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Overall CMT Performance

A School Performance Index (SPI) is the average of all Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) test performance for all subjects tested for all students in the school. A District Performance Index (DPI) is the corresponding average for all students in the district. The SPI/DPI ranges in value from 0 to 100 points. Connecticut's ultimate target for an SPI/DPI is 88 because in a school/district with an SPI of 88 or above, students will have performed at or above the "goal" level on the majority of tests. Achievement Gap indicates whether a difference of at least 10 SPI/DPI points exists between the achievement of the majority of subgroups and the all students group in a school or district (excludes High Needs).

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Target Achieved	Achievement Gap
School (SPI)				93.1	n/a	No
District (DPI)	91.1	92.3	93.6	92.9	Yes	No

WOODBIDGE SCHOOLS NOTED AS SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Both Beecher Road School and Amity High School were identified as excelling schools, based on standardized test results over a period of time. For Beecher, the results were based on the CMTs (Connecticut Master Test), for the high school on the CAPT (Connecticut Academic Performance Test).

The District Performance Index (DPI) is a new accountability system adopted by the state to provide background information about how districts are doing over time said Woodbridge School Supt. Dr. Guy Stella. Depending how the students did on the tests, rankings are excelling, progressing, transitioning, review, focus and turnaround.

Dr. Stella said the state tracks the CMT/CAPT results of every single child in all subjects for three years to establish how a district is doing. Those with an index of 88 or above were deemed excelling. One Hundred Twenty-three elementary schools made the cut, but only 15 high schools.

In addition to the overall test results, some other criteria make up the Performance Index. To determine an excelling school, the state also looks at the percentage of students who achieved an advanced result, and at different subgroup performances. Those subgroups may be students with disabilities, students for whom English is a second language or students who qualify for free lunch program. For secondary schools, the graduation rate also contributes to the rating.

Both Amity middle schools were ranked in the Progressing category. Their CMT test results were as high, if not higher than the high school's CAPT results. However, they did not reach the "excelling" threshold for students with higher needs.

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DUMAIS READY TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Amity's incoming School Supt., Charles Dumais, sat in the audience at the Brady auditorium last week, when High School Principal Charles Britton addressed the school community – or at least a portion of it – about the educational changes afoot. The changes in and by themselves may have a lot of value, Dumais echoed Britton's presentation in a phone conversation a day later, but "they're all happening a little bit too fast".

Dumais (pronounced /doomeh/) will be heading the district starting March 1, and be responsible for assuring that the district stays ahead of that curve. "We think that there are important changes going on in education," said Board of Education Chairman William Blake, "and Chip has the vision and the drive to help us adapt to those changes". He said Dumais' infectious enthusiasm for education is what drew Amity Board members toward him when they were searching for a new leader.

Dumais is currently the principal at Newtown High School, and has held several previous administrative positions in high-performing districts. But he started out as a physics and calculus teacher. "He is primarily a teacher, Blake said. "He is focused on learning, for students, for staff, at the board level and beyond. The accomplished administrator is currently enrolled to attain a doctoral degree and personifies the lifelong learner that the district has set as a goal for all its stakeholders.



Incoming Amity Superintendent Chip Dumais was in the audience Jan. 29 for an informational evening about upcoming changes in education. [Photo by Bettina Thiel]

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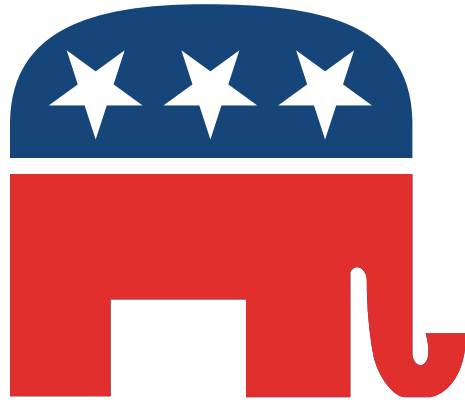
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The Woodbridge Republican Town Committee has updated and reactivated its website, www.woodbridgegop.org. The site has several sections that will be of interest to visitors, including newspaper articles and letters to the editor on Woodbridge issues, information surrounding the Country Club of Woodbridge, a party activity calendar posting regular meetings and special events, a list of its members and those Board and Commission members endorsed by the Woodbridge Republicans and a method to donate to the party and to contact the Woodbridge Republicans to get involved.

Party Chairman Donald Celotto said, "Much of the debate on important local issues, including the ongoing situation with the Country Club of Woodbridge, has been generated by the local Republican Party members and our elected members of the Board of Selectmen. The website consolidates information on these important topics and makes available the Republican views that have been under-publicized and treated with little regard by the majority party. What I think readers will find of great interest will be a plan Republican BOS members submitted months ago for effectively addressing the long term disposition of the



CCW and a fact-based review of a campaign mailing that shows how Woodbridge voters were deliberately misled about the Country Club finances just days before the last election. In addition, both the Billy Casper Golf management agreement and the recent, controversial agreement extension, along with the Milone & MacBroom Special Study on the CCW can be found for Woodbridge residents to read for themselves. I expect site visitors will appreciate access to these important public documents and discover our efforts to inform Woodbridge residents and our ideas of how to lead the Town are very much in line with those who advocate transparent, fiscally responsible government."

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	N	Participation	SPI	Target	Achieved	DPI	Target
Math	433	100.0%	94.8		n/a	94.6	88.0
Reading	433	100.0%	91.2		n/a	90.9	88.0
Writing	414	100.0%	94.2		n/a	93.9	88.0
Science	92	100.0%	97.8		n/a	97.5	88.0

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The District Performance Index for the Woodbridge School District was 94.6, according to Dr. Stella. "We were very pleased," said Dr. Stella. "This is a cause for celebration."

He credited the hard work of the teachers and administrators, also the children and the support of the community-at-large with this result. "This is the return on the taxpayer's investment into education," he said. Specific results can be found here: <http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/performance-reports/20122013-reports.asp>.

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WOODBIDGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



After 50 years of service at Beecher Road School, this boiler and its tandem partner (already scrapped) have been replaced.



Three new high efficiency replacement gas boilers were commissioned for service in January.

NEW BOILERS INSTALLED AT BEECHER ROAD SCHOOL

The bitter cold experienced in January underscored the need for building improvements at Beecher Road School building. During the polar vortex weather pattern last month, many classes had to relocate to other parts of the building to be warm. Displaced to spaces turned into make-shift classrooms, the students' regular rooms simply could not be heated due to outdated, worn out and malfunctioning equipment.

Prior to this, the Town Beecher Road School Building Committee put forth a list of recommendations to address the extreme energy loss from the school due to the old heating system and insulation, single-pane windows and doors all of which are about 50 years old. On that list of recommendations is the replacement of the two boilers. That replacement had to move from recommended status to do it now status as one of the boilers broke down, and due to age and wear, was beyond repair. It was discovered during routine 2013 summer maintenance that one boiler's internal works had deteriorated so badly it was not only a heat problem, but could possibly be a safety issue if used. When the matter in question was brought to the attention of the Boards of Education, Selectmen and Finance, the decision was made to replace the boilers immediately.

New boilers were ordered early in the fall and installation began in December. Three new energy efficient natural gas burners were tested on a weekend, commissioned and brought into service in mid-January.

That is good news for the students, staff, parents and other citizens who use the school. However, as was explained by Facilities Director Greg Kula, that's only one part of the equation. He said, "The three boilers are wonderful and functioning well. They create more than enough heat to potentially warm the building." But, he went on, "The heat has to get from the boilers through the delivery system to the various parts of the building. That's where we have more work to do."

School Superintendent Guy Stella agrees saying, "The infrastructure of the air handling systems in every part of the school needs serious revamping. Heat in the boiler room is great. But that's just the first link in the chain." He posed the rhetorical question, "Do any of us have 53-year-old heating systems, or circa 1960 - 1970 insulation in our homes? Probably not."

What's next? The Town Beecher Road School Building Committee has recommended several items to renovate and upgrade the building's mechanicals (heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, plumbing, etc.) and the envelope (the physical separator between the interior and the exterior environments) of the school. A partial list of recommended items includes north roof replacement and increased insulation, mechanicals, ceilings and ductwork, window replacements, envelope improvements, energy conservation measures, green energy and alternative energy (microturbine, wind, solar).

The cost of the proposed upgrades is \$13.3 million. The proposed Beecher Road School renovation project is now on track for a town referendum.

STUDENT NEWS

UConn Announces Dean's List for Fall 2013 Semester

The University of Connecticut recently announced the students who attained the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester. To make the Dean's List, students must be taking at least 12 credits, finish the semester with a grade point average that is among the top 25 percent of students enrolled in their school or college, and have no grade below a "C." The following students from Woodbridge were named to the Dean's List: John Bartozzi, UACES; Matthew Beland, UFNAR; Bola Bouls, UENGR; Alexandra Buda, UCLAS; David Caffrey, UACES; Hanna Cho, UCLAS; Rebecca Colby, UCLAS; Pauline Dutka, UAGNR; Andrew Ginzberg, UCLAS; Zachary McKinstry, UBUSN; Andrew Migani, UACES & UBUSN; Austin Pokluda, UACES; Madeline Tremblay, UACES; and Calliope Wong, UCLAS.

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His thesis is to prove that administrators engaged in the use of social media are more likely to encourage creative risk taking. "Every organization wants their people to take good chances and good risks," Dumais said. Needless to say, Dumais is one who uses Twitter and other digital media to reach out to the school community, including individual students. "After March 1, you're going to see pictures and messages posted on Twitter, he said. It's one way amongst others to let the community know what's going on at their school, he said.

In addition to attracting a communicator, the Amity board was looking for a person with strong leadership skills, Blake said. He said the board members visiting Newtown High were struck by how enthusiastic the students were. "All remarked to us his ability to create, to inspire, to help them up their game," Blake said.

Dumais said the Newtown district put a number of practices into place that are now part of the state's requirements for teacher evaluations. For instance, every teacher had an observation every year. "It's good practice," he said. "Everybody deserves feedback."

One practice that proved fruitful is that of "instructional rounds" - teachers getting time to visit other teacher's classrooms. This is not evaluative, he explained. The visiting teacher may see something she didn't do before or she may bring an idea into the classroom. These rounds could even extend beyond the school walls, he said. For instance, a ninth grade teacher visiting an eighth grade classroom could engender a host of information for both schools.

Dumais has already met with Amity administrators and department heads to familiarize himself with the 2014-15 budget. He plans to be presenting it to the towns and to the public to explain why the budget is the way it is, Blake said. At the time of this writing, the Amity board had heard a budget proposal from Interim Superintendent Michael Nast for a 3.1% increase, but hadn't adopted the proposal yet.

District constituents will have a chance to meet and celebrate its new leader at a reception the last week in February, but as of press time no final date had been set. "I'm trying to do one job at a time," said Dumais, adding that he hopes to make the transition for both districts as smooth as possible.

And what does he do when the school day is over? He goes home to Milford, to be with his family, which includes two children ages 9 and 11. "I like spending time with them," he said.

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Note: Copy due by 4:00p.m. Thank you.

FROM OUR READERS

Letter to the Editor

Last month, several dedicated members of the Woodbridge Fire Department delivered toys to children in need in Woodbridge. They brightened the holidays for several families with a visit from Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves.

On behalf of members of the Human Services Commission and Staff, we sincerely thank the members of the Woodbridge Fire Department for their time, effort and generosity to assist those in need in Woodbridge. For all they do, we are grateful.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen LaRocca
Director of Human Services

To the Editor

I read with interest Pennell Hamilton's rebuttal of Cathy Wick's earlier letter in which he attempts to defend recent actions of the Woodbridge First Selectman, Ellen Scalettar. With all due respect, he has clearly missed the point.

I would like to believe that Mr. Hamilton was well intentioned, and did not know that Ellen Scalettar's informational letter of January 9 was sent only after she received complaints about the secret contract negotiations during public comments at the January 8 Board of Selectmen meeting.

At the recent Town-sponsored seminar on the Freedom of Information Act, the presenter quoted founding father James Madison: "A popular government, without popular information and the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy or perhaps both."

Sincerely,

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Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalettar urges residents to attend an Informational Forum on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 7:00 p.m. in The Center Gymnasium. Ms. Scalettar said, "We are making good progress toward a long-term plan for the CCW. On February 19th the Town's consultant, Milone & MacBroom, will present its findings concerning the long term use of the Country Club of Woodbridge property. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the Forum. The next step will be to issue a Request for Proposals regarding the use of the CCW property. If all goes as expected, we will have proposed plans to review as early as next summer."

EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE FLOWERS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

Behind only Mother's Day, Valentine's Day is the second most popular day to give flowers to a loved one. Thousands upon thousands of roses are imported from areas of South America in time for Valentine's Day, and the rose has become the unofficial flower of this day.

Those who have given a bouquet of roses before understand that roses can be quite expensive, and that price only rises on holidays like Valentine's Day. Instead of feeling pressured into giving a dozen longstemmed roses, gift-givers can explore other beautiful flower options available.

Red roses may signify love, but just about any other crimson-hued flower can also represent the strong emotions felt for a sweetheart -- and at a much more affordable cost. When visiting the florist to have a bouquet or arrangement of flowers assembled for Valentine's Day, consider mixing and matching some other flowers for an arrangement with flair and originality.

- **Dahlias:** Named after Anders Dahl, a Swedish botanist, these flowers are native to Mexico but actually prefer cooler growing conditions. Dahlias come in all sizes, from small blooms of a few inches to much larger blossoms that may be a foot in width. They are related to the sunflower, daisy and chrysanthemum. The Dahlia usually is not a scented flower, which may work for people who are especially sensitive to scented blooms.
- **Chrysanthemums:** Also known as mums, chrysanthemums are versatile flowers that symbolize optimism, joy, fidelity and love. Although mums are traditionally yellow, they can also be white, red and other hybrid hues.
- **Peonies:** Peonies are herbaceous perennial plants that produce large, often fragrant flowers ranging in color from red to white. Peonies are highly prized by Eastern cultures, and in China they are known as the "flower of riches and honor."
- **Carnations:** Carnations have the scientific name of Dianthus, which means "flowers of God." Carnations are particularly coveted because they can last long after being cut, which makes them popular in floral arrangements. Dark red carnations are said to convey affection and deep love. Because of their popularity, carnations are often easily affordable.
- **Columbine:** Columbine is native to North America, Asia and Europe. It has lacy-looking leaves and bell-shaped flowers. While columbines are traditionally used as garden plants to attract hummingbirds, a few blooms added to a floral arrangement can brighten up the design.
- **Poppies:** Low-maintenance and usually easy to grow, poppies' vivid red color and large blooms add to their aesthetic appeal.
- **Cardinals:** Cardinals are long, tubular flowers that grow wild throughout North America. Tall and dramatic, these red flowers can add drama to any floral arrangement.

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TROOP 907 PREPARES FOR KLONDIKE DERBY

Woodbridge Boy Scout troop 907 spent the weekend of January 11-12 practicing for the Klondike Derby held January 18 at Camp Sequassen in New Hartford where they won three even ribbons and first place overall. In order to repeat last year's win, preparation is key. This successful win expands our wins to FIVE.

The first event was tomahawk throwing, attempting to sink the hatchets into a log. A very satisfying thunk when you do it right. Almost all of the boys were successful. First we taught, then we demonstrated, and then the boys let them fly! It was a hoot.

The second task involved building an A-frame trestle and using it to cross a river. It is an exercise in lashing and teamwork. All the boys reviewed the lashings, pole, diagonal and square, and constructed the trestle. One intrepid scout volunteered to be hoisted across the freezing water and made it safe and sound. Several more then crossed; not a single scout getting wet.

As you can see from the pictures, everyone learned new skills, worked together, and had an incredible time. That, we believe, is the essence of scouting, building character one boy at a time.

If you want to taste the fun, join us Thursday nights, 7:15, at the First Church of Christ on the Woodbridge Green. For more information, contact Scoutmaster Tom Luciani at 203 387 5909 or Assistant Scoutmaster David Lober at 203 915 9796 or visit us at troop907.org.

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TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

WOODBIDGE LAND TRUST CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

This year, the Woodbridge Land Trust celebrates 50 years of conservation, preservation and protection of Woodbridge's natural resources. The Board of Directors wishes to thank our generous donors, public officials and other community groups who have supported us through the years. According to President Chris Keevil, "our donors make it possible for us to maintain our trails, participate in community events and promote conservation, preservation and protection of Woodbridge's natural resources".

As we begin 2014, the Land Trust is pleased to announce the start of its 2014 fund drive and the establishment of a special fund to which donors can contribute toward the preservation of Baldwin Farm. Located at the intersection of Greenway and Baldwin Roads, the 350 year old farm is a familiar scenic vista and reminder of our rural past. Today, the land is farmed for hay and is an important agricultural property. Currently for sale, the Woodbridge Town

Plan of Conservation and Development identifies the property as an important open space parcel that is among the most threatened by development forces and worthy of preservation. The Land Trust is working on ways to preserve the farm for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

Also new in 2014, the Land Trust has launched its updated website at woodbridgelandtrust.org. Members of the public can find useful information about the Land Trust, upcoming events, links to trail maps and the many ways that individuals can support the work of the Trust through donations of land, time and money.

Established in 1964, the Woodbridge Land Trust is a nonprofit corporation that relies on donations of land, time and money to fulfill its mission, serving the Town and townspeople of Woodbridge by engaging in activities that promote the conservation, preservation and protection of Woodbridge's natural resources.

WOODBIDGE LAND TRUST HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

On January 29, the Woodbridge Land Trust held its Annual Meeting and welcomed two new members to its Board of Directors, Ken Rider and Jim Urbano. Ken moved to Woodbridge in 2010 and enjoys hiking our trails and open spaces with his wife, Alison and Goldendoodle, Josie. He looks forward to sharing his love of the outdoors with his newborn first child, Emmy and is "excited to work with the Land Trust board to help maintain and preserve the beauty of Woodbridge for the enjoyment of others for many years to come".

Jim Urbano, a former member of the Town of Woodbridge Conservation Commission and longtime open space advocate, is committed to finding ways to preserve Woodbridge open space. Jim has participated in a number of

farmland preservation and open space initiatives, including the purchase of the development rights to the Hitchcock Farm. "I am pleased to be a part of the Woodbridge Land Trust and enthusiastic about participating in the Trust's efforts to conserve, preserve and protect Woodbridge's open spaces and natural resources."

On behalf of the entire Board, President Chris Keevil "is happy to welcome our new Board members and is grateful for their willingness to commit their time and efforts to the work of the Trust." In other action, Cynthia Anger has succeeded Mike Raymond as Secretary and Catherine Wick succeeds Ms. Anger as Assistant Secretary. Chuck Pyne was elected to the position of Financial Officer.

FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By Nancy Pfund



After School Program at Amity Middle School-Bethany

Digital Photography for Teens –Instructor: John Zappala

This is an introductory class on digital photography for students who want to get the most out of their digital cameras and improve their photographic skills as well as for those more experienced students who want to enhance their skills. The 10-session class will be offered Thursdays in the computer lab at the Middle School in Bethany from 2:25pm-3:55pm. The class will start on Thursday, February 6th. On-going registration will pro-rate for missed classes.

The course will cover camera basics while working through creative assignments on composition, natural and artificial light and color. Students will work in Adobe Photoshop in the computer lab learning professional techniques to maximize their photography. Participants will print their best photos each week to build their portfolios.

Weekly projects will allow plenty of time for experimentation. If a student does not have access to a camera, arrangements may be made. A materials fee of \$80.00 per student must be paid in advance. A discount for siblings and financial assistance may be arranged for qualifying families. For more information, to sign up and complete a permission slip, please call Youth Services at 203-389-3429.

Woodbridge First Selectman's Youth Award Nominations Sought

Woodbridge Youth Services, in collaboration with First Selectman Ellen Scalettar, is seeking nominations for the First Selectman's Youth Award. The annual award will be presented to a deserving young Woodbridge resident at the Human Services Department's Annual Volunteer Tea on Thursday, April 10, 2014. The First Selectman's Youth Award, recognizes any youth (age 18 or under) who, either individually or as a member of a group, has demonstrated positive actions to improve the quality of life in Woodbridge or to assist Woodbridge residents. Volunteer agencies, neighbors, group leaders, teachers, principals, counselors, and fellow students are among those who may nominate a youth for consideration. Parents and relatives may not nominate family members. For nomination forms online, go to www.woodbridgect.org, and see Youth Services under "Departments", or call 203-389-3429 for more information. Please submit nominations to Woodbridge Youth Services at 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525, by Monday, March 3, 2014.

Parent Support Group

Amity High School, Woodbridge Youth Services and the Orange Drug and Alcohol Action Committee have teamed up to invite local parents who struggle with children who are, or may be, involved with substance abuse to share experiences and concerns in a confidential setting. Please join the Amity Parent Support Group which meets every other Friday morning at 7:45 in the Woodbridge Senior Center Lounge at 4 Meetinghouse Lane. The next meeting will be Friday, February 21, 2014. For more information, please contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429, or e-mail npfund@woodbridgect.org.

Woodbridge Youth Services Event!

The Youth Evening Program will hold a black-light dance party at Amity Middle School-Bethany campus from 7-9:30 pm on February 21st. There will be pizza and other refreshments, games, arcade basketball and a great DJ all for an admission price of just \$5.00! The event is for 7th and 8th grade Woodbridge and Bethany residents only. Private school students who reside in Bethany and Woodbridge are encouraged to attend.

We need your help: Adult volunteers and raffle prizes are needed. We cannot run these programs without parent or grandparent volunteers. High School juniors and seniors looking for volunteer hours may contact Youth Services. Donations of raffle prizes and event supplies are gratefully accepted. Please call 203-389-3429 or E-mail youthone@woodbridgect.org for more information.

Cancellations

Watch Channel 8 or listen to KC101 for cancellations due to inclement weather.

Job Bank Teens Need Jobs in Woodbridge

The Woodbridge Job Bank has numerous teenagers who are experienced in shoveling, babysitting, pet care, and other odd jobs. Many have completed the American Red Cross Babysitters Training Course. If you are a Woodbridge resident and would like more information on hiring local teens, please call Woodbridge Youth Services at 203-389-3429.

Woodbridge Job Bank for Woodbridge Residents

Woodbridge teens between the ages of 13 and 17 who are willing to work and want to earn money should contact Woodbridge Youth Services at 203-389-3429 to schedule an interview. Parental permission is required to join. Jobs may include snow shoveling, raking, childcare, pet care, housework, party help, and other odd jobs. We help teens find work with Woodbridge residents who need a hand around the home or office. It's a great way to build responsibility and gain work experience close to home.

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BEECHER RD SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT REFERENDUM

At a Special Joint Meeting of the Boards of Selectmen and Finance on January 16, 2014, each Board unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$13,345,000 for the Beecher Road School Energy Modernization and Security Enhancements Project. The Board members noted again the need for the project and the Board of Selectmen approved the recommendation of First Selectman Ellen Scalettar that the public vote on the resolution by Referendum.

Scalettar is urging all eligible voters to participate in the Referendum on Tuesday, February 11th at the Center School Gymnasium. The polls will be open from 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM. “Beecher Road School is one of Woodbridge’s treasures,” she said. “It brings young families to our Town, and is a much-used and valued community asset. I encourage all voters to take part in this very important Referendum.”

The Ballot question will read as follows:

“SHALL THE \$13,345,000 APPROPRIATION AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUANCE AUTHORIZATION TO PAY FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION MODERNIZATION AND SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS AT BEECHER ROAD SCHOOL, BE APPROVED? YES ___ No ___”

The project includes the following work:

- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades to the entire school,
- New High-efficiency gas boilers,
- Lighting upgrades,
- Building Automation Control System,
- Roof replacements with increased insulation,
- Pool area improvements, pool cover & air dehumidification,
- Water conservation improvements,
- Transformer upgrades,
- Classroom casework upgrades,
- Solar panel installation,
- Building envelope improvements to reduce air infiltration,
- Curtain wall replacements with insulated glazing, and
- Security enhancements.

Under Woodbridge’s Charter, if the resolution passes at the Referendum, but passes by less than 2/3 of those voting, there will be a second Special Town Referendum, following a second Special Town Meeting. Those dates have been set in case they are needed: Thursday, February 20, 2014 – 7:00 P.M. – 2nd Special Town Meeting, if required, and Thursday, February 27, 2014 – 6:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. – 2nd Referendum, if required.



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The fuel for heating the home is costly, so many residents look for alternatives from traditional fuels like oil, gas or electricity. Outdoor Wood-burning Furnaces (OWFs) and wood stoves are some common alternatives. However, new OWFs are banned in three of our four district towns (Hamden, North Haven and Woodbridge), but wood burning stoves are still allowed and in use in many homes.

The Wood Burning Handbook, developed by the California EPA Air Resources Board, presents information on more efficient heating from alternate sources. It provides information on wood burning that will help to make your fire burn hotter, which will result in using less resources (making your wallet fatter), and will put less pollutants into the indoor and outdoor environment (so it will be cleaner). The handbook raises an important question: how much of the heat you are generating is escaping into the outdoor environment? It suggests that most fireplaces are not good heaters because it robs your house of heat as it draws air from the room and sends it up the chimney. According to the booklet, if your house has little insulation and many air leaks, you are sending a lot of your heat outdoors.

Your house does need to breathe so some exchange of indoor and outdoor air is necessary. However, if you lack insulation, have air leaks around windows, doors, pipes, electrical outlets or any other opening into the house or leave a damper in a fireplace open when not in use, you could be losing lots of heat. Suggestions from the handbook to help keep your heat in include: install ceiling insulation, as well as wall and floor insulation; caulk around windows, doors, pipes, electrical outlets and other openings; weather-strip all door and window openings; use insulated curtains; and close off unused rooms (if you do not use central heating). The EPA’s Energy Star website provides information on home sealing.

The most efficient wood stoves are those that have been certified by the EPA. These stoves heat better with less wood because they burn more of the combustible gases that would other-

wise become smoke in fireplaces and old stoves. They provide more heat for the house and pollute less. Other options for heating alternatives include electric or gas fireplaces, pellet stoves or a certified wood burning fireplace insert. There may also be federal tax credit available for increasing your insulation or purchasing a wood or pellet stove. (See EPA’s Energy Star web site for information.)

More efficient equipment will definitely yield more heat, pollute less and save money. In addition to better equipment, other actions will also help increase heat output that is cleaner. For example, be sure the wood you burn is “seasoned” as this will burn more efficiently. Learn about the proper way to season and store wood from the pamphlet, Wet Wood is a Waste, which describes four easy steps to dry firewood. The Wood Burning Handbook warns that if you are purchasing wood advertised as “seasoned”, be sure that is what you are getting. The wood should have dark colored cracked ends, with crack radiating from the center like bicycle spokes; wood that is light in weight, which means there is little moisture left (hardwood logs will be heavier than softwoods); a sound that sounds more like a crack than a thud; and easily peeled or broken bark with no green under it. Seasoned hardwoods are the best choice for cleaner burning and greater heat production, although they take longer to ignite.

Safety and proper installation is important. Be sure you check with the ordinances in your town to ensure that your smoke stack is safe and the proper height. This can prevent fires as well as complaints from your neighbors. Your burning device needs inspection and upkeep, just like your furnace or your car. Follow all fire safety rules. You should also install a carbon monoxide detector in your home. If wood is not burned completely, it can release carbon monoxide in its smoke.

District residents (Bethany, Hamden, North Haven and Woodbridge) who do not have internet access can call Quinipiack Valley Health District, 203 248-4528 for copies of the referenced materials.

TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2014

(Subject to Change, Check with Town Clerk’s Office, 203-389-3422)



Town Hall

2/10	Library Commission 6:00pm	Library
	Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30pm	Town Hall
2/12	Board of Selectmen 6:00pm	Town Hall
2/13	Economic Development Commission 7:00pm	Town Hall
2/20	Conservation Commission 7:30am	Town Hall
	Investment Committee 5:00pm	Town Hall
	Board of Finance 6:00pm	Town Hall
2/24	Recreation Commission..... 7:00pm	Beecher School South
2/25	Government Access TV Commission 7:15pm	Town Hall

GET READY TO CRUISE NEWS

By Leslie Marsh



ATTENTION MEDIA: NOROVIRUS ISN'T JUST FOUND ON CRUISE SHIPS

It's making headline news again: "Widespread Sickness Cuts Short Royal Caribbean Cruise," and "Outbreak: How to disinfect a 1,000-foot Cruise Ship of a Highly Contagious Virus". This type of sensational news reporting gives the incorrect impression that norovirus is a cruise ship disease, when in actuality you're more likely to contract it at your local supermarket, school or assisted living facility.

How can this be you might be wondering? According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), norovirus is the second most prevalent illness in the United States behind the common cold. Approximately 8% of the American population (about 24 million people) contracts norovirus each year. Of the 10 million people who cruise from a U.S. port annually, less than 1% contract norovirus. To put this into perspective, 1,238 passengers out of the approximate 10 million who cruised in 2013 contracted norovirus.

The reason you hear about a norovirus outbreak on a cruise ship is because the cruise lines are required by the CDC to report every incidence of gastrointestinal illness. However, there is no such requirement for institutions such as schools, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, restaurants or malls. When a large number of people get sick in some

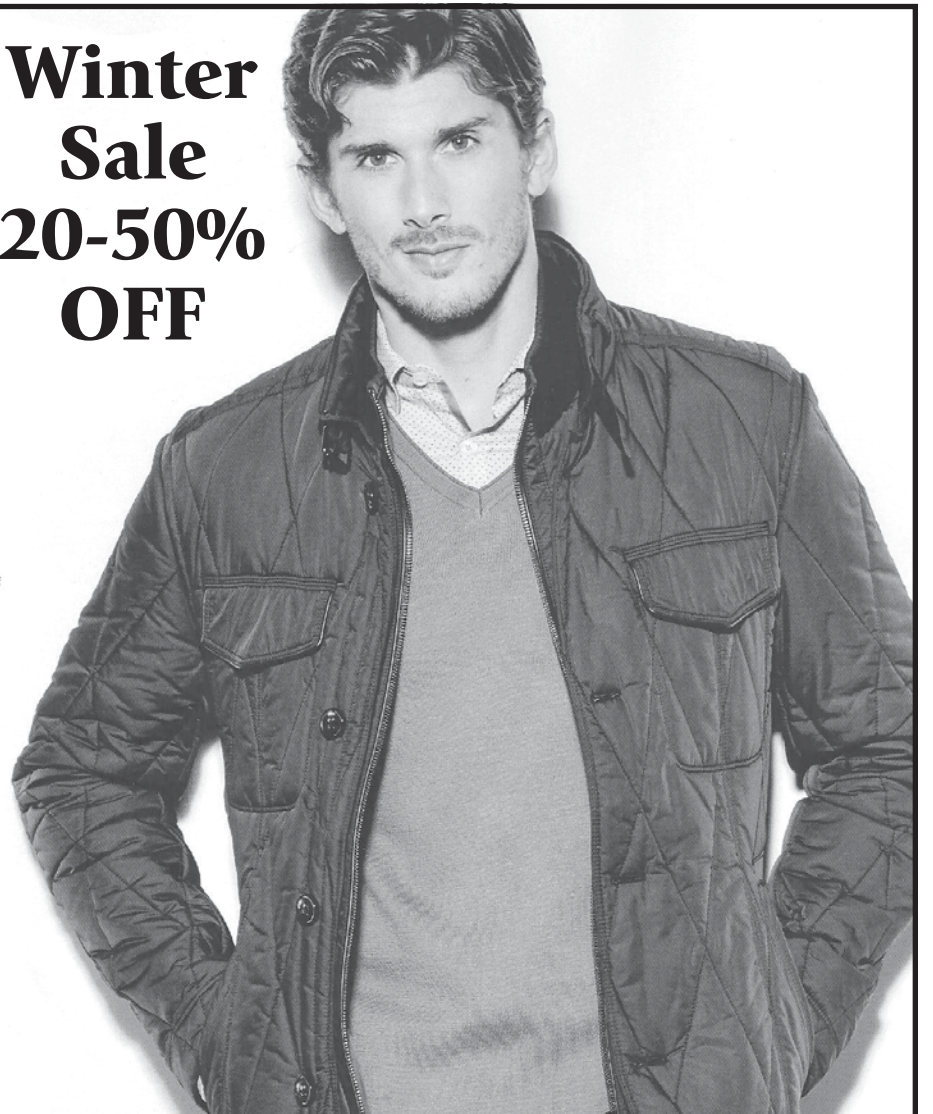
of these places, health officials do indeed take notice. A quick search for norovirus online will bring up dozens of recent occurrences of the disease throughout the United States.

Although it's highly contagious, norovirus is definitely avoidable. It's generally spread by touching contaminated surfaces (such as doorknobs, railings or elevator buttons) in places where there are a lot of people in close quarters with each other. A person is contagious from the onset of symptoms until up to three days after the symptoms subside. The best way to avoid contracting and spreading norovirus is by practicing the same personal hygiene you would to avoid catching a cold. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water (experts say that hand sanitizer doesn't generally work against norovirus), and avoid contact with someone who doesn't feel well.

To reiterate, don't be worried about catching norovirus on your next cruise. The cruise lines work hard to make sure their ships are clean, and although there is an occasional outbreak, it's very unlikely that you'll contract norovirus on a cruise. If you take the right precautions, you will have a wonderful—and healthy, cruise vacation!

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Ellen Scalettar congratulates Mica Cardozo, Chair of the EDC Business Website, on a job well done.

CHECK OUT THE BUSINESS SECTION OF THE TOWN WEBSITE

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At a celebratory breakfast held on January 23rd at the Jewish Community Center, the Woodbridge Economic Development Commission rolled out the new Woodbridge Business section of the Town's Website. First Selectman Ellen Scalettar congratulated the Economic Development Commission members for their many hours and months of work to create the new section of the Town's Website that highlights Woodbridge businesses. She specifically thanked Mica Cardozo, Chair of the Website sub-committee, who shepherded the project to completion; Ellen Eisenberg, who brought her marketing experience and expertise; and Jamie Scott, who was the true Webmaster and brought tremendous skills and talent to the task.

Ms. Scalettar said that, "Woodbridge depends on volunteers for so much of what we accomplish and today's Business Website launch is an outstanding example of the generosity of time and talent of our residents." She also thanked Karen Crosby from the Town Hall staff, Sheila McCreven who consulted on the project, and the Jewish Community Center for hosting the event.

Commission member Jamie Scott presented the Website and walked through its many features. He, along with Commission Chair Jody Ellant, encouraged business owners to sign up and provide their Web address. The Town Business Website will allow viewers to click and transfer directly to the business' Website.

Paul Rossi, Vice Chair of the Commission, announced plans for an "ambassador program". Members of the Commission hope to reach out to each of Woodbridge's several hundred businesses to encourage them to make use of the Website and to hear their ideas.

Ms. Scalettar reminded the business owners and representatives present that the Website is about and for them, "I know I speak for the entire Board of Selectmen in expressing our appreciation for what you contribute to our Town. Through the Economic Development Commission, we hope to help you thrive in Woodbridge and bring new businesses to join you here. Of course, my door is always open at Town Hall and I encourage you to bring your ideas, questions and concerns."



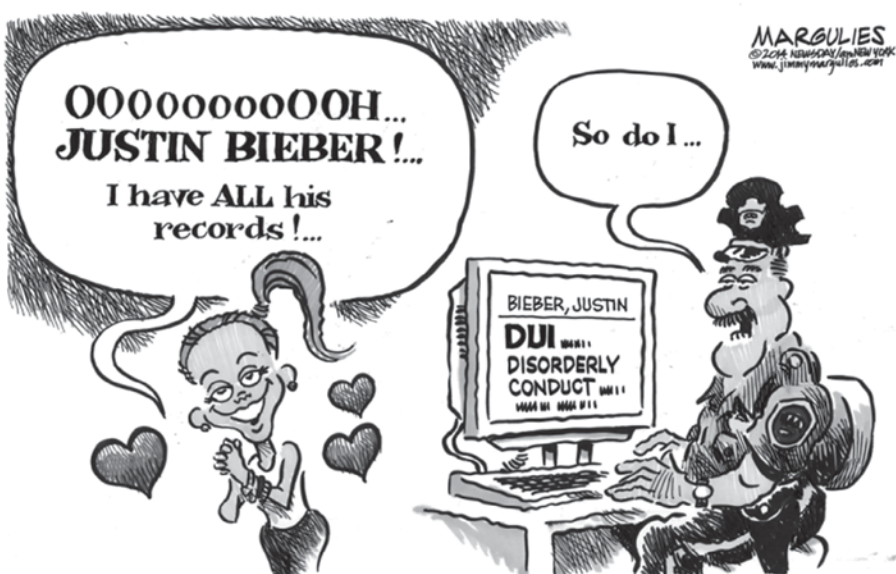
ROBERT ALVINE HONORED AS OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPIST

Robert Alvine, of Woodbridge was honored with the Award for Outstanding Philanthropist at the Association of Fundraising Professionals National Philanthropy Day® in Connecticut Conference and Awards Banquet 2013 on November 15. This award honors an individual or family with a proven record of exceptional generosity who, through direct financial support, demonstrates outstanding civic and charitable responsibility and whose generosity encourages others to take philanthropic leadership roles on a community, national or international level. A visionary businessman and passionate volunteer, Bob Alvine's passion is bringing people with diverse viewpoints together to work toward a common goal. This may be why he has given so generously of his time and talents to many different organizations over a span of 50 years, bringing to each the lessons he has learned in life and in business. Bob's most far-reaching influence as a philanthropist and visionary businessman has been with the University of New Haven (UNH), where both of his children graduated with honors. He served as chair of the Board of Governors for six years, and he remains active as chair emeritus.

As chair of the Board of Governors during a period of transformation unrivaled in the history of UNH, he helped oversee the construction of a new residence hall, the development of a \$15.5 million student fitness center and the creation of an \$11.5 million cutting-edge facility to house the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science. His transformational gifts to the university reach across all disciplines, from athletics to the Colleges of Engineering, Business and Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, the Henry D. Lee Institute of Forensic Science, the Peterson Library, the president's discretionary fund, the Scholarship Ball and, most generously, the Alvine Endowed Legacy Scholarship Fund. Bob has supported other organizations as well as UNH. He is a life trustee and chair emeritus of the Jackson Laboratory, one of the most advanced laboratories in the world for research on genomes. He has also been a member of the Long Warf Theater Board of Trustees since 1994. He remains active with the Naval War College Foundation, is past board chair for the National Theater of the Deaf and served on the board of the Wildlife Conservation Society in New York. In addition he has served on numerous business, civic, military and trade associations. He began his career at Signal Corps, where he had top-secret security clearance for his assignment during the Cuban missile crisis. He went on to the Celanese Corporation, where he spent the next 17 years in positions of increasing responsibility. In 1977, he left Celanese for Uniroyal where he held top-level posts, including CEO of its billion-dollar Engineered Products and Services Group. As CEO, president and chief operating officer at Uniroyal, Bob oversaw 32,000 employees and, in 1985, led the largest management buyout to date. Bob is always passionate about his involvement in philanthropy. "You want to make a difference," he says. "And if you love a certain kind of business or the work of a charitable organization, you can offer your experience to others. It's not just about writing checks. It's saying that you're willing to get involved and then you go from that involvement to helping others."

Celebrating its 29th year, National Philanthropy Day® in Connecticut Conference & Awards Banquet was centered on the theme "Developing Champions for Change." Co-sponsored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Connecticut Chapters, AFP Fairfield County Chapter and AFP Connecticut Chapter, on November 15, 2013 in Trumbull, CT, the conference offered a wide range of workshops and speakers as well as the awards banquet. Six awards categories were represented in the awards given. The keynote speaker was Adrian Sargeant, an internationally recognized expert on growth in philanthropy. Eighteen workshops will be offered in tracks from the beginner to the experienced level as well as networking opportunities and discussion sessions. The occasion was a sell-out event with more than 260 participants attending, the largest attendance in the event's history.

To learn more about the conference and read more about the philanthropy award winners, please visit www.afpctnpsd.org.





INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM AT WOODBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

The Clever Clovers 4 H Club, a home-school group based in New Haven County, visited with seniors at the Woodbridge Senior Center to share a meal and play board games. Everyone enjoyed this great intergenerational program.



Recently Connecticare awarded the Amity Teen Center a grant for \$15,610.82 through the Neighborhood Assistance Act. This money can only be used for energy conservation. The Teen Center will finish covering the roof at 10 Selden Street in Woodbridge, with solar panels.



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Pictured from left to right: Rotary Co-President Buddy DeGennaro, Rotarian Dr. Guy Stella, Student of the Month Carly Kreiger, her parents Stefanie and Howie Kreiger and School Counselor Alison Staak.

WOODBIDGE ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Woodbridge Rotary Club recently honored as Student of the Month, Carly Kreiger a junior at Amity High School. Ms. Kreiger was presented with a certificate of recognition by Rotarian Dr. Guy Stella.

Ms. Kreiger was nominated by School Counselor Alison Staak who described Ms. Kreiger as a well-rounded student. Carly Kreiger is an active volunteer at Massaro Farm, planting, picking and selling vegetables. She volunteers at NEON in Naugatuck feeding meals to those who are economically challenged and is a member of BBYO, a Jewish Youth organization.

At Amity High School, Carly is a member of the Yearbook, and in the past played field hockey. She is also an intermediate novice figure skater.

Carly Kreiger resides in Woodbridge with her parents Howie and Stefanie Kreiger.

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DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



ROMANTIC RESTAURANTS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY 2014

Love is always in the air on Valentine's Day. Having a romantic dinner with your "significant other" is one of the most memorable ways of celebrating Valentine's Day. This is the 14th year sharing my favorite picks for romantic restaurants in the area featuring many well established icons along with some new additions. All of these local family-owned restaurants have the ambiance that will make your Valentine's Day celebration very special.

CAFÉ GOODFELLAS - 702 State Street, New Haven, CT 06511 - 203-785-8722 - www.cafegoodfellas.com - Featuring Italian food prepared to perfection & elegant service. Chef/Owner Gerry Iannacone focuses on simple farm fresh ingredients coupled with traditional Italian cooking in an atmosphere where customers have a great time.

CARMINE'S TUSCAN GRILL RISTORANTE - 1500 Whalley Ave., New Haven, CT 06515 - 203-389-2805 - www.carminestuscangrill.com. Located in the Amity section close to the Merritt Parkway exit 59. Carmine's is a very well established popular restaurant offering old country charm and exquisite dining with the ambiance of Italy in the Westville section of New Haven. The food and service are superb.



CONSIGLIO'S - 165 Wooster Street, New Haven, CT 06511 - 203-865-4489 - www.consiglios.com. The time has come to "Rediscover" Consiglio's. The longevity of this restaurant speaks for itself-can you believe 1938! Consiglio's is the perfect example of the "Little Italy" restaurant offering warm, cozy, romantic ambiance, flawless service and, of course, the outstanding food. You must experience Consiglio's Dinner Theatre & Cooking Classes. Definitely a fun evening for a group or that special date for two.

JEFFREY'S RESTAURANT BY CLAUDIO - 501 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT 06460 - 203-878-1910 - www.jeffreysofmilford.com. Jeffrey's Restaurant has an excellent reputation for outstanding food and service. The intimate lounge offers a fireplace and piano. Many evenings you will find guests dancing and being serenaded by owner Claudio himself. He is a true gentleman and the ultimate host with a gift of making his customers feel like they are very special and part of his family.

GABRIELE RISTORANTE ITALIANO - 326 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT 06477 - 203-799-2633 - www.gabrielect.com. Gabriele's has been going strong since 1973 with many local and high profile regular customers. Lovely newly renovated interior, great lounge and consistently good food.

OLA RESTAURANT - 350 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT 06477 - 203-891-0522-olarestaurantct.com. This special Latin inspired restaurant is definitely the talk of the town (or should I say more like the tri-state area). Brothers Melvin and Wagner Lopez along with their lovely spouses Andrea & Cherry opened Ola in July of 2007. After almost seven years in Orange with little advertising but a lot of word of mouth, incredible reviews including the New York Times, Ola's business is booming. They now have an Ola Restaurant on 694 Brooklawn Avenue in Bridgeport as well.

RAINBOW GARDENS RESTAURANT & BAR - 117 North Broad Street, Milford, CT 06460 - 203-878-2500 - www.rainbowgardens.org. Rainbow Gardens Restaurant & Bar is the quintessential example of a quaint & cozy New England family-owned restaurant but with all the modern amenities. The dining area offers a series of private areas for that intimate cozy dinner. The view of the Milford Green is spectacular through large picture windows with stained glass accents.

REDFISH GRILL - 285 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT 06477 - 203-553-9900 - www.redfishgrillct.com. Recently opened in Orange to rave reviews. Redfish specializes in fresh grilled fish along with many non-seafood items as well. The talented owners have over 35 years in the restaurant business and it definitely shows at Redfish. Check out its beautiful new bar for a romantic cocktail. I know you will be impressed!

SOLUN TAPAS BAR & RESTAURANT - 245 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525 - 203-298-9741 - www.soluntapasbar.com. Definitely a "hidden gem" in Woodbridge & becoming more popular than ever. Owner Carols Hernandez shares his passion for tap cuisine in a traditional & elegant style. Solun's cozy bar is definitely on the top of my list for a fun evening.

FINAL NOTES: These are just a few of my favorite "romantic spots" in the area that offer great food and service. Reservations are a must for all these popular restaurants. Please remember to support our local family-owned businesses. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL and don't forget the romance! If you have a favorite restaurant e-mail: susan@orangetownnews.com/susan@woodbridgetownnews.com.

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Adult Programs

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Chocolate Truffle Making Demonstration

Wednesday, February 12 @ 7pm

What could be better on a cold winter's day (or any day) than indulging in some rich satisfying chocolate? Maria Brandriff, former Assistant Director of the Cheshire Public Library dons her second hat as chocolatier. Her program will include a discussion of the varieties of chocolate available, how to work with chocolate, and teaching the basics of chocolate truffle making. Recipes and samples included!

Gardens of Woodbridge presentation by the Woodbridge Garden Club

Tuesday, February 25th @ 6:30pm

Join us for a look at interesting aspects of design and selection of plant material that can be incorporated into your gardens. See how homeowners' decisions about plants and their siting complement their homes and create an aesthetically pleasing affect for all to enjoy. During this slideshow we will explore aspects of horticulture we take for granted, but which are crucial in creating contrast of form, texture, color, as well as other organizing principles and elements of design. Enjoy a four season perspective on Garden Club of Woodbridge members' gardens and other intriguing sites in town.

Introduction to Tea by Savvy Tea Gourmet

Wednesday, February 26th @ 7pm

Join Phil Parada, owner of Savvy Tea Gourmet in Madison, CT as he introduces us to the world of tea. Phil will explain the different types of tea, health benefits of tea, and share samples from his tea shop.

Children's Programs

To register for any children's program please call 203-389-3439 or email childrensprogramslioninc.org.

Tens to Teens

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 @ 6:30 pm (for ages tens to teens!)

We will be assembling glittery papers and bows, baubles and beads to create unique Valentine's Day gifts!

Me Pluribus Unum with Felicity Jones

Tuesday, February 18th @ 2pm ages 5-12

You could grow up to be president. In ME PLURIBUS UNUM, we meet the wanna-

be Queen of the United States of America! The more she tries sell "absolute monarchy", the more her campaign falls apart. Join the fun at this hilarious program in celebration of President's Day.

Teen Programs

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YA Slap Art - Featuring Hearts

Monday, February 10 @ 3:30pm ages 12 and up

Join us for this heart-themed art session featuring recycled products.

Teen Book Group

Saturday, February 15 @ 3:30pm ages 12 and up

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Saturday, February 22 @ 11:00am for high school sophomores and seniors

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Session 2: Thurs. March 20, 2014 2:45-3:45

Session 3: Wed. March 26, 2014 6:30-7:30 pm

The library will host Reading Together Events each Saturday in April, 2-3pm. Children in grades K-2 will be paired with our trained teens. Teen participation will be eligible for Community Service hours. For more information, please call the Children's Desk at 203 389-3439 or email childrensprogramslioninc.org.

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Christian Slater

Q: Can you tell me what **Christian Slater** is up to now? I recently saw his amazing performance in the movie **"He Was a Quiet Man,"** and it made me realize I really miss seeing him. -- Veronica W., Hanover, Pa.

A: You have only about a month to wait before you can see Christian again on a regular basis. On Tuesday, March 11, at 10 p.m. ET/PT, ABC will premiere a new series called **"Mind Games,"** which stars Christian and **Steve Zahn.** They play brothers Ross (Christian) and Clark Edwards (Steve), who are partners in Edwards and Associates, an unusual business based on the belief that people's decisions are influenced by their environment in ways they're not aware. By using the hard science of psychological manipulation, the brothers commit to solving their clients' problems. With Clark's expertise and Ross's con-artist ways, the brothers use psychology and science to offer clients an alternative to their fates.

Q: I don't think I can wait much longer for season four of **"Game of Thrones."** -- Carlos F., via email

A: Just hold on a little longer. The highly anticipated premiere of the hit fantasy/drama series is set for April 6 at 9 p.m. ET/PT on HBO. The TV series, which is based on the books series by **George R.R. Martin,** shocked audiences at the end of last season with the infamous **"Red Wedding,"** and season four's 10 episodes will prove to be just as exciting. It will be roughly based on the second half of **"A Storm of Swords,"** the third book in the **"A Song of Ice and Fire"** novels.

According to showrunner **David Benioff:** "I think [season four] is going to surpass season three. There are so

many scenes we've been waiting for so long to do, and it just gets more and more fun to write for these characters. We're very excited for it."

Q: Any news about **"Devious Maids"**? -- Pamela G., via email

A: I have two exciting bits to tell you: First, season two will premiere on Lifetime on April 20 at 10 p.m. ET/PT. Second, **Mark Deklin** (whom you all know I LOVED on "GCB") has signed on as a regular cast member. As of this writing, I don't know whom he'll play or how he'll impact the season, but I'll let you know as soon as I can drag the information out of him.

Q: I am a fan of **"NCIS"** and have wondered why **Cote Pablo** left the series. -- Judy D., via email

A: Cote left for personal reasons, which she chooses not to expand on. On the possibility of returning, she told TV Guide Magazine: "The greatest thing about this last episode is that Ziva doesn't die. As long as a character doesn't die, the character can always come back." Cody recently signed on to co-star in the film **"The 33,"** which is based on the events of the 2010 Chilean mine collapse.

Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475; or e-mail her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.

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Thursday, February 20, 2014, 7 pm - A visionary educator, cofounder of Synagogue 3000, and inspirational speaker, Dr. Ron Wolfson, has just written a book which is capturing the rapt attention of the Jewish community: "Relational Judaism: Using the Power of Relationship to Transform the Jewish Community". Come for an interactive talk for the whole community. Free, http://jewishnewhaven.org/local_includes/downloads/66287.pdf. Location: JCC Auditorium, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge; Contact: Hilary Goldberg, 203-387-2424 ext. 325, hgoldberg@jewishnewhaven.org.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Behold, you are fair,
my love!
Behold, you are fair!
You have dove's eyes
behind your veil.*

SONG OF
SOLOMON 4:1



Detail of
The Veiled Woman
by Frances Benjamin
Johnston (1896)



Pictured are, (L-R): 1st row: L. Reilly, D. Siena, Montse Lopez-Vila, D. Urbano, B. Farrell; 2nd row: Sister Dorellen, D. Ritucci, J. Martinez, P. Idarola, K. Bouffard, ME Faroni, and C. Vaccarino; 3rd row: C. Marien, M. Burke, AM Schoppman, A. Boucher, E. Ballerini.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION LADIES GUILD HOLDS BAZAAR

The Ladies Guild of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Woodbridge, recently held a Christmas celebration to mark the success of its recent Bazaar. Profits are used for the Scholarship fund/Service awards for teens of the parish, the Parish Easter Egg hunt, the First Communion and Confirmation receptions, Social Action donations, and the Mother and Fathers Day spiritual card projects. President Diane Urbano hosted the event at her home, and Co-President Montse Lopez-Vila was honored as a new citizen of the United States.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

Saturdays at 10:30a in the TE library: Torah Study – discussion of the weekly parashah with Rabbi Michael Farbman. Please call ahead for location.

Tuesdays, February 4, 11 and 18 at 7p: Rabbi Hesch Sommer, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Pastoral Counseling Services for Jewish Family Services of New Haven, Inc., will facilitate a Jewish bereavement support group. All are welcome.

Friday, February 7 at 6:30p: Monthly Family Shabbat Service – open to all members of the community, this service is geared toward families with children in elementary school and younger, with a sermon in the form of a story. This month, the 5th graders from the TE Religious School will help lead the service.

Friday, February 21 at 6:30p: Shabbat dinner honoring past presidents of the synagogue's board of directors. Dinner will be followed by a Kabbalat Shabbat and Torah service.

Friday, February 28 – Sunday, March 2: Scholar-in-Residence weekend with Rabbis Marcia Plumb and Michael Shire, "Jewish Recipes for Holiness in the 21st Century."

Friday, February 28 at 8p: Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Rabbi Marcia Plumb: "Jewish Recipes for Holiness in the 21st Century"

Saturday, March 1:

- 10:30a: Musar study with Rabbi Marcia Plumb
- 4p: Seudah Shlishit with Rabbi Michael Shire
- 5:30p: "Stepping into Holiness" Havdalah experience

Sunday, March 2 at 10a: "Modern Prophets" adult study session

For more information about all events, celebrations and services at Temple Emanuel, including Rabbi Michael's monthly story hour for children in pre-K and Kindergarten and their families, please go to the TE website: www.templemanuel-gnh.org, or call the temple office at 203-397-3000.



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DOLLAR\$ AND \$EN\$E

LOVE, TRUST AND MONEY

By Roberta L Nestor

Every family is different, every relationship unique but love is love and when it comes to money, you tend to trust those that you love. It makes sense. So, when it comes to family discussions about money most of us believe in the traditional process. A husband and wife, assure one another that what's mine is yours and of course, if something happened to both of us, the children would, of course, share equally. It's all in the family when you have love, trust and in this case, money.

What could go wrong? Mom and Dad have three grown children, two boys and their daughter Valentine. Valentine is the only one who lived close by. Their boys had moved on, one to California and the other to Texas. As Mom and Dad aged, they became to depend on Valentine. When Dad turned 80, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and Valentine moved back home to take care of her parents full time. She helped with household chores, doctor's appointments and eventually taking care of the bills and her parents' finances.

Mom was still sharp as a tack and knew it was time to see an attorney to make changes in their wills. She had heard so many horror stories of how the nursing home could take all of their money and she also wanted to make sure that Valentine would always have a place to live. The first visit to the attorney was overwhelming. Over the years, they had accumulated considerable assets, they lived modestly and never used their savings and their investments were worth over a half a million dollars. The attorney talked about putting the house in Valentine's name (a quit claim), updating mom and dad's will and more importantly he emphasized the need for "living documents". Things like power of attorney and appointing a "health care agent" or representative.

Since her sons lived so far away, Mom decided it would be best if Valentine was appointed the executor of their estates, as well as power of attorney and health care representative for both parents. She also thought it would be best if Valentine was a co-owner on all of their investments; knowing that if something happened to them, she would be able to access the accounts and would share equally with her brothers. They also put her on their checking account so she would be able to help with the bills if needed.

Sadly, both Mom and Dad got sick at the same time. Valentine was overwhelmed with the care, finances and decisions that she had to make and asked her brothers for help. There wasn't much they could do being so far away. When her parents passed away, her brothers came home. The Will was read and all assets were to be divided equally between the three children. However, there really weren't any assets – all of the bank accounts and the house had already been put in Valentine's name as a joint owner – and Dad's \$300,000 IRA named Valentine as the sole beneficiary.

Valentine was responsible ... morally, to give her brothers their share. But legally,

she had no obligation whatsoever. Her siblings descended on her immediately.

Focus on the IRA account. Did you know, even though the Will named all children equally, the IRA did not. Regardless of the will, Valentine would inherit the entire IRA account. Since Valentine is the sole beneficiary, if she were to distribute funds to her brothers, she would first have to pay state and federal taxes on the entire distribution. Valentine didn't understand why she had to pay all of the taxes. And, to make matters worse, she hasn't seen her brothers in many years, the entire time that she has been taking care of her parents. They never came to help with anything.

Sadly, her brothers hired an attorney who insists on payment from the IRA and their share of the bank accounts immediately! Before she could clean out the home of her parents, she was being sued by her brothers. They insisted on full accounting of every transaction since she became a signer on their checking account. They claimed that Mom and Dad had been coerced into changing their Will and that Valentine had excessive influence over their parents.

This story plays out in real life and loving families more than one could imagine. You might jump to the conclusion that the attorney should have done something differently, but not necessarily. When families make beneficiary changes, or add an adult child on their checking account, they usually don't ask an attorney for advice. Adding Valentine to the bank accounts made sense to her Mom, it was to make things easier for Valentine to help them with their finances.

You should talk to a financial advisor or an attorney when changing anything that involves your estate. Make sure you keep your beneficiaries up to date and if you want your children to share equally, don't name just one. When you name each of your children individually, they have choices they can make independent of siblings. One child may opt for a lump sum and to pay taxes, while another may want to continue tax deferral. Being clear and consistent leaves little room for doubt and then your children will be able to maintain the love and trust that you want them to always have with one another.

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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



Wines For Your Valentines

The origins of Valentine's Day trace back to the ancient Roman celebration of Lupercalia. Held on February 15, Lupercalia honored the gods Lupercus and Faunus, as well as the legendary founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus. In addition to a bountiful feast, Lupercalia festivities are purported to have included the pairing of young women and men.

Men would draw women's names from a box, and each couple would be paired until next year's celebration. While this pairing of couples set the tone for today's holiday, it wasn't called "Valentine's Day" until a priest named Valentine came along. Valentine, a romantic at heart, disobeyed Emperor Claudius II's decree that soldiers remain bachelors. Claudius handed down this decree believing that soldiers would be distracted and unable to concentrate on fighting if they were married or engaged. Valentine defied the emperor and secretly performed marriage ceremonies. As a result of his defiance, Valentine was put to death on February 14. After Valentine's death, he was named a saint. As Christianity spread through Rome, the priests moved Lupercalia from February 15 to February 14 and renamed it St. Valentine's Day to honor Saint Valentine. Some interesting facts:

- Approximately 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year.
- In order of popularity, Valentine's Day cards are given to: teachers, children, mothers, wives, sweethearts, Koko the gorilla.
- The expression "wearing your heart on your sleeve" comes from a Valentine's Day party tradition. Young women would write their names on slips of paper to be drawn by young men. A man would then wear a woman's name on his sleeve to claim her as his valentine.

Great Pink Wines

Rosé wines are perhaps the most versatile, food-friendly wines around. They have had an image problem to overcome, thanks in part to the run of "White Zin," as many consumers mistake Rosé wines to be overly sweet and in the category of "starter wine". However, Rosé wine sales are on the rise as savvy Wine Lovers have discovered that many of these pink wines fall into the definitively "dry" category, not sugary sweet, and the vast majority of Rosé wines offer a very good wine value for the money. Rosé wine hues come from the short contact time that the grape juice has with the grape skin. Serve chilled.

V. Sattui Gamay Rouge 2012 (CA) \$19

Loaded with sweet fresh floral scents and red, candied fruit aromas on the nose, the 2011 V. Sattui Gamay Rouge offers plenty of variety to please the nose, palate and plate. The flavor profile reveals sweet strawberry, Bing cherry and bright acidity all wrapped up in a balanced, semi-sweet finish. Vittorio Sattui visited New Haven during the early 1940's and fell in love with "New Haven Style Pizza". At his winery in Napa he rebuilt a castle from his home in Italy stone by stone. He then built a brick oven and imported semolina flour just like Pepe's in New Haven. His winery has been frequented by all of Hollywood's famous. This numbers from Clark Gable, Goldie Hawn, Tom Cruise who all came to the castle to enjoy luscious wines and New Haven style pizza. Available on line.

Mulderbosch Rose 2012 (South Africa) \$12

This Cabernet Sauvignon-inspired dry rosé from South Africa is a delicious blend of rose oil and ripe red fruit on the nose. The palate profile steers decidedly towards strawberry and raspberry with a touch of white pepper spice mid-palate. The result is a bright pink wine with a tantalizing combination of fruit and acidity which allows for unlimited food pairing combinations. Great Stuff!

Tablas Creek Tablas Estate Rose 2012 (CA) \$28

This California rosé brings a blend of Mourvèdre, Grenache and Cunoise grapes to the mix. Expect dark pink tones with some seriously amped up aromatics - florals, strawberry, watermelon and warm spices. The palate explodes with ripe cherry and strawberry, bright acidity and a decent dose of minerality on the finish.

Mumm Napa Brut Rose (CA) \$20

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Enjoy some of these wonderful wines with your favorite valentine. You will be glad you did!

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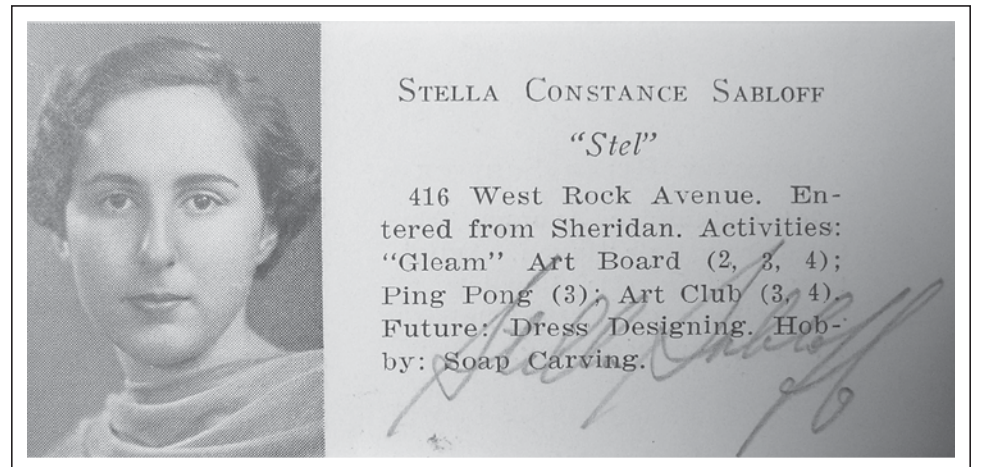
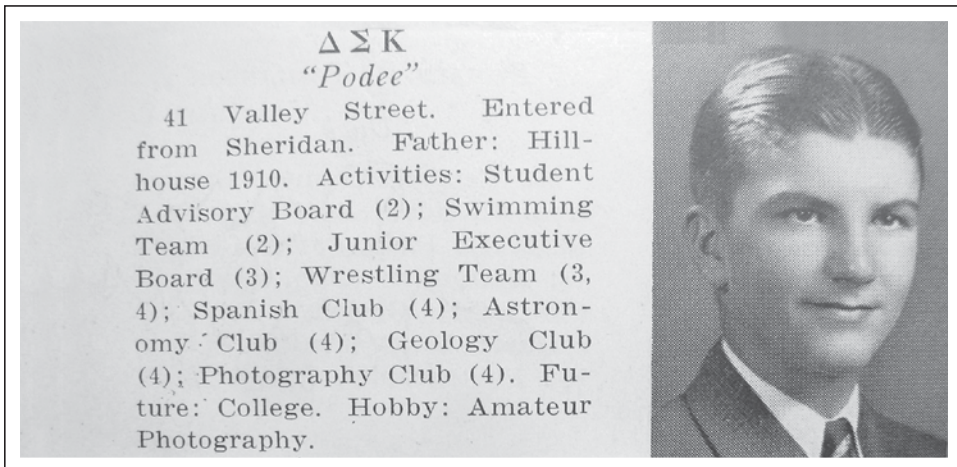
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HISTORY CORNER

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A Valentine Friendship



Recently, I visited George Burwell Uihlein who has lived in Woodbridge for more than 60 years and is about to celebrate his 93rd birthday. He has lots of fascinating tales to share. My original topic of interest was Molly Shepherd of Shepherd's Farm on Litchfield Turnpike. She served as a nurse in France during WWI. George knew her well and has copies of many of the letters she wrote home during the war. In addition, he told me about his adventures as a navigator in a bomber during WWII. He also shared with me a charming tale about how a third grade valentine exchange grew into a wonderful friendship. Let's begin with that special story.

George grew up in Westville not far from Blake Street. In the 1930s, he attended Mary Frances Benton School on Whalley Avenue near the Mitchell Library. Back then Valentine's Day was celebrated with an exchange of handmade cards in each classroom. George's mother told him that he should make a card for every classmate. He did so even though he barely knew some of them including a girl named Stella who had only been with them a month.

Years later, Stella Sabloff put down her memories of that day. Like George, she had cut out a valentine for each classmate in spite of her mother's warning of probable disappointment. The students dropped their valentines into a basket at the teacher's desk. Stella wrote: "There's so many of them. Must be a hundred scillion. I've never seen so much! We're so excited, we can't sit still....But finally - teacher starts to pass them out. Ooh - I can't wait. Everyone is getting so many."

But poor Stella received only two cards; one from George and one from Cliff. At the end of the day she watched her classmates "laughing and talking and showing off their valentines. I take my two and hold them close to me. When we get into the school yard, I run behind a tree and cry. My mother was right - I am disappointed but I hug my valentines and swear I'll keep them forever."

Both Stella and George attended Susan S. Sheridan Junior High and graduated from Hillhouse High School in 1938, but did not socialize together. George's most vivid memory of Stella during that time was of her skill in perspective drawing as he was struggling with the concept in the seat behind her. He admitted to being shy and reticent especially toward the girls in his class. She had no particular memories of him or Cliff from that period.

After two years of college in Ohio studying engineering, George entered the service. In 1944-5 he served in the U.S. 8th Air Force as navigator of "Betty Lou's Buggy," a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber. After the war, he finished college at Yale, and took a job with the New Haven Gas Light Company in 1947. By the time he retired in 1985, he was President and CEO of the company. He and his wife Marti raised their family in Woodbridge, and enjoyed summers at their camp in Mansfield Grove.

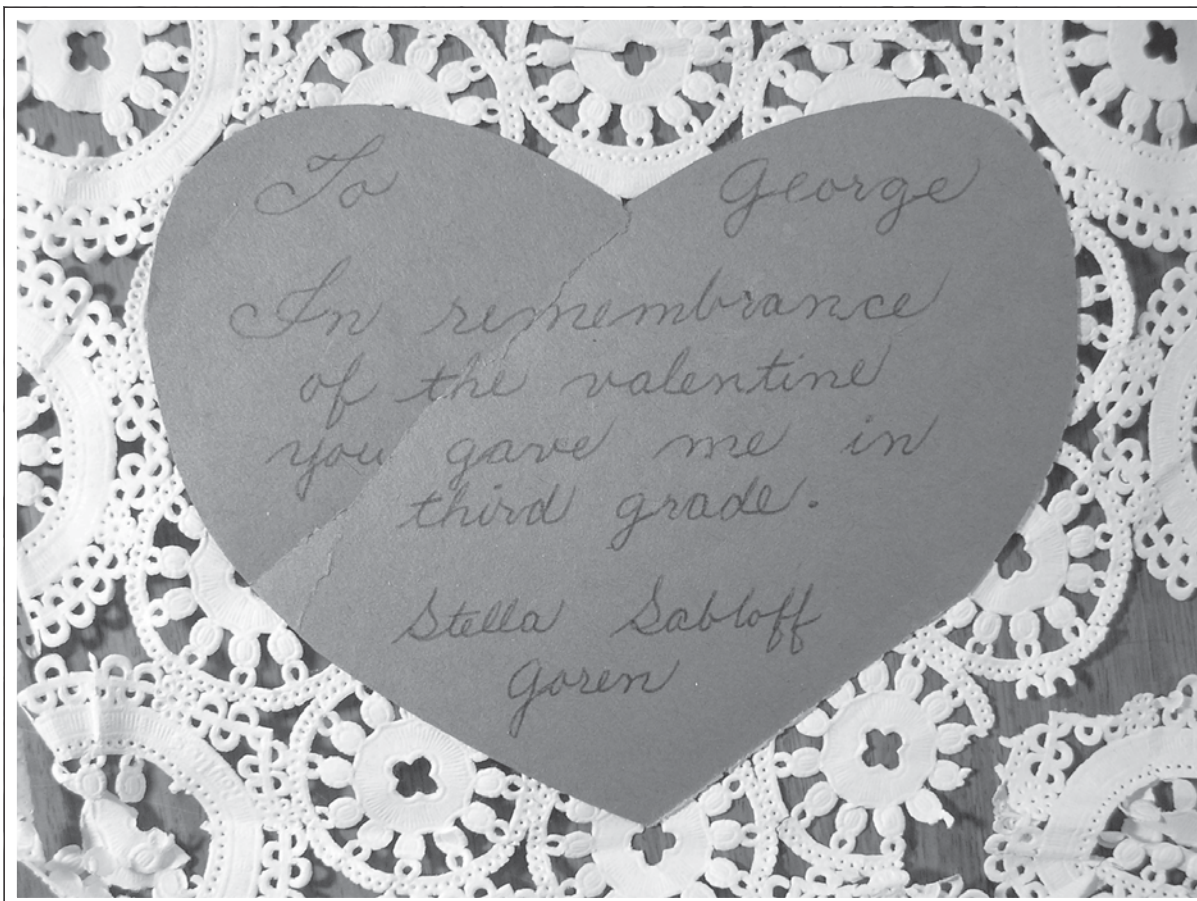
As a child, Stella preferred drawing and writing her own stories to reading. After high school she dreamed of studying commercial art in New York at Pratt Institute, but her parents directed her to Willimantic State Teachers College. It was not a success. During WWII she worked in Washington, D.C. and served in the U.S. Marine Corps, Women's Reserve. She moved to California and raised a family with husband, Sam in Los Angeles. Though not pursuing a career in the arts, Stella found a creative outlet in painting, drawing, Israeli folk dancing, weaving and writing.

Their 50th Hillhouse High School reunion made 1988 a memorable year for both Stella and George. The party was held in North Haven at the Ramada Inn. Stella wrote: "We let our hair down, kicked up our heels and for four hours we were teenagers again. We danced the old dances, sang the old songs and renewed acquaintances. Out of a graduating class of 997, one fifth are still 'missing,' one fifth are known to have died, and one fourth were in attendance and very happy to celebrate...."

George described a quiet but wonderful occurrence during the evening. His classmate Cliff came to his table and said that Stella would like to see the two of them. George barely remembered her, but went to say hello. After a few words, Stella gave each of them a large envelope. Back at their tables, George and Cliff discovered that Stella had made for each of them a valentine in thanks for the cards they had cut and glued for her more than 50 years earlier! She had never forgotten their kindness to her in third grade.

In the decades since that reunion, the three couples remained in close contact through correspondence and occasional visits. Sadly, since 2000 Cliff and his wife passed away as did George's wife, Marti and Stella's husband, Sam. George and Stella have continued to write regularly. George smilingly grumbles that Stella's letters often chide him for taking too long to reply to hers. He estimates that they exchange an average of four letters a month. Over the course of 25 years, he figures that his collection has grown to 625 letters! He has kept all of Stella's neatly ordered in labeled manila envelopes. And the letters are lengthy, ranging from art and politics to family and pets; jokes and recommended books, and most of all decades of vital memories. Many of the letters contain Stella's stories, photos and sometimes another valentine.

Of her stories, Stella wrote: "I truly believe that by reliving my life through writing, I am recycling my past and enriching my future." Even if that past contained some painful disappointments, this friendship founded on one small exchange of kindness has brought unexpected happiness to them both. As Valentine's Day approaches, I suggest we all get out scissors and glue or pens and stamps so, homemade or store bought, we let those messages of love and friendship fly.



ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Lone Survivor (R)**
Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch
- 2. Frozen (PG)**
animated
- 3. The Legend of Hercules (PG-13)**
Kellan Lutz, Gaia Weiss
- 4. The Wolf of Wall Street (R)**
Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill
- 5. American Hustle (R)**
Christian Bale, Amy Adams
- 6. The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13)**
Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman
- 7. August: Osage County (R)**
Meryl Streep, Dermot Mulroney
- 8. Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13)**
Emma Thompson, Tom Hanks
- 9. Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (R)**
Andrew Jacobs, Jorge Diaz
- 10. Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG-13)**
Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate

TOP 10 RENTALS

- 1. We're the Millers (R)**
Jennifer Aniston
- 2. Elysium (R)**
Matt Damon
- 3. The Wolverine (PG-13)**
Hugh Jackman
- 4. 2 Guns (R)**
Mark Wahlberg
- 5. Man of Steel (PG-13)**
Henry Cavill
- 6. The Lone Ranger (PG-13)**
Johnny Depp
- 7. The Heat (R)**
Sandra Bullock
- 8. Insidious: Chapter 2 (PG-13)**
Patrick Wilson
- 9. The Internship (PG-13)**
Vince Vaughn
- 10. White House Down (PG-13)**
Channing Tatum

CHART BUSTERS

Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Pitbull feat. Ke\$ha**
"Timber"
- 2. One Republic**
"Counting Stars"
- 3. Eminem feat. Rihanna**
"The Monster"
- 4. Lorde**
"Royals"
- 5. A Great Big World & Christina Aguilera**
"Say Something"
- 6. Katy Perry**
"Dark Horse"
- 7. Passenger**
"Let Her Go"
- 8. Avicii**
"Wake Me Up!"
- 9. Miley Cyrus**
"Wrecking Ball"
- 10. Imagine Dragons**
"Demons"

Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Florida Georgia Line**
"Stay"
- 2. Luke Bryan**
"Drink a Beer"
- 3. David Nail**
"Whatever She's Got"
- 4. Luke Bryan**
"That's My Kind of Night"
- 5. Cole Swindell**
"Chillin' It"
- 6. Cassadee Pope**
"Wasting All These Tears"
- 7. Eli Young Band**
"Drunk Last Night"
- 8. Jason Aldean**
"When She Says Baby"
- 9. Zac Brown Band**
"Sweet Annie"
- 10. Parmalee**
"Carolina"



Mike Rosenberg



Matthew McConaughey in "The Dallas Buyer's Club"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of Feb. 3, 2014.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"The Dallas Buyer's Club" (R) -- Matthew McConaughey delivers a career-altering performance as a hard-partying cowboy who became a hero to many people only after he was told he had 30 days to live. Ron Woodroof (McConaughey) was diagnosed with HIV in the early 1980s, when little was known about the virus and many promising

treatments were not available in the U.S. Ron sets about smuggling medicine into Texas for the benefit of himself and the HIV-positive population. As Ron's character develops, there is a raw and believable change as he sympathizes with people he used to shun. The film also carries a strong contender for best supporting actor with Jared Leto as Rayon, a transsexual and fellow HIV patient who becomes Ron's friend and business partner.

"About Time" (R) -- Tim (Domhnall Gleeson) is a decent, fumbling, charming and awkward young Brit who learns on his 21st birthday that the men in his family can time travel -- only into the past and only into moments from his own life. Tim's power allows him to erase and re-do his most uncomfortable mistakes and missed opportunities. He spends the rest of his (screen) time keeping his girl and staving off life's tragedies. Written and directed by Richard Curtis (veteran of a thousand English romantic comedies, including "Love, Actually" and "Four Weddings and a Funeral"), the movie deviates just a little while still showing the Curtis stamp. It's painfully cute, full to the brim with sentiments and a little clumsy while advancing the plot. It's an easy watch, and sure to have a few laughs for even the most cynical viewers.

"Free Birds" (PG) -- This is the big, animated, star-studded, 3D Thanksgiving movie about turkeys using a time machine to go to the first Thanksgiving and prevent turkey from ever being part of the tradition. Though it's stuffed with sight gags and goofy sidekicks, it's just never very funny. The way factory farms and turkey hunts are depicted can be pretty scary for the young ones. If you want your child to be a vegetarian, there must be a kinder way than making him or her sit through this.

- Who had a hit with "Shadow Dancing"?
- Which song was originally titled "Guess Who's Making Whoopie (With Your Girlfriend)"?
- Name the group that released the cover of "Little Darlin'" in 1957.
- Which duo released "Leather and Lace" in 1981?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "I'm not superstitious about ya but I can't take no chance. You got me spinnin', baby, you know I'm in a trance."



1. Andy Gibb, in 1978. The song stayed at No. 1 for seven weeks.
2. "Mama's Pearl," by Jackson 5, in 1971. The hit was changed to keep Michael Jackson's innocent image.
3. The Diamonds. Furtis maintained the original by the Gladiolas is the finer version, but it's the energy of the Diamonds' version that made it more popular.
4. Stevie Nicks and Don Henley. Nicks had written the song for Waylon Jennings and Jessi Colter, who didn't use it on their own "Leather and Lace" album.
5. "Knock on Wood," originally by Eddie Floyd in 1966. Others have done covers, but it was Amii Stewart in 1979 that made it a danceable disco song. (On the other hand, don't miss Eric Clapton's version on YouTube.)

Sudoku answers on page 27

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

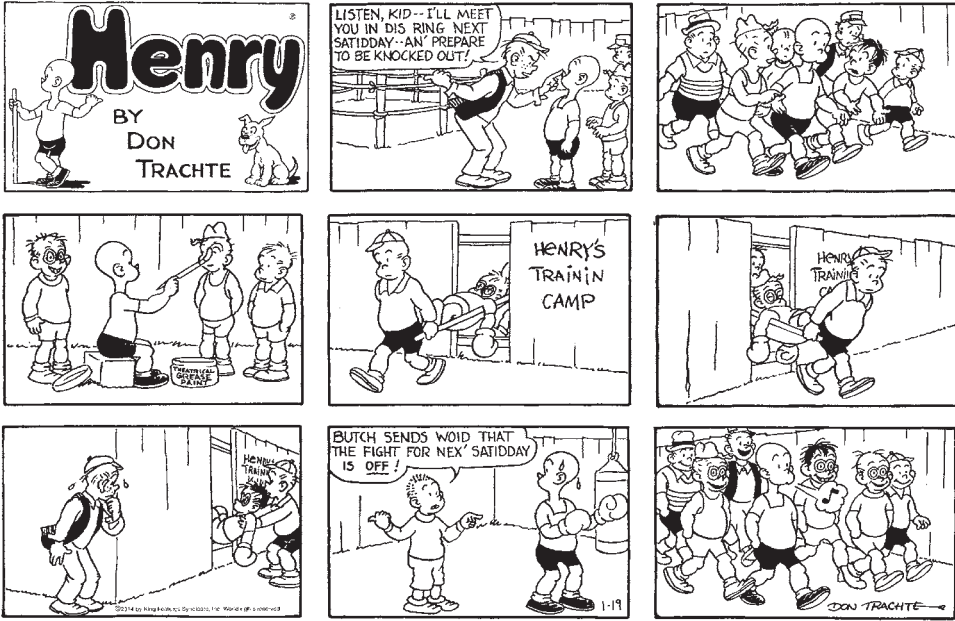
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

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COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD



HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Cate Blanchett

HOLLYWOOD -- Robert Redford won the New York Film Critics Circle Award and is Oscar bound for "All Is Lost," in which he was the only actor on screen for the entire film. After that, why do you suppose he chose (at 77) to do a featured role in the upcoming sequel "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" with Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, "Revenge" star Emily Vancamp and Samuel Jackson? It'll be out in April.

Cate Blanchett, who won a best actress nod from the Critic Circle for Woody Allen's film "Blue Jasmine," has completed five films, starting with "The Monuments Men" with George Clooney and Matt Damon; the animated "How to Train Your Dragon 2," with Gerard Butler and Jonah Hill; the third and final installment of "The Hobbit: There and Back Again"; and two films for Terrence Mallick: "King of Cups" with Christian Bale and Natalie Portman, and the untitled Mallick musical drama with Ryan Gosling, Christian Bale, Natalie Portman, Michael Fassbender, Rooney Mara, Val Kilmer and Benicio del Toro. Cate currently is filming Kenneth Branagh's live action "Cinderella."

Dan Stevens died in the season three closer of "Downton Abbey" and was the topic of the season four premiere, watched by 10.2 million viewers, because he wanted to move on. He's filmed "The Guest," screened Jan. 17 at The Sundance Festival; "The Cobbler," with Adam Sandler, Dustin Hoffman and Steve Buscemi, arriving in November; and is playing Sir Lancelot in "Night at the Museum 3," with Ben Stiller,

Robin Williams and Ricky Gervais. And everyone thought he was crazy to leave "Downton Abbey"!

CBS will send off "How I Met Your Mother" to rerun heaven March 31 with a special hour finale. ... "Friends With Better Lives," which stars James Van Der Beek (last seen in "Don't Trust The B---- In Apartment 23"), Brooklyn Decker (wife of tennis pro Andy Roddick in real life) and Kevin Connolly (who will reprise his character Eric Murphy in the film version of "Entourage") will follow it, hopefully to fill the void. ... NBC plans a mid-season premiere of Jon Favreau's "About a Boy," with Minnie Driver and David Walton (of "Burlesque" and seven episodes of "New Girl"); and "Growing Up Fisher," with Jenna Elfman ("Dharma & Greg") and J.K. Simmons (so good on "The Closer" and inv all those Farmers Insurance commercials). The show's executive producer is Jason Bateman, who also will be the narrator. The pilot was directed by "Friends" star David Schwimmer. Bateman just completed "Horrible Bosses 2" with Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis, Charlie Day and Kevin Spacey, out in November. Wouldn't it be funny if executive producer Jason Bateman turned out to be a "Horrible Boss" 2?

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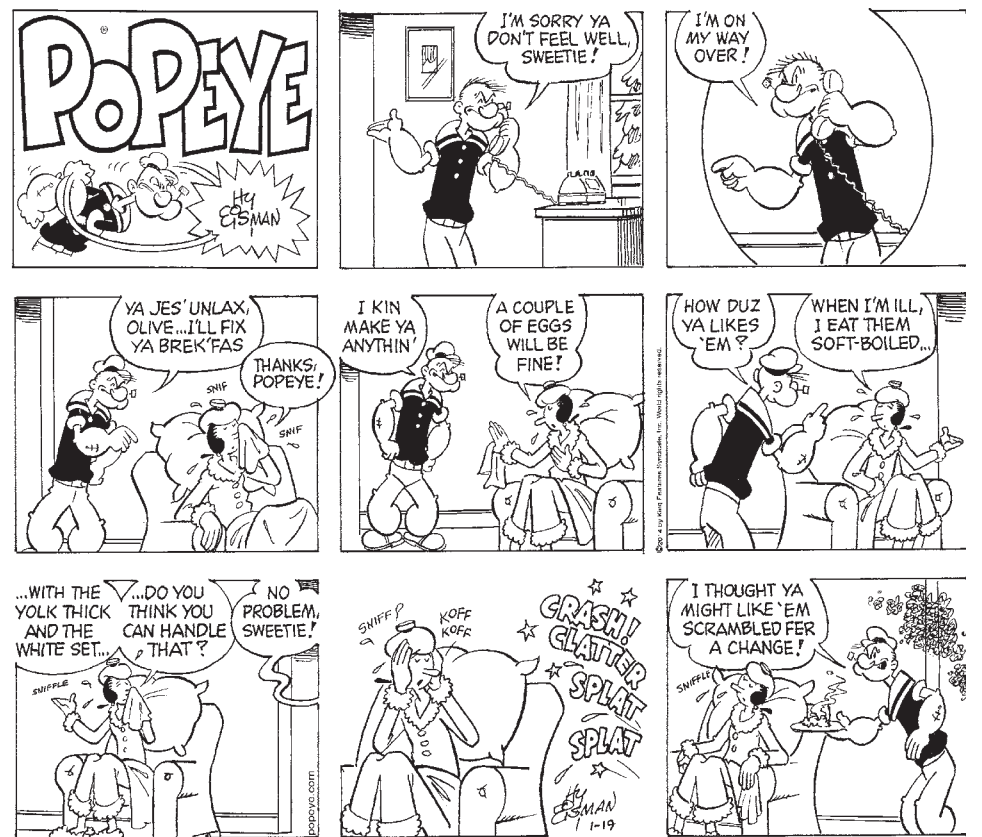
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BULLETIN BOARD

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.

Boy Scout Troop 63, meetings Monday nights from 7:00 pm – 8:30pm, Our Lady of the Assumption “Mother” Church, 1700 Litchfield Turnpike (Rte. 69), Woodbridge; September- April and May-June outdoors at Camp Whiting, all boys ages 10 and up or who have completed the fifth grade are welcome to stop by and see what we’re all about. For more information, visit <http://www.troop963.org> or email Troop63CT@gmail.com.

Woodbridge Republican Town Committee Meetings, second Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Dorothy Martino at dorothyjmartino@yahoo.com or 203-397-1547 or Kathy Gartland, gartlandkb@aol.com or 203-387-8792.

Woodbridge Rotary Club Meetings, 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, 7:30am breakfast meeting, Country Corner Diner, 756 Amity Toad, Bethany and the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 12:15pm luncheon meeting, 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.

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

Trap Falls Kennel Club Obedience Classes, every level, AKC STAR Puppy (obedience for dogs under 12 months) and Family Manners Classes/Obedience; begins week of September 16, 2013, held Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Pawz for Wellness in Shelton, CT. For registration and/or information, call 203-450-9485 or email tfkctraining@gmail.com. Trap Falls Kennel Club is a non-profit member club of the American Kennel Club (AKC)

Bethwood Softball, now accepting player registrations for its Spring season; Girls living in Bethany and Woodbridge between the ages of 6-14 years old are eligible to play. For more information and to register on-line, visit: <http://www.bethwoodsoftball.org/>.

Bethany Volunteer Fire Department Valentine Dance, Saturday February 15, 2014 (snow date February 22), 7:00-11:00pm, Lakeview Lodge, Route 42, Bethany, for adults 21 years old and over, Ticket options: \$25 couple/\$15 single/\$125 for a table of 10. Bring your favorite beverage and snacks, music by DJ Aaron Stone. Get your tickets early, seating is limited! Call Amy at 203-410-2602 or Michelle 203-668-6702 to make your reservation.

Beecher Road School Renovation Project Referendum, Tuesday, February 11, 2014, Center School Gymnasium. The polls will be open from 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Informational Forum, Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 7:00pm, The Center Gymnasium, the Town’s consultant, Milone & MacBroom, will present its findings concerning the long term use of the Country Club of Woodbridge property.

Amity Parent Support Group, meets every other Friday morning, 7:45am, Woodbridge Senior Center Lounge, 4 Meetinghouse Lane, sponsored by Amity High School, Woodbridge Youth Services and the Orange Drug and Alcohol Action Committee, local parents who struggle with children who are, or may be involved with, substance abuse share experiences and concerns in a confidential setting. The next meeting will be Friday, February 21, 2014. For more information, please contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429, or e-mail npfund@woodbridgect.org.

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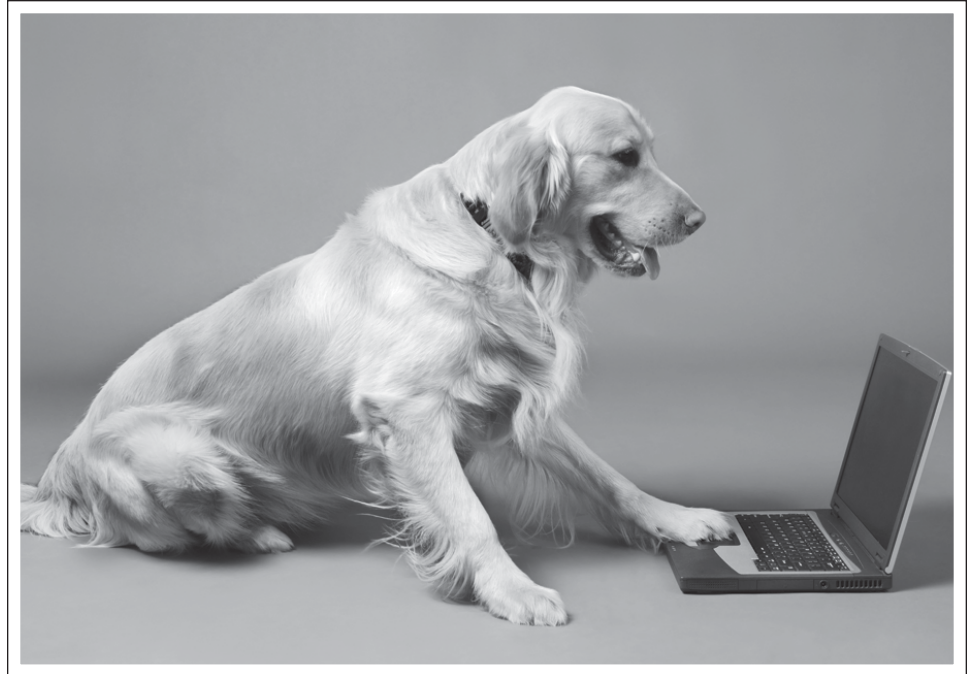
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BARK BYTES...

By Richard & Vicki Horowitz

Why Spay or Neuter Your Dog?

February is Spay/Neuter Awareness Month in addition to World Spay Day on February 26. Spaying or neutering your pet is important for a number of medical and behavioral reasons. In the United States, millions of animals are put to death because of overpopulation - there are not enough good homes to go around!

Medical Reasons

- Because neutering removes the testes, your male dog will be at a lower risk for testicular cancer. Spaying females prior to their first heat cycle will help eliminate the risk of breast cancer and prevents uterine infections and uterine cancer.
- As your male dog gets older, his prostate will enlarge which can make urination difficult. If his prostate becomes infected, it is difficult to treat without neutering.
- Carrying and giving birth to puppies can be both physically dangerous and stressful for your female dog. Spaying eliminates these potential risks.

Behavioral Reasons

- **Marking.** Male dogs and cats mark their territory by spraying urine. This urine can have a strong odor, particularly in cats. Neutering helps eliminate the odor and incidences of spraying.
- **Roaming.** Male dogs that are not neutered often roam around looking around for females in heat. Conversely, female dogs in heat will roam to look for male dogs. This can cause them to get lost or injured. Male and female dogs that have been spayed or neutered often live longer, mainly because they engage in less risky behaviors like running away.
- **Aggressiveness.** Some research suggests that neutered male dogs display less aggression towards other dogs, while other studies dispute this. However, it is known that other male dogs can easily detect an unneutered dog’s high testosterone level and become aggressive. Females may be less aggressive toward both dogs and people after they’re spayed. Un-spayed females may try to get the attention of a male dog by fighting. Spaying can reduce or eliminate this behavior. Spaying your dog can also eliminate the possibility of hormonally driven guarding behavior.
- **Mounting.** A dog that is neutered is less likely to mount other dogs, furniture and inanimate objects. Although mounting can reflect a sexual behavior, it can also be a display of dominance. Neutering will only eliminate sexual mounting.

A common myth is that neutering can adversely affect your dog’s personality. Not so! It may change behaviors related to male sex hormones (such as aggressiveness), but not your dog’s friendliness or playfulness. Additionally, if you have more than one pet in your home, your pets will generally get along better if they are neutered.

Neutering will not eliminate all of your dog’s behavior problems. It will help reduce testosterone levels in male dogs, but it will not eliminate the hormone completely. If your dog continues to have behavior or obedience problems, training can help eliminate these unwanted behaviors.

Vicki and Richard Horowitz, of Woodbridge, are dog behavioral therapists and trainers with Bark Busters, the world’s largest dog training company. For more information, call 1-877-500-BARK (2275) or visit www.dog-training-new-haven-ct.com.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Seeing the silly side of some really ridiculous situations helps give the Lamb a new perspective on how to handle them. Some important contacts can be made this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Try to complete your outstanding tasks by midweek. This leaves you free to take advantage of new possibilities -- both professional and personal -- opening up by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) With both your creative side and your energy levels rising this week, you should be able to tackle that too-long-neglected project again. A family member might have important news.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An explanation you requested seems to be more confusing than enlightening. You should insist on clarifications now, rather than deal with problems that might arise later.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your energy levels might be ebbing a bit. But that's no excuse for taking catnaps when you could be working on those unfinished tasks. There'll be time to curl up and relax by week's end.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to get those ideas out of your head and into a readable format if you hope to have them turned into something doable. A good friend is ready

with worthwhile advice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Careful -- you might be stepping into dangerous territory if you decide to "exaggerate" the facts too much. Remember: The truth speaks for itself and needs no embellishment.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Although your workplace successes have earned you many admirers, there are some colleagues who are not among them. Be careful how you proceed with your new project.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might have to go into great detail to explain why you're currently reluctant to make changes to an already prepared plan. Be sure you have all the facts to back yourself up.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Travel plans might still be uncertain. But instead of getting upset about the delay, open yourself up to other possibilities, and begin checking out some alternative destinations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Changing conditions might require you to alter some of your plans. While you might be agreeable to this, be prepared with explanations for those who do not want changes made.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Although you might have to deal with some detractors who aren't too kind in their critiques, you gain points when you're willing to stand up and defend your work.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for creating a warm and loving environment between yourself and others.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phippe



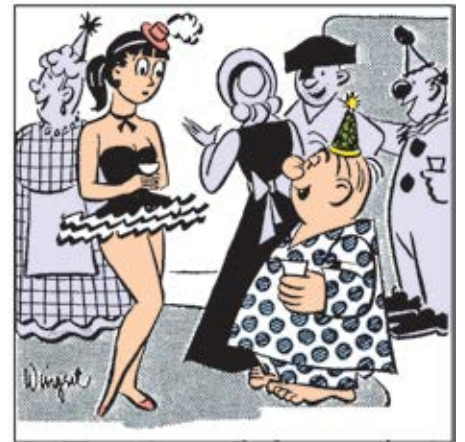
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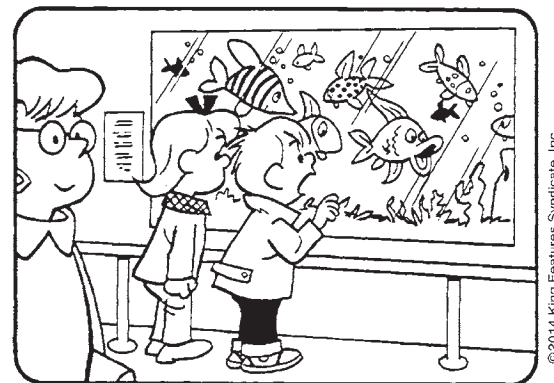
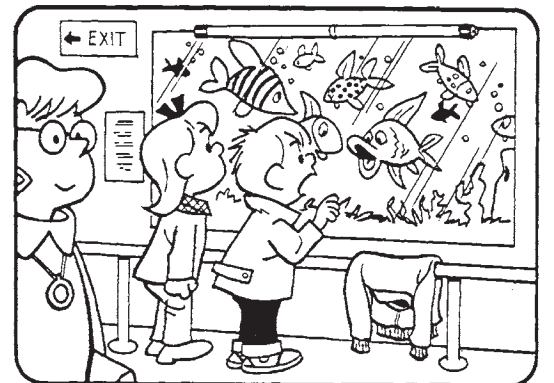
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.
 Differences: 1. Sign is missing. 2. Pendant is missing. 3. Head is moved. 4. Fluorescent light is missing. 5. Fish is reversed. 6. Jacket is missing.

top ten

girl Baby Names for 2013

1. Charlotte
2. Amelia
3. Olivia
4. Ava
5. Aria
6. Violet
7. Sophia
8. Scarlett
9. Audrey
10. Emma

Source: BabyNames.com

LITTLE DOG GETS TOO MANY TREATS



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: How many treats is it safe to feed to a small dog at once? My grandmother always feeds two big fake pepperoni sticks to her Shih-Tzu after each walk. She walks "Cody" three times per day. Cody is looking a little stout. -- Lila S., Dothan, Ala.

DEAR LILA: Most pet-food products, including treats, have a suggested serving amount based on a dog's size. But in general, pet treats should make up no more than 10 percent of the pet's total daily calories.

Six "pepperoni"-flavored sticks per day is an awful lot of treats for a small dog. Does Cody eat all of his regular pet food as well? How much food is he given at his mealtimes?

It can be difficult to correct a situation like this when you're not the pet owner. However, you should give it a try. Ask your grandmother how Cody's last veterinary exam went, and whether the vet mentioned his weight. Ask her if you can help monitor Cody's food intake, and try to convince her to reduce the amount of treats the dog receives after each walk. I'm willing to bet that if she feeds Cody just half a stick, breaking it into small pieces that she gives one at a time, the dog won't notice the reduced amount.

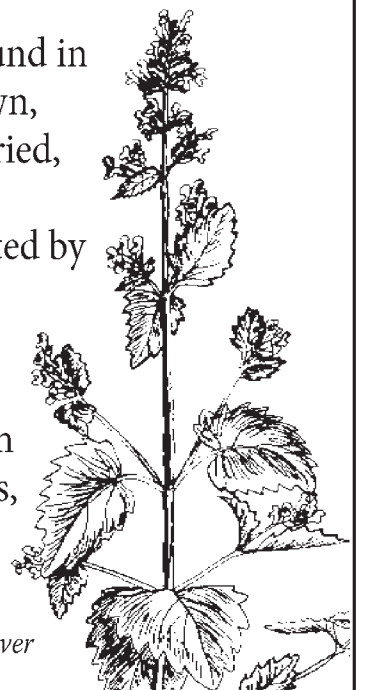
Find out from your grandmother if the vet has recommended a lower-calorie diet for Cody. If so, look at ways to get that calorie count down, and convince her to reduce the amount of treats to just one or two small bites of Cody's favorite pepperoni stick after each walk. Your grandmother may resist, but it's important for Cody's health and is a way to ensure a longer relationship with her favorite dog.

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The Garden Bug

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Julie Harris and Stephen Roane

New Haven Free Public Library celebrates the season of romance with a special Valentine musical offering on Saturday, February 8, from 3-4 pm, at the downtown library, 133 Elm St. The Harris/Roane Duo returns to the library to perform their Valentine Cabaret, "Isn't It Romantic," featuring classic love songs from The Great American Songbook.

Those who attended last summer's standing-room-only "Afternoon Tea with Cole Porter" will enjoy another performance by song stylist Julie Harris and guitarist Stephen Roane. There is no charge, and refreshments will be provided. RSVP: 203-946-8835.



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ARTS & LEISURE



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FREE PERFORMANCE CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

New Haven Free Public Library marks Black History Month with a free one-woman performance of “They Called Me Lizzy...From Slavery To the White House,” highlighting the life story of Elizabeth Keckly (1818-1907). This performance takes place on Saturday, February 22, from 3-4 pm, at Ives Main Library, 133 Elm Street. More information is available at 203-946-8835.

Born into slavery, Keckly purchased her freedom and made her way to Washington D.C., where her dressmaking skills and entrepreneurial savvy brought her to the attention of many political families. Her role as dressmaker to the First Lady provided Keckly with an intimate view of some of the most private and difficult moments in the White House. Her memoir, “Behind the Scenes, 30 years a slave and four years in the White House,” generated considerable controversy when published, and inspires key moments in this performance.



East Haddam Stage Company actress Stephanie Jackson performs this dramatic recounting of Keckly’s life experiences, which is written and directed by EHSC artistic director Kandi Carle. More information is available at its website, www.ehsc.org.

ARTIST AT WORK PHOTO EXHIBITION & PANEL DISCUSSION

NeAs part of CT at Work, an initiative of CT Humanities, the Arts Council of Greater New Haven presents Artists at Work, a photography exhibit of regional artists by Chris Randall, in vacant storefronts in the Audubon Arts District on the north side of Audubon Street in New Haven, Connecticut. The exhibition showcases artists as part of the workforce, illustrating where and how they work. We hope each image inspires the emerging artists throughout the area to pursue their dreams of making art their profession. It is our goal to generate conversation among viewers and celebrate the work of artists in our community. The artists featured in the photography exhibition are writer Debby Applegate, violinist Colin Benn, spoken word artist Frank Brady, graphic designer George Corsillo, graphic designer/visual artist Susan McCaslin, children’s book illustrator and writer Deborah Freedman, sculptor Ann Lehman, dancer Adele Meyers, Flamenco guitarist Val Ramos, actor Steve Routman, painter Gordon Skinner and soul singer Avery Wilson. The exhibition will be on view through the end of February.

For more information about Artists at Work please call the Arts Council at (203) 772-2788 or visit newhavenarts.org. To learn more about Connecticut at Work visit cthumanities.org/ctatwork.

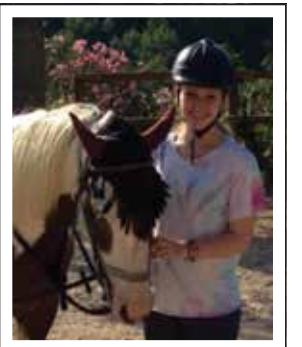
LOCAL SPORTS



WOODBIDGE YOUTH RIDES TO REGIONALS

Sasha Cabin, a sophomore honors student at Hopkins School, has qualified for the Regional Competition for the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA). This fulfills her independent athletics requirement at school, but, more importantly, fulfills her passion for horsemanship. Sasha began riding six years ago, and now rides three or four times per week at Blackhorse Equestrian Center in Bethany, where her IEA team is based. She rides both English and Western, and encourages her family to include a ride - or many! - as part of vacation trips.

This is Sasha’s second year in IEA, and her second year qualifying for Regionals. Sasha’s other interests include photography, music, and science. With a strong urge to help others, Sasha works for Hopkins Fights Hunger and the community service club Maroon Key. She raised funds to fight breast cancer as part of the Connecticut Ride for the Cure and earned the status of Gold Rider in her third year of participation. Recently, Sasha helped start “Hopkins for Equus,” a club with the goal of raising \$1,000 to save one horse from slaughter and find it a forever home. When asked what draws her to horses, Sasha replies, “There’s a feeling of freedom when I’m riding”. Smiling, she adds, “I don’t think of anything else, just the moment.”



Sasha with Venus, enjoying a moment at Blackhorse Equestrian Center in Bethany

Sasha will be spending some time concentrating on her moments of riding as she prepares for the Regional competition, which will be held at Folly Farm in Simsbury on March 2nd. We wish her and her team the best of luck!

The IEA was begun in 2002 and now has more than 8,000 middle and high school student-riders across the United States. The organization’s purpose is to promote and improve the quality of equestrian competition and instruction available to middle and secondary school students. Riders do not supply their own horses, mounts are provided at each show, putting emphasis on the riders’ horsemanship and equitation skills. For more information, please view the IEA website at www.rideiea.org and the Blackhorse Equestrian Center website at www.blackhorsecenter.com.

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