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Fourth, fifth and sixth grade students at Beecher Road School listen to speakers for the inauguration of their new playground. [Photo by Bettina Thiel]

## Officials Cut Ribbon for New School Playground

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Ten months after Beecher Road School's two main playgrounds were taken down for safety concerns, the schools now have two new ones, bigger, brighter, safer, and handicap accessible. Bright sunshine greeted fourth, fifth and sixth grade students as they congregated behind the south school Friday, September 14, for a ribbon cutting with town, state and school officials.

"We promised you we would have a new playground by the beginning of the school year," School Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella told students. They almost made that date, but there was so much rock underneath, that construction was delayed by a few days. This was the second of the two new playgrounds to be installed. The north playground was ready in the spring.

Dr. Stella said thanks to the cooperation of all constituents, including the PTO Playground Committee, town officials, teachers and input from students made the project possible in record time. First Selectman Ed Sheehy commented that this is probably the only elementary school in the state that got two new playgrounds in one year.

State Senator Joe Crisco remembered how he and his classmates growing up only had a drum with a board across for a see-saw. "Enjoy your playground," he told the students. State Rep. Themis Klarides got an enthusiastic cheer when she asked the children, "How excited are you about the new playground?" But after the ribbon cutting it was back to the classrooms. The students were going to get a safety instruction by PE teacher Sandra Simowitz before they could use the playground. "Next week it's all yours," the superintendent told them.

## Dempsey Nominated for Teacher of the Year

By Laura Fantarella – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Jeanne Dempsey finishes each day at her job as a kindergarten teacher at Beecher Road School, "fulfilled, inspired, and thoroughly exhausted," and she wouldn't have it any other way. Dempsey, who has spent 26 of her 28 year career as a kindergarten teacher at Beecher Road School, was recently nominated as the Woodbridge district's Teacher of the Year. As a nominee she is now eligible to be selected for the state's Teacher of the Year Award. The winner will be announced at a recognition ceremony in November. Dempsey was surprised and delighted to learn she received the award, especially since fellow staff and parents of students are the ones who nominate a teacher for the honor. "To receive something like this from people you work with is very special to me, it is a huge honor and I appreciate it so much," she said. "I feel really validated by my peers. It's been more recognition than I could have hoped for." She feels that she's already "won" even if another teacher is selected to receive the state's Teacher of the Year title.



Jeanne Dempsey

As part of the nomination process, Dempsey had to write 12 in-depth essays about the education trends she feels strongly about. She wrote one such essay about whether the state should retain the December 1 age cut-off date to begin school or move it to September 1st as many other states have adopted. Dempsey advocates adopting the September deadline. "The December date is a late cut-off which poses a real challenge to kindergarten teachers as they face ever-increasing curriculum demands," she said. "Four year olds entering kindergarten, who are sometimes more than a year younger than their peers, are held to the same national standards intended for five to six year olds."

Sitting in a pint-sized student chair, positioned under one of her cheerful, creatively decorated bulletin board walls, Dempsey reflected on her job teaching the school's youngest students. "I can't imagine teaching any other grade because I can't imagine students in any other grade having the same love for learning that kindergartners do," she said. "They are always inspiring me with their enthusiasm, it is so infectious. I want to do something new, try something different, every day. When they realize they are beginning to read and write, it is very satisfying to know you are a part of that journey."

School Superintendent Dr. Gaeton Stella said Dempsey is a "wonderful example of the type of dedicated teachers we have on our staff. They are creative and child-centered and they go above and beyond every day," he said. Dempsey agrees. "I love the diversity of Beecher Road School, it's unlike any other. The staff is innovative, strong-minded, and talented and they've really enriched me and inspired me to work harder and do better." Having been at the same school for all these years, Dempsey is starting to see the children of former students sitting in her kindergarten class. "I can't believe 26 years have passed here," she said. "My days – the years—have flown by."

When she's not teaching, she enjoys photography and taking advantage of school vacations to indulge her wanderlust. She and her family, who live in Middlebury, have travelled around Europe, the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.



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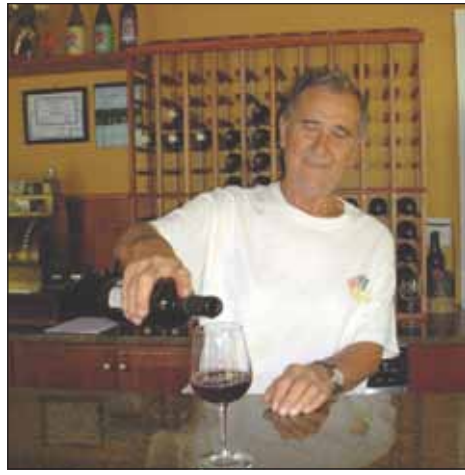
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## A Little Bit of Italy Right Here in Woodbridge

By Laura Fantarella – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

If a trip to the vineyards of Tuscany is not in your plans this fall, there is a little gem of a winery nestled on eight acres at 128 Ford Road that brings a bit of Italy to Woodbridge. Savino Wineries opened its new tasting room earlier this summer and more and more wine lovers around the state are discovering delicious wines served up with a big splash of Italian hospitality.

The new tasting room, which features a long granite bar and pockets of comfortable couches and seating areas, is set against a backdrop of rows and rows of picturesque grape vines and peach, pear and fig trees heavy with fruit. Owner Gennaro Savino and his daughter-in-law Sonia open their doors to the public every Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m. May through December. The building replaces the tiny tasting room off to the side of the property, affectionately referred to as “The Shed” which opened in 2008. The dream of a large, welcoming room for the public to sample their wines was the dream of Gennaro’s wife, Louise, who sadly passed away two years ago before seeing it come to fruition.

The winery is not listed on the Connecticut Wine Trail because it does not produce the required annual minimum of 12,000 bottles of wine – which actually contributes to Savino Winery’s charm. Small-scale and intimate, the Savinos treat all who walk through their doors like family. A retired restaurateur, Gennaro was the owner of many successful eateries in New Haven, including Progresso Italian Restaurant, Galleria, The Recovery Room and Gennaro’s Pizza – who likes nothing better than seeing people enjoying food and wine. “No other country in the world can rival the food and drink of the Italians,” he declares proudly. “I haven’t met one bad guy in this business!” The \$7 tasting includes samples of Gennaro’s five wines, and guests receive a complimentary plate of Savino’s own hand-made cheese. “You can’t have a glass of wine without cheese!” he exclaimed. For \$12.95, guests can have another tasting pleasure– an antipasti, featuring Gennaro’s homemade pickled eggplant and cheeses, drizzled with the oil pressed from olive trees that grow on the property of the home he owns in his native Tegianno, Italy. Bottle prices range from \$14.99 to \$18.99 with a 10% discount by the case. The winery is included in the Connecticut Wine Trail’s Passport program where visitors receive stamps when they frequent a state winery and a full passport book is entered into a drawing to win a free European vacation.

Savino didn’t exactly plan to go into the wine business when he planted his first vines in 2000 to indulge his own penchant for homemade wine. “Before you know it, it got out of hand,” he said with a smile. Now his property is lined with grape varietals like Seyval Blanc, Frontenac, St. Croix, Cabernet Franc and Merlot that are best suited for New England’s ever changing weather. Each fall, he calls his children, grandchildren, friends and a small staff, to the 100 year old barn on his property to help him turn out and label about 4,000 bottles of assorted wines. “We get an assembly line going and it’s all done by hand,” he said.

Although his 2007 St. Croix wine won a bronze medal in 2009 from The Wine Society for the Amenti Del Vino International Wine Competition, it is his Frontenac and Merlot wines that are his favorites. “You can’t tell me this doesn’t taste as fine as any good Merlot you’ve had,” he said as he poured me a sample. No argument from me, sated with wine, homemade cheese and fresh picked fruit, I can’t recall a more enjoyable afternoon spent in the name of “work”.

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Mary A. Papazian

"Southern Connecticut State University students, faculty and staff will get to know Dr. Papazian as a hard-working, strong and visionary president – just the type of person we want to see as the leader of one of our campuses," said Lewis Robinson, chairman of the Board of Regents for Higher Education. Speakers at the ceremony will include Robinson; Robert Kennedy, president of the Board of Regents and New Haven Mayor John DeStefano Jr.

Papazian, 53, is the second woman to become president at Southern, following Cheryl J. Norton, who served from 2004 to 2010. She is an accomplished scholar, particularly with regard to British literature. She has studied and written about John Donne, a metaphysical English poet from the late 16th and early 17th century. Among her other interests are Armenian history and culture. She and her husband, Dennis Papazian, have two daughters, Ani and Marie. They reside in Woodbridge.

The inauguration will be the culmination of a series of academic and cultural events to celebrate various aspects of the university. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new School of Business facility will be held at 1 p.m. September 21. The building had served as part of the university's Student Center until 2006. It was recently renovated and opened in time for the start of the fall semester. The building has enabled business faculty and staff to move out

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We have embarked on a journey to have a turf field installed at the Amity High School sports complex. The Amity Turf Committee was formed by a group of parents to help make the Amity athletic complex the shining star in the SCC and the state of Connecticut. A "state of the art" turf field will benefit both boys and girls athletic teams. It also affords us the opportunity to host tournaments, camps and youth programs.

The turf fields being installed today are among the safest, most durable fields made. There have been fewer injuries reported on turf fields than on grass and the injuries that do occur are not as severe. The benefits to Amity as a whole are tremendous. There will be fewer, if any, rainouts, which would mean no rescheduling of games. The yearly cost to maintain the field is about one-third the cost of grass and the wear and tear on the additional fields is considerably less due to teams practicing on the turf which, in turn, means less maintenance to the remaining fields.

However, due to budgetary constraints, there is no money in the school budget to replace the existing field. The Board of Education has voted unanimously to install the field if the funds are raised. The estimated cost of this project is about \$700,000 and with the support we have received thus far it is a realistic goal. There has been a 501(c)3 account set up at the school so all donations are tax deductible.

We are simply asking every family of the Amity School district to donate \$100.00. If each family can make this simple pledge, our turf field will become a reality. We also have family and corporate sponsorships available. To make a donation please contact one of the following committee members:

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- Adam Luth, [Akluth@optonline.net](mailto:Akluth@optonline.net)
- Steve Makowski, [Smakowskim@aol.com](mailto:Smakowskim@aol.com)

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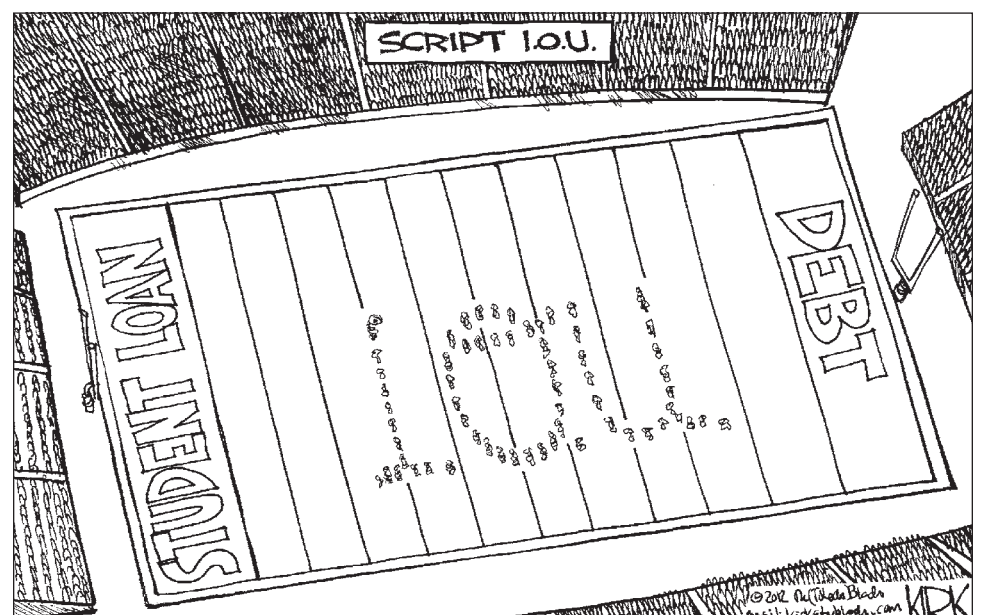
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## Amity Teen Center News

On Saturday September 29, 2012 we will be celebrating the Amity Teen Center's 25th Birthday. The Teen Center was formed in 1987 by the First Selectmen of Orange, Woodbridge and Bethany. They determined at that time that the teens needed a safe, supervised, drug and alcohol-free place to engage in activities on the weekends.

Our first home was on the Boston Post Road in Orange in the former location of the Orange Police Station. We were there from 1988 to 1996 when the Town of Orange needed the property to expand their fire department. For the ten years that followed, we held activities on the weekends at Center School in Woodbridge, High Plains Community Center in Orange and in the gym of Bethany Town Hall. However, during that time, we continued to hold regular fundraisers.

In 2005 we purchased and renovated a 9,000 square foot building in Woodbridge. We opened our doors in September of 2006. The Amity Teen Center has become the place that we had always dreamed of having.

We would like to invite residents to join us on Saturday September 29, 2012 for an afternoon of music, celebration and a silent art auction of works created by the teens. The Ceremony and Presentation will be at 2:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. on we will have Live Musical Entertainment. Light refreshments will be served. So if you are able to, please come to our celebration at 10 Selden Street in Woodbridge on that day.

Our goal for our 25th year is to have a solar installation on our new roof. This clean energy project is made possible in part by a grant from the Connecticut Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority as well as funding from ConnecticutCare and UIL Holdings Corporation. We are very excited about this project. Anyone wishing to donate to this project, please make your donations payable to the Amity Teen Center, Inc., P.O. Box 3671, Woodbridge, CT 06525.

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of the dilapidated Seabury Hall and into a facility that includes a conference room, meeting rooms and a stock market trading room.

The following are other highlighted events during Inauguration Week: (All are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.)

Sept. 20 - Book discussion, "This I Believe," with Editor Dan Gediman. Gediman will discuss the history of individuals writing what they believe and will invite the audience to listen to others' ideas and consider their own. 8 p.m., Lyman Center.

Sept. 21 - Faculty Author Reception. The research of more than 50 Southern faculty authors will be celebrated. 7 p.m., Buley Library.

Sept. 22 - Alumni Welcome Cocktail Party. It will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, chocolates and other desserts, and espresso. 7 to 9 p.m., under the tents between Morrill Hall and Engleman Hall. The event is \$50 per person. Call (203) 392-6500.

Sept. 24 - Faculty symposium, "Liberal Education and the Professions." Ashley Finley, author of the American Association of Colleges and Universities' report, "Making Progress," will deliver the keynote address, followed by a panel discussion. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Michael J. Adanti Student Center Grand Ballroom.

Sept. 24 - Book discussion, "The Sandcastle Girls," with author Chris Bohjalian. He will discuss his latest book, a New York Times best seller, which is about a love story occurring during the Armenian Genocide. 7 p.m., Michael J. Adanti Student Center Grand Ballroom.

Sept. 27 - Armenian Art Exhibit and Reception, curated by Vicki S. Hovannessian. The exhibit includes paintings, drawings and sculptures by 13 artists of Armenian descent. 4 to 6 p.m., Lyman Center lobby.

Sept. 27 - Creative Arts Showcase. Southern alumni, faculty, students and staff will display their creative talents, such as with the spoken word, a cappella, jazz and poetry. 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Charles Garner Recital Hall (Engleman Hall, Room C112).

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# STATE SENATE 14TH DISTRICT MATCHUP

## Senator Slossberg Seeks Fifth Term

By Bettina Thiel, Correspondent

State Sen. Gayle Slossberg is seeking a fifth term representing the 14th District. First elected to the legislature in 2004, she is now deputy majority leader, and chairs the Government Administration & Elections Committee. She is a proud defender of fiscal restraint, having voted no to the governor's budget in 2011. "With historic tax increases that budget was not right for our community," she said. "I voted no even though it upset people in Hartford because I did not believe it was the right budget for us."



Gayle Slossberg

And that was not the first time she stood up for the taxpayers of her district. In 2009 as well, she voted against the proposed budget. That does not mean that she favored the Republican alternative. "What they put forth was not a budget," she said. "It was a lot of smoke and mirrors."

Instead, state government works best when people from both parties work together. Accordingly, the accomplishments she is most proud of are based on bi-partisan efforts. As co-chairman of a bipartisan panel to find efficiencies in government, she proposed a plan to save some \$459 million without eliminating programs. The result will alleviate the state budget for years to come. The committee also recommended ways to streamline state agency functions and improve efficiency. "There is no person rooting out more waste or inefficiencies," she said of her focus.

Another major piece of legislation that responded to the need of the day was a bipartisan jobs creation incentive. It allows tax credits for businesses that created jobs, Slossberg said. Currently, businesses can get up to \$500 per month in tax credits for every new hire; if the new employee is a veteran, it will be \$900. Some 800 businesses have applied, she said.

The tax credits may represent some lost income for the state, but will be at least partially offset by the taxes coming in through the paychecks. She is very aware of the importance of improving the business climate in the state. Part of the work of the bi-partisan panel was to streamline the DEEP permitting process.

Woodbridge residents may remember her from the fight against the power lines. Although they could not be prevented, ultimately the location had to be moved.

Sen. Slossberg said she may be one of a few – if not the only – legislator to give out her home phone number to constituents. Even during the campaign she works tirelessly trying to help people over humps in their lives. "People's problems don't go away just 'cause its election season," she said.

She has helped veterans sort out benefits and seniors deal with their insurance premium increases.

She was particularly touched to be working with the Ciancola Family of Orange after their son Joey had passed away unexpectedly a year ago. Joey, a 2010 Amity Athlete of the Year, had graduated and enrolled at the University of Rhode Island. He collapsed in October at football practice and a few days later passed away. "The university did not have an AED at the field and her son had to be transported to several locations before receiving full medical attentions," Slossberg said. As a result of their initiative a bill was signed into law that requires all institutions of higher learning to have an AED on hand, according to American Heart Association standards.

As for what lies ahead, Slossberg said the state needs to invest in developing its workforce. "I hear from employers every day who cannot find qualified employees and I hear from people who want to work, but just cannot find the right job," she said. Schools need to make sure that the students "have the right skills to get the jobs that are being created right here in Connecticut," she said.

Senator Slossberg received her Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University in 1987 and her law degree from New York University Law School in 1990. She practiced law with the firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, though she is currently retired from the practice of law.

Senator Slossberg grew up in Massachusetts and spent many years working and managing a family business that was started by her grandfather. She lives in Milford with her husband David, and their three children, Jeremy, Alex and Rebecca.

## Retired Police Officer Aims to Unseat State Senator

By Bettina Thiel, Correspondent

Mike DeGrego is the consummate police officer — polite, straightforward and with a strong sense of right and wrong. And it is this sense of right and wrong that the retired officer and retired Air Force Master Sergeant wants to bring to the state legislature in Hartford as the senator from the 14th District. "I am upset with what is going on in this state," he said in a recent interview at Milford Republican campaign headquarters. He calls for lower taxes, smaller government, less regulation on small business owners, but strengthened law enforcement.



Mike DeGrego

DeGrego is critical of the early release program passed by the legislature this year [the Risk Reduction Earned Credit program], saying it impacts the cops on the street. About 10% of those who got an early release were rearrested, he said. The program puts public safety at risk.

DeGrego is worried about the state's indebtedness, saying Connecticut's debt level is higher than that of California. "We're losing control of our country," he said, emphatically. "Somebody has to do something." And reiterating one of his campaign slogans, he said he was coming out of retirement because "enough is enough".

The Milford resident has lived in Mt. Vernon, N.Y. for most of his life, until he met his fiancée, Maureen Mauro, and followed her to Milford seven years ago. She is the woman of his dreams, he said, and she is actively involved in his campaign. DeGrego is a newcomer to politics, at least as a participant, and he is proud of that. "I am not a career politician," he said. He takes the campaign seriously, getting to talk to as many people as possible. He visited summer concerts and private gatherings in the towns that make up the 14th District: Milford, West Haven, Orange and lately, a part of Woodbridge.

He is a member of the American Legion in Orange and marched as a member of the rifle unit in the Memorial Day Parade. He said he was moved to tears when he marched, as the people lining the streets expressed their gratitude.

Last week, he introduced himself to the Woodbridge Republican Town Committee at its caucus, and got a warm welcome. People around the state are suffering, he said. "In all areas, people are coming to me," he said. "They are saying 'Mike, no one is listening; Mike, we have to close our family business, Mike, we can't afford to stay here.'"

Last year's budget produced the highest tax increase in the history of the state, and fees and taxes go up every year. "I don't want Connecticut to lose the people who built the state," DeGrego said of the retirees who feel threatened by high property taxes and the expensive standard of living.

His emotions get the better of him when he gets to the topic of "Hartford." "I want to stand up to the bullies in Hartford," he said. "You need a cop up there." As a soldier in the Air Force he stood up to people like Noriega and Saddam Hussein, and as a cop he stood up to bullies in the playground and armed men in the streets, he said. The skills he developed during those years will help him stand up for the people of the 14th District, he said.

When he talks about his experiences as a substitute teacher in Mount Vernon, his tone softens and he is full of empathy for all of the kids in the system. He said he knew all 3,000 students by name and knew the family circumstances of many of them. Currently he volunteers teaching catechism at Our Lady of Victory and Saint John Vianney in West Haven several afternoons a week.

DeGrego's campaign recently reached a milestone, when it got enough voter support to qualify for Citizens' Election Program support. "The support for my campaign has been overwhelming and humbling," he wrote in a press release. "This support speaks volumes about my commitment to this race and to the office where I seek to serve. People are really beginning to worry about the status quo in Hartford and are enthusiastically accepting my message that 'enough is enough'. I would also like to commend the Citizens' Election program for allowing an average concerned citizen, like myself, to have the opportunity to run for the State Senate on an unbiased and level playing field." To qualify, a candidate for State Senate must raise \$15,000 in increments of \$5 to \$100 from individual contributors. The candidate must also have at least 300 contributors from within the district. Once the candidate qualifies, the state program provides a grant for a fixed amount of campaign advertising, marketing materials and general campaign expenses. DeGrego had almost 400 residents from the 14th Senatorial District contribute directly to his campaign, according to Paula Smith, campaign treasurer.

Another boost for the Republican candidate was the cross-endorsement by the Milford Independent Party at its caucus in August. The Plymouth Men's Club at the First United Church of Christ in Milford invited him and his opponent to a debate September 25th at 8 p.m. Senator Gayle Slossberg said she was open to a debate at any time, but the evening of the 25th is the beginning of Yom Kippur, a Jewish high holy day, which she celebrates with her family.

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**Cut-off Dates:** Mail in registration deadline for voting in the Federal Election is October 23rd (postmark). Deadline for registering in person with Registrars is 8:00pm, Tuesday, October 30th.

**Registrars Session:** A special enrollment session will be held at town hall in each of the three towns on Tuesday, October 2nd from 12pm to 2pm for the purpose of completion of the preliminary registry list.

**Registrars Session:** A special registration session will be held at the Registrars office on Saturday, October 20th from 10:00a.m. until 2:00p.m.

**Registrars Session:** Tuesday, October 30th is the in-person cut-off for voter registrations. Applicants must appear in person to the Registrar of Voters office between 9:00a.m. and 8:00p.m.

**Limited Session:** There will be a limited enrollment session on Monday, November 5th from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. for persons who attained age, citizenship or residency after the October 30th deadline.

**Absentee Ballots:** Applications for absentee ballots should be made through the Town Clerk's office. You may also download an application from the Secretary of the State's website: (<http://www.sots.ct.gov/>) click on "Elections and Voting" then "Absentee Ballot Application".

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**Woodbridge Registrars:** 203-389-3408, 3409

The Town Clerk's Office is available to register voters, for absentee ballots and to accept party changes Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm in Woodbridge and Orange. Bethany's hours are 9:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday and Monday evenings 6:30pm to 7:30pm.



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# STATE SENATE 17TH DISTRICT MATCHUP

## 'It Feels Like Twenty Minutes' – Crisco Runs for 11th Term

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

First elected to the State Senate in 1992, Joseph J. Crisco, Jr. is running for his 11th term to represent the 17th Senatorial District. The district includes seven towns: Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Hamden, Naugatuck, and Woodbridge. The 20 years, he said “feel like 20 minutes”.

Most recently he co-hosted, along with State Rep. Linda Gentile (D-Ansonia), the Greater Valley STEP UP Conference at the Ansonia Armory. Some 160 area businesses had signed up for presentations and meetings designed to help small companies better understand the Connecticut Jobs Bill and its STEP UP program.

Senator Crisco said the state's Small Business Express program is now available to companies with under 100 employees with grants to launch new products or expand inventory, and the STEP UP job training program has new payroll incentives for employers to help them cover the costs associated with hiring and training new employees, including post-9/11 veterans.

An important part of the job as legislator is to make sure that towns get their fair share of available funds, Crisco said. “Each town has different needs.” For Woodbridge, he most recently secured a \$25,000 grant for the Recreation Commission. Earlier in the year, the town got word from the Bond Commission of a \$500,000 grant toward the police station renovations.

In the 20 years he has served, Crisco has built a good network of people he is working with. “It takes a lot of cooperation to get things done,” he said. One of his legislative accomplishments that he is very proud of is the issue of dense breast tissue. Due to his input, the insurance companies agreed to pay for ultrasound tests for women who show dense tissue when they have a mammogram; and finally, if that is not enough, they can have an MRI. The program has made the state a leader world-wide in the diagnosis of dense tissue, he said. Even the prime minister of Taiwan came to learn about the program, Crisco said.

Health care issues and insurance are his specialty, given that he is chairman of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. He gets many calls from constituents, he said. Some call about health issues, others have other questions. Whatever their concern, they will get a call back, he said. And he will refer them to who can help.

Crisco is the chief deputy president pro tempore and also serves as the federal relations liaison for the caucus. He is co-chair of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee; vice chairman of the Banks and Commerce Committees, the Ranking Member of the Internship Committee, and a member of the Committee of Legislative Management.

Before being elected to the State Senate, Crisco worked for the United Technologies Corporation. He joined UTC in 1976, serving in government liaison assignments before being named director of Government Affairs in 1986. He was promoted to National Director of State and Local Government Affairs in 1990. Senator Crisco has also been an associate professor of economics at Quinnipiac University, Sacred Heart University, and the University of New Haven. Senator Crisco holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Connecticut and studied at the graduate level at Trinity College in Hartford. Raised in New Haven, he moved to Woodbridge in 1980 with his wife, Pat. They have six children and sixteen grandchildren.

Each year, Senator Crisco sponsors a Senior Fair, which provides health information and services to seniors in the 17th District. The fair has attracted more than 800 seniors, and it is one of the largest events of its kind held in Connecticut.

Crisco is the recipient of many awards and honors that include being recognized for his legislative leadership by United Seniors in Action and the Birmingham Group. In addition, he received the Connecticut Medical Society Legislative Award for Commitment to Quality of Patient Care, the Wilbur Cross Humanities Award, the Connecticut Council of Independent Colleges Award for Distinguished Service, a Distinguished Service Award from the Italian Government, a Legislative Leadership Award from the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, and has been recognized for his commitment to home health care and by the State Firemen's Association. He received the Military Order of the Purple Heart Citation for his work on behalf of veterans and their families. He was named an Indoor Air Quality Hero for his efforts to help protect students and school employees from environmental health hazards, and the classrooms at the Redwing Pond House at the Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center were named after Senator Crisco because he helped obtain \$30,000 in funding for the project.



Joseph Crisco

## Szewczyk Challenges Crisco

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Tony Szewczyk, a retired architect from Derby, is challenging State Sen. Joseph Crisco in the 17th District. Szewczyk said he is running out of concern over the turn the state and the country are taking. He mentions last year's tax increases and the fact that the state does not safeguard Social Security funds.

Architecture is like a barometer of the economy, he said, and the lack of work is a warning to him. “When the economy is slow, but you enter an architect's bureau and they are busy, it's a sign that construction will pick up,” he said. On the other hand, when the economy is booming and the architects sit idle, it may be a harbinger of an economic downturn.

If elected, he would work to get spending under control by limiting the cost of education, entitlements and putting reigns on frivolous lawsuits. He would also protect seniors “from intrusive Federal mandates” and bring prosperity back to the state. “Even on the local level government is convoluted and complicated,” he said.

Szewczyk entered the race late, in August, to fill a vacancy after Chuck Pyne of Woodbridge withdrew from it. “I thought there must be one person in the seven towns to step up,” Szewczyk said, incredulously. But when that person didn't materialize, Szewczyk decided to go for it. With towns such as Hamden, Naugatuck, Beacon Falls, Ansonia, Derby, Bethany and Woodbridge, he has to work hard to get the sort of name recognition necessary to win. Helping him along the way is his wife, Judy, who has previously helped Derby Mayor Tony Staffieri get into office. Tony and Judy are helping Linda McMahon with her campaign as well.

Given the time limitation they are operating under, they decided to forego fliers (“they just get tossed out”) or phone campaigning. Instead, Szewczyk is looking to reach out to people at large gatherings and events, where he can meet and speak to as many people as possible. Judy also was considering a “dump tour,” – making the rounds of transfer stations around the district. She has set up a website, <http://www.tony4senator17.com/>, through which people can contact them.

Growing up in Derby in 1950s, Tony said there were not a lot of conveniences, but “we had work”. Big employers such as BF Goodrich and Blumenthal have kept Valley residents employed. He sees no such economic engines presently.

He remembers watching the freight trains pass by from his parents' house when he was growing up, “Today, you hardly see anything on the tracks,” he said. After eighth grade, Tony went to boarding school in Erie, Penn., and after graduation from Catholic University in D.C., ended up in Virginia, where he practiced architecture.

It was only when his parents needed help that he returned to the place he grew up in 2000. In the meantime he had raised five kids, all of whom are adults now and some have families of their own. “I'd rather be riding my Harley and visit my grandchildren,” he told the Woodbridge Republican Town Committee last week, when he addressed the committee at its caucus. But a sense of duty made him take on the task. Senator Crisco's voting record is too aligned with the majority and he voted for an increased budget every time, Szewczyk said.

He is involved on the Derby Planning and Zoning board and sits on the Regional Planning Authority. His wife Judy chaired Derby's Board of Apportionment and Taxation. In his spare time he likes to ride his motorcycle and paint watercolors. He enjoys yard work and building stone walls.



Tony Szewczyk

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## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

# Amity Teen Center Celebrates 25 Years

By Melissa Nicefaro - Orange Town News Correspondent

The Amity Teen Center is celebrating its 25th anniversary at the end of the month with a bash in true Teen Center style. The party will kick off with presentations and recognitions of people who have helped the club grow over the years. A slide show featuring pictures from the past 25 years will flow continuously through the celebration and bands will begin taking the stage at 4 p.m., launching off with a band called WRY that played at the teen center when it was in Orange 25 years ago.

The celebration will also feature a performance by the Fluffy Puffy Unicorn Gang, the first band that played at our Teen Center's new Woodbridge location when it first opened. There will be other acoustic acts and bands playing throughout the night.

Jennifer Romanoff joined the teen center as its executive director seven years ago. She says her mission is to make sure that the kids feel that this is their teen center. "They each play a part in everything that goes on in the teen center from cleaning to organizing events, participating and volunteering at events at the front door or café counter. They paint, they handle band booking, they have a sense of ownership and because they have this sense of ownership, they're very proud of the teen center," she says.

The center also offers a job training program for kids. "I have a list of volunteers longer than my arm of kids who want to come and volunteer. They get employable skills that help them go out and seek employment when they're ready," Romanoff explains.

The heart and soul of the teen center, though is the music. Local teenage bands play every Friday and Saturday night on the stage, with five or six bands playing each evening. "We promote self-promotion, so they have to advertise and tell their friends that they're playing," Romanoff says. Bands are paid a small amount of money based on the number of people who come to see them, she says.

The Amity Teen Center has been a springboard for several local bands who, though they remember their roots, have grown into bigger venues. Indecent Exposure still plays at the teen center, but also this past summer played along with 70 other bands at the Vans Warped Tour in Hartford. They also play at Mohegan Sun.

The Foresters, a three-brother band from Woodbridge also got one of their first introductions to music at the teen center. "They had a birthday party at the teen center and they had gotten instruments, so they got up on stage and played a show for their friends," Romanoff explains. "We had another band there rehearsing the day of the party and they got up and played with the young boys. They got so inspired by the experience and formed a band." The Foresters are Evan, 12; Hayden, 11 and Liam, 9. The kids have played at fairs and have been featured on television shows. They had their first concert at the teen center in 2010. They've since played at Terminal 110, The Space, Bar and even at Toad's in downtown New Haven. They're releasing their first EP this fall.

Those Guys, a group of four guys from different area high schools will also perform at the anniversary celebration. This past July, Those Guys represented Amity Teen Center in a battle of the bands competition and they took first prize and played their first concert at the Amity Teen Center (Woodbridge, CT) in November of that same year. In less than 2 years, the boys have written over 20 original songs and have played in multiple venues, such as Terminal 110, The Space, The Room, The Cave at RVP, BAR, and the leg-



*The Foresters*

endary Toad's Place. The boys were honored to be asked to perform on the pilot for the television show "Lifestyles Of The Young And Fabulous."

The teen center spent some time in Orange before eventually opening in Woodbridge. "They were in Orange for 10 years, then when the fire department did some renovations and expansions, the center lost the building that was on loan to them by the town of Orange," Romanoff says. For the ten years after, the teen center didn't have a home, but had meetings and events at the high school or library. "They still got together and had events every month, but they did not have a place to call home," she says. "When we bought the building we're in now, we had people from all aspects of the community come in and gut the building and remodel the building, installing heat and air conditioning," she explains.

The teen center receives a small amount of money each year to help with their operating expenses and additional income comes through fundraising, grants from the Greater Community Foundation of New Haven and event admissions. In the fall and winter, the teen center runs a coat drive, collecting coats for those in need. Year round, the center holds a prom dress exchange. "Girls can come and pick out dresses and borrow them for Homecoming, prom, or whatever event they need a dress for," Romanoff says.

The teen center is open to all teens in the Greater New Haven Community. In addition to all of the fun and successes the teen center is celebrating, it also celebrates conquering a few uphill battles. "We had a hard time with getting zoning permits for a basketball court. It was a big deal and we had to jump through hoops for that, but it finally was approved," she says. The battles have been few and the successes have been many for those who have come through the teen center over the past few years. Romanoff credits that to the bunch of nice and creative kids who make the center what it has grown into over the past 25 years. For more information about the teen center, visit: <http://amityteencenter.org>.

## Boy Scout Troop 63 Recruitment Drive

Woodbridge, CT. Boy Scout Troop 63 is holding a recruitment drive for all boys ages 10 and up or who have completed the fifth grade. Join the adventure. Join the fun and see what scouting is all about. Meetings are held at Our Lady of the Assumption "Mother" Church located at 1700 Litchfield Turnpike (Rte. 69) in Woodbridge on Monday nights from 7:00 – 8:30 and boys, along with their parents, are encouraged to visit.

Boy Scout Troop 63, founded in 1963, is one of the oldest Troops in the Connecticut Yankee Council. Our objective is to bring scouting to boys in the Woodbridge, Bethany and surrounding communities. Known as the "outdoor troop" we are 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 monuments and much more. We also plan and participate in community service projects each year.

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Scouting builds character by teaching confidence and promoting positive role models as boys grow and mature. Through planned advancement, Scouts are always in a learning environment, increasing their capacity for goal setting, choice making and accomplishment. In the outdoors, boys have opportunities to acquire skills and knowledge and complete challenges they first thought were beyond their ability.

For more information, visit our web site at <http://www.troop963.org> or email [Troop63CT@gmail.com](mailto:Troop63CT@gmail.com).



# ORGANIZATIONS

## The Woodbridge Rotary Club Kicks Off Membership Drive

Buddy DeGennaro is a native Woodbridge resident and is the most recent member of the Woodbridge Rotary Club. He grew up helping out on his family farm for which he has many fond memories. He is a graduate of Amity High School and Purdue University and has worked in real estate sales and appraisal businesses for over 25 years. He is the Broker of the William Raveis Real Estate office located on Litchfield Turnpike. Buddy enjoys being involved in the community and is a current member of the Woodbridge Planning and Zoning Commission. He previously served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and coached for the Bethwood Baseball League. Buddy resides in Woodbridge with his wife Mary and their three children, Louis, Jackie and Claire.

The Rotary Club is an organization of business and professional people united worldwide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace throughout the world. Some of the local projects this year included participating in the Town of Woodbridge Concert on the Green series, distribution of Thanksgiving food baskets, volunteering at the Easter Seals Goodwill Industries Fantasy of Lights, providing dictionaries to 3rd graders in Bethany, Woodbridge and Westville, providing poinsettia plants for homebound, sponsoring a holiday party for residents of Southbury Training School, a holiday party for members of the Woodbridge Senior Center, an Annual Coat and Clothing Drive, and a luncheon at the DARE graduation at Beecher Road School.

The Woodbridge Rotary Club meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 7:30 a.m. for a breakfast meeting at the Country Corner Diner, 756 Amity Road, Bethany and the 2nd and the 4th Friday of the month at 12:15 p.m. for a luncheon meeting at Carmine Tuscan Grill, 1500 Whalley Avenue, New Haven. Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary should contact Anna Dickerson at 203-710-0223 or email [annadickerson@yahoo.com](mailto:annadickerson@yahoo.com).

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## HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

### JCC Presents Standing Silent and Footnote

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven announces its fall lineup for the Shoreline Film Series. Films will be screened at Madison Art Cinemas, 761 Boston Post Road, Madison, CT. Both events are open to the public. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or by contacting Jill Weyler Lesage, 203-738-0033 or [jwlesage@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:jwlesage@jewishnewhaven.org).

#### Standing Silent: Sunday, September 23, 5-7pm.

Directed by Scott Rosenfelt. Run time of 81 minutes. A Jewish community is scandalized when journalist Phil Jacobs uncovers generations of child sexual abuse at the hands of prominent rabbis. Through a multiyear investigation, Jacobs confronts both the rabbinic establishment and his own painful past. Recipient of a Sundance Documentary Filmmaker Grant, this taboo-breaking film recounts how a courageous reporter's pen became his sword of justice. A Q&A with Phil Jacobs and filmmaker Scott Rosenfelt will follow the screening, moderated by Rabbi Hesch Sommer, D.Min.; Director of the Jewish Wellness and Healing Center at Jewish Family Services of Greater New Haven. Sponsored by The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, the Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven, and Jewish Family Services.

#### Footnote: Sunday, October 28, 9:30am-12pm. In Hebrew with English subtitles.

Directed by Joseph Cedar. Run time of 103 minutes. The plot of this sometimes touching, sometimes funny film revolves around the troubled relationship between a father and son who teach at the Talmud Department of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Nominated for best foreign film at the 2012 Oscars, the film stars Shlomo Bar'araba and Lior Ashkenazi. Refreshments at 9:30 am, screening and discussion from 10-12. A Q&A will follow the screening. Sponsored by The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven and the Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven.

### Hazkarat Banim Service

#### A Service in Remembrance of Our Departed Children

Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, CT. invites you to an annual service for families memorializing children who have passed away. This service is called "Hazkarat Banim".

If you have suffered the death of a son, daughter, grandchild, niece or nephew, or are friendly with someone who has experienced this painful event in his or her life, please come to the Hazkarat Banim Service. This memorial to departed children is very unique in its ability to address the feelings involved in the loss of a child. The service is performed within a comforting and supportive environment.

Rabbi Joel Levenson will conduct the Hazkarat Banim Service on Monday, September 24th at 7:00PM in the B'nai Jacob Chapel. ALL DENOMINATIONS ARE WELCOME. Please feel free to come and bring a guest.

### Sweet and Happy New Year for All

#### A Rosh Hashanah Service for Families with Special Needs

Celebrate Rosh Hashanah in the sweetest way....at a specially designed service for families with special needs on Sunday, September 23 from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. at Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge.

All families are welcome for a warm, inviting, musical and interactive experience! The service is designed to be accessible and sensitive to a variety of needs. We look forward to sharing prayer, Torah, music, and sweetness as we welcome in the New Year together. This service is open to the entire community (members and non-members) and all ages are welcome.

The special service is jointly sponsored by TMK Consulting LLC, Congregation B'nai Jacob and the Center for Jewish Life & Learning.

To RSVP for the service, email Laura at [cbj.laura@gmail.com](mailto:cbj.laura@gmail.com). For more information, please contact Tiffany at 203-887-3996.

### Comedy Hit at the Church of the Good Shepherd

The Church of the Good Shepherd located at 680 Racebrook Road in Orange is hosting the New York Dinner Theater's smash comedy hit, "The Godfather's Meshuggener Wedding" on Saturday, October 6th. This event is open to the public and tickets are now on sale. "You don't want to miss the opportunity to be a wedding guest at this dinner theater extravaganza. It promises to be a hilarious night of fun!", says event planner, Kathie Bellis of Woodbridge. In addition to enjoying a live theater event, the evening will include a delicious buffet dinner, dessert, dancing, open bar of wine, beer and soda, 50/50 raffle, live and silent auctions.



Church of the Good Shepherd

"We may be a small congregation, but we have a huge heart and big plans for our mission, ministry and outreach programs", says Reverend Ann Ritonia, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd. "Every day, we strive to positively change lives through mission, ministry and outreach. Our active outreach program depends upon the generosity and support of dedicated volunteers, community businesses and individual donations", continues Ritonia. In addition to ticket sales, according to Bellis, "We are actively seeking donations for our auctions, hope to secure corporate sponsorships and obtain advertisements from local businesses who would like visibility with our 300-wedding guests on October 6th." Tickets are \$75/person and can be purchased by calling the Church Office @ (203) 795-6577 or online @ [www.thegoodshepherdorangect.org](http://www.thegoodshepherdorangect.org). For more information about tickets and/or supporting this event with a donation, advertisement or corporate sponsorship, please ask to speak with Kathie Bellis, The Meshuggener Wedding Planner.

### JCC Celebrates Milestone

The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Greater New Haven is celebrating a milestone birthday - 100 years! As part of the centennial celebrations, the JCC is hosting the 2nd annual Murray Lender 5K Bagel Run presented by Marcum on Sunday, September 23. It's fun for the whole family! The festivities begin with a Kids Run at 9 a.m. and the Bagel 5K Run, a USA Track & Field certified course, at 9:30 a.m.



In conjunction with the Murray Lender 5K Bagel Run, there is the JCC Health & Wellness Fair featuring lectures, health assessments, and fitness demonstrations. Exhibitors include: skin cancer assessment by Yale New Haven Hospital; ultrasound and vein assessment by Vein Clinics of America; chiropractic services by Above and Beyond Chiropractic; acupuncture and oriental medicine by The Wellness Haven; and nutritional and botanical medicine by Whole Health. In addition, the JCC Fitness professionals will be offering free samples of the JCC's most popular programs including Zumba, TRX and Spinning. JCC Health & Wellness Fair - FREE (free childcare available).

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## Behind the Scenes with the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department

By Terri Miles - Special to the Woodbridge Town News



Woodbridge FD Officers L-R Bob Wardle, Dave Watts, Paul Konwerski, Al Koerner, Adam O'Hara, Ted Pocwierz and Chris Parietti.

The Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association (WVFA) was established in 1929 with a promise that holds true today — to serve the residents in the town of Woodbridge and keep them safe. The Woodbridge Fire Department is 100% volunteer with a current membership of more than 50 dedicated members. There are 10 vehicles in the department's fleet, including pick-up trucks and a 1978 tanker truck that once was a garbage truck. The department is looking at a new truck to replace the tanker.

For the past 18 months, the department has been under the command of Fire Chief Sean Rowland. Rowland said the difference between being Assistant Chief (a position he held for many years) and Chief is the amount of responsibility he now has. "I have the ability to change the department and make it a better place where people want to come around. I can steer the department where I want it to go," he said.

### Line Officers

Along with Rowland (a member since 1996), the department is led by a group of task oriented, diligent Line Officers, who are doing their part to make the WVFA the best it can be. Asst. Chief Chris Parietti, is a powerhouse of information and respected leader in the department. He trains fire department recruits at the Valley Fire Chief's Regional Training School, and works well with other local fire department personnel. He joined the WVFA in 2000.

Capt. Ted Pocwierz is a firefighter at Sikorsky Aircraft by day, volunteer firefighter and family man nights and weekends. He's been with the WVFA since 1998.

The three lieutenants are Adam O'Hara (2006), Al Koerner (2007), and Paul Konwerski (2009). As volunteer firefighters, they all have day jobs. Konwerski, for example, is also known as "Paul the Plumber" and a Boy Scout leader.

Sgt. Dave Watts (1987) is a construction worker and Secretary Bob Wardle has his hands full with much of the information within the department. The backbone of the department is the Administrative Assistant Aimee Bogush, who, according to all of the members, "keeps everything together."

### Ambitious Goals

One of the goals that will greatly benefit the town is something the officers have been working on — Pre-Plans. Rowland explained that the pre-plan initiative entails checking out every building in town for the locations of gas



Chief Sean Rowland, Asst. Chief Chris Parietti and Administrative Assistant Aimee Bogush.

and electrical shut offs, stand pipe locations - where fire hoses can connect to a water pipe inside a building, such as stairwells, instead of dragging a fire hose from the truck into the building.

By documenting the floor plans and knowing the optimum truck placement in the event of an emergency as well as the types of fire alarms and sprinkler systems each building uses, along with any potential hazard, such as propane tank storage, will make the call response more efficient. Rowland said part of the Pre-Plan is using a Google program to obtain aerial photos of the buildings and surroundings.

### Up and Coming

The Junior Firefighter program — in which teens learn basic firefighting skills — is bigger than ever and several of the High School students who've been a part of it are moving up into the fire department. "The Junior program is really paying off for the department," Rowland said.

Many residents say that Rowland has accomplished a lot in the past 18 months as Chief, more people are aware of what the department is about thanks to the friendly atmosphere, car seat installations, the motorcycle blessing and other community-oriented events they host.

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## OUTSIDE THE LIVING BOX

Jeff Hellman's enthusiasm for fine wine is as big as a 2004 Barolo and he does all he can to share his passion



Laura Fantarella

with others. A commercial litigator in private practice by day, Hellman is a wine aficionado always. His love for fine wine has grown as steadily as his 2,000 bottle wine cellar, beginning in



Jeff Hellman

Cambridge decades ago when he was attending Harvard Law School. Today his hobby has blossomed to include weekly wine tasting classes, a partnership in a champagne importing business, writing wine columns for local publications and membership in "Chaine Des Rotisseurs," an international fine food and wine society. Hellman was always familiar with wine, he often shared a glass with his family at dinner – but he became more knowledgeable as a broke law student taking advantage of weekly free wine and cheese tastings at a store close to his apartment. "Then a family friend introduced me to some high end wines and it really made an impression," Hellman recalled. His ability to splurge on such wines took some time – he couldn't afford it while he was an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia, it wasn't until he opened his own private practice in New Haven that he began to build his collection.

helping people define their own favorite styles of wine and sharing his substantial knowledge on the subject. He describes his taste in wine as an "arch traditionalist," enjoying old style Spanish Rojas, California Cabernets and red burgundies. "People come to class believing they don't like sweet wine, for example. But it's not true, if you try a good one it can be delightful," he said. "I really want people to understand and appreciate good wine. People really have their eyes opened...they might think they don't like a certain grape but almost all wine grapes can make a great wine if they are made in the right region, the right way." Another myth easily dispelled, is that a hefty price tag ensures a finer wine. "You can get a great wine for a reasonable price. There are many decent wines that are under \$20," Hellman said.

On a recent Tuesday evening, Hellman was preparing for his tasting class at Milford's Bin 100 restaurant, opening and chilling the week's featured wines – among his favorites – white burgundies and Cote De Beaune Reds. Hellman gladly shares the wine from his private collection with class goers – for a nominal fee that just covers the cost of the wine and a weekly cheese selection from Formaggio Kitchen in Cambridge, Mass. "I actually lose money with every class, but I do this for fun. I get a lot of pleasure from sharing wine with people who enjoy it as much as I do," Hellman said.

He also really enjoys his side business as a champagne importer which has given him an insider's view of champagne production and an opportunity to test his palette on some pretty exclusive wines. As real champagne comes only from Champagne, France, that is where he and his partner, Mike Carlton go each year to select their inventory, specializing in discovering smaller vineyards that are producing exquisite champagne. "We've done some fun things and tasted some crazy expensive champagnes," he said.

Participants, who generally range in age from 25 to 60ish, are asked to spend at least \$20 on restaurant menu items. While sometimes his friends take his class, invariably new participants become new friends. He particularly enjoys dispelling myths,

Hellman has already begun preparing for October's annual "Bottle of Pain" get together, an informal gathering of fellow wine collectors who each bring a bottle to share. "The bottle must be so special they hate to give it up! We've tried some really insane wines," Hellman said.

For information about Hellman's upcoming classes and events, he can be reached at [jeffreyhellman@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffreyhellman@yahoo.com).

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## Shaw Honored for 37 Years of Service

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Say - who are Woodbridge's first selectmen since the 1980s? There is one person who can name them instantaneously, without a moment's hesitation, and that is Executive Assistant Geraldine Shaw, because she has worked with them all. Gerry, as she is affectionately known around Town Hall, was honored recently for her 37 years of service to the town at a "Dinner on the Farm" event at Massaro Community Farm. She was honored for longevity on the job, certainly, but mostly for the friendly smile, dedication and knowledge she brings to the Town Hall.

The two most recent first selectmen - Ed Sheehy and his predecessor, Amey Marella - were on hand to thank her with words and with a citation for her "infinite patience," for devotion in dealing with the paperwork, phone calls, personalities and issues that end up at her desk.

Marella started her remarks by emphasizing that this recognition was not for a retirement. Instead, the farm dinner lent itself to saying thank-you to a very committed employee who helps keep the wheels of government running smoothly in the interest of its residents. It is not unfitting that the recognition comes at the September 1 farm dinner, Marella said, since it complements two of Shaw's hobbies, gardening and local history. In addition, Shaw knew the Massaro Family, when they were still running what was then a dairy farm on the Woodbridge/Ansonia town line.

Some years ago a group of people had this idea of reviving the old, run-down farm, but "People really don't know how to make it happen," Marella said. That's where people like Gerry Shaw come in and shepherd the process along. "This is an opportunity to thank Gerry for her many qualities," she said.

Ed Sheehy presented Shaw as the guest of honor with a citation from the Connecticut General Assembly signed by State Sen. Joe Crisco and state Rep. Themis Klarides as well as a certificate of appreciation. "Gerry is the same in private as she is in public," Sheehy shared with the cheering audience.

Geraldine Shaw grew up in Westville and graduated from Hillhouse High School. She moved to Bethany in 1965 with her husband Dick, and they raised two daughters, Debbie and Julie.

In thanking the speakers and the organizers of the event, Shaw said "it is wonderful being part of the Woodbridge family. And it is family - you can ask my daughters." She praised the volunteers who made the Massaro Community Farm happen, saying "I believe that they [the Massaros] know what's going on." They would be so proud to see what this place has become, she said. "It's a definite silk purse from a pig's ear," she said, playing on the old proverb that it's impossible to make a silk purse from a sow's ear.

Oh, and the five first selectmen she served under? Well, there was Russ Stoddard, Nan Birdwhistell, Roger Harrison, Amey Marella and Ed Sheehy; and for a few weeks after Marella's resignation to take a state job, Chris Sorensen.

### The Garden Bug

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**"Dining with Susan"**

By Susan Noonan



**Carmine's Tuscan Grill Ristorante**

Americans have a love affair with Italian food, me included so I decided to have my recent birthday dinner at Carmine's in New Haven. They are located in New Haven, but very close to the Woodbridge border on Whalley Avenue. Carmine's is definitely a favorite of Woodbridge and Orange residents.

Owner Carmine Liguori is a warm, charming and personable gentleman in addition to being a smart businessman. Like to many other successful restaurant owners, he has captured the right combination of outstanding food, great service and ambiance.

After 16 years at this location he has built a stellar reputation with many regular customers that have supported him from the beginning. Carmine has a great love affair with the restaurant business and is an expert in creating upscale dishes from both northern and southern Italy.



Carmine's Tuscan Grill Ristorante

He came to America with his family from Naples, Italy when he was only 14 years old and they settled in Brooklyn. After meeting the love of his life in New Haven 35 years ago, he knew this was the place for him. Carmine owned and operated a successful restaurant in the area, but when the opportunity to buy this property was presented he knew it was the right location to create his business.

Fast forward to 2012 and Carmine's has become an "icon" in the community. Most of the staff has been with Carmine for many years including Chef Angelo Spinelli who shares his love for preparing great Italian dishes. The taste of their food has been tested by time. Carmine's décor definitely gives the feel of a real Tuscan grill in Italy with linen tablecloths & napkins. The three dining areas seat 90, 40 & 20 making it ideal for special events, holiday parties or small intimate dinners. All the menus are available to view on-line and you can tell that Carmine pays great attention to detail with each dish. The crusty bread is baked fresh daily and many of the desserts are house made. Both the lunch & dinner menus include a wide range of appetizers, salad, soups, pasta, chicken, veal, beef, seafood along with many daily house specials Carmine's is currently offering a great evening Veal special (all the dishes can also be made with chicken) served from Monday thru Thursday. The special is served with house salad, bread, mashed potatoes, vegetable and a glass of red or white wine all for only \$20.00. This is an incredible deal with 12 different veal/chicken dishes available.

The wine list is extensive with choices for all budgets. Carmine and his staff are very accommodating as they created a special chicken dish for me with eggplant and fresh mozzarella. My group was extremely pleased with all our dinner choices. The portions are very generous and well presented. The catering menu can also be customized to suit your needs for any occasion.

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At the recent Ice Cream Social at Beecher Road School, PTO member Mia Von Beeden was signing up parent volunteers for the school's Halloween Hoot coming up on October 20. The PTO needs all kinds of help, she said, people to run the booths, contribute baked goods, and help set up and clean up. The event is an important fundraiser for the PTO. [Photo by Bettina Thiel]

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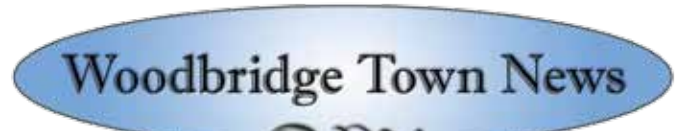
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## Time Traveler

Administrative Officer Joe Hellauer attended the Ice Cream Social at Beecher Road School in costume and handed out buttons to remind everyone of the town's upcoming Civil War Commemoration Sunday, September 23. At noon, the Connecticut Blues Fife and Drum Corps and the Company G, 14th Regiment of the Connecticut Volunteer Infantry will assemble at the high school, together with local groups, for a procession down Newton Road and Meetinghouse Lane to the gazebo green. Townspeople are invited to "come-learn-enjoy". Hellauer will be representing the deputy mayor of Gettysburg in 1863. We are told that President Lincoln will be present as well as other period dignitaries.

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Emily VanCamp

**Q:** I was wondering if the “John Carter” movie you mentioned this spring is based on the science-fiction books by **Edgar Rice Burroughs**. I hope so, because I’ve read them all and believe they could be made into a great series of sci-fi movies. -- Paul R., Marion, Indiana

**A:** The March release of Disney’s “John Carter” is indeed based on Burroughs’ Barsoom book series, which were published in various magazines as a serial from 1912 to 1943. Because of their popularity, they were then published as their own book series from 1917 to 1964. The film, however, didn’t prove to be quite so popular. It was received with mixed reviews and a dismal box-office take. The film was originally planned to be a trilogy, but that plan is on hold because of the film’s poor reception by moviegoers. “John Carter” is available on DVD and Bluray, so you can see for yourself whether it deserves a sequel.

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**Q:** I am a die-hard “Young and the Restless” fan. I have a question about the actress who plays Katherine Chancellor in the series. I heard that she has sons who are also actors. Could it be the **Baldwins**? -- Janet C., Battle Creek, Mich.

**A:** **Jeanne Cooper**, who’s played matriarch Katherine Chancellor on the series since 1973, does indeed have children (two sons, one daughter) who are actors: **Corbin**, **Collin** and **Caren**. The eldest is **Corbin Bernsen**, who is best known for playing **Arnold Becker** on “L.A. Law” and **Roger Dorn** in “Major League.” He plays the recurring role of **Father Todd Williams** on his mom’s show, and he also is a series regular on the USA’s “Psych.”

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**Q:** What was **Emily VanCamp** in

before she was on “Revenge”? I recognized her as soon as I saw her, but I cannot remember from what! -- Iris V., Suffolk, Va.

**A:** The gorgeous Canadian actress has been in the business since she was 13, making her debut on Nickelodeon’s “Are You Afraid of the Dark?” But before “Revenge,” she was best known for her role on “Everwood,” where she played **Amy Abbott**. She also had a co-starring role from 2007-2010, playing **Rebecca Harper**, who initially was thought to be **William Walker’s (Tom Skerritt)** daughter with longtime mistress **Holly Harper (Patricia Wettig)**. Take note that the second season of “Revenge” begins Sept. 30 on ABC on its new night and time, Sundays at 9/8c.

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**Q:** When will Syfy’s “Merlin” be back for its fifth season? Please tell me it has not been canceled -- Gregory D., via e-mail

**A:** The British sci-fi/fantasy series will indeed be back for a fifth season, which will consist of 13 all-new episodes. The series began filming in Wales and in France this spring, and if all follows according to previous seasons’ trends, season five should premiere in the U.K. in December, and in the U.S. in late spring/early summer (although no official dates have been released yet).

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That on the first day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any state, or designated part of a state, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against United States shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free..."

This text sounds exact and dry. It lacks the soaring words of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address of the following year. Yet, it seems that he specifically chose this "lawyerlike" tone and precise detail to protect against legal loopholes. He was sending a message, lawyer to lawyer, to Confederate

President, Jefferson Davis. He offered a period of 100 days for the rebelling states to rejoin the Union before the proclamation's terms became law on January 1, 1863.

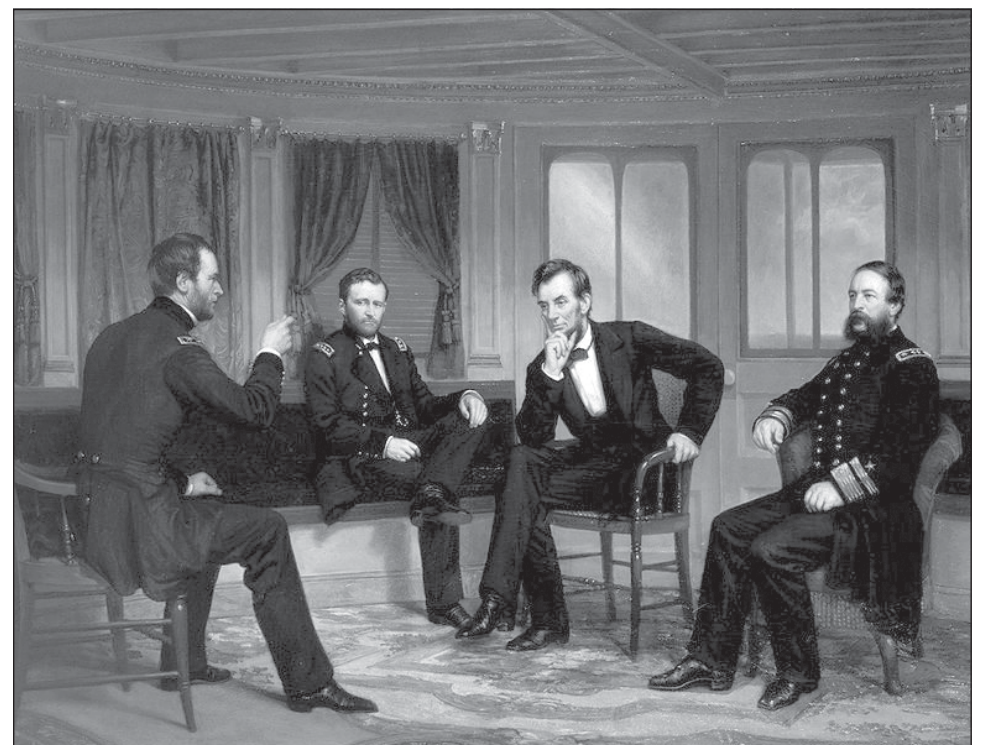
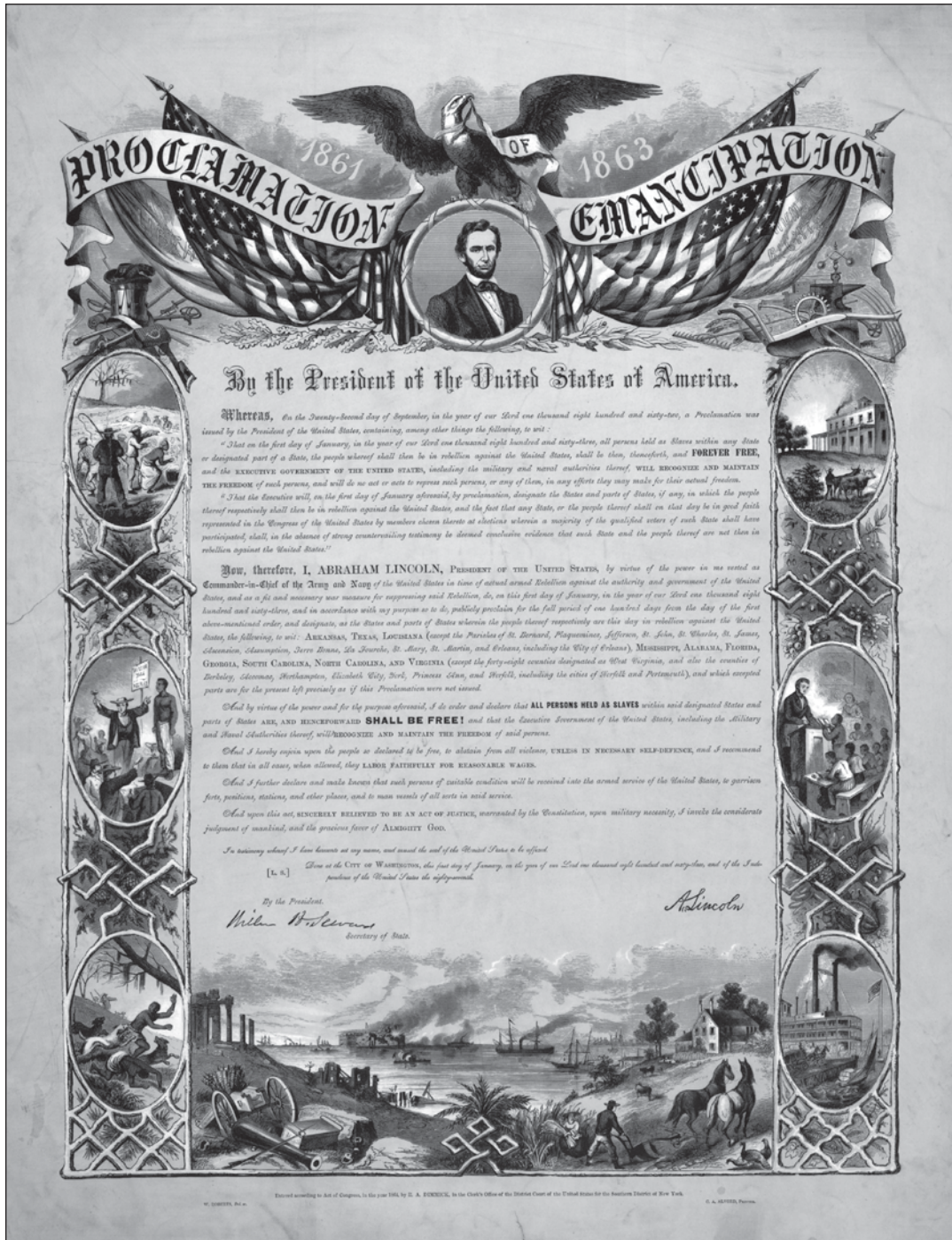
President Lincoln was walking a tightrope. Freeing the slaves would undermine the southern states' ability to wage war, but it might precipitate secession by border states. In the north, fear of competition for jobs from newly freed blacks matched the earlier fear of a southern economy based on slave labor. Europe was still undecided in backing north or south.

Lincoln had drafted his proclamation in June and read it to the cabinet in July. In light of the recent string of battlefield defeats, they strongly advised that he wait to make it public. The wait continued until September 17 and the Battle of Antietam, MD. This "single bloodiest day of the entire war" was hardly a victory. But it would do because it forced the Confederate army to stop their advance into northern territory and retreat into Virginia. If the north had suffered another defeat, the British and French governments would probably have moved to recognize the Confederate States of America.

Instead, the Union victory combined with the Emancipation Proclamation kept them out of the war. Soon after the Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation went into effect, the decision was made to enlist blacks.

Woodbridge counts on its Civil War service rolls two black soldiers. Junius Payne served in one of the first Connecticut regiments of black soldiers. He was killed in the Battle of the Crater attacking the enemy line at Petersburg, Virginia. Henry Williams served in

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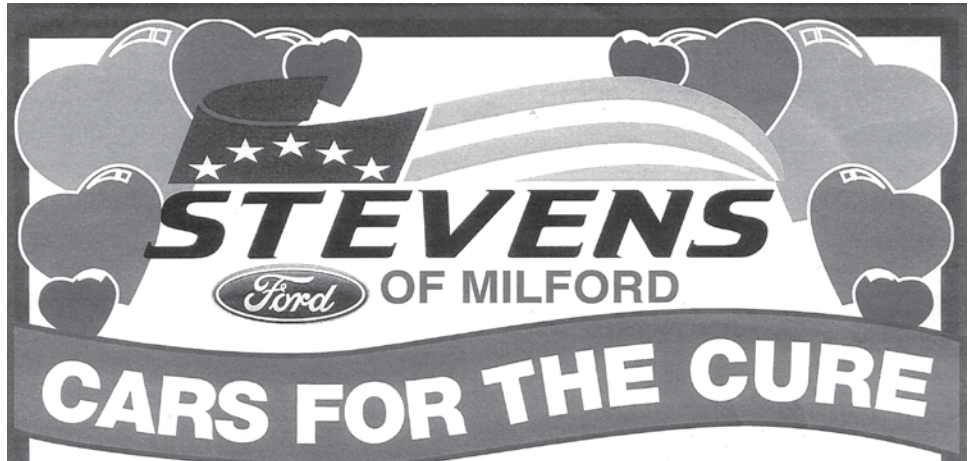
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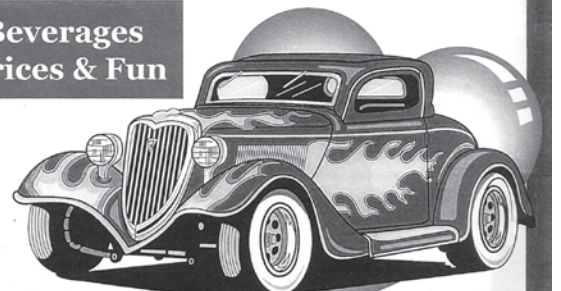
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David Copperfield by Charles Dickens: Tuesday, October 2, 2012 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for our next Book Discussion Series entitled Charles Dickens at 200: The Novels in the Context of His Time and Ours. Yale Associate Dean Mark Schenker will explore the fiction of Charles Dickens (born February 7, 1812) in a series of four book discussions that consider him both as a product of the Victorian Age and as a writer who has transcended his time, his place and his medium. The four novels we will read span nearly the entire range of Dickens' novel-writing career; taken together they give insight into his talent, the intersections of his life and art, and his development as a writer. Part 2 of the series will focus on David Copperfield. This is a free program, and all are welcome to join. Add your voice to our lively discussion, led by our favorite literary expert, Mark Schenker! Registration is required. Copies of all works will be provided to registered participants. To register or for more information: please call 203.389.3433.

#### Friends of the Library ~ Purves Lecture Featuring Roya Hakakian

Monday, October 15th @ 7:00pm - The Friends of the Woodbridge Library are pleased to welcome Iranian-American writer, journalist, and poet Roya Hakakian as the guest speaker for this year's Purves Lecture. Hakakian will speak on her recent book, *Assassins of the Turquoise Palace*, which was a New York Times Book Review "Editors' Choice". The non-fiction account tells of the Mykonos restaurant assassinations of Iranian opposition leaders in Berlin in 1992. In this attack, four Kurdish and Iranian activists were killed following a pattern of assassinations of opposition leaders. The book explores the assassinations, the implications for Iran, and the subsequent court case known as the Mykonos trial that ended in implicating the highest level of the Iranian government. After spending time with one of the survivors, Hakakian was convinced that "the investigation and verdict of the trial were some of the most important not-yet-properly-told stories of the past several decades." Roya Hakakian is well known for her memoir *Journey from the Land of No*. Her essays on Iranian issues appear in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and she has appeared on NPR. Commissioned by UNICEF, Hakakian directed a film, *Armed and Innocent*, on the subject of underage children in wars around the world, which was nominated for best short documentary at several film festivals. This event is free and open to the public—all are welcome to join us!



Roya Hakakian

### Children's Events

We recommend advance registration for most of our programs. To register or for more information: email [childrensprogram@lioninc.org](mailto:childrensprogram@lioninc.org), or call 203.389.3439.

#### Ten Plus Art (for ages 10 and older)

Wednesday, October 17th @ 6:30pm - At this month's session of Ten Plus Art, we'll paint empty glass bottles and make a flower from old transparent folders to put inside. Advance registration is required.

#### Ongoing Children's Programs

Join the fun at the Woodbridge Library! We have stories, music, crafts and more each week for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary school students. For more information, please call the Children's Department at 203.389.3439.

**Rhythm & Rhyme** (for ages 2½ to 3½) - Thursdays @ 10:30 am - Join us for Rhythm & Rhyme, every Thursday morning at 10:30 am! Help your children develop a lifelong love of music! Join us for musical stories, instruments to play and sounds that rhyme. Our weekly program is targeted for 2 1/2-to 3 1/2 year olds with a parent or caregiver. No registration needed!

**Collage Art** (for ages 8 to 12) - Thursdays @ 6:30 pm - Come explore the world of collage each week in our art studio! Learn about color, shape, texture and design using a variety of techniques and materials. No registration needed, but please plan to arrive early, as supplies and space are limited.

**Saturday Storycraft** (for ages 3 to 5) - Saturdays @ 11:00 am - Start your weekend off right with preschool stories and crafts on Saturdays! Our weekly program features themed stories and crafts targeted for 3-5 year olds with a parent or caregiver. No registration needed, but please plan to arrive early, as supplies and space are limited.



The Woodbridge Library

**Tuesday Storycraft** (for ages 5 to 10) - Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm - This evening program features specially themed stories and crafts, designed for older kids. No registration needed, but please plan to arrive early, as supplies and space are limited.

**Toddler Time** (for ages 18 to 30 months) - Wednesdays @ 10:30 am - This morning program features nursery rhymes, finger plays and action songs. Our weekly program is open to toddlers ages 18 to 30 months with a parent or caregiver. No registration needed!

**Baby Rhyme Time** (for ages 6 to 18 months) - Wednesdays @ 11:30 am - It's never too early to introduce your baby to the library! This program features songs, sounds and movement activities for baby's ages 6 to 18 months with a parent or caregiver. No registration needed!

### Teen Events

To register or for more information, please call 203.389.3439.

**Slap Art: Earring Holder** (for high school students ages 12 and older) - Monday, October 15th @ 4:00pm - We're gearing up for fall and getting ready for our next Slap Art session. In October, our project will have you getting yourself organized. Come make an earring holder from plastic mesh and other recycled items.

### Movies

All films are shown in the Meeting Room on our big screen. Screenings are free, open to the public, and seating is on a first-come first-served basis. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own refreshments and enjoy the show!

#### Upcoming Film Schedule:

Thursday, September 27th @ 7:00pm - *Marvel's The Avengers* (PG-13)  
Thursday, October 4th @ 7:00pm - *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* (PG-13)  
Thursday, October 11th @ 7:00pm - *Dark Shadows* (PG-13)  
Thursday, October 18th @ 7:00pm - *Prometheus* (R)

### Art

#### Monthly Art Exhibits

September: *The Civil War - A Remembrance* (John Stewart)  
October: *E. Gurney Fiske*

#### Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday 10am-8pm  
Friday & Saturday 10am-5pm  
Holidays: October 8th - Columbus Day  
[www.woodbridge.lioninc.org](http://www.woodbridge.lioninc.org)

*Many of our adult events and all of our children's events are funded by The Friends of the Woodbridge Library. If you enjoy attending these events, please consider becoming a Friend. Help to keep these great events @ your library!*



# BULLETIN BOARD

Please Note: If you have an event for the Bulletin Board, please send it along no matter how far in advance it is. We will include it in the appropriate issue(s) until the event has taken place.

**2012 Annual Fund Drive for Bethany's Clark Memorial Library**, contributions requested to help for the cost of a website to update services, etc.

**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.

**Murray Lender 5K Bagel Run**, Sunday, September 23, 2012, Kids Run/9:00am; 5K Bagel Run/9:30am, Jewish Community Center, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge; \$20/pp - 5K Bagel Run; \$5/pp - Kids Run; register online at [www.jccnh.org](http://www.jccnh.org). For information, call 203-387-2522.

**Jewish Community Center Health & Wellness Fair**, Sunday, September 23, 2012, JCC, 360 Amity Road, free admission, in conjunction with the Murray Lender 5K Bagel Run.

**Amity Teen Center's 25th Birthday Celebration**, Saturday, September 29, 2012, 10 Selden Street, Woodbridge, 2:00pm/presentation and ceremony; 4:00pm-'til?/live musical entertainment, refreshments. For more information, visit [www.amityteencenter.org](http://www.amityteencenter.org).

**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.

**Hooked on the Sound Crochet Guild**, Saturdays, October 6, 2012, November 3, 2012, December 1, 2012, 10am-1pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, small meeting room on 2nd level (elevator available); share stitch successes, assist with pattern problems and have a great time crocheting, no fee. For more information, Visit <http://hotscrochetguild.yolasite.com/>, Email [HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com](mailto:HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com).

**The Godfather's Meshuggener Wedding** Presented by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Saturday, October 6, 2012, 680 Racebrook Road, Orange. Tickets - \$75/person. To order call (203) 795-6577 or [www.thegoodshepherdorangect.org](http://www.thegoodshepherdorangect.org).

**Amity Senior High School Class Of 1992 ~ 20th Reunion**, Saturday, November 24, 2012, 7:00pm, Eli's on Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT. For information and/or tickets, email [naluciano@yahoo.com](mailto:naluciano@yahoo.com).

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# HEALTH AND FITNESS

## Tennis Elbow ~ Not Just for Tennis Players

By Kyle Branday, MSPT

We've all heard the term before... "Tennis Elbow." But what does it really mean? Tennis elbow is a condition caused by over exertion of the muscles which produce extension to wrist and forearm. Inflammation is created, generally, at the origin point, the area where the muscles begin as they run down our forearm to the wrist. This pain tends to occur at a point called the lateral epicondyle, hence the technical term for "tennis elbow" known as lateral epicondylitis.



Kyle Branday

The nickname for this condition was created because this injury was seen most commonly in tennis players. While playing tennis, a common swing is known as a back hand, where the hand gripping the racquet is turned so the palm of your hand is facing you and you swing to return the ball to your opponent. This group of "wrist extensor muscles" fires aggressively to flick the wrist and grip the racquet tighter as you hit the ball and creates greater force with which to hit it. With hundreds, if not thousands, of swings that a player will take over the course of games and matches, these muscles become increasingly fatigued and overstressed creating the pain at the outside of the elbow. This overexertion creates the inflammation of the tendon and muscles at the lateral epicondyle.

Patients come into my clinic frequently with this condition and their first response is, "But I don't play tennis. Why is this happening?" Lateral epicondylitis is not a condition reserved for only tennis players. These muscles are engaged frequently throughout the day. From simple tasks such as typing on a computer, to lifting and carrying grocery bags, to raking leaves and swinging a baseball bat. Our forearm extensors are frequently contracting, putting additional force through the tendon and muscle belly.

Treatment for this condition is very effective. Physical therapy to reduce inflammation and break up scar tissue which forms because of micro-tearing of the tendon and muscle bellies will allow for good, normal muscle and tendonous tissue to lay back down in its place. This is accomplished through manual therapy and use of modalities such as ultrasound. Strength training is a crucial component to rehabilitation from this orthopedic condition. Without proper strength and endurance of the forearm extensors, this condition has a good chance to reoccur.

Another common treatment is use of a Cho-pat brace. This brace is a strap, sometimes with a pad which looks like a bubble that is held across the forearm and placed just beneath the lateral epicondyle. This brace helps to create a new temporary "origin" point for this muscle group so when we continue to contract our muscles throughout the day, we do not continue to pull on the painful and inflamed area above. Treatment of this condition during the early stages of the inflammatory response will expedite your recovery and allow you to return to the tennis court and/or your daily activities at a much quicker pace. This also prevents this from becoming a recurrent issue for years to come. Please consult a physical therapist for treatment of this problem and get yourself back playing at a high level again in comfort!

Kyle Branday, MSPT is a licensed physical therapist and partner at Amity Physical Therapy located at 1 Bradley Rd in Woodbridge, CT. Kyle has 5 years of experience working with patients with orthopedic and neurological dysfunction ranging from simple sprains and strains to post surgical conditions to gait and balance dysfunction. You may contact him at (203) 389-4593 for a consultation.

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## TOWN DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

### Woodbridge Recreation Fall Programs 2012

Recreation Office Open: Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm • Phone: 203-389-3446

#### MONDAY

**BOWLING** – Grades K–6 Amity Bowling Center - September 10 - November 12  
Busing to Amity Bowling will be provided and is included in the cost. Cost also includes the rental of bowling shoes. Food may be purchased @ refreshment stand at additional cost. TIMES: 3:15 Leave for bowling and 5:15 pick up at Amity Bowling Center BY PARENTS  
FEES: \$100.00 Residents \$110.00 Non-Residents

**TENNIS** – Grades k-6 3:25-4:25pm SEP 24– NOV. 5 \$100 Residents \$110 Non-Res. Beecher North Tennis Courts. Pickup is required at 4:25.

**TAEKWONDO** – Grades K-6 World Champion Taekwondo Amity Road September 10 - November 12 \$150.00/Busing to 152 Amity Road will be provided and is included in the cost. 3:15 Leave for Taekwondo and pick up between 4:30 - 5:00 at World Champion Taekwondo at 152 Amity Rd BY PARENTS

**RUNNING CLUB** – Fitzgerald Trails Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 7:15AM-8:15AM September 10 - November 2. Bus Transportation provided to Beecher Rd School at the end of each morning. \$85.00

**KUMON-math.reading.success** – Grades K-6 September 10 thru November 12 after school math & reading program/Busing to 152 Amity Road will be provided and is included in the cost. 3:15 Leave for Kumon and pick up between 4:30 - 5:00 at Kumon of Woodbridge at 152 Amity Rd BY PARENTS \$200

**HORSEBACK RIDING** - Grades K–6 September 24 - November 5 \$405 4:00 – 5:30 Busing to Turning Point Farm will be PROVIDED  
No Program September 17, October 8

#### TUESDAY

**BASKETBALL** – Grades K-2 Beecher South Gym/September 11- November 13 - TIMES: 3:15 to 5:00 pm FEES: \$85.00 Residents \$95.00 Non-Residents

**LITTLE SCIENTISTS K-5** 3:30-4:15 Rotunda September 18 – November 13 \$148

**ARTS & CRAFTS** –Grades K-6. Rec Dept. Office September 18 –November 13 3:30-4:30pm FEE: \$85

**NEW ENGLAND COMETS SOCCER** - Grades 1-4 Beecher South Field September 18 –November 13/TIME: 3:30 -4:30pm FEE:\$100  
No Program October 16

#### WEDNESDAY

**FLAG FOOTBALL** – Grades K–6 Beecher South Field September 12 - November 14  
TIMES: 3:15 to 5:00pm FEES: \$85.00 Residents \$95.00 Non-Residents

**CHESS** – Grades 1-6 SEP 19 – NOV. 14 Rec Dept Office \$70 TIME: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**KIDS ON STAGE THEATER CAMP** –Grades 3-6 Beecher So. Assembly September 12- October 31 \$85 TIME: 3:30-5:00PM

**WORLD DANCE** – Grades K-6 Beecher Rotunda September 19 – November 14/TIMES: 3:30 to 4:30 pm FEES: \$80.00 Residents \$90.00 Non-Residents  
No Program September 26

#### THURSDAY

**BASKETBALL** – Grades 3–6 BEECHER SOUTH GYM SEP. 13 - NOV.15  
TIMES: 3:15 to 5:00pm FEES: \$85.00 Residents \$95.00 Non-Residents

**KARATE** – Grades K-6 Sept. 20 – Nov. 1 ROTUNDA 3:30 – 4:15pm \$70 Residents \$80 Non

**MUSIC MUSINGS** – Grades K-2 BEECHER SO. CLASSROOM SEP 20 - NOV. 15 TIME: 3:30 – 4:30pm FEES: \$80.00 Residents \$90.00 Non-Residents

**FENCING**- Ages 8 and up SO. ASSEMBLY ROOM SEP 20 – NOV 15 3:30 – 5:00pm \$154. No Program October 18

#### FRIDAY

**STICKBALL** – Grades 3–6 Beecher North Tennis Courts September 14 - November 16/TIMES: 3:15 to 5:00pm LIMITED ENROLLMENT: MAX 36  
FEES: \$85.00 Residents/\$95.00 Non-Residents

#### SATURDAY

**BASKETBALL** Center Gym Dates: September 15 – November 10 If you do Tuesday or Thursday basketball  
GRADES K-3 TIME: 9:00 to 10:00am Sat. basketball is only \$20.00  
GRADES 4-8 TIME 10:15am to 12:00 NOON  
FEES: \$75.00 Residents \$85.00 Non-Resident  
No Program Oct. 6 & Nov. 3

**GYMNASTICS/MOVENASTICS** – Beecher South Gym Dates: September 15 – November 10  
ALL LEVELS 9:00 to 10:00 am  
MOMMY & ME MOVENASTICS (3, 4, and 5 years olds): 10:30 to 11:15 am  
FEES: \$85.00 Residents \$95.00 Non-Residents No Program October 6

**TENNIS** – Center Road September 22 – November 3 - Munchkin 9-10am , Beginner/Advanced 10-11am \$100 Residents/\$110 Non-Residents

**GUITAR** – Beecher South Assembly October 6 – November 24 Guitar 2 class: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM, Guitar 1: 11:00am – 12 noon AGES 10 AND UP. \$80

PLEASE NOTE: ALL OF THE ABOVE PROGRAMS ARE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS! PARENTS MUST NOTIFY TEACHERS THAT A CHILD IS ATTENDING AN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM! No Peanut Butter Snacks!

31st ANNUAL WOODBRIDGE ROAD RACE ON OCTOBER 6, 2012  
1 MILE FUN RUN: 9:00 AM \$15.00 Fitzgerald Walking Trail  
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#### ADULT PROGRAMS

**BADMINTON** – Wednesday evenings beginning September 19, 2012 – May 29, 2013 \$90 full season, September 19 – December 19 \$50, or \$5.00 per night drop in 7pm to 9 pm. No Class September 26, October 31, December 26th

**TENNIS** –Center Tennis Court Saturdays September 22 – November 3 9:00 AM – 10:00AM \$100 Residents \$110/Non-Residents

**YOGA** – Please call for Monday thru Friday Morning classes, and Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday Evening classes. Center Room 16

**MEDITATION** – Wednesday evening classes- Center Room 16. 7:30-9:15 pm

**ZUMBA** – Saturday morning classes available.  
Website: [www.woodbridge.org](http://www.woodbridge.org) click on Departments then Recreation.

*The Woodbridge Recreation Department will make reasonable accommodations to include all members of our community. Let us know if you require assistance to participate in any of our programs. Website: [www.woodbridge.org](http://www.woodbridge.org). Mail Registration to: Woodbridge Rec. 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525. No Refunds After Second Class*



## Energy Assistance

Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director of the Woodbridge Human Services Department, states that applications will be taken for Energy Assistance for Woodbridge residents. Please call 203-389-3429 for more information or to make an appointment to apply.

# BETHANY HAPPENINGS

## Bethany Library Association 2012 Annual Fund Drive

The Bethany Library Association, Inc. is seeking support for the Clark Memorial Library as it begins its 2012 Annual Fund Drive this month. The entire Board of the Bethany Library Association, Inc. would first like to thank again the generous families, individuals, businesses and philanthropic organizations that contributed to last year's drive.

This year, the Association hopes to increase the amount raised by increasing the number of people who contribute. It is asking for help from supporters of its mission, patrons of the Clark Memorial Library, local businesses, and those who feel it is important for Bethany to have a vibrant and up-to-date library ready to serve the entire community.

The library is creating a Web Site which will have up-to-date Library news and information as well as resources that will be a portal to many of the library's services. Patrons can already search the on-line collection; see if the book they are seeking is available; renew books; add their name to a waiting list for a particular title that has been checked out by another patron.

The Clark Memorial Library is run by the Bethany Library Association, Inc., and supported by an investment fund, generous contributions, Town and State grants and income generated by fines, copies, computer prints, and the work of the Friends of the Library. The library is recognized as a non-profit, section 501(c)(3) and donors may deduct gifts and bequests to the Bethany Library Association as allowed by the tax code. All donors will be recognized in the annual report in January 2013.

## Clark Memorial Library Director Begins Duties

The Bethany Library Association welcomed Melissa Canham-Clyne as the new Library Director of the Clark Memorial Library. Mrs. Canham-Clyne assumed her duties in Bethany on Wednesday, September 12. She comes to Bethany from her service at the New Haven Free Public Library from 2005 to 2012. Her most recent position was that of Library Manager, Courtland S. Wilson Branch of the New Haven Free Public Library. She brings her confident, dynamic administrative style, capable of leading staff while also developing responsive, creative community driven programs and services to Bethany's Clark Memorial Library.



Melissa Canham-Clyne

Barbara Haag, a member of the Personnel Committee of the Bethany Library Association commented that, "A four-month search involving thirty-three applicants from six states resulted in our selection of Mrs. Canham-Clyne. A major factor was the committee's desire to hire an individual who would be able to transform our library into a cultural center for the town and a more dynamic part of our community." Mrs. Canham-Clyne will succeed Sarah Shepherd, who is leaving after five years as the Library Director to pursue other opportunities.







Elaborating on her experience in New Haven, Mrs. Canham-Clyne said, "Librarianship is the art of building community through the careful and deliberate cultivation of lifelong learning opportunities. I accomplish this by calling on my backgrounds in journalism, education and hospital administration. From starting a community reader's advisory to inaugurating a city-wide poetry contest to using the web for real time programming to directing an annual mentoring program, I use my passion for empowering others by helping people use knowledge and technology to inspire their process of thinking about their worlds."

While Library Manager in New Haven, she created a library internship and mentoring program; designed and implemented professional workshops promoting library literacy to educators and the business community; combined traditional librarianship with emerging cyberianship to offer real time, web-based programming with the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation; directed and evaluated three major grant projects; conceptualized and developed tools to engage patrons in an active role of growing a library.


In addition to her position as Library Manager in New Haven, Mrs. Canham-Clyne also served as a Youth Services Librarian. Prior to that she was the Director of Volunteer Administration at Columbia Hospital for Women in Washington, D.C. She is presently serving as consulting librarian for St. Thomas' Day School in New Haven, CT.

Mrs. Canham-Clyne earned her Master's Degree in Information and Library Sciences from Southern Connecticut State University. Melissa is a member of the American Library Association and the Connecticut Library Association.

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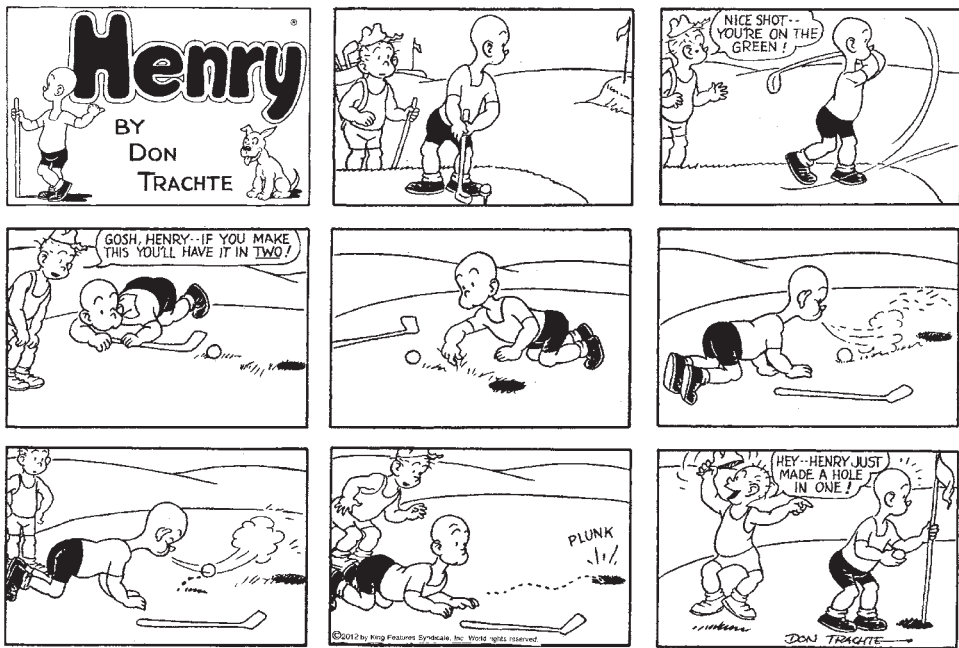
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## HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Ellen Barkin

HOLLYWOOD -- If you thought that censorship in television doesn't happen in today's progressive society, you'd be wrong. "American Horror Story," "Nip/Tuck" and "Glee" producer Ryan Murphy isn't "Glee"ful these days, thanks to KLS-TV, the NBC station in Salt Lake City, Utah, owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, aka Mormons, who banned his upcoming show, "The New Normal," even before its premiere. Seems they objected to the premise of a gay couple having a baby via a single-mom surrogate who has a "small-minded" grandmother, played by film star Ellen Barkin.

Barkin immediately tweeted back, "Shame on u (KSL-TV), on ("Law & Order") "SVU," rape and child murder is OK? But, (a) loving gay couple having a baby is inappropriate?" The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLADD) said, "Same-sex families are a beloved part of American television thanks to shows like 'Modern Family,' 'Glee' and 'Grey's Anatomy.' While audiences, critics and advertisers have all supported (these kind of) shows, KSL (TV) is demonstrating how deeply out of touch it is with the rest of the country."

The upcoming election has taken over our televisions. Big-name stars are choosing sides, while the media and the TV networks perpetuate the myth that the American people actually elect the president of the United States. In fact, it's the people we elect to represent us in Washington, D.C., who make up the Electoral College that actually selects our president. In a perfect world, they'd vote the way we the people do, but it doesn't always turn out that way.

In 1824, John Quincy Adams was

elected president, but Andrew Jackson won the popular vote. In 1876, Rutherford Hayes won, but Samuel Tilden was the people's choice. In 1888, the incumbent President Grover Cleveland won the popular vote, but Benjamin Harrison was elected to office. More recently, George W. Bush took office after the 2000 election, even though Al Gore was the popular vote-getter. So how much weight does our vote actually have? We would all be wise to stop accepting what the news media tells us and try to find a better way to pick our presidents in the future.

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Ryan Murphy's "American Horror Story" is going through major changes. When the show returns in October for its second season, it will be called "American Horror Story: Asylum." Two-time Oscar winner Jessica Lange returns, but Dylan McDermott and Connie Britton are gone. Zachary Quinto, James Cromwell and Joseph Fiennes are main cast members, while Mark Consuelos and "The Voice's" Adam Levine are recurring. You won't hear Adam's singing "Voice" on this one, else they'd have to call it "American Horror Story: The Musical Asylum!"

Send letters to Tony Rizzo's Hollywood, 8306 Wilshire Blvd., No. 362, Beverly Hills, CA 90211.

## King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Engrossed
- 5 Old man
- 8 Rabbit's tail
- 12 Wrinkly fruit
- 13 Japanese sash
- 14 "My bad"
- 15 Let fall
- 16 Joker
- 17 - -tat-tat
- 18 Ohio city
- 20 Tailor, humorously
- 22 Frequently
- 23 Speck
- 24 Freeway access
- 27 Adverse
- 32 Hearty brew
- 33 Author Santha Rama -
- 34 Sundial numeral
- 35 Hat seller
- 38 Automaker Ransom Eli -
- 39 Pitch
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- 42 It had a big part in the Bible
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- 49 Famous cookie man
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- 52 Made on a loom
- 53 New Zealand

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- 37 Anger
- 38 Unilateral
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- 42 Croupier's tool
- 43 Eastern potentate
- 44 Somewhere out there
- 46 Had on
- 47 Maleficent
- 48 Transaction
- 51 Acapulco gold
- 54 Coach Parseghian
- 55 Mat melody
- 56 Coastal flyer
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- 58 Holler
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- 8 "Parting is such sweet -"
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- 10 Doing
- 11 Despot
- 19 "- Thee I Sing"
- 21 Fuss
- 24 Aries
- 25 Clay, today
- 26 Loss of self-control
- 28 Dundee denial
- 29 Traitor

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### King Crossword

Answers

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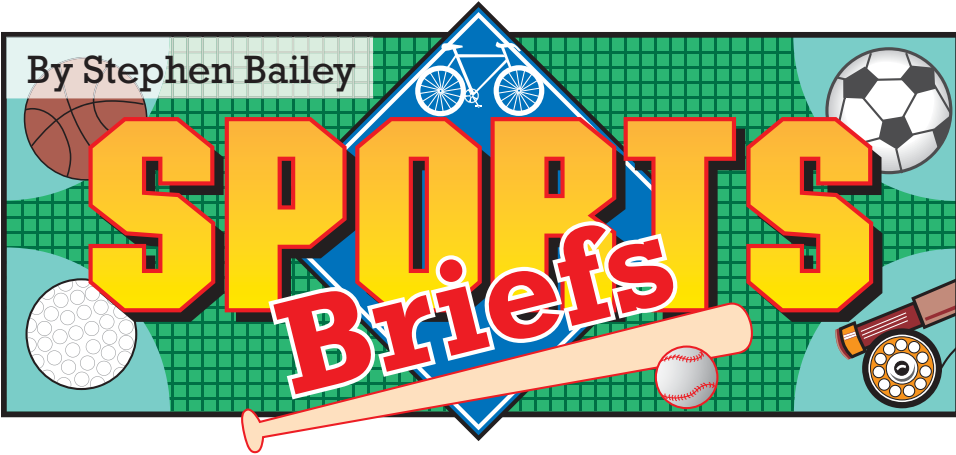
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## LOCAL SPORTS

By Stephen Bailey



### Amity Football Opens Season At Hand

After a 4-6 finish last year, head coach Bert Mozealous and Amity look for an improved 2012 season. Key returners for the Spartans include seniors quarterback James Semmonella, running back/defensive lineman David Attolino, running back/linebacker Jordan Laugeni, wide receiver/linebacker Nick Walker, offensive lineman/linebacker and offensive/defensive linemen Conner Myatt, Greg Purcell, Mike Vitale, Dennis Flanagan and Zach Torro.

Semmonella moves from running back to quarterback as Tyler Valley, the Spartans signal-caller last year, graduated. However, Amity returns six starters on each side of the ball and finished last season on a high note — scoring 42 points in two of its last three games in late-season wins over Lyman Hall and Wilbur Cross. The Spartans open their 2012 season at Hand on September 14.

See the full schedule here: September 14: at Hand, September 21: vs. Sheehan, September 28: at Shelton, October 5: vs. Guilford, October 12: at West Haven, October 19: vs. Xavier, October 26: vs. Fairfield Prep, November 2: at Hamden, November 9: vs. Wilbur Cross, November 22: at North Haven.

### Amity-Wilbur Cross Football Game To Be Televised on MyTV9

The Amity-Wilbur Cross football game on Friday, November 9 will be broadcast as the MyTV9 High School Football Game of the Week on Saturday, November 10. Each Saturday night this fall, myTV9 will select a premier football game to air. Each High School Football Game of the Week will be streamed live on wtnh.com and televised at 7 p.m. that Saturday night. This is the fifth year MyTV9 has been broadcasting a game each week. The full schedule is: September 15: Hamden at West Haven, September 22: Foran at Shelton, September 29: Derby at Ansonia, October 6: Masuk at Bunnell, October 13: Hillhouse at North Haven, October 20: West Haven at Daniel Hand, October 27: Branford at Guilford, November 3: Fitch at New London, November 10: Wilbur Cross at Amity and November 24: Berlin at New Britain.

### Amity Boys' Soccer Tops Career/Hillhouse 4-1

The Amity boys' soccer team opened its 2012 season with a 4-1 win over SCC opponent Career/Hillhouse on September 11. Dean Schwartz led the Spartans to victory with three goals on the afternoon. Justyn Broderick added a goal and an assist. Amity finished last season 7-4-5, falling in the first round of the state tournament.

### Spartans' Girls' Volleyball Opens Season With Sweep Of Law

Amity girls' volleyball defeated Jonathan Law 3-0 in its season opener on September 13. The Spartans earned a 3-0 victory (25-18, 25-23 and 25-20) over Law behind strong play from Allison Denny, Sydnee Sousa and Kathryn Pisano. Denny finished with eight kills and two blocks, Sousa added a perfect 22-for-22 serving record, three aces two blocks and Pisano chipped in with 16 assists, an 11-for-11 serving mark and an ace of her own.

After a comfortable first-set victory, Sousa also keyed a 13-1 rally in the second set with two aces and nine points on the line. Rebecca and Allison Denny recorded two kills apiece on the run. Law came back to take a 23-22 lead in the set, but the Spartans won the last three points to take a 2-0 advantage.

Amity carried that momentum into set three, opening an 18-11 lead. Law cut the deficit to 23-20, before an ace by Allison Denny capped the Spartans' win.

### Amity Field Hockey Starts Season 1-0

The Spartans field hockey team defeated Sacred Heart 2-0 in its season opener on September 11. After a scoreless first half, Amity's Nicole Simon and Sydney DeStefano both found the back of the cage. Spartans goaltender Hannah Bercovici recorded two saves in the shutout.

### Spartans Girls' Swim Team Cruises Past Shelton

Amity was in control from the start, taking first and second in the 200-yard medley relay. Mollee Lasto, Melissa Gulia, Hannah Flaherty and Dana Chung won with

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## Tom Scanlon Sealed the Shutout

By Stephen Bailey

Through two weeks, life as Ithaca's starting strong safety has been sweet for Tom Scanlon.

His interception late in Ithaca's season opener against Moravian sealed a 24-0 shutout. Then the junior scooped up a fumble and sprinted 56 yards for a touchdown — the longest fumble return in Bombers' history, and one that played a key part in their come-from-behind win over Union in Week 2.

“For my first couple years I didn't really get an opportunity to get on the field every play. I gradually worked my way up and now that I'm here I'm excited,” Scanlon said. “Still preparing as much as I can to keep my spot because it can go just as fast as it came. Just working hard and going through the whole process, it's been fun.”

Scanlon, a 2010 Amity High School graduate, is a budding star on the Bombers' defense, but as a Spartan, he bounced around the other side of the field, moving from quarterback as a sophomore eventually to wide receiver as a senior. Through it all, though, he's always embraced playing on the defensive side of the ball — “the dark side” as he calls it. Following an all-state senior campaign in which he was named team MVP, the Bethany native followed in his brother, John Scanlon Jr.'s, footsteps and headed to Ithaca to continue his career.

Scanlon played defensive back on the junior varsity team as a freshman and was named Bombers' Defensive Scout Team Player of the Week following a win at Widener. Sophomore year he broke into the varsity level as the second-string strong safety, but made his real mark on special teams.

“My sophomore year was a good transition from the JV to the varsity level to get some playing time under my belt and get comfortable,” Scanlon said. “I got some reps at strong safety too so I got a good feel of what college football is all about.”

Scanlon was a member of the Bombers' punt and punt return units, recording three tackles in coverage. He also starred in one of the team's most memorable highlights of the year during the SUNY-Cortland game.

Lined up in the slot position of the punting formation, just outside the tackle, Scanlon took a handoff on a fake punt and scampered upfield for 38 yards.

“It worked well,” Scanlon said. “They really had no idea it was coming. We never ran anything like that before so it was kind of neat.

“... We'd been practicing it and we rep'd it out in practice a bunch so it kind of felt routine when it happened in a game.”

Scanlon finished his sophomore year with 17 tackles, including one for a loss. Now an every-down player, he's focused making even stronger contributions. And with the highlight reel he's already started to put together through only two games this year, he's well on his way. The future is bright for both Scanlon and the 2-0 Bombers.

Off the field, Scanlon is majoring in Finance at Ithaca's School of Business. He plans on joining the Deans' Hosts Organization this year, which helps plan the direction of the school as well as prepare incoming freshmen.

But for Scanlon, it's football that has made life as an Ithaca student-athlete everything he dreamed of as an incoming freshman two-plus years ago.

Scanlon said “The camaraderie is unbelievable. I've made some of the best friends I've ever made. I'll probably keep them for the rest of my life. It's a lot of hard work, a lot of dedication, but I love being committed to it. It's a great program.”



Tom Scanlon picks up a fumble and sprints 56 yards for a Bomber's touchdown.

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a time of 2:00.61 before the 'B' relay team of Wendy Kenyon, Lydia Pokluda, Jessica Kochiss, and Hannah Babbitz clocked in at 2:02.06.

The Spartans would go on to win the first eight events in their season-opening meet — sweeping four — and defeated Southern Connecticut Conference and Housatonic Division rival Shelton 99-74 on September 10 at the Orange Community Center Pool.

Amity swept the 200 freestyle as Madeline Snow touched the wall 2:13.66, followed by teammates Elizabeth Lubin (2:13.86) and Kelly Grindall (2:14.44). The Spartans swept the 200 individual medley as well. This time it was Shannon Early placing first with a time of 2:17.96. Lindsay Morton (2:14.4) and Brittany Smith (2:31.94) took second and third respectively. Dana Grindall (24.75) and Pokluda (27.21) finished 1-2 finish in the 50 free.

Without a Shelton diver in the competition, Amanda Craig (207.65 points), Nicole Guadagni (138.80), and Carly Young (101.10) combined for another sweep. Following her second-place mark in the 200 IM, Morton took first in the 100 butterfly (1:02.42). Smith finished third, clocking in at 1:10. Chung (57.02) and Babbitz (1:00.50) went 1-2 in the 100 free while Anna Lu (5:15.11), Kochiss (5:29.75), and Lubin (5:58.69) swept the 500 free before Amity coach Todd Rainey instructed his team to swim exhibition in last four events of the meet.

### Seidman Leads Wesleyan Girls' Tennis To Victory Over Nichols

Wesleyan freshman Jessica Seidman led the Cardinals to a 5-4 victory over Nichols in their season opener on September 9. The Woodbridge native and 2012 Amity High School graduate won both her singles and doubles matches. Teaming up with senior Suzanne Gallo, the No. 3 doubles duo disposed of the Nichols' pair with an 8-3 victory. Seidman also won her singles match after her opponent retired after the opening set.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE PERSONAL PROPERTY DECLARATIONS BEING SENT TO LOCAL BUSINESSES

Personal Property declarations will be mailed this month to businesses and individuals who have previously filed declarations. If you are a new business in Woodbridge, whether it be inside or outside of your home, or possess a non-registered motor vehicle, please contact the Assessor's Office at 203-389-3416 for copies of the Personal Property Declarations.

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#### 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.

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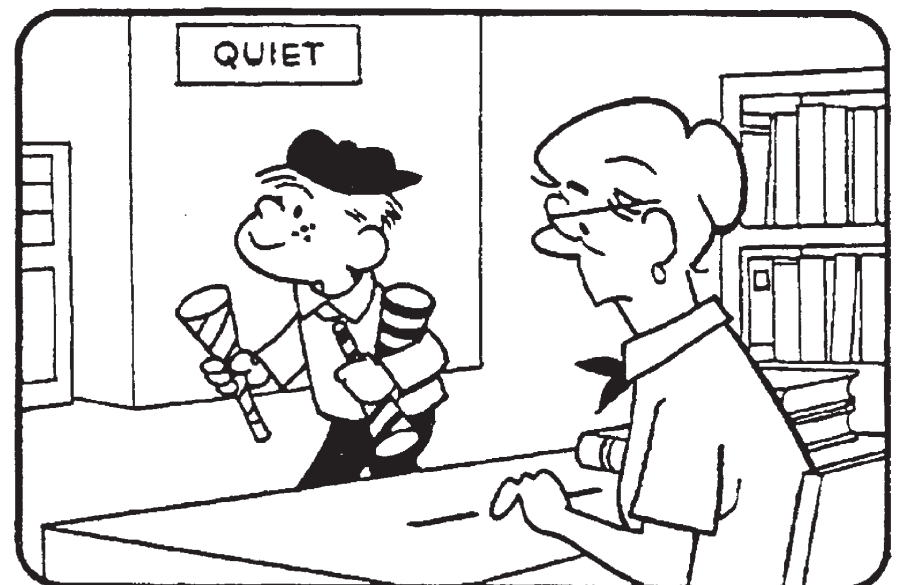


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### HOCUS - FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Good news: All that hard work you put in is beginning to pay off. But you need to watch that tendency to insist on doing things your way or no way. Be a bit more flexible.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You might want to delay making a decision on the future of a long-standing relationship until you check out some heretofore hidden details that are just now beginning to emerge.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Your reluctance to compromise on an important issue could backfire without more facts to support your position. Weigh your options carefully before making your next move.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** This is a good time for ambitious Leos or Leonas to shift from planning their next move to actually doing it. Your communication skills help persuade others to join you.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Relationships -- personal or professional -- present new challenges. Be careful not to let a sudden surge of

stubbornness influence how you choose to deal with them.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You might need more facts before you can decide on a possible career change. But you should have no problem making a decision about an important personal matter.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** You're respected by most people for your direct, no-nonsense approach to the issues. But be careful you don't replace honest skepticism with stinging sarcasm.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A newly emerging situation could require a good deal of attention and some difficult decision-making. However, close friends will help you see it through.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Family matters need attention. Check things out carefully. There still might be unresolved tensions that could hinder your efforts to repair damaged relationships.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Of course you deserve to indulge yourself in something special. But for now, tuck that bit of mad money away. You'll need it to help with a looming cash crunch.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A temporary setback in your financial situation is eased by changing some of your plans. You'll be able to ride it out quite well until the tide turns back in your favor.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a gift for understanding people's needs. You have a low tolerance for those who act without concern for others.

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## Wild Animals Pose Threat to Pets



**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** A number of cats in our area disappeared this spring and summer, and I noticed the rabbits that used to plague our garden don't come as frequently. A neighbor told me he saw a coyote crossing the street just before dawn recently, and I suspect it is the cause of many of these disappearances. Please warn your readers they need to protect their pets as wild animals are encroaching on well-populated neighborhoods. -- Pat C., Weston, Mass.

**DEAR PAT:** That's a very good point! As wild creatures lose more and more of their natural habitats, they are being seen much more frequently in the suburbs and even in urban areas. This goes beyond nuisance animals like raccoons and skunks: Black bears frequently wander into back yards in central Florida, and residents in urban Allston, Mass., are sometimes confronted by wild turkeys foraging along city streets. And coyotes and cougars have been reported in suburban neighborhoods in many parts of the United States.

Wild animals present a lot of risk to pets (as well as humans). Besides the threat of contracting rabies or other diseases, some predators find smaller pets to be easy, tasty prey.

Keep cats and small dogs indoors at night. If wild animals have been reported in your area, don't let your pet out unaccompanied or off a leash, even during the day when no danger is apparent. Keep your pet's vaccinations up to date.

If you have pets, like rabbits, that are kept outside, reinforce and strengthen protective fencing around their cages.

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## Bark Bytes

By Richard and Vicki Horowitz

### Know What Poisons Lurk in Your Home and Yard

Since dogs, especially young dogs, are naturally curious creatures, it is important that we know and remain vigilant about potential poisons that our inquisitive pooches may find and ingest. Numerous toxic items can be found both inside and outside the home and many of them are surprisingly common.

Toxic foods include chocolate, avocado, onions and garlic, raisins and grapes, alcoholic drinks, caffeinated beverages, macadamia nuts, and chewing gum with xylitol.

Many plants (even dead or dried) are toxic to pets. In some cases, only certain parts of the plant are dangerous (leaves, fruit, seeds). Be aware of the toxic plants that grow in your home and surroundings (both cultivated and wild), and keep your pets away from them or remove them entirely.

Other toxins found outside include mushrooms and garden mulch.

Keep your pets off lawns or gardens that have been treated with fertilizers, herbicides or insecticides. If your dog has come in contact with treated lawns or has walked on snow or ice treated with ice-melt, wipe his feet clean as soon as you get home to avoid the possibility of him licking his paws and ingesting the poison. Store all chemicals in cabinets and other places your pet can't reach.

Real danger to pets continues from antifreeze/coolant, even though animal-friendly products are now available (usually made with propylene glycol, not ethylene glycol). Always wipe up antifreeze leaks or spills of any size. Attracted to the sweet taste, pets can die from kidney failure if they ingest even a small amount of this very toxic material.

Store poisonous baits to rid your home of pests (rodents, snails, insects, etc.) in places that your pooch cannot access. Like antifreeze, some baits smell sweet but are very toxic to pets, causing severe internal bleeding.

Other household items poisonous to pets include household cleaners (the fumes can be noxious) and heavy metals such as lead, found in paint chips and linoleum.

Consult with your veterinarian before giving your dog any vitamin, herbal supplement or medication made for humans. Even small doses of medications of any kind--whether for humans or pets--can be lethal to pets. Keep all medicines well out of your dog's reach. While prevention is always the best medicine to keep your dog safe from common toxins, knowing the symptoms of possible poisoning may save your pet's life. Symptoms of poisoning (toxicity) in your pet can include:

- Vomiting/upset stomach
- Labored OR shallow breathing
- Drooling
- Increased OR decreased heart rate
- Fever
- Hyperactivity OR sluggishness/lethargy
- Increased thirst OR lack of thirst or hunger
- Dilated pupils
- Stumbling or staggering
- Seizures or tremors
- Loss of consciousness

If you think your dog has ingested a dangerous substance, contact your veterinarian or local animal hospital immediately. If you are advised to bring the dog into the clinic, be sure to take along the packaging of the item or a sample of the plant you think your dog may have eaten. This will help the veterinarian to know how best to treat your pet. Also consult with your veterinarian for a detailed list of all potentially poisonous items and substances found around your home.

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