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A cluster of diseased ash trees on Peck Hill Road, just north of Peck Pond, are to be removed.

DECLINE OF LOCAL ASH TREES POSES MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

The infestation of local ash trees with the emerald ash borer has progressed to the degree that arborists and tree wardens across the area are pessimistic about its survival.

"Foresters tell me that within ten years there won't be any ash trees left," said Woodbridge Operations Manager and Tree Warden Warren Connors. Four years after the invasive beetle was first discovered in this area, he is noticing more and more dead and diseased trees as he travels along the roads. For municipalities and landowners alike, that means applying more resources to watch out for the safety of people and buildings.

"Every tree warden is having the same problem," he said. For the most part, once the problem becomes evident, it is too late to save the tree, Connors said.

By the beginning of March he had exhausted the tree maintenance budget

for this fiscal year. From here on out the removal of unsafe trees will have to be paid for from contingency or other budget lines items. The town budgeted \$50,000 this Fiscal Year, but requested \$60,000 for next year, in an effort to "keep up" with the rate of decay. In spite of a tough budget year, the town recognized the need for additional monies in that department.

Emerald Ash Borer

The green beetle, which officials think arrived in the Detroit area from Asia in wood packaging some 15 years ago, spread like wildfire among the North American ash trees. It will lay its eggs under the bark of the tree, where the larvae feed off the tree's nutrients and water. Eventually, the growing larvae will prevent these nutrients from reach-

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Happy
Mother's
Day



ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AT CCW POSES NO THREAT

Pesticide contamination at the Country Club of Woodbridge poses no health risk, residents learned at a meeting in late April.

In order to allow residents who live near the Country Club to ask experts

about the issue, First Selectman Ellen Scalettar organized the meeting. The Town's environmental remediation consultants, HRP, presented their findings

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Congratulations! Beecher Road School sixth graders McAllister Burke and Lauren Waskikowski (l-r/front) received the 2016 South Central Area Superintendents' Association Award given at a recent formal ceremony. Pictured with them are their teachers Carson

Echeverry (L) and Daniel Chase (2nd from right) along with Superintendent Stella and Principal Prisco. The purpose of the award/recognition program is to provide a regional forum for students to have their service and achievement acknowledged by superintendents.

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WOODBRIDGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



SWIM FOR HEART 2016

On Thursday, April 28, 2016 the Beecher Road School sixth grade students participated in their 2nd annual Swim for Heart, which was organized by PE teachers Mr. Anthony Taddei and Mr. Brian Hocking. The students had a goal/challenge of swimming 2016 laps within 25 minutes. The purpose of the event was to have the students perform a long duration aerobic event to exercise their heart and to demonstrate their swimming skills. Swimming is an integral part of the Physical Education Program for first through sixth grade students.

On the day of the event the students were faced with two major obstacles/challenges. One of them being that one of their 6th grade classes was going to be on a field trip and several students could not swim for various reasons. The remaining students were disappointed and discouraged that so many students were not swimming and because of that they would not hit their goal. Mr. Taddei

could not postpone the event due to scheduling issues.

On the day of the event, once all the students were in their bathing suits, Mr. Taddei saw it was a perfect opportunity to reinforce a huge life lesson by saying, "We have an obstacle/challenge to overcome—just like you will have in your life—I want all of you to try your best, give it your all, and if you don't hit your goal—then you have nothing to be ashamed of!! However, when you hit your goal with less people—you will be the happiest students in the world—you will have hit your goal—worked through the obstacle and challenge—you will have won—not the obstacle or challenge!! Overcoming obstacles are what will make you great and grow!! You can do it!! Now let's swim!!!"

After 25 minutes of swimming—the students not only hit their goal—but as one student said, "we crushed our goal by swimming 2,674 laps!"



BRS KINDERGARTEN CLASS GIVES BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY

Kindergarten teacher, Teresa Ramia and Teaching Assistant Karen Zelem, accepted the Human Services Special Recognition Award at the Annual Human Services Volunteer Tea Volunteer Awards' Ceremony. They accepted the award on behalf of their Kindergarten class for their project entitled "Kids Helping Kids".

As part of the project, children traced their handprints and used the prints to decorate a large donation box. The children, with the help of family, friends and neighbors, then started to collect items such as children's shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste, body wash and washcloths and other toiletry items. As the boxes filled up, the class became more and more enthusiastic and motivated. When the project was

completed, the box filled with toiletries was donated to the Woodbridge Human Services Department.

Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director of Human Services, could not believe how many items one class of Kindergarteners was able to collect. Ms. Ramia had this to say about the project and her students, "I am very proud of my class not only because of what they were able to accomplish, but more importantly because of the lessons they learned along the way. They now understand how important it is to give back to their community as well as how important it is to lend a helping hand to others."

Ramia and Zelem also received a state citation from Senator Joe Crisco, presented by First Selectman Ellen Scalettar.

STUDENT NEWS



Awards

Andrea Urbano Receives Award

The Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Research and Scholarship is presented annually to a Masters student in the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources who has

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HONORS: Jacqueline Degennaro; Carsan Dzikowski

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June 24th.....

Independence Day Issue July 1st

July 22nd

Summer Issue July 29th

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FROM OUR READERS

Prom and Graduation
Season is Upon Us

With prom and graduation season upon us, it’s a natural time for us as parents to talk with our children about making smart choices, including avoiding peer pressure to drink underage. We can have a big impact on our children’s decisions regarding drinking, and it all starts with a conversation.

Dichello Distributors, Inc. wants to remind parents about the Family Talk About Drinking program, a free parent guide designed to encourage open and honest communication between parents and their children to help prevent underage drinking. This year, we have created a series of short and relatable videos to be shared on social media to help spread awareness about the importance of parents having conversations with their teenagers about drinking prior to prom and graduation season. Programs like this one, paired with education, relatable content and effective law enforcement, are essential to reducing underage drinking. Please see below for a list of all of the Family Talk About Drinking online resources you can engage on your channel of choice:

- www.FamilyTalkAboutDrinking.com
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Remember, it’s our collective responsibility to help prevent underage drinking. For more information, please visit Familytalkaboutdrinking.com.

Sincerely,

Tony Lota
Alcohol Awareness Coordinator
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Fear-Mongering
Should Have No Place

Fear-mongering should have no place in our discussion of Town issues, yet that is precisely what Selectman Maria

Kayne has resorted to with respect to the Country Club of Woodbridge property.

Despite knowing that there is no evidence of any threat to health or safety, they have sought to create discord and controversy rather than reassuring anyone with genuine concern.

Sincerely,

Karen Talamelli Cusick

Former DEP
Commissioner Offers
Additional Facts

Selectman Maria Kayne shared important facts about environmental contamination at the Country Club of Woodbridge (CCW) in her April 8th article. Based on my continuing review of documents, I’d like to offer some additional facts:

On May 13, 2011 – on behalf of Woodbridge – environmental consultant HRP sent a letter to the state detailing "planned actions" to clean up the Significant Environmental Hazard in the CCW Maintenance Area. The letter said, "The timing of the remedial action is dependent on incorporating the estimated remediation expenses in the municipal fiscal budget. Under normal circumstances, funding for the project would become available July 1, 2012."

In 2012, with respect to the entire CCW, HRP reminded the Town that State law required "Submittal of a Remedial Action Plan within 3-yrs [sic], and Initiation of clean-up within 3-yrs." HRP offered both to prepare a RAP for the entire site and excavate all the contaminated soil on site within one year. HRP advised that "[t]he Significant Environmental Hazard Notification associated with soil impact in the Maintenance area warrants immediate attention due to the shallow depths of contamination."

The Selectmen authorized HRP to
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prepare a RAP for the Maintenance Area at their September 2012 meeting. HRP then billed the town on more or less a monthly basis until August 2013. Records show that from 8/13/13 to 3/23/16 HRP submitted no invoices to Woodbridge.

HRP's approved budget for the RAP was \$24,800. HRP billed \$24,605.88 from October 2012 to August 2013 – which suggests the RAP was substantially completed by August 2013. Yet the RAP wasn't issued for another two years and seven months.

The Town should – belatedly – comply with the law and start addressing the environmental contamination at the Country Club.

Sincerely,

*Amey Marrella
[Former Commissioner and Deputy
Commissioner of the CT Department of
Environmental Protection, former First
Selectman of Woodbridge]*

Money Well Spent

Last January, when I paid my Woodbridge property tax, I asked myself what do I get for giving fully 10% of my income to the Town. My initial assessment was, "let's see". So I did a rough calculation. When I had children in school, they got a high quality, subsidized education. When they played baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, ran track, cross country, or swam, they had subsidized facilities in which to do them. When I want to use the Blue Trail, walk on the Fitzgerald property, go to the Fitness Center, or use the Library, I count on the Town to maintain all those through my taxes. Clearly that is money well spent.

But when I attended the preliminary budget meeting on April 25th, I was shocked to learn that there had been no negotiations to keep my recreational activity, golf at the Country Club of Woodbridge, operational. I have heard the argument that golf is an elite sport. We have a high school golf team, do we not? I have heard the argument that one can play golf at one of the other public or private courses. True, but I can

also pay to send my kids to Hopkins or Hamden Hall.

We support town tennis courts, but we have the option of joining a private club. We pay for Beecher Road Pool, but we could swim at the Y or the JCC. We support the fitness center, but private gyms abound. Why do we discriminate against golf? Is it an age thing? Can't be, that's illegal. Is it underutilized? Nope, there are 400 members. Too expensive for the town? Cost about \$130k last year. The combined cost of supporting the gym, pool, recreation department and parks department was just shy of \$1 million.

The budget is full of what I consider waste. I voted yesterday, and after getting my name checked off the voter list, I was handed a carnival ticket. It entitled me to walk to another table and to receive a ballot from a poll worker, clearly a feathered job. Two such workers x 14 hours x all the elections is not money well spent. Paying a town attorney \$71k and then another \$50k for litigation is another puzzlement. So is \$70k for incentive pay for our volunteer firemen. And a union contract that pays 4 hours of overtime for 5 minutes or more actually worked. Lots of livestock at the public trough.

So let's look at the capital improvement budget:

Animal Control
\$516k requested; \$516k approved
Thomas Darling House
\$61k requested; \$46k approved
Parks Dept
\$100k requested; \$50k approved
Recreation Dept
\$17k requested; \$17 k approved
Country Club of Woodbridge
\$109k requested; \$0 approved

So what is the explanation for lack of funds to support golf? Could it be that a failed club would be easier to sell for development? That is speculation on my part, but it does make you think.

David Lober

Experts Unanimous – No Health Threat

I attended the meeting called by 1st Selectman Ellen Scalettar to address the

concerns of neighbors of the Woodbridge Country Club about environmental issues and remediation of this property.

The First Selectmen gathered not only the Town's Environmental Consultant to present information and answer questions, but also, most importantly, representatives of the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the State Department of Public Health and our regional Quinnipiack Valley Health District. These experts were unanimous in reassuring the neighbors - and all of us - that the contamination that has been identified is demarcated, not migrating through soil, air or water, and is not a health threat.

Once again, Ellen has demonstrated her commitment to disclosure, shared community information, and transparency, hallmarks of her administration and her consistent attention to the needs of Town residents.

Anne Flitcraft, MD

Do We Need a Town-Run Fitness Center?

In the April issue the question of moving the fitness center came up again.

With a view to saving residents more debt, (never mind the \$500K grant, we know that our town government is unlikely to keep within budget) I would like to ask if we really need a town-run fitness center at all?

Planet Fitness, for example, routinely offers low membership rates, with much better hours of operation and the latest in fitness equipment, and tens of elliptical machines, treadmills etc. In fact, I wonder why anyone would prefer to exercise in the town facility with its lack of equipment choice.

I would also be interested in learning how many members actually pay the full annual or semi-annual rates and how

many, we, the tax payers, are subsidizing.

For those who would complain that they prefer to use the town facility and are on the membership list, offer a subsidized membership to Planet Fitness on a reimbursement basis and/or negotiate a town resident rate with the club.

Woodbridge thinks it's Madison or Greenwich but we are not, we need to seriously explore ways of reducing our running costs, and this would be a start.

Fran Leach

Keep Woodbridge a "High House Value Town"

On April 8, 2016 issue of Woodbridge Town News, it is announced that Mill Rate is set to be increased to 39.2 from current 37.66! Since I moved to Woodbridge nearly 9 years ago, my house value is still significant below the price I paid for it, in the meantime the mill rate of Woodbridge has increased more than 30% from ~28 to 37.66. There are two types of towns: one is high house value with low mill rate (e.g. Madison, Orange, etc.), the other is low house value due to pressure of high mill rate (e.g. Hartford, Bridgeport, etc.); and the former towns are maintained and budgeted in better position than the later towns.

I'm not against reasonable tax increasing, but really don't understand that I paid taxes increased during the years whereas my house value is decreased at the same time! For selectmen and who are in charge of this matter, please pay attention to this issue because it's crucial to town residents like me, house is not only my significant asset but also my home -a living environment to raise kids. It's also about which direction you are leading our town toward to: "High Value -type " or "Low Value -type " ?

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and representatives from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the state Department of Health and the Quinnipiack Valley Health District were on hand to answer questions. The experts were unanimous in reassuring those at the meeting that there was no cause for health concerns.

The environmental issues at the Country Club have been a continuing part of the discussion about the future of the property. Recently Scalettar asked HRP for an updated cost of remediation (estimated at \$650,000) and at that point HRP discovered that they had not filed a final Remedial Action Plan with the state. When the final plan was submitted, homeowners whose property abuts the Country Club were also notified by HRP.

HRP Regional Manager Scot Kuhn apologized for the late filing of the report but assured meeting attendees—only about 8 of whom live adjacent to the Country Club—that no harm had been caused because of it. The experts agreed.

Kuhn further explained that the pesticides found in the soil were commonly used on golf courses and do not generally migrate. The chemical concentra-

tion of concern was found in a small area not frequented by the public. That area has been fenced off and a warning sign posted to keep the public away. The concentration triggered a designation as "significant environmental hazard" (SEH), which Kuhn said can sound scary, but "means there's a potential risk and the state wants to be advised of it and what will be done about it." It was clear at the meeting that this requirement has been complied with.

"Pesticides stay bound to the soil," Meg Harvey an epidemiologist with the state Department of Health told the audience. "There are virtually never drinking well problems because of pesticides. There is nothing in these findings to make me worried."

When asked about potential risk from the SEH, it was explained that someone would first have to come into physical contact with the soil behind the maintenance shed. To do that, a person would have to ignore the warning sign and the bright orange fence surrounding the soil and then touch the soil repeatedly.

In order to be harmed, "someone would have to get the soil on their skin, ingest it or get it in their eyes and do it on a regular basis," said Patrick Bowe, DEEP Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse Director of Remediation said.



Joseph Modiano and his grandson Tal, a senior at Amity Regional High School, enjoy a beautiful spring day at rose garden in the community gardens at the Fitzgerald Tract. [Photo by Ellen Scalettar]

LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP



WOODBIDGE PHYSICIAN TESTIFIES BEFORE CONGRESS

Medicare's "Value-Based" Payment Reforms

On April 19, 2016, Robert M. McLean, MD, FACP, testified on behalf of the American College of Physicians (ACP) before the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, to share perspectives on what the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the medical profession itself, needs to do to ensure that the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) is implemented successfully.

Dr. McLean is a member of ACP's Board of Regents, and chair of its Medical Practice and Quality committee. Prior to serving on the Board of Regents, he was the ACP Connecticut Chapter Governor from 2009-13. He practices internal medicine and rheumatology in New Haven with the Northeast Medical Group of the Yale New Haven Health System. "I truly believe that MACRA can be a 'shot in the arm' to combat physician burnout, if it is rolled out as Congress intended," Dr. McLean

noted. "MACRA's laudatory goals can be fulfilled by aligning and simplifying some of the measures and reporting, and providing rewards for involvement with Advanced Payment Models like the Patient Centered Medical Home structure."

In order to inform all physicians about the possibilities and responsibilities of MACRA, Dr. McLean continued, "it isn't just up to CMS to ensure that MACRA is implemented successfully; professional associations, including ACP, must do their parts. Our educational efforts include online resources, guides, presentations, articles in our publications, and practical tools."

Dr. McLean lives in Woodbridge with his wife, Cathy Wick, and their 2 sons. In addition to his work with the ACP, he is an active member of the Connecticut State Medical Society and serves an appointment on the state's Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee.

TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE HOLDS BUSINESS SECTOR MEETINGS

The Town of Woodbridge is initiating business sector meetings in order to strengthen economic development. At sector meetings First Selectman Ellen Scalettar invites business representatives from the same industry to meet with each other and discuss common issues.

Retail and restaurants are invited to a meeting on May 18 at 9 a.m. at Town Hall (11 Meetinghouse Lane) to discuss common issues and potential collaborations, such as Restaurant Week or retail promotions. Scalettar will also update the businesses on Town and State projects, such as the effort to improve signage in the Business District, improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians in the area and the state's

plans for Exit 59.

My goal is to take our economic development efforts to the next level. We will continue to provide meaningful networking opportunities for our local businesses and to learn if there are any industry trends or concerns with which the Town can be helpful," said First Selectman Scalettar.

If you're interested in attending, please let Assistant Administrative Officer Betsy Yagla know by emailing byagla@woodbridgect.org or calling 203-389-3403. Future sector meetings (manufacturing, professional services and home businesses) will be announced via the business email newsletter (sign up here: tinyurl.com/WoodbridgeCTBiz) and in press releases.

DEFEO NAMED SALES MANAGER AT COLDWELL BANKER OFFICES

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Connecticut and Westchester County, N.Y., is pleased to announce that Aileen DeFeo has been appointed sales manager of the company's Woodbridge office. DeFeo will be responsible for the oversight of approximately 40 affiliated real estate sales professionals serving homebuyers and sellers in Woodbridge, Ansonia, Bethany, East Haven, Hamden, Naugatuck and the surrounding communities in Greater New Haven.

In addition to the Woodbridge office, DeFeo will continue to serve as manager of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Orange office, a position she has held for the last 10 years. Under her leadership, the Orange office has continually ranked among the company's top-performing offices in Greater New Haven.

"Aileen is a widely respected real estate professional who has been able to successfully assist real estate professionals as they establish and further build their business. She has been a leader of one of the company's top-producing offices, and I am pleased she has taken on this additional role because she has the talent and skill set to grow both offices," said Joseph Valvano, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Connecticut and Westchester County, N.Y.

DeFeo has 27 years of sales train-



Aileen DeFeo

ing and management experience in the real estate and mortgage industries. A resident of Orange, DeFeo serves on the town's Community Services Commission. She is also a member of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cares Foundation, the company's charitable arm, and the New Haven Middlesex Realtors®. She has been an active volunteer at the Catechist Holy Infant Church in Orange.

"I am very eager to work closely with the talented group of real estate professionals who are affiliated with the Woodbridge office. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage offers all of the marketing, educational and technological resources that are critical for real estate professionals and buyers and sellers to be successful in today's real estate environment," said DeFeo.

SCHLEGEL RECEIVES STERLING SOCIETY AWARD

Debbie Schlegel of Woodbridge, a sales associate affiliated with the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Woodbridge, has been recognized with the Coldwell Banker® International Sterling Society award. This distinguished honor is awarded to the top 17 percent of approximately 85,000 Coldwell Banker®-affiliated sales associates worldwide.

With more than 9 years of experience, Schlegel has been successfully meeting the needs of homebuyers and sellers throughout New Haven County. She has several professional designations including Relocation Specialist & Certified Negotiation Expert. Schlegel is also a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association of Realtors.

"Debbie earned this honor because she demonstrated the commitment and skills that are necessary to successfully meet the needs of sellers and buyers in today's marketplace," said Joseph Valvano, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Connecticut



Debbie Schlegel

and Westchester County, N.Y. "I congratulate Debbie and look forward to celebrating her success in the coming months and year."

Locally, she is an active volunteer serving on the board of the Woodbridge Club. Schlegel is affiliated with the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Woodbridge, located at 270 Amity Road. She can be reached there at 203-623-6780.

LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

COLEMAN RECEIVES STERLING SOCIETY AWARD

Dalia Coleman of Woodbridge, a sales associate affiliated with the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Woodbridge, has been recognized with the Coldwell Banker® International Sterling Society award. This distinguished honor is awarded to the top 17 percent of approximately 85,000 Coldwell Banker®-affiliated sales associates worldwide.

In addition, for the fifth consecutive year, Coleman was awarded a FIVE STAR Professional (as featured in Connecticut magazine), for delivering outstanding service and client satisfaction. With more than 31 years of experience, Coleman has been successfully meeting the needs of homebuyers and sellers in the towns of Woodbridge, Westville, Orange and Bethany.

"Dalia earned this honor because she demonstrated the commitment and skills that are necessary to successfully meet the needs of sellers and buyers in today's marketplace," said Joseph Valvano, president of Coldwell Banker



Dalia Coleman

Residential Brokerage in Connecticut and Westchester County, N.Y. "I congratulate Dalia and look forward to celebrating her success in the coming months and year."

Coleman is affiliated with the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Woodbridge, located at 270 Amity Road. She can be reached there at 203-824-2849.

COOPER RECEIVES STERLING SOCIETY AWARD

Harriet Cooper of Woodbridge, a Broker Associate affiliated with the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Woodbridge, has been recognized with the Coldwell Banker® International Sterling Society award. This distinguished honor is awarded to the top 17 percent of approximately 85,000 Coldwell Banker®-affiliated sales associates worldwide.

In addition, Cooper received the CT magazine 5 Star Professional Award for outstanding client service for the last 6 years. She is the recipient of The National Association of Realtors Emeritus Award for 40 years of service. Cooper has been successfully meeting the needs of homebuyers and sellers in the towns of Woodbridge, Orange, Bethany & throughout New Haven County. She has several professional designations including – Relocation Specialist, Previews Property Specialist, Graduate Realtor Institute, Accredited Buyer Broker & Certified Residential Specialist. Cooper is also a member of the New Haven Board of Realtors.

Harriet earned this honor because she demonstrated the commitment and skills that are necessary to successfully meet the needs of sellers and buyers in today's marketplace," said Joseph



Harriet Cooper

Valvano, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Connecticut and Westchester County, N.Y. "I congratulate Harriet and look forward to celebrating her success in the coming months and year."

Locally she is the Treasurer of the Town Of Woodbridge and an active volunteer tutoring in the New Haven Schools Literacy program. Cooper is affiliated with the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Woodbridge, located at 270 Amity Road. She can be reached there at 203- 641- 3911 or Harriet.Cooper@cbmoves.com.



SCALETAR VISITS "AERIAL ARTS" BUSINESS

Stacey Kigner's goal is to make circus accessible to everyone. Her business, Air Temple Arts, teaches circus and aerial arts on Research Drive in Woodbridge.

Recently First Selectman Ellen Scalettar visited Air Temple Arts as part of the Economic Development Commission's "Shop Woodbridge, Dine Woodbridge, Try Woodbridge" campaign. The campaign is designed to encourage Woodbridge residents to learn about and patronize local businesses.

Kigner opened her business in New Haven in 2013. The business outgrew its space and so she moved it to Woodbridge this past winter. Most of her customers, she told Scalettar, are young women, but she also teaches older adults, kids and teenagers. A variety of classes cover the aerial art forms of trapeze, aerial silks, and lyra (aerial hoop), as well as traditional circus arts such as contortion, tumbling, juggling, partner acrobatics, and hand balancing (handstands).

Kigner organizes three student showcases per year and one professional show

a year at Educational Center for the Arts in New Haven. The 2,000 square foot main studio is colorful – the floor is covered nearly wall to wall with a bright blue mat and brightly colored "aerial silks" hang from the ceiling.

During the visit, Kigner demonstrated a foot lock for Scalettar. She grabbed ahold of an aerial silk dangling from the ceiling and climbed up it using her hands. She then wrapped the silk around her body and legs and was able to sit in the air.

"That is amazing!" Scalettar said and asked how Kigner got started in aerial arts. While in college Kigner joined her school's circus troupe club. She got more and more involved and eventually began teaching. "I learned that I liked teaching more than I expected," she said. And when she moved to Connecticut from New York she learned there were no aerial arts and circus studios so she opened the business.

To learn more about Air Temple Arts, visit www.airtemple.com.

"Mothers were meant to love us unconditionally, to understand our moments of stupidity, to reprimand us for lame excuses while yet acknowledging our point of view, to weep over our pain and failures as well as cry at our joy and successes, and to cheer us on despite countless start-overs. Heaven knows, no one else will." — RICHELLE E. GOODRICH

WOODBIDGE LIBRARY

Adult

Yale Science Diplomats Present Trust Your Gut: How Helpful Bacteria Impact Health

Tuesday, May 10 @ 7pm

Did you know that you are carrying about 2 pounds of living bacteria inside you right now!? That's 10 times more bacteria cells than your own cells! That may sound creepy but symbiotic microbes are helpful to us in many aspects of health and wellness. Come listen to three Yale scientists present exciting new research about how gut bacteria help us digest our food and contribute to our mental health, and how they have changed over the eons. In this relatively new field there are still many unanswered questions, but one thing's for sure – we can trust our gut to these "microbe managers!" Please register at the Circulation Desk, by phone at 203-389-3433, or online at www.woodbridge.lioninc.org.

Healthy High TeaWith Robin Glowa

Tuesday, May 24 @ 7pm

High Tea, a British tradition, is a lovely and luscious way to entertain for baby showers, birthdays, engagement parties, and more. Come and join the conscious cook for an American twist on this time honored classic. Space is extremely limited. Please register at the Circulation Desk, by phone at 203-389-3433, or online at www.woodbridge.lioninc.org.

Film Screenings

Joy

Thursday, May 5 @ 7pm

Rated R, 2 hours - Joy is the story of the title character, who rose to become founder and matriarch of a powerful family business dynasty. Starring Jennifer Lawrence and Robert DeNiro.

The 33

Thursday, May 12 @ 7pm

Rated PG-13, 2hours and 3 minutes - Based on the real-life event, when a gold and copper mine collapses, it traps 33 miners underground for 69 days. Starring Antonio Banderas.

Steve Jobs

Thursday, May 12 @ 7pm

Rated PG-13, 2hours and 3 minutes - Steve Jobs takes us behind the scenes of the digital revolution, to paint a portrait of the man at its epicenter. The story unfolds backstage at three iconic product launches, ending in 1998 with the unveiling of the iMac.

Journey of the Universe

Thursday, May 12 @ 7pm

This Emmy Award winning documentary tells an epic story of cosmic, Earth and human transformation from The Big Bang to today. Evolutionary philosopher Brian Thomas Swimme and Yale historian of religions Mary Evelyn Tucker have crafted a narrative that both illuminates and celebrates the profound role humans play in the flourishing of the Earth. Join us on Wednesday, June 8 @ 7pm to hear author Mary Evelyn Tucker discuss the documentary and book it's based on!

Children and Teen Programs

Please register for all Children and Teen programs online at www.woodbridge.lioninc.org.

Aboriginal Stories and Craft Program

Saturday, May 7 @ 2pm

Come to the library for an afternoon of Aboriginal Tales and a beautiful turtle craft based on the art of Australia's native people. Space is limited please register.

Eager Readers Book Group Grades K-2

Monday, May 9 at 6:30 pm

Join us to read ThunderCake by Patricia Polacco. Read the story at home and come for a book discussion and craft. Space is limited please register.

Rockets...3...2...1

Wednesday, May 18 @ 4pm

Come and construct indoor paper "rockets", determine their flight stability, and launch them by blowing air through a drinking straw. Please register online. Grade 4 and up.

YA Wearables (grades 7-12)

Wednesday, May 25 @ 3pm

Ever wanted to merge technology and clothing? Now is your chance! Use your artistic talent to create a hoodie with simple or elegant light-up designs. You bring the hoodie, we bring the tech! No sewing experience necessary! This program is for teens in grades 7-12. Please register online.

Fandoms Unite

Saturday, May 28 @ 2pm for grades 7-12

Whether you are a trekkie, sherlockian, whoovian, browncoat, or potterhead, all are welcome! Come hang out and discuss what makes your fandom epic. Think of this like a book club meeting, but for pop culture junkies. Snacks, trivia, and more will be provided. Please register online.

SECOND ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE RETURNS

Don't miss the second annual Friends of the Woodbridge Library Book sale. The book sale will take place from June 3-5. Friday, June 3, is a special preview night for Friends of the Library members only from 4-7pm. You can become a Friends of the Library member at the door that evening by filling out an application and submitting membership dues. You can also join any time before the book sale by filling out an application at the Circulation Desk. Membership starts at \$15 for an individual membership, \$25 for a family membership, and \$10 for a senior or student membership. The book

sale will be open to the general public on Saturday, June 4, from 11am-4pm and Sunday, June 5, from 11am-3pm.

This year's book sale promises to be even bigger and better than last year thanks to all the wonderful book donations we have been getting in! The Friends of the Library is looking for volunteers (adults and teens in grade 9 and up) to help out with the book sale. Duties of volunteers will include organizing and sorting books in the weeks leading up to the book sale and help at the event. Please contact Marisa Von Beeden at 203-650-3640 to get involved.

PEEPS IN LITERATURE CONTEST WINNERS

The Woodbridge Town Library would like to congratulate this year's Peeps in Literature Contest Winners. Over 20 submissions were entered into the

contest and library patrons were allowed to vote over the last three weeks on their favorite entries. The winners in each category are:

Adult/Adult Group: UConn Champions by the Rowland Family



The Onofrey Family – Peeps Winners



Mathew and Makenzie – Peeps Winners



Harry Potter and the
Prisoners of the Peeps

TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES



WOODBIDGE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The annual Woodbridge Memorial Day ceremony will be held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Monument in front of the Center Building (4 Meetinghouse Lane) on Monday May 30 at 10:45 a.m. The program will include patriotic music, a memorial wreath presentation, the Woodbridge Police Department Honor

Guard and remarks by local and state officials.

Master of Ceremonies and veteran Barry Josephs will present the history of Memorial Day and give special recognition to those servicemen who were lost in the attack on Pearl Harbor 75 years ago.

FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR

By Nancy Pfund



Red Cross Instructor Anna Maria Mauhs instructs students in proper hold for choking response at Youth Services' Babysitter Training.

BABYSITTER TRAINING HELD IN WOODBRIDGE

Woodbridge Youth Services recently held a Red Cross Babysitter Training in the Woodbridge Library where students learned basic child care and how

to respond to emergency situations. Many of these students will be joining the Woodbridge Job Bank and will be available for babysitting.

Woodbridge Job Bank Seeks Teens Who Want to Earn Cash

The Job Bank in Woodbridge offers jobs to teen residents who would like to work for other Woodbridge residents who need help around the house. The application process offers a chance to learn about the interview process, safety

on the job, and how to negotiate pay. Types of jobs may include yard work, babysitting, animal care, house work, and tutoring.

Call Youth Services to join at 203-389-3429.

TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household Hazardous Waste located at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT at the Regional Water Authority will open for Saturday Collections on Saturday, May 14th, 2016 to accept residential household hazardous waste. Residents may bring their hazardous waste to this collection site on Saturdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – noon. Residents of Woodbridge, Bethany, and Orange are encouraged to look around their homes for any hazardous chemicals and/or cleaners that can be properly disposed.

The Town of Woodbridge will be hosting a Household Hazardous Waste satellite collection on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9:00am – Noon at the Woodbridge Transfer Station located at 85 Acorn Hill Road Extension. This collection is open to residents from Woodbridge, Bethany and the Town of Orange. This is a great opportunity to spring clean around the home and get rid of unwanted chemicals.

Volunteers are needed to help run this beneficial program. If you are 17 years of age or older, and would like to volunteer during the satellite collection, or "hometown" day, please contact the Public Works Office at 389-3420, or you may contact Tom Burns, HazWaste Coordinator at the Regional Water Authority (203) 401-2712. You may also access the RWA website at www.rwater.com for information.

This year the scheduled "hometown" day for Woodbridge is Saturday, July 23, 2016. This "Hometown" collection is held at the Regional Water Authority building, 90 Sargent Drive, in New Haven from 9:00am – Noon. Volunteers are needed to hand out cards, and assist with directing traffic. At no time does a volunteer come in contact with any hazardous material. This worthwhile program depends on volunteers for its continued success and benefits to our communities.



Students from Amity Middle School-Bethany campus enjoy a fantastic evening at the recent Bethwood Bash Semi-formal event. Well over 100 7th and 8th graders danced, played DJ games, ate great food donated by area restaurants and took photos to help create memories for a lifetime. The black light party was sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany.



SPRING YARD WORK DOESN'T HAVE TO BE BACK-BREAKING

By Kyle Brandy MSPT

When spring calls and is telling you to grab a rake and get the yard clean, consider how easy it is to make the wrong moves and hurt yourself. Raking requires upper body strength and endurance. Warm up your yard work by exercising your primary muscles, which include biceps, deltoids, rotator cuff, forearm, and parascapular muscles. Do it before and after raking.

Simple exercises, like arm circles, pendulums, forearm and upper trap stretching will help loosen these muscle groups. Proper posture while raking is a must. Stay upright, heal up, shoulders back, and don't hunch forward. Good postural habits will prevent rotator cuff impingement, strain on neck and back, and puts the upper body in position for the greatest mechanical advantage to create force and leverage. You'll also use less energy.

In removing leftover winter debris – limbs, twigs, leaves – all the residue left by a tough winter – remember to use your legs while bending over. The body's trunk and core are being tested, requiring the lumbar spine and hips to generate to move material. The strain is on your obliques, glutes and hip rotators along with the lumbar extensor muscles. That means there's a lot of muscle groups interacting to get the debris moved. Never bend from the waist to pick up leaves or sticks. It is vital to squat and bend your knees. Keep a flat back while you lift. This takes the stress off the lower lumbar spine, eliminating the possibility of strains and sprains or worse, injuries, such as herniated discs and

sciatica. Helpful, are warm up and cool down exercises such as hamstring, knee to chest, and trunk rotation stretches.

In short, summerize your body. Whether you're planting or engaged in sports, prepare yourself with proper exercise. Knees, hamstrings, calves, back, shoulders, biceps and triceps all come

into play. Yard work and sports require similar exercises. Trunk rotation stretches, hamstring stretches and lightweight workouts with dumbbells for biceps, triceps and deltoids are important in preventing serious injury. Squats with light barbells for your quads, hamstrings and glutes strengthen these important

stress absorbing muscles. The spine and lower back also take a heavy shock with physical labor and activity, so warm up with knee to chest exercises, trunk rotations, and quad and hamstring stretches.

So, get out there, enjoy the spring and summer, be active, it's good for you, but avoid injury by prepping your muscle groups and joints with a sensible set of exercises that can keep you fit while you engage in healthy outdoor activities.

Kyle Brandy, MSPT, is a licensed physical therapist and partner at Amity Physical Therapy. The practice was founded by Michael Dow CEO/Director, eleven years ago and maintains offices in Woodbridge, Hamden and Branford. Kyle Brandy is a graduate of Quinnipiac University with his Masters in Physical Therapy. He works with patients of all ages and ability levels, treating high level athletes with fractures and sprains to gait and balance dysfunction in the elderly. Kyle can be reached to set up evaluations at 203-389-4593.



Kyle Brandy MSPT

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

A Good Use of Chemicals

People have become very wary about chemicals in the products they use. Understandably, as chemical use should be employed with caution and education. However, there are times when using chemicals can prevent illness. Insect repellents are an example. These products, when used correctly, can prevent insect-borne illness such as West Nile, Zika and tick-related disease.

There are many products that repel insects. Repellents are pesticides that make you less attractive to insects. They do not kill the insects, but rather reduce the chance that they will bite you. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the most effective repellents are those that are applied directly to the skin. The EPA also registers repellents such as clip-ons, lanterns, table top diffusers and candles/coils. They do not register any products that rely on sound waves, as studies have not shown them to be effective.

The EPA has a listing of products that are registered for safe use. The most common repellent uses DEET, which is found in over 400 products, has been in use since 1957 and is one of the most effective at repelling insects. Other products contain ingredients that are registered with the EPA and have been shown to be effective and safe to apply to skin. They include: catnip oil (also known as Nepata cataria-cat mint); oil of citronella; IR 3535; Picaridin; Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus; and methyl-nonyl ketone. There are many natural products that claim to prevent bites, including cedar oil, geranium oil, peppermint/peppermint oil, prickly pear cactus and soybean oil, but these have not been evaluated by the EPA for safety and effectiveness. Note: A product called Permethrin can be used on clothing and bed nets. However, it should never be applied to the skin.

If you aren't sure what product to use, the EPA has a cool tool that will recommend a repellent for your circumstances. You can find it at www.epa.gov, search find insect repellent right for you. The EPA has also developed a graphic that you may start seeing on insect repellent products. The graphic will state what the

product best protects against (mosquitoes, ticks or both) and for how long the protection lasts (in hours). Look for it on product labels.

There will still be those who will resist the use of an insect repellent. (If you ever had Lyme Disease, you might change your mind). But note, the National Pesticide Information Center (www.npic.orst.edu) reports that the majority of reactions to an insect repellent, especially from DEET, are a result of MISUSE with a smaller number coming from an allergic reaction. When you use any product that contains chemicals, you must always follow the directions.

Some reminders about safe insect repellent use:

Read the directions, especially for children. Products containing DEET can be used on children 2 months or older. However oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under 3 years old.

- Do not use repellents under clothing.
- Do not apply repellents to hands, face, mouth, or areas of the skin that are cut, injured, or irritated.
- Do not spray products in an enclosed area.
- Do not spray products around food.
- Be courteous of others if applying repellent at an outdoor event.
- Wash off products when you return indoors.

Sunscreens and insect repellents can be used together. However, combination products are not recommended as sunscreen usually needs more frequent application. When applying, use sunscreen first and repellent second.

Perhaps you never used insect repellent before. After all, what's a little insect bite? In the ecology of Connecticut today, there are mosquitoes and ticks that can cause serious illnesses. The consistent use of insect repellent is an important and proven intervention for preventing such illnesses. You can learn more at www.cdc.gov, www.epa.gov or www.npic.orst.edu. For QVHD residents without internet access, call QVHD, 248-4528 for written information.

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DOLLAR\$ AND \$EN\$E

SECURITY FOR MOMS

By Roberta L Nestor

How many of you grew up with a mom who was impeccably dressed at the crack of dawn, white pearls and all? A mom that gently called up the stairs, "breakfast is ready, I've made all of your favorites"! And you would take your sleepy head downstairs following the smell of bacon and maple syrup just in time to see Mom in her apron pouring freshly squeezed orange juice and buttering your pancakes. It's easy to picture June Cleaver, the consequential Mom of the 1950s. How was she able to do all of those things for the boys and Ward? There was only one way and even though June was college educated, she chose motherhood as her full time career.

It probably didn't make much financial sense for a Mom to work in 1960, especially when you think about the cost to raise a child from birth to age 18 was only \$25,299 as compared to today's projected cost of \$226,290. For the household it made financial sense to have Mom stay home and provide care for the children. However, stay home Moms in the 1960s forfeited more than their careers. They also forfeited financial security for themselves. They had no unemployment insurance to tide them over after a divorce, no workers' compensation if they were injured and no Social Security benefits for the work they did, although even then, a housekeeper or nanny paid for the same work would have earned such benefits.

As a result of the high costs to raise a child most American families are now forced to have two incomes. But there were still obstacles for women who had careers and were expecting a child, there was a real risk of losing your job. In 1993 the Family and Medical Leave Act was put into law and included a provision that mandated 12 weeks of unpaid leave annually for mothers of newborn or newly adopted children. It also protects health insurance benefits while on maternity leave. In corporate America, The Medical Leave Act has expanded to include dads in the form of "family leave". Family Leave benefits vary greatly with companies, for example Walmart offers 2 weeks paid leave, versus Facebook who generously offers 16 weeks of paid leave.

When it comes to retirement assets protection for spouses is inconsistent to say the least. Today, a 401k plan is

often the largest asset that couples have. If the working spouse wants to name someone other than their spouse as the primary beneficiary, it now requires the worker to obtain a signature from their spouse. Unfortunately, this law does not apply to IRA accounts where you can have a non-spouse beneficiary without your spouse's knowledge. Pension plans now offer spousal protection to avoid the nasty surprise a widow might have when she realizes that her deceased spouse took a single life pension option, leaving her without any future income. Today, if you are married and you take any pension option other than a joint with survivorship, it requires the non-working spouse to sign off making them aware that there will not be any future income upon the death of the working spouse.

Non-working spouses will no doubt face financial challenges in retirement and should understand spousal benefit options for social security. They should also be taking advantage of non-working spousal IRA contributions (which also apply to ROTH IRA contributions if you are within the income limits) to have some financial security for their future. Try to take a more active role when it comes to the retirement plans that the working spouse has in place as well as life insurance as a form of income replacement in the event of a premature death of the working spouse. There are very specific areas of planning when there is a stay home parent and all Moms, working or not, deserve financial security for their retirement years. Happy Mother's Day to all!

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Wine Talk
With Ray Spaziani



**CELEBRATE MOTHERS DAY
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Frascati is a wine that was first grown in the town of Frascati on or about the 5th century B.C.! It has been around a long time and it is the great white wine of ancient Rome and one of the very favorites of several Popes. The town is located about 20 miles from Rome in the province of Frezino. This is an area where many of the Italian immigrants came from who first came to Connecticut just after the first world war and into the early 1920s. This group of "central Italians" remained a social and political force in the greater New Haven area for some time. There is still a large group of these people's descendants and family and friends who attend mass and have a dinner commemorating the patron saint of the area, Sant Cataldo. I like to think this famous Italian white has a connection to our area.

The wine is made from a blend of Malvasia di Candia, Malvasia del Lazio, Bombino bianco and Trebbiano Grapes. It is a crisp easy drinking demeanor and it is relatively low in alcohol (11-13 percent). It is a great wine to sip on a hot Summer day and is not very demanding. It is crisp and clean and pleasant and a great match with light pasta dishes. The wine is made to be drunk young and does not age well. In the 1960s as Italian wine making techniques began to improve, Frascati was given a D.O.C. designation which indicates some of Italy's finest wines and the wine was restricted as to the grapes that could be used. In 2011 the wine was given a D.O.C.G. Status. These are some of finest wines made in Italy In addition

to discovering just the right blend of grapes, the wine makers started to add a little Viognier grape which gave the wine a hint of tropical fruit flavor and that is when this wine got my attention. Some wine makers add a little Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc giving the wine little bigger foot print and a more international appeal.

Cannellino di Frascati wines are subtly sweet whites made partially from botrytized grapes of Malvasia and Trebbiano grown in the Frascati viticultural area in Lazio, Italy. Frascati is famous for its neutral scented dry whites, the sweet Cannellino has long been made by local vineyards. The history of Cannellino wines in Frascati is very much linked to the traditions of the festival of San Crispino on October 25 and lasted until the end of November. It is a difficult and complex harvest. It is quite similar to the production of "Ice Wine". The level of sweetness is more subtle and the wine is delicious.

This mother's day get mom some of the wine the Romans drink! Get her a bottle of Frascati you will glad you did! Happy Mother's Day!

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In 1963, we began to acknowledge the contributions of older people by using the month of May to celebrate Older Americans Month (OAM). Led by the Administration for Community Living, the annual observance offers the opportunity to learn about, support, and celebrate our nation's older citizens. This year's theme, "Blaze a Trail," emphasizes the ways older adults are reinventing themselves through new work and new

passions, engaging their communities, and blazing a trail of positive impact on the lives of people of all ages.

While the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut provides a wide range of services and resources to older adults year-round, we will use OAM 2016 to focus on how older adults in our community are leading and inspiring others, how we can support and learn from them, and how we might follow their examples to blaze trails of our own. Throughout the month, Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut will conduct activities and share information designed to highlight older adults as active and valued members of our community and fight ageist attitudes that seek to place them as an afterthought. We encourage you to get involved by attending or participating in Art of Aging on May 19th, and learning more about how you can fight ageism every day at StopAgeismNow.org.

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WILLIAM ROSARIO RECOGNIZED AS MAY PERSON OF THE MONTH

First Selectman Ellen Scalettar recognized William Rosario as the May Woodbridge Person of the Month. Scalettar initiated the Woodbridge Person of the Month Recognition program to spotlight the many Woodbridge residents, volunteers and employees who go above and beyond the expected in their dedication and commitment to Woodbridge and its residents.

Since 1996 Rosario has worked as a custodian for the Town of Woodbridge. In addition to usual custodial duties, he organizes and manages the set-up and break-down for most Town events, including meetings, special events and the summer concerts.

Recently, Rosario has managed the set-up and break-down of large meetings and events running concurrently. For example, on April 25 Rosario set-up for the Presidential Preference Primary while also setting up the Town's Preliminary Budget Hearing and still managed to complete his regular duties. He returned to work the following morning at 4:30 a.m.to unlock doors for the Primary. The following week Rosario

organized rooms to host a large public meeting with the state Department of Transportation and the Amity Budget Referendum, also both on the same day.

His ability to juggle multiple events at the same time while maintaining a positive attitude and a cheerful demeanor is impressive.

"William is incredibly reliable and proactive," said Scalettar. "The Town of Woodbridge would be at a loss without William – he is the behinds-the-scene person who makes so many of our public meetings and community events possible."

Rosario is frequently under a lot of pressure to make sure that events are set up properly and on time, but he makes it look so easy.


Rosario is considerate of everyone and is able to juggle events to avoid causing cancelations.

If you know a Woodbridge employee, resident or volunteer who's gone above and beyond expectations, please nominate that person for this award by contacting Betsy Yagla at byagla@woodbridgect.org or 203-389-3403.

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The character trait for the 3rd quarter was "responsibility". The students who recently received the "Character of the Quarter" award are: Standing - Claire Hosey, Abigail Slanski, Michael Decesare, Chris Uscilla, Olivia Fryer. Kneeling- Luke Cassidy, Emma Waldron, Joshua Feuerstein, Max Boynton, Tassos Kyriakides, Madison Grieger. (Not pictured - Jenna Ciola.)

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Q: Is it true that **Stana Katic** is leaving "**Castle**" after this season? If so, what will happen to the show? -- Lydia M., via email

A: The gorgeous and talented actress who plays Capt. Kate Beckett on the beloved ABC police procedural is indeed leaving at the end of this -- the show's eighth -- season. Also exiting **Tamala Jones**, who plays the smart and sassy medical examiner Lanie Parish. Not only are the fates of Katie and Lanie up in the air, but so is the fate of the show.

"Castle" was not among the list of ABC renewals announced back in March. Of course, rumors are flying, including scenarios such as "Castle" having a shortened, 13-episode season nine, or complete cancellation, or maybe it'll be business as usual, sans our favorite police captain. What this would mean for Richard and Kate's marriage is anyone's guess.

Executive producer **Alexi Hawley** told "Entertainment Weekly": "If we hear that we're not coming back, we have shot something that we can put at the end of the episode as a way to put a button on everything. ... We did it in order to try to protect the fans, because you can't end the series on a cliffhanger."

Q: I was pleasantly surprised by **Megan Fox's** guest-starring turn on "**New Girl**" while **Zooey Deschanel** was on maternity leave. She's got comedy chops! Can you tell me what else she's got going on? -- Bobby T., Atlanta

A: Megan, who is pregnant with her third child, stars in the newest big-screen adaptation of "**Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles**," which hits theaters June 3. This fun family film will show us yet another side of this proving-to-be-



Stana Katic [ABC/Bob D'Amico]

versatile actress. Recently Megan told "E! News": "It was a lot of fun making the movie. It's a lot of fun promoting the movie. I just have a really good time. It's a lighthearted, fun, kids summer-blockbuster movie we're all lucky to be a part of."

Q: I loved **John McGinley** on "**Scrubs**." Does he have any projects in the works? -- Nick V., via email

A: IFC just announced that John has been cast as the lead in the network's original comedy-horror series "**Stan Against Evil**," which is set to debut this fall. So far, what we know about the series is that it follows Stanley Miller (played by John), a sour, aging bulldog of a small-town New Hampshire police sheriff, who was recently fired due to an angry outburst at his wife's funeral. When the new, strong-willed sheriff, Evie Barret (**Janet Varney**), opens his eyes to the plague of angry demons haunting their town, Stan begrudgingly joins an alliance with her to fight them off.

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Emerald Ash Borer holes on ash tree bark. The flaking of the bark causes "blonding," a symptom of disease.



The town recently had several trees removed near the firehouse. The trees were either dead or diseased and posed a threat to the building and the families of the firemen.

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ing the crown, which causes disease. The wood becomes dry and pulp-like, Connors said. When a limb hits the road, it pulverizes, one tell-tale sign of disease. Typically the ash crown will be the first to show disease and break off, then the bark sheds in places ("blonding"), until the trunk eventually collapses on itself.

Another sign of infestation are the tell-tale holes produced by the fully developed beetle, as they emerge from the wood, where they produced serpentine tunnels under the bark. Woodpeckers are popular visitors, as they have easy access to the beetles through the softened bark.

Connors has developed an eye for diseased ash trees, even though the damage may not be visible to the untrained eye. He keeps a list of trees on town property that need to be addressed – several trees on Acorn Hill and Peck Hill, on Pease and North Pease roads, also a handful of trees at the Pease Road entrance to the High School. He relies on residents' cooperation to point him to those trees that may constitute a risk. His charge is to manage the trees on town property, those along the roads – typically ten feet from the side of the road – and around public buildings. Connors assesses the risk of each tree to cause injury or damage to buildings before he decides to have the tree removed. He contracts the job out.

In late April crews cut down some 14 trees on the side of the firehouse, as they were dead or diseased and causing a threat to the building as well as the firemen and walking trails.

Property Owners Face Decisions

Property owners who have ash trees on their land will face similar questions. Should they treat the tree or take it down? Richard Lewis III, of Woodbridge Estate Care, offers his customers a regimen of pesticides injections, which can kill the beetle and help preserve the tree. However, at this point it's almost too late. "You could have had a chance if you had started three years ago," he said.

Cost of a treatment is based on the diameter of the trunk. An 18" tree will cost some \$180 per treatment, and at this point has a 50-50 chance of success,

he said. The treatment will need to be repeated annually to ensure the tree's continued health. In most cases, it becomes an economic decision whether property owners choose the pesticide treatment or to have the tree removed. The decision also will depend on how close the tree is to the house or other buildings. More often than not, ash trees self-seeded and will show up in clusters. If a property owner has seven ash trees that all die at the same time, they all need to be addressed at the same time, Lewis said. Those are the considerations homeowners may face.

"It's definitely a public safety problem," he said. When people are walking along the the road near diseased trees, "you should think twice which side of the road you walk on," he said. The Blue Trails which run through the Alice Newton Street Park and other areas of town have many ash trees, most of which can be expected to be diseased, he said. He said he recommended to the Park Association leaders to have a forester harvest all the ash trees before they cause a problem.

In Bethany, the South Central Regional Water Authority had two timber sales in 2015, the first one of which in January was very successful, said the Water Authority forester, Nick Zito. But there is not much left in terms of ash trees, and the wood quality is so poor it can barely be used for fire wood.

Bethany is considered the "epicenter" of the emerald ash borer infestation in Connecticut. Eversource, the electric utility, took down some 900 trees there last year. Nationwide, millions of trees have died in the past 15 years since the emerald ash borer made its appearance in North America. Drought and other environmental stressors have made the trees more susceptible to the beetle infestation.

Luckily, the large variety of species in this area has helped keep the woods in Woodbridge. Ash trees only constitute about 4% of the tree population in Connecticut, even if they could be as high as 20% in some urban areas, according to the DEEP website on the subject.

For further information:
<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/>
http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2697&q=464598&deepNav_GID=1631



ARLYN'S HOSTS EVENT TO SUPPORT RYAN'S CIRCLE OF GIVING

Ryan Gordon was truly a special young man. Always thinking of others, he was involved with charitable activities throughout his young life such that he received his school's community service award in 8th grade. Tragically, at the age of 19 he lost his life to an aggressive form of cancer, but not before requesting that all of his college savings be contributed to charities that were important to him.

In honor of Ryan's legacy, Phyllis and Barry Gordon, Ryan's parents, started a fund at The Community Foundation of Middlesex County to support a variety of charities that meant so much to Ryan. The charities that benefited from the event are Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale New Haven, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Ryan Gordon Scholarship at KingswoodOxford and the Ryan Gordon Hartford Wolf Pack Fund. Annette Norton, owner of Arlyn's Fine Accessories, after hearing Ryan's story from her longtime customer Phyllis Gordon suggested that Arlyn's host a fund raising event for Ryan's

charity. Annette named the store after her grandmother who also lost her life to cancer. Arlyn's Fine Accessories gave 20% of all sales from the evening to the charities.

Annette Norton, proprietor of Arlyn's Fine Accessories in Woodbridge had just set down the last plate of hors d'oeuvres, when Joanne Cooper of Woodbridge, a longtime customer walked through the door. Joanne had received a call from Annette earlier in the week asking if she might come and support the event. Another customer came from Branford to support the event. Customers called in from NYC to Newport, RI to make purchases over the phone. The response was and is a true testament that giving back to the community can ignite people to come together and truly make a positive impact.

To find out about future charity events please see Arlyn's Fine Accessories Facebook page. In addition, to find out more about Ryan you can visit his website www.ryanscircleofgiving.com.

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SIMPLIFY FLYING WITH BABIES IN TOW

Many parents of infants resolve to avoid air travel until their tikes enter toddlerhood. But air travel is not always avoidable, as parents may need to attend family functions or other events with baby in tow.

Flying with infants can be difficult, as airplane cabins can hurt youngsters' ears and cause them to cry. In addition, parents may be nervous that something might go wrong when flying with infants, potentially making the flight less enjoyable for parents and their fellow passengers. While there is no way to guarantee infants won't shed a few tears during their next flight, the following are a handful of ways to simplify flying with kids less than two years of age.

Choose an infant-friendly flight time. Flying at a time of day or night when infants typically sleep can increase the chance that babies will sleep through much of the flight, if not the whole trip. When booking flights, keep kids' usual nap time in mind before selecting an itinerary. It also pays to familiarize yourself with the airline's policy regarding infants and carry-on bags before booking your flight.

Choose an aisle seat. You and your baby likely won't make it through the flight without having to stand up and walk to the bathroom or simply walk the aisle to calm your baby's nerves. Choose an aisle seat so you don't have to

ask your spouse or the passenger sitting next to you to stand up several times during the flight.

Feed your child and check his or her diaper before takeoff. Hunger and/or wet, dirty diapers typically make infants cry no matter where they are. If you want your baby to fall asleep the moment you board your flight, make sure he or she is well fed and has a clean diaper prior to boarding. Close the window if the sun is shining through, as that can make it difficult for kids to fall asleep.

Prepare for takeoff and initial descent. Pressure changes in airplane cabins tend to be most noticeable during the takeoff and initial descent. Such changes are when ears are most likely to pop. Many adults experience discomfort when their ears pop during cabin pressure changes, and infants are no different. Speak with flight attendants upon boarding, asking for advice about managing any pain that might result from popping ears. Some parents find that offering infants pacifiers or bottles as cabin pressure is about to change can help infants make it through such changes without crying. Keep in mind that pilots typically announce when planes are about to begin their initial descent, which may be 20 to 30 minutes before the plane is scheduled to land.

Flying with infants may be something parents prefer to avoid, but there are ways to make such travel go smoothly.



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DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



MOTHER'S DAY 2016

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th this year. There are over 83 million mothers living today in the United States, according to the U.S. Census Bureau and over 2 billion mothers living worldwide. According to the National Restaurant Association, Mother's Day is now the most popular day of the year to dine out at a restaurant in the United States. The following restaurants are all family owned and operated. This group offers a wide range of cuisine along with prices to suit everyone's budget. Please note that Mother's Day reservations are highly recommended for all these well established and popular restaurants except where noted below.

ANDINI'S RESTAURANT/PIZZA- 555 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-799-0200-Regular menu & specials-serving from 12p-9p. Top notch Italian cuisine & full bar.

BIAGETTI'S RESTAURANT - 77 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516; Phone: 203-934-7700 - Offering a special Mother's Day Menu from 11:30am-5:30pm. This very popular West Haven restaurant has been going strong for over 25 years serving Italian American cuisine with unbelievable portions patterned after the "typical traditional Sunday Italian dinner".

CHINA PAVILION-185 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-795-3555-Outstanding & award winning Asian cuisine since 1982-serving its regular menu from 11:30am-10:00pm.

CONSIGLIO'S - 165 Wooster Street, New Haven-203-865-4489-This iconic Italian restaurant is celebrating 78 years-offering its regular dinner menu beginning at 11:00am.

COROMANDEL CUISINE OF INDIA-185 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-795-9055-Award winning Indian cuisine-Grand Buffet Brunch 11:45a-3:15p-offering over 30 dishes-\$24.00 per person-Regular dinner menu with Chef's specials served from 5p-10p. They now have a great outdoor patio for dining & cocktails.

COUNTRY CORNER FAMILY RESTAURANT-756 Amity Road (Route 63), Bethany-203-393-1489-featuring homemade comfort food for breakfast, lunch & dinner serving from 6am-9pm with a flower for all moms. No reservations.

GABRIELE RISTORANTE ITALIANO-326 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-799-2633-serving authentic Italian cuisine for 33 years-offering a pre-fix dinner menu from 12p-9p on mom's special day.

LA FAMIGLIA VINCENZO-1573 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT 06460-203-951-0585-serving brunch from

11a-2:30p at \$19.95-Regular dinner menu with special starting at 2:30pm- Complimentary cocktail for all Moms. Owner Carol Gloria offers an intimate dining with guests being her top priority.

OLA-350 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-891-0522-Award winning new world Latino cuisine & Mojito bar-offering all mothers a complimentary glass of red or white sangria. Serving its regular dinner menu & specials from 3p-10p.

POP'S FAMILY RESTAURANT-134 Old Gate Lane, Milford-203-876-1210-Popular family friendly restaurant serving breakfast, lunch & dinner from 5:00am-8:00pm. No reservations.

SCRIBNER'S RESTAURANT-31 Village Road, Milford-203-878-7019-serving Mother's Day specials along with its regular dinner menu from 12p-6p. Celebrating 43 years of top notch seafood with outstanding service & ambiance.

SEASONS BY JEFFREY'S-501 New Haven Avenue, Milford-203-878-1910-Fine dining at its best-offering Mother's Day specials along with its regular menu from 12p-8p. All mothers will receive a complimentary glass of champagne with dinner. In addition, talented pianist & vocalist Ray Cranshaw will be serenading all guests.

SHANGHAI GOURMET-533 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-891-8788-Exotic Asian cuisine at its best with great New York Times review. Mother's Day specials & regular menu served from 11a-10p. All moms will receive special gift compliments of owners Winnie & Steven.

SOLUN TAPAS BAR & RESTAURANT-245 Amity Road, Woodbridge-203-298-9741-Outstanding Spanish cuisine-offering a special Mother's Day all you can eat buffet brunch served from 10:30a-3:30pm. Bottomless Mimosas, Bellinis, or Bloody Mary's \$15.00 -Regular menu served from 4pm-9pm. Check out their every Wednesday 14oz Prime Rib special for \$19.95.

WOODBIDGE SOCIAL-12 Selden Street, Woodbridge -203-553-9135-Brunch from 10:30a-3:00p-Regular menu served after 3:00p.

FINAL NOTES: If you are fortunate enough to have your Mother with you on this day, remember to do something special for her. A restaurant dinner, flowers, card, visit, or phone call with a kind word. Trust me, it will make her day! Happy Mother's Day to all our cherished moms. Please remember to support our local family owned businesses. If you have a favorite restaurant please e-mail: susan@woodbridgetown-news.com.

FROM THE FIRST
SELECTMAN'S DESK

By Ellen Scalettar



We are reaching the final stage of our budget process; the Annual Town Meeting on Monday May 16th at 7:30 PM at the Center Gym (4 Meeting-house Lane). The process began nearly eight months ago when our Town departments and volunteer commission members began working on the 2016-17 fiscal year budget which runs from July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017.

This bottom up, collaborative start of the process provides a solid foundation for the work of the Boards of Selectmen and Finance that follows. This year, the Board of Selectmen reviewed and reduced the total Department requests and unanimously recommended a revised budget to the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance further analyzed competing needs and anticipated income and reduced the original department requests further - from an original requested increase of nearly 7% to under 3%.

Four principles guide my approach to the budget: 1) controlling taxes to assure residents they are paying no more than necessary for the services they expect and value; 2) maximizing efficiencies; 3) maintaining and enhancing Town services; and 4) continuing the highest levels of fiscal stewardship and accountability.

Certain challenges we faced in preparing the budget this year arose from matters beyond the control of the Town. First, the State's financial difficulties have resulted in a reduction in our State revenues and creates uncertainty about the amount and timing of future payments.

Second, education spending (which accounts for 60% of our budget) is on the rise. At Beecher Road School, special

education costs are going up. At Amity, the number of Woodbridge students enrolled has increased while the number of Orange and Bethany students has declined. This resulted in an increase in our share of the Amity budget of nearly \$800,000.

The third challenge is entirely new. A new state law mandates that mill rates on motor vehicles be capped at 32 mills (meaning you would pay \$32 for every \$1000 of assessed value). For towns like Woodbridge with a mill rate above 32, that means the Town will collect less in car taxes, and therefore needs to raise more from real estate taxes. For that reason, the Board of Finance's recommended real estate mill rate is 39.02. If there were no motor vehicle tax cap the Town's proposed mill rate would be 38.69. At this time, we expect the State to reimburse the Town for most, but not all, of the lost motor vehicle tax revenue.

To learn more about these issues you can view the Preliminary Budget Presentation on the Town's website (www.woodbridgect.org) under "Finance Department."

In addition to the Annual Town Meeting on May 16, other important events to keep in mind include: Restaurants and retail representatives are invited to a meeting with the First Selectman at Town Hall on May 18; the Country Club of Woodbridge Pool will open Memorial Day weekend; the annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be May 30 at 10:45 AM in front of the Center Building; and on June 4 the Town and Coachman Square are co-sponsoring a Business Expo at Coachman Square.

For more details on these events and more, sign up for the Town's email newsletter at tinyurl.com/WoodbridgeEnews.

FROM ACROSS THE AISLE

By Selectman
Maria Cruz Kayne



My last column reported facts about environmental contamination at the Country Club of Woodbridge, including a "Significant Environmental Hazard" in the maintenance area - chlordane (a pesticide banned since 1988) and arsenic in shallow soil at more than 30 times acceptable levels.

At the April Board of Selectmen's meeting, the First Selectman harshly criticized me for writing about this subject. I am surprised that she responded so negatively. As the Town's elected officials, we should want to know these facts and make them available to the public.

The First Selectman responded to my request and held a meeting last week with Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) officials and the Town's environmental consultant, HRP Associates, to address the contamination. Based on this meeting and review of additional documents, it is clear that the previous Town administration had been placed on a cleanup schedule by DEEP and was complying with that schedule. In 2009, DEEP directed the Town to investigate the entire property and begin cleanup within three years. During the investigation, the Town found the Significant Environmental Hazard in the Maintenance Area and duly reported it to the State. Further, the Town - through its environmental consultant - informed the State that cleanup of the Maintenance Area was "dependent on incorporating the estimated remediation expenses in the municipal fiscal budget. Under normal circumstances, funding for the project would become available July 1, 2012."

As we now know the plan to begin cleanup in FY12-13 was not carried out. HRP was hired in September 2012 to create a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for

the Maintenance Area. At that time, HRP estimated that the creation of the RAP and the removal of the contaminated soil could happen within one year. But the RAP was not actually issued until March 9, 2016 - three and a half years after it was authorized. Under law, the Town bears the responsibility to clean up this contamination promptly. I am particularly concerned about the residents living near the CCW who received official notification from HRP last month that a remediation was going to occur. I am troubled that the notification letter provides confusing statements about the contamination and offers no date for starting the cleanup, leaving a "cloud" over their properties.

Last week's meeting with DEEP officials lasted nearly three hours, and was filled with long, uncomfortable pauses by the HRP representatives when they were asked pointed questions. The representatives from HRP failed to adequately explain the long gap between the commencement of their work on the RAP and its eventual delivery. Still other unanswered questions remain: when will the Town actually perform the cleanup of the Maintenance Area? When will a RAP be created for the other areas on the property that require cleanup, especially the Halfway House at the corner of Ansonia and Johnson Roads, which HRP identified as the next priority? With no schedule for the remediation and no funding for it in the Town's budget, neighboring residents are being left in limbo. The First Selectman should carry out the plan originally set forth by DEEP and state statute and begun by her predecessor, Ed Sheehy. She should start cleaning up this environmental contamination.

Maria Cruz Kayne, Selectman is an Unaffiliated Voter who ran on the Republican Ticket. Contact # 203 387 5922.

FROM THE PROS AT AMITY GARDENS

SPRING GARDENING: PREPARATION AND FERTILIZATION

Now's the time to grab a spade and dig in. Even better, get a rototiller and go to town, turning over the soil some 8" to 10" deep to produce healthy, vigorous growth in plants once you've prepared your beds.

But first, rake off all of last year's debris: dead plants, stems, grass, weeds, etc. Store them for future composting. Once you've broken up the clods of soil to make it crumbly and workable, rake the soil evenly and distribute a 10-10-10 balance of fertilizer, either synthetic (chemical) or organic. The classic formula of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium is critical,

but consult with your local garden center for the specifics of your soil. You might take a sample for analysis. (At our garden center we can lead you to a laboratory or Ag Station for advice and analysis that includes the ideal pH levels for a variety of crops.) Organic fertilizers will take longer to break down and distribute



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their nutrients. They offer a wide choice of processed ingredients such as bone meal, blood meal, and worm castings for example. Chemical fertilizers on the other hand will quickly break down, often in hours or days, to deliver a "blast" of nutrients to the soil.

Many synthetic and organic brands of fertilizers can be explored at our

garden center, including liquid fertilizers (both organic and synthetic) with a mission to quickly get nutrients to the roots of plants both before and after transplanting. Serious gardeners can virtually "tailor" their nutrients to each plant species, both vegetables and flowering plants. At Amity Gardens, we employ veteran gardening experts skilled in the process of preparing soils for vegetables, flowers, trees and shrubs. They can offer valuable advice to the beginner or the experienced gardener. For a helpful "hotline" call 203-393-1219.

"A mother is always the beginning. She is how things begin." — AMY TAN, *THE BONESETTER'S DAUGHTER*

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HOSTS ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Members of the Orange Congregational Church are thinking summer and are in full swing preparing for their 8th annual Strawberry Festival. The Festival is June 11 from 9AM to 5PM at the Orange Fairgrounds. The rain date is June 12. Admission and parking are free.

The volunteers are planning for all the strawberry treats that take center stage at the Festival when the strawberry is "king for the day". Shortcakes, jams, pies, chocolate dipped strawberries and sundaes will be ready for the hungry fair crowd to purchase and enjoy. These strawberry treats sell out quickly. Delicious festival food will be available throughout the day.

Many of the popular family attractions will return this June. The Red Car Show will be on the Fairgrounds from 10AM to 3PM. Red cars and trucks of all vintages are welcomed. The cost is \$10 per car and there is no cut-off date to enter. For details of the car show, contact (203)799-6748. Musical entertainment, children's games, face painting and rides are scheduled throughout the day.

Vendor applications are still being accepted. Last year the Festival had more than 70 vendor booths with displays by artists, handcrafters, local business owners, and antique dealers. Applications are available on the church website at www.orangecongregationalchurch.org or call (203)795-9749.

Orange Congregational Church at 205 Meeting House Lane in Orange, CT (203-795-9749) also invites you to come to worship with us at our regular



Orange Congregational Church

Sunday worship services taking place at 8 a.m. in the Chapel or 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

The annual Tag Sale, sponsored by the youth of the Pilgrim Fellowship, will be held on Saturday, May 7th from 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on the Orange Town Green. On Sunday, May 15th there will be only one worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, where we will welcome this year's Confirmation Class as members of our church community. On Wednesday May 18th, please join us for a midweek service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, in the Taize style which uses meditative chants and periods of silence to create an atmosphere of contemplative worship. Children's Sunday will take place on May 22nd at the 10:00 a.m. worship service, hosted by our Church School children and their leaders. On Sunday May 29th, there will be only one worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The Orange Congregational Church Nursery School will also have its annual Bake Sale. Many baked goods, sweet treats, hot coffee and cold drinks and much more will be available at their tent on the green during the Memorial Day parade.

THE ISLE OF KLEZBOS TO PERFORM AT MISHKAN ISRAEL

On Sunday, May 22 at 4:00 pm, Congregation Mishkan Israel presents a fun and appealing concert by the all-female klezmer powerhouse Isle of Klezbos. The band has been hailed as "brilliant, intense, [and] eclectic" by New York Music Daily for its "intoxicating mix of a hundred years' worth of classic and original klezmer, Latin, jazz, and film music."

This will be a special octet appearance by the genre-defying Isle of Klezbos, which usually performs as a sextet. HEEB Magazine loves the band's "sumptuous sound," and Edge New York City raves, "These ladies are damned good musicians, period." The group has toured from Vienna to Vancouver and has been seen on CBS Sunday Morning as well as CNN and PBS.

"Jewish music is a celebration of our diversity," said Cantor Arthur Giglio of

Congregation Mishkan Israel (CMI), "and what better way for CMI to celebrate our diversity than to present the Isle of Klezbos? They are not just any female klezmer band; these extraordinarily talented musicians are the musical ethos of our diversity and inclusiveness. Their music spans multiple styles and genres. They represent all that makes Reform Judaism unique."

Doors open at 3:30 pm, and the concert begins at 4:00. Audiences should arrive early to get the best seats. The concert takes place at Congregation Mishkan Israel, located at 785 Ridge Road in Hamden. This is a family-friendly event.

Tickets are \$36, with a special price of \$10 for children 6 and up and college students. Children age 5 and under are free! Tickets can be purchased online at www.cmihamden.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

Come welcome Shabbat with Rabbi Farbman and the Temple Emanuel community at several special Kabbalat Shabbat services in the month of May:

Friday, May 6 at 6:30 pm: Family Service lead by 4th grade students from our religious school, with assistance from the TE Children's Choir and a small ensemble from the TE Band;

Friday, May 13 at 8:00 pm: Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service with members of the TE Band;

Friday, March 20 at 8:00 pm: Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Torah Service with members of the TE Band.

Safe Stance, six-part series of discussions aimed at preventing falls, will be presented at Temple Emanuel on Thursdays from 11 am to 12 noon, beginning on May 5. This lecture series, presented by Tower One/Tower East and sponsored by Temple Emanuel and Congregation Or Shalom, is free and open to everyone in the community.

On Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 pm the TE adult study group and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven present a screening of the documentary, Stateless. In the late 1980s, many thousands of Soviet Jews were finally allowed to leave the USSR. What they did not expect was



Temple Emanuel

that the United States no longer welcomed them with open arms. Immigration laws changed, and, unable to prove "a reasonable fear of persecution," many Soviet Jews could not file for refugee status and found themselves stranded in Italy.

The screening will be followed by a question and answer session with the director, Michael Drob, and members of the TE community who lived through the experiences depicted in the film. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. To register for the film screening, and for more information about these and other events, celebrations and services at Temple Emanuel, please go to the TE website: www.templemanuel@gnh.org, or call the temple office at 203-397-3000. Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Ave. in Orange.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB

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Upcoming Events

Friday, May 13th at 5:30 p.m.
Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner

Bring your favorite pareve or dairy dishes to share. Dinner starts at 5:30 pm; 6:30 pm Shabbat Service & Religious School Graduation

Special Services

Friday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m. A Special Mexican Shabbat Dinner (includes Margaritas!) and

Shabbat Ruach

Professional and congregant musicians lead these uplifting musical Shabbat services. All are welcome to Shabbat Schmooze and Services but you must pre-register for dinner. Your payment is your reservation.

Saturday, May 21st at 9:00 a.m. Shir Hadash

A songful, prayerful, soulful service. We will be using the power of our music

and the kavanah of our words and hearts to manifest God's presence.

Every Week

Bread & Torah

Every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. (Except when Shir Hadash occurs.) Come learn parshat hashavua (the weekly torah portion) over bagels and coffee in the library with Rabbi Shapiro before 9:45 a.m. services.

Mah Jong & Canasta

Every Tuesday & Wednesday. Anyone can come in and play. We will be offering coffee "and" but feel free to bring a dairy lunch. Please call to reserve a table.

Daily Minyan

As a reminder, daily minyan is at 7:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. and Sunday morning minyan is at 9:00 a.m. Friday night services are at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

All programs are open to the public. RSVP required when indicated.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS



ST. GABRIEL'S HOLDS IRISH MUSIC SESSION WITH CLAIRE EGAN

Fiddler Claire Egan will join the P.V. O'Donnell Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann traditional music session on Thursday, May 19, at St. Gabriel's Parish Hall, 26 Broadway, Milford, CT, 7:45 pm. Admission is free. Musicians, dancers, singers and guests are welcomed. BYOB.

Claire is said to be one of the best fiddle players in the circuit today. Hers is a unique fiddle voice with a sweet tone and skillful ingenuity. Her stunning solo debut recording, *Turning Tides*, released in 2015, is considered one of the top recordings of traditional Irish music, whether contemporary or historical.

Born in London and now based in County Clare, Ireland, Claire's family of musicians and artists came from the West of Ireland. She has been immersed in traditional Irish music her entire life, and was influenced and taught by many of the great musicians from Ireland

living in London. Claire went on to win several competitions as well as other prizes and awards including the Young Artists Award from the Irish Youth Foundation to assist with her studies including a Masters at the Royal Academy of Music, London. Her music is regularly heard on BBC radio, RTE, RnaG, and International broadcasts. She has played on several soundtracks and appeared on various television shows and recorded with various singer/songwriters, upcoming composers, ensembles and Orchestras throughout the world.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann was founded in 1951 in Ireland to promote Irish traditional music, song, dance and language. Today there are 415 branches worldwide and more than two million people attend Comhaltas functions each year. For information on the session call Tim at 203-257-8737.

COMEDY NIGHT AT TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

Temple Beth Sholom, 1809 Whitney Avenue, Hamden presents Stand Up Comedy Night May 14th at 8:30 pm. Featured are comedian and actor Steve Scott, who has been described as a perfect mix of Jerry Seinfeld and Jim Carrey, and Joe Larson, finalist in the Johnny Carson Great American Comedy Festival. Refreshments will be served. \$36 per person in advance. \$40 at the door. Contact the Temple office at (203) 288-7748.

Temple Beth Sholom is a conservative egalitarian synagogue with over 400 member families and singles from



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the Greater New Haven community. For information about Temple Beth Sholom, contact the Temple office at (203) 288-7748 or go to www.tbshamden.com.

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD MAY EVENTS

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd welcomes the public to our calendar of fun and spiritually enriching events for this month.

Sunday, May 15th, The Church of the Good Shepherd will celebrate the Day of Pentecost. This is the day when scripture tells us that the flame of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the followers of Christ enabling them to speak in the languages of the nations of the earth—men and women, young and old, slave and free, all equal before God and worthy of God's saving grace. Members of the congregation will speak the Easter acclamation in many languages, and all are encouraged to wear red, signifying the fire of the Holy Spirit. Please join us for this celebration of God's power, love, and grace!



Church of the Good Shepherd

tation explores fasting as an ancient spiritual practice, across religious traditions, and how fasting has relevant and contemporary lessons for everyone. The talk is free and open to the public.

The Shepherd's Table, our free lunch and fellowship program, will be going on hiatus for the summer. The last luncheon will be Wednesday, May 25th. During the summer months recreational bingo fun will continue on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall from 10:30am to Noon. We look forward to seeing our Wednesday regulars this summer as well as newcomers.

On Youth Sunday, June 5th, our 9:30 service will be led by the young people of the congregation filling the roles of readers, preachers, and Eucharistic assistants. Please join us as we mark God's promise of renewal and hope through the ministry of our young people and the celebration of our new confirmands. All are welcome at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

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.; 9:30am Faith Formation (for Children and Families), and Rite II Holy Eucharist with music @ 9:30 a.m.

For more information about the The Church of the Good Shepherd's many other programs, such as our monthly Book Club, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and Healing Eucharist, please call the Parish Office @ (203) 795-6577, email us @ thegoodshepherd@optonline.net, visit our website @ www.thegoodshepherdorange.org, and of course, check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cg-sorangelctfor frequent postings.



Our popular Prayer Shawl Ministry is open to the public and meets on Sunday, May 15th at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting a prayer shawl for a person in need is welcome to join us. We craft all year-round and meet regularly. Our prayer shawls are blessed during a Sunday Eucharist and then distributed by our parishioners to friends, neighbors and family members in need and at area hospitals.

Imam Omer Bajwa, Coordinator of Muslim Life at Yale University, will be our guest speaker on Thursday evening, May 19th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. His topic will be "Inner and Outer Dimensions of Fasting Ramadan in Islam." The talk will present an overview of Ramadan (which begins June 6th) and how it is observed by Muslims around the world. This multi-media presen-

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST TO HOLD 61ST STRAWBERRY FEST

The First Church of Christ, Woodbridge will hold its 61st Annual Strawberry Festival on June 10th, 2016 and all are welcome to join them on the Green at the First Church of Christ, 5 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Reelin' Away will entertain with old-time fiddle and banjo music. Burgers, cheeseburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, salad, chips and drinks will be

served. Strawberry shortcakes are made from scratch. The cost of the complete meal is \$12 or just shortcake is \$6. Take-out is available. All proceeds go to the benefit of the Church and its programs.

The festival will be held indoors if there is inclement weather. Please call the Woodbridge First Church Office at (203) 389-2119 with questions or for directions.

LOCAL SPORTS



Pictured above are Cade Williams, Kadan Lottick, Tim Brown, and Coach Robert Rosa. Below are the boys giving coach Sandra Marchant their trophy.

AMITY FENCING TAKES GOLD

The Amity High School fencing team had an astonishing victory the weekend of April 23rd at the CT State High School Championships. This seventh seed foil team crushed the competition to merge triumphant and take home the gold. But wait! This isn't just a sport story! It is a sports mystery!!! The average sports savant would believe, quite rightly, that in order to win at a statewide athletics competition that a school would actually need to have a team. And Amity High School does not have a fencing team.

Apparently some students at Amity have the bravado to overcome obstacles that might strike the rest of us as insurmountable. The winning team consisted of seniors Kadan Lottick, Cade Williams, and Tim Brown. Kadan's sister Samantha had started the fencing club at Amity but was confronted with a bureaucratic roadblock. The Amity school staff complained that the fencing was too dangerous. This was despite presenting research data to the contrary that football, wrestling, and lacrosse are more dangerous. Fencing is one of the safest competitive sports comparable to swimming.* As a result the kids were not allowed to use fencing equipment or have the fencing club workout on school grounds. Despite these obstacles, in an ironic twist of fate, Samantha was injured in a gym class while playing the "safe sport" of dodge ball. Her ACL tear effectively crushed the hopes of the girls having a squad. Nevertheless the boys persisted. Practicing on their own at the Prospect Recreational Center and mentored by Prospect Fencing Club fencing coach Sandra Marchant, they honed their skills which they brought to the statewide high school team competition on March 12, 2016.

Unfortunately, having never engaged in team fencing competition before, they only brought three fencers with no alternates. This meant that they had to fence all of their bouts with no alternate to provide a rest. After their initial bouts they were exhausted. But after a pep talk from one of the captains, they rallied for the final bouts.

Though in theory, men's and women's foil, epee, and saber are of equal import, men's foil is often the squad that high school and college coaches use to measure their mettle. Guilford and Fairfield tends to dominate the Men's foil fencing competition. Guilford and Fairfield faced each other in the semifinal round. Fairfield managed to squeak out a victory from Guilford and looked as though it was on its way to another victory. But that was not to be! At this point the crowd rallied behind Amity as the underdogs. Even the Guilford team began to cheer for Amity in hopes of seeing their rival defeated by the underdog. Kadan Lottick successfully beat his opponent 5-4 in the last bout to bring home the victory over Fairfield.

And Amity High School brought home the gold with the team that Amity Administration did not know they had! Ironically, the team brought this good news to the Amity Athletic Director and Principal Anita Mohan who emphasized that these were individual accomplishments but not for a sanctioned sport at Amity. Therefore the team could not be recognized at the awards banquet. Kadan, Cade, and Tim hope that future Amity students will have more opportunities than they did.

For more information, visit Prospect Fencing Club at www.prospectfencing-club.com or CT High School Fencing Association at ct-highschoolfencing.org.

ORANGE JUNIOR LEGION BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Orange American Legion Post 127 is holding tryouts for its Junior Legion Baseball team on Thursday May 26th and Friday May 27th, 2016 at 5:30pm at the Old Tavern Baseball complex on Old Tavern Road, Orange. Players living in Orange, Woodbridge or Bethany are eligible to play.

Any players attaining the ages of 14

- 17 as of December 31, 2016 are eligible to try out. Returning players must bring last year's uniform to the tryout if they did not turn it in previously. The season, including practices, runs from June through early August. The cost is \$600.00. Call David Wirkus (203-848-9674), Robert Mirto (203-687-8299) or Joe Pisano (203-623-5620) for questions.



Photo from left to right; Geoff Eagles, Nancy McLachlan, Gemma Cannon, Dan Connick, Andy Wright, Andy Ellis and David McCartney.

MAGNIFICENT RETURN FOR 21ST CENTURY SWIMMERS

Seven swimmers who train at the 21st Century sessions at the Deben Pool, Woodbridge put in some tremendous performances at the Newmarket Open Masters Championships on Sunday winning 26 medals between them. For four of the swimmers it was all about returning to competitive swimming after long absences.

Dan Connick, representing Deben powered to four gold medals in the 40-44 years category in the 50m backstroke, 100m breaststroke, 100m front crawl, and 100m individual medley and added silver in the 50m breast, bronze 50m butterfly and was 4th in the 50m front crawl. Making a comeback after 14 years, Andy Ellis (Deben) stormed to victory in the 30-34 years age 50m fly, 100m front crawl, and 100m IM. He was narrowly beaten into second place in the 50m front crawl. David McCartney (Team Ipswich) had a clean sweep of golds in his 65-69 years 50m back, 100m front crawl and 100m IM. McCartney's 50m back time

of 41.52 seconds is the 4th fastest so far in 2016 nationally in his age. Nancy McLachlan (Deben) won a brace of golds in the 40-44 years 400m front crawl and 100m front crawl. McLachlan set a new personal best time of 6.06.63 in the 400m. Gemma Cannon (Felixstowe) made a stylish masters debut winning the 18-24 years 50m backstroke and setting P.B.'s in three of her freestyle races; 100m 1.14.38 (3rd), 200m 2.37.66 (2nd), 400m 5.25.45 (3rd). Cannon also won silver in her 50m front crawl.

Andy Wright (Stowmarket) clinched three silver medals in the 55-59 years 50m back, 100m breast and 100m front crawl, and bronze medals in the 100m back and 100m IM but had to settle for 4th place in the 200m front crawl. Geoff Eagles made an impressive return after an absence of around 10 years and with only a months training behind him winning silver in the 60-64 years 100m breast and 50m fly and a 4th place in the 50m breast.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

ROTARY HOLDS ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION & WINE TASTING EVENT

This year's proceeds from the Woodbridge Rotary Club's Annual Silent Auction and Homemade Wine Tasting will go to three organizations whose mission is to help stamp out hunger by providing nutritious meals for people in need. The beneficiaries of this year's fundraiser will be D.E.S.K. (Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen), CT Food Bank and Stop Hunger Now.

The Woodbridge Rotary Club's Silent Auction and Homemade Wine Tasting will be held on Thursday, May 19th, 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at the Woodbridge Club, 10 Milhaven Road., Woodbridge.

The event will feature homemade wine-makers serving their finest and food by local restaurants. Entertainment will be provided by musician Richard Barnes.

Tickets for the event are \$35. For more information or tickets to the event, contact Buddy DeGennaro at 203-710-2548 or email buddy.degennaro@gmail.com, Tony Anastasio at 203-980-9373 or email tonya33@optonline.net, Robyn Reilly at 203-668-3008 or email sfg4life.com or Chris Lovejoy at 203-671-5684 or email Chris.lovejoy@cbmoves.com. Homemade wine makers should contact Buddy DeGennaro.

AMITY, WOODBRIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETIES HOLD EVENTS

The Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society will host a Membership Annual Meeting with Dr. Cosimo Sgarlata as their guest speaker. What Goes Up Must Come Down! Upland Archaeology of West Rock Ridge in South-Central Connecticut is the title of the presentation. Dr. Cosimo Sgarlata, an archaeology professor at Western Connecticut State University will be giving this presentation based on his research of the West Rock Ridge right here in Woodbridge, and how archaeological studies of the ridge can fill in important details about the ways of life of ancient people living in south central Connecticut. Please join us to learn more about the history of our town. Sunday May 15th at The First Church Parish House, 5 Meetinghouse Lane Woodbridge. 2 to 4 PM. This event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

In addition, the Historical Society is planning their spring Tavern Night

for June 12, 5 to 8 PM at the Historic Thomas Darling House. Guests can enjoy the atmosphere, live music, food and drink as the members of the Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society turn the Darling House into an old fashion tavern.

Prices are \$45 for members and \$60 for non members of the historical society. The event is by reservation only and can be made at info@woodbridgehistory.org. This year the AWHS will be participating in the Great Give 2016 an online giving campaign for non profits in the New Haven area. For 36 hours starting May 3rd at 8 AM until 8 PM on May 4th 2016 your donation will make us eligible for thousands of dollars in grant prizes when you give to us through thegreatgive.org. Please visit www.givegreater.org during this time period and search for the Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society and click Donate Now, thank you!

DOG ADOPTION EVENT

On Sunday, May 22nd, 10am - 2pm (rain or shine,) Animal Assisted Therapy Services and Companion Pet Rescue will host a canine adoption event at Lock Stock & Barrel located at 770 Amity Road, Bethany CT. Puppies and adult dogs, rescued from high kill shelters in Tennessee, are available for adoption. Reflected in the adoption fee, the dogs are spayed/neutered, up to date on all age appropriate vaccinations, and flea/tick/heartworm preventative. Pre-approval is mandatory for Sunday events at www.cprdogs.com. This approval will not commit you to an adoption but will give you your "fast pass" to the adoption process on Sunday should you find your fur-ever friend. Questions regarding this event can be directed to Janis Copes at 203-217-6687.

Founded in 2009 Animal Assisted Therapy Services is a non-profit orga-

nization that provides equine and canine therapeutic interventions for adults and children with physical, cognitive, or psychosocial disabilities. Animal Assisted Therapy Services canine training facility is located in Woodbridge, while farms for equine therapy are in Guilford and Newtown. For more information on services, including dog training classes, please contact AaTs at (203) 804-5343 or info@animalassistedtherapyservices.org.

Companion Pet Rescue & Transport was founded in 2004 and rescues over 2,500 dogs per year thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers! Because our volunteers have dogs and children, we ONLY rescue pups that will be great family companions! CPR is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. CPR has an adoption center located in Southbury CT and open 7 days a week by appointment.

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TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2016

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Town Hall

5/9	Library Commission 6:00pm	Library
	Zoning Board of Appeals CANCELLED	
5/11	Board of Selectmen 6:00pm	Town Hall
5/16	Fire Commission 6:00pm	Fire Station
	EMS Commission 7:00pm	Town Hall
	Board of Finance 7:30pm	Center Gym
	Annual Town Meeting 7:30pm	Center Gym
5/18	Inland/Wetlands Agency 7:30pm	Town Hall
5/19	Investment Committee 5:30pm	Town Hall
	Board of Finance 6:00pm	Town Hall
	Conservation Commission 7:30pm	Town Hall
5/23	Country Club of Woodbridge Comm. 6:00pm	Town Hall
	CUPOP 6:30pm	Town Hall
	Recreation Commission 7:30pm	Beecher School South
5/24	Government Access TV Committee... 7:15pm	Town Hall

SENIOR CENTER

We Are Pleased To Announce "Painting For Pleasure"

Taught by Graham Dale who is an artist, muralist and designer. If you like to work in acrylic, oil or watercolor, you are welcome to join. It makes no difference if you are a beginner, just enjoy painting or are an established artist. The art class will be held in the Senior Center on Wednesday's from 10 to 12, for 10 weeks, starting on May 4th. The cost is \$60.00 for the 10 classes and is limited to 10 people. Students are requested to bring their own supplies. To register, please call Lee Canning at 203-389-3430.

Bring A Friend To Lunch

May is "Bring a Friend to Lunch" month, and the friend's meal is free. So, ask a friend or neighbor to attend and come as our guest. Lunch is served at 12:15 in the Senior Center Cafeteria on Tuesday's and Friday's. This is also

a great opportunity to meet our new cook Rich Inzero and his assistant Karen Chartoff.

Transportation

The Woodbridge Senior Center provides door-to-door transportation on weekdays for Woodbridge senior citizens and disabled residents in need of non-emergencies. We have 2 buses that are lift-equipped to handle wheelchairs and also car.

Appointments must be made at least three days in advance by calling 203-389-3430. This is a great opportunity to go grocery shopping on Wednesday's from 9:00 to 1:00 or come to the center for lunch on Tuesday's & Friday's. Services include doctor's appointments. All medical appointments should be between 9:00 am and must conclude by 2:30 pm for out of town transportation.

Riders make a suggested donation of \$3.00 for local rides and a suggested donation between \$4.00 and \$7.00 for out of town medical appointments. Attendants ride for free.



Rich Inzero and Karen Chartoff with homemade crepes.

NEW CHEF & ASSISTANT AT SENIOR CENTER'S LUNCH PROGRAM

Woodbridge Senior Center invites those 60 and older to meet Rich Inzero, the new chef, and his assistant Karen Chartoff. Enjoy some of Rich's delicious and nutritious entrees, chicken cacciatore, linguini with clam sauce, chicken cutlets and much more at a reasonable price. The Senior Center welcomes new guests.

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"If I've learned anything as a mom with a daughter who's three, I've learned that you cannot judge the way another person is raising their kid. Everybody is just doing the best they can. It's hard to be a mom." — MAGGIE GYLLENHAAL

ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. **The Jungle Book (PG)**
Neel Sethi
- 2. **Barbershop: The Next Cut (PG-13)**
Ice Cube, Regina Hall
- 3. **The Boss (R)**
Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Bell
- 4. **Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice (PG-13)**
Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill
- 5. **Zootopia (PG)**
animated
- 6. **Criminal (R)**
Kevin Costner, Ryan Reynolds
- 7. **My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 (PG-13)**
Nia Vardalos, John Corbett
- 8. **Miracles From Heaven (PG)**
Jennifer Garner, Kylie Rogers
- 9. **God's Not Dead 2 (PG)**
Melissa Joan Hart, Jesse Metcalfe
- 10. **Eye in the Sky (R)**
Helen Mirren, Aaron Paul

TOP 10 VOD

- 1. **Daddy's Home (PG-13)**
Will Ferrell
- 2. **The Hateful Eight (R)**
Samuel L. Jackson
- 3. **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2 (PG-13)**
Jennifer Lawrence
- 4. **Concussion (PG-13)**
Will Smith
- 5. **Point Break (PG-13)**
Edgar Ramirez
- 6. **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip (PG)**
animated
- 7. **Sisters (R)**
Amy Poehler
- 8. **The Big Short (R)**
Christian Bale
- 9. **Brooklyn (PG-13)**
Saoirse Ronan
- 10. **Creed (PG-13)**
Michael B. Jordan

- 1. Who was Isaac in Sir Isaac and the Do-Dads?
- 2. Name the group that released "Whole Lotta Woman" in 1961. (Hint: The group's original name was The Blenders.)
- 3. Who released "But It's Alright" and when?
- 4. Mark Dinning, Dion and the Belmonts, and Donovan all released songs with the same title. What's the song?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "The poet, the physician, the farmer, the scientist, the magician and the other so-called gods of our legends."



1. Isaac Hayes, of "Shaft" fame. He got his start in the blues clubs of Memphis, Tennessee. 2. The Contours, a Motown Records group. The song never charted, even though it was written by Smokey Robinson of the Miracles. 3. J.J. Jackson, in 1966. But it was the single's b-side, "Boogaloo Baby," that got people dancing. 4. "Teen Angel." Only Dinning's version was successful, despite radio stations banning the song because it was so sad. 5. "Atlantis," by Donovan in 1969. The theme is the idea that Atlantis was a pre-flood (under the ocean) civilization and that his true love might be down there waiting. References to the song abound: In the film "Goodfellas," Stephen King's "Hearts in Atlantis" novel, an episode of "Futurama," and more.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

- 1. Who holds the major-league record for most consecutive games reaching base to start a season?
- 2. Ron Washington holds the record for most games managed by a Texas Rangers skipper (1,275). Who is No. 2?
- 3. Who holds the NFL mark for most pass attempts to start a career without a touchdown pass?
- 4. Name the last men's Division I college basketball team before Wichita State in 2014 and Kentucky in 2015 to finish the regular season unbeaten.
- 5. Entering 2016, when was the only time the Tampa Bay Lightning and Florida Panthers made the NHL playoffs in the same season?
- 6. In 2015, Timothy Peters became the third NASCAR Truck Series driver to win consecutive races at Talladega. Name either of the other two.
- 7. Roger Federer, in 2016, became the first male tennis player to win 300 Grand Slam singles matches. Who is second on the list?

1. Derek Jeter of the New York Yankees did it in 53 games in 1999. 2. Bobby Valentine, with 1,186. 3. Arizona's Ryan Lindley threw for a touchdown after 228 pass attempts. 4. St. Joseph's went 27-0 in the 2003-04 regular season. 5. It was the 1995-96 season. 6. Todd Bodine (2007, '08) and Kyle Busch ('09, '10). 7. Jimmy Connors, with 233 victories.



Scene from "Deadpool"
[Twentieth Century Fox]

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of May 9, 2016.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Deadpool" (R) -- The first major R-rated Marvel flick follows jokey tough-guy Wade Wilson (Ryan Reynolds), who enters a shady treatment program after receiving a terminal diagnosis. Wade's torturous "treatment" awakens dormant superpowers (rapid healing and regeneration) but leaves him hideously disfigured. His new life is built around hunting down the baddies and rescuing his lady (Morena Baccarin) with the help of some second-string X-Men. It definitely shows how Reynolds has longed to play this character, and fans aware of comic-book "Deadpool's" fourth-wall hammering humor will be pleased with his delivery. He's not morose or moralistic; it's the refreshingly cheeky antithesis to the serious superheroes glooming up the cinemas these days.

"The Boy" (PG-13) -- Down at the Spooky English Manor, a rich old couple reaches out for a nanny for their 8-year-old son. Should be an easy gig, since the boy died 20 years ago and they just need somebody to dote on the porcelain-doll they treat like a real boy. Greta (Lauren Cohan, "The Walking Dead") takes the nanny gig so she can get away from a menacing ex-boyfriend back in the States. Her relief turns to weirded-out suspicion when she finds that "Brahms" is a creepy doll she's expected to feed and tuck in at night. Naturally, once Greta is alone in the house with the doll, it starts doing things on its own and scaring the crap out of her. You got your haunted doll, creepy estate, stranded-girl and a handful of other worn-out tropes holding this thing together. Director William Brent Bell doesn't try to add much to the genre, and so the whole affair feels destined to fade in with the crowd. There's also a heavy reliance on jump-scares and foreboding sets, which get less and less satisfying the closer we get to the credits.

"Creative Control" (R) -- In a near-future New York, an anxious ad agent, David (director/co-writer Benjamin Dickinson), puts himself to work promoting the next big thing in mind-altering mobile technology -- glasses that put a virtual-layer over reality. David's big plan is to entrust the technology to somebody with real creativity, so he hires comedian/musician/filmmaker Reggie Watts to make art for this new medium. Soon, David's building and falling in love with a virtual avatar of his sleazy best-bud's girlfriend, while his yoga-instructor wife (Nora Zehetner) cheats on him with another yogi. It seems like there should be some deep thoughts on the nature of love, perception and technology, but instead we end up with a twitchy rom-com with a slight sci-fi twist.

Sudoku answers on page 32

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

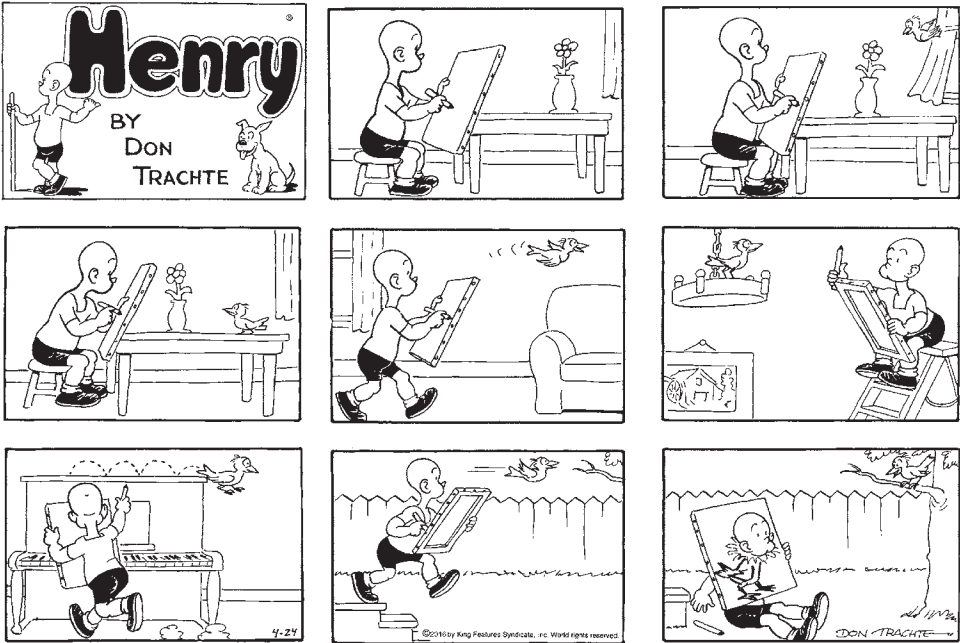
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD



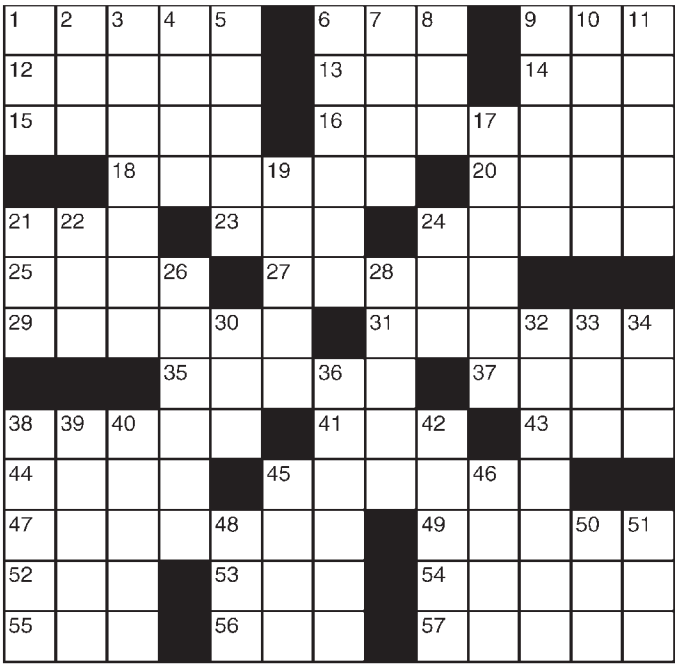
The Spats



King Crossword

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- 13 Acapulco gold
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- 15 Hammerstein's contribution
- 16 Fond of reading
- 18 Jacks
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- 21 "Bali —"
- 23 Evergreen type
- 24 Sasquatch's kin
- 25 Siberian city
- 27 Album item
- 29 Colleague
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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

Jake Gyllenhaal has only one film slated for release this year, "Nocturnal Animals," with Amy Adams and Michael Shannon. But he has five projects slated for 2017: "Okja," with Tilda Swinton (for Netflix); "Stronger" (about the Boston marathon victim who led police to the killers); the sci-fi thriller "Life," with Ryan Reynolds and Rebecca Ferguson; "The Current War," which has Jake playing George Westinghouse to Benedict Cumberbatch's Thomas Edison; and "The Man Who Made It Snow," about Max Mermelstein, an American in the inner circles of the Columbian Cartel in the 1980s. And in his spare time ... ?

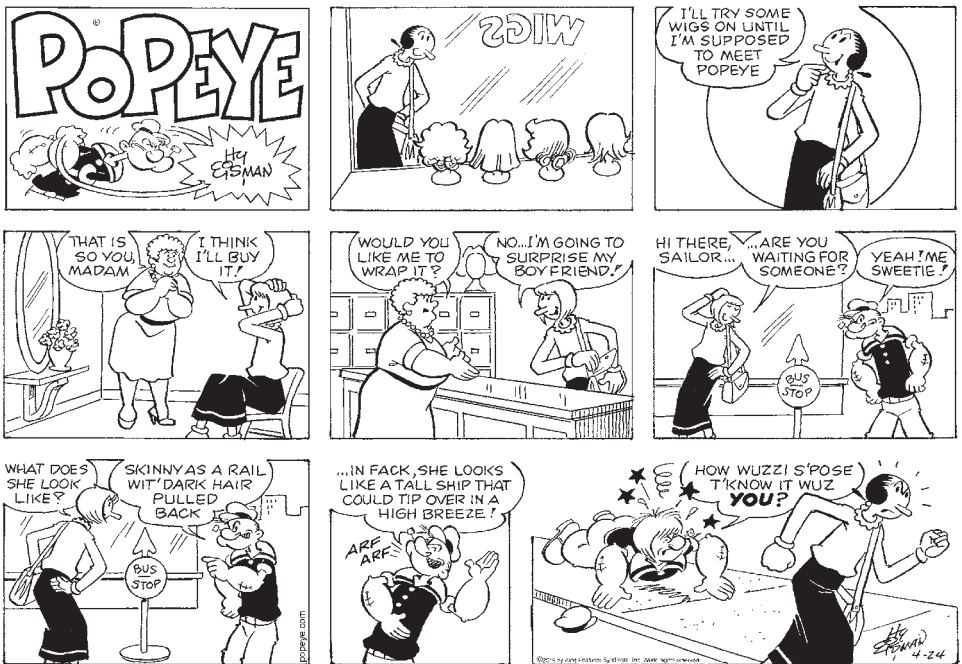


Jake Gyllenhaal [Depositphotos.com]

In the 1960s, '70s and '80s, studios had market-research companies phoning people and stopping them on the street and while exiting movie theaters to learn which actors they recognized and liked. It was called the Q (Quotient) Score. When the studios were threatened because this practice was wrong, they denied ever using it. Today we have an Internet service called IMDB and IMDB Pro. Anyone can use IMDB to find information on movies, actors and companies. IMDB Pro is for show folk who pay to subscribe to get inside info on actors, movies and production companies. It offers a list called The IMDB Starmeter that ranks actors on how many hits they get on the IMDB websites, and their popularity. For instance, Alicia Vikander, Oscar winner this year for "The Danish Girl," is ranked No. 18, "Superman" Henry Cavill is No. 16, Jennifer Lawrence is No. 15, and Gal Gadot, the new "Wonder Woman," is No. 11. Despite his Oscar win for "The Revenant," Leonardo DiCaprio could only hit No. 10. Melissa Benoit

("Supergirl" and "Whiplash" star) is next, followed by Margot Robbie ("Wolf of Wall Street" and "Whiskey, Tango, Foxtrot," which bombed) and Shailene Woodley ("The Divergent" series). At No. 6 is Tom Hardy ("The Revenant" and "Mad Max: Fury Road"), followed by Robin Wright ("Princess Bride" and "House of Cards") and Mary Elizabeth Winstead ("Final Destination 3"). No. 3 is Tom Holland ("The Impossible"), No. 2 is Alexandra Daddario ("San Andreas" and the upcoming "Baywatch") and No. 1 is Alicia Witt (Cybill Shepard's daughter on "Cybill" and "The Bronx Bull" about Jake LaMotta, a film that was shot two years ago and is just being released). No offense to Witt, Daddario, Holland or any of the others, but should they be ranked before Leonardo DiCaprio? There are sites online that claim they can help you manipulate the Starmeter, and other sites that say your Starmeter won't get you interviews. The question is, why is it there? The best actor doesn't always get the job; maybe the one with the biggest social media gets it instead. No joke this week, this is not a laughing matter.

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ARTS & LEISURE



ART NEWS FROM BEECHER ROAD SCHOOL

Beecher Road Schools' 9th school wide celebration of the Arts will take place from June 6-10. Recycling is the theme with a focus on plastic. Collections for plastic caps and bottles will be made in each classroom as well as collection barrels in North Lobby, the Cafeteria Hallway and South School.

A band concert, a school wide performance by Dennis Waring, and Artsnight will be some of the highlights during the week along with our daily fashion change in artistic and creative use of recyclables. Dr. Waring's emphasis is on group interaction and participation. His music points to history, social studies, science and art. Many of the instruments are made from recyclable objects.

The school wide sculpture exhibit this year will be using plastic bottles arranged in columns to hang from the branches of trees throughout the school campus.

Look for our students' artwork in New Haven again this year. We are

active participants in the Elementary Art Program with Yale University Properties. Students from Beecher Road School, with the support of Art Teachers Linda Acheson and Ashley Wagner, will be exhibiting visual interpretations of "spring" with The Country School in Madison.

In May all fifth grade classes at Beecher Road School will be visiting the Yale University Art Gallery focusing on light. Students will use their observations at the museum to create innovative pieces of writing and art work.

Students at Beecher Road School are also creating pieces of art celebrating the 100th birthday of Massaro Farm.

Superintendent Guy Stella stated: "The Arts permeate all aspects of learning at Beecher Road School. The children and teachers are constantly engaged in creating multiple pieces of art that adorn the walls of the school as well as in working on multiple projects that promote the Arts! Everyone is so busy!"

MALE AUDITIONS FOR SACRED HEART'S *THE LITTLE MERMAID*

Sacred Heart Academy announces open auditions for male actors for the upcoming fall production of Disney's full length musical, *The Little Mermaid*. Auditions will be held at the Academy—265 Benham Street in Hamden—on Saturday, May 21 from noon to 3:00 pm. Those auditioning are asked to prepare an upbeat song and be ready to learn a dance combination. You may sing something from the show. Plan on staying

the entire time. This audition is open to male actors aged 13-18 and enrolled in high school for the fall. This production will go up at the historic Shubert Theatre in November. For more information, contact the Director of the Musical, MaryLee Delaney, at mldelaney@sacred-hearthamden.org.

The *Little Mermaid* will run in November at the historic Shubert Theatre in downtown New Haven.



AUTHOR, STORY-TELLER VISITS AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Connecticut author and story-teller Matthew Dicks visited Amity Regional High School to present two master classes in the art of story-telling. Matthew Dicks is the author of several novels, including *Something Missing*, *The Perfect Comeback* of Caroline Jacobs, and *Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend*. He has performed as a story-teller around the country, and has won the Moth StorySLAM twenty times.

Matthew spoke to Amity's Language Arts students involved in creative writing and literary analysis, and discussed the

process for creating written and oral narratives. Students who prepared stories had the opportunity to perform and receive feedback by this seasoned story-teller. At the end of the school day, students competed in a Story Slam which was open to the entire student body.

The event was hosted by Amity's librarians, Robert Musco and Cara McConnell, and made possible by the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation. More information about the Foundation's mission and work can be found at: jamiehulley-artsfund.org.

"ALTERNATE PERSPECTIVES" ON VIEW AT NHLC

An art exhibition entitled "Alternate Perspectives", comprised of 20 Water-Color paintings by Woodbridge resident Daniel E. Rosner and 18 photographs by Bridgeport-based: Penrhyn Cook will be on display at the New Haven Lawn Club (193 Whitney Avenue, Lower Rotunda, adjacent Terraces and Grill Room., 9a-5p) for the 2-month period May 10-July 11, 2016 [Artist's Reception: May 17, 5-7p].

Stylistically, Dan Rosner (Emeritus Prof Chemical Engineering, Yale U since August 2014 and currently Research Prof.) is a "realist" who has recently focused on a number of Yale University's most iconic architectural treasures (often from unusual vantage points) in original paintings completed during his "phased retirement". Initially motivated by the desire to provide a personalized memento (ie., reproductions of his "portrait" of Mason Lab)) to each of his former PhD students, Dan sensed a much broader interest in fresh views of

several iconic Yale University buildings—including Payne-Whitney gym*, Harkness Tower, Strathcona Hall, Law School, Vanderbilt Hall, Wrexham Tower, Hall of Graduate Studies, Sterling Memorial Library and Morse College. But, also included in this exhibition is a dramatic view of the local Christ Church of New Haven, and two scenes from Dan's past—a hand-colored linoleum cut of the Princeton Jct RR station, and a hand-colored, cubist-inspired, pen-and-ink drawing of Dan's High School of Music & Art in NYC. Dan is a member of the New Haven Paint & Clay Club (founded 1900!), and has previously exhibited in Yale's Morse College (October 2014), the Koerner Center for Emeritus Yale Faculty (May 2015), and the local public libraries of Woodbridge (May 2014, June 2015), Orange (February 2015) and Hamden (March 2015). Inexpensive matted reproductions of several of his paintings are available at Merwin's Art Shop on Chapel Street, New Haven.



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BITE PREVENTION WEEK: MAY 15-21

How to Avoid Incidents with Stray Dogs

By Richard and Vicki Horowitz

Stray dogs—dogs that have been abandoned and are homeless or dogs that are running loose without an owner—are a growing problem nationwide. By some reports, more than 500,000 dogs are lost or abandoned every month across the country. Some are reunited with their owners and others are picked up by animal control authorities, but some become feral and can pose a threat to humans.

Annually, on average, about 800,000 people are injured by dogs seriously enough to require medical attention; 63 percent of dog bites occur within pet owners' homes and 43 percent of all dog bites involve children bitten by the family dog. Broad estimates indicate that about 10 to 12 percent of dog bites involve strays.

We all know it is the responsibility of dog owners to care for, train, and look after their canine companions, but we also know this does not always happen. So what should we do if we encounter a stray dog while out walking? Our attention to our surroundings and our intellect are our top defenses in avoiding an incident with a stray dog.

Never approach a stray dog. Strays are usually hungry, thirsty, sometimes injured—and almost always frightened. They could also carry disease. There are too many unknown factors with a stray dog; it's simply not worth the risk. Despite knowledge of or a love for dogs, it is best to steer clear of a stray.

Walk with awareness. Stay aware of your surroundings. Even in familiar surroundings, scan the area, near and far. This level of awareness doesn't have to take away from the joy of your walk. You may see things you've not noticed before. It's always best to know who and what is around you. Also, for a variety of safety reasons, always bring a mobile phone with you.

Seek a safe haven. If you see a stray dog approaching from a distance, look for a place that's secure. Step inside a fenced area, enter a place of business, or knock on a neighbor's door. It's always better to be safe than risk a potentially dangerous encounter.

Carry food as a distraction. Pepper spray (or some other non-lethal spray) is not an appropriate defense measure,

as this doesn't always work and can exacerbate the situation. Carrying treats or a pocket full of kibble along with you is a much better option. Because strays are almost always hungry, you can use the food to take the dog's attention off you. Throw the food farther and farther away from you so the dog focuses on the food while you retreat to a place of safety. Kibble works especially well as the dog will forage to find every morsel.

If the above is not possible or a stray approaches you by surprise, follow these guidelines to protect yourself:

- Don't try to run. Stand still. Hold your arms in front of you, clasp your hands together, and don't move. Keep your eyes focused downward and watch the stray with your peripheral vision. Don't stare at the dog. He could interpret this as a threat. Let the dog sniff you if he wants, but do not stick your hand out as this can be interpreted as a threat. When the dog leaves, do not turn your back on the dog. Back away slowly, so you can keep an eye on the dog.
- If you have been knocked down by a dog—don't try to get up and run. Roll into a ball. Cover your face and head with your arms, keep your legs together, and pull your knees up to your chest. Don't get up and don't move until the dog has gone away.

Remember: Never run from a dog. You must use your intellect to overcome your instinctual urge to flee. More than 90 percent of the times dogs exhibit aggressive behavior, it is a reaction based on fear. Your goal is to eliminate a perceived threat or remove an opportunity to attack. If you run, there is a high probability that the dog will chase and attack you. If you stand still, he will most likely sniff you, and go on his way.

After the dog has gone, call the animal control authorities in your area. By doing so, you will give the dog the best chance for survival by getting him off the streets into a safe place and hopefully, reuniting him with his owner or a new one.

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



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're the first sign in the Zodiac and like to take the lead wherever you go. But this time, you'd be wise to follow someone who has much to teach you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your adversary hasn't given up trying to undermine you. Continue to stay cool -- someone in authority knows what's happening.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Spring brings a positive aspect for relationships. Paired Twins grow closer, while the single set finds new romance -- perhaps with a Leo or Libra.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Wavering aspects this week mean weighing your words carefully to avoid misunderstandings.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You could soon be on a new career path in pursuit of those long-standing goals, but don't cut any current ties until you're sure you're ready to make the change.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A former colleague wants to re-establish an old professional connection. It would be wise to make the contact, at least until you know what he or she is planning.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship that survived some

rocky moments could be facing a new challenge. Deal with the problem openly, honestly and without delay. Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A recent and much-appreciated change in the workplace inspires you to make some changes in your personal life as well. Start with a plan to travel more.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friend needs your kind and caring advice, but you need to know what he or she is hiding from you before you agree to get involved.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your circle of friends continues to widen. Expect to hear from someone in your past who hopes to re-establish your once-close relationship.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your aspects favor the arts. Indulge in whatever artistic expression you enjoy most. A workplace situation will, I'm pleased to say, continue to improve.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Warning! Your tendency to let things slide until the last minute could have a negative effect on a relationship that you hope can develop into something meaningful.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are both emotional and sensible. You enjoy being with people. Good career choices include teaching, performing and the clergy.

SOME DOG OWNERS NEED TRAINING, TOO

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: When I'm out at the dog park, I see so many people who are ignored by their dogs. No matter how much they scream or shout, their pets just do whatever they want. I've tried to tell them that yelling only goes so far, but they don't listen. What else can I do? -- Clarisse G., Cartersville, Georgia

DEAR CLARISSE: One of the hardest subjects to broach with other owners is how to handle their pets. Particularly with dogs, owners have relationships akin to their own child, and the results of well-intentioned advice tend to be ineffectual. Owners may even snap back at you.

However, a badly behaved dog in a public area can have a lot of repercussions. An unruly dog may be attacked by another dog, or a human may be injured by a dog bite -- events like that

just add fuel to arguments against dog parks or dogs in public areas.

To get a dog to behave on command, two key factors can make a difference in training: A calm, confident voice when giving commands, and consequences. If a dog won't follow a command, corrective action must be given as soon as possible -- putting it back on the leash, leaving the dog park, whatever.

Not surprisingly, dog owners who aren't controlling their dogs respond to the same factors. If a dog is disrupting the other pets' enjoyment of the park, tell its owner -- with confidence! -- that their dog has to act within the park's rules, or leave. If they don't respond, then bring the consequences: report the owner and dog to the city, or to the group -- if the dog park has an organized group of other owners.



Send your questions or comments to ask@pawscorner.com.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



"Well, someone knows we're here... It's a

THE CASHIER

BY RICARDO GALVÃO



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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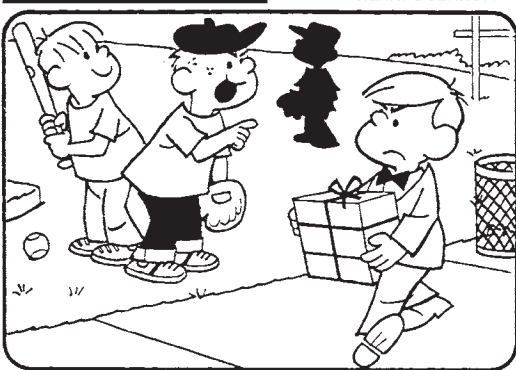
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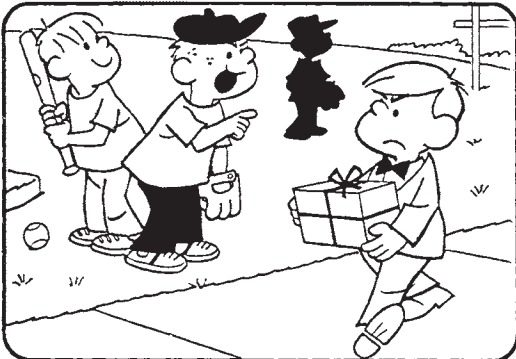
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bat is reversed. 2. Glove is lowered. 3. Cuffs are missing. 4. Figure is reversed. 5. Box is smaller. 6. Trash can is missing.

The Garden Bug

Grape hyacinth



Grape hyacinths start from small bulbs. Place them in groups of ten or more, with the bulbs twice as deep as they are tall and a couple of inches apart. They grow in sun or light shade. Don't plant them where it's too wet or too dry. They spread very quickly and can be quite invasive; plant them where it is acceptable for them to spread freely. The flower spikes don't appear until mid-spring. There may be some variation in color, depending on which ones you plant, but smoky blue is the most common color. Once their leaves die off, you can cut them back.

- Brenda Weaver

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5 Russo Terrace, New Haven
Jamie Dawn \$248,000



415 Central Avenue, New Haven-Westville
Jamie Dawn \$322,500



125 Alston Avenue, New Haven-Westville
Judy Cooper \$350,000



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Dalia Coleman \$265,000



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Pat Cardozo \$299,000



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Sandy Friedman \$349,900



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Judy Cooper \$1,150,000



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