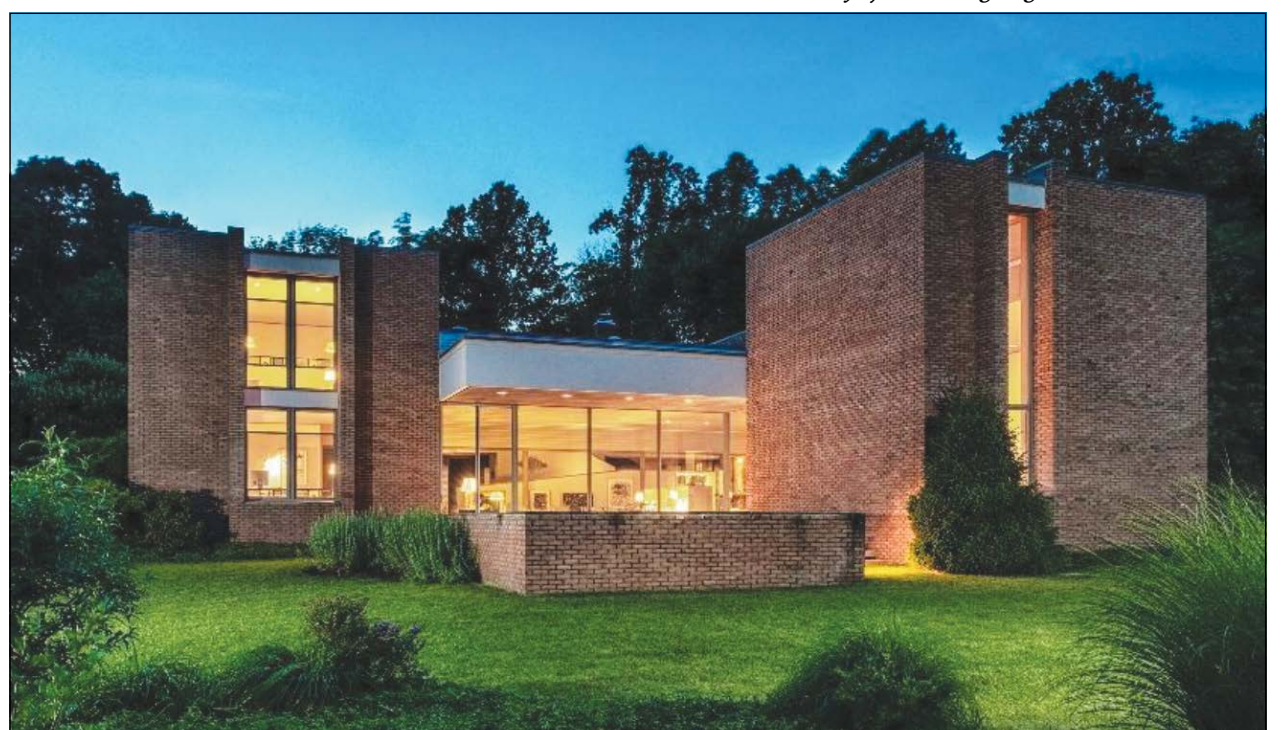
year, and #2 among all teams in New Canaan. This is the time of year when every Realtor brags on social media that they're #1 and Platinum and winner of an award in one category or another. Just as "The Brutalist" gains credibility if it wins the big award, so too do your local Realtors.



The sunken living room in the Dana House offers expansive views outside. Photo courtesy of housedesigning.com.



Sotheby's purchased the brutalist masterpiece The Breuer Building in 2004.



Ulrich Franzen, The Dana House, New Canaan, 1963.

Grace Farms Explores the Ethics of Architecture at First-Ever Humanity in Architecture Film Festival

BY ELIZABETH BARHYDT

The built environment has always been a reflection of human ambition, ingenuity, and, in some cases, hubris. But what if architecture could do more than shape skylines—what if it could actively foster a more humane world? Last weekend, Grace Farms, in collaboration with the Architecture and Design Film Festival (ADFF), sought to answer that question with the first-ever Humanity in Architecture Film Festival. Over two days, January 24-25, the event showcased eleven films that examined how design can enrich the human experience and serve as a force for positive change.

Sharon Prince, CEO and Founder of Grace Farms, framed the festival as a challenge to conventional perspectives on architecture. “Architecture can be a driver of humanitarian outcomes,” she said. “It was incredible to welcome hundreds of people to Grace Farms to experience these award-winning films throughout the River building. The Humanity in Architecture Film Festival recognizes the unique power that design can have to create positive change in the world.”

The festival’s opening night featured the premiere of *Strange & Familiar: Architecture on Fogo Island*, a documentary chronicling the efforts of social entrepreneur Zita Cobb to transform a remote Newfoundland community through design. The Fogo Island Inn, conceived by architect Todd Saunders, is both an homage to the island’s rugged terrain and a model for economic resilience.

A discussion followed, featuring Cobb, Prince, ADFF Founder Kyle Bergman, and Grace Farms Architecture Advisor Toshihiro Oki. The panel explored architecture’s capacity to create not just buildings, but also opportunities for belonging, identity, and sustainability.

“Be thoughtful about every step, and if possible, make it here,” Cobb said, emphasizing the importance of local craftsmanship in the construction and furnishing of the Fogo Island Inn. Her words underscored a recurring theme throughout the weekend: that architecture is most meaningful when it is deeply rooted in place, history, and community.

Saturday’s programming immersed attendees in a series of ten films, each engaging with the question of how the built world shapes—and is shaped by—human experience. The festival extended beyond the screen, incorporating live

music from Grace Farms’ Music Director Marcus G. Miller and offerings from Grace Farms Tea & Coffee, a Certified B Corp. The combination transformed the experience from passive viewing to a fully embodied engagement with the festival’s themes.

One of the standout screenings was *Tokyo Ride*, an intimate, black-and-white road film that follows architects Ryue Nishizawa and Kazuyo Sejima, founders of the celebrated firm SANAA, as they navigate Tokyo’s urban landscape. The film served as a fitting conclusion to the festival, encapsulating the dialogue between physical space and imagination. Nishizawa and Sejima’s work—including Grace Farms’ River building—exemplifies how architecture can be an open-ended, dynamic conversation rather than a fixed monument.

Beyond the films, the festival highlighted the urgency of ethical considerations in architecture. Grace Farms has positioned itself at the forefront of the Design for Freedom movement, an initiative to eradicate forced labor from global building material supply chains. In an industry often criticized for its opacity, the movement seeks to instill transparency and accountability, ensuring that the human cost of construction is not an afterthought but a central concern.

Grace Farms itself is a case study in architecture’s potential to transcend its material constraints. Designed by SANAA, the River building appears to dissolve into the surrounding 80-acre landscape, a structure that is less an imposition on nature than an extension of it. The festival, unfolding across this space, served as a reminder that buildings are never inert; they shape our behaviors, our interactions, and even our ethics.

For two days, the Humanity in Architecture Film Festival made the case that architecture is not just an art form, nor merely a technical discipline—it is a moral undertaking. Each film, in its own way, posed the question of what it means to build with intention, whether in the remote terrain of Newfoundland, the dense fabric of Tokyo, or the rolling meadows of New Canaan. If the festival’s attendees left with a single insight, it was perhaps this: the spaces we inhabit, and the choices behind their creation, reveal not only our values but our aspirations for the future.



Sharon Prince, CEO and Founder, Grace Farms Foundation and Zita Cobb standing outside at Grace Farms.

“Architecture can be a driver of humanitarian outcomes.”
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TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, February 3

Zoning Board of Appeals
 7-8 p.m., Town Hall Board Room & via Zoom

Wednesday, February 5

Parking Commission
 7-8 p.m., Location not posted at time of publication.

Thursday, February 6

Health & Human Services Commission
 8:45-10 a.m., Town Hall Board Room & via Zoom

Board of Finance
 7-9 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom

January 31

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

8:30 - 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center
Sponsored by the New Canaan Sentinel for a weekly community coffee and conversation.

February 1

Encaustic Exploration Workshop with Carolyn Childs

10:30 AM- 12:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center

Go discover and create using the encaustic art medium. This 2-hour workshop with Carolyn Childs introduces this versatile to art medium and teaches various techniques using a hot iron and wax. Participants of all artistic skill levels will have the opportunity to create paintings on multiple surfaces. All supplies are included. Tickets are \$80/ members, \$95/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/encaustic-exploration/>.

Norwalk Symphony- Triple Threat: Be a Broadway Star!

1-2 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium

Join the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra to explore being on Broadway. Members of our cast for Oklahoma! – In Concert, will share their tips with you as they present this singing, acting and dancing workshop. Learn some choreography, sing a tune and act out your part as we show you how to bring the show to life through the use of all these elements simultaneously. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/copy-hold-not-just-kids-norwalk-symphony-82329>.

45th Annual Photography Exhibition Opening Reception

4-6 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
 Attend the opening reception for the 45th Annual Juried photography show. This exhibition is juried by Brett Abbott, Executive Director of the New Britain Museum of American Art. For more information, call the Carriage Barn at (203) 594-3638.

February 2

Lecture & Reception with Katharine Earnhardt

6-7:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
 Join for a special reception and lecture with Katharine Earnhardt, Founder of Mason Lane Art Advisory. Katharine will lead an engaging conversation around art appreciation as a way to fuel personal and professional growth.

February 3

Beginning Mahjongg - Session 2

9:30-11 AM at the Lapham Center
 Mahjongg is an ancient Chinese game that is enjoying renewed popularity. Join Aggie to learn how to play this fun social game. The session is \$60/person. For more information and to register, call the Lapham Center at 203-594-3620.

Gentle Yoga

10 AM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 Join 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. Yoga blocks are optional. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/gentle-yoga-59039>.

VITA Free Tax Preparation

11 AM- 6 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room
 Get your 2024 taxes filed for free at New Canaan Library through SimplifyCT. SimplifyCT uses VITA, a secure, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) certified program that's been developed to connect individuals to volunteer IRS certified tax preparers who can give you advice and file your taxes. Drop-ins are welcome. Register at <https://shorturl.at/KDebZ>.

Chair Yoga

11:30 AM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 This gentle Chair Yoga class will help you improve postural alignment, maintain pelvic mobility, reduce muscle tension and gain strength through flowing movements and focused breathing.

February 4

Beginning Mahjongg - Session 2

9:30-11 AM at the Lapham Center
 Mahjongg is an ancient Chinese game that is enjoying renewed popularity. Join Aggie to learn how to play this fun social game. The session is \$60/person. For more information and to register, call the Lapham Center at 203-594-3620.

Open Tech

2-4 PM at the New Canaan Library, McLaughlin Meeting Room
 If you need help with email, smartphones/tablets, social media, or accessing our digital library, stop by for one-on-one support from a tech librarian. All technology-related questions are welcome. Tech assistance is limited to 20 minutes per session and is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Candlelit Sound Bath

6:30-7:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center

The ultimate in self care! Step into a realm of tranquility and profound relaxation at this candlelit sound bath experience with Diane & Catherine of Grounded Meditation. Please bring a mat and any other props you would like for comfort. Tickets are \$40/person and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/candlelit-sound-bath-3/>.

The Survival Budget: Understanding Poverty for Local Working Families

6:30-7:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 A growing percentage of neighbors are living above the Federal Poverty Line yet struggle to afford basic expenses such as housing, childcare, food, healthcare, and more. A panel discussion with related experts in their fields will help us gain a clearer picture of what's at stake in our communities, and what we might do about it. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-survival-budget-w-nccf-127396>.

February 5

Meditation Class

9 - 9:45 AM at the Lapham Center
 Sign up for this free meditation class that recharges, settles and soothes, while enhancing the feeling of deep peace that occurs when the mind is silent. For more information and to register, call the Lapham Center at 203-594-3620.

Nature-Based, Toxic-Free Land Care Perfect Earth Project with Edwina von Gal

9:30-11 AM via Zoom
 A leading voice in sustainable gardening and landscape design, Edwina von Gal founded the Perfect Earth Project in 2013 to promote nature-based toxic-free land care for the health of people, their pets, and the planet. Her work has been published widely, including in the New York Times, Vogue, and Architectural Digest. Her book, Fresh Cuts, won the Quill and Trowel Award for garden writing. In 2024, she was named one of the top 50 Creatives in America by Wallpaper magazine. Don't miss this inspiring talk about harmonizing stunning landscapes with practices that promote the health of families, pets, and vital ecosystems. Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cK3uh5ksSKuozN4lv9rQFQ.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

10 AM - 3 PM at the Lapham Center
 IRS trained and certified AARP Tax Counselors will provide free, income tax preparation on Wednesdays, February 5th through April 9th. There will be a focus on adults aged 50+ with a low to moderate income. AARP membership is NOT required. You can choose to have an IRS-certified volunteer prepare your taxes for you or provide guidance, so you can prepare them yourself. This program

is by appointment only. Information about scheduling appointments will be available in mid-January. For more information, please visit <https://taxaidegreaterstamford.org>.

Winter Bingo with a Valentine's Theme

1 PM at the Lapham Center
 Bingo and prizes with a Valentine's Day theme. Reserve your spot early by calling (203) 674-9336.

ART BAR: Valentine's Prosecco & Bottle Painting

6:30-8 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
 Join for a fun and creative evening with friends and take home a unique keepsake for Valentine's Day! Start the night with a Prosecco tasting hosted by Red Grape, where you'll sample a variety of delightful sparkling wines. Then, unleash your creativity with artist Ashley McNeal, who will guide you through designing and painting a bottle of your choice. Tickets are \$35/members, \$40/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/art-bar-valentines-prosecco-bottle-painting/>.

February 6

Americans in Paris- Night One

3 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan
 Orion Weiss, one of America's most sought-after virtuoso pianists, will return to New Canaan to dazzle with his passionate, lush sound. Weiss will join two other nationally recognized musicians, Andrew Armstrong, virtuoso pianist and Artistic Director of New Canaan Chamber Music, and gifted young guitarist Mak Grgi. Tickets are available at <https://newcanaanchambermusic.org/tickets/>.

SAVE THE DATE

February 7

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

8:30 - 9:30 AM at the Lapham Center
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Guided Tour & Lunch at New Britain Museum of American Art

11 AM-1:30 PM hosted by Carriage Barn Arts Center
 Spend a day visiting CT's New Britain Museum of American Art and meet Director and CEO Brett Abbott who juried the 2025 Photography Show at the Carriage Barn. After the tour, the group will enjoy lunch at the museum café before returning home. Tickets are \$65/members, \$80/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/guided-tour-lunch-nbmaa/>. For more information about where to meet, call the Carriage Barn at (203) 594-3638.

Global Voices Writing Project Wine & Cheese Reception

5:15- 6:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Lightburn Gallery
 Join the library as they celebrate the exciting intersection of the visual and literary arts. A wine and cheese reception featuring short explanations by the writers and commentary from the Creative Connections will round out the evening. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/ephraistic-writing-wine-cheese-reception-124383>.

Americans in Paris- Night Two

7:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan
 Orion Weiss, one of America's most sought-after virtuoso pianists, will return to New Canaan to dazzle with his passionate, lush sound. Weiss will join two other nationally recognized musicians, Andrew Armstrong, virtuoso pianist and Artistic Director of New Canaan Chamber Music, and gifted young guitarist Mak Grgi. Tickets are available at <https://newcanaanchambermusic.org/tickets/>.

February 8

Pruning 101

11 AM at Grace Farms
 Understanding when and how to prune is critical to the health of small trees and shrubs. Learn the basics of pruning, including proper tool use and care, in order to champion sustainable and eco-conscious values in gardening. Tickets are \$20/person and available at <https://tickets.gracefarms.org/events/019234f3-dfa6-adde-8781-abe432067c22>.

Trevor Scott and Friends: Music of Benjamin Britten

5 PM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church
 The Friends of the Music at St. Mark's New Canaan, CT Presents Music of Benjamin Britten. A light reception will follow. More

information is available at <https://www.stmarksnewcanaan.org/friends-of-music/>.

February 9

Author Talk: Amy Sohn

2- 3 PM at the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society
 Amy Sohn will speak about her book *The Man Who Hated Women*. Anthony Comstock, special agent to the U.S. Post Office, was one of the most important men in the lives of nineteenth-century women. His eponymous law, passed in 1873, penalized the mailing of contraception and obscenity with long sentences and steep fines. Tickets are \$10/non-members and available at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/8bw5w7y>.

February 10

VITA Free Tax Preparation

11 AM- 6 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room
 Get your 2024 taxes filed for free at New Canaan Library through SimplifyCT. SimplifyCT uses VITA, a secure, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) certified program that's been developed to connect individuals to volunteer IRS certified tax preparers who can give you advice and file your taxes. Drop-ins are welcome. Register at <https://shorturl.at/KDebZ>.

Legislative Priorities in CT: Session Kickoff with our Legislators

6- 7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Kend Kitchen & Community Room
 Local legislators--Senators Fazio and Maher and Representatives Dathan, O'Dea, and Savet--will share their priorities for the current legislative session in Hartford, hear your concerns, and answer questions regarding the issues facing our state. Register at <https://www.newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-legislative-priorities-ct-124602>.

February 11

Pathway Session: Drug Testing Options with Steve Paymer

7 PM at the Library Room of St. Mark's Church
 Join for an in-person session on the options available for drug testing. Steve Paymer is the President of Paymer Associates, LLC, a full-service drug and alcohol testing company. Participants will learn about different types of testing, including urine, sweat, saliva and hair testing, SL3 remote breath testing (aka Soberlink), and SCRAM CAM transdermal alcohol testing. To access the Library Room, enter the doorway closest to the flagpole. More information and registration is available at <https://ncparentsupportgroup.org>.

February 12

Meet The Member Breakfast

8-9:30 AM at Gates Restaurant
 The New Canaan Chamber of Commerce is holding a networking breakfast. Whether you are an existing, new, or prospective Chamber Member, you can join. Tickets are \$45/person and available at <https://newcanaanchamber.com/2025/01/10/meet-our-members-breakfast/>.

Meditation Class

9 - 9:45 AM at the Lapham Center
 Sign up for this free meditation class that recharges, settles and soothes, while enhancing the feeling of deep peace that occurs when the mind is silent. For more information and to register, call the Lapham Center at 203-594-3620.

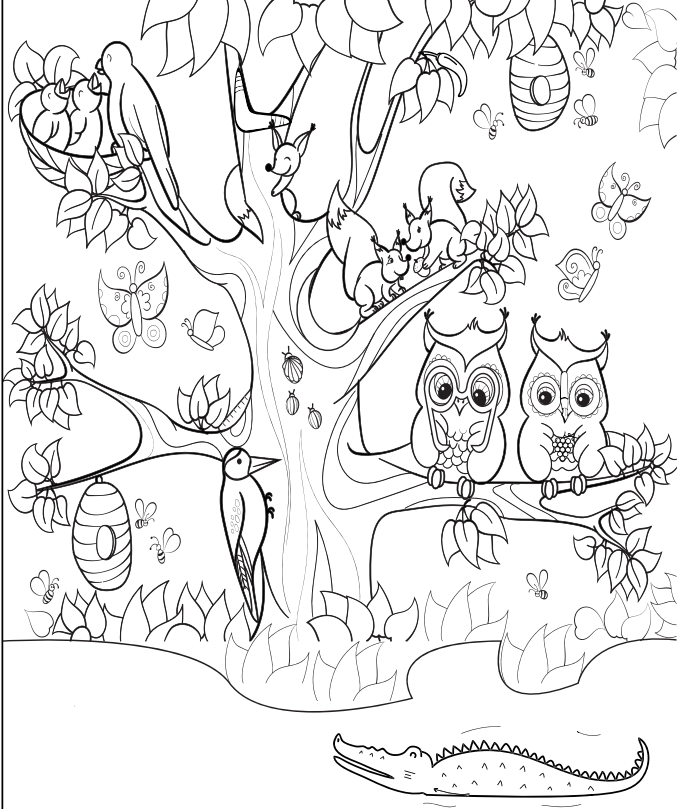
AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

10 AM - 3 PM at the Lapham Center
 IRS trained and certified AARP Tax Counselors will provide free, income tax preparation on Wednesdays, February 5th through April 9th. There will be a focus on adults aged 50+ with a low to moderate income. AARP membership is NOT required. You can choose to have an IRS-certified volunteer prepare your taxes for you or provide guidance, so you can prepare them yourself. This program is by appointment only. Information about scheduling appointments will be available in mid-January. For more information, please call (203) 674-9336.

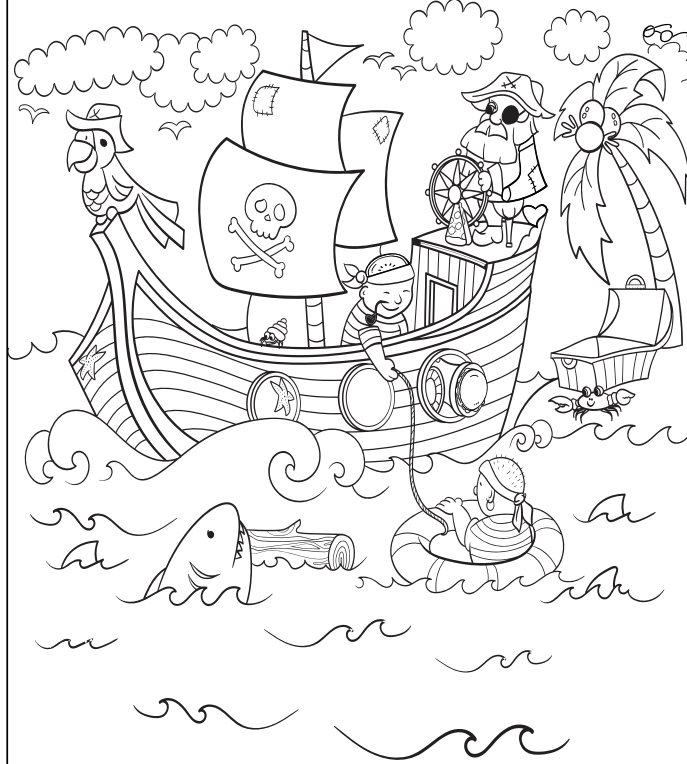
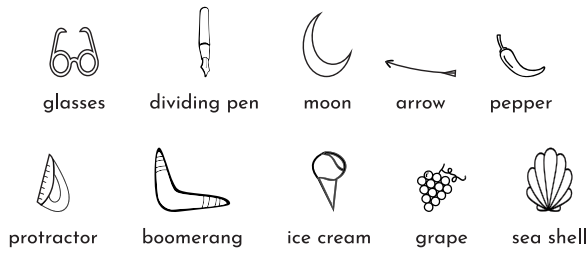
Cooking & Crafting for Kids: Valentines Edition

4- 5:15 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
 Join for an afternoon of chocolate-making fun, just in time for Valentine's Day. Kids ages 7 & up will get hands-on experience creating their very own chocolate bark and truffles from scratch. Tickets are \$55/members, \$60/non-members, and available at <https://carriagebarn.org/event/cooking-crafting-for-kids-valentines-edition/>.

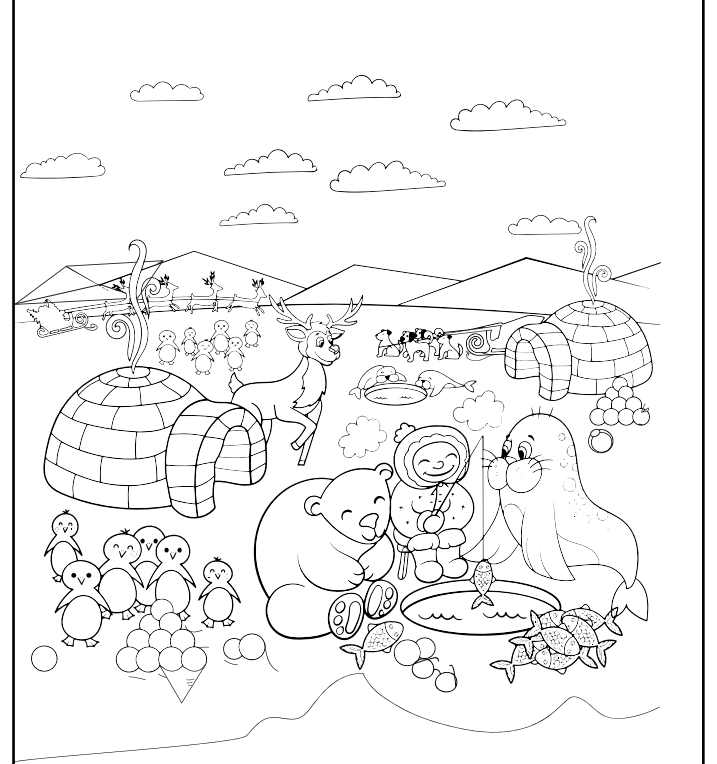
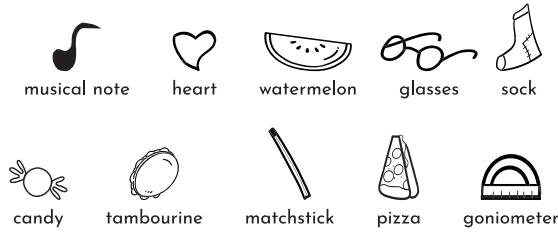
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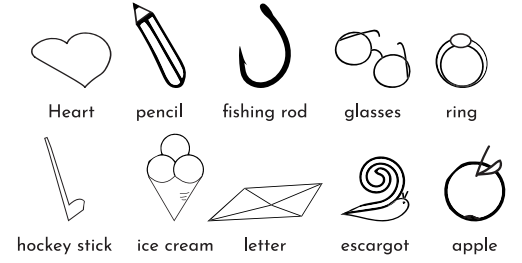
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GROUNDHOG DAY

PREDICTING THE WEATHER WITH SHADOWS

Every year on February 2, people in the United States and Canada celebrate Groundhog Day, a fun tradition involving a furry animal known as a groundhog, or woodchuck. According to folklore, when the groundhog emerges from its burrow, it can predict the weather for the next six weeks.

If the groundhog sees its shadow on a sunny day, winter will last six more weeks. If it doesn't see its shadow on a cloudy day, spring is expected to arrive early. This tradition has its roots in old customs from Europe, where animals like badgers or bears were believed to predict the seasons.

The timing of Groundhog Day is special because it falls about halfway between the winter solstice in December and the spring equinox in March. Many cultures have celebrated this time of year as a turning point. For example, the Celts celebrated Imbolc, which marked the start of preparations for spring farming. On February 2, Christians celebrate Candlemas, a festival that honors the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Both holidays look forward to brighter days ahead.

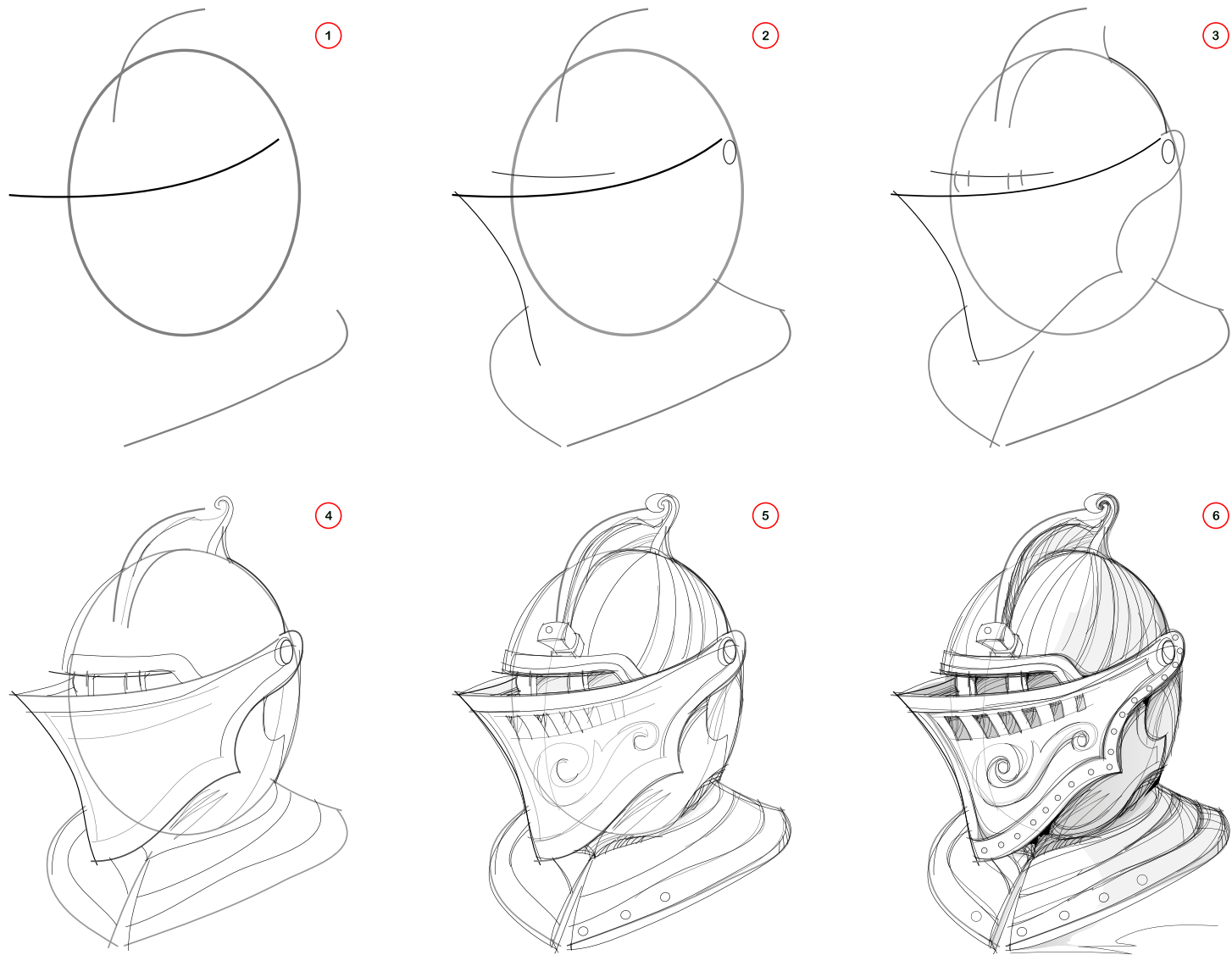
In the Middle Ages, the belief grew that animals might wake up briefly from hibernation on this day. Germans believed that if a badger saw its shadow, winter would stay longer. When German immigrants came to Pennsylvania, they brought the tradition with them but replaced the badger with the local groundhog.

Today, Groundhog Day is a beloved celebration, especially in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, home to the famous groundhog,



Punxsutawney Phil. Thousands of people gather to see if Phil spots his shadow, while millions watch on TV. Whether or not the prediction is accurate, Groundhog Day is a lighthearted way to connect with history and have fun during the chilly days of winter.

Learn to Sketch Like a Pro



HOW MANY TO THE LEFT, HOW MANY TO THE RIGHT?

Counting exercise with ladybugs. Two boxes labeled 'left' and 'right' are shown with arrows. There are 6 ladybugs to the left and 6 ladybugs to the right.

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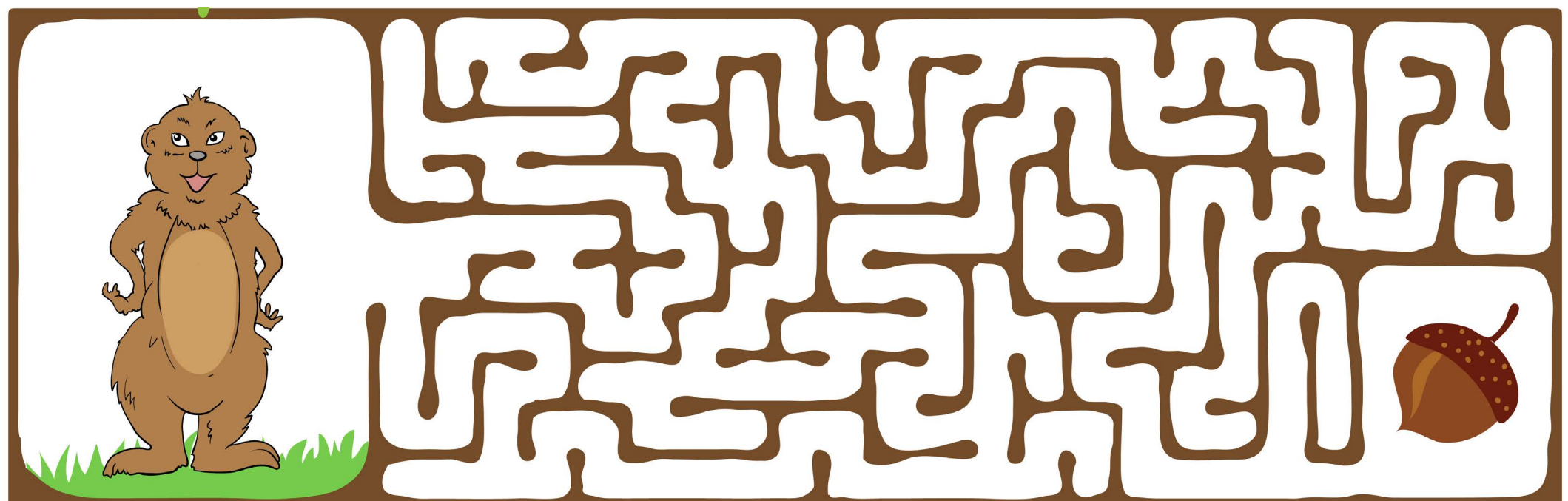
Counting exercise with sheep. Two boxes labeled 'left' and 'right' are shown with arrows. There are 6 sheep to the left and 6 sheep to the right.

Math problems using animal icons:

- 2 unicorns = 12
- 2 cats + 1 unicorn = 10
- 1 bear + 1 cat + 1 unicorn = 11
- 1 unicorn + 1 bear - 1 cat + 1 unicorn =

Math problems using animal icons:

- 2 cats = 6
- 2 cats + 1 bear = 11
- 1 cat + 1 bear + 1 cat = 15
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By the time it came to the edge of the Forest the stream had grown up, so that it was almost a river, and, being grown-up, it did not run and jump and sparkle along as it used to do when it was younger, but moved more slowly. For it knew now where it was going, and it said to itself, "There is no hurry. We shall get there some day." But all the little streams higher up in the Forest went this way and that, quickly, eagerly, having so much to find out before it was too late.

There was a broad track, almost as broad as a road, leading from the Outland to the Forest, but before it could come to the Forest, it had to cross this river. So, where it crossed, there was a wooden bridge, almost as broad as a road, with wooden rails on each side of it. Christopher Robin could just get his chin to the top rail, if he wanted to, but it was more fun to stand on the bottom rail, so that he could lean right over, and watch the river slipping slowly away beneath him. Pooh could get his chin on to the bottom rail if he wanted to, but it was more fun to lie down and get his head under it, and watch the river slipping slowly away beneath him. And this was the only way in which Piglet and Roo could watch the river at all, because they were too small to reach the bottom rail. So they would lie down and watch it ... and it slipped away very slowly, being in no hurry to get there.



One day, when Pooh was walking towards this bridge, he was trying to make up a piece of poetry about fir-cones, because there they were, lying about on each side of him, and he felt singy. So he picked a fir-cone up, and looked at it, and said to himself, "This is a very good fir-cone, and something ought to rhyme to it." But he couldn't think of anything. And then this came into his head suddenly:

Here is a myst'ry

About a little fir-tree.

Owl says it's his tree,

And Kanga says it's her tree.

"Which doesn't make sense," said Pooh, "because Kanga doesn't live in a tree."

He had just come to the bridge; and not looking where he was going, he tripped over something, and the fir-cone jerked out of his paw into the river.

"Bother," said Pooh, as it floated slowly under the bridge, and he went back to get another fir-cone which had a rhyme to it. But then he thought that he would just look at the river instead, because it was a peaceful sort of day, so he lay down and looked at it, and it slipped slowly away beneath him ... and suddenly, there was his fir-cone slipping away too.

"That's funny," said Pooh. "I dropped it on the other side," said Pooh, "and it came out on this side! I wonder if it would do it again?" And he went back for some more fir-cones.

It did. It kept on doing it. Then he dropped two in at once, and leant over the bridge to see which of them would come out first; and one of them did; but as they were both the same size, he didn't know if it was the one which he wanted to win, or the other one. So the next time he dropped one big one and one little one, and the big one came out first, which was what he had said it would do, and the little one came out last, which was what he had said it would do, so he had won twice ... and when he went home for tea, he had won thirty-six and lost twenty-eight,

which meant that he was—that he had—well, you take twenty-eight from thirty-six, and that's what he was. Instead of the other way round.

And that was the beginning of the game called Poohsticks, which Pooh invented, and which he and his friends used to play on the edge of the Forest. But they played with sticks instead of fir-cones, because they were easier to mark.

Now one day Pooh and Piglet and Rabbit and Roo were all playing Poohsticks together. They had dropped their sticks in when Rabbit said "Go!" and then they had hurried across to the other side of the bridge, and now they were all leaning over the edge, waiting to see whose stick would come out first. But it was a long time coming, because the river was very lazy that day, and hardly seemed to mind if it didn't ever get there at all.

"I can see mine!" cried Roo. "No, I can't, it's something else. Can you see yours, Piglet? I thought I could see mine, but I couldn't. There it is! No, it isn't. Can you see yours, Pooh?"

"No," said Pooh.

"I expect my stick's stuck," said Roo. "Rabbit, my stick's stuck. Is your stick stuck, Piglet?"

"They always take longer than you think," said Rabbit.

"How long do you think they'll take?" asked Roo.

"I can see yours, Piglet," said Pooh suddenly.

"Mine's a sort of greyish one," said Piglet, not daring to lean too far over in case he fell in.

"Yes, that's what I can see. It's coming over on to my side."



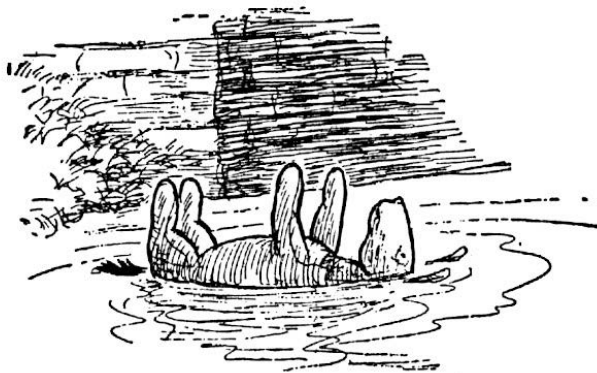
Rabbit leant over further than ever, looking for his, and Roo wriggled up and down, calling out "Come on, stick! Stick, stick, stick!" and Piglet got very excited because his was the only one which had been seen, and that meant that he was winning.

"It's coming!" said Pooh.

"Are you sure it's mine?" squeaked Piglet excitedly.

"Yes, because it's grey. A big grey one. Here it comes! A very—big—grey—Oh, no, it isn't, it's Eeyore."

And out floated Eeyore.



"Eeyore!" cried everybody.

Looking very calm, very dignified, with his legs in the air, came Eeyore from beneath the bridge.

"It's Eeyore!" cried Roo, terribly excited.

"Is that so?" said Eeyore, getting caught up by a little eddy, and turning slowly round three times. "I wondered."

"I didn't know you were playing," said Roo.

"I'm not," said Eeyore.

"Eeyore, what are you doing there?" said

Rabbit.

"I'll give you three guesses, Rabbit. Digging holes in the ground? Wrong. Leaping from branch to branch of a young oak tree? Wrong. Waiting for somebody to help me out of the river? Right. Give Rabbit time, and he'll always get the answer."

"But, Eeyore," said Pooh in distress, "what can we—I mean, how shall we—do you think if we—"

"Yes," said Eeyore. "One of those would be just the thing. Thank you, Pooh."

"He's going round and round," said Roo, much impressed.

"And why not?" said Eeyore coldly.

"I can swim too," said Roo proudly.

"Not round and round," said Eeyore.

"It's much more difficult. I didn't want to come swimming at all today," he went on, revolving slowly. "But if, when in, I decide to practise a slight circular movement from right to left—or perhaps I should say," he added, as he got into another eddy, "from left to right, just as it happens to occur to me, it is nobody's business but my own."

There was a moment's silence while everybody thought.

"I've got a sort of idea," said Pooh at last, "but I don't suppose it's a very good one."

"I don't suppose it is either," said Eeyore.

"Go on, Pooh," said Rabbit. "Let's have it."

"Well, if we all threw stones and things into the river on one side of Eeyore, the stones would make waves, and the waves would wash him to the other side."

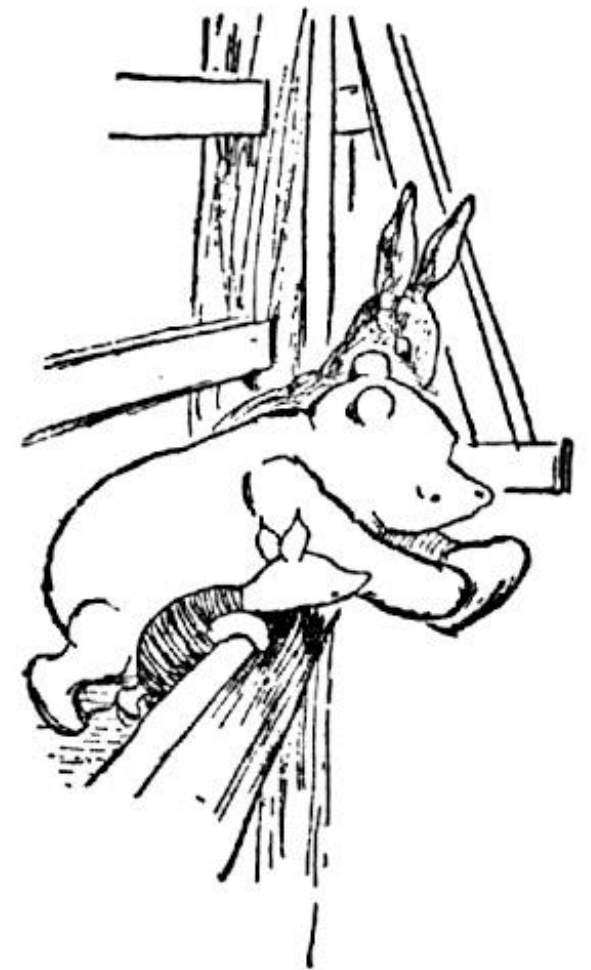
"That's a very good idea," said Rabbit, and Pooh looked happy again.

"Very," said Eeyore. "When I want to be washed, Pooh, I'll let you know."

"Supposing we hit him by mistake?" said Piglet anxiously.

"Or supposing you missed him by mistake," said Eeyore. "Think of all the possibilities, Piglet, before you settle down to enjoy yourselves."

But Pooh had got the biggest stone he could carry, and was leaning over the bridge, holding it in his paws.



"I'm not throwing it, I'm dropping it, Eeyore," he explained. "And then I can't miss—I mean I can't hit you. Could you stop turning round for a moment, because it muddles me rather?"

"No," said Eeyore. "I like turning round."

Rabbit began to feel that it was time he took command.

"Now, Pooh," he said, "when I say 'Now!' you can drop it. Eeyore, when I say 'Now!' Pooh will drop his stone."

"Thank you very much, Rabbit, but I expect I shall know."

"Are you ready, Pooh? Piglet, give Pooh a little more room. Get back a bit there, Roo. Are you ready?"

"No," said Eeyore.

"Now!" said Rabbit.

Pooh dropped his stone. There was a loud splash, and Eeyore disappeared....



It was an anxious moment for the watchers on the bridge. They looked and looked ... and even the sight of Piglet's stick coming out a little in front of Rabbit's didn't cheer them up as much as you would have expected. And then, just as Pooh was beginning to think that he must have chosen the wrong stone or the wrong river or the wrong day for his Idea, something grey showed for a moment by the river bank ... and it got slowly bigger and bigger ... and at last it was Eeyore coming out.

With a shout they rushed off the bridge, and pushed and pulled at him; and soon he was standing among them again on dry land.



"Oh, Eeyore, you are wet!" said Piglet, feeling him.

Eeyore shook himself, and asked somebody to explain to Piglet what happened when you had been inside a river for quite a long time.

"Well done, Pooh," said Rabbit kindly. "That was a good idea of ours."

"What was?" asked Eeyore.

"Hooshing you to the bank like that."

"Hooshing me?" said Eeyore in surprise.

"Hooshing me? You didn't think I was hooshed, did you? I dived. Pooh dropped a large stone on me, and so as not to be struck heavily on the chest, I dived and swam to the bank."

"You didn't really," whispered Piglet to Pooh, so as to comfort him.

"I didn't think I did," said Pooh anxiously.

"It's just Eeyore," said Piglet. "I thought your Idea was a very good Idea."

Pooh began to feel a little more comfortable, because when you are a Bear of Very Little Brain, and you Think of Things, you find sometimes that a Thing which seemed very Thingish inside you is quite different when it gets out into the open and has other people looking at it. And, anyhow, Eeyore was in the river, and now he wasn't, so he hadn't done any harm.

"How did you fall in, Eeyore?" asked Rabbit, as he dried him with Piglet's handkerchief.

"I didn't," said Eeyore.

"But how——"

"I was BOUNCED," said Eeyore.

"Oo," said Roo excitedly, "did somebody push you?"

"Somebody BOUNCED me. I was just thinking by the side of the river—thinking, if any of you know what that means, when I received a loud BOUNCE."

"Oh, Eeyore!" said everybody.

"Are you sure you didn't slip?" asked Rabbit wisely.

"Of course I slipped. If you're standing on the slippery bank of a river, and somebody BOUNCES you loudly from behind, you slip. What did you think I did?"

"But who did it?" asked Roo.

Eeyore didn't answer.

"I expect it was Tigger," said Piglet nervously.



"But, Eeyore," said Pooh, "was it a Joke, or an Accident? I mean——"

"I didn't stop to ask, Pooh. Even at the very bottom of the river I didn't stop to say to myself, 'Is this a Hearty Joke, or is it the Merest Accident?' I just floated to the surface, and said to myself, 'It's wet.' If you know what I mean."

"And where was Tigger?" asked Rabbit.

Before Eeyore could answer, there was a loud noise behind them, and through the hedge came Tigger himself.

"Hallo, everybody," said Tigger cheerfully.

"Hallo, Tigger," said Roo.

Rabbit became very important suddenly.

"Tigger," he said solemnly, "what happened just now?"

"Just when?" said Tigger a little uncomfortably.

"When you bounced Eeyore into the river."

"I didn't bounce him."

"You bounced me," said Eeyore gruffly.

"I didn't really. I had a cough, and I happened to be behind Eeyore, and I said 'Grrrr—opp—ptschschs'."

"Why?" said Rabbit, helping Piglet up, and dusting him. "It's all right, Piglet."

"It took me by surprise," said Piglet nervously.

"That's what I call bouncing," said Eeyore.

"Taking people by surprise. Very unpleasant habit. I don't mind Tigger being in the Forest," he went on, "because it's a large Forest, and there's plenty of room to bounce in it. But I don't see why he should come into my little corner of it, and bounce there. It isn't as if there was anything very wonderful about my little corner. Of course for people who like cold, wet, ugly bits it is something rather special, but otherwise it's just a corner, and if anybody feels bouncy——"

"I didn't bounce, I coughed," said Tigger crossly.

"Bouncv or coffv. it's all the same at the



bottom of the river."

"Well," said Rabbit, "all I can say is—well, here's Christopher Robin, so he can say it."

Christopher Robin came down from the Forest to the bridge, feeling all sunny and careless, and just as if twice nineteen didn't matter a bit, as it didn't on such a happy afternoon, and he thought that if he stood on the bottom rail of the bridge, and leant over, and watched the river slipping slowly away beneath him, then he would suddenly know everything that there was to be known, and he would be able to tell Pooh, who wasn't quite sure about some of it. But when he got to the bridge and saw all the animals there, then he knew that it wasn't that kind of afternoon, but the other kind, when you wanted to do something.



"It's like this, Christopher Robin," began Rabbit. "Tigger——"

"No, I didn't," said Tigger.

"Well, anyhow, there I was," said Eeyore.

"But I don't think he meant to," said Pooh.

"He just is bouncy," said Piglet, "and he can't help it."

"Try bouncing me, Tigger," said Roo eagerly. "Eeyore, Tigger's going to try me. Piglet, do you think——"

"Yes, yes," said Rabbit, "we don't all want to speak at once. The point is, what does Christopher Robin think about it?"

"All I did was I coughed," said Tigger.

"He bounced," said Eeyore.

"Well, I sort of boffed," said Tigger.

"Hush!" said Rabbit, holding up his paw.

"What does Christopher Robin think about it all? That's the point."

"Well," said Christopher Robin, not quite sure what it was all about, "I think——"

"Yes?" said everybody.

"I think we all ought to play Poohsticks."

So they did. And Eeyore, who had never played it before, won more times than

anybody else; and Roo fell in twice, the first time by accident and the second time on purpose, because he suddenly saw Kanga coming from the Forest, and he knew he'd have to go to bed anyhow. So then Rabbit said he'd go with them; and Tigger and Eeyore went off together, because Eeyore wanted to tell Tigger How to Win at Poohsticks, which you do by letting your stick drop in a twitchy sort of way, if you understand what I mean, Tigger; and Christopher Robin and Pooh and Piglet were left on the bridge by themselves.

For a long time they looked at the river beneath them, saying nothing, and the river said nothing too, for it felt very quiet and peaceful on this summer afternoon.

"Tigger is all right really," said Piglet lazily.

"Of course he is," said Christopher Robin.

"Everybody is really," said Pooh.

"That's what I think," said Pooh. "But I don't suppose I'm right," he said.

"Of course you are," said Christopher Robin.

Universal Crossword

Edited by Jared Goudsmit

ACROSS

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

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

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

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

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

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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8/4 **That's How I Roll** by Sam Koperwas and Jeff Chen

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Horoscopes

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

interactions. Balance social participation with intentional choices.

Cancer

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

Leo

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

Aquarius

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

Pisces

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

Aries

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

Taurus

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

Gemini

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

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

Libra

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

Scorpio

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

Sagittarius

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

Capricorn

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

Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

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

DOWN

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

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

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

Take five or 10?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Previous riddle answer:
Finish to a singles match?
51-A) I DO

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

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

SOLUTIONS

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TO	AN	ER	DRY	LA
MAG	TOR	RK	LLI	CO







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

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

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Safari Animals

1. Rhinoceros 2. Hippopotamus
3. Elephant 4. Tiger 5. Lion 6. Monkey
7. Crocodile 8. Giraffe 9. Turtle 10. Zebra










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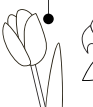






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Euoplocephalus

Mu-oh-plo-seff-ah-lus
6 meters long
Herbivore

dot-to-dot

								
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Logic puzzle game

Geometric shapes



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Answer: circle



Find two identical alarm clocks
Find where the clock shows 8:20

CRACK THE CODE

..... Winter

Crack the code to reveal more words.

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HOW MANY?

left right

ANSWER: 1. D, 2. E, 3. C, 4. M, 5. B, 6. R, 7. S, 8. O, 9. L, 10. T, 11. I, 12. A, 13. H, 14. Y, 15. N, 16. W, 17. F, 18. G, 19. J, 20. U, 21. K.

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The World's Toughest Creature

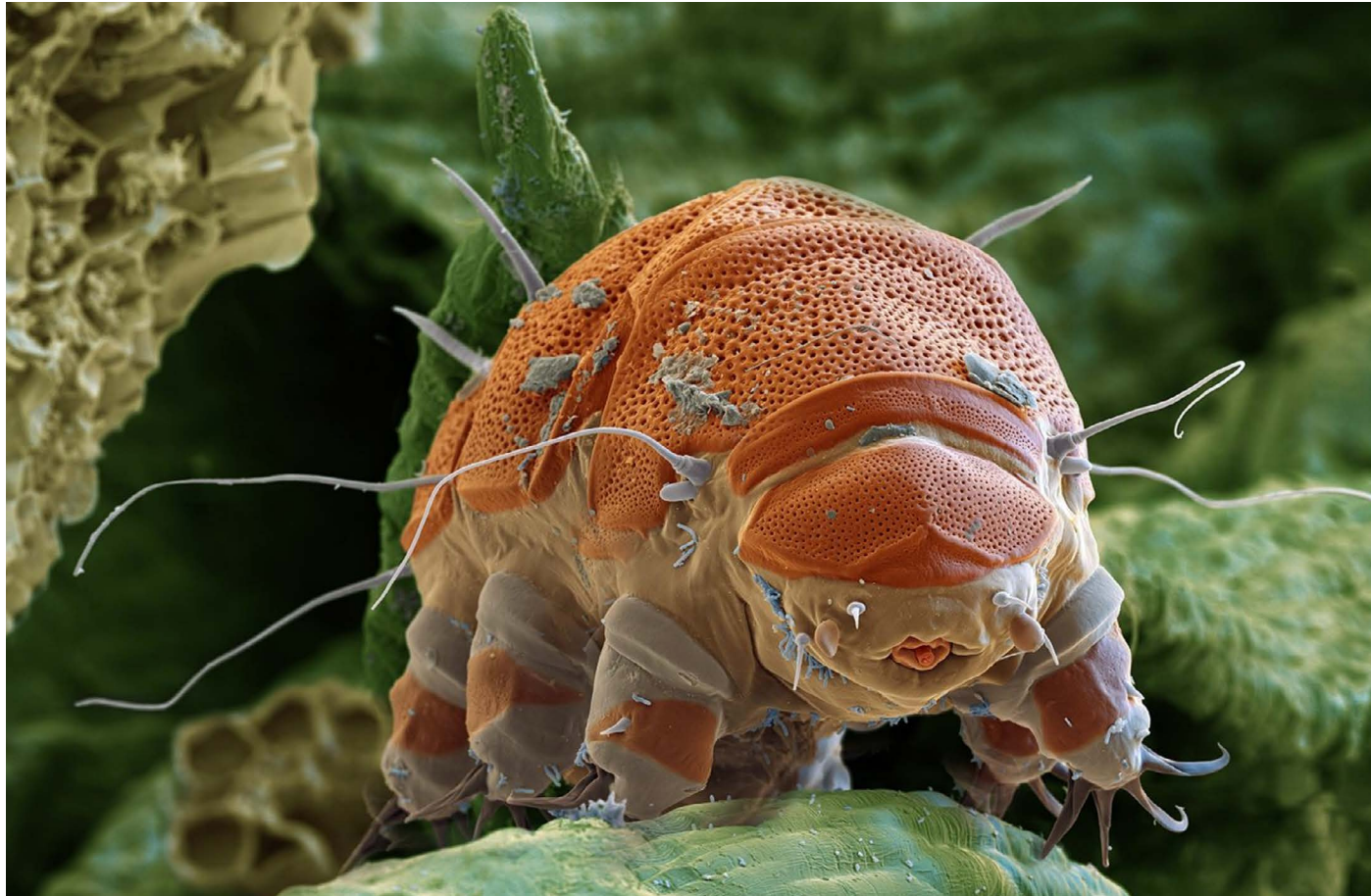
By JIM KNOX

I first learned about Water Bears from my eighth grade biology teacher, Mr. Emrich. A kind man and exceptional educator rivaling any of my professors, he alerted our eighth grade minds to the breadth of the living world, with all of its less charismatic and well known inhabitants. Like most of my classmates, I was intrigued by the name, Water Bear.

Conjuring images of aquatic mammals, Water Bears (aka Moss Piglets) are neither mammalian, nor entirely aquatic. Although known for their preference for aquatic environments (either freshwater or saltwater), they abound in forest, tundra and even desert habitats worldwide. These tiny creatures, properly known as tardigrades, top out at 1 millimeter in length—the width of a pencil line, and represent a diverse group. To date, more than 1,200 species have been documented in their phylum, with each one more astounding than the last.

Discovered in 1773 by biologist, Johann Goeze, these micro beasts do indeed resemble the basic form of a bear. With robust, eight-legged, segmented bodies and claws on the ends of their legs, these plump, oddly cute little creatures roam their world searching for organic matter on which to feed. Extending their telescoping mouthparts outward, they latch onto food with sharp stylets (toothlike structures) to suck juices from moss, algae and lichens. While the vast majority of Water Bears are herbivores, some are opportunistic omnivores, like their namesake. Adopting a very bruin-like strategy, a select few are downright carnivores—even resorting to cannibalism.

To say tardigrades are survivors would be like saying Michael Jordan is a decent basketball player. The more we study them, the more we learn about tardigrade biology and physiology, and it is quite impressive. Called, “The World’s Toughest



Tardigrade

For them to survive 600 million years puts them in another echelon altogether.

Creatures” by microbiologists and “Virtually Indestructible” by legions of other scientists, they have earned these titles with each eight-legged step of their journey. And this journey is quite some trek through time. Tardigrades have been swimming, crawling and lumbering through our planet’s micro habitats for the past 600 million years. The dinosaurs, by contrast, came on the scene a mere 230 million years ago.

For species to survive for six million years is significant. For them to survive 600 million years puts them in another echelon altogether. You don’t get to the animal kingdom’s hall of fame by accident. Tardigrades outlast the competition through employing astounding physical and behavioral adaptations which define them

as extremophiles or extreme organisms. They’re among the first life forms to pioneer lava fields, they frequently swim within scalding geothermal hot springs, and they are the only species known to survive in outer space! Even among extremophiles, they sit at the top of the heap.

When drought or extreme cold hits, they pull their legs in, retract their heads, retreat into a ball-like capsule known as a tun, and secrete a protective, anti-desiccant coating. In this form, tardigrades also secrete a sugary gel known as Trehalose to protect their vital organs and reduce their metabolic functions one hundred fold. In this death-like state known as cryptobiosis, tardigrades can survive in suspended animation for at least 30 years. Amazingly, they even

produce a protein to protect their DNA from exposure to radiation!

Impervious to lethal conditions for nearly all other organisms, their physiological traits read like those of a graphic novel superhero. Tardigrades can withstand: temperatures of 303 degrees Fahrenheit, atmospheric pressure six times greater than that at the bottom of the Mariana Trench, freezing solid at -458 degrees Fahrenheit, living in the vacuum of outer space for 10 days, and bombardment by

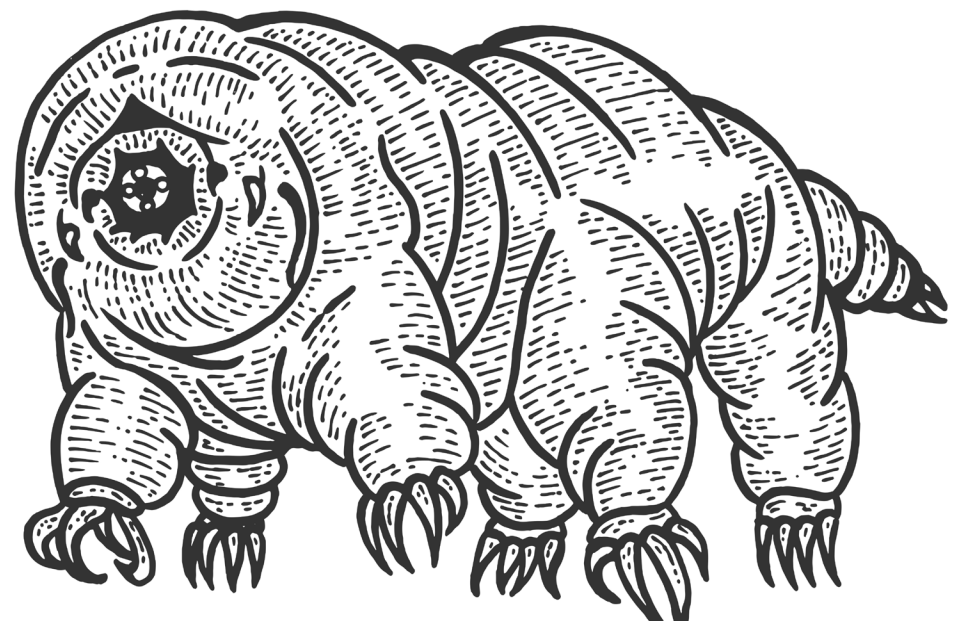
cosmic radiation...and I thought Superman was impressive...

Their seeming invincibility even carries over into their reproductive strategies. Tardigrades reproduce sexually—with females laying eggs and males fertilizing them—until they don’t. That is to say, when males are scarce or absent, females reproduce asexually. Through a process known as parthenogenesis, they lay eggs which hatch without fertilization. Either type of reproduction yields up to 30 Water Bear offspring per female.

Their nearly incomprehensible abilities astound us, yet Water Bears are more than a superbly adapted organism. They serve as models for both inspiration and replication. Water Bears have survived unscathed through the five greatest extinction events the planet has known. They have so much they can teach us. We have an opportunity to study them, learn from them, and apply those lessons.

As we contend with the daunting natural challenges of the 21st century, I find myself wishing for a “tech” hidden in nature that holds the promise of addressing—and even solving—some of these seemingly unassailable problems. If only there was a species which held the answers to: surviving extreme heat and cold, enduring decade-long droughts and colonizing new habitats. Enter the Water Bear—nature’s “super tech”. Our planet’s biggest, boldest and fiercest have adorned our flags, coats of arms, and family crests for centuries. Yet there is one minuscule beast which does what all others cannot. It may be that the answers to the colossal issues of the present, reside in the tiniest of creatures from the past.

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