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Massaro Community Farm in its Third Successful Season

By Laura Fantarella – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Folks who signed up for Massaro Farm's Community Supported Agriculture program are reaping all that "Farmer Steve" has sown, stopping in at 41 Ford Road each week to fill their sacks and bags with a bounty of just-picked, organic, native fruits and vegetables.

Now in its third season, the farm has sold about 150 "shares" to members who paid \$500 to collect pounds of vegetables from May through September. The selection varies from week to week, but includes leafy greens like kale, lettuce, cabbage and bok choy, the usual summer tomatoes, zucchini, eggplant, squash, peppers and basil, as well as potatoes, kohrabi, beets, turnips, carrots, spices and much more. For an additional fee, a membership to receive native fruits like cantaloupes, blueberries, and peaches is also available. An email is sent out at the beginning of each week to members to let members know what they'll be receiving as well as descriptions and recipe suggestions. Orange resident Trish Perrotti, a first time CSA member, is amazed at the amount of vegetables she picks up each week. "I've become pretty creative with summer menus for my family," said Perrotti, who is also the owner of New Haven's popular Consiglio's Restaurant. "I'm getting many vegetables I've never tried before so I'm trying new things and experimenting with different recipes, like grilled romaine with goat cheese and an eggplant and squash casserole."

In the 1900s, the property was a 100 acre dairy farm owned by John and Mary Massaro. When the last of the family passed away in 2007, 57

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Woodbridge Resident Wins Bronze in Swimming Relay

By Melissa Nicefaro – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Margaux Farrell has spent many summers in France with her mother's family, swimming and relaxing. This summer, she came home from France with a special souvenir: a bronze medal from the Olympics for the 4X200 swimming relay event. Farrell, a Woodbridge resident and graduate of Amity High School, holds a dual citizenship in the United States and France. The 22-year-old swimmer has been recognized and awarded countless times over the years, but she admits, taking home that bronze medal takes the cake.

Farrell was on the French Freestyle Relay team, swimming the 4X200. She swam in the morning qualifying event, ensuring for her team in the finals later that day. "Most of the big federations bring six people so we can move people around and always put up the most rested relay and give other people who are swimming individual races a chance to recover or prepare as well," Farrell says.

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By Laura Fantarella - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

At a time when many newspapers are downsizing or disappearing altogether, residents and town officials say they are happy to see a new hometown paper rolling off the presses and into local mailboxes. Like its sister paper, the Orange Town News, which is the Town of Orange's exclusive newspaper, The Woodbridge Town News will cover local news and events and feature articles about townspeople of interest. Most of the staff members on the Woodbridge and Orange Town News live locally and take pride in being a part of their community papers. The paper is mailed to all residents and businesses every three weeks free of charge. Publisher Rocky Salperito, who is an Orange native, still recalls how thrilled he was as a young boy when his picture from the school play was published in the local paper. It is that excitement that motivates him to provide a vehicle for residents to publicize life's events, both large and small. "There will never be a replacement of a hometown paper. I feel that a community newspaper is just a small part of the quality of life in a small town and we are proud to help serve in that capacity in both Woodbridge and Orange" he said.

Amity Regional High School Superintendent Dr. John Brady is pleased to have another vehicle to get information out to students and parents. Even though the school routinely sends communications home with students and posts news online, Dr. Brady reported there's been a real void since the Amity Observer ceased publication last fall. "I'm very supportive of a new paper that will help publicize any Amity news and events like the popular drama department productions and concerts," he said.

Town library director Todd Fabian is also eager to publicize the many events the library sponsors each month, like its upcoming Civil War commemoration featuring "Stealing Lincoln's Body" author Thomas J. Craughwell on September 5th. "We're a very active library and it's great that there will be a new place for residents to see all our programs and happenings. It's good to see a paper opening when so many are downsizing. It has not been easy to find local news," Fabian said.

Having a vehicle to inform residents of what's going on in town, like the recent Southern Connecticut Gas project to extend gas lines to town buildings, is welcomed by First Selectman Ed Sheehy. "We've missed having a local paper and look forward to the Woodbridge Town News being a service of providing information about our government, charities, businesses and other organizations," he said. "It will help keep the public informed of what's going on in town."

Salperito went on to say "The Woodbridge Town News is your community newspaper. Feel free to send us your suggestions to help us to best serve the Woodbridge community. Call us at 203-553-9062 or email our editor, Marlene Silverstein at edit@woodbridgetownnews.com to submit your local events, photos, engagements, birth announcements, obituaries and more. The next publication date is September 21st. Please have your submissions in by September 14th.

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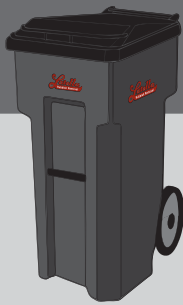
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WOODBIDGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

Beecher Road School New Assistant Principal – A Familiar Face

By Laura Fantarella – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

When students filed into Beecher Road School last week on the first day of school, they were greeted by a favorite teacher who is now the school's new assistant principal. Generations of students and families have come to know and love Nancy White over the past 28 years she's been a Beecher Road School teacher, first in the resource room and then 25 years as a sixth grade teacher. She remained happily in the classroom until this year, when she decided it was time to take on a new challenge and move from the classroom into the administration office.

"I want to serve the district in a different capacity and I think this new job will be very interesting," she said. Reflecting on her long career in the same school, White said she couldn't be in a better place. "Beecher School is wonderful. It is child centered and adult friendly, and everyone cares about kids. The school community is filled with smart, creative people, from the families and kids to the staff." She knows many families in the Beecher Road community by name, having had multiple siblings over the years. "I was even starting to have the children of former students in my classroom," she said. White began to prepare for the possibility of joining the school's administration five years ago when she attended UCONN's sixth year administration certification program, even completing her internship at Beecher while she was still teaching in the classroom. Though she'll miss the day to day contact with students, White is hoping she'll be able to get into the classrooms "a lot".

White has seen the school undergo several changes, from operating as one elementary school with a single administration to the school being separated into primary and intermediate "houses," each with its own principal. This year the school will adopt its former structure as she, along with new principal Gina Prisco, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gaeton F. Stella and Special Services Director Sheila Haverkamp serve as administrators for the entire school. White expects the new plan to be successful with minimal impact on students and faculty. "I think the separate administrations served its purpose and now the school is ready to come together as one. Continuity is important and this will make the organization more cohesive and less divided," she said. The new assistant principal and new principal have already forged a great working relationship. "Gina is energetic and easy to work with, and she has many good ideas," White said.

When she's not at Beecher Road, White enjoys reading and gardening at her New Haven home where she lives with her husband, William. She is also the mother of two grown children.



New Beecher Road Principal Gina Prisco (left) and new Assistant Principal Nancy White.

Prisco Primed for New School Year

By Laura Fantarella – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

When Gina Prisco was principal at West Haven's Alma E. Pagels School, she was willing to "get slimed," dropped in a dunk tank and sent up in a hot air balloon if it meant inspiring more kids to read with her frequent reading challenges. And now, as the new principal of Beecher Road School, parents and kids can expect she'll bring more of the same good-natured enthusiasm and can-do attitude to her new post.

It is a big change for Prisco, 43, who has grown up, pursued her career -- first as an elementary school teacher and then as a principal --and raised her own family, all within a few miles of the home she grew up in in West Haven. "I'm a born and bred West Haven girl, but it was time to jump off the cliff," she said. "I'm ready to learn in a different environment, one that is very different than the one I came from. I am very excited to be part of this community." She's unsure if she'll continue to enjoy one of the perks of her old job -- a homemade lunch delivered most days by her dad, Gene Pacapelli. "We'll see," she said. She also left her old school with a brand new playground, one that is handicap accessible with sensory equipment so it is safe for any child to play on. For her efforts in developing the project and raising over \$100,000 in donations, Prisco recently received a spirit of the Jimmy Fund Award from the city of West Haven.

After just two months in her new job, Prisco said she and her fellow administrators have forged an "immediate partnership". "I feel like I've been working here for years, we already feel like a team. Hopefully it's a predictor of things to come," she said. "There's so much going on here, even in the summer, I call it the 'school that never sleeps.'" She's particularly impressed with the intellectual climate at the school. "This is a high performing school where the students and teachers think at a high level and I plan to help the standard continue to grow," she said. She is getting to know her staff and also intends to get to know the entire Beecher community, students first, then their families. "When you greet a child by name their smile is like nothing else," Prisco said. "I think it's important to have that connection." Prisco describes her pace as "rather quick," but a brisk walk from the North Wing to the South Wing still takes her 12 minutes. "This place is huge!" she said.

Her biggest challenge will be melding Beecher Road School's north and south houses, which have operated as separate primary and intermediate grade entities with separate administrators for the past 20 years. "There has always been a great sense of two communities within one school and now we will work to return the school to one great community," she said. "We will bring the school back together as one." The plan was promoted right from the first day of school, when the entire staff dressed in matching tee-shirts with the words, "BELIEVE --Build Community, Embrace Differences, Love Learning, Independent Thinkers, Encourage Others, Value & Follow Rules, Excel."

Prisco is married to West Haven firefighter Ken Prisco and has a very active and athletic 13-year-old daughter, Gabriella. When she's not guiding children in an elementary school, Prisco can be found on the sidelines of a soccer field and in the stands of area hockey rinks cheering on her daughter's teams. In her free time, Prisco enjoys rollerblading, going to the beach and reading -- a passion she hopes to pass on to all her new students at Beecher.

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Woodbridge Residents,

Welcome to the "Inaugural Issue" of the Woodbridge Town News. My name is Rocky Salperto and I am the newspaper's publisher. Along with our editor, Marlene Silverstein, we hope to bring to Woodbridge what we have for the Town of Orange for the past 7 years, your own community newspaper dedicated only to the town of Woodbridge.

Although we have assembled a great staff of writers including Laura Fantarella, Bettina Thiel and Melissa Nicefaro, our paper mostly relies on you, the Woodbridge Community to share with us your events, photos, items of interest, community events, birth announcements, student's news, etc. The success of a local paper is in a large part determined by the vibrant community it covers. This is why we are certain the Woodbridge Town News will be a success.

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Rocky Salperto - Publisher Woodbridge Town News

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By Lee Canning

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The Mah-jongg group meets every Monday and Friday in Room 15 from 10 am to 12 noon. Novices are welcome - they will teach you.

Art Therapy At Coachman's Square: On Thursday, September 13, 2012 we will hold a painting session at 11:30 am, serve lunch to participants at 12:30, and at 1:30 will offer a Healing Art Session: Making the Invisible Visible with world famous author, Dr. Bernie Siegel interpreting the creations. We will wrap up the afternoon with an Ice Cream Social at 2:30. Seating is limited. Please RSVP to Lee Canning at 203-389-3430 by Monday, September 10th. Transportation will be provided, if needed, for Woodbridge residents.

Bingo, Cards, & More at the Woodbridge Country Club: On Monday September 17th, the Woodbridge Senior Center will be holding a special luncheon at the Woodbridge Country Club, 50 Woodfield Road, Woodbridge from 12:00 to 3:00pm. Lunch will be served outside under the tent, weather permitting. After lunch you will be able to socialize, play bingo, or cards of your choice. Transportation will be provided if needed. The cost of the lunch will be \$8.00. Lunch will consist of a sandwich, pasta salad, cookie & beverage. There will be a free raffle also. You do not have to be a Woodbridge resident to participate. Call the Woodbridge Senior Center at 203-389-3430 to register. Money must be paid upon registration.

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Twentieth Annual Holiday Fair

FWe will hold our Annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 3 in the Center Cafeteria from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will have a variety of booths consisting of baked goods, books, crafts, tag sale items, Chinese Auction, raffle, refreshments, and many other attractions. Some of the items we need to stock booths are: homemade jellies, jams, pickles, sauces, baked goods, used books, and usable tag sale items. Also needed are bottles of wine or alcohol for our Basket of Cheer Raffle. New items are also needed for our Chinese Auction table. Last, but not least, we need volunteers to bring all of this together.



Community Health News

ONVA has been providing Community Health Care for 75 years and is a nationally accredited and state licensed agency providing homecare to residents of the Town of Orange, Milford, West Haven and Woodbridge. Orange Visiting Nurse Association provides skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational and speech therapy, social work, home health aide and homemakers to adults who are under a physician's care and need homecare. A Registered dietitian and wound care consultant is also available when needed. The Agency offers private pay assist with personal care through its bath program.

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Her team came in third place and all six on the team took home a bronze medal. “I knew there was definitely a chance that we would get a medal, they were talking about how big of a relay it was, but anything can happen in an Olympic final, so I wasn’t expecting it,” she says. “The girls who swam at night were really on point. It’s a difficult relay to judge, so much can happen with each swimmer doing a 200. A lot can go wrong and a lot can change, so it was suspenseful from beginning to end,” she says.

As the last girl dove in, judging from the solid margin the French team was ahead by, she knew the third place medal would be theirs. The U.S. team took the gold medal in the event and Australia took home the silver.

Farrell’s mom is a citizen of France and is the only member of her family living in the United States. Farrell has spent most of her summers in France with her grandmother. “I spoke French before I spoke English,” she says. “I’d go there every summer vacation, but once swimming picked up, I couldn’t go for as long or as often, but I got there at least once a year until I was about 15 and started swimming for a club program.”

She swam with French and American teams and recalls swimming with a few of her Olympic teammates at the World University Games this year and at the European Championship last year. “There were a lot of familiar faces on the French team, it’s not like I was a foreigner coming in,” she says.

Farrell lived in New Jersey until she was seven years old, then moved to Woodbridge, where they lived for several years until moving to Florida for two years before returning back to Woodbridge when she was in sixth grade. In the ninth grade, she joined the Hopkins club swim team and also swam with Amity. Injuries sidelined her in her freshman year, but Farrell went undefeated in her sophomore, junior and senior years at State Opens. She was team MVP in her junior year on her club team and Amity MVP and Athlete of the Year in her sophomore and senior year.

Farrell just graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor’s degree in journalism. After taking a year off, she’ll pursue her Master’s degree in broadcast journalism at University of Southern California. “I know I’d like to be in the entertainment industry, I don’t know about sports broadcasting, but it’s definitely something in the back of my mind, especially now that there’s such a big demand for women in sports broadcasting. I know I want to do something on camera,” she says.

For now, she’ll take some time ‘off.’ “I’ll be home in Connecticut for a year, doing swim clinics with my old high school swim coach. I’d like to get an internship, try to get some experience, and take a breather for a while,” she says. That said, she’s thinking about trying to qualify for the World Championships, now that she’s no longer in the NCAA. “As long as I keep enjoying it, I don’t see any reason not to continue swimming,” she says.

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acres was deeded to the town. According to outreach coordinator Caty Poole, the town considered several different proposals for how to best use the land, including building additional athletic fields. "But given the growing trend in local and organic farming, when residents put forth a proposal for the current use it was accepted," she said. The farm now operates as Massaro Community Farm, a non-profit organization with a board of directors comprised of Woodbridge residents.

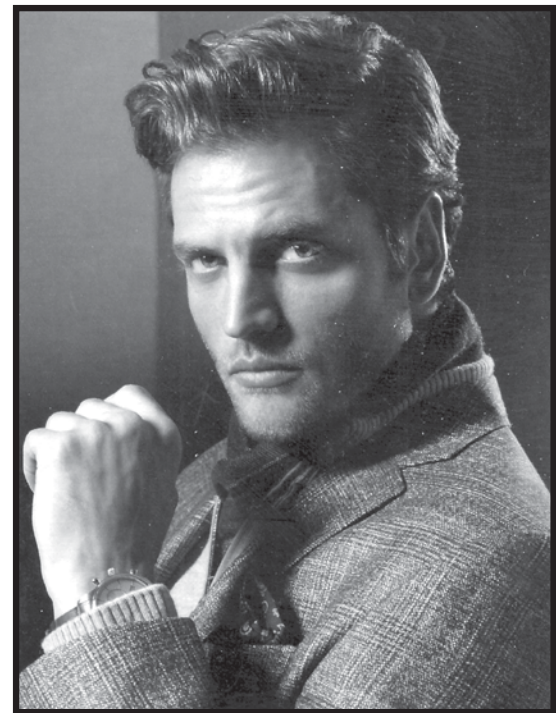
The property includes 45 acres of woods and wetlands along with 12 acres of fields. Farm Manager Steve Munno has worked for the past several years cultivating five acres of the property to make it more suitable for producing fruits, vegetables, flowers and honey. They also donate a percentage of their crops to hunger relief agencies and sell a small amount to local restaurants. In 2010, the farm donated 4,700 pounds of food.

The farm is a very busy place, hosting many community events throughout the summer and inside the refurbished barn in the winter. Recent activities include a children's summer camp; educational programs for children and adults on topics like beekeeping and composting; internships for Amity High School seniors; and its second annual "Farm to Table Dinner" featuring fresh-picked fruits and vegetables prepared by the chef/owner Denise Appel of New Haven's Zinc Restaurant. "Last year our target was 75 guests, this year we doubled our target to 150 and it sold out in record time," Poole said. On October 13, the farm will host "Family Fun Day" featuring farm related activities that will highlight what goes on at the Ford Road property. In its short time in operation, the farm is well on its way to upholding its mission to "keep farming, feed people, and build community."

"Woodbridge is very conservation minded and there is tremendous support for the farm from the town and the surrounding community that's evident through the success of the CSA, as well as the turnout for farm events," Poole said. "Everywhere I go, people tell me how excited they are about the stuff going on at Massaro Community Farm."

For information about upcoming events, visit www.massarofarm.org.

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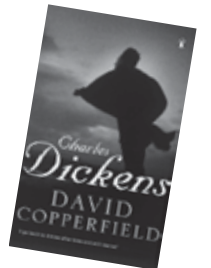


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Junior Volunteer Firefighters Needed

By Melissa Nicefaro – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

The Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department is looking for a few good men and women—ages 15-18, specifically—to join its Junior Volunteer Firefighter program. Those who join will learn a skill that could turn into a future career. Fire Captain Ted Pocwierz said that, years ago, Woodbridge had a Fire Explorer Post, which was associated with Boy Scouts of America and was shared between Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge. Finding that program too stringent, the department learned that it could run a similar program with a set of state recommended guidelines. “That’s the way we decided to go four years ago, so we could concentrate more on exactly what the fire department does,” Pocwierz says.

Woodbridge firefighters teach the teens the basics about fire service, safety, how to use the radio and tools, how to use a fire extinguisher and how to fight a brush fire. “They basically can do anything a firefighter can do, they just can’t go interior,” he says. The fifteen-year-olds remain at the fire house if they come for a call, they’ll help straighten up afterwards and get the trucks ready for their next call. The 16- to 18-year-olds can go to calls after they’ve passed a written exam. “They have to know where the equipment is, and they can actually help out on a fire scene. They can’t fight a fire inside a house or inside a building, but they can do support service stuff on the outside to help free up firemen to go inside,” Pocwierz says.

Several in the original group of junior volunteers are turning 18, leaving a program with around eight younger teenagers. Of the six juniors who became of age to become a full-fledged volunteer firefighter, four opted to stay on. One, Pocwierz says, plans to go on to study fire science and become a career fireman. “We’d love to see the junior program grown,” he says. “The more we grow it, the more chance later down the road when they turn 18, they have the basic skills and everything that they’re going to need so they can join the department and make it easier to get through the state certification so they can be a career firefighter.”

Going on to become either a volunteer firefighter or even a career firefighter in a town with a paid department is a natural next step after the juniors reach 18. Junior volunteers don’t have to wait a 90-day period after applying for a spot on the volunteer department—that waiting period is waived. “At that point, they know what the program and the job is about and they know what the commitment is,” Pocwierz says. As a bonus, Junior Volunteers help the community and build new friendships along the way.

Junior Volunteers only attend training and drills at the fire station and attend classes and parades with the members of the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire



Department. All of the kids are CPR and First Aid trained, which gives them the basic training to help in an emergency at home, school or at an event. Junior Volunteers are required to have a minimum C grade average in school. “Most of the kids come for two hours of junior training on Thursdays and, depending on what’s going on at the regular department training on Tuesday nights, they can help with truck checks and our training,” Pocwierz says. “This gives our regular volunteers a sense of who these kids are and when they get to a fire scene, they’re comfortable working with them and they have a bit of a relationship and level of trust.”

If interested in joining the Junior Volunteer department, please contact Captain Ted Pocwierz at tpocwierz@woodbridgefire.com.

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To Rollover or Not to Rollover: That is the Question

Provided by Richard J. Zorena, CFP®

If you are lucky enough to work for a company that offers a pension, you may be faced with a major decision at retirement: to roll over or not to roll over. In other words, should you take a lump sum distribution at retirement or receive a monthly check during retirement? The choice you make can affect how you live in retirement, and what you can leave your heirs.

While pension plans, or defined-benefit plans, are meant to provide a certain amount of security in the form of monthly cash distributions, because retirees have no say in how pension plan money is invested, they have no opportunity to increase their monthly cash distribution.

One way to exercise more control and perhaps increase the value of your pension plan distribution is to take a lump sum distribution at retirement and roll it into an IRA. An IRA offers you greater flexibility for accessing and investing the money. Assets in a rollover IRA may be invested in mutual funds, individual stocks and bonds, and other investments that align with your financial, wealth transfer and retirement goals and your investment risk tolerance. Because IRAs are tax-deferred, taxes are only paid when you take a distribution from the IRA, which allows investment earnings to grow free of tax until you take a distribution.

Before rolling over your pension to an IRA, the following should be considered: 1. IRAs are not guaranteed, if you invest aggressively or inappropriately or the market fails to perform as you expect it to, you run the risk of reducing the value of your pension or perhaps outliving your assets, and 2. a rollover to an IRA from a qualified plan is protected from the claims of creditors in bankruptcy.

Here are some additional factors to consider:

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Your health

Pensions are meant to provide retirees with income for the rest of their lives. However, if the pension holder passes away, depending on the annuity option chosen, the surviving spouse typically receives a reduced benefit of at least half of the amount the plan holder would have received. Once the surviving spouse dies, any remaining pension benefit remains with the pension plan. With an IRA, you can elect a beneficiary to receive the IRA upon your death, such as another family member or a charity, assuming there are still assets left in the account.

Minimum distributions

If you were to roll your pension into an IRA, you would be required to take minimum distributions from your account, and pay taxes on them, once you reach age 70½. Such requirements might not be an issue if you planned to begin withdrawing assets before you reach 70. But if you retire later in life and want to begin drawing down your funds after 70½, the requirement may cause you to incur tax on distributions before you want to.

Inflation

Typically, fixed monthly pension payouts will not keep pace with inflation. Some pension benefits have a cost of living adjustment built in, but most do not. So if you're concerned about the declining value of your assets due to inflation, the lump sum option might be more suitable for you.

So is an IRA rollover right for you?

The most important thing is to review your pension options in the context of your overall financial picture. Do you have other substantial sources of retirement income? Are they enough to fund your lifestyle, or will you need the pension income to do so? How important is leaving assets to your heirs or charity?

A qualified financial professional can help you identify your objectives, determine the costs associated with them, and decide whether a monthly check or rollover IRA is more appropriate given your circumstances.



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Amity Teen Center News

On Saturday, September 1 volunteers from the Amity Teen Center have been asked by Orange's First Selectman, Jim Zeoli, to coordinate the parking for Orange's last outdoor concert of the season. The "British Invasion Tribute Band" will be performing from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. They are a well-known band in the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut area. However, this will be their first outdoor performance in the state. Come out for an evening of great music and fun at the High Plains Community Center fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road in Orange. The rain date is September 2nd.

If you are a Connecticut corporation you can help the Amity Teen Center become energy efficient while receiving a 100% state tax credit for your contribution. The Amity Teen Center is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization established in 1987 to provide a safe environment for teenagers in the Amity area after school and on weekends.

We purchased and renovated a building at 10 Selden Street in Woodbridge, which opened in 2006. The Amity Teen Center has applied for funding under the Neighborhood Assistance Act for its Energy Conservation Program. We are seeking sponsors to help fund a new solar energy system, an energy efficient roof and energy efficient lighting. Between September 15 and October 1 corporations that pay Connecticut income tax can receive a 100% state tax credit for donations for these purposes. In effect, every dollar donated is offset by the Neighborhood Assistance Act credit. You are helping the Teen Center at no cost to your company as well as improving the environment. For more information call Linda Cohen at (203) 980-3409 or Barry Vine at (203) 982-3414.

Watch for the next issue of the Woodbridge Town News for information about activities and programs that we will be running once the school year has begun. Also, we will let everyone know more details about a big celebration we are having on Saturday, September 29 to honor the Teen Center's 25th birthday. You can also learn more about the Amity Teen Center on our website, www.amityteencenter.org.



Left photo: Justin Hill, Matt Schwartz and Zack McKinstry received their awards in May. Right photo: Daniel Recalde, Shae Belenski, Alexander Slanski, Edward Walsh and Michael Wenke received their awards in June.

Boy Scout Troop 63 Presents Eight Awards

Boy Scout Troop 63 honored eight scouts in two Courts of Honor. In May, the Boy Scouts of America presented the Eagle rank to Justin Hill, Matt Schwartz and Zack McKinstry. In June, the Eagle rank was presented to Daniel Recalde, Shae Belenski, Alexander Slanski, Edward Walsh and Michael Wenke.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the boy scouting program. To earn this very distinguished award, an Eagle Scout must have completed at least 21 merit badges, advanced through five lower ranks and demonstrated ideals of service and leadership including designing and organizing an extensive service project that benefits his church, synagogue, community or school. Fewer than five percent of Boy Scouts nationwide attain this illustrious rank.

Justin's Eagle project was removing four dilapidated fitness stations at Beecher Road School and converting them to benches for an outdoor classroom. Matt's project consisted of renovating the swing sets and playground at Beecher Road School. Zack's project consisted of improving the Ansonia Dog Pound.

Dan's Eagle project helped clear a 25-foot wide unkempt area of the Kucinkas loop. The area was removed of debris and then covered with wood chips donated by the Town of Woodbridge. Shae's Eagle project included building raised structured platforms to bridge flooded sections of the Blue Trail which were impassable to hikers. For Alex's Eagle project he constructed two wheel-chair accessible picnic tables for the Woodbridge Town Library - in the area across from the senior center, also known for hosting Troop 63's annual Christmas tree sale. Ed's Eagle project was the painting and restoration of the garage doors and the installation of a water prevention system at Saint Aedan's Parish in New Haven. All five doors needed to be painted and a few of them suffered water damage at their bases and needed restoration. Michael's Eagle project included Building boardwalks for the trail system behind Amity High School.

Scoutmaster Bob Tucker presided over both Courts of Honor. Presentations were also made to the parents of the Scouts recognizing their persistence and dedication in motivating their sons on this extraordinary multi-year effort. Honored guests included First Selectman Ed Sheehy, State Senator Joseph J. Crisco, Jr. and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Guy Stella as well as local religious and community leaders and family and friends.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is the largest youth organization in the U.S. with nearly 3 million youth members and 1.1 million registered adult leaders. For over 100 years, Scouting programs have instilled the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Troop 63 is one of the oldest Boy Scout Troops in the Connecticut Yankee Council. Our Troop was founded in 1963 to bring scouting to boys in the Woodbridge, Bethany and surrounding communities. Chartered by Assumption Church, Troop 63 quickly became known as the "outdoor troop". Active all year, our outings include all types of camping, hiking, backpacking, skiing, canoe trips, white water rafting as well as cultural events such as visits to historical parks and battlegrounds and much more. We also plan and participate in Community service projects each year.

Troop 63 meets Monday nights from 7:00 pm - 8:30pm. Meetings are held at Our Lady of the Assumption "Mother" Church located at 1700 Litchfield Turnpike (Rte. 69) in Woodbridge September through April and at the same time outdoors at our own Camp Whiting May through June. Troop 63 welcomes all boys ages 10 and up or who have completed the fifth grade. Stop by and see what we're all about. For more information visit our web site at <http://www.troop963.org> or email Troop63CT@gmail.com.

ARAC Hold Tryouts

The Amity Regional Aquatic Club (ARAC) will be beginning its full Fall/Winter schedule with tryouts on September 11th, 12th, and 13th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the High Plains Community Center pool. Tryouts are free of charge. Anyone interested in joining a competitive swim team in a fun, learning environment is encouraged to come out and join our team that boasts over 200 years of coaching expertise! Online registration will follow when our season begins on September 17th. Registration and more information is available online at www.aracswimteam.com.

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Woodbridge Now Encompasses Two Voting Districts

As voters entered the polls at the most recent primary election, they were seeing double: two sets of tables marked Republican and for Democrats the same. The reason, of course, was that in the latest round of redistricting, the state carved out a part of the 17th state district and added it to the 14th district.

This was the first election in recent history for Woodbridge with the two districts, two machines, two moderators, two sets of ballot clerks, checkers and four lines. In addition, the polling station was moved from the traditional gym to the senior center in the lower level of the Center Building, as it is air conditioned.

Town Clerk Stephanie Ciarleglio said the town had received an additional voting machine from the state for the primary, but more machines are on order for the November election. In fact, they have been ordered since February. The town could receive overstocked voting machines from other towns; if no towns are in the position to give up voting machines, the town will have to buy them at \$6,500 apiece. "Connecticut law requires all General Assembly districts to be reviewed and if necessary, reapportioned following each federal census," reads a notice from the Town Clerk on the town's website. "The 2010 U.S. Census showed that Connecticut's population grew by nearly 5 percent to about 3.6 million people; the new distribution of that larger population prompted these new district boundaries."

The new district is bordered roughly by Ansonia Road, with a triangle reaching up to Rimmon Road in the east. Residents living south of that line will be added to the 14th district. A map of the new voting districts is available on the town website at <http://www.woodbridgect.org/filestorage/6583/voting.jpg>.

The ballots in November will be slightly different in the two districts, with different candidates for state legislator in the first and second district. Incumbents are Senators Joe Crisco in the 17th and Gayle Slossberg in the 14th District.

All national candidates, including those for US senator and Third District Congressman, will be identical.



At primaries held Aug. 14 for a US Senate seat, Woodbridge party members cast their votes as follows:

For US Senate:

Democratic

Christopher S. Murphy (Party endorsed) 395
Susan Bysiewicz 96
2,236 voters are registered Democrats in Woodbridge, 491 of those voted.

Republican

Linda L. McMahon (Party endorsed) 231
Christopher Shays 149
1,325 voters are registered Republicans in Woodbridge,, 382 of those voted.

Broken down by district the votes tallied as follows:

District 1 (District 17):

Democratic

Chris Murphy 347
Susan Bysiewicz 83

Republican

Linda McMahon 186
Christopher Shays 121

District 2 (District 14)

Democratic

Chris Murphy 48
Susan Bysiewicz 13

Republican

Linda McMahon 45
Christopher Shays 28

From the Department of Human Services



By Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director

Human Services Commission Fundraiser

The Woodbridge Human Services Commission is planning a fundraiser, "Warm Hearts Warm Homes" - an Evening of Wine, Beer and Hors d'oeuvres on Thursday, September 13th, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at The Country Club of Woodbridge, 50 Woodfield Road, Woodbridge.

The fundraiser will feature Psychic Richard Jackson. Attendees should bring questions on all matters, visualization, healings, hauntings, the spirit world, and all questions will be answered! Guests will have fun as they participate in a Silent Auction. The Fundraiser Committee is looking for donations for our Silent Auction such as gift certificates, gift baskets, household décor, theatre tickets, sporting event tickets and vacation packages.

Proceeds will benefit the Town Fuel and Food Fund to assist income eligible residents with emergency food and fuel when needed.

Tickets for the event are \$30 and can be reserved by calling Human Services at 203-389-3429 or email: humanservices@woodbridgect.org.

Town of Woodbridge Meetings for the Month of September 2012

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Town Hall

9/4	Town Planning & Zoning Comm..	7:30pm	Town Hall
9/5	Police Commission	6:00pm	Police Dept.
9/10	Fire Commission	6:00pm	Fire Station
	Library Commission.....	6:00pm	Library
	Human Services Commission.....	7:00pm	The Center
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30pm	Town Hall
9/12	Board of Selectmen.....	6:00pm	Town Hall
9/17	Woodbridge Board of Ed	7:30pm	Beecher School North
9/18	Econ Development Commission ...	6:00pm	Town Hall
9/19	Inland/Wetlands Agency	7:30pm	Town Hall
9/20	Investment Committee.....	5:00pm	Selectman's Board Rm
	Board of Finance	6:00pm	Town Hall
	Conservation Commission.....	7:00pm	Town Hall
9/24	Country Club of Wdbrdge Comm..	6:00pm	Town Hall
	Board of Selectmen.....	6:00pm	Town Hall
	Recreation Commission	7:00pm	Beecher School South
	Gvmnt Access TV Commission.....	7:15pm	Town Hall

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Steve Francis shares his yard with wife, Betsy, kids, Patrick and Meghan, two Labrador retrievers and about 100,000 busy, buzzing, honey bees. Steve's hobby is beekeeping, a pastime he finds relaxing, fun and always fascinating.



Laura Fantarella



Steve Francis

Francis has been captivated with beekeeping since he was a boy and his dad built some hives at their Westport home. "Bees have a very cooperative society and I've always been fascinated by the entomology," he said, referring to the bees' devotion to a queen, the females' role as the workers that produce the honey and the "drones" (males) exclusive duty to fertilize the females. Francis always planned to one day make beekeeping a hobby and finally got the chance about ten years ago after a job change. "I no longer had to commute to Stamford and New York each day. Since I had more time for relaxing, I was able to build my own hives," Francis said, referring to the structures that now stand in his backyard. To the untrained eye, from the outside the structures just look like stacks of drawers, but once Francis gingerly removes the lids, what's inside could possibly send the squeamish squealing. Each "drawer" contains vertical trays of movable comb hives that slide out of wooden framed compartments covered with thousands of bees hard at work making honey. Though he wishes he had more time to devote to beekeeping, he manages to "get in and poke around" about every three weeks. Francis has no fear of his hard-working insect friends, but before he takes a look inside at what they're doing, he makes sure he's covered up, usually wearing a hazmat-like heavy cotton jumpsuit, headgear and gloves, for protection and pumps smoke into the hives to calm the bees. "One time a bee got under the headgear and flew right up my nose," he recalled. "It was not fun."

Francis is well-versed in the day-to-day life of bee society -- like how a bee can travel up to five miles to find nectar to bring back to the hive; how the queen lays her eggs in February so she will have her working population ready by spring; and the way the colony will cluster around the queen in winter to keep her warm and protected. He learned his beekeeping skills "the hard way," through trial and error, relying on what he learned as a child and information he reads on the internet. "Beekeeping has changed, there are many threats to the bee community," he explained. One such challenge has been "mite infestation" and his hives did not produce honey for the past three years. This year his hives are healthy and in the coming weeks, Francis will spend the better part of three days taking over the kitchen and harvesting the fruits of the bees' hard labor. A female bee produces just a half teaspoon of honey during her 28 day lifespan, and Francis expects to collect about four gallons from his hives.

"It is delicious," he said. "Unlike anything you'd get in a store." Years ago he sold his jarred honey at a local farm stand and donated the proceeds to charity but these days he gives it as gifts to good friends. "I enjoy giving it away, we have friends that look forward to it," he said. "It is a good way to reinvest in friendships."

Francis' 17-year old son has demonstrated an interest in his dad's hobby, but the rest of his family enjoy it from afar. Before leaving for the day, 13-year old Meaghan warned, "Be careful, if you get stung it hurts!"

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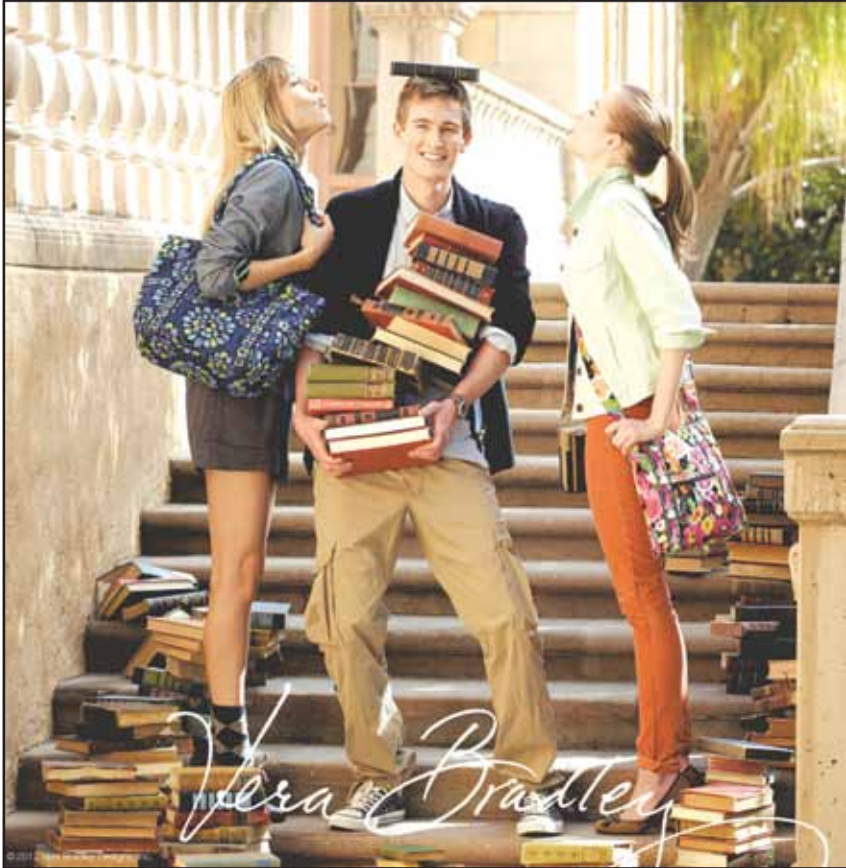
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Leonardo DiCaprio

Q: I've really been looking forward to **Leonardo DiCaprio's "The Great Gatsby"** coming out for Christmas, but now I hear it's been postponed. Why the delay, and when will it come out? -- Cassandra W., via e-mail

A: The **Baz Luhrmann** 3-D adaptation of the classic novel by **F. Scott Fitzgerald** -- which also stars **Tobey Maguire, Carey Mulligan** and **Joel Edgerton** -- is now slated for a summer 2013 release. Warner Bros. president of distribution, **Dan Fellman**, reasoned: "We think moviegoers of all ages are going to embrace it, and it makes sense to ensure this unique film reaches the largest audience possible" [by giving it a summer release].

Q: I just watched the season finale of "**Rizzoli & Isles**," and already I can't wait for the next season. Please tell me it has been renewed for a fourth season! -- Dottie R., Roanoke, Va.

A: I am happy to report that there will indeed be a fourth season of TNT's hit drama, which stars **Angie Harmon** and **Sasha Alexander**. The summer's No. 1 returning scripted drama will be back in summer 2013 for another 15 episodes of mystery-solving fun. TNT has proved to be a summer force to be reckoned with, with such original scripted hits as "**R & I**," "**Falling Skies**," "**Perception**," "**Dallas**" and more shows that are smashing viewing records all over the place.

Q: Can you tell me what one of my favorite actors, **Gabriel Byrne**, has been up to since "**In Treatment**"? What can I see him in? -- Roger T., via e-mail

A: The talented Irishman stars in the new History channel scripted series called "**Vikings**," which is based upon a real-life Viking king named

Ragnar Lothbrok -- played by **Travis Fimmel** -- who literally exploded out of Scandinavia and onto the world stage in the 8th century. A young Norwegian farmer with a wife and family, Lothbrok is deeply frustrated by the unadventurous policies of his local chieftan, Earl Haraldson (played by Gabriel), who continues to send his Viking raiders east every summer, to the Baltic states and Russia, whose populations are as materially poor as themselves. Haraldson and Lothbrok become adversaries as Lothbrok's ambitions threaten Haraldson's rule. The series -- now filming in Ireland -- also stars **Jessalyn Gilsig, Gustaf Skarsgard, Clive Standen** and **Katheryn Winnick**. It is set for a 2013 release.

Readers: A few months back, I held a contest for one reader to win the great summer read "**Eat, Drink, and Be Married**" by **Rebecca Bloom**. After sifting through the entries, I have randomly chosen a winner: Dorine T. of Terryville, Conn. Be on the lookout for your book, and I hope you enjoy it! All others who'd like to get in one last summer pleasure, head to amazon.com and order a copy for yourself -- and maybe one for a friend. And go to www.celebrityextraonline.com to read my full interview with the talented author, and to see what she has coming up next.

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"Dining with Susan"

By Susan Noonan



Solun Restaurant/Bar/Tapas

Solun Restaurant in Woodbridge specializes in "Tapas", so I thought it would be fitting to talk about the history of this concept that has become very popular over the past few years. The word "Tapas" means "lids" in Spanish, and refers to a slice of bread being used to cover the top of a wine glass. Legend has it that such "Tapas" were used in Spanish cafes with standing bars to prevent fruit flies and the like from getting in the wine glasses of the customers. Madrid's custom is to gather at wine and sherry bar cafes after work, before dinner. Patrons of the bars usually stand and drink their sherry and wine and enjoy selections from an extensive tapas list. This evolved from the bars offering free snacks, like a slice of ham, piece of cheese, olives, mussels, or bread. Basque tapas started on toothpicks, called pinchos, and eventually became something on a piece of bread, such as anchovy toasts. Gazpacho and paella are also offered in tapas bars, as well as Manchego and quince paste, flan, and tres leches cake. "Tapas" from Spain are the foundation for understanding the small plates so it is necessary to define what they are.



Solun Restaurant/Bar/Tapas

Spain has some of the most delicious cuisine in the world. "Tapas" are snacks, canapés or finger food and come in many different forms. But, what are they? They can be practically anything from a chunk of seafood, grilled vegetables, cocktail onion and an olive skewered on a long toothpick to meat with sauce served piping hot in a miniature clay dish. They are served day in and day out in every bar and café in Spain. So much a part of the culture and social scene that the Spanish people invented the verb Tapear which means to go and eat "Tapas"!

Solun Restaurant opened in March 2012 and is the latest addition to the "Tapas" trend in our area. I had an opportunity to sit down with Solun owner Carlos Hernandez and he had quite a success story to share with me. He came to the East Coast for a vacation in July 1987 from his home in Guatemala. Carlos was only 17 and spoke very little English. His family owned a farm in his country (dad still owns the farm to this day) and Carlos milked the cows, made cheese, etc., but was looking forward to his trip to the United States. He decided to stay for a while and began working in the restaurant business, washing dishes, cooking, waiting tables, managing (he actually did it all and was getting great experience). At one point he took a break from the restaurant business working as a school bus and UPS driver. The love of the restaurant business brought him back. Carlos' hard work, compassion and perservance paid off along with some special mentoring by restaurant owners that recognized his potential. In 2000, Carlos signed a very lucretive contract with the town of Fairfield to run its summer concession stand "Penfield Beach Cafe" (they are still going strong in 2012). This also led to the City of Norwalk concession stand "What's Cooking in Rowayton Point". His success allowed him to purchase "Meigas" Restaurant in Norwalk. This award winning restaurant received CT Magazine's Best Tapas in the state, glowing reviews from the New York Times, Zagat Survey, "Meigas the best Spanish cuisine this side of Madrid", etc.

Meigas' popularity was the inspiration for Solun Restaurant serving Spanish Mediterranean cuisine. Carlos has a passion for perfection and attracting sophisticated clientele. This is one of the reasons he decided to open his latest venture in the town of Woodbridge. Carlos felt the town definitely had a taste for this type of food and would support the "Tapas" concept. The location was formerly a restaurant/bakery and needed Carlos' magic touch to get that special feel of an authentic Spanish restaurant, where the traditional and the modern fuse in a coherent way. While old word concepts are kept, they use new techniques, reflecting the new culinary revolution where flavors and aromas play a very important role in the creation of their dishes. Solun's mission is to share the hospitality, innate at the Spanish culture, centered on gastronomy working together with a professional service.

I had a great experience at Solun, thoroughly enjoying every item I sampled (including its freshly baked bread). The cozy bar is great for a dinner or just a cocktail. The main dining room can accommodate private parties up to 56 and the smaller area seats 30. Open 7 days - Lunch (call for hours as they will be changing) - Dinner Sunday-Thursday - 4:30pm-9:30pm. Friday & Saturday - 4:30pm-10:30pm. Sunday Brunch - 11:30am-3:00pm - Reservations accepted - All major credit cards - Large parking lot surrounding building - Handicapped accessible - Family friendly with choices for kids. Catering is available for special occasions, both on & off premise.

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Final notes: Make a visit soon to this charming and cozy "Tapas" restaurant in Woodbridge. Carlos and his professional staff will make your dining experience very special, offering exceptional food, outstanding service and ambiance. He has come a long way since he left his family and birthplace 25 years ago. A true success story! Please remember to support our local family owned businesses. If you have a favorite restaurant e-mail susan@orangetownnews.com or susan@woodbridgetownnews.com - Welcome Woodbridge residents!

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The program is directed by Chris Patella, a certified PATH (Professional Association for Therapeutic Horsemanship, International) Instructor. Ms. Patella has been directing the therapeutic riding program at Spring Meadow Farm in Milford since 2010, but is delighted with the move to Turning Point Farm which can accommodate additional growth for both children and adult clients.

Ms. Patella is completing her Master's Degree in Recreational Therapy at Southern Connecticut State University this Fall. In addition to her work with the horses, she is also a professional dog trainer and conducts canine therapeutic programs as part of the organization's service.

Ms. Patella is a Connecticut State certified music educator and frequently incorporates music into both equine and canine programs.

Also on staff is certified instructor Maggie Reid. Ms. Reid is on the teaching staff of the Village School in North Haven. A graduate of Fairfield University in special education, Ms. Reid is currently working on a Master's Degree through St. Joseph University with a specialty in ABA therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Sloane Milstein is director of the regular riding program which offers lessons for volunteers who would like to help school and care for horses. Ms. Milstein is completing her Doctorate in Educational Leadership at Southern Connecticut State University and operates her company College Riding 101 which assists high school students in locating colleges and appropriate equestrian teams. She has served as the coach for Sacred Heart University's Equestrian Team and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to support the therapeutic program.

Animal Assisted Therapy Services is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering the powerful human/animal bond for persons with physical, cognitive, and psychosocial disabilities.

Volunteers are needed for many aspects of the organization including therapeutic riding. Training for the Fall session is on Saturday, September 8, 10-2:00pm.

Upcoming fundraising events include a "Family Fun Day" on October 13 at the farm and the annual "Jazz and Wine" at Lyric Hall in New Haven on November 3.

For more information and registration as a participant or volunteer, please contact Ms. Patella at info@animalassistedtherapyservices.org or (203) 804-5343.

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By Nancy Pfund



Babysitter Training Course

Twelve teens attended the eight hour Red Cross Babysitters Training Course offered by Woodbridge Youth Services on August 20th and 21st. Instructor Anna Maria Mauhs brought her knowledge and experience in basic childcare and first aid to the class. Students learned the Heimlich maneuver and ways to prevent injury to the child.



At the Babysitter Training Course

Summer Fun at Woodbridge Recreation Camp

Collaboration between the Library, Youth Services, and the Recreation Department in Woodbridge brought Keith Munslow to the Recreation Camp on July 24th to share his unique, interactive storytelling and his artistic talents, not to mention his wacky humor.

Youth Services also worked with the Woodbridge Recreation Department to bring the Arti Dixson Trio and the "History of Jazz" to the camp on July 31st. Students learned some of the big names in Jazz, and tried a little scat singing. Some played instruments and danced.



Kids dance and play to the Arti Dixson trio.

Job Bank Teens Waiting for Work

The Woodbridge Job Bank has numerous teenagers who are interested in babysitting, yard work, pet care, tutoring, party help and other odd jobs in Woodbridge. Many of our babysitters have Red Cross Babysitters Training. Please contact Youth Services at 203-389-3429 for more information.

Woodbridge Job Bank

Woodbridge residents between the ages of 13 and 17 who are interested in earning some money may call the Woodbridge Job Bank for an interview. Jobs may include yard work, office work, childcare, pet care, housework, tutoring or party help. Contact Woodbridge Youth Services at 203-389-3429 to join the Job Bank. It's a great way to gain work experience close to home.

Bethwood Bash

The Bethwood Bash (formerly known as the Youth Evening Program) provides safe, fun activities for all Woodbridge and Bethany seventh and eighth grade residents (including private school students). It's a great way for teens to socialize for a reasonable fee of \$5.00 and it offers dancing, games, and often an inflatable form of entertainment. There are always exciting raffle prizes and refreshments.

Seventh Grade Picnic

The Bash kicked off the season with the Seventh Grade Picnic on August 23rd on the Woodbridge Center Building Lawn with a giant slide and a DJ. The picnic brought together the incoming seventh graders from Woodbridge and Bethany. All enjoyed great pizza and games, and raffle at the end of the evening.




Keith Munslow & Emily

Laser Tag Coming in September

September 21st brings Laser Tag and a DJ to the Woodbridge Green from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. for \$5.00 a student. The Bethwood Bash moves into the Center Gym in the event of rain. Parents, grandparents, college students, and high school juniors and seniors are encouraged to volunteer. Only 7th and 8th grade residents of Woodbridge and Bethany may attend these events as they are sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany. Raffle prizes and monetary donations for the program are appreciated. For more information, please call 203-389-3429 or visit the Town of Woodbridge website for the Youth Services Department updates.

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HISTORY CORNER

With Muffy German

Upcoming Events & Remembering Civil War Soldiers

It is a pleasure to share the news of the Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society in this inaugural issue of The Woodbridge Town News. The society has a number of events coming up this fall. For October, we are planning a dedication celebration at the renovated one room South School on Johnson Road. In addition, third graders from Beecher Road School will tour the Darling House, and we will hold our annual Tag Sale in mid-October. Our next "Tavern Night" fundraising dinner is scheduled for November. Farming has returned on a small scale to the Darling property. Our new caretakers, Aaron and Caitlin Taylor have planted a large vegetable garden behind the house. Stop by on Sundays (10-5) to buy organically grown and supremely fresh produce, herbs and sunflowers!

At present, we are preparing for the Civil War Commemoration on Sunday September 23. Sponsored jointly by the town and the historical society, it is a town-wide undertaking. The event begins at noon with a parade from Amity High School to the town center. Groups marching in the parade include some local dignitaries, the re-enactors of Co. G of the 14th Connecticut Volunteer Regiment, Connecticut Blues Fife and Drum Corps, Abraham Lincoln himself, and other Woodbridge School and Civic Groups! The parade will end up at the Gazebo on Center Field across from the Town Green. There will be a short program to follow which includes Mr. Lincoln's reading of a portion of the Gettysburg Address, musical selections by Amity High School students, a reading of the Emancipation Proclamation and of the names of the Woodbridge soldiers who died in the war, and much more.

The town library is participating with a wonderful series of lectures, films, music and a Civil War themed book display. In addition, John Stewart has loaned an extensive collection of original Civil War prints from his Amity Art Foundation. They are on display in the meeting room and the hallway to the Woodbridge Room.

Last spring I took on the task of identifying the town's Civil War soldiers. The definitive book on the subject is *The Record of Connecticut Men in the War of the Rebellion*, published by the state in 1889. The historical so-

ciety owns the copy that belonged to Selectman Rollin C. Newton who was a friend of many of the soldiers. Organized by regiment, the book lists each man's name, rank, residence, and dates and details of service. Additional names and details came to light in the Town Journal and treasurer's books at the Town Hall. Staff members at the Town Clerk's office and the Library's Information Desk were wonderfully helpful with the search.

The US Census for 1860 was also useful. Woodbridge contained 208 families living in 195 houses. There were 416 white males, 449 white females, 2 black males and 4 black females. The census taker, John M. Sperry, completed his count in two days! He began at Uriah Clinton's hotel on Amity Road opposite Burnt Swamp Road. Among the first residents he counted were Mr. Clinton's son, Alison S. and James George Clinton who was working as a "soda laborer" at the Small Beer and Soda Water Factory next door. Within a few years both young men had left Woodbridge to fight in the Civil War.

The list of soldiers remains a "best guess". Some Woodbridge soldiers were mistakenly listed as New Haven residents in official documents. On the other hand, some enlistees credited to Woodbridge came from other towns to receive our "enlistment bounty". The total of about 75 men includes two black soldiers and recent immigrants from Germany and Ireland. To return to the two teenage Clintons counted in the 1860 census, Alison served in the navy from 1864-65; James G. joined the 27th Regiment and was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg. Forty years later in 1900, Selectman Rollin Newton made a touching pencil note on the Application for a Headstone for Clinton: "P.S. Be sure to have the name George on this stone as he was never called anything else. He was a neighbor and schoolmate of mine".

So, please join us to remember the Woodbridge men who served and to celebrate Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. Bring a lunch and picnic on the field (some chairs provided). Food will be available for sale from Russ Arpaia and his "Fire Dog" complete food service truck as well as treats from Robin Schaeffer's Four Flours Bakery. There is plenty of free parking at Amity High School as well as the Town Hall and Library Lots. Come. Learn. Enjoy!

Civil War Commemoration
@ Woodbridge Library

Schedule of Events:

CHILDREN'S CRAFTS @ THE LIBRARY

Civil War Storycraft
Tuesday, August 21st @ 6:30pm for ages 5-10
Make your own Civil War drum.

All About Abe
Saturday, September 15th @ 2:00pm for ages 5+
Make your very own craft of Abe Lincoln out of cardboard tubes and other assorted supplies.

Civil War Collage
Thursday, September 20th @ 6:30pm for ages 7+
Create a collage out of Civil War replica coins, tokens, and paper money to take home.

FILMS @ THE LIBRARY

Cold Mountain
Thursday, August 9th @ 7:00pm
Charles Frazier's best-selling novel is brought to the screen in this critically-acclaimed adaptation. At the dawn of the Civil War, the men of Cold Mountain, North Carolina rush to join the Confederate army. Left behind are the women who love them, and they must find the will to survive as the war drags on. Starring Nicole Kidman, Jude Law and Renee Zellweger in her Oscar-winning performance. (2003, Rated [R] 154 minutes)

Friendly Persuasion
Thursday, August 23rd @ 7:00pm
A Quaker family lives a peaceful and productive life in a prosperous Indiana farming community during the Civil War. They also preach non-violence and remain neutral as far as the war and fighting goes. Their peaceful coexistence is tested, along with their faith and their beliefs, when a Confederate army threatens their area. Starring Gary Cooper, Dorothy McGuire and Anthony Perkins. (1956, Rated [NR] 137 minutes)

Ride with the Devil
Thursday, September 6th @ 7:00pm
A rumination on identity and loyalty, *Ride with the Devil* is a provocative challenge to preconceptions about America's bloodiest conflict. Set during the Kansas-Missouri border war, the film follows Jake and Jack, who join the Confederate-sympathizing Bushwhackers after Jack's father is killed by abolitionist Jayhawkers, and find an unusual ally in a former slave. Directed by Ang Lee and starring Tobey Maguire, Skeet Ulrich, Jewel & Jeffrey Wright. (1999, Rated [R] 148 minutes)

Glory
Thursday, September 20th @ 7:00pm
Widely regarded as perhaps the best film ever made about the Civil War, *Glory* tells the heart-stopping story of the first black regiment to fight for the North in the Civil War. Starring Matthew Broderick, Morgan Freeman, and Denzel Washington in his Oscar-winning performance. (1989, Rated [R] 124 minutes)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd - CIVIL WAR
COMMEMORATION BY TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE @ NOON**

Civil War Commemoration
@ Woodbridge Library

Schedule of Events:

ADULT PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Book Discussion w/Mark Schenker: *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara
Tuesday, August 14th @ 7:00pm
Yale University Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Mark Schenker will lead a discussion of Michael Shaara's Pulitzer Prize winning novel *The Killer Angels*, an historical novel about the Battle of Gettysburg. Copies of *The Killer Angels* will be available for checkout at the Circulation Desk for all registered participants.

Author Tom Craughwell: *The Plot to Steal Lincoln's Body*
Wednesday, September 5th @ 7:00pm
On the night of the presidential election in 1876, a gang of Irish immigrant counterfeiters out of Chicago attempted to steal the entombed embalmed body of Abraham Lincoln and hold it for ransom. In a lively and dramatic narrative, Thomas J. Craughwell returns to this bizarre, and largely forgotten, event taking us through the planning and execution of the crime and the outcome of the investigation.

Author Matt Bartlett: *Gettysburg: The Forgotten Day*
Tuesday, September 11th @ 7:00pm
Author Matt Bartlett will discuss the events of July 1, 1863, the "forgotten" day of the Battle of Gettysburg. You will learn, through the stories of many individuals, even a heroic dog, that the day was, in fact, quite unforgettable. Included will be discussion of some of the most important areas of the battlefield, including Herbst's Woods, Oak Ridge, the Railroad Cut, and McPherson's Ridge.

Performer Rick Spencer: *The Greatest Hits of the Civil War*
Tuesday, September 18th @ 7:00pm
The Greatest Hits of the Civil War: America's First Professional Songwriters is a program of compositions by four of the nation's earliest popular songwriters. Songs by Dan Emmett, Stephen Foster, George F. Root and Henry Clay Work were known and loved by Americans on both sides of the War. These songs give remarkable insight into the character of the American people at the time of our country's greatest and most divisive conflict. This program includes a discussion of the phenomenon of the American minstrel show and its cultural impact, both positive and negative, on our culture.

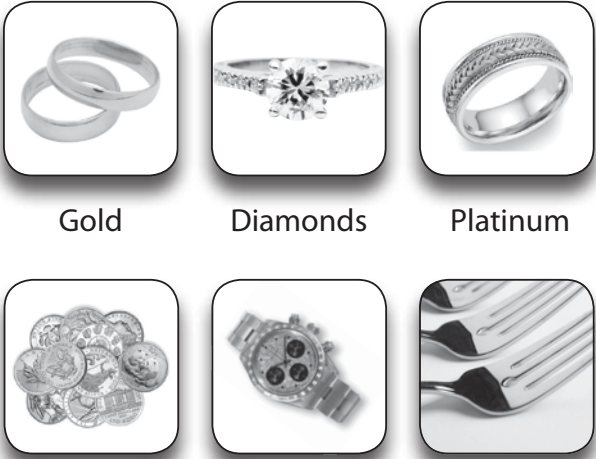
Registration is required for all programs—please call 203.389.3433 to register.

ART EXHIBIT: The Civil War—A Remembrance

The Art Exhibit for the months of August and September is entitled *The Civil War—A Remembrance*, and will be on display in our Meeting Room. John Stewart will display Civil War lithographs, wood carvings, and prints. The exhibit in the Meeting Room will be open to the public on Sunday, September 23rd for two hours, immediately following the culmination of the Town's Civil War Commemoration activities.

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70 Score and 10 Years Woodbridge to Commemorate the Civil War

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

It is 150 years that the nation was involved in an extraordinary carnage on its very own turf, and the town of Woodbridge in conjunction with the Historical Society, has planned a public and very special commemoration of that struggle. It will be part re-enactment, part procession, part remembrance and assembly.

On Sunday, September 23, at about 12:30 p.m., a parade will step off from the high school, and marching to the beat of the Connecticut Blues Fife and Drum Corps, will proceed down Newton Road and Meetinghouse Lane to the gazebo green. Somewhere at the front of that procession will be President Lincoln, in tailcoat and top hat, impersonated by Amity senior Max Richie, and the president's entourage. They will be protected by 15 men with muskets of Company G, 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

Also in the lineup are Secretary of State William Seward (aka Historical Society president Don Menzies) and Pennsylvania war Governor Andrew Curtin, portrayed by Woodbridge Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella. First Selectman Ed Sheehy will be Ward Hill Laman, the marshal of the Gettysburg dedication; he will read a part of the Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves. Administrative Officer Joe Hellauer, Laman's deputy by the name of Benjamin Brown French, will be reading a letter from a Union Army soldier.

Students and parents of Beecher Road School and Ezra Academy are invited to march in the procession, representing the people of Gettysburg. Representing mostly farmers, they are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing, jeans, work boots and flannel shirts. Boy Scouts and the fire department are invited to participate.

Once assembled at the green, Lincoln will deliver the Gettysburg Address, and Laman (Ed Sheehy) will deliver the Emancipation Proclamation. Both Amity and Beecher chorus are scheduled to sing songs from that period. The actual historic marker for this celebration is the Emancipation Proclamation from September 22, 1862. However, due to the availability of the Fife and Drum Corps, it will take place on September 23, said Town Administrative Officer Joe Hellauer. He and Woodbridge Historian Dr. Marvin Arons were instrumental in organizing the event.

Library Exhibit

At the same time the Amity Arts Foundation, in conjunction with the Historical Society and the library, has arranged for an exhibit of period prints and lithographs in the Library meeting room and mezzanine area. The collection of etchings by Edwin Forbes, titled "Life Studies of the Great Army," depicts the experiences of participants in that war. The exhibit will be open to the public at the conclusion of the ceremony on the 23rd. Of course, it can also be viewed at any time the library is open.

Muffy German of the Historical Society has researched the names of Woodbridge soldiers who may or may not have come back from that war, and many of the family names still live on, if not in the phone book, then in street names, such as the Beecher, Baldwin and Bradley. Wilson Kinnach, professor of American studies and member of the Historical Society, dressed as Secretary of War Edwin Stanton, will read an honor scroll of dead Civil War soldiers from Woodbridge.

In addition to the ceremony, the library has put together a whole slate of activities, both entertaining and educational. There is a series of movies which deal with the Civil War, there are storytime crafts sessions for the children and for their parents, author visits as well as a well-attended book discussion.

A special treat should be a program of "Greatest Hits of the Civil War: America's First Professional Songwriters," a program of songs by Dan Emmett, Stephen Foster, George Root and Henry Clay Work, Tuesday, September 18, 7 p.m. These songs were loved by 19th Century Americans on both sides of the war. Rick Spencer presents.

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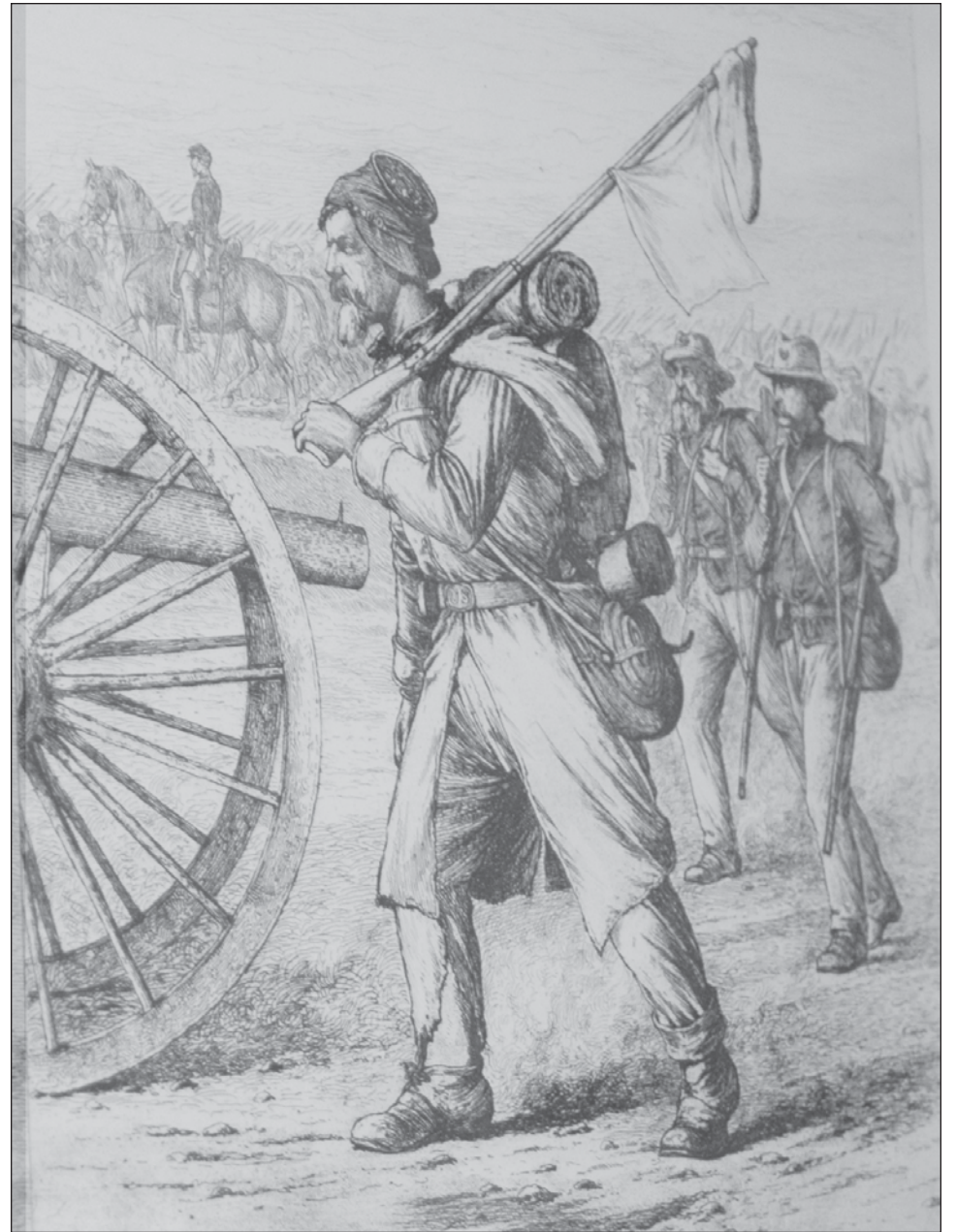
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Arts and Craft

In addition to the movies, the library is offering Civil War related craft projects for children:

All About Abe — Saturday, September 15, 2 p.m. Children ages 5+ make their own craft of Abe Lincoln out of cardboard tubes; and

Civil War collage — Thursday, September 20, 6:30 p.m., children ages 7 and up create a collage out of replica coins, tokens and paper money to take home.



The etchings by Edward Fosterer show daily life of a soldier, here carrying his laundry to dry on his rifle.



A collection of Civil War prints is on display at the library to complement the month-long series of events commemorating the Civil War.

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Pantochino Productions Inc. Open Call, Tuesday, September 11, 2012 and Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 6:00-9:00pm, former St. Ann's School, 501 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford, looking for musical theatre performers. For details, visit www.pantochino.com.

Woodbridge Human Services Commission "Warm Hearts Warm Homes" Fundraiser, Thursday, September 13, 2012, 7:00-9:00pm, The Country Club of Woodbridge, 50 Woodfield Road, \$30/ticket. For reservations, call Human Services at 203-389-3429 or email humanservices@woodbridgect.org.

Board of Assessment Appeals Open Session, Saturday, September 15, 2012, 9am-12pm, Town Hall, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, to hear appeals relating to assessments on Motor Vehicles on the Grand List of October 1, 2011, applications must be filled out prior to your appeal and returned to the Assessor's office no later than September 13th. Call the Assessor's Office at 203-389-3416 to schedule an appointment.

Woodbridge Republican Football & Fun Event, Sunday, September 16, 2012, 12:00-4:00pm, Winchester Sports Bar, 12 Seldon Street, NY Giants vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, \$35/burger or Portobello, fries, coleslaw, glass of beer or wine. For more information contact: annadickerson@yahoo.com or dorothyjmartino@yahoo.com; or www.Woodbridgegop.org.

Town Civil War Commemoration, Sunday, September 23, 2012, 12:30pm beginning at the high school and ending at the gazebo green. Come see historical figures from the Civil War come alive!

Amity Arts Foundation, Historical Society & Library Exhibit, Sunday, September 23, 2012, approximately 12:30pm, Library meeting room and mezzanine area, Civil War period prints and lithographs, movies, and arts & crafts for the kids.

Woodbridge 31st Annual Road Race, Saturday, October 6, 2012, Fun Run/9:00 am, Fitzgerald Cornfield for children 12 and under; 5K road race/10:30 am on Meetinghouse Lane; all proceeds benefit the Woodbridge Food and Fuel Assistance and recreational programs. Registration fees - Fun Run/\$15.00, 5K/\$18.00 before Sept. 29th and \$20.00 after that date. You may also register the day of the race. To register or for more information, contact the Woodbridge Recreation Department, 40 Beecher Road, (203)389-3446 or The Woodbridge Running Company, 7 Landin Street, Woodbridge.

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

Congregation Or Shalom Upcoming Events:

All Events Are Open To Non-Members

Religious School Registration: Registration for our Sunday school and Hebrew school is now in progress. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact the office. For 2012-2013, your first year membership is free when you enroll your child in our religious school (new members only). Please call the office for more information at 203-799-2341.



Congregation
Or Shalom

Annual Gazebo Service, Friday, September 7, 7:00 PM: Join us as we hold an outdoor Friday night Shabbat Service under the Gazebo at High Plains Community Center. The Rabbi will bring his guitar and lead us in a joyful "sing-along" service. Approximately 100 people attended last years' Service. Some chairs are provided but we encourage you to bring your own lawn chair. (Note: the grounds will be available prior to the Or Shalom event, if you would like to bring a blanket and picnic.)

Community Yizkor Service, Wednesday, September 26, 4:00 PM: Congregation Or Shalom is once again offering all non-members an opportunity to come to a free community-wide Yizkor Memorial Service on Yom Kippur Day. This service, which will last under an hour, is open to the public without any membership obligation. No reservations/tickets are needed.

Zumba Gold: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Join Zumba Gold with coach Robin Allen each week for a one hour class. Call Robin for more information at 203-314-8176.

Naming Babies: Does your Jewish child need a Hebrew name? If so, we will provide him/her with one. There is no charge and this is open to Congregation Or Shalom members and non-members. Call the Or Shalom office at 799-2341.

Services:

- Sunday mornings: 9:00 am
- Monday mornings: 7:30 am
- Thursday mornings: 7:30 am
- Friday evenings: 7:00 pm (the first Friday of each month is our Family Service where Rabbi Wainhaus reads the children a story in lieu of a sermon. Following the Service, there will be a dairy Oneg Shabbat-refreshments.)
- Saturday mornings: 9:30 am
- Seeking vendors for their Fall Fair on Sunday, October 7. For details, call Paul at 203-283-5096.

Temple Emanuel Announces Hebrew School Registration for 2012-13

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Temple Emanuel

Temple Emanuel, located in Orange, is dedicated to life-long Jewish learning. As a small Reform synagogue, our members have the opportunity to know one another and to have meaningful input into how our synagogue and school operate. Recognizing that knowledge of our heritage is necessary to form a serious and sincere bond with Judaism, we have made education our highest priority. To this end, Temple Emanuel offers an educational program from preschool through Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation. Temple membership is free for the first year for new families with children in preschool through grade 4.

Our Hebrew program, Mitkadem, uses a self-paced and child-centered approach to teaching and learning Hebrew and prayer. This allows each student to work individually with a teacher or tutor to learn Hebrew according to his/her own ability.

CHAI, our Judaic program is centered on the Torah, Avodah (making sacred connections to G-d, self and the community) and G'milit (making the world a better place). And Chavaya, a new post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah program for teens in grades 8 and 9, will teach leadership skills and allow students to work with our Rabbi on an innovative video project.

The 2012-2013 school year starts on September 9th, so contact our Head Teacher, Janet Adams via e-mail: school@templemanuel-gnh.org or call the Temple Office at 203-397-3000 now!

Church of the Good Shepherd Events

Weekly Services Starting September 9, 2012

Sundays:

- 8:00 a.m. - Eucharist;
- 10:00 a.m. - Eucharist with music followed by fellowship hour; and
- 5:30 p.m. - "Come just as you are" Eucharist" with music.



Church of the
Good Shepherd

Wednesdays:

- 7:00 p.m. - Evening Service of Prayer and Healing with Communion;

Christian Formation

All Ages begins September 16; Registration September 9, after the 10:00 a.m. service or call the office 203.795.6577.

Adults 9:00 a.m.- 9:45 a.m.

Children (Pre-k-6thGrade) 9:45 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group - all 6th-12th Graders are welcome Friday evenings from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. beginning 9/21. Fun, fellowship, and Christian formation.

Bible Study – Lectionary based

- Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Friday Evening at 7p.m. - call church office for more information (starts 9/21)
- Saturdays 9:30 a.m. (starts 9/22)

Women's Spirituality

If you would like to deepen your relationship with God, through conversation, reading and group spiritual direction, join other like-minded women as companions on this journey of faith. We will meet the fourth Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 6 pm in the parish hall. For more information contact Rev. Ann at rectorofcgs@optonline.net or call the office at 203-795-6577.

Stretching For the Body and Soul

Session I, September 4th- October 10th (6 weeks) \$20 for the session. Meets from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bring a yoga mat and a bottle of water. Prepare your day with a gentle combination of stretching and meditation.

The Godfather's Meshugenner Wedding

Saturday October 6th at 6pm. Tickets on sale and going fast! Call the church for tickets 203.795.6577.

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An application must be filled out prior to your appeal and returned to the Assessor's office no later than September 13th. Call the Assessor's Office at 203-389-3416 to schedule an appointment.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE Exemptions to Be Filed

The Woodbridge Assessor's Office reminds you that Veterans who have not filed their honorable discharge papers (DD-214) with the Town Clerk must do so by September 30, 2012.

Veterans with a disability rating from the Veterans Administration are reminded that these papers must be filed in the Assessor's Office by September 30, 2012.

Additionally, Certificates of Legal Blindness and Social Security Disability Certificates should be filed in the Assessor's Office by September 30, 2012.

Farm, Forest and Open Space applications are available in the Assessor's Office and should be filed between September 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012.

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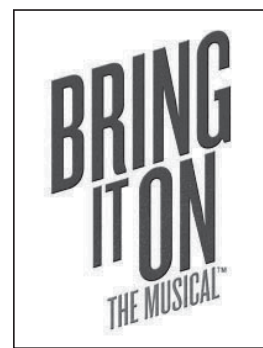
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THEATER REVIEW

"Bring It On —The Musical" at the St. James Theatre in New York City

by Zander Opper

On Broadway, shows opening during the summer months have grown increasingly rare, with many producers choosing instead to present their productions in April or May, just in time for the Tony Awards. Well, "Bring It On—The Musical", the sunny new show that has just recently taken root at the St. James Theatre, has decided to buck the trend and it's nice to report



that this musical is as bubbly and sweet as the best summer refreshments one may indulge in. Based on the 2000 motion picture of the same name, "Bring It On—The Musical" is actually a touring production intended for just a limited run on Broadway. However, the pedigree of this show's creative team is about as stellar as you will see nowadays—both its book writer, Jeff Whitty, songwriting team of Tom Kitt and Lin-Manuel Miranda, and director, Andy Blankenbuehler all have Tony Awards to their credit. Considering that "Bring It On" concerns the feather-weight story of the competition between two rival high school cheerleading squads, one could lament that talents of this level haven't aspired to a musical of loftier heights. But when a show can be as feel-good and downright fun as "Bring It On" often is, who cares? With a catchy score, a talented company, and a bright production, "Bring It On" can certainly be considered a winner.

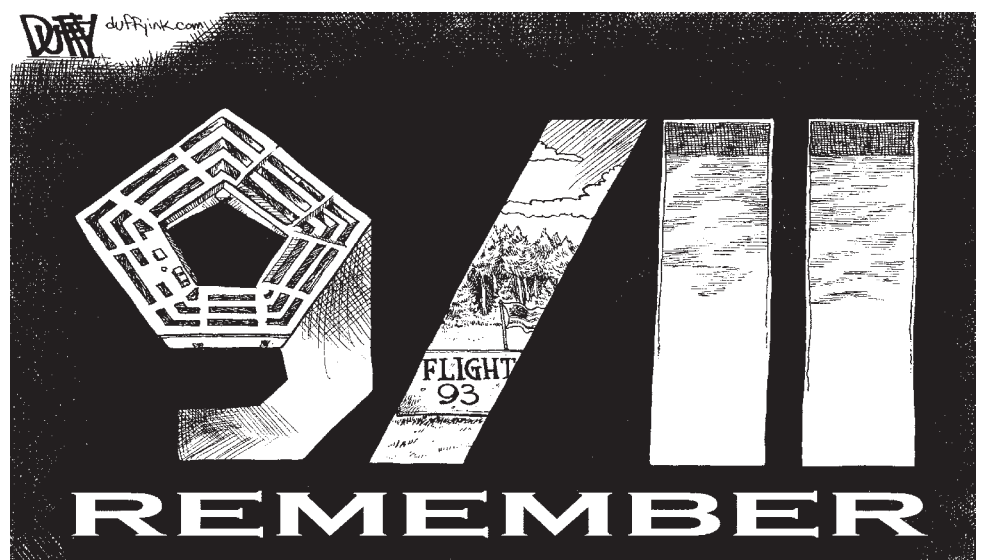


Zander Opper

A word must immediately be said about how wonderful this cast of young performers is. A record 32 actors are making their Broadway debuts in "Bring It On," but you could hardly tell, considering how tremendously gifted this company is, both singly and as a whole. In the lead role of Campbell, one of the head cheerleaders, Taylor Louderman is a joy and, like everyone else onstage, one truly cares about her character and how the final cheerleading competition will turn out. Indeed, one of the best things about Jeff Whitty's book is that he has taken the various high school stereotypes (the most popular girl, the "outcast," etc.) and turned them into unique people that one can root for. Also shining in the cast is Adrienne Warren, as the most popular girl from the rival high school, and Ryann Redmond, as the misfit who ends up not only a cheerleader, but lands a guy, as well. However, special mention must be made about Gregory Haney as La Cienega—he is easily the most endearing and funniest drag character since Angel in "Rent," gets all the best lines, and pretty much walks away with the show.

Of course, I have yet to even mention the most significant aspect of this musical—the mind-boggling, gravity-defying cheerleading routines that are pretty much the reason that "Bring It On" was created in the first place. As staged by director/choreographer Andy Blankenbuehler, these routines are downright astonishing and every last actor in the company has been drilled to the point where the performers are almost flying through the air, to heights that Broadway has never seen before. And the fact that these young actors make everything look so easy makes their incredible feats of acrobatics all the more jaw-dropping.

However, in "Bring It On," these cheerleading routines make up only about fifteen to twenty minutes of an over two hour show. What really makes this musical work is that the score is pretty much terrific from the first song on (and I should mention that the co-lyricist is Amanda Green, daughter of the late, renowned Adolf Green, easily one of the best writers that Broadway has ever seen); there are at least a half dozen lines that are flat-out, fall-out-of-your-seat funny; and the company is wholly endearing. By all means, get yourself to "Bring It On—The Musical" at the St. James Theatre, for a show that is this much of a kick and this refreshing—with a cast this amazing—is just too good to pass up. For tickets, you can call Telecharge at 212-239-6200 or go to www.bringitonmusical.com.



ENTERTAINMENT

top 10 movies

- 1. The Bourne Legacy (PG-13)**
Jeremy Renner, Rachel Weisz
- 2. The Campaign (R)**
Will Ferrell, Zach Galifianakis
- 3. The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)**
Christian Bale, Michael Caine
- 4. Hope Springs (PG-13)**
Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones
- 5. Total Recall (PG-13)**
Colin Farrell, Bokeem Woodbine
- 6. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG)**
Zachary Gordon, Robert Capron
- 7. Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG)**
animated
- 8. Ted (R)**
Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis
- 9. Step Up: Revolution (PG-13)**
Ryan Guzman, Kathryn McCormick
- 10. The Watch (R)**
Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn

TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

- 1. Lockout (PG-13)**
Guy Pearce
- 2. American Reunion (R)**
Jason Biggs
- 3. The Three Stooges (PG)**
Sean Hayes
- 4. Silent House (R)**
Elizabeth Olsen
- 5. 21 Jump Street (R)**
Jonah Hill
- 6. Friends With Kids (R)**
Jennifer Westfeldt
- 7. Get the Gringo (R)**
Mel Gibson
- 8. Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13)**
Sam Worthington
- 9. Casa de mi Padre (R)**
Will Ferrell
- 10. Intruders (R)**
Clive Owen

Chartbusters

- Top 10 Pop Singles**
- 1. Carly Rae Jepsen**
"Call Me Maybe"
 - 2. Ellie Goulding**
"Lights"
 - 3. Flo Rida**
"Whistle"
 - 4. Katy Perry**
"Wide Awake"
 - 5. Maroon 5 feat. Wiz Khalifa**
"Payphone"
 - 6. Gotye feat. Kimbra**
"Somebody That I Used To Know"
 - 7. Rihanna**
"Where Have You Been"
 - 8. David Guetta feat. Sia**
"Titanium"
 - 9. Phillip Phillips**
"Home"
 - 10. Pink**
"Blow Me (One Last Kiss)"
- Top 10 Country Singles**
- 1. Kenny Chesney**
"Come Over"
 - 2. Love and Theft**
"Angel Eyes"
 - 3. Gloriana**
"(Kissed You) Good Night"
 - 4. Blake Shelton**
"Over"
 - 5. Little Big Town**
"Pontoon"
 - 6. The Band Perry**
"Postcard From Paris"
 - 7. Josh Turner**
"Time Is Love"
 - 8. Dierks Bentley**
"5-1-5-0"
 - 9. Jana Kramer**
"Why Ya Wanna"
 - 10. Keith Urban**
"For You"



Ellie Goulding

COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEWS BY DNA SMITH



Emily Blunt

EDITOR'S NOTE: New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of September 3rd, 2012.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"The Five-Year Engagement" (R) -- Jason Segel and Emily Blunt star in this charming romantic comedy about modern couplehood. It starts when Segel proposes to Blunt by the San Francisco bay, and everything is great. Then she gets accepted into a prestigious academic program in Michigan, so the wedding is put on hold and moved to the Midwest. And from there, the delays and little surprises keep on coming, and the length of the movie extends to over two hours.

Segel is proving himself a formidable writer/star. He plays the loveable goof like he was born for it. Blunt is adorable and has no trouble with on-screen chemistry. Chemistry seems to come to her so easily she might as well be hydrogen. If you can handle the run

time and get past the sagging middle section, "The Five-Year Engagement" just might pay off.

"Safe" (R) -- Jason Statham is right where he needs to be on this one -- a get-what-you-paid-for straightforward action flick that delivers. This time he's a beaten-down cage fighter who ran afoul of the Russian mafia and lost his family. When he notices the gangsters who ruined his life are attacking a little girl, Statham springs into action without knowing the whole story.

This is the pasta with meat sauce of action flicks -- nearly impossible to mess up. The recipe is simple: A washed-up tough guy protecting an innocent from the pointless cruelty of an evil organization must shoot, punch, drive and grimace his way to redemption. If it's a rental action flick you want, know that "Safe" lives up to its title.

DOG OF THE WEEK

"Piranha 3DD" (R) -- A sequel to a painfully unfunny self-parody from 2010, this gorefest has about as much wit as the breast joke in its title. Once again, a bunch of annoying young people clamoring for a party by a body of water are exposed to an army of hungry, computer-generated piranhas. Too many winks at the audience and not enough talent behind the camera make this wannabe shocker an irredeemable waste of time.

"Re-Animator" (R) -- For a reminder of what a ghastly horror comedy can be, check out this re-release of the classic 1985 thriller. Based on a short story by H.P. Lovecraft, master of chills, this flick injects deadpan humor into a story about a science gone wrong. Dr. Herbert West invents a serum that can bring dead tissue to life, but his breakthrough is taken over by his corrupt superior, who uses it on himself.

- Name the group that released "Quinn the Eskimo (Mighty Quinn)" in 1968.
- Who recorded "We Don't Talk Anymore," and when?
- Which group had hits with "Sleeping Bag" and "Stages"?
- Don Van Vliet performed under what stage name?
- Name the singer-songwriter who had a No. 1 hit with "Never Gonna Fall in Love Again."
- Which group released "Where Did Our Love Go," "Baby Love" and "Come See About Me"?



1. Manfred Mann. The song was written by Bob Dylan in 1967. 2. British pop singer Cliff Richard, in 1979. Richard was awarded an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) for his services to music. 3. ZZ Top, both in 1985 on their "A Herd of Madness" album. The group started as a blues band but moved toward rock. VH-1's "100 Greatest Artists of Hard Rock" list ranks them as No. 44. 4. Captain Beefheart. He released 13 albums during his career and was said to have a vocal range of five octaves. 5. Eric Carmen, in 1976. He reached the top of the charts again in 1988 with "Make Me Lose Control." 6. The Supremes. All were No. 1 hits in 1964.

Sudoku answers on page 32

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

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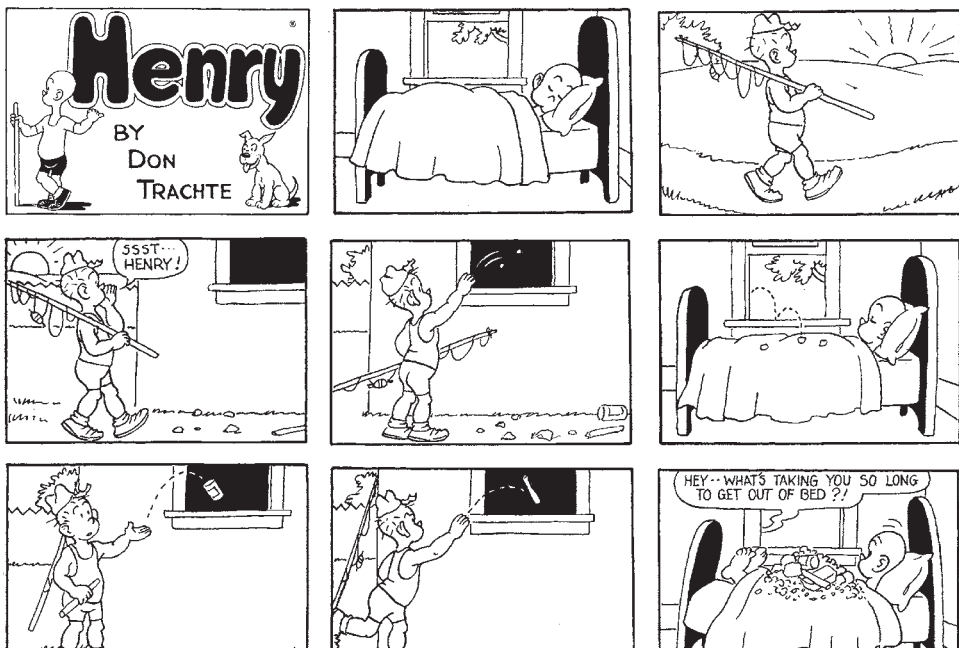
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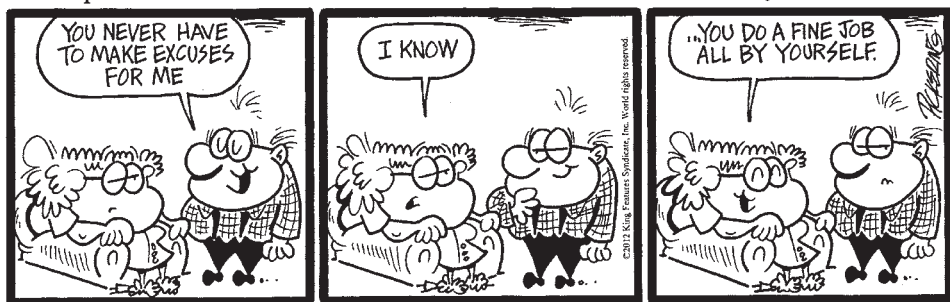
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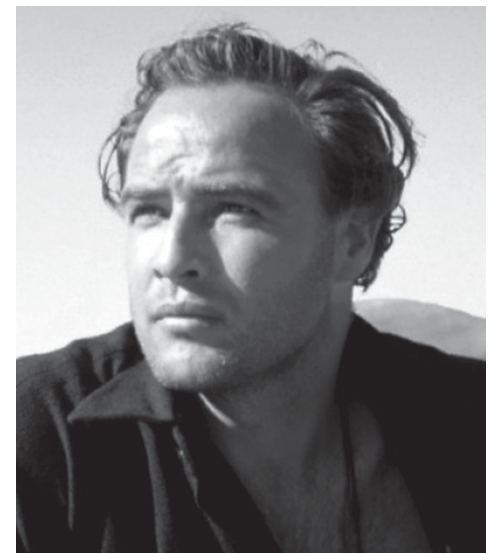
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- 39 Advantage
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- 45 Cowboy nickname

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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Marlon Brando

HOLLYWOOD -- In 1960, Marlon Brando was scouting locations for "Mutiny on the Bounty." He fell in love with Tetiaroa, a 27-square-mile atoll, 33 miles north of Tahiti, with 1,445 acres of sand and 4.5 acres of lagoon, 100 feet deep. Brando bought the island for \$300,000 and dreamed of making it part environmental laboratory and part resort. After his death in 2004, executors for his estate paved the way for a Tahitian developer to create a world-class sustainable resort. In 2013, Brando's greatest dream will become a reality when "The Brando Resort" finally opens. Drawing power from solar energy, deep ocean-water cooling and coconut-oil biofuel, it can sustain 35 villas with 100 percent renewable energy, and is set back from the beach, in accordance with Brando's wishes. That's one place you'll never see "A Streetcar Named Desire"!

A fan wrote to ask: "What's become of "Gossip Girl's" Chace Crawford's movie career? In May, he appeared in "What to Expect When You're Expecting," with Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Lopez, Dennis Quaid and Chris Rock. The film took in \$74 million; unfortunately, it cost \$40 million just to produce. In June, he appeared in "Peace, Love & Misunderstanding," with Jane Fonda, Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Rosanna Arquette. The film took in a paltry \$105,960 in the U.S. because of unfavorable reviews. Two other projects, one with Katie Holmes, and the other, "The House Gun," about a South African man accused of killing his housemate, with Pierce Brosnan as his father, seem to be lost in limbo. And he dodged a bullet when he dropped out of the "Footloose" remake ... maybe Chace should fire whoever is picking his movies!

Due to the major studios running scared, playing revolving door for the best release dates, we can't believe how many films have been pushed back to next year. "The Great Gatsby," directed by "Moulin Rouge's" Baz Luhrmann, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Tobey Maguire and Carey Mulligan was scheduled for an August release, but now will not open until sometime next year. "The Man of Steel" with British actor Henry Cavill as Superman, along with Amy Adams, Michael Shannon, Kevin Costner, Diane Lane and Laurence Fishburne, won't open until June 2013.

The George Clooney/Sandra Bullock flick "Gravity" has been delayed until sometime in 2013. Josh Brolin, Ryan Gosling, Nick Nolte, Emma Stone and Sean Penn won't be seen in "Gangster Squad" until January. Sylvester Stallone's "Bullet to the Head," Brad Pitt's "World War Z," Jeremy Renner's "Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters" and Channing Tatum's "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" also have been pushed to next year. By the time these films come out, we may have read so much about them we'll think we've already seen them!

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“Millennials” In Good Position To Invest for The Future

If you were born anywhere from 1982 to 2001, or within a few years of this range, you are considered a “Millennial.” As a member of this group, you share many things — cultural references, familiarity with technology, attitudes toward work and family — with others your age. And if you’re one of the “older” Millennials, you and your peers have something else in common — specifically, you have a good opportunity to launch investment strategies to help you save for the future.

Why are you so well positioned to invest for the future? For one thing, it’s because you have so much of the future ahead of you. As an investor, time is your greatest ally, for a couple of reasons. First, the more years you have to invest, the greater the growth potential of your investments. And second, by investing for the long term, you can help reduce the impact of periods of short-term volatility on your portfolio.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Local Player Competes in the World Series

Jack Nolan of Woodbridge just returned from playing in the AABC 12U Baseball World Series in Toa Baja, Puerto Rico from August 1-5. His baseball team, CT Combat, out of Cheshire, is a travel baseball team made up of local 12U players from surrounding communities. The Combat took 5th place out of the 10 teams competing. Combat had to win the State Championships in Waterbury to advance to the North Atlantic Regional's held in Springfield, MA. They, along with 5 other teams from around the country, won their Regional's to advance to the World Series.

This is Jack's second trip to Puerto Rico to play in a World Series. Jack went to Puerto Rico in 2010 to compete in the 10U World Series with his CT team, The Stealth, out of Hamden. Last year Jack's CT Combat team participated in the AABC 11U World Series which was held in Brooklyn, NY, where they placed 2nd.



My Olympic Experience

By Stephen Bailey

Four African men adorned with green and white checkered robes walked slowly and indecisively through the Olympic Park. Standing shoulder-to-shoulder, each holding a musical instrument, the quartet was lost amongst a mass of thousands of fans, cluttering past each side of them. Walking by, I approached the man farthest to the left. Trumpet tucked under his left arm, he introduced himself as Peter — a member of the Nigerian army's national band. Peter and his band mates were looking for the basketball arena as Nigeria was set to take on Lithuania later that afternoon.

My friend Mike Chirokas and I also had tickets to the basketball game as well as the three following it including United States-Tunisia. We ended up walking through the park with Peter and sitting with him for one of the later games. We became friends with him, exchanged email addresses and even met up during the Games twice more. Only at the Olympics.

During my 17-day stay in London, I came in contact with people from dozens of other countries, befriending Africans, South Americans and Europeans, among others. London, an already diverse city, was flooded with supporters from across the globe. That atmosphere was like none other I'd ever experienced. Athletes, coaches and fans alike - everyone in the city was there for the Games, and everyone was having the time of their lives. You sat down at an event already knowing you'd become friendly with those sitting around you. U.S. rowing alternate and friend Mike Gennaro summed it up well: "It all just blends together as the greatest thing that's ever been assembled in my life."

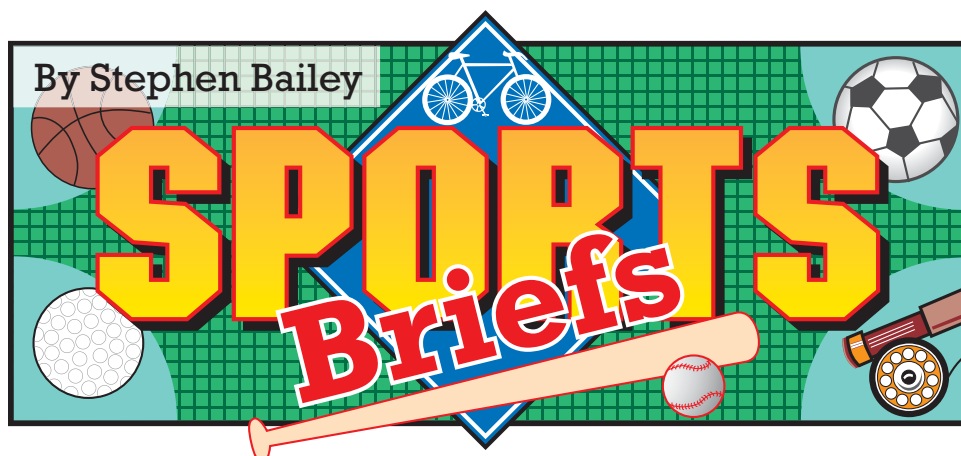
My personal highlight reel included watching the U.S. women's soccer team win gold over Japan in a packed Wembley Stadium and Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh-Jennings win their third straight beach volleyball gold in what was likely their last-ever match, as well as attending Olympic athlete meet-and-greets at the Visa Lounge (located in the basement of the IOD hotel in Central London) with Greg Louganis, Brandy Chastain and Nastia Liukin, among others.

Traveling with Mike, a friend from Syracuse University, we ventured the host city, attending roughly 15 events each — taking in the sights and sounds of the venues—and spent most of our free time at the Visa lounge, taking advantage of the free food and drink and making friends with the other Chase Visa card holders admitted inside. Renting a flat in West Norwood, a suburb one hour outside of London via the National Rail, we generally spent 12-plus hours each day away from home.

Peter Onwodi, who speaks broken English and works for a milk production company was just one of the international visitors we grew close with. One morning early in the trip, I met Jose, a Columbian man, on an Olympics ticket exchange website called SwapMyTicket.co.uk. He came to my flat in West Norwood and we swapped tickets. Spending July 30 at Wimbledon, Mike and I sat in the second row of the No. 2 Court. Watching the likes of Andy Roddick, Venus and Serena Williams and Roger Federer, I chatted with a German man named Andy who sat to my left. He had attended the last eight Davis Cups and knew the German trainer personally.

It seemed like we met someone new every other day, and everywhere we went, we brought our American flags. We waved them at events, wore them as capes from time to time and personally I tried to have as many current and former U.S. Olympians sign it as possible. Louganis, Chastain and Liukin were three of the bigger names to sign it, but David McKenzie, a U.S. indoor volleyball player who I sat next to at the women's volleyball final, and Gary Morgan, a 20k U.S. Olympic race walker in 1988 who I met at the Visa Lounge, also signed and inscribed it.

These Olympians, just like all the internationals we met during our time in London, were just as thrilled to be at the Games as we were. From the perspective of a college student who had never before traveled out of the country, the experience was perfect. The best 17 days of my life. I urge any student, or person, who considers attending the 2016 Games to pull the trigger. Go for it because I assure you, you won't regret it.



By Stephen Bailey

Amity Track Coach Named NHSACA Finalist

Amity High School's track and field coach, Thom Jacobs, has been named one of 44 finalists for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association coach of the year award. Jacobs has led the Spartans to a number of state championships in both indoor and outdoor track as well as a slew of Southern Connecticut Conference and Housatonic Division championships over the years. Many of his athletes went on to compete at the collegiate level, some earning All-American honors. However, his main focus as a coach was always to prepare his athletes as gentlemen before competitors. Jacobs was honored at a banquet in Fargo, ND earlier this month.

Orange Senior All-Stars Fall in Eastern Regional

The Orange Senior All-Stars won the state title to advance to the Eastern Regional tournament in West Deptford, NJ. Unfortunately, they suffered a 13-3 mercy-rule defeat to hosts West Deptford on August 4 and a 6-5 loss to Johnston, RI, in a back-and-forth affair on August 5.

After falling to West Deptford, Orange jumped out to a 2-1 lead over Johnston with first inning RBI hits from Tim Fox and Matt Daddio. Johnston battled back, though, taking a 3-2 lead into the fifth inning. Orange then regained control with two-run frames in both the fifth and sixth innings. Errors and wild pitching cost Johnston.

But Gerald Farace couldn't close out the victory on the mound. Johnston put up a four-spot in the bottom of the seventh to walk away with the victory.

Milford Post 196 Northeast Regional Champs Reach American Legion World Series

A dozen straight wins to open the postseason punched Milford's ticket to the American Legion World Series. Post 196 defeated Portland, Maine 9-1 in the Northeast Regional championship game on August 13 to cap that 12-win streak. But at the American Legion World Series in Shelby, N.C., Milford (30-8) lost to New Orleans 5-3 in 11 innings on August 17 and fell out of the double-elimination tournament after getting shut out 4-0 by Lakewood, CA on August 18. Still, it was a memorable run.

Milford wasted no time in jumping on Portland, scoring three-first inning runs — two courtesy of a Joe Zanghi home run. Two-out RBI singles by Zanghi and Shawn Cariglio bumped the Post 196 advantage to 5-0 after the second inning and Milford didn't look back from there. Cody Hadden threw a complete game, allowing just one run on six hits, to send his team to the national stage.

At the American Legion World Series in Shelby, NC, however, the bats went silent. Three runs in 20 innings didn't cut it as back-to-back losses ended Post 196's season. New Orleans jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning of the tournament opener, but Milford battled back. Cariglio and Jake Saley provided one-out singles in the bottom of the second. Then Christian Baglini knocked them home with a two-run triple and eventually scored on a Taylor Biagioni groundout.

The score remained tied at 3-3 all the way into the 11th inning. Milford starter Matt Ferraiolo settled down after the first, throwing nine strong frames of six-hit ball and keeping his team in contention. But with Baglini on the mound for his second inning of relief, New Orleans' Brady Williamson cranked a game-winning, two-run home run to left field.

The following morning, Lakewood pitchers Andrew Mendoza and Anthony Timmons combined to hold Milford to just three hits. A loss away from elimination, Post 196 got its best scoring chance in the seventh, placing two runners on base with only one out. But Timmons retired the next two batters with a strikeout and a flyout, eventually ending Post 196's season.

West Shore Advances to Junior League Softball World Series Semifinal

West Shore is a softball team composed of 12-14 year-old players from Milford, Orange and West Haven. After earning the title of East Regional champions, West Shore stormed through pool play at the Junior League Softball World Series with a 3-1 record. Wins over Eagle Pass, Texas, the Southwest champion, Prague Little League, the EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa) champion and ASOFEM Little League of Maunabo, Puerto Rico, the Latin American champion, propelled West Shore into the semifinal.

Though they fell to Escanaba, MI, 10-2 in the semi-final, it was an impressive run. And, it was a run keyed in part by the five Orange residents on the team: Jill Demaio, Katie Koshes, Teresa Marchitto, Addie Robbins and Janaya Young.

Demaio injured her leg in a crucial game against Puerto Rico—one that decided whether West Shore would advance to the semifinals or not. But she stayed in the game and eventually sealed the win by retiring the last two batters of the game. Marchitto's single in the third inning sparked one of two big rallies for West Shore as well.

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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A trusted colleague has news that could change your perception of a current workplace situation. What had seemed unfair might prove to be highly favorable after all.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You still need to watch what you say and how you say it. What you assert as honesty, others might perceive as Crabbiness. Be patient. This difficult period clears up by the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Royallness needs time away from the limelight to catch up on things, from tidying your desk to making those calls you've put off. You're back in the center of things by the weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Honesty is the best policy, of course. But you'll do better at achieving your goals if you can be less aggressive and more circumspect in how you phrase

your comments.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your ability to maintain your balance in confusing situations continues to work for you. Stay on the steady course, one step at a time. The weekend shows improvement.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your indecisiveness could simply be your keen Scorpian sense warning you to be wary of making a commitment. Take this time to do a more thorough investigation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good news: New information comes your way to help you make a more informed decision on how to deal with the opportunity that has opened up for you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to reinforce your self-confidence by acknowledging your good qualities to yourself. A lull in your social life ends by the weekend. Have fun.


AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to let those recently pent-up emotions flow more freely. Why not start by letting the people you care for know how you really feel about them?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Resist offers, no matter how well-intentioned, to help with a personal decision. Only you know what must be done, and you have the emotional strength to follow through.

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Acupuncture for Pets?



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I recently read an advertisement by a pet hospital that is offering acupuncture for pets. Does this even work for pets? I'm skeptical. -- Janice T., Orlando, Fla.

DEAR JANICE: I can't say for sure, but the idea of providing acupuncture treatment for pets is intriguing. Acupuncture has been shown to have positive results for humans trying to manage pain, and some anecdotal reports indicate that acupuncture might help reduce pain in animals, as well.

Wadsworth Animal Hospital in Lakewood, Colo., for example, recently reported that as many as 75 percent of the pets in its care treated with acupuncture experienced "a significant or major improvement, although some symptoms may remain."

The hospital used acupuncture to treat pets suffering from arthritis, hip dysplasia, nerve damage or other chronic health conditions. Pet acupuncture sounds pretty odd, and it's really a new type of treatment for pets, coming into vogue just in the past few decades. But it's not the only holistic pet treatment out there that looks to help improve pets' health without the use of drugs or surgery. And it's growing in popularity: some 800 pet acupuncturists are registered with the American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture (<http://www.aava.org>), the Washington Post reports, an increase of 600 since 2002.

So, how do you find a qualified acupuncturist for your pet? The AAVA has a listing on its site, but be sure to ask questions of the pet acupuncturist you find locally. He or she should be certified to practice veterinary medicine as well as veterinary acupuncture.

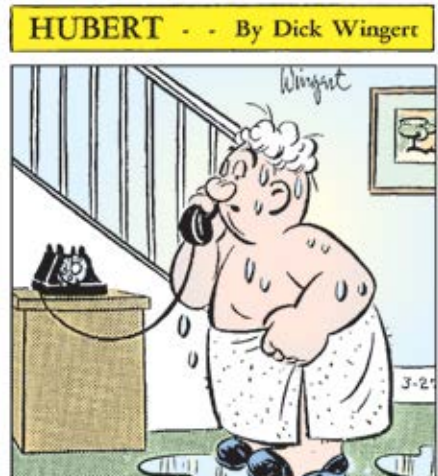
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All right, boys—go to your corners and come out acting ..."

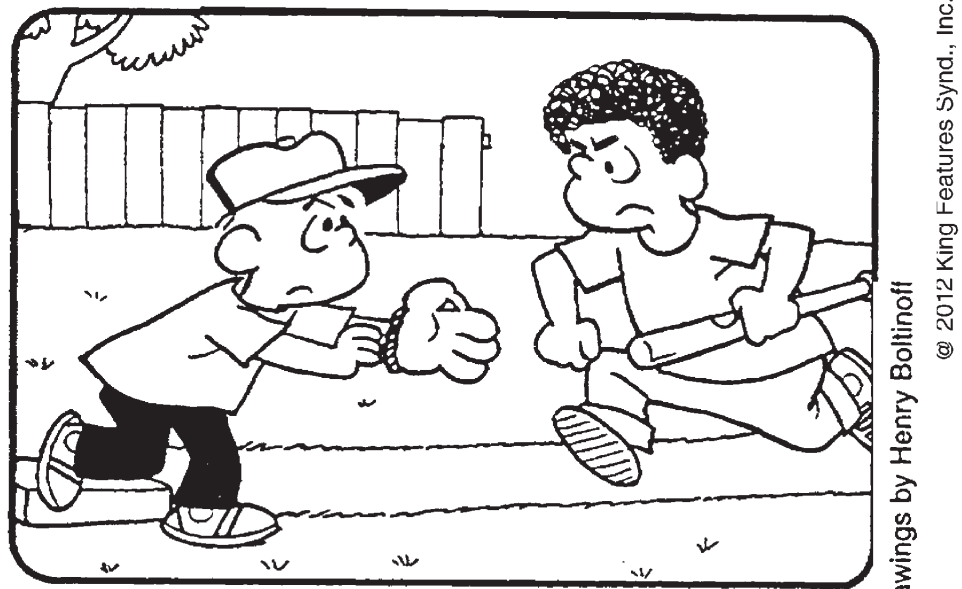
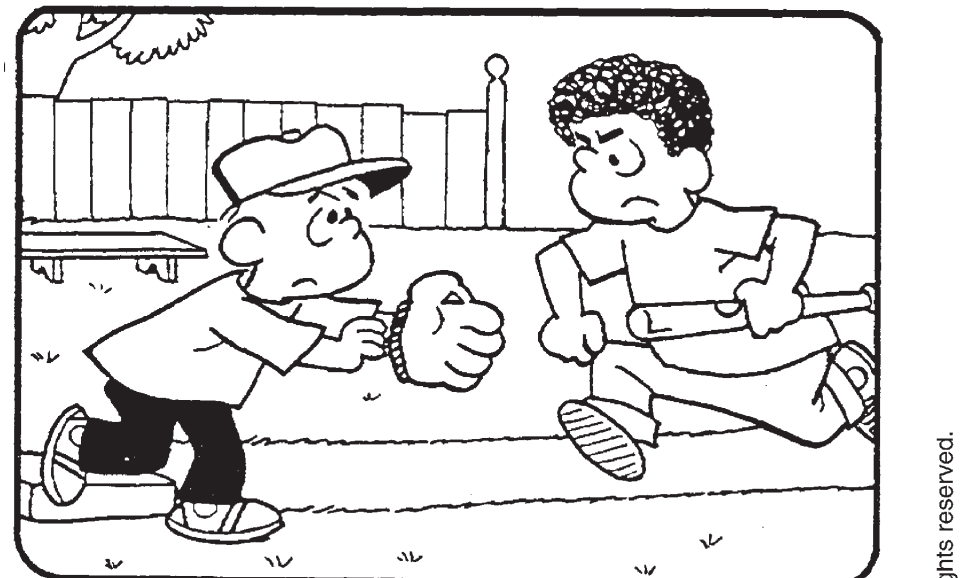


"...and there's another good feature! No knocking yourselves out trying to keep up with them."



"Would you mind hanging up for a couple of months, Aunt Carol?"

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