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Rendering shows two planned carports behind the Police Department.

Police Car Ports To Be Erected Behind Police Station

BY BETTINA THIEL

WOODBRIDGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Board of Selectmen, at its March meeting, approved plans for two car ports to shelter police vehicles. The two open structures will be erected on the existing police parking lot on the side of the Center Building that faces Center Road. The police department is housed in the lower level of the building that originally served as the town's elementary school.

The larger carport, with spaces for 12 vehicles, will be located in the middle of the parking lot, while another, smaller one, will be located closer to the entrance that officers use. The smaller carport has room for four vehicles, said architect Brian Humes when he presented the plans at the selectmen's meeting. They had to get approvals from the Town Plan and Zoning Commission and a setback variance from

the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The two car ports are not dedicated to any assigned users, said Police Chief Frank Cappiello. The fact that there are two separate structures is just a function of maximizing the number of cars on the existing parking area.

Zoning commissioners encouraged them to change the roof from a flat roof – corresponding to the Center Building – to a pitched metal roof, blending with that of the fire station roof across the street. The location of the car ports has not changed, Humes said. The zoning commission had suggested to place the car port against the building, but an existing berm would require extensive construction.

The project will be paid for through a STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) grant the town re-

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The greater Jewish community celebrated the rebirth of its community center in Woodbridge with a ribbon cutting Sunday, March 18. Shown holding the ribbon are, from left, Building Committee Chairman David Trachten, Norm Stacey, JCC president Scott Hurwitz, Federation president Norm Ravski, and Jewish Federation Chief Executive Officer Judy Alperin.

JCC Celebrates Grand Opening

BY BETTINA THIEL

WOODBRIDGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Jewish Community Center threw open its doors Sunday, March 18, to celebrate the re-opening of its facility at 360 Amity Road after a devastating fire in December 2016 had closed the building. Jewish Federation President Norm Ravski welcomed elected officials, friends, donors and volunteers to the ceremony in a tightly packed Café 360. Many thank-yous were the order of the day, making it clear that the community was at the heart of this renovation.

"What we found through this process was that 360 Amity Road is essential to our community," said David Trachten, chairman of the building

committee. The inclusive process of reaching out to the community and hearing out its needs has brought about new commitment to the location and its purpose.

Since the soft opening in January, one by one new areas of the building have been opening up to the membership, including a reconfigured fitness area, spa and locker area, the updated gym, a climbing wall and more. New and novel are also a co-working space as well as rooms dedicated to the creative arts, an area referred to as the Maker Space.

"Sometimes we are tested in ways none of us ever imagined," said Jew-

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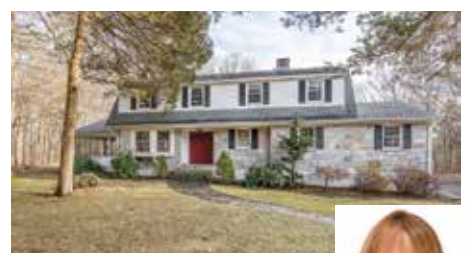


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THROUGHOUT APRIL

Town Leaders Cap Mill Rate Increase At 1%

BY BETTINA THIEL
WOODBRIDGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Thanks in part to a substantial return of dollars from Amity’s 2016-17 school year, the Woodbridge Board of Finance managed to work out a budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-19 that will keep the property mill rate increase at just under 1%. “I don’t think we can continually throw 2.5% [at the taxpayer]” said Board of Finance Chairman Matt Giglietti at the March 15 meeting. “We’ve got to at some point put the brakes on.”

The board made it its goal to bring the mill rate increase to below 1% — and by cutting here and tucking there and moving some capital expenditures up to this fiscal year, the board managed to come up with a mill rate of 39.83, up slightly from the current 39.44. Only the motor vehicle taxes will see a hefty increase, as the state last year kept a cap of 32 mills. That mill rate will now jump to 39.83, in line with property taxes.

Woodbridge residents will have the chance to get up-to-date budget information at the annual budget hearing Monday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center Gym. The final vote on the budget is at the Annual Town Meeting on May 21.

The overall expenditures are up from this year’s \$48.3 million to \$49.5 million, a figure that includes \$14.67 million for Beecher Road School and

\$14.71 million for Woodbridge students enrolled in the Amity school system. It represents a 2.4% increase over this year’s expenditures.

Revenue from the state is projected to be down by \$400,000. That number reflects reductions in Education Cost Sharing, as well as the Municipal Revenue Sharing grants and elderly housing assistance reimbursement.

Income from investments is projected to be higher by \$50,000; and building department permits charges are up by \$30,000. The Grand List shows real estate values and the motor vehicle value to be flat year-over-year. However, the fuel cell installed at the high school and owned by Avangrid has increased the taxable personal property by close to \$8 million.

The Amity school system returned to the town \$561,000 in surplus funds from last school year. The Board of Finance decided to apply \$220,00 toward next year’s town budget; it also earmarked \$50,000 specifically for potential special education costs at Beecher Road School. The rest, in the amount of \$291,000, will be added to the General Fund.

As in past years, the town has also applied \$400,000 from fund balance to the budget.

Capital Projects: The following are items in the capital improvement

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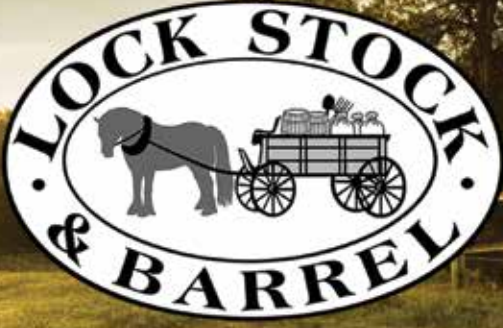
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Jewish Federation President Norm Ravski opens the ribbon cutting ceremony in a tightly packed Cafe 360 at the Jewish Community Center. Officials in the audience included Woodbridge Selectman Joseph Crisco and First Selectman Beth Heller; behind Heller is State Sen. George Logan and, partially hidden, New Haven Mayor Toni Harp. State Sen. Gayle Slossberg also was in the audience.

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ish Federation CEO Judy Alperin in her speech, adding that the community came out stronger than ever. She thanked elected and town officials for their support during the fire and in its aftermath, and above all the staff who worked tirelessly to keep things running even while they were “in exile.” Alperin in particular thanked JCC director Scott Cohen and his family for their time and patience.

JCC President Scott Hurwitz thanked the many donors who helped make the renewal possible, in particular the Rothberg Family of Laticrete, who contributed not only materials, but know-how and technical support; as well as the Levy Family. A year ago, the JCC board had set a fund-raising goal of \$2million to make the new features possible. They had reached

the \$1.25 million mark, Hurwitz announced. He said they would increase their fundraising goal to \$3million to help secure the future of the JCC.

The bookends of the celebration were the renaming of the Yeladim Early Learning Center to Beverly Levy Early Learning Center – putting the focus on the future leaders – and the signing of the Holocaust Proclamation with New Haven Mayor Toni Harp and Woodbridge First Selectman Beth Heller in remembrance of the terrors of the Shoa.

Meanwhile, crowds of people were visiting the different parts of the building, including the Mitzvah Fair in the Vine Auditorium, where area non-profits had booths to inform about their work.

“Every Sunday should be like this, here at the JCC,” commented Norm Ravski.

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ceived several years ago for improvements at the police station. The grant was extended already once until the end of this calendar year. Humes said the car ports, made of pre-engineered

parts, can be up and ready for use by the end of the summer.

There will be some LED lighting under the roof, but no solar panels. The proposed roof offers very little southern exposure and is not conducive to solar panels, Humes said.

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American Legion Auxiliary Post 127 Laurel Girls State

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Marianne Bauer
American Legion Auxiliary Post 127
Girls State Coordinator

Dear Woodbridge Town News

My name is Jeremiah Barrett and I go to Hope Academy in Orange. I'm trying to get my school service dog into the American Humane Hero Dog Award Show and I need people to vote for her. Delilah is our school service dog that help kids with many disabilities like Autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, Intellectual disabilities, Learning disabilities, and Emotional Impairments like Anxiety Disorders. I know Delilah is a small dog but she has a big heart. We were hoping you could put Delilah in your newspaper because we are a small school and she has made a huge impact on everyone she meets.

I remember when she was about to leave Hope Academy when her owner got a new job in a different place. We all said our goodbyes to her but after I left the room, many people were crying Elementary through High School. I was shocked to see the high school kids crying with tears because usually they do not like to show their emotions.

Her owner felt really bad and decided to leave Delilah with Ms. Wilcox, who is our school Principal. When I found out that she was staying, I was happy because her presence would be missed. Another reason why Delilah should win the award and be in your

newspapers is because she follows Hope Academy's mission statement, "every student deserves a little HOPE." Delilah keeps us hopeful and this is a story you don't want to pass up on.

Jeremiah Barrett

To the Editor

Last week's news covered the February 27th Town Plan & Zoning (TPZ) public information session on the Draft Revisions to the Zoning Regulations for the Town of Woodbridge prepared by Planning Consultant Leslie Creane, which I also attended. For those of you who missed the meeting and the story, the TPZ presented proposed zoning changes to the areas south of route 63 and 67, some explanation was given as to the need for updated/clarified language, attendees were shown a presentation from the planning consultant, and the floor was opened for comments from town resident attendees. These proposed changes, apparently as a response to the three preference surveys conducted by the town June-August 2016, claim to address the desire of many in town to create a more central area with shopping/retail selection and increase revenue from taxes. But even before that survey was conducted, the town had stated a long-term goal to "create a vibrant mixed-use area with commercial and residential uses" and the surveys were strongly skewed to that end. As the Woodbridge Town News reported in January 13, 2016 "the town last year [2015] budgeted \$10,000 to hire a part-time town planner. The commission has talked to Hamden Town Planner Leslie Creane to take on that project." The planner helped to create those surveys and similar or the same images used in those surveys were also used in Creane's presentation at the 2/27 session. The proposed zoning changes can be viewed on the TPZ site (<https://www.woodbridgetownnews.com/448/Zoning-Regulations>)

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Klarides Testifies on Ethnic Data Bill

House Republican Leader Themis Klarides testified before the legislature supporting a bill that would ban the collection of detailed ethnic data not currently assembled on Connecticut students. At her side was Woodbridge resident and mother Lin Yang who called the potential practice dangerous and divisive.

Klarides told the Education Committee that Connecticut should take a preemptive strike against any formal efforts to compile data on which specific countries children come from. “You see here today a powerful, emotional message that is being sent by hundreds of people who have taken the time to come here and have their voices heard,” Klarides said.

Nearly 1,000 Asian Americans traveled to the Capitol to take part in a public hearing and tell lawmakers their concerns about the possibility that more granular data not currently required by the federal government could be collected and analyzed. Many said that they believed such a practice would send the wrong message to future generations of students.



Amity Seniors, Maya Barbieri Of Woodbridge And Morgan Sullivan Of Bethany. Maya Was The Chair Of The Sock Hop And Morgan Serves As Co-President Of The Amity National Honor Society.

Amity HS Holds Sock Hop for Local Non-Profit

On February 23rd, The Amity High School Chapter of The National Honor Society hosted its First “Sock Hop” and began a new tradition of having a winter formal dance with a charitable component. Over \$2,000 was raised and over 700 pairs of socks were collected which will be donated to the Columbus House in New Haven.

STUDENT NEWS

Achievements

Eastern Student-Athlete Devin Belenski And The Baseball Team Looking To Retake The Reins Of The LEC

Willimantic, CT -- After a 2017 campaign marred with injury, the Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team is looking to return to championship form. After a disappointing 21-16 finish this past season, Head Coach Matt LaBranche is hoping this year’s team will show the maturity and consistency needed to capture the program’s third Little East Conference (LEC) Championship in the past five years. With a solid all-around lineup and a veteran bullpen, it will be up to the starting pitching to determine how far this year’s crop of Warriors will advance in the postseason. Among the students playing for this year’s team is Devin Belenski ‘19 of Woodbridge, who majors in Sport & Leisure Management.

Eastern Student-Athlete Jesse Cala Of Woodbridge

And Men’s Lacrosse Team Poised For Rebound

Willimantic, CT -- After a disappointing 2016-17 season that saw the Warriors lose 10 of 18 games, the Eastern Connecticut State University men’s lacrosse team is looking to reestablish itself as a serious contender in the Little East Conference. Thanks to the return of 16 letter winners from last year, the team is looking to bounce back after only the second losing season in program history. Among the student athletes playing for this season’s team is Jesse Cala ‘18 of Woodbridge. Cala plays the midfield position and majors in Physical Education. So far in the 2017-18 season, the Warriors have a record of 2-1.

Eastern Students Participate In University Clubs

Willimantic, CT - Many Eastern Connecticut State University students participate in Eastern’s clubs during the academic year. The student club

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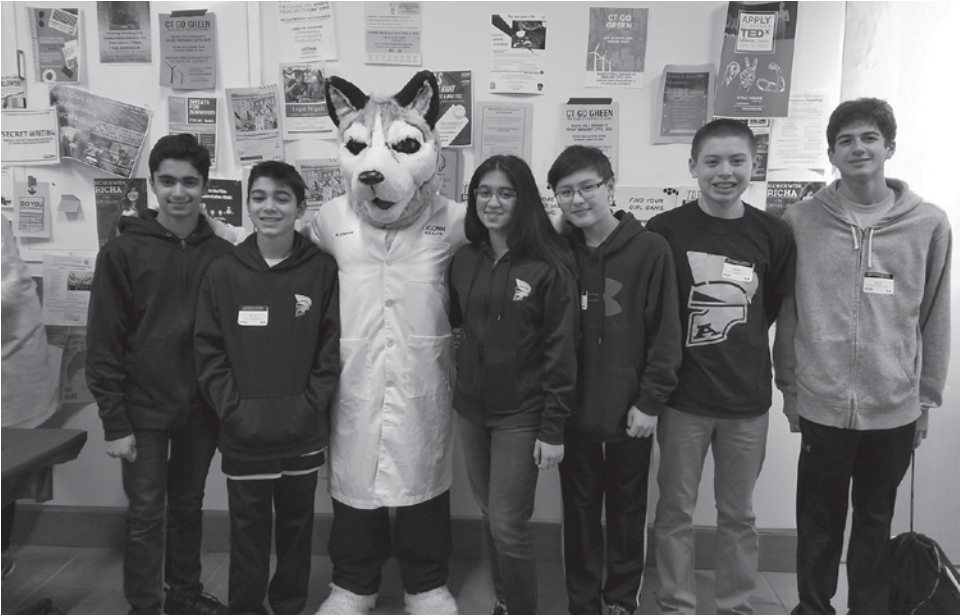
Left to right: Caroline Camera, Jen Schuchat, Amy Benton, Michelle Ortiz, Greg Murphy, Brennan Orie, and Marissa Nall. [Photograph by Barbara Cassesse]

Teacher Recognition

Seven teachers from Amity Middle School in Bethany were recognized at the March 12, 2018 Amity Board of Education meeting for their “outstanding creativity and innovation in the field of education.”

Teachers received certificates from the Connecticut Association of Schools’ Center for Leadership and Innovation.

WOODBIDGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



left to right: Piyush Bahel, Ryan Schatz, Anchal Bahel, Edwin Sweeney, Henry Atwood, Jacob Feuerstein, coach, Photograph by Teri Schatz.

Middle School Science Club Competes at Science Bowl

On Saturday, February 24th, five students from Amity Middle School Bethany's Science Club (Piyush Bahel, Ryan Schatz, Anchal Bahel, Edwin Sweeney, and Henry Atwood) participated in the regional Connecticut Science Bowl. The Science Bowl, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, is a highly competitive science education and academic event among teams of high school and middle school students who compete in a fast-paced verbal forum to

solve technical problems and answer questions in all branches of science and math. Of the 32 teams this year, Amity Middle School Bethany seeded #20 and won their first elimination round against the #12 seed...a Science Bowl upset! Jacob Feuerstein is a junior at Amity High School and did a terrific job coaching the team. They all had a great time and look forward to returning again next year.



Left to right: Sean Doron, Joshua Baitech, Ralph Toussaint, Nazr Badmus, and Jackson Crainich [Photograph by Marika Wissink]

Fiber Art Project

Students at Amity Middle School in Bethany had the unique opportunity to create a fiber art piece expressing their learning about a 19th century social reformer. Heather Stoltz, a fiber artist, (www.sewingstories.com) visited Amity Middle School in Bethany

to guide students in the creation of their artwork. This project was made possible through the generous grant of the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation (www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org). The artwork is currently on display at the school.



Ellina Medovnikov & Audrey Marin

CT Engineering & Science Fair Winners

Ellina Medovnikov and Audrey Marin, eighth graders at Amity Regional Middle School, received first place in the Lockheed Martin Physical Sciences Middle School Team awards at the 70th Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair held March 12-18 at Quinnipiac University. For their project, Preventing SIDS from Suffocation, Medovnikov and Marin developed a prototype system where parents could be alerted if their child rolled over in an unsafe position. Their project also received third place in the Computer Sciences Awards, a Special Award from United Technologies Corporation, and the Spirit of

Invention Award. Other Amity Regional Middle School projects also received awards at the fair. Michael Coyne's project, The Rolling Cane, won third place in the Barnes Aerospace Applied Technology category and was a finalist in the UTC Aerospace Systems Engineering Awards. Karli Scianna, an eighth grader, was a Lockheed Martin Physical Sciences and Alexion Biotechnology finalist for her project: 3D Printed Dog Prosthetic. Additionally, eighth grader Sage Paglia was a finalist in the Lockheed Martin Physical Sciences category for his project: Manual Tightening Prosthetic Hand.



Aidan Keylock and Tom Norton (8th grade Social Studies teacher). [Photograph by Barbara Cassesse]

SCSC Connecticut History Day Competition

Congratulations to 8th grade Gold Team member, Aidan Keylock, who competed in the Connecticut History Day competition at Southern Connecticut State University on March

3, 2018. Aidan earned a Certificate of Achievement for his documentary, "An Loc, the Outnumbered and the Brave," in the Junior Individual Documentary Category.

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WOODBRIDGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

Amity Schools Seeks 1.2% Budget Increase, Considers Funding for Capital Projects

BY MELISSA NICEFARO
WOODBRIDGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Amity Board of Education plans to ask taxpayers to support a budget for the upcoming school year during a town budget hearing April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at High Plains. The initial plan carried a 1.87% increase, which lowered to a 1.21% increase based on a savings in medical claims.

“To know that the number for Amity is going to be low this year is a good feeling for me,” said Orange Board of Finance member James Leahy. The five-year average budget increase is 2.2%.

“Nine and one-half percent of the Amity budget is debt service, 65 and a half percent is salaries and benefits. That is not uncharacteristic, that would be the same in most school budgets,” Superintendent of Schools Chip Dumais said.

Just under 10% of the budget goes to special education and the remaining 15.4% is designated ‘other.’ “We’re seeing a \$500,000 increase in salaries in the budget, but a decrease in benefits of over \$300,000 due to our great claim performance,” Dumais said. If approved, the budget adds .2 strings teacher and 1 para-educator.

“We get a lot of questions – if student enrollment has gone down, why hasn’t staffing gone down over the last five years? Certified staff and classified staff do not cost the same amount. We have seen an increase of 1.6% in special ed staff and a decrease of 4.2% certified staff for a net 2.6% decrease in certified staff. Classified

staff has gone up, which is mainly para-educators, and that is based on the needs of students,” Dumais said.

The budget includes a new 1:1 technology initiative with a \$135,000 initial cost that will be offset by an \$80,000 in savings for not replacing desktop computers.

John Belfonti, Board of Education member and chairman of the Amity Finance Committee addressed the Orange Board of Finance, first supporting the budget, saying, “It’s a strong budget, very well thought out. We feel the number is reasonable.” He then asked for support to appropriate that 1% of the budget to be set aside for capital improvements.

While drafting and discussing the budget, the Board of Education is considering holding a Special District Meeting to appropriate 1% or \$484,391 of the 2017-2018 operating budget to the Capital and Nonrecurring fund for future capital items. One percent is the maximum amount allowed by State statute.

“If you have a surplus, which we’ve been fortunate enough to have, some of that money – up to one percent of the budget – can be put aside. That can be used instead of bonding or other means of financing projects,” he said. “We are looking at a fairly large surplus for the current year and we are looking at using some of that money to set aside for capital projects. The capital projects we’re talking about is what we are looking to bond in a year and a half to two years from now. The purpose is to look



towards not using as much principal in the bond that we’re going to be putting out and using that money toward the bond.”

“We’re not looking at every year in a silo, we’re looking at a long-term, long-range plan. There are a lot of projects that need to be done. We’ve had success with bonds going forward in years past and we’re looking forward to that again and this is a way that can defray the total cost of the bond,” Belfonti said.

It’s important to look ahead and anticipate, said Dumais. “One of the things that we have done well over the past four or five years is paying attention to planning for the future with five-year plans for facilities and technology and even textbooks. I think this is a mechanism where capital projects so often get cut from

operating budgets and schools are not left with any other way to complete projects,” he explained.

Amity Board of Education member Thomas Hurley, from Orange, also supports setting capital funds aside. “It is imperative that we don’t let our schools get in the shape that they were in before we spent \$70 million rebuilding them. Having the money in place for when we need it, and without paying bond interest and bond fees is sound financial planning. Just because you may disagree with something that is on that list should not change the fundamental fact that this is good planning,” he said.

How the money is spent would be subject to Amity facilities committee, then the finance committee and Board of Education consideration and approval.

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programs range from social to educational, physical to spiritual and civic engagement programs that benefit and enrich the Eastern community. Those from Woodbridge who participated are: Jesse Cala ‘18 participated in the Best Buddies Club during the fall 2017 semester; Cala’s major is Physical Education; James Gagliardi ‘18 participated in the Ski-N’-Board Club during the fall 2017 semester; Gagliardi’s major is Communication;

and Nadia Siena ‘19 participated in the Dance Team during the fall 2017 semester; Siena’s major is Business Administration. Students participating in clubs had an average GPA of 3.10, much higher than the 2.94 average for students who do not participate in any of the clubs/organizations.

Dean’s List
Amity Regional High School Graduate William Caracciolo Earns Dean’s Award With Distinction

At Colgate University

Hamilton, NY -- William Caracciolo, a member of the Colgate University Class of 2019, has earned the fall 2017 Dean’s Award with Distinction. Caracciolo is a graduate of Amity Regional High School, from Woodbridge, CT. Caracciolo’s current major is computer science. Students who receive a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher while completing at least three courses during the fall 2017 semester earn the Dean’s Award with Distinction.

College Of The Holy Cross, Worcester, MA Dean’s List

James Nugent, a fourth year student and member of the College of the Holy Cross Varsity Swimming and Diving Team, and Patrick Nugent, a second year student at Holy Cross, have been named to the Dean’s List for the first semester of the 2017-2018 academic year. They are the sons of Jim and Julie Nugent. James majors in Accounting and Patrick majors in Mathematics. Both Nugents attended Notre Dame High School in West Haven.

"Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness. " — FLOYD W. TOMKINS

LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP



L to R: Back row: Joe Cafasso Jr, Buddy DeGennaro, Dallas Davis, DiDi Strode, Ross Cotjanle. Front row: Ken Ginsberg, Frank D'Ostilio, Claire Sullivan, Nancy Andersen, Enilda Rosas, Regina Sauer, Young Lee. Missing from photo: Olivia Martson, Rachel Anastasio, Wendy Cohen-Sadik, Donna DiGioia, Jason Tessitore.

Real Living Announces National Awards Agents

Parent company Real Living Real Estate announced the recipients of its prestigious production awards for its Real Living Real Estate offices throughout the country for the year 2017. The awards were presented at a company-wide conference in Saint Petersburg, FL. Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate swept the awards ceremony with a total 35.

Ken Ginsberg received three awards for his commercial sales - Diamond Medallion recipient; Top 100 agents for production, Top 100 agents for most closed units.

Orange resident Regina Sauer received three national awards - Diamond Medallion recipient; Top 100 agents - most closed units; Top 100 agents for production, Real Living Real Estate.

Joseph Cafasso, Jr - received two national awards - Emerald Medallion recipient; Top 100 agents - most closed units.

Orange resident Ross Cotjanle received two awards - Sapphire Medallion Award for closed units; Recipient of 360 Service Diamond Elite Award.

The Urban Specialists, DiDi Strode and Olivia Martson - Sapphire Medallion recipients; Top 50 Team Award for closed units and Top 50 Team Award, Real Living; Nancy Andersen - Sapphire Medallion recipient; Recipient of 360 Service Diamond Elite Award.

- › Jason Tessitore - Sapphire Medallion recipient;
- › Wendy Cohen-Sadik - Sapphire Medallion;
- › Donna DiGioia - Ruby Medallion

recipient;

- › Young Lee - Sapphire Medallion recipient;
- › Rachel Anastasio - Rudy Medallion recipient;
- › Enilda Rosas - Ruby Medallion recipient;
- › Claire Sullivan - Ruby Medallion recipient; and
- › Dallas Davis - Ruby Medallion recipient.

Woodbridge resident Buddy DeGennaro received three awards - Recipient of 360 Service Diamond Elite Award; Emerald Medallion recipient; Top 100 agents for most closed units.

Frank D'Ostilio, Broker/partner of Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate was the recipient of three awards: Diamond Medallion recipient, Top 100 agents - most closed units and Top 100 agents for production, Real Living Real Estate.

"The competition was intense throughout the nation's real estate professionals associated with the Real Living brand. Those selected for these prestigious awards are highly motivated individuals with exceptional sales and customer service experience," said John Wareck, Broker/Managing Partner. "We are proud to have these amazing Realtors on our team."

Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate has offices located at 47 High Street in New Haven, 1673 Litchfield Turnpike on the Woodbridge/Westville town line, 962 Main Street across from the Branford Green, 12 Roosevelt Avenue, The Real Living Network of Home Services of America, a Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate.

Sen. Logan Pledges Support for CT Home Care Workers

Sen. George S. Logan, the Vice-Chair of the legislature's Public Health Committee, announced that he will vote "yes" to approve a state contract which provides workers compensation insurance for home care workers. "These workers provide essential labor for seniors and patients with disabilities," Sen. Logan said. "The services they provide - from bathing to dressing to helping our most vulnerable residents with everyday errands - help people maintain their independence and stay in their homes. They also provide vital emotional support.

"These laborers need workers comp. They need to know that they will have safety and security if they get injured on the job. They need to know that we, as legislators, are grateful for what they do. They also need to know that we support them and their quality of life. I will be proud to support this bipartisan bill and look forward to its passage."

Sen. Logan (www.SenatorGeorgeLogan.com) represents Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Hamden, Naugatuck and Woodbridge. He can be reached at George.Logan@cga.ct.gov and 800-842-1421.

Creative Marketing 101

BY RUSS MADISON

PRESIDENT/CREATIVE DIRECTOR, LONE WOLF ADVERTISING

Lesson 1: Don't spend a dime before you've written a short strategic plan for your product or service, whether you're a start up or a veteran marketer.

Who's your demographic? Kids? Elders? Active young adults? What gender? Both? What about their psychographics - how do they think? Personal habits? What's their cultural nature? What do they read? What do they view? How do they shop—online or brick and mortar? Big Box shoppers or local boutiques? You get the point. The more info you have the better your marketing approach.

Who's your competition? Study their products or service. What's their price points or fees? Can you match or beat them? How do they distribute and promote? What media are they active in? What's their success story?

Lesson 2: Bite the bullet. Raise some funds to promote, publicize and advertise your business. Business cards and networking are just a start. But appropriate your budget shrewdly. Whether your markets are local, regional or national, there's a methodology to getting the most exposure for your marketing dollar.

Study the traditional print media and online social networks. In print, get to know the editors' preference for possible articles that can profile your firm's expertise. Google, the digital marketing phenomenon, uses print direct mail promotions to advertise its own AdWorks marketing product. Astounding! A giant in online communications using direct mail (print)! There's a message here.



Russ Madison

Lesson 3: Be different. Even radically different. Your creative approach to marketing is everything from logo to multichannel promotion. More about this in our next column. Stay tuned.

One last word: If you're going it alone, walk carefully. Pitfalls are enormous and costly especially in a start up business. It might be wise to seek professional marketing help. Look into local small, experienced creative agencies. There are lots of them and they won't steal your eyeballs. This one move could be crucial to your business. Usually there's no charge to talk to them. They can help you establish a unique position and personality, an aura that attracts new business because your approach is suddenly refreshing, unique. Emphasize the terms "strategic" and "creative" in your discipline. They're joined at the hip.

For a free evaluation of your marketing goals, email russ@lonewolfadvertising.com or call 203-393-0494.

Did You Know?

What should my family do if I need help with decision making and don't have a Power of Attorney Instrument or Health Care Instructions? *You may be surprised to learn that your family will need to initiate a conservatorship proceeding through the Probate Court.*

Conservatorship, in general. If there comes a time that you need help making financial or health care decisions, and you have not previously signed a Power of Attorney Instrument or Health Care Instructions, your family will need to ask the Probate Court to appoint someone to make decisions for you. That person is called a conservator.

Conservator of estate. A conservator of your estate is authorized to make financial decisions for you. Examples include routine activities such as endorsing checks payable to you and paying your bills. But, with Probate Court approval, your conservator can engage in more extraordinary activities such as selling your home, making withdrawals from your retirement account, and making gifts of assets to family members.

Conservator of person. A conservator of your person is authorized to make personal decisions for you. Examples include consenting to surgery, authorizing the release of medical records, deciding on the best place for you to live, and accessing/making entries in your social media accounts. The conservator of your person can be (but does not have to be) the same person who is the conservator of your estate.

Voluntary conservatorship. Connecticut Statutes and Probate Court Rules allow you to file an Application for a Voluntary Conservatorship. The Application tells the Probate Court you need help with decision making and asks the Probate Court to appoint the person/people you name in the Application to help you. In most cases, the Probate Court will appoint the person/people you have chosen.

Involuntary conservatorship. If a third party thinks you need help with decision making, that third party will file an Application for an Involuntary Conservatorship. An Involuntary Conservatorship cannot be established without medical evidence that you need help with decision making. If there is disagreement about who should be appointed as your conservator, the Probate Court will hear evidence and make a decision based upon what appears to be in your best interests.

If you are interested in learning more about conservatorship proceedings, please visit our website and read our blog for recent posts. For advice specific to you or your family, please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you for a no hassle, no charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.



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From the First Selectman BY BETH HELLER



Spring Forth!

Now that Spring is here, our Town is quickly moving forward to wrap up the planning process for next year's budget. In addition, some new initiatives are set to bloom. I'd like to keep you informed and as always, I ask you to continue providing me with your feedback and thoughts on these as well as other matters of concern to you.

Preliminary Budget Hearing

On Monday, April 23rd at 7:30pm, residents will gather in the Center Gymnasium for one of the annual traditions that remind us of our community's New England founding. The Preliminary Budget Hearing is the first meeting in a two-step process of approving our Town budget. The final step will take place on May 21st with our Annual Town Meeting.

To recap the process of establishing the Town budget to date, initial requests from Town departments were made back in January. This included everything from public safety, to library, human services, public works and our two school districts. The Board of Selectmen then took out a sharp pencil and made adjustments to these requested amounts in February. When the Board of Finance met in March, they eliminated an additional amount.

We have also seen a modest growth in our Grand List, mostly due to new Fuel Cell equipment owned by United Illuminating and located on the grounds of Amity Regional High School. The total growth of our Grand List is projected to be a little over \$9 million -- a .79 percent increase over the current year's total. This will help offset the amount that must be raised in taxes to fund Town government next year.

All residents will receive a notice in the mail regarding the Preliminary Budget Hearing date, time, and location. Booklets with full detail will also be available both at the meeting and at the Town website.

I believe the process we have followed to establish this Preliminary Budget has been both tough and fair. As always, we must balance the need to provide vital Town services, which contribute to making Woodbridge the wonderful community we call our home, and the need to be mindful of all taxpayers and respectful of community sentiment when it comes to setting our budget. I look forward to sharing the details of our Preliminary Budget at the Public Hearing later this month. I hope to see you at the Center Building Gymnasium that evening -- please feel free to stop and say hello before or after the meeting.

Next Steps For The Former Country Club Property

At the April 11th meeting of the

Board of Selectmen, we plan to hear the results of the recent Public Opinion Survey on future options for the former Country Club of Woodbridge property. Then, once we have had time to think about these findings, the Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 25th to discuss and hear public comment. These two meetings will provide an opportunity for residents to hear the thoughts of our Selectmen, as well as the members of our community. One thing that is clear already, based on the response rate of the Survey -- the public is engaged and interested in this subject! I am very pleased that we will have an opportunity to take an in-depth look as we consider what to do with this beautiful piece of property. I will be sure to keep you informed -- please visit the Town website at woodbridgeCT.org for further information as it becomes available.

Rid Litter Day

Another wonderful tradition that is springing back to life in April is Rid Litter Day, on Sunday, April 22nd from 9am to noon. Several community members have volunteered to take the lead in re-invigorating this celebration of Earth Day. The event will kick-off at the Fitzgerald Tract, where residents may check-in, receive a trash bag, and be assigned a map indicating the roadside areas in need of clean up. Working in collaboration with the Town's Public Works Department, we have arranged for pick up once the Rid Litter Day work concludes. This will be a great way to show how much we all care about our Town -- I will be there with my work gloves in hand and I'd like to encourage everyone to join in and take part! Please visit the Town website for details as we get closer to Earth Day.

Increasing Communication Opportunities

One important goal I set for myself as I took office last July was to do my best to increase communication to residents. To help keep you informed regarding the issues and initiatives of your Town government, I have begun to send out a monthly update by email, called "News from Town Hall." Each month I will recap what takes place at the Board of Selectmen meeting with very brief write-ups and links to further information available at our Town website. I hope you will take the opportunity to learn more about the topics that interest you -- please be sure you are signed up to receive these emails by visiting the Town website today!

Beth Heller is Woodbridge First Selectman. She may be reached by phone at Town Hall, 203-389-3401, or by email to bheller@woodbridgect.org.

WOODBIDGE LIBRARY

One Book, One Town 2018

Join us by reading the “Boys in the Boat” by Daniel James Brown and attending the related events below. Please register for these events by calling the Circulation Desk at 203-389-3433 or online at www.woodbridge.lioninc.org. Copies of the book can be obtained at the Circulation Desk in regular, large print, and audiobook.

Film Screening

American Experience: The Boys of ‘36
Thursday, April 5 @ 7pm

The thrilling story of the American Olympic rowing team that triumphed against all odds in Nazi Germany. Featuring interviews with Brown, historians and surviving children of the 1936 Washington team, the film recounts their unexpected victory and the obstacles they overcame to achieve it, giving hope to a nation struggling to emerge from the depths of the Great Depression.

Adult

150 Years of Women’s Rowing with Tom Weil and Anne Boucher

Tuesday, April 10 @ 7pm

The story of women’s rowing goes back over a century, a fact that many do not know. Join Woodbridge residents Tom Weil and Anne Boucher as they discuss the history of women’s rowing. Tom will cover 1860 to 1970, and Anne will speak about 1970 to the present day, including her own personal memories of the time period and rowing for Yale.

The Boys in the Boat... The Rest of the Story with Jim Pocock

Monday, April 16 @ 7pm

George Pocock’s great-nephew Jim Pocock will speak about his personal memories of his great uncle, as well as his grandfather Dick who built boats exclusively for Yale for 46 years. He will include many interesting stories not included in the book and fill in

some colorful background on others.

Depression-Era Food Demonstration with Robin Glowa, The Conscious Cook

Tuesday, April 17 @ 7pm

Travel back in time to talk about and taste the foods of America during the Great Depression. Samples and recipes will be provided.

Bedlam Brothers String Band Concert

Friday, April 20 @ 7pm

The Bedlam Brothers play an eclectic mix of old time American roots music, fiddle tunes, country music from the 1920s and 30s, and a mix of folk music. Four musicians with great vocal harmonies, they play a variety of instruments: banjo, fiddle, guitar, bass, hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, accordion, and more.

Brother Can You Spare a Dime? Entertainment During the Great Depression with Hamish Lutris

Monday, April 23 @ 7pm

Although the worst economic downturn in recent history, the Great Depression had other effects besides unemployment. It gave rise to a massive entertainment industry, designed to take people’s minds off hardship and make them laugh. Alcohol was legal again; movie stars captured the American imagination; sports became sensational - all these things, which we take for granted, had their start in the Great Depression. This talk by Hamish Lutris, professor at Capitol Community College, will center on the trends and personalities that made the Depression so entertaining, even while so much of the country was suffering.

The Boys in the Boat Book Discussion with Dr. Mark Schenker

Monday, April 30 @ 7pm

Join us to discuss our One Book title. Dr. Mark Schenker, Senior Associate Dean of Yale College and Dean of Academic Affairs, returns to the library to lead the lively conversation.

Film Screening of A Hero for Daisy and discussion with Mary O’Connor

Thursday, May 3 @ 7pm

The film chronicles the story of Title IX pioneer and two-time Olympian Chris Ernst, who galvanized her rowing team to storm the Yale athletic director’s office in 1976, protesting the lack of athletic facilities for women. Nineteen athletes stripped, exposing the phrase “Title IX” in blue marker (referring to legislation enacted in 1972, mandating gender equity for all institutions receiving federal aid). The impact was immediate and national in scope. Woodbridge resident Mary O’Connor, who took part in the protest at Yale, will talk about the experience and impact it had on women’s sports.

April Film Screenings

Film Screenings begin Thursdays at 7pm. Seating is first come, first serve.

April 5 – American Experience: The Boys of ‘36

April 12 – The Greatest Showman

April 19 – Phantom Thread

April 26– Monkey Business: The Adventures of Curious George’s Creators

In partnership with the JCC of Greater New Haven’s Third Annual Beckerman Film Series.

Upcoming Children and Teen Events

Middle School Book Club

Tuesday, April 24th, 6-7pm

Middle schoolers, join us to discuss The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness and have some snacks! You

can register online and we’ll put a copy of the book on hold for you to pick up.

Graphic Novel Club

Thursday, April 26th, 5:30-6:30pm

Kids in grades 3-4 can join us for a fun discussion of the out-of-this-world discussion of Zita the Spacegirl, to have a snack, and make galaxy slime! Register online and check out a copy of the book at the Children’s Desk.

Eager Readers K-2 Book Group

Monday, April 30th 6:30pm

Who says a garden has to grow in the ground? Read Jan Brett’s Mossy, and see what happens when a garden begins to grow in the most unlikely place. Join us for a book discussion and an amazing garden craft! Register at the Children’s Desk when you pick up a copy of the book.

Sneak Peek Book Club

Thursday, May 3rd, 5:30-6:30pm

Kids in grades 5-6 can learn about different time periods with an old-fashioned craft and snack, and of course, a highlight of some great historical fiction books. Register online or at the Children’s Desk.

Passport to Connecticut Libraries

April 2-30

Libraries all over the state are participating in this exciting program to make people of all ages aware of the power of their library card. To get started you can pick up a passport at any participating library. Take your library card and passport (to get stamped) to at least five libraries that are participating during the month of April to be eligible to win \$150 gift card for adults or \$100 gift card for children. You will also receive a little token at each library when you have your passport stamped.

Ask for your passport at the Woodbridge Town Library to get started! This program is an initiative of the Connecticut Library Association.



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 7:00pm-8:30pm, Our Lady of the Assumption “Mother” Church, 1700 Litchfield Turnpike (Route 63), 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, 7:30pm, Center Cafeteria. Visitors welcome and we urge you to join us. For information, go to www.woodbridgeregop.org.

Cancer Support Group, meets the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of the month at Coachman’s Square, 21 Bradley Road, Woodbridge. If interested contact: Lucille Ranciato lranciato2@yahoo.com or Bernie Siegel, MD bugsysiegel@sbcglobal.net for details.

Alzheimer’s Community Caregivers Support Group, 2nd Thursday of the month, 5:00pm, Arden House, Conference Room, 850 Mix Avenue, Hamden. Call Maria Paduano, Program Director to RSVP or for more information at 203-281-3500, ext. 7669; www.genesishcc.com.

Woodbridge Rotary Club Meetings, 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 7:30am breakfast meeting, Country Corner Diner, 756 Amity Road, Bethany and the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 12:15pm luncheon meeting, Woodbridge Social, 12 Selden Street, Woodbridge. Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary should contact Anna Dickerson, 203-710-0223 or annadickerson@yahoo.com.

Trap Falls Kennel Club Obedience Classes, every level, AKC STAR Puppy (obedience for dogs under 12 months) and Family Manners Classes/Obedience & Canine Good Citizen; Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Pawz for Wellness in Shelton. 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).

Ansonia Nature Center Events, 10 Deerfield Road, Ansonia; call 203-736-1053 to register for all events.

Continuum of Care Needs Caregivers, Would you like to make a difference in someone’s life as a caregiver? Continuum Help at Home is currently looking for individuals to work as a Homemaker, Companion, or Personal Care Attendant. We have full-time, part-time and live-in positions available. Visit www.continuumct.org/events to register and download an application.

Trinity Community Preschool, Enrollment for the 2018/2019 school year is open! - 33 Center Road, Woodbridge, the Preschool offers a nurturing, faith-

based early learning environment for children aged 1 – 6 years, Visit www.trinityefc.com/preschool for more information on classes and schedules. For applications or to schedule a visit, contact the Preschool Director at sharonc@trinityefc.com or 203-387-4710 x25. Trinity Community Preschool admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin.

Trinity’s Got Talent, Saturday, April 7, 2018, 5:00-9:00pm, awesome pasta dinner, a fun talent show from our Trinity family, and a silent auction; all proceeds benefit our Dental, Construction, Baseball, and Music teams for their missions trip to the Dominican Republic through Trinity CARES International (www.trinityefc.com/tci). Trinity Church, 33 Center Road, Woodbridge. Tickets \$12/adult, \$7/ages 6-12, free for 5 and under. For tickets & info, call 203-387-4711 x10.

Girl Scouts of Connecticut invites all interested guests to attend “A Conversation with Martha Hall Kelly” author of NYT best-selling novel Lilac Girl, Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 12:00-2:00pm, New Haven Lawn Club, 193 Whitney Avenue, New Haven. During lunch, Kelly will be interviewed by Diane Smith, Emmy award-winning TV and media personality. Come hear about Kelly’s incredible journey writing this inspirational novel, hear from a local Girl Scout, and support an organization that build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. To purchase tickets and support Girl Scouts of Connecticut, go to bidpal.net/MHK18.

Clothing Drive To Benefit Boy Scout Troop 115 Of Naugatuck, Saturday, April 21, 2018, 10:00am- 3:00pm, Naugatuck Town Green; Accepting clothing, shoes, handbags, linens, baby accessories, stuffed animals and bicycles as well as collecting used inkjet cartridges, old cell-phones, cameras, game consoles and tablets, as well as can tabs. Kindly separate non-clothing from the clothing/linens. For info contact info@onmyhonor.com or visit our event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/1851158634959401/>.

Continuum of Care Job Fairs, May 17, August 23, October 16, 2018, 10:00am-4:00pm, 109 Legion Avenue, New Haven, CT 06519, Free, Register at continuumct.org/events, apply and interview for roles that will impact lives; seeking: Mental Health Workers, Residential Support, Personal Care Attendants, Companions and Homemakers, Social Workers and more; treats and giveaways. Walk-ins are welcome but preference for on-site interviews will be given to pre-registrants.

Woodbridge Gathering of 2- and 4-legged Friends: Pups and pints social gathering at new england brewing co., Sunday, april 8, 3 to 5pm. Join your fellow dog lovers and woodbridge dog park cooperative members to celebrate the approval of our dog park, swap pet stories, and share ideas for the creation of our park. Well-behaved dogs on-leash are welcomed; humans can be off-leash! Mosley, the dog, is their head of security and food policing! Hot dogs and appetizers on us. Pints on you. 175 Amity Road, Woodbridge. To join the fun, please rsvp at: woodbridgedogpark@gmail.com.

Easter Eggs Unwrapped: Why We Eat Chocolate Eggs at Easter

*Have you ever wondered why we eat chocolate Easter eggs over the holidays?
This is a tradition that has a long and fascinating history.*

Every chocolate lover has the Easter holidays circled in their calendar. This is a time when colourfully wrapped chocolate Easter eggs begin to dominate the shop shelves, but not many people give thought as to why this is (who can blame them with so much heavenly confectionery to enjoy?).

Many cultures and religions around the world see an egg as a sign of fertility and life; this makes it the perfect symbol for a time of year that is all about renewal and birth.

Christianity

Easter is a Christian springtime festival that celebrates the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On Easter weekend, Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his burial, whilst Easter Sunday celebrates his resurrection.

So, what do eggs have to do with it? In Christianity, the shell of an egg symbolises the sealed tomb that Jesus’ body was placed in, whilst a cracked shell symbolises his resurrection with the tomb left empty.

In the past Christians celebrated Easter by decorating chicken or duck eggs and giving them to each other as presents. Early Christians would stain eggs red in the memory of the blood of Christ. Over time, these became more elaborate and colourful, with jewels even being used to create beautiful pieces of art.

With the invention of moulded chocolate in the nineteenth century, some very clever people in Germany and France had the wonderful idea of creating chocolate Easter eggs to give to loved ones as gifts instead – a seasonal tradition was born!

And the Easter Bunny? This is a folklore figure that originated among German Lutherans. Originally described as a hare and not a rabbit, the creature would determine whether children had been good or bad and carried coloured eggs and candy in its basket to give to good children.

Lent

Eggs also relate to Lent – the religious observance where Christians would commit to fasting or abstaining from certain luxuries (often including eggs). This was a form of penance that began on Ash Wednesday and ended on Easter Sunday. Feasts would then take place on this day which would include all of the luxuries that they had sacrificed during this period. In today’s day and age, many Christians maintain this tradition by giving up

eating chocolate for Lent and then indulge in a chocolate egg (or two) on Easter Sunday.

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plan for the 2018-19 fiscal year (dollar amounts are rounded):

- › For the fire department \$334,000 (includes dollars for Engine 7, air packs and breathing air compressor);
- › For the police department \$127,000 for vehicle replacements, computer enhancements, an automated fingerprint identification system and an automated external defibrillator;
- › For Public Works \$950,000 for truck replacement and equipment reserve, and for road construction and bridge and waterways reserve;
- › For the Recreation Department \$20,000 for a new ice skating rink and \$8,000 for concrete dugout at Center Field. The skating rink will be in the same location at the Fitzgerald Tract, however the surface will be concrete rather than asphalt;
- › \$25,000 to the assessor's office for a revaluation reserve;
- › \$46,000 for technology at Beecher Road School;
- › Building Department \$12,500 for software to allow web-based permitting; and
- › Building Maintenance \$46,000 for building updates at the police department. The police are planning to turn a former darkroom into an office; also replace carpeting and

tile work in the dispatch area. The Building Maintenance budget also includes \$18,000 for the Darling House restoration project.

Discussion ensued among Board of Finance members whether the town should spend money improving the police department piece-meal, when the plan is to update the whole facility in the future. Finance board member Susan Jacobs recommended to keep the money for limited renovations in the budget, given that a comprehensive renovation has been in the planning for many years. "Consider it a recognition that the whole Center building needs to be rethought," she said. Giglietti agreed, "They're due" [for a renovation].

Department requests the finance board did not agree to fund this year were about \$3 million in fire truck replacements and technology for the fire department; a Center Field irrigation system; they also shaved off \$50,000 from the road construction line item for a total of \$800,000; they removed \$85,000 for an outdoor pool inspection and resurfacing at the Country Club of Woodbridge; and a scale and compactor for the Transfer Station.

The library heating system repair budgeted for \$12,000 may be covered by this year's budget.

Operating Budgets: The Selectman's office added a position for a communications director and grant writer, a position currently held by Sheila

McCreven. First Selectman Beth Heller defended the expense, saying McCreven already applied for a quarter million-dollar grant. She is also working on the SustainableCT initiative – a state initiative that is expected to provide numerous grant opportunities.

Police Lieutenant: The Police Commission on the other hand has considered to cut an administrative position, namely that of the lieutenant, which allows them to add another patrol officer to the ranks. However, the decision to do so was to be revisited, said board Chairman Robert Berke in a phone conversation March 23. A special meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was scheduled for Monday, March 26, to reconsider the issue.

The lieutenant, Jeff Leiby, addressed the Board of Finance during the public comment section, saying the Police Commission decided to eliminate the position contrary to the recommendation from the chief of police – contrary also to the recommended rank structure for a department of this size and “contrary to what is necessary.”

"We are becoming a young department," Leiby said with regards to the retirements of recent years. "The department needs a seasoned officer." And, he added, "a lot of people are scratching their heads."

Board of Finance Chair Matt Giglietti did not respond directly to the lieutenant. He did explain to the other board members later during the meet-

ing that the finance board cannot overrule the police commission by raising their budget to a level higher than the original request.

Planner: One issue that the opinions on the finance board diverged on was whether or not they should fund the \$10,000 for the work of Planner Leslie Creane, who had helped the Town Plan and Zoning Commission work on new zoning regulations; in particular for the Woodbridge Village District. Calling the proposed regulations “ill conceived,” and without any consideration of local conditions, Giglietti was not inclined to fund the position going forward. Others disagreed. “They are trying to create a vision,” said Sandy Stein. And Susan Jacobs added that the TPZ is trying to develop zoning regulations that conform with Plan of Conservation and Development. “They need a professional planner,” she said. The vote came down 3-2 in favor of keeping the funds in the budget.

Other Cuts: In going through the department requests, the Board of Finance made additional cuts:

- › Legal fees: shaved \$5,000;
- › Contingency fund: shaved 15,000; and
- › Fire Department: They reduced a salary line item by \$6,300 and a training line item by \$10,000; they questioned the \$10,000 for incentives for volunteer fire fighters, asking for more information how the money is being distributed.

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Kindness Klub

Youth Services invites students at Amity Middle School in Bethany to join the Kindness Klub after school on Tuesday, April 3 in the cafeteria. Students will spread kindness and earn community service hours by decorating sun catchers to brighten rooms at the New Reach, Inc./Life Haven Homeless Shelter. Artistic talent not required. Materials, snacks and music will be provided in a relaxed setting. To register a middle school student at no charge, complete the online permission form at www.WoodbridgeCT.org/160/Youth-Services. Call 203-389-3429 for more information.

Red Cross Babysitters Training

A two-day class will be held Wednesday, April 18 from 9 am - 2 pm and Thursday, April 19 from 9 am until noon at the Woodbridge Town Library Meeting Room, 10 Newton Road. Students must attend both days to earn their certificates of attendance.

Red Cross Instructor Anna Maria Mauhs covers all the basics to get teens ready to babysit: leadership, safety, basic care including diapering, and basic first aid. Class is offered to teens, 12-17 years old. To register, print the permission form from the Town website at www.WoodbridgeCT.org/160/Youth-Services. Send the completed form with a \$60 check payable to Woodbridge Youth Services to 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT. Siblings enrolled together receive a discount. Non-residents will be held on a wait list until a week before the class. Space is limited! Call 203-389-3429 for additional information.

First Selectman's Youth Award Winner

Woodbridge First Selectman Beth Heller, along with Woodbridge Youth Services, announces the 2018 winner of the First Selectman's Youth Award as Sebin Park. Sebin, daughter of Tae-hwan and Sunyoun Hong and a senior at Amity Regional High School, has been an active member and officer of the Amity Leo Club where she has ex-

hibited leadership qualities. "She is one of those people that no matter what you ask of her, she is always eager, willing and always has a smile on her face," according to Jennifer DiBlanda, Executive Director of Amity Teen Center, who nominated Sebin.



Sebin Park

Ms. Park's involvement has included face painting at Town concerts, designing ornaments and decorating for a Trees of Hope donation to benefit the Ronald Mc Donald House. She frequently bakes for bake sales to raise funds for various charities, and actively participates in collecting food for food drives which provide several Woodbridge Human Services Holiday Baskets each year. She also spends many Saturdays at Coachman Square or The Willows doing crafts, playing Bocce, or singing along with the residents. This active teen also spends time with visually challenged veterans and has been a peer tutor at Amity. As a founding member of the Amity Medical Loan Closet, she assisted in collecting over 150 pieces of medical equipment for loan to community members.

Sebin Park volunteers at the Woodbridge Library on Lego Days and assisted with the setup of other children's events. To top off her service to others, Sebin volunteers at a local Korean School. Sebin will receive her award at the annual Human Services Volunteer Tea on April 26th along with a \$100 check provided by Peoples United Bank in Woodbridge.

Town of Woodbridge Meetings for the Month of April 2018



Town Hall

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

4/2	Human Services Comm.....	7:00pm	Center Bldg.
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:30pm	Town Hall
4/9	Library Commission.....	6:30pm	Library
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30pm	Town Hall
4/10	Police Commission	6:00pm	Police Dept.
4/11	Board of Selectmen.....	5:00pm	Town Hall
4/12	Economic Dev. Comm.	7:00pm	Town Hall
4/16	Fire Comm.....	MEETING CANCELLED	
	CUPOP Special Meeting	6:30pm	Town Hall
	Emergency Med. Services Comm.	7:00pm	Public Works
4/18	Inland Wetlands Agency	7:30pm	Town Hall
4/19	Board of Finance.....	6:00pm	Town Hall
	Conservation Commission.....	7:30pm	Town Hall
4/23	Board of Finance.....	6:00pm	Center Bldg.
	Fire Commission.....	6:00pm	Fire Station
	Preliminary Budget Hearing	7:30pm	Center Bldg.
4/24	Government Access TV Commission .	7:15pm	Town Hall
4/30	Recreation Commission	7:00pm	Beecher School So.

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WOODBIDGE CENTER EVENTS



Pinochle players Alex Zachary and Orisse Cetola share a toast during the St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Woodbridge Center.

Volunteer Recognition

This month the Center recognizes the invaluable help it routinely receives from exceptional people and organizations in Town. Coachman Square at Woodbridge is both a community partner and a terrific neighbor. Last summer it hosted a Town-wide picnic next to the bocce courts in appreciation of all first responders, Town employees and residents; more than 100 people enjoyed barbecue and entertainment. Last fall, Coachman Square also assisted with the annual Harvest and Holly Fair and co-sponsored, along with the Willows and the Woodbridge Police Union, the annual Thanksgiving luncheon.

This year's outstanding volunteers include long-time Woodbridge residents Valerie and Richard Traumer. After former Selectman and good neighbor Chris Sorensen generously used his rototiller in the Center's vegetable garden, Valerie and Richard were on the job! They arranged funding for seeds and plants with the Woodbridge Garden Club and planted squash, peppers, herbs and more. They tended the garden all summer—weeding, watering, and then harvesting! Many thanks to the Woodbridge Garden Club for providing seeds and plants! Without friends like Valerie and Richard, the Center would be so much less than it is.

Special recognition this year also goes to advisors Teresa Nakouzi, Kayla Widmeyer, Beth Greene, Liz Heagney, Sandy Simowitz and the Beecher Road School Student Council. The Center's Intergenerational partnership with these great kids (and staff members) has been most rewarding. The Council jumped in to help with many tasks at the Harvest and Holly Fair last fall and joined members for a wonderful event in March. They planned games, brought prizes, and, perhaps most importantly, they shared conversation and a meal. They also collected donations for the Town Food and Fuel Fund

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

April Lunch Menu

Lunch is served Tuesdays and Fridays at the Center Café at 12:15 pm. The cost is \$3 for dine-in meals and \$4 for take-out. Reservations are requested. Meals include bread, juice, coffee/tea and dessert. Menu items: 4/3 Salisbury steak with mashed potato, 4/6 'birds nest' corned beef hash with eggs, 4/10 baked, stuffed shrimp over rice pilaf, 4/13 baked, stuffed shells with meat sauce and salad, 4/17 eggplant rollatini and salad, 4/20 pork burritos with rice and beans, 4/24 lemon chicken with sweet potatoes and vegetable, 4/27 assorted sandwiches and soup.

"Coffee At 10:00" Lecture Series - A Bit Of Breakfast And A Bit Of Knowledge!

April 25 - Genealogy Methodology with Sheila McCreven and Mary Ellen Lucuk - Join us in the Center lounge to whet your curiosity and your appetite, RSVP requested.

Mother's Day 'Mini Pies' Fundraiser

Order your pie today—\$5! Orders for 6-inch fresh apple crumb pies must be received by Friday, April 27. Pies may be picked up at the Center on Friday, May 11. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the Woodbridge Center.

Special Programming:

April 3, April 10: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program Continues

VITA is a free tax preparation service available to low-income individuals, people who have a disability, and those who speak limited English. Appointments are made through Human



Members of the Beecher Road School Student Council and their advisors visited the Woodbridge Center for an intergenerational fun-filled day. In addition to playing bingo, the students shared a meal and conversation with the seniors. After lunch the students provided musical entertainment to the delight of all.

Services and the Woodbridge Center and are available Tuesdays from 9-12 through April 10. Call for information on required documents.

April 3: Audiology Lunch Program

With Dr. Zelda Shleifer, Au.D., CCC-A, 12:15-12:45 pm; Audiology Screenings 11 am -12:15 pm and 12:45-2:30 pm by appointment.

April 4: New 10-Week Session Art Class!

Meets 10 am - 12 pm, Wednesdays in the Café. Call for reservations and payment details.

April 10: Lunch Entertainment

With Paul Schlein at 12:30 pm; Lunch begins at 12:15 pm, reservations are requested one day prior.

April 16: Lunch Bunch!

Join in for lunch with friends at the Playwrite Irish Pub in Hamden. Transportation is provided by the Center van (\$3) or meet us there. Reservations required. Self-pay at the restaurant.

April 17: Cupcake Decorating

Jump into Spring with cupcake decorating sponsored by New England Young at Heart. No cost, but reservations are preferred, 11 am - 12 pm.

April 24: Lunch Entertainment

With Katie Devlin at 12:30 pm; Lunch begins at 12:15 pm, reservations are requested one day prior.

April 25: Genealogy Methodology

With Sheila McCreven and Mary Ellen Lucuk; Breakfast lecture is in the Center lounge, at 10 am.

April 26: 30th Annual Human Services Volunteer Tea

2 pm at Center Café, by invitation only. This event honors volunteers for Youth Services, Human Services and the Woodbridge Center.

May 4: Cinco De Mayo

Lunch fiesta with empanadas, enchiladas and flan at 12:15 pm. Reservations are requested one day prior.

May 9: Senior Prom

At Aria Banquet Facility, Prospect from 11 am - 3 pm. This event, spon-

sored by New England Young at Heart, includes appetizers, a 3-course meal, dancing, raffles and transportation for \$30. Reservations and payment are required by May 2.

May 11: Mother's Day high tea

With scones, tea sandwiches and petit fours at 12:15 pm. Reservations are requested one day prior.

AARP Safe Driver

Training 2018 Dates

May 14, July 9, September 17, and October 29; Classes run from 9 am-1 pm in the Center Lounge. The classroom course costs only \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers. Checks should be made payable to AARP and registration is required. Completion of this 4- hour, one-day course may entitle eligible drivers to a discount on their automobile insurance. To RSVP or for more information, call 203-389-3430 or email jglicksman@woodbridgect.org.

Ongoing Programming

The Woodbridge Center provides a program of health, wellness, recreation, education, arts and social activities for residents 60 years of age and older. The Center offers a wide range of programming including a luncheon program and a transportation program. Please contact us at 203-389-3430 or at jglicksman@woodbridgect.org for information and questions regarding the Center's programming.

Pickleball: Meets daily in the Center Gym for group play, 12:30 - 2:15 pm with additional time on Fridays until 3:30pm. Paid annual members may arrange playing times with other players through the Doodle scheduling tool. Annual membership is \$20.00 with a suggested \$5.00 additional donation to the Center. Equipment is available on a first come, first served basis.

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CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



Rotary February Club Student of the Month

The Woodbridge Rotary Club recently honored Amity High School Senior Emily Iannantuoni as Student of the Month for February. Each month, the Woodbridge Rotary Club and Woodbridge Social Restaurant partner to honor an Amity High School student.

Emily was nominated by her School Counselor Lisa Conley. Academically, Emily has pushed herself to excel in all areas while taking advanced college preparatory courses. She plans to study

Psychology at the post-secondary level. Outside of school, Emily has spent time as a speaker for the DCF PCA organization. Emily talks to families about adoption and also volunteers her time with Bells of Hope. She has helped with the holiday baskets for Woodbridge Human Services and has worked for the past three summers in Amity's STARS program.

Emily Iannantuoni is a Bethany resident who resides with her parents, Rebecca and Mark, and her siblings.

Rotary 5th Annual Wine Tasting

The Woodbridge Rotary Club is planning its 5th Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction on Thursday, May 31st, 6:00-9:00p.m. at the Birchwoods at the Tradition Golf Club at Oak Lane, 1027 Racebrook Road, Woodbridge. The event will feature homemade wine makers serving their finest and light fare provided by the Birchwoods.

Donations are being sought for its Silent Auction of sports and theater tickets, gift certificates, gift baskets and other goods and services that would make the "Silent Auction" suc-

cessful and fun. Also, the Rotary Club is seeking sponsors for its ad book. The program sponsor ads are \$100 for a full page ad, \$50 for half page ad and \$25 for business size ads.

Tickets for the event are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. For more information or tickets to the event, visit www.WoodbridgeRotary.org, or contact Buddy DeGennaro at 203-710-2548 or email buddy.degennaro@gmail.com, or Tony Anastasio at 203-980-9373 or email tonya33@optonline.net. Homemade wine makers should also contact Buddy DeGennaro.

Craft Vendors for 10th Annual Strawberry Festival

Artists, artisans, handcrafters, antique dealers and local business owners are sought to display their products at the 10th annual Strawberry Festival sponsored by the Orange Congregational Church on June 9 (rain date – June 10) at the Orange Fairgrounds. The local event that attracts more than

3,000 visitors provides a day of family fun with musical entertainment, rides, games and all manner of "things strawberry" For more information to register for a vendor booth, contact the church at 203-795-9749 or visit the church website at www.orange-congregationalchurch.org.

Democratic Town Committee Selects New Leadership

Members of the Woodbridge Democratic Town Committee (WDTC) evaluated presentations about/from candidates for federal and state offices Tuesday night and selected its new leadership team to serve for the next, two-year term.

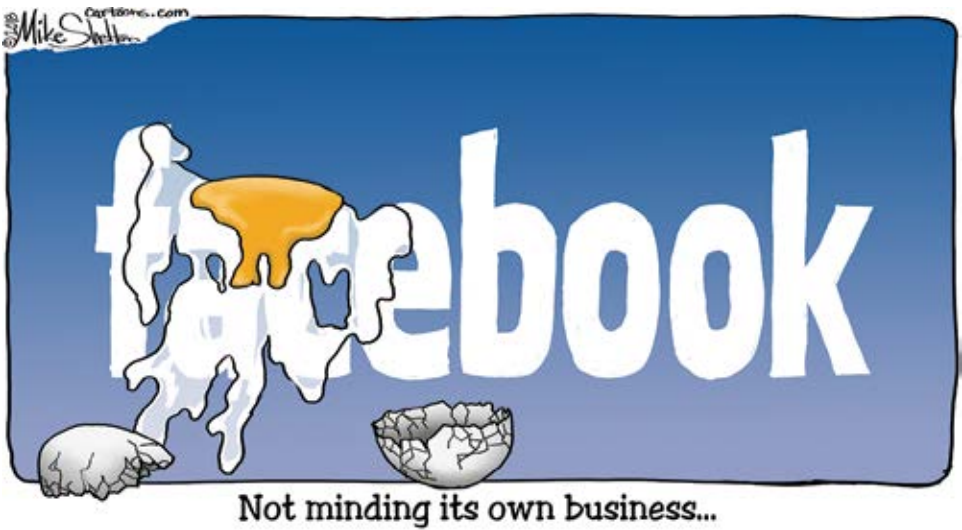
March 20th's WDTC meeting included a presentation from Jimmy Tickey, re-election campaign manager of U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro. Committee members unanimously endorsed Congresswoman DeLauro's candidacy after Tickey spoke.

Presentations were also made by business executive and former U.S. Senate candidate Ned Lamont and

Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, each of whom seeks support for a gubernatorial bid, and by Sean Grace and Eva Bermudez Zimmerman, who are campaigning for state Senate (17th District) and Secretary of the State, respectively.

Nominating conventions for all relevant federal and state offices are scheduled in May.

The new WDTC executive committee for the term ahead includes Laurence Grotheer, chairman; Claire Coleman, vice-chair; Sheila McCreven, Secretary, and Sandra Stein, Treasurer. Each officer was elected with unanimous approval.



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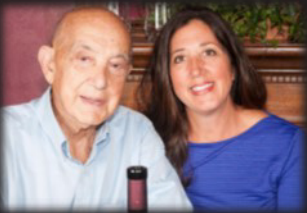

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Create and Hide Unbreakable Easter Eggs

Easter is one of the most important days of the year for Christians. Easter Sunday is filled with symbolism and tradition, some of which harken back to early Christianity, while others trace their origins to paganism.

The Easter Bunny and Easter eggs are two Easter traditions with less extensive histories. The Easter Bunny, according to sources including History.com, first arrived in America in the 1700s via German settlers who brought with them their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase." Children would make nests where the rabbit could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread from Pennsylvania, where many German immigrants settled, to other areas around the country.

Eggs are symbolic of new life and rebirth in many cultures. To Christians, eggs represent the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Another theory suggests that Christians were once forbidden to eat during the Lenten season preceding Easter. Therefore, Christians would paint and decorate eggs for Easter to mark the joyous celebration and cessation of penance and fasting.

Even though these traditions have endured, Easter eggs themselves might not be so strong. This year, Easter celebrants may want to experiment with different materials that are more forgiving and more enduring than standard eggs.

Wooden eggs

Families may find that wooden eggs are much more forgiving than standard

eggs. Wooden eggs don't have to be boiled, and they don't need time to harden, and they're quite maneuverable for young fingers.

Decorators can explore different ways to color wooden eggs. Acrylic paints are readily available and safe for users of any age. Wood stains or wood markers also can be used to give the eggs a natural finish. Others may want to rip small pieces of decorative paper to create a decoupage effect on their wooden eggs.

Sew soft eggs

Those who are handy with a needle and thread can explore patterns for making soft, stuffed eggs. Cozy fleece or other fabrics can be sewn together to make the general egg shape. Then the egg is filled with polyester filling, feathers or another soft material. Ribbons, buttons, trims and other decorative touches can personalize the eggs and add a touch of whimsy. Check out www.sew4home.com for their ideas on handmade Easter eggs.

Modeling clay

Children who love to get their hands dirty may enjoy making Easter eggs out of modeling materials. Colors can be blended together to create a marbled effect. Depending on the clay medium, the eggs may air-harden or may need to be heated at a low temperature in the oven to fully cure. Easter eggs are a fun tradition that adds to the festivity of spring. While traditional eggs can be used, many different, more long-lasting materials can be used as well.



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Logan, Lawmakers Huddle Up In Hartford

Sen. George S. Logan (center) confers with fellow state lawmakers prior to a March 20 vote in the State Capitol's Senate Chamber. Sen. Logan, who serves as Vice-Chair of the legislature's Public Health Committee, voted "yes" to approve a state contract which provides workers compensation insurance for home care workers. "These workers provide essential labor for seniors and patients with disabilities," Sen. Logan

said. "They help our most vulnerable residents maintain their independence and help them stay in their homes. These workers need to know that they will have safety and security if they get injured on the job." Sen. Logan (www.SenatorGeorgeLogan.com) represents Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Hamden, Naugatuck and Woodbridge. He can be reached at George.Logan@cga.ct.gov and 800-842-1421.


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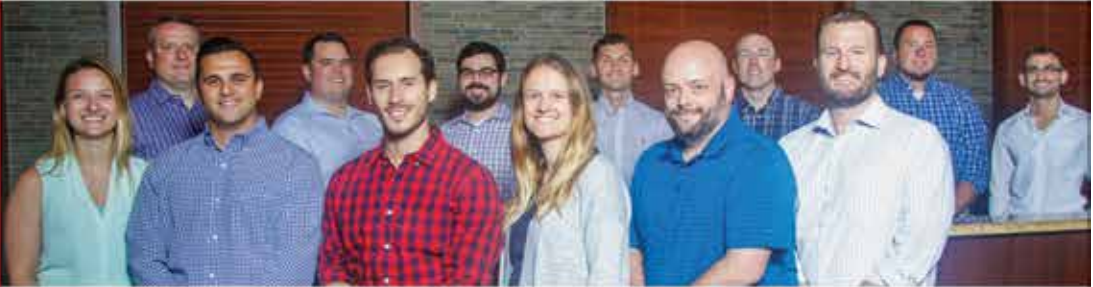
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Q: Hands down, my favorite new show is **“The Good Doctor.”** Please tell me that it has been renewed for another season! -- Patti T., via email

A: ABC’s breakout freshman medical drama has indeed been renewed. As you know, the show centers on Dr. Shaun Murphy (expertly played by **Freddie Highmore**), a first-year surgical resident at Chastain Medical Center in San Jose, California. Shaun has autism and savant syndrome, which serves to help him see solutions that his colleagues sometimes can’t when tough medical cases cross their paths. According to the numbers, “The Good Doctor” is ABC’s most-watched new series in 13 years, and its audience holds steady each week. Earlier this season, Freddie received a Golden Globe nomination for his work as the unique doctor. The series, which airs Monday nights at 10/9c, also stars **Richard Schiff, Antonia Thomas, Nicholas Gonzalez, Chuku Modu, Beau Garrett, Hill Harper** and **Tamlyn Tomita.**

Q: I remember there had been talk of a **“Sopranos”** movie before **James Gandolfini** passed away a few years ago, in order to let us know how everyone is doing after that shocking series finale. Are there any plans to resurrect that idea? -- Jonathan F., Trenton, NJ

A: Because of James’ death back in 2013, the possibility of a “Sopranos” where-are-they-now movie is pretty much nil; however, series creator **David Chase** recently announced that there is a movie prequel in the works. Warner Bros. recently announced that Chase and **Lawrence Konner** (a writer for “The Sopranos” and **“Boardwalk Empire”**) have already written a script, tentatively titled **“The Many Saints of Newark.”** According to The New York Times, the story will take place in



Freddie Highmore
[ABC/Stuart Pettican]

Newark during the 1960s and revolve around the city’s race riots, which pitted the Italian and African-American communities against each other during the “Long Hot Summer of 1967.”

READERS: Let’s talk reboots (again)! In the past few weeks, I’ve been mentioning older series that have gained new life, including **“Roseanne,” “Charmed,” “American Idol,” “Will and Grace,” “Full House,” “Murphy Brown,”** etc. Now you can add **“Roswell”** to list of revived series. The CW has given a pilot order to revisit the fantasy/alien drama series, which, like the original series, is based on the **Melinda Metz** book **“Roswell High,”** with this go-round having an immigration twist.

The CW gave this description: “After reluctantly returning to her tourist-trap hometown of Roswell, New Mexico, the daughter of undocumented immigrants discovers a shocking truth about her teenage crush who is now a police officer: He’s an alien who has kept his unearthly abilities hidden his entire life. She protects his secret as the two reconnect and begin to investigate his origins, but when a violent attack and long-standing government cover-up point to a greater alien presence on Earth, the politics of fear and hatred threaten to expose him and destroy their deepening romance.”

Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803; or e-mail her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.

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ARTS & LEISURE



Pitches & Tones

Yale’s a cappella group, Pitches & Tones, will be performing in Orange on April 8th at Zion Lutheran Church. The event is called Music with a Mission and includes a silent auction starting at 4:00 PM.

Pitches & Tones is an a cappella group founded at Yale University in 2011. The group performs entirely member-arranged songs covering a variety of musical genres, including Pop, Folk, R&B, and Jazz. Members come from all over the world and all sorts of musical backgrounds. They love

to share their passion for music with audiences both at Yale and beyond.

Admission is a \$5.00 donation per person. There will be a meet and greet with the performers, including refreshments, following the concert. The silent auction includes items from the NY Jets, Panera Bread, Plan B Burger Bar, Jesse’s Toys, Julia’s Bakery, and many, many more. All proceeds support mission trips for Zion member families. Please join us at Zion Lutheran Church, 780 Grassy Hill Road in Orange, 203-795-3916.



Pictured from left to right, first row: Zoe, Fleischman, Annie Liu, and Calista Mack. Second row: Luhai Tang, Haoyue Yang, Marin Korenaga, and Elyse Rogers. Third row: Natalie Modiano, Ashley Dorais, Dylan Russ, and Owen Lee. [Photograph by Barbara Cassesse]

CT Music Ed Association Southern Regional Festival

Congratulations to all the Amity Middle School Bethany students who successfully auditioned and were accepted for the CMEA Southern Regional Festival on Saturday, December 2, 2017.

BAND: Zoe Fleischman, Owen Lee, Annie Liu, and Dylan Russ

ORCHESTRA: Luhai Tang and Haoyue Yang

CHOIR: Ashley Dorais, Marin Korenaga, Calista Mack, Natalie Modiano, and Elyse Rogers

These students played a rigorous audition including scales and a pre-

pared solo piece in front of a panel of judges. Each student received a score sheet which rated their tone, technique, and musical expression. Amity Middle School Bethany students were competing with other music students from the southern region of the state including New Haven, Hamden, Clinton, Madison, Branford, Cheshire, and other towns. They performed with the three festival ensembles at Haddam Killingworth Middle School, Killingworth, CT on Friday, March 9, and Saturday, March 10, 2018.



The volunteers and students in Port Elizabeth, South Africa who are part of the Artworks for Youth organization.

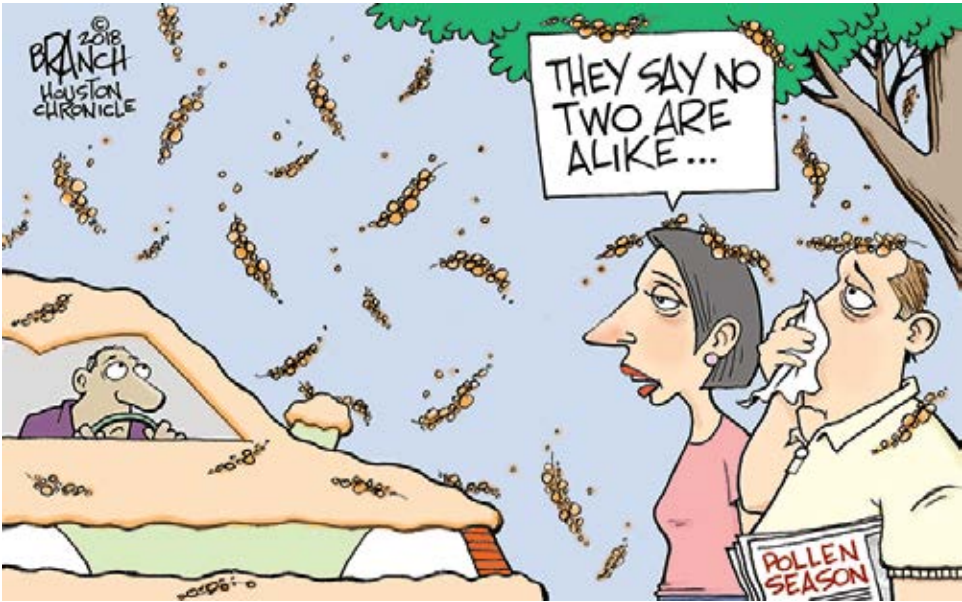
Artworks for Youth Org. Fundraiser

Aligned with the school district’s goal of social emotional learning, Amity Middle School in Bethany continued Narrative 4’s work. Narrative 4 aims to foster empathy by breaking down barriers and shattering stereotypes through the exchange of stories across the world. Mrs. Ortiz, seventh grade English teacher, and John Lombardo, founder and executive director of ArtWorks for Youth, developed a partnership at the Narrative 4 Global Summit in Ireland in 2016. ArtWorks for Youth’s mission is to provide free visual art instruction, academic support, and mentoring to students in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Consequently, in December the Amity Middle School Bethany seventh grade students participated in a fundraiser, which raised money for students in Port Elizabeth, South Africa as part of the Artworks for Youth organization. They raised a total of \$1,200, which was used to purchase 25 copies of A Long Walk to Water, a book the Amity Middle School Bethany students were reading in class, as well as 100 additional titles from the organization’s Amazon wish list. This is part of the school’s ongoing efforts



Pictured are copies of the titles of the books that were on the organization’s Amazon wish list and were purchased with the money that Amity Middle School Bethany students raised for the organization.

to deepen students’ understanding of global issues and the role they can play in addressing them.



ARTS & LEISURE

Ansonia Nature Center, April 2018

Please call to register for all events at 203 736-1053

FITNESS
AWARENESS JOG

Mondays, begins April 2, 5:30 pm
Calling all runners who want something out of the ordinary! Ranger Dan will lead you through our 156-acre nature preserve on our 2 miles of trails while you burn off the weekend's extra calories. We kick off at 5:30 pm with a stretch, then gently jog our trails for an hour. All experience levels are welcome, so bring a friend or two! This FREE program is the best way to start off your week. Please register, wear appropriate footwear.

SELF DEFENSE
FOR WOMEN

Tuesday, April 3, 6:30 pm-7:45 pm
Learn life-saving techniques and how to take control of a potentially dangerous situation using practical, effective tactics. Today, self-defense is more important than ever. Refuse to be a victim! This workshop at the Nature Center is a must for women of all ages, so sign up today! Presented by the Assembly of the Martial Arts Academy. FEE: \$20 (cash or check payable to AMAA, due by March 27). For more information, call Adam Rylski at 203-671-6903, Theresa at 203-506-3816, or the Ansonia Nature Center.

BEEKEEPING FOR
BEGINNERS

Sunday, April 8, 2 pm
This class is an introduction to the fascinating hobby of beekeeping. Join Ranger Dawn to learn about beekeeping tools and equipment, how to begin a starter hive, and how to identify honey bees and what they are doing. Our observation hive at the Nature Center is a great place to see this incredible system. For ages 14 and up. FEE: \$6 per person. Please pre-register.

SPRING TERM
JUNIOR RANGERS

Thursdays, April 12-June 7, 3:30-5 pm
Calling all children 11-14 years old who love nature! Has your child wanted to work with animals, garden, help maintain our trails, and help with special events? This is the opportunity to help the Nature Center during our 8-week after school program. Parental permission is required. Registration began in March. Class size is limited; this class fills up fast! FREE.

NATURE AND PLAY
FOR CHILDREN WITH
AUTISM AND OTHER
DEVELOPMENTAL
DELAYS

Sundays, April 15, May 13, June 10, 2:30 pm
Do you have a child aged 8-12 with autism and other developmental delays? Would you like to join a group playtime that meets once a month? Gently led by Ranger Amie, we will explore ways to introduce your child to playing indoors and outdoors at the Nature Center. Activities include meeting animal friends, taking a walk or easy hike, and nature crafts. Playtime begins at 2:30 pm and ends at 4:30 pm (or however long your child would like to stay). Please arrive on time. We will meet inside at the small classroom; children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the class. FREE. Pre-registration required; group limited to 10 children with adult. Session 1 activity: Animal Tracking.

SPRING NATURE DAYS

April 16-20, 9:30 am-2:30 pm
For children ages 6-11 who love the outdoors and wildlife, these popular classes will be educational and also a chance to explore our 156 acres. We will visit habitats such as wetlands, fields, and woodlands. Great time for amphibian searches too! TUITION: \$150 priority students (Ansonia residents and current family-level FANCI members), \$175 all others.

SPRING CLEANUP

Saturday, April 21, 10 am-12 noon
Bring your garden and trail tools! Scouts, youth groups, and students, this is a great community service opportunity. Help beautify our park and get ready for spring and summer. We'll supply gloves and garbage bags. At 12:30 pm join participants of this citywide cleanup day at Pavilion 1 for lunch and refreshments.

SUNDAY GUIDED
HIKE: Vernal Pools

Sunday, April 22, 1 pm
Learn about local amphibians on this hike to our vernal pools. Help our ranger lift rocks and logs to find these fascinating creatures that secretly inhabit our woodland and wetlands.

FREE; please pre-register.

FAMILY ORGANIC
GARDEN PROGRAM

Tuesdays, April 24-June 19, 3:30-5 pm
We'll lead fun, family-friendly activities in our organic garden. Learn about growing a variety of fruits and vegetables. Dress appropriately; you will get water and/or soil on your clothing. FREE.

EARTH DAY
CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 28, 10 am-3 pm
Every day is Earth Day at the Nature Center! We invite you to honor Mother Earth with our Friends of the Ansonia Nature Center co-hosting this annual event. Enjoy hikes, live animals, environmental exhibitors, music and more! Join in interactive activities with Nature Center staff using our new Education Station trail. Food and snacks available from local vendors. No park admission fee. All ages welcome; bring family and friends to celebrate Spring!

***ONGOING WEEKLY
PROGRAMS***

Pet Loss Grief
Support Group

By appointment

Losing a beloved animal can be tragic and a very emotional time for humans. There are numerous resources to turn to for the loss of a human loved one; however, there are limited options for when we lose an animal. Susan Wilson has created this FREE support group for those who have lost an animal or have one in the process of moving on. Please call Susan at 1-802-379-4449 to set up an appointment.

Creature Features

Saturdays, 12 noon
Come meet our furry, scaly, and feathery animal ambassadors. You'll have the chance to touch and hold them in this FREE family program for all ages.

Sunday Guided Hikes

Sundays, 1 pm
Join a Nature Center guide on Sunday afternoons for fun, exercise, and learning about our trails! See the above listings for hikes with a specific theme.

Fiber Arts Group

Tuesdays, 6 pm
Get together with others to work on your fiber arts projects! Bring any kind of fiber work—knitting, felting, crocheting.

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"Easter spells out beauty, the rare
beauty of new life." — S.D. GORDON

“Letters” From Page 5

lation-Updates).
Based on the feedback from residents’ comments at the meeting, adding more commercial spaces and residences (age-restricted or otherwise) is controversial and hotly contested. While the open meeting was not intended for rebuttal by the TPZ and so no real opportunity was given them to address this concern, it isn’t clear whether real data exists to support the idea that increasing commercial and residential housing in this section of Woodbridge would be a substantial enough increase in tax revenue in such a way that it would offset any strains on existing town resources (school, police, fire, senior, library, etc.); nor to address any expensive resolutions to the problem of traffic in the affected area (specifically before the on/off ramps to the Merritt Parkway), which in its present state is a deterrent to businesses and residents alike. Further, would the (potential) gains be worth the impact that development

would have on the residents of this neighborhood? I point now to one of the two functions with which TPZ is charged “...the Zoning’ function of the Commission in turn guides and regulates the development of the town by updating and administering the Zoning Regulations with the goal of preserving the character and integrity of the community.” What about loyalty to the town that these new residents would have who, whether they be young professionals, or “55+”, have not seen the benefits of (and therefore may not be inclined to put tax dollars toward) our schools and invest in other town resources? Further, adding more commercial spaces seems unnecessary because there is not currently a demand (as evidenced by an abundance of vacant commercial spaces already in the area).
Rather than discuss, propose, or even consider changes to the zoning that would make it possible to expand commercial and add more residential spaces why don’t we refocus our energy and intensify efforts to find and

attract the type of small businesses and good-neighbor retailers we desire to fill the existing, and numerously vacant commercial spaces we already have?
McKenzie Granata

Thank You First Selectman Heller

Thank you, First Selectman Heller for Demonstrating Why Woodbridge is a True Community. Last week I happened to call Woodbridge Town Hall, spoke with First Selectman Beth Heller and shared that we had no power for three days. I told her I was particularly concerned that I had to go into NYC on Saturday and was worried about what would happen to our two dogs (with a dog sitter at our home) if the power did not return. She was genuinely sympathetic and she or her staff called UI to check and were told we were on the list but with no specifics at that time.
Came Saturday morning and we had to leave by noon and still no power. My spouse and I were being honored and had no choice but to leave and travel to the city, our heads filled with worry.

Once at our destination, we prepared to go to the special event. Almost as soon as we arrived, my cell rang. Who was it? The call was our wonderful First Selectman Beth Heller who had driven down our street, saw our house and could tell us the lights were on. Our power had returned!! My heart jumped with joy, my worries floated away. How truly relieved I felt. I thanked the First Selectman and asked her why she had done this incredibly meaningful good deed.
Her response – “We, in Woodbridge, are a true community and this is what we do for one another. And especially as First Selectman, this is what I do, this is my job.” I told her that if she were next to me I would give her a big hug. Her actions reinforced why I and I think so many of us live here. Woodbridge is a true community where we genuinely care about one another, modeled at the very top, by a caring and capable First Selectman, Beth Heller. Thank you, Beth, thank you Woodbridge.
Sally Shaywitz, MD


"Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there."
— CLARENCE W. HALL

“Woodbridge Center” From Page 15

Exercise with Laurie: Workout includes a combination of strength training, cardio, flexibility and balance. Bring weights if you have them. Class is in the Center Gym, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 - 11 am. No need to sign up - just pay a drop-in fee of \$2 and stay for a great workout!
Art Class: Class meets each Wednesday for ten weeks 10 am - 12 pm in the Center Café. The class is taught by local artist Graham Dale. Call for more information on fees and dates. A month-long art exhibit of class members’ work will hang at the Woodbridge Library during the month of May.
Chair Kripalu Yoga: Meets each Wednesday through May 16 from 1-2:15 pm in the Center Building, Room 16, with instructor Julie Luciani. The \$50 ten-week fee will be pro-rated for anyone interested in registering. The classes include seated exercises and simple standing poses using a chair.
Book Club: The book club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, 11 am at the Woodbridge Town Library.

The next meeting is April 24. This month’s book is The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah. New members are always welcome.
Friday Movies: Following lunch in the Center lounge at 1 pm: 4/6 Boys of ‘36, 4/13 The Greatest Showman, 4/20 Phantom Thread, Favorite Film Friday 4/27 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels.
Ask the Nurse: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month 11 am- 12:30 pm, blood pressure screenings, weight and conversation with a registered nurse from VNA Community Healthcare.
Duplicate Bridge: Mondays, 9:30 am, Center Café.
Bridge: The Center’s Wednesday bridge group invites new members! Join the group for a friendly game of cards. No reservations necessary—just come down to the Center lounge at 1 pm.
Pinocle: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 1-4 pm, Center lounge – come any day that works in your schedule! The group is always looking for new players and is willing to bring rusty players up to speed!
Mah-jong: Mondays and Fridays, 10 am, Center Building- room 11.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Balance Assessment and Fall Prevention

PETER GELOSO, DPT

As a physical therapist I frequently have patients come into our office with injuries sustained as a result of a fall. These falls are often secondary to poor balance and weakness and there are some neurological conditions such as Parkinson’s Disease and Multiple Sclerosis (MS) that can increase a person’s risk of falls. It is unfortunate that a person has to endure pain, difficult lifestyle changes, and a long rehabilitation process because of their injuries. But what if their injuries could have been prevented?

In 2015 The Center for Disease Control (CDC) released some alarming statistics regarding falls: One out of five falls causes a serious injury such as broken bones or a head injury. Each year, 2.5 million older people are treated in emergency departments for fall injuries. Over 700,000 patients a year are hospitalized because of a fall injury, most often because of a head injury or hip fracture. Each year at least 250,000 older people are hospitalized for hip fractures. More than 95% of hip fractures are caused by falling, usually by falling sideways. Falls are the most common cause of traumatic brain injuries (TBI).

There is a common misconception in the general population that you only go to physical therapy for rehabilitation after you have had an injury or surgery. However, fall risk assessment, balance, and safe gait training are an integral part of the job. There are a few valuable fall risk assessment tools that can be used to determine if a person falls into a low, medium, or high risk of fall category. These include, but are not limited, to The Berg Balance Scale, The Tinetti Balance and Gait Assessment, The Timed Up and Go (TUG) Test, The 6 Meter Walk Test, and The 30 Second



Peter Geloso

Chair Stand Test.

After a thorough assessment by a physical therapist, a specific and individualized treatment plan can be established for each patient to address their impairments that may contribute to a higher risk of falling. These can include, but are not limited to, lower extremity strengthening exercises, balance activities, gait training, assistive device training, and advice on home safety modifications. If you or a family member is someone who may be at a higher fall risk, a thorough assessment could potentially prevent a more serious injury.

Peter Geloso DPT received his doctorate degree in physical therapy from Elon University in North Carolina. He is a competitive racing cyclist and a clinician with Amity Physical Therapy in Woodbridge, CT. The practice was founded by Michael Dow MSPT and CEO/Director 13 years ago. Amity PT maintains three offices: Woodbridge, Hamden and Branford. Peter Geloso DPT can be reached at (203) 389-4593 amitypt.com.



Lambs were originally associated with the Jewish holiday of Passover, when lambs were sacrificed and their blood was used to mark which houses contained those faithful to God.

Symbolisms of Easter holiday

Tradition plays an important role in Easter celebrations for many families.

Cherished traditions and symbols of Easter may include anything from egg hunts to lilies to lambs. Understanding the importance behind these symbols can make sharing the miracle of Easter that much more special.

Eggs

Eggs are one of the more recognizable symbols of Easter. For Easter egg hunts, eggs are hard-boiled and decorated in bright hues. It’s believed that the origins of Easter eggs are both secular and religious. From the secular (once pagan) perspective, the egg is an ancient symbol of new life, according to The History Channel, and has been associated with pagan festivals that celebrate spring. Some Christians feel that Easter eggs represent Christ’s emergence from the tomb and his subsequent resurrection. Eggs were once a food not consumed during Lent, therefore painting and decorating them to mark the end of fasting and penance became a way to celebrate Easter.

Crucifix

The crucifix is one of the central symbols of Easter and Christianity. The cross is a symbol of Christ’s crucifixion and sacrifice. The crucifix also highlights the ability of God to give new life to people after death. In addition to wearing and displaying the cross during Easter, some people bake hot cross buns as another symbol of the season.

Rabbit

The Easter bunny is very much a secular symbol of the holiday, but one that has become so ingrained with the season that many people ascribe to it a Christian meaning. Pagan celebrations of spring often linked rabbits or hares with the season because of their fertility and ability to bring forth new life. According to the Christian living resource Crosswalk, believers associate the rabbit coming out of its underground home as a symbol of Christ emerging from the tomb.

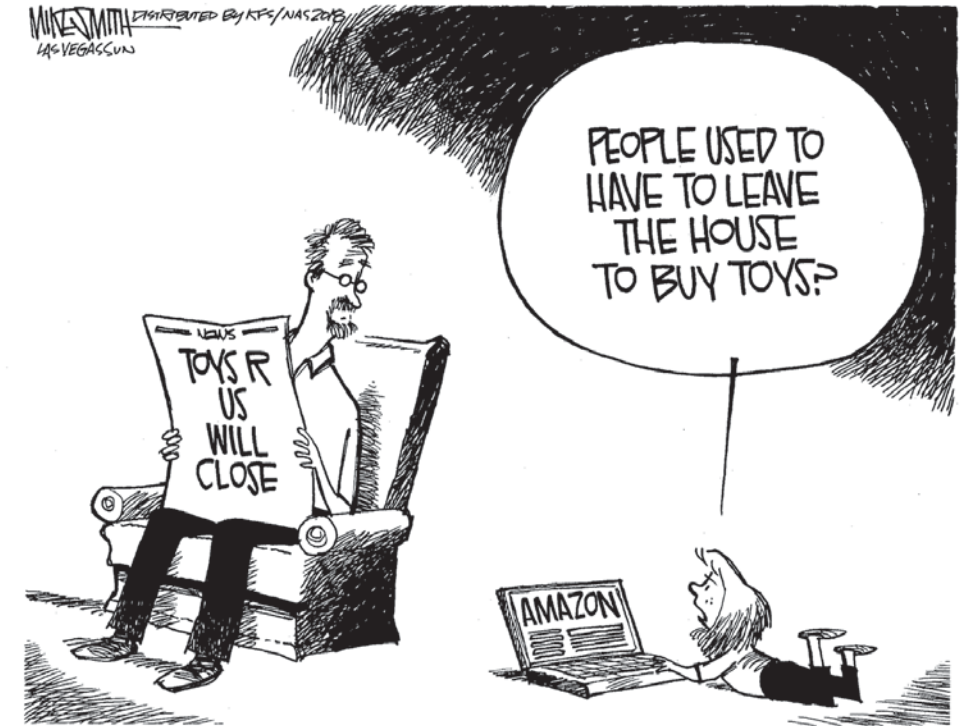
Lilies

Lilies are often exchanged during Easter celebrations or presented as hostess gifts for those sharing the holiday meal with others. The American Bible Society says lilies grow in the spring around the time when Easter is typically celebrated. Also, because they look like trumpets, they can be a symbol that heralds Christ’s resurrection.

Lamb

The lamb is another symbol associated with Easter. Lambs were originally associated with the Jewish holiday of Passover, when lambs were sacrificed and their blood was used to mark which houses contained those faithful to God. As a result of his crucifixion, Christ became the symbolic lamb for all — the ultimate sacrifice. In fact, Christ is often referred to as “The Lamb of God.”

The Easter holiday is replete with many recognized symbols. Unearthing their meanings can be a learning experience and a way to further immerse oneself in this holy holiday.



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- › Wednesday 7:30 AM

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- › Friday 7:00 PM
- › Saturday 9:30 PM

Coffee and Learn with the Rabbi

Every Wednesday (please call the office for schedule) Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus teaches an hour-long class devoted to the ancient texts of our heritage and the light they shed on the current issues. The class begins at 11:00am and ends at 12noon sharp. Please call the office to confirm class is meeting. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Congregation Or Shalom

Zumba Gold At Or Shalom

Congregation Or Shalom announces the continuation of ZUMBA GOLD on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7 PM. ZUMBA Gold is an easy to follow dance movement program that incorporates music from every decade to create an upbeat and fun exercise class. Burn lots of calories, meet new friends, and have a blast. No experience needed and classes are on a drop-in basis. Contact Robin at zumbarobin@gmail.com or call 203-314-8176 or temple office at 203-799-2341.



Dr. Barry Holtz to Speak at CBJ

On Sunday, April 22 at 10 am, Congregation B'nai Jacob in Woodbridge will present Dr. Barry Holtz, in a lecture entitled, "Who was Rabbi Akiva and Why Should He Matter to Jews Today?" Dr. Holtz will discuss his acclaimed new biography of Rabbi Akiva -- Rabbi Akiva: Sage of the Talmud (Yale University Press, 2017). How did Rabbi Akiva transform from an impoverished, unschooled man of 40 into a beloved, influential Talmudic scholar and quite possibly, "the greatest rabbi of them all?" In this lecture, Dr. Holtz will explore what is entailed in writing a biography of a figure from the distant past and how the stories of Akiva's life

speaks to us today. Books will be available for purchase and signing following the program.

Barry W. Holtz is the Theodore and Florence Baumritter Professor of Jewish Education at The Jewish Theological Seminary. He served as Dean of the Seminary from 2008 to 2013. His five previous books include Back to the Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts and Textual Knowledge: Teaching the Bible in Theory and in Practice, which received the National Jewish Book Award for education.

For more information, please contact B'nai Jacob at 203-389-2111 or <http://www.bnaijacob.org>.

Upcoming Events at Temple Emanuel

April is a busy month at Temple Emanuel. Please join us at any or all of the following events:

Friday, April 6 at 6:30

- › Family Shabbat lead by the 7th grade;

Thursday April 12 to

Saturday April 14

- › Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Rabbi Lawrence Englander, D.H.L., founding rabbi of Solel Congregation in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, and co-editor of the recently published "The Fragile Dialogue: New Voices of Liberal Zionism," a collection of essays presenting a wide variety of modern liberal Zionist ideas. All events are open to the public;

Thursday, April 12

- › 7:00pm – 8:30 pm – Mishnah class;

Friday, April 13

- › 5:30 pm – Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Michael Farbman – a special service for kids under 5 and their families;
- › 6:00 pm – Shabbat dinner – please RSVP for dinner on the TE website;
- › 7:30 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Rabbi Englander will discuss his book, "The Fragile Dialogue: New Voices for Liberal Zionism"; and



Temple Emanuel

Saturday, April 14

- › 10:00 am – Shabbat Minyan with Rabbi Englander;
- › 12:15 pm – dairy lunch – please RSVP for lunch on the TE website;
- › 1:00 pm-2:30 pm – Rabbi Englander will discuss new religious trends in Israeli popular music;
- › 6:30 pm – listen to and discuss Israeli songs of protest;
- › 8:00 pm – Havdallah.

Please go to the TE website, www.tegnh.org or call the office at 203-397-3000 for more information and to register for Friday dinner and Saturday lunch.

Friday, April 27 at 7:00 pm – special musical Kabbalat Shabbat, Israel @ 70, with the Temple Emanuel Band, followed by dinner and Israeli dancing. For more information about this event, please go to the Temple Emanuel website, www.tegnh.org, or call the temple office at 203-397-3000.

Orange Congregational Church Easter Services

Orange Congregational Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation, located at 205 Meeting House Lane in Orange. Easter Sunday services will be on April 1, 2018 at 6:30 a.m. for a Sunrise Service at Hannah's Hill (outside near the church) and then inside the church Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. for traditional Easter Worship & Communion, including music from our Handbell Choir and Senior Choir and also at 11:00 a.m. for traditional Easter Worship & Communion, with music from our Junior, Handbell and Senior Choirs.

Good Friday, March 30

7:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 1st

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Han-



Orange Congregational Church

nah's Hill outside near the church. A service offered by our Youth to celebrate the risen Christ. After worship, we will meet at Chip's Restaurant in Orange for breakfast.

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary. Music from our Junior Choir, Bell Choir and Senior Choirs.

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS



Holy Week Service Schedule for Zion Lutheran Church

Good Friday (3/30) 7:30pm, Saturday Vigil (3/31) 7:30pm, Easter Breakfast (4/1) 9:15am.
Easter Sunday festival worship with

string quartet at 10:30am, followed by an Easter egg hunt. Visit us at 780 Grassy Hill Road, Orange or call (203) 795-3916. All are welcome!

The First Church of Christ Celebrates Easter

We are pleased to announce the First Church of Christ Woodbridge Easter celebrations and to invite everyone in the community to join us at 5 Meeting House Lane for one or both of our Easter Sunday Services on April 1st.

Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m. on the Church Green in front of the Meeting House. The early light of Resurrection Day will greet us as we hear the amazing story of the Christ's resurrection. Following the service there will be a breakfast in the Parish House.

Easter Sunday Worship Service

10 a.m. with glorious music, communion, and the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection. The service will feature special music from our Senior Choir and Bell Choir, both under the leadership of Faye Chen, and from our organist Nenad Iovic.

We also invite all members of the community to join us throughout April for our regularly scheduled services and events:

Sunday Services

10 a.m. including our Intergenerational Service the first Sunday of each month. Nursery care for small children is available during the Sunday services.

Church School

Sunday at 10 a.m. the second



The First Church of Christ

through fifth Sundays during the school year with lessons based on the Lectionary.

Confirmation Class

For children in 7th – 9th grades will not meet on the first Sunday of the month as usual due to the Easter services.

Middle School Youth Group

For 5th – 8th graders meets the second Sunday on the month. In April the youth will join the Men's Fellowship in holding the annual pancake brunch for the congregation. Set up is on April 7th at 3 pm. The brunch is on April 8th following the worship service.

Weekly Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. in the Parish House. We study both Old and New Testament passages based on the Lectionary.

For more information on these events, please contact us at (203) 389-2119 or office@uccw.org.



Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd Easter Worship

The Church of the Good Shepherd invites you to attend our services on Easter Sunday at 8am and 10am with our annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 10am service. All are welcome.

First Tuesday April 3rd, 2018 6:45 p.m.

Men, please go through your closets and attics looking for pants that you no longer need and are in good repair. First Tuesday will be collecting and gathering them to be donated to the clothing closet at Loaves & Fishes in New Haven in April. Please bring your pants to the church by Tuesday, April 3rd. First Tuesdays start at 6:45, and end at 8pm. Folks of all ages (kids

in pj's even!) are welcome to come to the parish hall for fun, fellowship, and prayer. All are welcome.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is located on 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, Connecticut. Sunday service times include Rite II Holy Eucharist without music at 8 a.m. and Rite II Holy Eucharist with music at 10 a.m. For more information about The Church of the Good Shepherd's many other programs, please call the Parish Office @ (203) 795-6577, email us @ thegoodspheherd@optonline.net, visit our website @ www.thegoodshepherdoranged.org, and, of course, check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cgsoranged for frequent postings.

Chinmaya Saraswati Ashram to Host Spiritual Discourse

Chinmaya Saraswati Ashram at 393 Derby Avenue, Orange will host an inspirational discourse on Chapter 11– 'Vishwaroopa Darshanam' of the Bhagavad Gita by renowned Swami Shantanandaji. Be enlightened by the gems of this sacred scripture. Discourse times: Thursday, April 19

& Friday, April 20 - 7:30-9 PM; Saturday, April 21, 9:30 AM-11 AM and 11.30 AM -1 PM. Free Lunch 1-2 PM. Concluding Session - 4-5:30 PM. This is a FREE event. All are welcome, and registration is not required. For more information, visit chinmayafairfield.org.

Congregation Mishkan Israel to Host Passover Seder Dinner

Congregation Mishkan Israel will be hosting its annual community Passover Seder on the second night of Passover, Saturday, March 31. The Seder will begin at 6:00 p.m. Members of the community are cordially invited. Please call the synagogue office for prices. Reservations are due by Friday, March 23. This program appeals to all ages.

Advance tickets are required; sales are available online at: cmihamden.org. This year's food is being provided by Emily's Catering.

Congregation Mishkan Israel is a reform synagogue located at 785 Ridge Road in Hamden. For more information and for reservations, contact the synagogue office at 203-288-3877.

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Spring Cleaning For Your Documents

BY ROBERTA L. NESTOR

Spring is the perfect time to attack those piles of paper and even your computer files. There are many reasons to keep your personal papers in order and with identity theft on the rise it has become imperative to make sure you are properly shredding unwanted paper. With all of the paperless options available to us, the papers still pile up.

Let's start with the simple items, those you do not need to keep for more than a year. Basically you only need to keep credit card receipts and bank statements for a year unless they are needed for tax support. If they are related to your tax returns, then you should keep those for 7 years. Paycheck stubs and utility bills, credit card statements (that are not tax related) need only be kept for one year.

You should keep your end of year investment statements (for all retirement accounts as well as non-retirement accounts) until you have completely liquidated the investments. After you have sold them you still should hang on to these annual statements for 7 years from the time they were closed.

If you purchased a home, then you should keep the home closing documents (as well as the closing statement) for as long as you own the property – plus 3 years. Deeds for home ownership should all be kept as long as you own the property. If you had service contracts for a new home or builder's warranty's, these should also be held until the warranty expires.

Our tax returns are the most important documents and the IRS has specific rules for how long you have to keep your tax returns which are listed below from the IRS website.

1. Keep records for 3 years if situations (4), (5), and (6) below do not apply to you.
2. Keep records for 3 years from the date you filed your original return or 2 years after the date you paid the tax, whichever is later, if you file a claim for a credit or refund after you file your return.
3. Keep records for 7 years if you file a claim for a loss from worthless securities or bad debt.
4. Keep records for 6 years if you do not report income that you should have reported, and it is more than 25% of the gross income shown on your return.
5. Keep records indefinitely if you do not file a return.
6. Keep records indefinitely if you file a fraudulent return.
7. Keep employment tax records for at least 4 years after the date the tax becomes due or is paid, whichever is later.

Many do not agree with the IRS guidelines and with good reason. There are several circumstances where you might want to consider keeping your old tax returns indefinitely. Ask anyone who has been audited or who has had income reporting errors on their social security statements. The burden of proof is on you, the taxpayer. Needless to say our tax returns contain 100% of our personal information and should be carefully stored at all times. Home theft, floods or fire can wipe out those manila folders or envelopes that we keep in our homes. A safe or safety deposit box is the best way to store these valuable tax returns.

Some of the more common reasons for keeping returns longer than 3 years would apply to individuals who have made non-deductible IRA contributions. These are reported as a part of your tax-return (Form 8606). Investment companies do not track whether or not your IRA contribution was deductible or not. 1099's for future IRA withdrawals may show distributions as being fully taxable even though you have already paid tax on contributions.

Significant home improvements you have made over the years contribute to the cost-basis when selling your home in the future. If you sell your home and the cost-basis is questioned, the IRS can ask for proof of those home improvements. Self-employed individuals have to be especially careful keeping records of equipment purchases that are being depreciated, again the IRS can require proof of those purchases, whether they were 7 years prior or 20 years prior.

If your tax returns are basic and do not involve home purchases, investments or retirement accounts you may choose to follow the IRS guidelines. For most of us, we would rather be safe than sorry and keeping records a few years longer can never work against you.

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Crocus blooms are some of the first seen in early spring.

Early-Blooming Spring Flowers

The arrival of spring is a welcome occurrence for many people. Budding flowers are among the harbingers of spring. Spring flowers can revitalize winter-weary people just when they need it most — and provide reassurance that brighter, warmer and longer hours of sunlight are just around the corner.

Cold-tolerant flowers are hardy enough to start blooming before the last frosts have dissipated. Other flowers will begin to fill in as days warm a little bit more, according to Better Homes and Gardens. Home gardeners looking to warm up their gardens with early blooms can use these flowers in their early-season containers, window boxes and planting beds.

Pansy: Pansies prefer cool weather, which can make them one of the best flowers to plant in early spring and late fall. Pansies come in a variety of colors, so there's bound to be an offering that will blend with any homeowners' landscape design.

Creeping phlox: Also known "moss phlox," creeping phlox is a short ground-cover that is a herbaceous perennial. Phlox produces small, fragrant flowers in dense clusters, which can attract wildlife, such as butterflies, to their mats across the soil surface.

Snowdrops: Snowdrops can peek out even when there is snow still on the ground — sometimes as early as January and February. But their name

is actually a reference to their appearance, as snowdrops have three white petals that hang down like drops dripping off the stem.

Violets: These flowers are closely related to pansies and, as a result, prefer cool seasons. Violets are generally slightly smaller than pansy blooms, but they can be just as beautiful. But as with pansies, violets will start to fade when the heat arrives.

Crocus: Crocus plants are relatively small, only reaching three to six inches in height. However, their grass-like leaves are some of the first sprouts that can be seen among bulb and corm plantings. Preferring full to partial sun, these gold, purple, lavender, white, or yellow flowers can be enjoyed during the earliest days of spring.

Daffodil: Daffodil bulbs produce cheerful, yellow flowers in early spring. They're one of the most recognizable flowers thanks to their familiar shape and fragrant aroma.

Lenten rose: Hellebores, also called the Lenten rose or Christmas rose, can tolerate light frosts. These blooms get their name from the time of year when they bloom, which is typically around the Christian Lenten season. Despite their name, these delicate flowers are not actually related to roses, however.

Early-blooming flowers give winter-weary gardeners hope that spring has arrived.



ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Black Panther (PG-13)

Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan
2. A Wrinkle in Time (PG)

Storm Reid, Oprah Winfrey
3. The Strangers: Prey at Night (R)

Christina Hendricks, Bailee Madison
4. Red Sparrow (R)

Jennifer Lawrence, Joel Edgerton
5. Game Night (R)

Jason Bateman, Rachel McAdams
6. Peter Rabbit (PG)

animated
7. Death Wish (R)

Bruce Willis, Vincent D'Onofrio
8. Annihilation (R)

Natalie Portman, Jennifer Jason Leigh
9. The Hurricane Heist (PG-13)

Toby Kebbell, Maggie Grace
10. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13)

Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan

TOP 10 V.O.D.

1. Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri (R)

Francis McDormand
2. Coco (PG)

animated
3. Darkest Hour (PG-13)

Gary Oldman
4. Murder on the Orient Express (PG-13)

Kenneth Branagh
5. Lady Bird (R)

Saoirse Ronan
6. Daddy's Home 2 (PG-13)

Will Ferrell
7. Wonder (PG)

Jacob Tremblay
8. A Bad Moms Christmas (R)

Mila Kunis
9. Just Getting Started (PG-13)

Morgan Freeman
10. Roman J. Israel, Esq. (PG-13)

Denzel Washington



The Rock, Karen Gillan and Jack Black in “Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle” [Sony Pictures]

EDITOR’S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of March 19, 2018.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

“Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle” (PG-13) -- A hypochondriac weaking, a jock, a social media princess and an awkward nerd girl serve detention in a dingy basement and pass the time by being inadvertently sucked into a video game, embodying the players. They must recover the eye of the jaguar, returning Jumanji to peace, or die trying. The Rock, Kevin Hart, Jack Black and Karen Gillan star as the adult avatars in the game, joined by Nick Jonas about midway through. Each of them takes a turn killing it as a teen trapped in an adult’s body. It’s funny, charming and highly recommended. Rating alert: There are some “bathroom”-related references that may require explanation to younger kids.

“Small Town Crime” (R) -- This snappy crime thriller by brother directors Eshom and Ian Nelms stars John Hawkes as Mike Kendal -- a washed-up ex-cop, prototypical-

ly alcoholic and delightfully unapologetic -- who happens upon the dead body of a young woman in the field on the side of the road. He might need a couple of cold ones in the morning to get things moving, but he’s all heart, and though a cop he ain’t, he “assigns” himself to the investigation. Teaming up with the dead girl’s grandfather (Robert Forster), he leads the way through an unsavory and lovable cast of characters, inadvertently putting his adoptive sister (Octavia Spencer) and her husband (Anthony Anderson) in jeopardy along the way.

“Pitch Perfect 3” (R) -- The Barden Bellas are back for one last a capella-adventure in “Pitch Perfect 3,” the final film in the series. Despite being the reigning mouth-music champions, Beca (Anna Kendrick), Chloe (Brittany Snow), Fat Amy (Rebel Wilson) and the rest of the girl gang find no glory in the post-college world. Desperate for a chance to recapture the good old days, Aubrey (Anna Camp) offers a reunion opportunity: compete for a chance to open on a USO tour. If you loved the first one, and really liked the second, you’ll probably like this one too.

“Downsizing” (R) -- In a world of overpopulation and limited resources, here’s a solution: get shrunk. Matt Damon stars as Paul, a normal-Joe kind of guy who, along with wife Audrey (Kristen Wiig), decide to chuck it all, allow scientists to shrink them down to 5 inches tall and live big in a community of fellow downsizers. Audrey decides at the last minute not to go through with it, and we are left with the ho-hum goings-on of Paul, his friends Dave and Dusan (played by Jason Sudeikis and Christoph Waltz, respectively) and love interest Ngoc Lan Tran (Hong Chau). The film launches into a social commentary that has nothing to do with being tiny, and despite all the star power, the story ends up being too small to retain much interest.

1. Who wrote and released “Rocky Mountain High”?

2. Which artist had an international hit with “Come Back and Stay”?

3. Who wrote and released “Across 110th Street”?

4. What was the original name of the band Gerry and the Pacemakers?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “Now Jenny Diver, ho, ho, yeah, Sukey Tawdry, Ooh, Miss Lotte Lenya and old Lucy Brown, Oh, the line forms on the right, babe, Now that Macky’s back in town.”



1. John Denver, in 1972. It was temporarily censored by the FCC for promoting drugs, due to use of the word “high.” 2. Paul Young, in 1983. The song was used in “Grand Theft Auto: Vice City Stories” in 2006. 3. Bobby Womack, in 1973. He wrote most of the music for the film soundtrack of the same name. 4. Gerry Marsden and the Mars Bars, but they had to change it when Mars, the candy company, objected. 5. “Mack the Knife,” by Bobby Darin, 1959. The German song was originally called “The Ballad of Mack the Knife” and became “Three Penny Opera” in America in 1933. Mack was a vicious fictional street thug by the name of Captain Macheath.

Sports Quiz

BY CHRIS RICHCREEK

1. In 2017, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw made his seventh consecutive Opening Day start, tying a franchise record. Who else did it?

2. Who has led the American League in runs scored the most times?

3. Clemson’s Deshaun Watson set an ACC record in 2016 by throwing for 580 yards in a game. Who had held the record?

4. How many consecutive double-double seasons of points and rebounds did San Antonio Spurs great Tim Duncan have to start his NBA career?

5. Who was the last Edmonton Oilers player before Connor McDavid in 2017 to win the Hart Memorial Trophy as the NHL regular-season MVP?

6. How many consecutive years did Dale Earnhardt Jr. win NASCAR’s Most Popular Driver Award?

7. Name the last time before 2017 that four American women made up the semifinals of tennis’ U.S. Open?

1. Don Sutton (1972-78). 2. Babe Ruth, eight times (1919, ’20, ’21, ’22, ’23, ’24, ’25, ’26, ’27 and ’28). 3. Stephen Morris of Miami, Fla., threw for 566 yards in a game in 2012. 4. Thirteen seasons (the 1997-98 season through the 2009-10 season). 5. Mark Messier, in 1990. 6. Fifteen years. 7. It was 1981 (Tracy Austin, Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova and Barbara Potter).

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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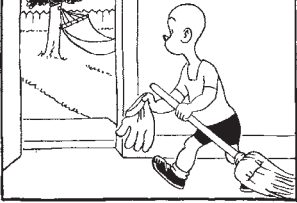
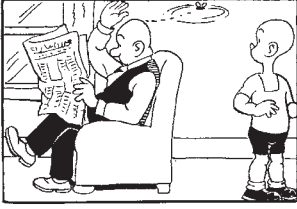
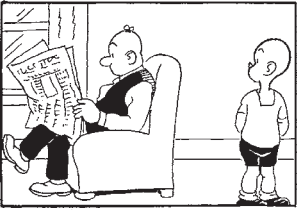
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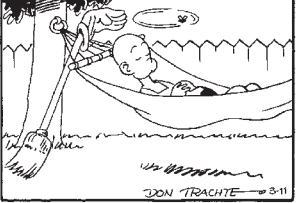
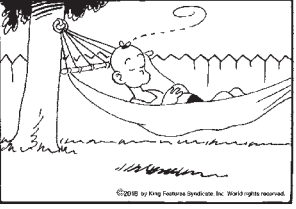
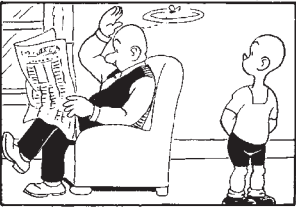
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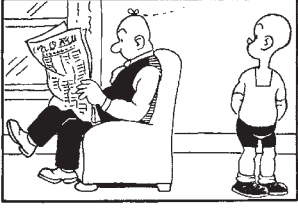
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HOLLYWOOD

BY TONY RIZZO

Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt are joining forces for Quentin Tarantino's ninth film, "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood." Tarantino spent five years writing the script about Hollywood in 1969, and since he is one of the ultimate film buffs, who better than Tarantino? The film has DiCaprio playing a former Western star and Pitt as his longtime stuntman. Leo's cowboy lives next door to Sharon Tate, who was murdered, with her friends, by The Manson Family. Margot Robbie, Oscar nominated for "I, Tonya," is set to play Sharon Tate. Tarantino worked with Pitt in "Inglorious Basterds" (2009) and with DiCaprio in "Django Unchained" (2012).



Rob Lowe [Depositphotos]

Rob Lowe will star, produce and direct for Lifetime and has cast McKenna Grace in the title role as the murderous child. McKenna has a recurring role in "Designated Survivor" (as Kiefer Sutherland's daughter), is in Netflix's "Fuller House" and will star in its upcoming remake of "The Haunting of Hill House." "Hill House" was filmed as "The Haunting" in 1963 with Julie Harris and Claire Bloom, and in 1999 with Liam Neeson and Catherine Zeta-Jones. Patty McCormack, long associated with the original "Bad Seed," will play the psychiatrist who treats her in this one.

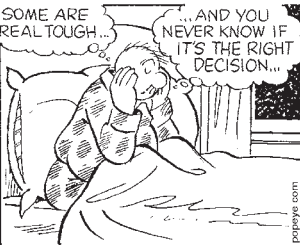
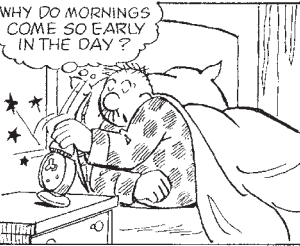
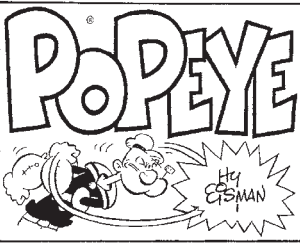
Chris Hemsworth may put his "Thor" hammer down, for a while, to take on aliens in the spin-off of "Men in Black" (which won't have either Tommy Lee Jones or Will Smith). It's set for a June 2019 release.

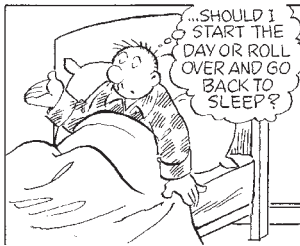
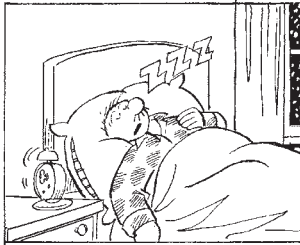
"Saturday Night Live" alum and "Bridesmaids" (2011) star Kristen Wiig will do battle with Diana Prince (aka "Wonder Woman") in the sequel of the blockbuster 2017 film, which grossed \$821 million. "Black Panther" is set to pass "Wonder Woman" at the box office any day now, and hit the \$1 billion mark shortly thereafter.

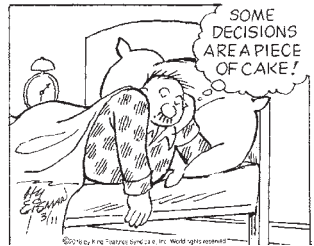
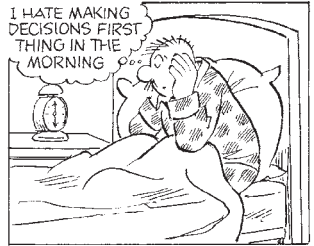
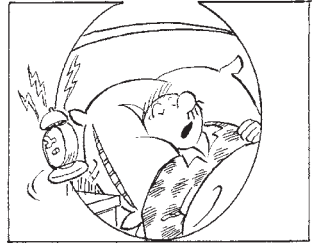
When "The Bad Seed" hit movie theaters in 1956, it earned three Oscar acting nominations, for Nancy Kelly, Eileen Heckart and young Patty McCormack. It was remade as a TV film in 1985 with Lynn Redgrave and David Carradine, but wasn't a critical or ratings hit. Lifetime planned to remake it in 2015, but it was postponed ... until now.

Six-time Oscar-nominee Shirley MacLaine, who won an Oscar for "Terms of Endearment" (1983), is truly one of the last movie stars left on the planet. She'll play an elf named Polly, the childhood nanny of Noelle, the daughter of Santa Claus, played by Anna Kendrick, in Disney's "Noelle." "SNL" alum Bill Hader plays her brother, and Julie Hagerty plays Mrs. Claus. Michael Gross of "Family Ties" will portray the Elder Elf. It's set to open in November 2019. MacLaine, who has written several books about past lives, probably never thought she'd be an elf in this one!

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LOCAL SPORTS



Klarides Sisters' Bill Proposal A Home Run for Athletes

House Republican Leader Themis Klarides and State Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria joined the President and CEO of Force3 Pro Gear Jason Klein to pitch a new law, Senate Bill 434, to the General Law Committee that will help protect athletes and give consumers more information about the protective equipment they are purchasing. Jason Klein of Force3 Pro Gear located in Derby said, "As a Connecticut company creating this breakthrough technology, we have a great story to tell, but unfortunately the non-profit organization that currently sets the safety standards for equipment used in little leagues and high school athletics, prohibits our company from sharing with the public our outstanding safety data."

According to Klein's testimony, the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (also known as "NOCSAE") was formed in 1969 to commission research directed toward injury reduction. Little league and high school athletics, through their respective rules, require protective equipment used in baseball and softball to meet standards set by NOCSAE. The NOCSAE helmet standard uses a pass/fail threshold to determine whether or not a helmet meets the standard performance criteria. The NOCSAE pass/fail threshold is 1200 Severity Index units or SI. A helmet must test below 1200 SI in all 16 designated and random impact locations, including impacts at a helmet

in ambient, high and low temperatures. Klein added, "We are prohibited from sharing our severity index results with the public. In fact, there's been no place for an athlete or parent seeking helmet safety information to turn and no way for them to compare results with other helmets currently on the market."

House Republican Leader Themis Klarides said, "Concussions are a serious issue and providing athletes at every level with the best protective equipment should be everyone's top priority. I am shocked that these standards are not readily available to the consumers already. We are asking lawmakers to step up to the plate and pass this bill to make athletes safer and consumers more knowledgeable about the equipment they are purchasing."

State Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria explained, "As a parent of a student-athlete, an Athletic Trainer, and a lawmaker, I think this bill is a home run and will help prevent concussions from occurring. We want to give parents and athletes all the information available about the safety of the protective equipment they are purchasing. Consumers should know that a certain helmet they are buying is not as safe as another helmet brand."

The bill now awaits action by the General Law Committee before it can be voted on by the full General Assembly. To learn more about Force3 Pro visit, www.force3progear.com.



Left to right: Back Row: Luke Parkerson, Ryan Gerry, Timothy Conroy, Jack Gouin, Noah Ram, Tyler Maturo. Front Row: Marina Reale, Sofia Pfannenbecker, Arria Sinnappen, Sadie Schmitz, Elise Kennedy, Chiu Yen Vergara.

The Independent Day School Announces Athletic Awards

The Independent Day School in Middlefield is proud to recognize the following local students as Athletic Award recipients for the 2017-18 Basketball Season. The following student athletes were recognized by Girls Coach Carrie Boyce and Boys Coach Ryan Gemmell:

Girls' Varsity Basketball Team:

- › Most Valuable Player – Sadie Schmitz - Portland
- › Most Improved Player – Aria Sinnappen - Middletown
- › Hustle Award – Sofia Pfannenbecker - Woodbridge

Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball Team:

- › Most Valuable Player – Chiu Yen Vergara – Rocky Hill
- › Most Improved Player – Marina Reale - Wallingford
- › Hustle Award – Elise Kennedy - Middletown

Boys' Varsity Basketball Team:

- › Most Valuable Player – Luke Parkerson – Cheshire
- › Most Improved Player – Ryan Gerry - Durham
- › Hustle Award – Timothy Conroy - Higganum

Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball Team:

- › Most Valuable Player – Jack Gouin - Portland
- › Most Improved Player – Noah Ram - Durham
- › Hustle Award – Tyler Maturo – North Branford

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Managing Your Dog's Stress
At Easter And Passover

Easter and Passover are busy times for many households. Friends and family come and go, deliveries are made to the door, delicious smells emanate from the kitchen, and a general happy hubbub means that something special is happening. Among those affected by these changes is the family dog.

While one dog may revel in the change of pace, another may find it a confusing, stressful time. Your normally placid dog may suddenly begin to exhibit unusual behaviors, such as stealing food, jumping up on people, or growling or snapping at visitors. As pack leader, you need to communicate and demonstrate to your dog that while his world may be different, you will continue to keep him safe and secure.

When an insecure dog—no matter his size or breed—encounters a new situation, he doesn't know what to do. If he feels threatened, he may react defensively with a snap or bite.

On the other hand, a well-socialized dog is comfortable meeting and being with others, both dogs and people. He has been introduced to a variety of situations and knows he and his pack have remained safe through them all.

The following are some tips to help calm your dog and keep everyone in the home safe during the active holiday season.

Children Visitors

Dogs that live in a household with no children may not be comfortable when kids come to visit. The chaos created by youngsters like grandchildren will inherently raise the energy level in the house, causing the dog to worry or stress. Here are some ways to control such situations if your dog does not cope well with children.

- › Always supervise kids (especially very young children) and dogs when they are alone together. This is when most dog bites to children occur.
- › With a very young child, parents must be vigilant and monitor their tot's interactions with the dog. Parents should teach children of all ages to treat dogs with respect and gentleness.
- › Never invite a child to feed the dog by hand—this teaches the dog it is acceptable to take any food from a child. Because of a child's small size, the dog may view her as an equal and thus may try to take advantage of the situation.
- › Boundaries And Security
- › Dogs need to have their own "home," a place where they feel secure and calm. If your dog doesn't already have a place of his own, create one for him.
- › A crate or pet carrier provides a natural safe haven for your dog. Keep his crate or dog pillow in a quiet area of the home and direct your dog to go there when you need to set boundaries. While he may not like being separated from you, he will still feel secure.
- › If your dog begins to bark or nip at visitors, remove him from the area and keep him in his safe place until your guests

have gone.

- › Keep the dog out of certain rooms where he can get underfoot. For example, training your dog to stay out of the kitchen—where most household accidents occur—is a good safety measure. It also helps to prevent your dog from begging for food.
- › If you travel during the holidays, taking his crate/carrier will help your dog feel more relaxed, since "home" is wherever he finds you and his familiar bed.

Elderly Dogs

Elderly dogs may not enjoy the extra hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Be mindful of keeping your older dog comfortable when his routine is disrupted.

- › If your elderly dog gets cranky around visitors, simply take him to his special quiet place where he won't be bothered and can feel secure.
- › Remind children to be respectful of your older dog. Always provide supervision when dogs and kids are together.

Front Door Behaviors

A knock on the door can be a stimulating event for a dog, whether he sees it as fun or alarming. It is natural for him to want to know who the visitors are to determine if they are friendly or not. However, a dog that explodes with excitement at the sound of the doorbell is both annoying and unsafe—he may dash out the door and run into harm's way, he may get underfoot and become a trip hazard, he may knock people over, or he may become aggressive to the visitor.

- › To help your dog be calmer, exercise him prior to the arrival of guests. After 30 minutes of walking or playing, your dog will more likely be relaxed or want to nap.
- › As a general rule, don't allow the family dog to greet unfamiliar guests because commotion and unusual circumstances can cause stress for dogs.
- › Consider putting your dog on a leash as guests arrive to maintain better control of him.
- › Teach your dog to sit and stay on command. When the doorbell rings, put him in a sit-stay and do not open the door until he calms down.
- › If your dog gets overly excited with arriving visitors, remove him from the scene ahead of time. Place him in his crate in a quiet room, and then let him join the party later.

By anticipating how your dog may react to new activities and visitors, you can help ensure that everyone—both two- and four-legged—has a fun and safe holiday.

Vicki and Richard Horowitz, of Woodbridge, are dog behavioral therapists and trainers with Bark Busters, one of 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.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Resist a confrontation with that irksome person. The matter will soon blow over anyway. Meanwhile, channel your high Arian energy into areas with more positive potential.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The innovative Bovine finds a creative way to resolve a sensitive domestic problem by midweek. A former colleague returns with an intriguing business suggestion.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An unexpected critical statement from someone you trust could catch you momentarily off guard. But you soon recover your equilibrium and rise to the challenge.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel you can handle a new project on your own. But advice from someone with experience could help you avoid possibly costly as well as time-consuming obstacles.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Waiting for others to make decisions is difficult for the take-charge Lion. But by week's end, you should hear news that will help you regain control of the situation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your superjudgmental side could dominate the week unless you try to keep it in check. Otherwise you risk offending people, including some who are very close to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect more information to come out about that possible career shift. Meanwhile, your loving concern helps someone close to you get through a worrisome period.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Despite an occasional setback, workplace pressures should continue to ease through most of the week. This would be a good time to plan that long-delayed trip.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sage Sagittarian quickly recognizes an opportunity when she or he sees it, especially if it's one you've been planning for. Take aim and go for it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat's unique insight guides you as you check out a questionable situation. Your efforts should prove rewarding for you and your many supporters.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to pace yourself a bit more. Rushing could lead to serious slip-ups. Take more time to check out details you might otherwise overlook.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The best way to resolve those remaining problems is to ask others for help. They'll be happy to do so, especially when you agree to share the credit for a job well done.

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Riley was emaciated when he was rescued. He was missing one eye from an attack by another dog. As a mixed-breed toy terrier, he had specific health needs that weren't met, and by the time he reached the shelter had severe kidney disease and diminished neurological function.

The vet told us that we would likely be his last family. Because his heart and kidneys were damaged, along with other issues, he was not expected to live more than six months. Knowing this, we were determined to make his final days as comfortable

and loved as possible. We have another rescue, a fierce little mutt named "Zu-Zu," who became Riley's little sister and protector, cuddling next to him in his doggie bed.

Despite the abuse he suffered, Riley was an incredibly loving dog. Under our care and with Zu-Zu at his side, his health improved. He lived with us for just over two years before finally passing away last week.

We were thrilled to foster Riley and just wanted the world to know about him. Please tell your readers, if they have the means, to consider fostering rescued pets to prepare them for eventual adoption. -- Tracey L., Gloucester, Massachusetts

DEAR TRACEY: Riley indeed sounds like a wonderful dog, and I'm glad he found his way to you. Thank you for sharing his story.



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The Garden Bug

Resurrection fern

Most plants can lose only about 10% of their water content before they die. During a typical dry period, the resurrection fern can lose up to 75% of its water content (and possibly up to 97% in an extreme drought), causing it to shrivel to a grayish-brown clump of leaves. When it is once again exposed to water, it unfurls from its shriveled state to its former length, and appears green and healthy once again. In the U.S. it is found throughout the southeastern states, usually anchored to the trunk or branches of an oak tree.

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