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The Schatz and Inclima children are holding up the sign for the community playground their mothers initiated. Celebrating the groundbreaking are Woodbridge School Supt. Dr. Guy Stella, State Rep. Themis Klarides, State Sen. Joe Crisco, Teri Schatz, Ellen Scalettar and Colleen Inclima.

## PEASE PLACE HOLDS CELEBRATORY GROUNDBREAKING

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

The celebratory groundbreaking for Pease Place community playground on Friday, May 30, was a high point in a long journey for two Woodbridge mothers who had seen the need for such a facility in this community and brought it forward one rung at a time, for seven years. But, as it turns out, the work is not finished. The town's land-use agencies earlier this year had suggested moving the location from one side of the athletic fields to the other, in order to avoid getting too close to the wetlands. The new location was approved by the Board of Selectmen in a special meeting in April.

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## WOODBRIDGE SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTY

The Town of Woodbridge released a Request for Proposal for the town-owned Country Club of Woodbridge on Friday, June 6. The RFP is seeking two types of proposals: an open-ended option for use of the entire 155 acre parcel and the recommended option, which maintains the 18-hole golf course and pool and allows development of age-restricted housing on roughly 30 acres of land.

The town worked with the consultants to develop the RFP. It, as well as the final report on the property use options by Town consultants Milone & MacBroom, can both be found on the Town's website, www.WoodbridgeCT.org. The RFP invites developers or others to submit proposals for either or both scenarios that meet the following parameters:

- 1. Be a net fiscal positive for the Town;
- Promote energy efficiency through context-sensitive site and building design;
- Include the implementation and utilization of low impact development (LID)

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## BROOKSIDE FARM MARKET RE-OPENS YEAR ROUND

Woodbridge residents will now be able to enjoy year-round produce and groceries at the recently re-opened Brookside Farm Market. The market, at 324 Amity Road, re-opened on June 1 and carries produce, prepared foods, locally baked items, dairy products and potted flowers.

The market has been closed for one year and 10 months in order to re-stabilize the building. The market has existed in the same building since 1930. It is built over a stream and a wood frame supported a concrete cap to serve as the building's base. The wood frame deteriorated over the years and couldn't support the building anymore.

The market is a Woodbridge landmark. Until the 1950s, the market was open year-round and also served as a branch post office. When the post office closed, the market closed for the winter. It will once again be open year-round.

"I have a new-found respect for all the Town departments," said building owner Paul Longo. "We worked with the Building Department, Zoning and Inland Wetlands and they were all very helpful and very patient with us."

First Selectman Ellen Scalettar was among many customers who stopped by to offer congratulations and a warm welcome. She was particularly excited about the quality of the escarole. "I wasn't able to find such beautiful escarole anywhere while the market was closed," Scalettar said.

Owner and manager Mike Longo (no relation to Paul) explained that he buys the produce fresh every morning from a wholesale distributor. "I buy what looks good," he says. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



## TOWN SIGNS CONTRACT FOR BEECHER RD SCHOOL UPGRADES

The Town of Woobridge has signed a contract with ESG to begin the renovations at Beecher Road School. Work is scheduled to begin this summer and will include energy conservation measures and security enhancements.

Beecher Road School was built in 1960, and has been added onto since then, including a major addition (Beecher South) in 1970, a small wing of classrooms in 1994 and a second addition of classroom space in 1997.

The \$13.4 million project was approved by a referendum in February. It was the first time that a Town project passed a referendum with the necessary 2/3 vote on the first try.

"We place tremendous value on what goes on in our schools, but we haven't paid as much attention to the school building as we should have," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "This project will provide our excellent educators and students with the facility they deserve. I'd like to thank everyone, especially the

Building Committee, for their hard work which made this project possible."

As part of the energy upgrades, the project includes an "energy performance contract" that will guarantee certain energy cost savings.

The school will see upgrades which include energy conservation measures, lighting upgrades, building envelope improvements, security enhancements and more.

Most work will be done during the summer months this year and next year. It is anticipated that this summer's work will focus on the A Wing as well as the process of replacing HVAC delivery systems throughout the building. In this building project, careful consideration will be given to minimize any disruption of the educational program.

Summer programs that normally operate at Beecher will be located elsewhere, including Amity High and Ezra Academy.

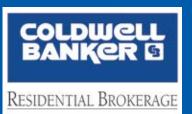


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## "HORSES FOR HEROES"

## **Benefit Polo Match for Animal Assisted Therapy Services**

Animal Assisted Therapy Services, a non-profit agency dedicated to equine therapeutic interventions, is hosting a Benefit Polo Match at the Giant Valley Polo Club (640 Tuttle Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518) on Sunday, September 14, 2014, 1:30 p.m. until dusk. This second annual event raises funds to support "HORSES FOR HEROES," a therapeutic equine program assisting veterans with physical, cognitive, or emotional disabilities resulting from their service in the armed forces.

The Benefit is open to the general public and features a polo match, live music by the Beth Patella Band, food, silent auction, kids' games and much more! Attendees are encouraged to use the onsite catering of Isabella's from Monroe, CT.

Corporate tent rentals are available for companies to hold a client/staff appreciation event, annual party, or family day. Business vendors are welcome and can reserve a 10' x 10' area to display information and sell items. Tents/tables/chairs are available for an additional charge, or bring your own. Expected attendance is 400-600 people. Tickets are \$15/person and are a tax-deductible donation.

The mission of Animal Assisted Therapy Services (AaTs) is to provide equine and canine therapeutic interventions for persons with physical, cognitive, or psychosocial disabilities thus promoting life-long health and wellness.

For more information on the event, tent rentals, or vendor space, please contact: Chris Patella, Director, (203) 804-5343, info@AnimalAssistedTherapyServices.org, www.animalassistedtherapyservices.org.







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## **WOODBRIDGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP**



## SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE – 4.0 GOLD TASSEL SCHOLARS

Forty-four members of the Sacred Heart Academy Class of 2014 have earned the distinction of 4.0 Gold Tassel Scholars because they hold a cumulative 4 year minimum average of 4.0 or higher. As tradition dictates, they wore gold tassels at Commencement Exercises held on Saturday, May 24 in the Philip Paolella, Jr. Recreational Center at Sacred Heart Academy.

The 2014 Gold Tassel Scholars from Orange and Woodbridge are:

- Lucy Andersen, Villanova University, Woodbridge
- Emma Dragan, University of Richmond, Orange
- · Demery Ormrod, St. John's University, Orange

## STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN CIJE YOUNG ENGINEERS CONFERENCE

Connecticut young engineers displayed their new devices, sensors and robotic innovations at the largest CIJE Young Engineers Conference held at the Hebrew Academy of Five Towns and Rockaway (HAFTR) in Lawrence, New York. Ninth and tenth grade participants from 19 Tri-State Area Schools, including Jewish High school of Connecticut located in Woodbridge, packed the HAFTR middle school gym to exhibit and demonstrate hundreds of capstone engineering projects.

"I was overwhelmed by the level of complexity, thought and work that went into these innovations using engineering principles they learned during the CIJE-Tech High School Engineering Program," said Judy Lebovits, vice president and director of the program who spoke to the audience. "The teachers and CIJE engineering mentors that visit every class should be proud of how well their project-based education approach is working."

The CIJE-Tech High School Engineering Program (CIJE-Tech) is a national, two-year course in scientific and biomedical engineering for high school students. CIJE-Tech exposes high school students to a diverse range of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) careers. A discovery-based STEM education program, developed in collaboration with Israel Sci-Tech, CIJE-Tech provides teacher training, on-going teacher mentoring as well as engineering laboratory equipment and materials.

Following their group project presentations to visitors and fellow students, Google Technical Lead/Manager, Dr. Joel Wein Ph.D, addressed the entire group about their skills and future engineering opportunities. "This was an extremely impressive event with projects that demonstrated a great grasp of engineering concepts and skills way beyond the abilities of high school students," said Dr. Joel Wein, Google technical lead/manager of storage infrastructure. "At Google and nationwide, we need more great engineers, and we need to build a really great pipeline from K-12 and up. The CIJE-Tech Program is focused on ensuring that Yeshiva and Jewish day school children will have the opportunity to be a vital part of that process, and it is wonderful to see."

"Kids today are lacking STEM skills which is precisely where the careers are going to be in the future," said Judy Lebovits, vice president of CIJE. "Our programs are unique to the U.S. and in day schools with a focus on creating a future generation of men and women who can be successful in STEM academically and professionally in the future."

Also addressing the students in the filled-to-capacity gym, CIJE President Jason Cury said that, "Whether you are planning on pursuing a career in engineering, a STEM-based positioned or virtually any area, you have demonstrated today with these projects, that you have the problem solving and creative skills to make you successful in 21st century careers."



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## SACRED HEART STUDENTS EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Several world language students have attained national recognition for excellent performance on the 2014 National Spanish Examinations (NSE), Sacred Heart students earned a total of three gold, five silver, and fourteen bronze medals along with twenty honorable mentions. Students from Sacred Heart have a long history of high achievement on these exams and were taught by Spanish teachers, Mr. Oscar Rollan and Dr. Carmen Martinez Rivera. "Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious," said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Exams, "because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with over 154,000 students participating in 2014." The National Spanish Examinations are administered each year in grades 6 through 12, and are sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

The following Orange and Woodbridge students earned national recognition:

### **Bronce (Bronze)**

- Julianne Beltz '16 of Woodbridge
- Demery Ormrod '14 of Orange

## Honors (Honorable Mention)

• Teraesa Vitelli '16 of Woodbridge

At Sacred Heart, French, Latin, and Spanish courses are offered for four years up to the AP level in all languages. The study of world language reinforces English skills and offers students an appreciation of the diversity of cultures and peoples.

Sacred Heart Academy, an independent Catholic college preparatory school for young women in grades 9-12, was founded in 1946 by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Academy successfully prepares young women for learning, service and achievement in a global society. There are currently 500 students enrolled from New Haven, Fairfield, Middlesex, Hartford and New London.

## ASHLEY CAROFANO GRADUATES AS PART OF MXCC'S LARGEST CLASS

Middlesex Community College held its 47th graduation ceremony on May 29, presenting associate degrees in the arts and sciences to 338 students – the largest class in the College's history. Among the graduates was Ashley Carofano of Woodbridge who earned a degree in ophthalmic design and dispensing.

President Dr. Anna Wasescha presided over the ceremony, which was held among a grove of stately pine trees on the campus grounds. She wished all graduates "a life of significance in your community" and reminded them that, as part of MxCC's family, "where you go, we go with you." As in years past, Dr. Wasescha asked students who are military veterans to stand and be recognized and thanked for their service. She asked all veterans and the relatives of any veterans to stand – bringing nearly the entire audience to its feet. "We salute

those who served, and hope for a bright and peaceful future," she said.

Founded in 1966, Middlesex Community College (www.mxcc.edu) is part of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities System. In all it does, Middlesex Community College strives to be the college of its community. By providing high quality, affordable, and accessible education to a diverse population, the college enhances the strengths of individuals through degree, certificate, and lifelong learning programs that lead to university transfer, employment, and an enriched awareness of our shared responsibilities as global citizens. MxCC, recently named a "Great College to Work For" by The Chronicle of Higher Education, offers more than 50 degree or certificate programs at the main 38-acre campus in Middletown, the downtown Meriden Center, and online.

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## AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL – BETHANY CAMPUS



## Third Marking Period Honor Roll

## **First Honors** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

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Matthew Anastasio Keely Barletta Rebecca Beloin Jared Beltz Joseph Benedetti Catalina Betancur Andrew Boulton Kayla Britton Sarah Bullers Alexander Cadelina Will Cadelina Maureen Cassidy Brian Cromwell Rosie Du Dana Estra Samuel Farbman Allison Fischman Julie Fleischman Zoe Franklin Timothy Frieden Annalise Giordano Hannah Iwaszkiewicz Nicholas Jaffe Paul Johnson Jillian Kaoud Lindsay Kupcho Arielle Lavi Eli Lee Felix Liu Thomas Livesay Antrim Lottick Jenna Lu Eleanor Luciani Jason Luciani John Lumpinski Madison MacKay Cassidy MacNamara Samuel Mahler Cassidy Marchitto Madelyn McCollough Forrest Miller Aidan Myatt Sophie O'Brien Spencer Paragas Sana Pashankar Wesley Perler Brooke Pethigal Stephan Pinco Ian Pittenger Nico Sagnelli Summer Schaaf Dakota Sicignano Jake Skolnick Willow Smith Robin Snetsinger Remus Sottile Romulus Sottile Katerina Spanolios Kobi Spence Neha Sudhir Sarah Sudhoff Avital Sutin Keri Tenerowicz Brigid Tesla **Ashley Thomas** Aman Thombre Elizabeth Tine Geoffrey Wadey Joseph Wasikowski Hillary Yin Kate Yuan Kexin Zhang Samuel Zhang

Samantha Zygadlo

## First Honors 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Harris Andersen Heidi Aversa Maya Barbieri Sophie Baum Andrew Burford Quinnlan Burke Patrick Burland Lauren Chaffkin Megan Ciarleglio **Edward Criscuolo** Louis Criscuolo Jacqueline DeGennaro Marco Delsanto Howard Ding Olivia Dittmann Weixin Du Samantha Fleischman Melissa Ford Jessica Foster Elizabeth Frieden Jiachen Gao Jacob Gross Deepak Gupta Amanda Hendrick Qingli Hu Andrew Johnson

Ananya Kachru

Natasha Kaluzynski

Hannah Kim

Joseph Kiwanis

Sarah Korb

Grace Kosh

Christina Lee

George Liang

Kristen Lynch

Ayaan Malik

Ryan McManus

Henry Molot

Kelsey Morgan

Aya Neeman

Shirley Ni

Sophia Pan

Sebin Park

Faith Philpot

Emma Piorkowski

Kaitlyn Price

Danielle Reynolds

Lucy Richter

Sarah Richter

Jacob Rizzuti

Colin Roy

Emma Scanlon

Anastasia Shnyakin

Jacob Silliman

Puja Sinha

Joseph Sugarmann

Morgan Sullivan

Sally Thach

Jillianne Wisnewski

Benjamin Xu

Kevin Yanagisawa

Kayla Zamkov

Kevin Zhao

Yuqi Zhou

## **Second Honors** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Craig Barletta

Daniel Beckwith Pranpariya Boonyalai Jay Boynton **Christopher Bullers** Sabrina Colonna Claire DeGennaro Christiane Delda Joseph DiReinzo Brittany Gambardella Austin Gilbride Carly Grenier Kevin Han Samuel Martin William McKeon Esra Sahin Andrew Seaton Brian Shee Madison Smith Caroline Sofair Lily Swain Amelia Taddei Christain Tzepos Evan Urda

## **Second Honors** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Timothy Amarante John Benanto

Christopher Bierezowiec

Michelle Cheng

Tugrul Durdu

Kayleigh Foley

Claire Lane

Mallory Leite

Jill Levine

Benjamin Lodewick

Tahee Kim

Alana Mosley

Benjamin Sauberman

Trevor Schultz

Maxine Squinto

Mariana Tahiri

## Congratulations To All The **Honor Roll Students!**



## Citizenship Recognition - 7th Grade

Joseph Benedetti Catalina Betancur Kayla Britton Claire Degennaro Dana Estra Allison Fischman Julie Fleischman Timothy Frieden Austin Gilbride Abigail Harbinson Nicholas Jaffe

Paul Johnson Jillian Kaoud Tara Laugeni Thomas Livesay Cassidy MacNamara Madelyn McCollough William McKeon Aidan Myatt Sophie O'Brien Mia Sandberg Dakota Sicignano

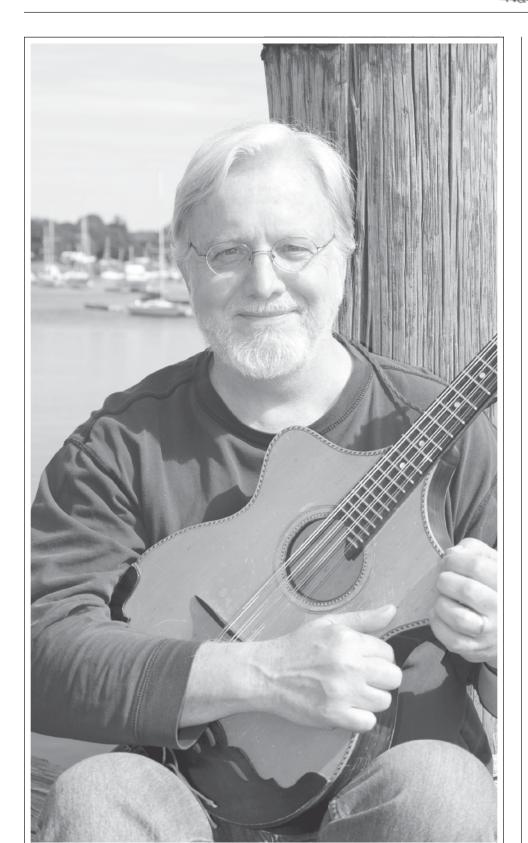
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## Citizenship Recognition - 8th Grade

Timothy Amarante Harris Andersen Sophie Baum Lauren Chaffkin **Edward Criscuolo** Jacqueline DeGennaro Marco Delsanto Howard Ding Olivia Dittmann Agrani Dixit Samantha Fleischman Melissa Ford

Jessica Foster Elizabeth Frieden Deepak Gupta Qingli Hu Jack Iannantuoni Ananya Kachru Joseph Kiwanis Sarah Korb Ryan McManus Aya Neeman Shirley Ni Sophia Pan

Antonio Pellegrino Emma Piorkowski Danielle Reynolds Jacob Rizzuti Benjamin Sauberman Jacob Silliman Morgan Sullivan Kyle Triplett Kayla Zamkov Kevin Zhao

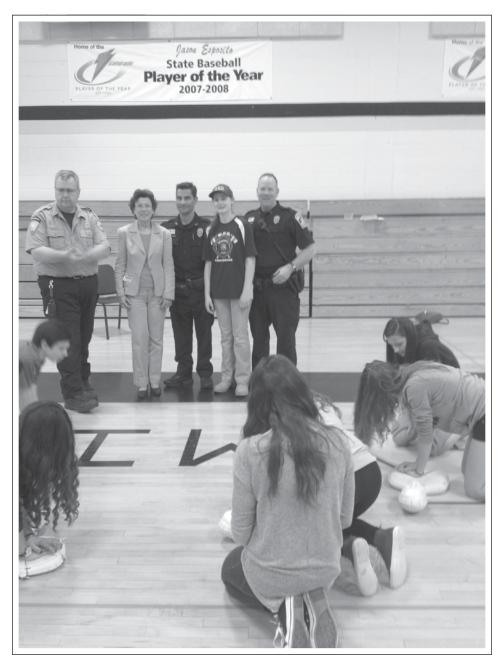


## WOODBRIDGE'S WIKFORS TO SAIL ON CHARLES W. MORGAN

Woodbridge resident Gary H. Wikfors will be joining the captain and crew of the 19th century whale ship, Charles W. Morgan, as a 38th Voyager during the ship's historic voyage this summer. While aboard the Morgan, Gary H. Wikfors will compose instrumental folk melodies inspired by the Morgan and the diverse ethnic crews that served onboard during the first 37 voyages.

During the voyage, nearly 80 people, dubbed 38th Voyagers, will participate in an unprecedented public-history event. During one leg of the voyage, each 38th Voyager will take part in their own unique project using the Morgan as a focal point for their discoveries. The 38th Voyagers come from across the world and a wide variety of backgrounds including artists, historians, scientists, journalists, teachers, musicians, scholars, and descendants of whaling crews. Once back on shore, each 38th Voyager will submit a personal work that embodies their experience. These works may be incorporated into a coming exhibit at Mystic Seaport.

Gary Wikfors holds a Ph.D. in marine biology, with a focus on marine phytoplankton, which he applies to his position as Supervisor Research Fisheries Biologist with the Northeast Fisheries Center of the National Marine Fisheries Service in Milford, CT. His interest in the 38th Voyage, however, focuses less on his scientific background but more on his more than four decades as a composer and performer of traditional folk music from cultures around the world. He has written more than 200 songs and currently plays throughout New England with different bands, performing a variety of music on several instruments, from country to contra dance. In particular, Wikfors founded "Walkingwood Mandolin Quartet" in 2001 and their first CD came out in 2010. Wikfors plans to use the 38th Voyage to compose original instrumental music that blends the folk traditions that likely would have been heard aboard the Charles W. Morgan in the 19th century. Since the Morgan was composed of wood and metal in the 1840s, he will compose music for the waldzither, a stringed instrument built in Germany from similar materials in the same time period. While on board, during a sail from Provincetown, MA to Stellwagen Bank and back, he will react to the rhythms of wind, wood, and wave. Tunes that result will be "scratch" recorded by video camera, and then brought home for the creation of more-polished arrangements.



## AMITY HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS CPR TRAINING AND LOCK-DOWN DRILL

Students and staff at Amity Regional High School are safer thanks to two training exercises that took place last week at the school.

On Wednesday, first responders including local AMR staff and the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department offered CPR training to roughly 600 students in the school gym.

This CPR training was part of a national effort by AMR, called AMR CPR challenge, in which AMR and local fire departments offered free compression-only CPR training.

The training takes two minutes and is an effective method of increasing the chance of survival for someone suffering a cardiac event until first responders arrive.

"I was impressed with both the trainers and the trainees during the CPR Challenge. The students took the exercise very seriously, and will be well prepared to help their family or neighbors in an emergency," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar.

On Tuesday of the same week, the Woodbridge Police Department led a planned unannounced training exercise at the school.

Students were not forewarned, but were told during the lock-down that it was a drill.

"Students and staff at Amity Regional High are lucky to benefit from a great relationship with the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department and the Woodbridge Police Department," said Amity Regional School District Superintendent Chip Dumais. "These two, very different, training exercises reflect the District's and the Town's depth of commitment to safety in our schools."

Sgt. Frank Cappiello explained that Woodbridge police coordinated the drill with the Orange Police Department and the Connecticut State Police.

Earlier in the school year Woodbridge Police ran a lock-down drill but police were escorted through the building during their search with administrative staff. This time, administrative staff "sheltered in place" while police searched the building. "During this drill, police were on their own as they would be in a real situation," said Cappiello.

The drill went smoothly, said Cappiello. "Every time we do it we get more strategic," he said. "We make it more realistic each time and add different scenarios. The more you practice the better you get."



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## FROM OUR READERS

## Land Trust Continues Efforts to Save Baldwin Farm

The Woodbridge Land Trust Board of Directors has committed \$150,000 in matching funds to demonstrate our continued strong interest in saving the farm at 902 Baldwin Road, despite the owner's recent decision to accept a developer's offer to buy the land. Recognizing that no deal is done until it is done, the Trust will use these funds to match donations made to the Trust from individuals who want to join in its effort to save the farm.

Approximately a year ago, the farm's owner offered to work with the town of Woodbridge to obtain grants to purchase the farm's development rights. The Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission moved slowly, and the owner recently accepted an offer from a developer for the entire parcel. However, it can take time for such a deal to be finalized, and should the developer withdraw, the Trust stands ready to file a grant application with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and remains interested in working with the town on ways to save the farm. The Woodbridge Town Plan of Conservation and Development identifies 902 Baldwin Road as a property of critical importance. Over fifty percent of the land is of prime agricultural importance and there is archaeological evidence that Paugussett families occupied the land.

Please take a ride down Baldwin Road and pause at the fields for a moment to reflect on the beauty of the scene. We hope you share our interest in preserving land, and the value of open, active farmland for Woodbridge.

Chris Keevil, President The Woodbridge Land Trust

## To the Editor

What a disgrace to charge so much for Woodbridge residents' use of the pool. We are the suckers who carry the debt for poor planning. Why not charge out-of-towners much more and residents much less? \$100 difference is absolutely ridiculous. My kids live in Westport (\$40./season for use of facilities) and West Hartford. Their taxes are far less proportionately than ours and their benefits are far more. The towns also offer much more of everything including schools which equal or surpass Amity.

I think it is time to run this town with the needs of the residents in mind. Woodbridge isn't anywhere near as exclusive as some residents would like to think it is.  $Alan\ H\ Cooper$ 

## PLEASE NOTE:

In a press release submitted to us in the May 23rd issue of the Woodbridge Town News about telephone scams, Chief Marcucci was quoted as saying: "The police will never call you to ask for money. If someone calls you and claims to be a police officer you should ask for a phone number so that you can call back and verify it's the police." The correct quote should have been "The police will never call you to ask for money," says Chief Marcucci. "If someone calls you and claims to be a police officer you should ask for a phone number. Call the police and give them that number so they can investigate."

Also, It should have been noted that Chris Dickerson, who submitted a letter in the last issue, served the Town of Woodbridge as a member of the Board of Selectmen from 2005-2007.



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Submit your letters for our **"From Our Readers"** section to: Woodbridge Town News, P.O. Box 1126, Orange, CT 06477 or email: letters@woodbridgetownnews.com.

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## FROM OUR READERS

## To the Editor

You may be aware of the State DOT traffic construction going on at the corners of routes 63 and 67 (Amity and Seymour roads). The road is being widened, new drainage is being put in, and a traffic light is planned.

All of this is to solve a 'problem' that is the back up on route 67 during rush hour 5 mornings a week. The solution will not solve that problem, but will instead introduce that problem on route 63 in both directions, as well as maintain the situation on route 67. Cars will now be stopped on a 24/7 basis at this intersection, increasing air pollution and oil/gas run off into the wetlands at that intersection, and into our wells. In addition, these wider turn lanes and the assistance of the traffic light will increase truck traffic coming in on both routes as it will now be easier to negotiate that turn coming and going from New Haven.

All of this was done with no communication to the neighborhood. One town administrator was involved, but there was no direct communications with anyone affected, except those whose property was being acquired by the state in order to widen the road. By Federal law the state is required to hold a town meeting 30% of the way into its project. This project began planning in 2004. Apparently in March 2006 there was a meeting called by the state. It put a small advertisement in the newspaper to alert residents. The communication from the state - who's salaries we pay - has been an embarrassment to the government.

While the road widening for drainage is well underway, some of the neighbors are starting a petition to stop the installation of the traffic light which will create considerable problems. If the project stops with the widened roads, which will indeed ease the congestion and make the intersection safer, we feel that is enough.

Thanks for your consideration.

Anne Boucher

## To the Editor

As we mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day this month, I hope you will join me in thanking one of our own World War II vets for his service to our country and to Woodbridge. Joseph R. ("Joe") Calistro served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corp, acting as Navigator in a B-17 Flying Fortress for the 100th Bomb Group. The website for the 100th Bomb Group Museum notes that: "The Group's B-17 Flying Fortresses were heavy bombers which specialized in daylight raids deep into German territory, at tremendous risk." You can learn more at www.100bgmus. org.uk and other sites.

Joe moved to Woodbridge with his family in 1960. Here, Joe participated in several civic organizations and eventually served on the Board of Selectmen for 14 years. As we update our Town Plan, it's worth noting that Joe helped create several assets that we now enjoy. For example, Joe chaired the building committees for the tennis courts and the new Firehouse, and oversaw the construction of the Town Gazebo. Joe even brought our town's "dry" status to referendum in 2003, securing voter support for the operation of restaurants, cafes, and similar establishments in our commercial district. This vote helped draw new businesses to our town, expanding our tax base and improving the opportunities for dining out while close to home. Joe served our country and Woodbridge with dedication, tenacity, and smarts. Thank you, Joe, for all you have done for us –

, Amey Marrella - Former Woodbridge First Selectman

## WOODBRIDGE TOWN LIBRARY TO HOST FARMERS' MARKET

If you are looking for fresh, local produce, you will soon have a little less far to travel. The Woodbridge Town Library will be hosting a Farmers' Market on the fourth Wednesday of the month, June through September, from 3-6pm at the parking lot of the Old Firehouse next to the library. The exact dates of the market will be June 25, July 23, August 27, and September 24.

"This market is a wonderful way to expand the library's popular program options and strengthen community ties," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "I am sure Woodbridge residents will be as excited as I am to shop locally, eat locally and learn locally this

summer."

The library hopes that the market will help promote awareness of eating locally and support local farms, while at the same time bringing the community together. Additionally, the library will run programs at the Farmers' Market, which will include crafts, cooking demonstrations, and more.

Participating farms include Darling Farm, Massaro Community Farm, Ro-Jo Farms, Mapleview Farm, Amity Garden Center, and more. Vendors are still being accepted for the market.

For more information on the Farmers' Market, please call 203-389-3466 or email kward@woodbridgect.org.

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## FROM THE FIRST SELECTMAN'S DESK

By Ellen Scalettar



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers in Woodbridge. In a small town like ours, so much work is accomplished through the hard work and commitment of volunteers. I'd especially like to call out two groups for recognition: The Garden Club of Woodbridge and the Town Plan and Zoning Commission.

This year the Garden Club celebrates its 80th anniversary! This club of volunteers helps make Woodbridge beautiful by creating and maintaining perennial gardens. They also do so much more, they work with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and also provide a scholarship to a graduating Amity senior pursuing a major in horticulture or environmental studies

Another volunteer group doing thoughtful work to improve and protect Woodbridge is the Town Plan and Zoning Commission (TP&Z). Every 10 years TP&Z is tasked with updating the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. TP&Z commissioners are seeking residents' input for the update:

How do you envision Woodbridge's future for the next ten years? Please share your thoughts by completing an online survey: www.tinyurl.com/WoodbridgePOCD.

The shared missions and accomplishments of so many Woodbridge volunteer groups help us create a sense of community. But we have more to do. Lately, I've heard from many residents seeking new ways to strengthen our Woodbridge community ties. In response, my office is researching creative ideas for events and programs to bring residents together more frequently. In addition to the popular summer concerts (every Tuesday in July at 6 pm!), we can all look forward to more community celebrations, including the new Woodbridge Farmers Market. You can be among the first to find out about these upcoming announcements by checking the Town's website frequently (woodbridgect.org), signing up for the Town's new e-newsletter (email byagla@woodbridgect.org) and following us on Facebook (www. Facebook.com/WoodbridgectCT).

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT MASSARO COMMUNITY FARM

## Down the Garden Path Garden Series\*

June 18th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

A garden series for adults sponsored by the Institute for Learning in Retirement by Albertus Magnus college.

## Beekeeping Workshops - Summer Hive Management\*

June 21st at 9:00 a.m. and again at 11:00 a.m.

Instructional sessions led by the CT Beekeeper's Association. Space is limited so registration is required. All levels of interest are encourage to attend. Suggested donation \$10/pp.

## Nurturing a Bird Friendly Habitat\*

June 21st from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

This workshop, led by Katherine Blake of Audubon CT, will include an overview of how Audubon CT is helping landowners, schools and communities throughout Connecticut connect with nature while contributing real conservation impact. Includes a walk of the farm. \$20/pp.

Please Note: Items with an asterisk require advance registration. Please visit our website, www.MassaroFarm.org for more details, a full calendar, and registration. If you have any questions, please contact Caty Poole, Executive Director, at 203-736-8618 or 215-694-5549.

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best practices;

- 4. Embody Smart Growth principles such as walkability and sustainability;
- 5. Maximize public open space;
- 6. Minimize traffic generation and other potential impacts on the surrounding neighborhood;
- 7. Provide a high-quality site plan and physical design that fits the context of the Town of Woodbridge;

"This RFP will open the door to creative development options that we may not even have considered," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "This will allow us to see what the private market thinks is feasible for this site."

An ad hoc committee, appointed by the First Selectman, of Andrew Esposito, Carolyn Wolff, Thomas Kenefick, Deborah Fried, Gary Desir, Jason Morrill and Deke Hotchkiss, will review and interview the responders. The committee will make non-binding recommendations to the Board. All submissions are due by August 4.

## TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAM, REC CAMP MOVE TO AMITY HIGH

Given the imminent construction activity at Beecher Road School, summer programs for Woodbridge children for the most part will be taking place at Amity High School. That includes not only Enrichment classes, but Woodbridge Recreation summer camp and Extended Day. Special Education summer school classes will take place at Ezra Academy.

School Supt. Dr. Guy Stella invoked the "spirit of adventure," for the campaway-at home situation. He expects the same arrangement to be necessary next summer, as the renovations are scheduled to stretch across both summers.

The Beecher programs will have a dedicated wing at the high school, so as to not interfere with the high school summer school classes. The area to be occupied by the elementary students is where the Social Studies (first floor) and World Language classes (second floor) are located, near the media center.

The wing has its own entrance, and School Resource Officer Lynch will be stationed at the high school to help direct traffic. Beecher School head nurse Stacey Katz will also have an office at the high school while the students are there. Even the traditional "Welcome to Kindergarten" weeks for incoming Kindergarten students will take place there. The classes will be held in the High School's early childhood education classrooms.

Meanwhile at Beecher the building upgrade will start in full force. The major focus this summer will be on the Awing, said Alfred Pullo, Jr., Director of Business Services/Operations. The A wing is part of the oldest part of the expansive school campus, housing the first grade classes, behind the administrative offices.

The single-pane window-walls will be replaced as well as ceiling, roofing, ventilation and painting. The roofs over the

A, B and C wings will be replaced. The ceilings all across the spread-out campus will be affected, said Pullo, so that both the North and the South buildings will be under construction.

The Recreation Department summer camp is for all Woodbridge children in grades 1 through 8. Typically they will have more than 250 participants, Recreation Office Manager Jim Franco said. As of the beginning of June, over 100 were signed up, which puts them "a little ahead" of the same time last year. He said the high school facility offers inand outdoor space, including the tennis courts.

Extended Day, Rec camp and the summer enrichment programs will be able to use the Beecher pool on designated days and the South Assembly Room, said Dr. Stella. For swimming, students will be bused from the high school to Beecher. However, the traditional swim lessons will not be offered this year, according to Jim Franco.

Parking lot upgrades: The town has announced a \$500,000 STEAP grant from the state for repairing sidewalks and improving the parking lots at Beecher Road School. The money does not need to be spent this summer, Dr. Stella said. Depending on how they can integrate the outdoor work with the indoor work, they may start on some aspects of that work or hold off until the major construction is done. "A lot of planning still has to be done," he said.

Summer Enrichment classes are separate, week-long sessions, starting June 30 and finishing August 1. Extended Day will be in session June 30 to August 1, from noon to 5:30 p.m. There is also a before-camp program from 8 to 9 a.m. For information regarding Extended Day, contact Cathy Salinardi, (203) 823-3347; for information regarding the Enrichment

## PROTECT THE BABIES IN YOUR LIFE!

Everyone loves to hug and kiss babies. Along with this exchange of affection, germs will be passed from one to another. You can protect the infant you care about while protecting yourself against pertussis. Quinnipiack Valley Health District (QVHD) offers the pertussis vaccine (in the form of Tdap-tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, babysitters and other caregivers or contacts of newborns and infants 12 months and younger. If you are over age 18 and have never had a Tdap vaccine, (a combined booster immunization containing tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis protection) you are eligible to receive this vaccine. A \$10.00 administration fee is requested. No one will be turned away for lack of ability to pay this fee. Immunization clinics are held every 4-6 weeks. The next clinic will be held on May 29, 2014 from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Call QVHD, 203 248-4528 or visit us online, www.qvhd.org for clinic dates and times.

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Call or email for specific directions. Register at 1st class, or mail check to Woodbridge Recreation at 11 Meetinghouse Lane in Woodbridge, CT 06525.

Call Diane King, Instructor, 203 494-3745 with questions or yogadiane@gmail.com

## TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2014

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



Town Hall

7/1	Summer Concerts6:00pm	The Green (near gazebo)
7/2		Police Department
1/2	Police Commission6:00pm	rolice Department
7/7	Human Services Commission7:00pm Town Plan & Zoning Commission7:30pm	The Center Town Hall
7/8	Summer Concerts6:00pm	The Green
7/9	Board of Selectmen6:00pm	Town Hall
7/14	Library Commission6:00pm Zoning Board of Appeals7:30pm	Library Town Hall
7/15	Summer Concerts6:00pm	The Green
7/17	Board of Finance6:00pm Conservation Commission7:30pm	Town Hall Town Hall
7/22	Summer Concerts6:00pm Government Access TV Comm7:15pm	The Green Town Hall
7/24	Economic Development Comm7:00pm	Town Hall
7/28	CC of Woodbridge Commission6:00pm	Town Hall
7/29	Summer Concerts6:00pm	The Green



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The playground founders, Teri Schatz and Colleen Inclima, were happy with the new location, but that move brings the playground closer to the soccer and lacrosse field. They now need to install lacrosse netting to the tune of \$18,500 and a longer walkway to the playground for \$10,000. "Those things are necessities," Inclima said in a phone interview. "But they were not budgeted for." They are hoping to raise the money through fundraising, but their means of reaching residents are limited. The flyers they stuck on the flags of mailboxes earlier this year got complaints, both from some residents and from the post office. However, a mailing would cost more than \$600, she said, which they would prefer to spend on the playground.

At this point, it seems that the planned picnic pavilion will be cut from the project to free up some funds for the netting. It can be added later, she said, but that will be the responsibility of the town, as the Woodbridge Community Playground Inc, 501(c)3 will disband when the project is done. Upkeep of the playground will fall to the town's Public Works crew.

## Unlike Any Other

Even without the picnic area this is promising to be an exciting playground, even for an adult. Miracle Recreation is the company that is installing the equipment and donating some of it. A special feature will be the 25-foot "Mega Phyzics tower," the first of its kind in the state. It gives the children a "tree-house" feel, Inclima said. It is also enclosed from 14 feet up and doesn't allow kids to climb on top. A long slide brings them back to the ground.

The goal was not to just set up a couple of swings and slides, Inclima said, but to provide a facility "that fosters imaginative play and developmental learning," where all children can play side-by-side in an environment of acceptance and understanding of differences, the mother of two said. The wish for an inclusive playground actually generated with her daughter, who saw one of her classmates sitting out in his wheelchair during recess, Inclima said. That is also one reason the walkway is a necessity. "What does an inclusive playground do if you have to cross a field to get to it," she said. It is also designed to accommodate a wide age range, from 2 to 12 years, which sets it apart from most other playgrounds the town offers now. Calling it a "play park," Inclima said more than anything they wanted to create a gathering point for Woodbridge families. State Sen. Joe Crisco brought the point up in a brief speech at the groundbreaking. "This is an opportunity for parents and children to have fun together," he said.

State Rep. Themis Klarides said at a time when kids' health is part of the national conversation, "the more opportunities kids have to play outdoors in a beautiful area like this, the better for them."

Schatz and Inclima had a long list of thank-yous at the groundbreaking, starting with the local legislators who had helped procure a \$200,000 state fund for the project. They also thanked First Selectman Ellen Scalettar who helped them navigate approval processes not only at the state, but at the local level.

They had a committee at their side, including Playground Manager John Hollerbach, Jessica Artemchuk for design and construction; Marge Kanyusik, fundraising; Tiffany Katz as special needs consultant, Paul Acampora as webmaster, Kevin Merkle for landscape design, Dave Speranzini, 501(c)3 attorney, Judi Young, volunteer and signage, Meagan Acampora, volunteer committee, Jeanette Kuvin Oren, graphic design and Rich Pavano, accountant.

They thanked sponsors who helped the project in many ways. Diamond sponsors are Laticrete International, which funded the basketball court, and A1 Toyota; Platinum sponsors are The Plastic Forming Company and the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association, who is helping lay the personalized brick pavers; and Warren Luciani of Advanced Paving and West Rock Materials for the site work; Gold Sponsors are the Beth-Wood Baseball League, Chem Weth, Corporate Health Insurance Planners, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, Linda and Lenny Bell, Dr. Michael Lustick and Dr. Barbara Rickler, and Servpro.

A grand opening is planned for early September. To make a donation, send it to Woodbridge Community Playground Inc., Box 3634, New Haven, 06515-9994 or email wcplayground@gmail.com.

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## FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT VETERANS

Blackhorse 4 Heroes will be holding a pasta dinner fundraiser on Saturday, June 14th. It will be held at Veterans Memorial Park, 265 Beacon Road in Bethany.

Blackhorse 4 Heroes is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping veterans re-connect through recreational equine driving and was developed by Bethany's own Brad Bertele and Melissa Pogwizd of Blackhorse Equestrian Center. Brad, an army veteran, combined his military experience with his knowledge of driving horses and created a program that local veterans have come to love.

Today, Blackhorse 4 Heroes is proud

to serve disabled veterans from the Newington and West Haven VA hospitals. Its unique program challenges the need for medication and provides a homeopathic path to recovery.

There will be over 20 auction items at the dinner, including helicopter rides, weather permitting. All prizes will be registered, so you do not have to be present to win.

Tickets for the dinner are \$10 when purchased ahead through the black-horse4heroes@wildapricot.org, under "events" or \$15 at the door. This event is free for veterans.

## ADL HONORS HIGHSMITH, SKLARZ WITH TORCH OF LIBERTY AWARD

Nearly 400 leading citizens and government officials joined the Anti-Defamation League on May 13 to honor exceptional community leaders in Greater New Haven. ADL presented its Torch of Liberty Award to Carlton Highsmith and Mark Sklarz following the local presentation of the FBI's Director's Community Leadership Award (DCLA) to ADL's Connecticut Regional Office by Patricia M. Ferrick, Special Agent-In-Charge of the FBI New Haven Field Office. The Torch of Liberty Award is presented annually to outstanding citizens whose extraordinary work has helped to strengthen the Greater New Haven community.

"Congratulations once again to Mark Sklarz and Carlton Highsmith," said Gary Jones, Regional Director of ADL's Connecticut office. "We're pleased to have recognized two deserving and distinguished honorees whose values are so closely aligned with the Anti-Defamation League. For decades, both Mark and Carlton have strived to achieve equal opportunities and fair treatment for all, and their tireless efforts in the Greater New Haven community reflect that. We know that their civil rights advocacy and community service will not stop with the Torch of Liberty Award."

Jones accepted the DCLA on behalf of the many people who enable the ADL Connecticut Regional Office to remain a strong force throughout the state, including the regional board members, trained facilitators, volunteers, contributors and community partners.

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## Wine Talk



## PORT FOR FATHER'S DAY

Karen MacNiel wrote in the Wine Bible that Port is lusciously sweet, powerfully fortified wine, the drinking of which can only be described as a turbocharged experience. Sweet fortified Port is the foremost wine of Portugal and is considered one of the most unique, delicious dessert wines in the world. There are ten different styles the most renounced and expensive is referred to as vintage port.

The name Port is derived from the city of Oporto, a major port on the Atlantic at the mouth of the Douro River. It is the second largest city in Portugal. In the 1600s and 1700s England's many wars and rivalries with France caused the British to look to Portugal to find wines to import. During the long trip to England the Portuguese wine makers started to fortify the wines with brandy to allow them to make the trip. Portuguese wine makers started to add brandy, which is fermented wine, during the fermentation process and Port as we know it was born.

There are ten different styles of Port and each one is unique. There is White Port, Ruby Port, Tawny Port, Aged Tawny Port, Vintage Character Port, Late Bottled Vintage Port, Vintage Port and others. The United States is the largest market in the world for Vintage Port. Vintage Port can only be made in exceptional years when the young wines show near perfect balance. In these years the shipper must first declare a vintage, and all the grapes from this vintage are used to make Port. During the fermentation process brandy is added as mentioned but at different times so the sweetness can vary.

Port has two great partners - roasted nuts and cheese. The best cheeses are blue, stilton and Gorgonzola. Almond and Walnut cakes go quite well with most styles of port. Some Ports to know; DOW'S Tawny Port, Boardroom. This is one of the finest inexpensive Ports around. Taylor Fladgate 10 year old Tawny Port. W & J Graham's 20 year old Tawny Port. This one is special. It features great finesse and elegance, and mesmerizing complexity. Smith Woodhouse Vintage Character Port Lodge Reserve.

Big! Adriano Ramos-Pinto, this is a late bottled Vintage Port. Rich! W & J Graham's Vintage Port. Fruit and tannins – great. Finally, Taylor Fladgate Vintage Port. This is highly sought after and among the most expensive. It is a wonderful experience!

So get Dad some wonderful Vintage Port for Father's Day. You will be glad you did! If you do not - How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child? (King Lear (1.4.280))

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine appreciation classes at Gateway Community College, and for the Milford Board of Education and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine. He is an award winning home wine maker. Email Ray with your wine questions and wine events at Ray. Spaziani@gmail.com.

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## LOCAL BUSINESS

## DR. HOWARD TAUBIN RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Howard L. Taubin, MD, of Woodbridge, vice chairman of the Bridgeport Hospital board of directors, has received the 2014 American Gastroenterological As-

sociation (AGA) Distinguished Clinician Award in the private practice category for his outstanding leadership and excellence in the practice of gastroenterology. The award is one of only two Distinguished Clinician Awards presented by the AGA annually, with the other going to a gastroenterologist in clinical academic practice. Dr. Taubin was formally recognized at the national Digestive Disease Week convention in Chicago May 4. "We take great pride in honoring your outstanding contributions and abilities to combine the art of medicine with the skills demanded by the scientific body of knowledge in service to patients," wrote Loren A. Laine, MD, chairman of the AGA, in a congratulatory letter to Dr. Taubin.



Dr. Howard Taubin

Dr. Taubin has been in practice with Stratford-based Gastroenterology Associates and on the attending medical staff of Bridgeport Hospital since 1973. In that time, he has held several roles at the hospital and has been an integral part of the gastroenterology section, serving for many years as chief and a key faculty member in the hospital's gastroenterology fellowship program.

In 2010, Dr. Taubin became vice chairman of the Bridgeport Hospital board. He has also served as chairman of the board's professional and quality assurance committee. "Dr. Taubin's recognition by the AGA is well deserved," said William M. Jennings, president and CEO of Bridgeport Hospital and executive vice president of Yale New Haven Health System. "He is a dedicated physician and a valuable member of the hospital board."

Dr. Taubin is also an associate clinical professor of medicine at Yale University School of Medicine. He has been recognized as Physician of the Year in greater Bridgeport and has won teaching awards at Bridgeport Hospital and the gastroenterology section of Yale-New Haven Hospital. He has published several articles and case reports in peer-reviewed journals and has served on the editorial advisory board of the American Journal of Gastroenterology. His areas of expertise include acid-peptic disorders, inflammatory bowel disease, celiac disease, and colon cancer prevention and detection.

Dr. Taubin graduated with a degree in biology from Boston University and continued on to graduate study in biology at Columbia University in New York. He entered the University of Virginia School of Medicine at Charlottesville in 1961. After receiving his medical degree, he served his internship and began his residency at Montefiore Medical Center in New York. Following service as a captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1967 to 1969, Dr. Taubin completed his residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital in 1970. He concluded his training with a fellowship in gastroenterology at Yale School of Medicine.

## PHILIP SILVERIO DPT JOINS AMITY PHYSICAL THERAPY

With an ever increasing staff, Amity Physical Therapy, with offices in Woodbridge, Hamden and Branford, has added Philip Silverio to its facility in Woodbridge.

Silverio is a graduate of Franklin Pierce University and received his doctorate degree from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield. He joins one of the fast growing physical therapy practices in Southern Connecticut founded eleven years ago by Michael Dow, MSPT.

Silverio enjoys working with patients of all ages, treating a wide variety of injuries. "We seek the top physical therapy practitioners," commented Michael Dow, Clinical Director. "Phil Silverio typifies the excellence our practice strives for, setting the standard in how all physical therapy patients are treated."



 $Philip\ Silverio$ 

Silverio resides in Middletown. He enjoys sports, travel, and music in his spare time.



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### **EMAIL NEWSLETTERS**

If you would like to have our monthly newsletter electronically sent to you, please call us at 203-389-3430 with your name and email address.

### **EXERCISE**

The Senior Center offers exercise (combination of cardio, strength training, flexibility, and aerobics) on Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00a.m. in the cafeteria. Summer schedule is in effect and there will be no exercise class from July 24 thru August 4.

The Woodbridge Recreation Department offers a variety of gentle and dynamic yoga classes; mornings, afternoons, and evenings. For more information, call Jim Franco at 203-389-3446.

### SHOPPING AT AMITY SHOPPING CENTER

If you need a ride to pick up groceries, do banking, go to the drug store, etc.; please call the office at 203-389-3430 to make a reservation. The cost is \$4.00.

### SHOPPING AT SOUTHBURY PLAZA

Monday, July 14th, 10:00 a.m.

Southbury Plaza is the latest addition to our list of shopping excursions. Some of the anchor stores in the plaza are TJ Maxx, Stop & Shop, Kmart, Panera Bread, Dress Barn, McDonalds and more. You may reserve a ride by calling 203-389-3430.

### THE SENIOR CENTER CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group meets every Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm. Knitting, Crocheting, Sewing, and Socializing are some of the activities of the group.

## FREE FRIDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES AT THE WOODBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

Movies are shown at the Senior Center on Friday afternoons at 1 pm. Join us at 12:15 for a nutritious \$3 lunch, followed by a movie with free popcorn (or just attend the movie at 1 pm).

## WALKING GROUP

Weather permitting; the Walking Group meets each Friday at 10:00 at the Cornfield.

## **MAH-JONGG**

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

## **BOOK CLUB**

Will be meeting at 11:15 on Tuesday, July 22 in Room 13 of the Center Building. Refreshments will be served. Call 203-389-3451 for more info.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Share lunch and friendly conversation on Monday, July 28th at Carmen Anthony's Fish House of Woodbury. Everyone is welcome and it is "Dutch treat". Van transportation can be arranged for a \$3 fee. Please call Lee at 203-389-3430 to make a reservation for the lunch and/or transportation.

## **TRIPS**

Call 203-389-3430 to register.

Trips must be paid for at time of registration. Checks are payable to Getaway Tours.

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**August 19, 2014** — Tuesday — Block Island. \$119 includes ferry ride from Point Judith RI, narrated island tour, lunch at The National Hotel, and driver's gratuity.

**September 17, 2014** — Wednesday—The Big E. \$49 includes transportation, admission to the "Big E" and driver's gratuity.October 21, 2014 — Tuesday — Oktoberfest. \$85 includes transportation, festivities and family-style luncheon at Platzl Brauhaus, and driver's gratuity.

**TRIP CANCELLATIONS FOR DAY TRIPS** — Unfortunately NO REFUNDS can be issued for any cancellations made less than 30 days before a scheduled trip or event.

## FROM THE SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

By Lee Canning





Left to right: Walt Pilkowicz, Lee Canning, Doug Milone

## SENIOR CENTER TRANSPORTATION

The Senior Center Transportation program is able to provide transportation from your home for elderly and disabled Woodbridge residents to the Senior Center, to Amity Stop & Shop, and to medical appointments. The Woodbridge Senior Center provides transportation Monday thru Friday from 8:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. All transportation requests are handled on a first come first serve basis.

In the near future we will be adding more destinations to our schedule. We have scheduled a trip to Walmart in Naugatuck on June 16th. You may reserve a ride or leave a suggestion for trips by calling 203-389-3430.

Bus driver Walt Pilkowicz, a resident of Milford, has been transporting senior citizens in the Woodbridge community for 24 years. When asked why he enjoys providing this service he told us that he likes to drive and enjoys meeting new people. He also feels a great sense of satisfaction knowing that he can help others. Walt has a very busy life, with his wife Elaine, 4 grown children and 6 grandchildren but after all these years still finds his passengers very interesting.

Senior Center Director, Lee Canning, has been employed by the Town of Woodbridge for 33 years. Lee enjoys interacting with the seniors, planning trips and scheduling entertainment for them.

Bus driver Doug Milone, has been driving for the Senior Center for 4 years. Doug previously worked for the Dept. of Motor Vehicles. He also enjoys providing this service for Woodbridge seniors and has been married for 48 years with 6 grandchildren.

The general consensus of participants in this program feel it is a pleasure to take the bus and the drivers are all fantastic, they are helpful, considerate, polite and they go beyond the call of duty.





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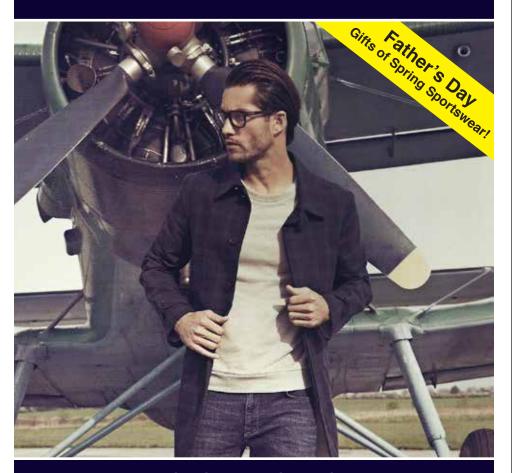


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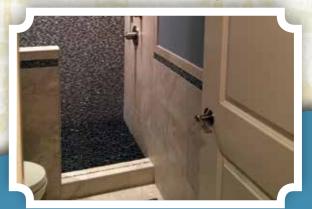
Karen Seidelman Elimelech, proudly announces the engagement of her son, David B. Elimelech of Columbia, Maryland to Sheri R. Sagall of Columbia, Maryland. David is a 2009 graduate of Amity High School, and 2013 graduate of Mitchell College in New London, CT, where he majored in Communications. David is currently employed by Walgreens, in Columbia, MD. Sheri is a 2008 graduate of the Nora School and a 2013 graduate of Mitchell College where she majored in Early Childhood Education. She is currently employed in her field in the Wash. D.C. area. No wedding date is set at this time.

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## JCC EVENTS FOR JULY

Please Note: All events take place at the Jewish Community Center, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge unless otherwise stated.

## **Grill N Chill: Dave Quick**

Wednesday, July 9, 5-8 pm

Acoustic stylings of Dave Quick and delicious Kosher BBQ. Children's activity with LJ. Contact: DeDe Jacobs-Komisar, 203-387-2522, dedek@jccnh.org.

## Shabbat Friends Cooking Series

Friday, July 11, 1-2 pm

This once a month program provides a child-friendly space to ring in Shabbat in a format that captivates and encourages exploration through cooking! Contact: Laura Ross, 203-387-2522, laurar@jccnh.org.

## Bagels & Books (Ages 3-5)

Sunday, July 13, 10:30-11:15 am

Play, Learn & Grow in your pajamas! Bagels and Books is a monthly program that provides a FREE Bagel Brunch, sing alongs, storytime, and craft. RSVP: Laura LJ Ross, 203-387-2522, laurar@jccnh.org.

## Grill N Chill: Rickie Miller and Tony Dioguardi

Wednesday, July 23, 5-8 pm

Jazz, and R&B with special guest Jay Rowe. Summer music series featuring great talent and delicious Kosher BBQ. Children's activity with LJ. Contact: DeDe Jacobs-Komisar, 203-387-2522, dedek@jccnh.org.

## AMITY CLASS OF '84 REUNION

Amity High School Class of 1984 will hold its 30th reunion Saturday, July 12, 2014 Seasons at Oak Lane (formerly Oak Lane Country Club) in Woodbridge from 7:00PM -11:00PM. Alumni and any friends of the Class of 1984 are welcome to join us for this celebration. Tickets are \$50 per person & checks should be made out to "Amity Class of 1984 Reunion" & mailed to Laurye Koseski Natale, 764 Hill Road, Harwinton, CT 06791. Deadline is June 30th. Email any questions to: 1984Amity@gmail.com.

## WOODBRIDGE REC. ZUMBA

A new session of Zumba for adults at Woodbridge Rec., located in the Center Building Café at 4 Meetinghouse Lane, will take place on Mondays from June 23 to August 25, 6:00-7:00pm. Call the Rec. Department Office at 203-389-3446 for more information.



Susan Antinozzi, Betty Fearon and Pat Bakke

## GARDEN CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE CELEBRATES 80 YEARS

The Garden Club of Woodbridge presented its first President's Award to Elizabeth Fearon at its Annual Meeting on June 3. Co-Presidents Susan Antinozzi and Pat Bakke selected Betty Fearon to be the first recipient of the award because of her unfailing leadership and ongoing encouragement and support of the Club over forty-two years. Betty had served as the Club's president during its 70th anniversary and Susan and Pat felt it appropriate to initiate this award in the Club's 80th Anniversary year. The Club's 80th Anniversary celebration was culminated with the Annual Meeting, luncheon and program at Seasons at Oak Lane where the President's Award was given.

Ellen Scalettar, First Selectman of Woodbridge, lauded the Club for its design and maintenance of several gardens in the town. She noted that her favorite was the Butterfly Garden in the Circle at the Library. Also mentioned were the Adella Baldwin Stuart Garden at the corner of Center Road and Meetinghouse Lane, the Secret Garden at the Senior Center, the Thomas Darling House Perennial Herb Garden on Litchfield Turnpike and the Firehouse 9/11 Memorial Garden. Log onto www.gardenclubofwoodbridge.org to learn more about these Town-owned gardens that were designed, planted and maintained by the Civic Beautification Committee of the Garden Club of Woodbridge. For membership information contact Susan Hildebrand at (203) 387-3543 or contact her via info@gardenclubofwoodbridge.org.

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## **DINING WITH SUSAN**

By Susan Noonan

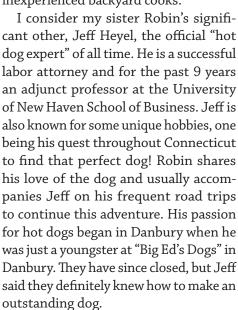






## A QUEST FOR THE BEST HOT DOG!

Hot dogs (aka frankfurters, frank, weenie, wienie, wiener, dog and red hot) are among America's favorite foods. Every year, Americans consume on average 60 hot dogs. This quintessential summer food (most are eaten between Memorial Day and Labor Day) is cheap, tasty, great for grills and forgiving of even the most inexperienced backyard cooks.



Jeff and Robin have visited 30 to 40 hot dog vendors over the past 2 years throughout Connecticut and still have another 8 or so to sample. Since we are approaching the peak of vacation season,









I thought it would be fun to share the couple's top spots for the best dogs in Connecticut to date. First of all, Jeff feels the highest quality dogs are made by German butchers offering old school handcrafted hot dogs. Martin Rosol's-45 Grove Street, New Britain-860-223-2707-www.martinrosolsinc.com and Hummel Brother's-180 Sargent Drive, New Haven-203-787-4113 - www.hummelbros.com supply most of the hot dogs to the restaurants below. I have listed the locations in 2 different categories as Jeff is the hot dog "purist" and Robin loves the toppings. They bring different perspectives to rating the hot dog vendors.

## "Best Pure Dogs"

- 1. Capitol Lunch 510 Main Street, New Britain 860-229-8237-www.capitollunch.com.
- 2. Al's Hot Dog Stand 248 S. Main Street, Naugatuck-203-729-6229.
- Mr. Mac's Canteen (2 locations) 2004 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford 203-874-1515 – 838 Main Street, Monroe – 203-459-9595. www.mrmacscanteen.com.
- 4. Super Duper Weenie 306 Black Rock Turnpike. Fairfield 203-334-3647 www.superduperweenie.com.
- 5. Glenwood Drive-In 2538 Whitney Avenue, Hamden 203-281-0604- www. glenwooddrivein.com.
- 6. Saint's Restaurant & Catering 1248 Queen Street, Southington 860-747-
- 7. Rawley's Drive-In 1886 Post Road, Fairfield 203-259-9023.

## "Best Dogs with Toppings"

- 1. Jordon's Hot Dog & Mac Restaurant 957 State Street, New Haven 203-789-2244.
- 2. Blackie's Hot Dog Stand 2200 Waterbury Road, Cheshire 203-699-1819.
- 3. The Dawg House 1360 East Street, New Britain-860-224-2636.

Final notes: As I mentioned above, the couple is continuing their adventure for the best dogs in Connecticut this summer. Consider taking your family and friends on a road trip to visit one of these popular family owned spots over the summer months. Please remember to support our local family owned businesses. If you have a favorite restaurant, please e-mail susan@orangetownnew.com or susan@woodbridgetownnews.com.



**Q:** It seems like I've been waiting forever -- when will "**True Blood**" be back? -- Heidi T., via email

**A:** Your wait is almost over: "True Blood" returns to HBO for its seventh (and final) season June 22 at 9 p.m. I spoke with series star **Amelia Rose Blaire**, who plays newly turned vampire (who just happens to be the late-Gov. Truman Burrell's daughter) **Willa Burrell,** and she gave me some scoops on the hit supernatural series' final season:

"Generally, I think fans are going to be really happy. The writers and everyone are doing a wonderful job. Everyone wants to make this the best ending to 'True Blood' that they can possibly make. Everyone is putting in 110 percent, and it is going to be epic."

She also told me a bit about how the cast is holding up during these last few months of shooting, knowing that the series is coming to an end: "We're going to be shooting until June, maybe even July, so right now I don't have much of that 'it's all going to be over soon' feeling. But I'm positive that as it comes closer, that it's going to affect everyone, because most of the cast and most of the crew have been here since season one. They've been working together seven years, which is an incredible amount of time to spend with someone."

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**Q:** I read in "Billboard" last month that **Journey** and **Steve Perry** were not going to reunite, despite the rumors to the contrary. What can you tell me about that? -- Peter F., Tempe, Ariz.

**A: Neal Schon** of Journey has indeed spoken out against the rumors of a Journey reunion with Steve Perry. In fact, the rock band is presently touring



Amelia Rose Blaire

with current lead singer **Arnel Pineda**. However, last month, Steve Perry made a rare and unannounced appearance (he hasn't sung publicly since 1995) with the indie band the **Eels** at the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, Minn., singing an Eels song with the band, as well as Journey classics "Open Arms" and "Lovin', Touchin', Squeezin'." He sounded absolutely fabulous, and I hope this is an indication that he is ready to step back into the spotlight, make a new album and go on tour.

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**READERS:** It's time to announce the fate of your favorite (or not-so-favorite) ABC shows from the 2013-14 season. Good news first -- the renewed shows are: "America's Funniest Home Videos," "The Bachelor," "Castle," "Dancing With the Stars," "The Goldbergs," "Grey's Anatomy," "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.," "The Middle," "Modern Family," "Nashville," "Once Upon a Time," "Resurrection," "Revenge," "Scandal" and "Shark **Tank."** Shows that won't be returning for 20014-15 are: "The Assets," "Back in the Game," "Betrayal," "Killer Women," "Lucky 7," "Mind Games," "Mixology," "The Neighbors," "Once Upon a Time in Wonderland," "Suburgatory," "Super Fun Night" and "Trophy Wife."

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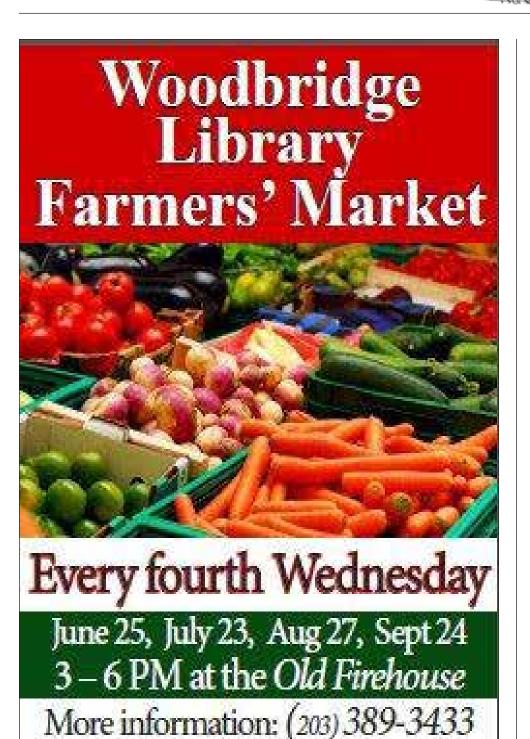
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The Woodbridge Town Library is pleased to announce Summer Reading Programs for Children, Teens, and Adults. Join the fun, read books, attend programs, and discover the Woodbridge Town Library this summer.

The Children and Teen summer reading programs will begin on Monday, June 23 and continue until August 15th. Stop by the Children's Department to pick up your reading log any time after June 23rd. Read 10 library books by the end of the summer and get a prize!

The Adult Summer Reading Program will begin on Friday, June 20 and end August 15th. Stop by the Circulation Desk to sign up. Adults will be able to enter prize drawings by filling out a book review card for titles they have read over the summer. In addition, they will be able to win prizes by attending programs and also participating via social media on the library's Facebook and Twitter pages.

For more information on summer reading programs, please contact kward@ woodbridgect.org for the adult program or childrensprograms@lioninc.org for the children's and teen programs.









The Rowland Family

Sarah Rastelli

Carolyn Simpson The L

The Lenskold Family

## **Peeps in Literature Contest Winners**

The Woodbridge Town Library would like to congratulate the winners of our first annual Peeps in Literature contest. The winners of the Children's category were - Rosalie, Matthew, and Mackenzie Rowland with Peeps Field of Dreams, The Lenskold Family for Jake and the Neverland Pirates, and Sarah Rastelli for Swiss Family Peepinsons. The Teen winner was Carolyn Simpson for Frozen with my Peeps. The Adult winner was Barbara Fabiani with Peepee Longstocking.





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## **Adult Events**

You may register for the following programs by stopping by the Circulation Desk, calling 203-389-3433, or emailing kward@woodbridgect.org with your name and phone number.



### Miniature Garden Workshop

Saturday, June 21 @ 11am

In this hands-on workshop led by master gardener, Rhonda, of Garden Inspirations, participants will learn the secrets of designing, planting, and maintaining a miniature garden. And you'll have fun making your own little garden for yourself or as a gift. You may wish to make a charming beach or tropical scene, woodland scene, serenity Zen garden, gardening or farm scene, or fairy garden. The style of miniature accessories are smaller, adorable versions of what you can realistically find in larger landscapes. Plants used are low-maintenance and low light, including ferns and succulents. Students should bring their own container (a 10-12" wide bowl or oval pot, 4-6" deep). A \$35 materials fee for basic miniature garden supplies is payable to instructor day of class, and additional miniature materials may be purchased if desired. Limited space, registration required.

### Farmers' Market

We dnesdays, June~25, July~23, August~27, and~September~24

From 3-6pm in the Parking Lot of the Old Firehouse next to the library. Stop in and buy fresh local produce from nearby farms. Darling Farm, Massaro Community Farm, Ro-Jo Farms, and Amity Garden Center will be among the vendors.

## Tri-Burger Bash and Charcoal Grilling Demonstration with Chef Ray

Tuesday, July 8 @ 6:30pm

Want to wow at your next cookout? Join Chef Ray in this two-part program. First, he will demonstrate how to make Beef, Turkey and Salmon Sliders. Afterwards, participants will go outside and learn techniques of real charcoal grilling. There will be recipes to take home and a sample for all! Limited space, please register by calling 203-389-3433, stop by the Circulation Desk, or email kward@woodbridgect. org with your name and phone number.

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### Film Screenings

**The Grand Budapest Hotel** - Thursday, June 19th @ 7:00~pm - Rated R. 100 minutes. The adventures of Gustave H, a legendary concierge at a famous European hotel between the wars, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend.

**The Lego Movie** - Thursday, June 26 @ 7pm - Rated PG. 100 minutes. An ordinary Lego construction worker, thought to be the prophesied 'Special', is recruited to join a quest to stop an evil tyrant from gluing the Lego universe into eternal stasis.

### Children's Events

Register for the events below by calling the Children's Department at 203-389-3439 or emailing childrensprograms@lioninc.org.



## Fizz Boom Read Summer Reading Program

Starts Monday, June 23 and continues through August 15th

FIZZ BOOM READ! Join the fun at the Woodbridge Town Library and be a part of our 2014 Summer Reading Program from June 23-August 15, 2014. We have books for readers of all ages, ongoing craft, book group, and storytime programs. Our special events in July include:

- July 2 Magic Show with Ed Popielarczyk. For ages 4+.
- July 7 Eager Readers Book Group "The Science Project that Ate My School"
   For children entering grades K-2.
- July 10, 17 and 31 Zumba Classes for ages 4-6.
- July 16 Discovery Museum presents Pop & Fizz Rockets (grades 1& 2) and Simple Machines (grades 3-5).
- July 23 Cactushead Puppets. For ages 3+.
- July 30 TEAM Magic for ages 4+.

## 10's to Teens Art Session

Wednesday, June 18th @ 6:30pm

For kids grades 4 and up. Let's create something usable from empty yogurt containers. Once the yogurt's gone, what's to be done with the container?

## Zoology for Kids Animal Embassy

Wednesday, June 25 @ 6:00 pm for ages 4 and up

Meet some incredible Animal Ambassadors from around the world. Learn about fur, feathers, fins, scales, and how animals use them to adapt to their habitats. From monkey-tailed skinks, to chinchillas, and parrots, these animals are stars of the show.

## **Teen Events**

## Teen Summer Reading Program

Sign-up begins on Monday, June 23

Teens join us during the lazy weeks of summer. Electrify yourself with creativity geared for high school students at our Slap Art Sessions. Stop by for our High School Book Discussion where we chat about books, movies, and more. When you sign up for our summer reading program, you will be entered into a raffle for an ITunes gift card for every three books you read.

## Slap Art Session

Wednesday, June 18th @ 6:30pm

For high school students. Let's create something usable from empty yogurt containers. Once the yogurt's gone, what's to be done with the used vessel? Please register.



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Frog at Backyard Pond, recent submission for the Woodbridge Park Association Photo Exhibition

## SUBMIT PHOTOS OF GREEN SPACE IN WOODBRIDGE NOW

It's not too late to share your photos of your favorite green spaces in Woodbridge! The Woodbridge Park Association is celebrating its 85th anniversary by sponsoring a photo exhibition at the Woodbridge Library. Woodbridge has wonderful green space to explore! Be part of this exciting celebration of nature's beauty in Woodbridge. Your photos can be of any green space in town, like your own backyard, Massaro Farm, the Community Gardens, or the Woodbridge parks and trails. They can be from any season or year.

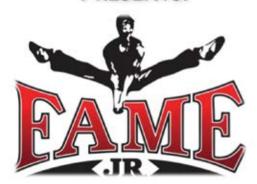
The Park Association's anniversary coincides with significant anniversaries of two other organizations with a focus on green space in town, the Garden Club of Woodbridge's 80th anniversary and the Woodbridge Land Trust's 50th anniversary! All photos submitted will be displayed at the Woodbridge Library for the entire month of September, with an opening reception for all, to be held on Saturday, September 6th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Photos may be submitted by any Woodbridge resident at Woodbridge Town Hall or by mail c/o Leslie Martino, 70 Penny Lane, Woodbridge CT 06525. Photos need to be printed, either black and white or in color, 8 X 10 inches in size. Please include the name and contact information of the photographer and the location/site of the photo. Because we are mounting the photos to display them, we will be unable to return photos. Submit photos now through July 15, 2014. Photos will not be judged, just admired!

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Auditions will take place at Performing Arts Academy, 131 Bradley Road Woodbridge, CT. The show is directed by Denise Rosa, Musical Theater Director and Jeremy Simpson, Musical Director. For more info, call 203-936-8567 or register at www.paactllc.com.



## HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

## SONTREASURE ISLAND SUMMER CAMP AT SAINT ANN PARISH

Saint Ann Parish, in Milford is planning its 4th annual Summer Camp, SonTreasure Island: Where kids find the greatest treasure of all...God's love! Our SonTreasure Island Camp will provide fun, memorable, Scripture-based activities for children ages 4 through 11. All activities will take place in our Parish Center and on parish grounds, 501 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford. SonTreasure Island is a fun and exciting way for children to learn more about their faith. As kids explore SonTreasure Island, they will learn more about God's love for us.

Each day, children will experience Bible adventures, catchy music, tasty snacks, arts & crafts, high-energy games, and other fun activities as they learn more about God's love. Each day concludes with a closing celebration that gets participants involved in living what they've learned.

The SonTreasure Island Summer Camp begins Monday, July 21 and continues through Friday, July 25 -- from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The suggested donation is \$25.00 per child (\$5 per day) -- with a family maximum of \$75.00. Please contact Maria Tomasetti, atomasetti@snet.net or 203-988-8598 (cell phone - voice or text) to register or for additional information. The registration deadline is July 8, 2014. Please register early to ensure a spot in this exciting program.

## RELIGIOUS DOCUMENTS MUST BE STORED IN A SAFE PLACE

Maintaining good records can be beneficial in a variety of ways. People sometimes have a need to consult important paperwork, such as birth certificates, social security cards and mortgage contracts, and the ability to organize such documents effectively can make it easier to handle those situations when these records are needed. Important documents should be kept in a safe, easily accessible place, and the same can be said for educational documents and religious certificates.

Parents need to access their kids' records during Communion and Confirmation season. Completing early sacraments is often a prerequisite to participating in those that come later in life. Catholic children who do not attend a Catholic school will need to be enrolled in faith formation classes in order to receive Holy Communion or to be confirmed in the church. In addition, they will need to provide proof that they are practicing members of the faith. For example, many churches and religious educational organizations require copies of baptismal certificates for children to be eligible to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. These same certificates may be necessary later in life as well, most notably when men and women want to get married in a church.

Parents may want to store their kids'



religious documents in a folder. This makes it easier when kids become adults and must prove that they have completed the sacraments. Keep these items in a secure place, such as a home safe or in a safety deposit box. If these documents are lost and need to be replaced, it can take time to contact the parish or church where sacraments took place.

Godparents or those serving as Confirmation sponsors may also need to produce certain documents. Churches typically require documentation from godparents and sponsors to verify that they are practicing members of the faith and will guide the children they are sponsoring accordingly. Sponsors may find they will need to provide a letter from a pastor or priest verifying their attendance at church and status as an active participant. Copies of sacramental certificates may also be required. Knowing these requirements in advance helps everyone participating in sacraments to be prepared for what is expected of them during this religious



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## CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Join us for Worship at Church of the Good Shepherd this summer. Our summer schedule is as follows:

**Sundays 7:45 am:** Get the day started Service. A quiet worship experience with communion. Start your Sunday morning worshipping God in a quiet contemplative manner.



Church of the Good Shepherd

**Sundays 9:30 am:** Lively Community Worship with communion, music and children's lesson.

**Wednesdays 9:00 am:** Body Prayer and Gentle Yoga Stretching: Bring a yoga mat and water bottle.

**Wednesdays 7:00 pm:** Contemplative service of healing prayer, Eucharist and discussion. Can't get to church on the weekend? Join us on Wednesday evenings this summer.

**Thursday 6:30 pm-7:30 pm**, Redfish Grill, Post Road, Orange: Grain and the Grape Theology: Enjoy a beverage, appetizers, and make new friends as we discuss a variety of theological topics beginning July 10th. For more information, contact Ann @ 203-795-6577. All are welcome.

## Church of the Good Shepherd Invites Adults to Weird Animals VBS

A summer Adult event called Weird Animals VBS for the Young at Heart will be hosted at Church of the Good Shepherd from July 7, 2014 to July 11, 2014. At Weird Animals, Adults will learn about God's love through food, conversation, scripture study, movies and creative activities! Dinner is included for the whole family and child care is available with a movie each night for the kids! Plus, participants will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each evening will conclude with a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Folks are invited to attend one session or all five!

Participants will join an international mission effort to share God's love by providing water for school children in India. Weird Animals VBS is for Adults and will run from 6PM to 830PM each day. For more information, call 203-795-6577 or www.thegoodshepherdorangect.org.

## And for the Kids!

A summer kids' event called Weird Animals VBS will be hosted at Church of the Good Shepherd from July 7, 2014 to July 11, 2014. At Weird Animals, kids will learn about some of God's most creative creations! They'll participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience cool Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them they are one of a kind, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with The Tail End—a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 11:45am.

Kids at Weird Animals VBS will join an international mission effort to share God's love by providing water for school children in India. Weird Animals VBS is for kids from Pre-K to Rising 5th graders(teen helpers are encouraged to register as well) and will run from 9am to 12 noon each day. For more information, call 203-795-6577.



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

ROMANS 12:17,18



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

### **Woodbridge Republican Town** Committee Meetings, second

Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm, Center Cafeteria. Visitors welcome and urge you to join us. For information, go to www.woodbridgegop.org.

## Spring Entrepreneur Series,

Every Thursday, 5:30-8:00pm (PDT), New Haven Free Public Library, 133 Elm Street, New Haven, View Map, sponsored by SCORE New Haven (http://newhaven.score.org/) and the New Haven Free Public Library to help participants establish a business plan, understand basic financial statements, learn how to build a recognizable brand, and manage technology effectively. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance upon successful completion of the series.

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

Woodbridge Rotary Club Meetings, 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, 7:30am breakfast meeting, Country Corner Diner, 756 Amity Toad, Bethany and the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 12:15pm luncheon meeting, Carmine Tuscan Grill, 1500 Whalley Avenue, New Haven. Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary should contact Anna Dickerson at 203-710-0223 or email annadickerson@yahoo.com.

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

Trap Falls Kennel Club Obedience Classes, every level, AKC STAR Puppy (obedience for dogs under 12 months) and Family Manners Classes/Obedience & Canine Good Citizen; Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Pawz for Wellness in Shelton, CT. For registration and/or information, call 203-450-9485 or email tfkctraining@gmail.com. Trap Falls Kennel Club is a non-profit member club of the American Kennel Club (AKC). Bethwood Softball, now accepting player registrations for its Spring season; Girls living in Bethany and Woodbridge between

the ages of 6-14 years old are eligible to play. For more information and to register on-line, visit: http://www. bethwoodsoftball.org/.

### Amity Parent Support Group,

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

Indian Film Series, Saturday, June 14, 2014, 2:00pm, New Haven Free Public Library, 133 Elm Street, "Made in India" (2010, directed by Rebecca Haimowitz and Vaishali Sinha) - documentary about real people involved in international surrogacy. Shown in original languages with English subtitles. Free. For more information, call 203-946-8835.

### **Bethany Volunteer Fire Depart**ment And Auxiliary 7th Annual Car, Bike And Truck Show,

Saturday, June 21, 2014, 11:00am-5:00pm, Bethany Airport Field (adjacent to fire headquarters), 765 Amity Road, Bethany; garden tractor pull event-registration 9:00am and pulling 10:00am. All antique cars, trucks, muscle cars, motorcycles and big trucks should arrive at 10am, people's choice judging, raffle and

trophies distributed at 3:30pm, cost \$10 for parking per carload/ show vehicle and \$5 entry fee for the garden tractor pull event; offering a 50/50 raffle, face painting & tattoos and a DJ; food tent with pulled pork sandwiches, sausage & peppers, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs and ice cream. If you have any questions, contact Amy Cogill at 203-410-2602 or Rich Cogill at 203-954-8597 or visit http://www.bvfdct. com/.

Clelian Adult Day Center's Wine Tasting Benefit, Wednesday, June 25, 2014, 6:00-8:00pm, 261 Benham Street, Hamden, Coordinated by Amity Wine & Spirit, Appetizers & Buffet Dinner, \$35 Donation. For tickets and information contact Mia at 203-288-4151 x646 or mcriscuolo@cleliancenter.org.

Indian Film Series, Saturday, July 11, 2014, 2:00pm, New Haven Free Public Library, 133 Elm Street, "Lunchbox", a 2014 romantic story about how a rare mix-up of the famous dabbawalas of Mumbai leads to a compelling relationship between two strangers. Shown in original languages with English subtitles. Free. For more information, call 203-946-8835.

## **Doll-Like: An Exhibition and Community Curated Doll Collec-**

tion, now through July 20, 2014, John Slade Ely Center for Contemporary Art, 51 Trumbull Street, New Haven, an Exhibition and Community Curated Doll Collection curated by Debbie Hesse and Paul Clabby.



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## ENTERTAINMENT

## TOP 10 MOVIES

### 1. X-Men: Days of Future **Past (PG-13)**

Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen

### 2. Godzilla (PG-13)

Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Elizabeth Olsen

3. Blended (PG-13)

## Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore

4. Neighbors (R)

Seth Rogen, Rose Byrne

### 5. The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (PG-13)

Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone

### 6. Million Dollar Arm (PG) Jon Hamm, Aasif Mandvi

### 7. The Other Woman (PG-13) Cameron Diaz, Leslie Mann

8. Rio 2 (G)

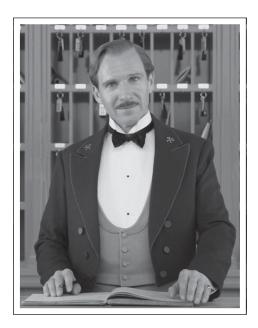
### animated 9. Chef (R)

Jon Favreau, Robert Downey Jr.

### 10. Heaven Is for Real (PG) Greg Kinnear, Kelly Reilly

Zac Efron

## **STRUCKHOFF**



Ralph Fiennes in "The Grand Budapest Hotel"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of June 16, 2014.

## PICKS OF THE WEEK

## "The Grand Budapest Hotel" (R) --

Perched high in the mountains of an obscure eastern European nation, the Grand Budapest Hotel once hosted the most prestigious (and eccentric) of the old high society. In the creeping dawn of the second World War, "The Grand Budapest's" preening hotel concierge (Ralph Fiennes) and his faithful lobby boy fight for their lives and an oddlooking Renaissance painting.

Writer/director Wes Anderson forges on

## TOP 10 RENTALS

## 1. Ride Along (PG-13)

Ice Cube

## 2. The Hobbit: The Desolation

of Smaug (PG-13)

### Ian McKellen

3. The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG)

## Ben Stiller

### 4. The Legend of Hercules (PG-13) Kellan Lutz

## 5. I, Frankenstein (PG-13)

## Aaron Eckhart

6.47 Ronin (PG-13) Keanii Reeves

## 7. The Wolf of Wall Street (R)

Leonardo DiCaprio

## 8. Frozen (PG)

animated

## 9. That Awkward Moment (R)

### 10. The Nut Job (PG)

Animated

## with his signature style -- painstaking detail, the quirkiest characters and a dry sense of humor. Anderson also makes use of his menagerie of talented stars appearing in smaller roles (Ed Norton, Tilda Swinton, Bill Murray and many more). Outshining all of this is the

sincere and comedic performance from

Fiennes.

"Ernest & Celestine" (PG) -- This beautifully animated French import follows the unlikely love between an artistic mouse and grouchy bear. In this world, the bears rule the snowy city streets, while mice must live in underground tunnels, fearing the hungry bears above. Celestine (voiced by Mackenzie Foy in the English version) is a mouse with a passion for painting who gets caught by a bear while she's on the surface. The two strike a mutual agreement, making them mismatched friends and fugitives from their respective societies.

It's a refreshing visual experience to see an unfamiliar animating style that still sings with the artistry and quality you'd expect from a top-tier Disney or Pixar film. Of course, the story is just as adorable as possible, with the artsy mouse unlocking the bear's love of music.

**"Joe" (R)** -- Nicolas Cage steps up in this violent drama that showcases the inherent talents of the otherwise oddball leading man. Joe (Cage) is hardworking guy in a backwoods town -- he has a heart of gold situated next to a boiling temper. Joe wants to do right and break the cycle, but he's always falling back into rage and outbursts. Joe hires 15-yearold Gary (Tye Sheridan) to his working crew, and takes the quiet boy under his wing. Gary's abusive father and Joe's protective nature could put Joe on a path to destruction or redemption.

## CHART BUSTERS

## Top 10 Pop Singles

1. John Legend

"All of Me"

### 2. Iggy Azalea feat. Charli XCX

"Fancy"

## 3. Ariana Grande

feat. Iggy Azalea

"Problem"

## 4. Pharrell Williams

"Happy"

## 5. DJ Snake & Lil John

### "Turn Down for What"

### 6. Katy Perry

"Dark Horse"

## 7. Jason Derulo feat. 2 Chainz

"Talk Dirty"

## 8. Justin Timberlake

## "Not a Bad Thing"

9. Michael Jackson & **Justin Timberlake** 

## "Love Never Felt So Good"

10. Coldplay "A Sky Full of Stars"

Michael Jackson

### Top 10 Country Singles

1. Luke Bryan

"Play It Again"

### 2. Florida Georgia Line feat. Luke Bryan

"This Is How We Roll"

## 3. Brantley Gilbert

"Bottoms Up"

4. Rascal Flatts

## "Rewind"

5. Jake Owen

## "Beachin"

## 6. Thomas Rhett

'Get Me Some of That"

### 7. Miranda Lambert

"Automatic"

### 8. Brett Eldredge

"Beat of the Music"

### 9. Keith Urban

"Cop Car"

### 10. Blake Shelton feat. Gwen Sebastian

"My Eyes"

- 1. Name the Dave Clark Five song that finally knocked the Beatles off the top of the charts in 1964.
- Which song mentions "Camp Granada"? Who had a hit with "Killing Me Softly With His Song"?
- Who wrote the Pointer Sisters' "Fire"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "I was standing on the corner when I heard my bulldog bark, He was barkin' at the two men who were gamblin' in the dark."



5. "Stagger Lee," a popular American folk song about the murder of Billy Lyons by "Stag" Lee Shelton during a card game in St. Louis oi Christmas night in 1895. The song was first published in 1911 and recorded numerous times, but the version by Lloyd Price reached No.

1. "Glad All Over," in 1964. "I Want to Hold Your Hand" had held the top slot for five weeks, and "She Loves You" for four weeks before that. 2. "Hello Mother, Hello Father," also known as "Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh," a kid's letter from summer camp. The 1963 song won a Grammy. 3. Roberta Flack, in 1973. Helen Reddy had turned the song down because ahe didn't like the title.

## Weekly **SUDOKU**

## by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging \* \* \* HOO BOY!

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# Sudoku answers on p

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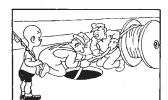
















## The Spats







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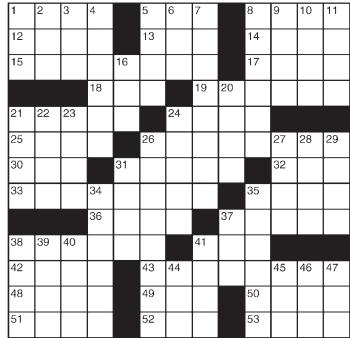
## **ACROSS**

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- In earlier times
- Pleads
- 12 Neighborhood
- 13 Sister 14 Chills and
- fever 15 Troop
- group
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- 18 Line 19 Strapped for cash
- 21 Apartment of a sort
- 24 Soccer legend
- 25 Shades
- 26 Aromatic
- 30 Donkey 31 "I don't give
- 32 Shad offspring
- 33 Dweller
- 35 Cookware
- 36 Wagers
- 37 No liability 38 Silas in "The Da Vinci

Code," e.g.

- 41 Crafty
- 42 Burden 43 Uncommunicative

48 Jab



- 49 Anger 50 Vagrant
- 51 Goblet feature
- 52 Heathcliff,
- 53 Formerly

## **DOWN**

- 1 Gridlock participant
- Before 3 Lower limb
- 4 Scottish landowners
- 5 From the beginning
- 6 Pistol 7 Precisely

- 9 "Zounds!"
- 10 Mentor
- 11 Leak slowly 16 Cow's
- comment 20 Scads
- 21 Burn somewhat
- 22 English river 23 Loch -
- Monster 24 Lowly
- workers 26 Orator's skill
- 27 Cupid's alias 28 Staff
- member? 29 Criterion

- 31 Mideastern
- gulf 34 In the same place (Lat.)
- 35 Hitchcock classic
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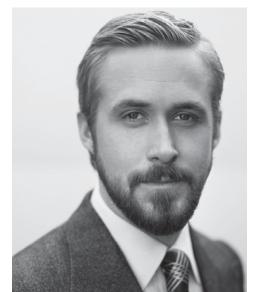
## By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Ryan Gosling has written, produced and directed his first film, "Lost River" (formerly called "How to Make a Monster"), starring Christina Hendricks, Eva Mendes and former "Dr. Who" Matt Smith. The film premiered in Cannes, and most critics were not kind. Reviewers called the film "a train wreck"; "a conceited clunker"; "an overcooked affair that lacks much-needed wit and humor"; "an arty mess"; and "colossally indulgent, shapeless, often fantastically and unthinkingly offensive, and at the same time insufferably conceited"! One favorable critic did say it was "an impressive, impressionistic, wellwrought debut for Ryan Gosling -- very David Lynch." Gosling will need to rethink and re-edit the film if he wants a distributor to release his first directorial

Jennifer Aniston will soon be everywhere: "Life of Crime," with Tim Robbins and Isla Fisher, will be released Aug. 29. "Horrible Bosses 2" will open Nov. 26, followed by the recently completed "Cake" (which she stars in and exec-produced) with Anna Kendrick, Sam Worthington, and William H. Macy and his wife, Felicity Huffman. Then comes next year's "She's Funny That Way," opposite Owen Wilson (directed by Peter Bogdanovich), and "Convention," a sci-fi comedy she's currently shooting with "Ghandi" Oscar-winner Ben Kingsley.

Woody Allen's new film finally has a title, "Magic in the Moonlight," and it's shooting in the south of France with Emma Stone and Marcia Gay Harden. It'll hit screens July 25.

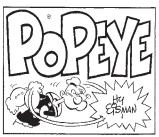
Why do networks keep pitting our favorite shows opposite each other? It



Ryan Gosling

only erodes the ratings of both shows. "Dancing With the Stars" finale drew 14.9 million viewers, while "The Voice" finale drew 11.6 million viewers. Imagine their ratings if they hadn't been thrown against each other. If you love watching both shows and didn't have a DVR, you either had to choose between them or yo-yo back and forth. The once powerful juggernaut "American Idol," not up against anything significant, saw its finale drop off dramatically from last season's finale. Is the death rattle in the air for "Idol"? Meanwhile, "I Wanna Marry Harry" flopped with a 0.7 rating (under age 50), and "Judge Judy's" primetime special drew a 0.9 rating in key demographics.

Last week we revealed the new shows that were canceled, now here are the old shows that are starting their final season: "Mad Men" (7th), "Glee" (6th), "Cougar Town" (6th), HBO's "Boardwalk Empire" (5th), "Justified" (6th), HBO's "The Newsroom" (3rd), "Parenthood" (6th), "Sons of Anarchy" (5th), HBO's "True Blood" (7th) and "Parks & Recreation" (7th). It's kind of like life, love and marriage ... you just get comfortable and somebody pulls the rug out from under you!















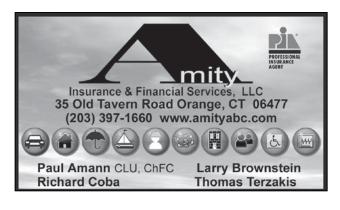




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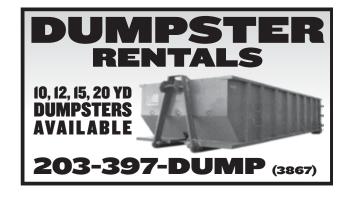


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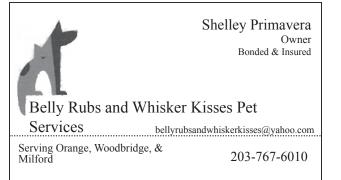
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## HEALTH AND FINESS

## PAIN WHEN THROWING?

Are elbow or shoulder injuries preventing you from playing baseball or softball at your maximum potential? In my experience, I have seen these injuries starting as



Michael Demetriades

young as little league all the way up to senior softball leagues. Approximately 58% of all baseball related injuries and 75% of the total time lost from competition are due to injuries of the upper extremity. Although the shoulder and elbow account for the majority of the overall injuries sustained by baseball players, these injuries often stem from dysfunctions occurring away from the injury site. Even though you may have an injury in your elbow or shoulder; the cause of the problem may be some-where else in the body.

During the motion of throwing there are several major muscle groups that are involved in addition to your elbow and shoulder muscles. The scapular musculature (muscles around your

shoulder blade), your core muscles, and hip muscles are all significantly involved in throwing a ball.

During the phase of throwing, when your arm is reaching back, your rhomboids, middle trapezius, lower trapezius, teres major and latissimus dorsi are all working to help pull your arm back to wind up before your arm goes forward to let go of the ball. If any of these muscles fire at the incorrect time or if there is any significant strength deficit, this could lead to an imbalance in muscles and force your rotator cuff muscles to compensate. I have witnessed compensations due to weak shoulder blade muscles which over time can result in an injury to your rotator cuff muscles.

Another major muscle group involved in throwing is your core musculature (rectus abdominis, internal and external oblique and transverse abdominis). During throwing, the core muscles contract to accelerate and decelerate the rotation of your upper body. If weakened, there will be lack of control and/or trunk rotation, which will again force your arm to use more energy to obtain the same velocity as if you had normal trunk control.

In my experience in the clinic, many throwing athletes demonstrate rotational hip weakness and range of motion limitations. One needs good hip control particularly on the planting leg to allow the body to coil and generate force. If the hip muscles fatigue, as can happen in baseball/softball when the pitch count increases, inevitably the shoulder and elbow must compensate. This compensation can lead to faulty mechanics and rotator cuff injury or epicondylitis of the elbow.

What does all of this mean? Aspiring athletes would benefit from a thorough screening. This is especially true for those in the early stages of Little League or high school who have experienced soreness or want to avoid future injuries. It is advisable to seek the services of a sports oriented physical therapist. In our clinic, we often screen athletes of all ages and coordinate our corrective action plans with orthopedists, pediatricians, or internists. In Connecticut, you can be screened by a physical therapist at your convenience with or without a physician referral. Our office takes a whole body approach to each and every injury including the issues discussed above.

Michael Demetriades DPT received his doctorate degree from Quinnipiac University. He has experience in working with all ages and injuries. Michael is a previous varsity hockey and baseball player who is well versed in the modern athlete. He can be contacted in Woodbridge at (203) 389-4593.



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## **DOLLAR\$ AND \$EN\$E**

## RETIREMENT DECISIONS

By Roberta L Nestor

After years of saving and planning for retirement, you may be relieved and excited to realize you can finally afford to stop working. Careful planning in the months leading up to retirement can help you ensure a smooth transition from employee to retiree. There are some obvious things to take care of, like dental work, physicals and home improvements and then there are the items we would rather not think about such as paying off the mortgage, credit card debt or making a decision about selecting the right pension options.

## "What's wrong with credit card debt in retirement?"

Carrying credit card balances into retirement is not advisable. Make it a point to have all credit card debt paid off while you still have a paycheck. Trying to pay off credit card balances in retirement might require you to take out more of your retirement savings and run the risk of depleting funds sooner than planned. For example, using your IRA funds to pay off \$20,000 of credit card debt could mean having to withdraw \$27,000 for someone in a 20% bracket (don't forget CT wants its share). Having high credit card debit in retirement is burdensome, worrisome and eventually becomes overwhelming. Go into retirement with a clean slate (even if it means working a few more months) and take inventory—do we really need all those store cards?

## "Which pension options protect income for my spouse?"

Pension plans still exist for employees of large corporations, as well as educators, city or state employees and employees of the federal government. There are also several pension plans that may have converted to a "cash balance plan" where the retiree is given the option of taking a lump sum instead of a traditional monthly income. These are irrevocable decisions and you need to have a complete understanding of your options and how they will affect you now and in the future. If you have a lump sum option available it can be tempting, especially if you haven't saved a lot in your 401k plan. You need to sit with a financial advisor who can show you the differences between the income options and the lump sum as well as advantages and disadvantages of each.

## "Should I pay off my mortgage?"

We all dream of being mortgage free at retirement. However, these days it is happening less and less as many baby boomers have been forced to take out second mortgages or have exhausted their equity line of credit. Needless to say, retirement would be more enjoyable without having to make that large monthly mortgage payment; and going into retirement with a debt free credit line (home equity) is even more ideal. Taxes play into this decision as well, and if you pay off the mortgage you could be losing tax benefits. This isn't always true and every situation is different. It is advisable to talk to your tax preparer before paying off your mortgage, find out how much you are actually saving in dollars. These are all major financial decisions and if you take the time to understand them, you won't have surprises down the road.

## Happy Father's Day to all the Dads out there and enjoy your special weekend!

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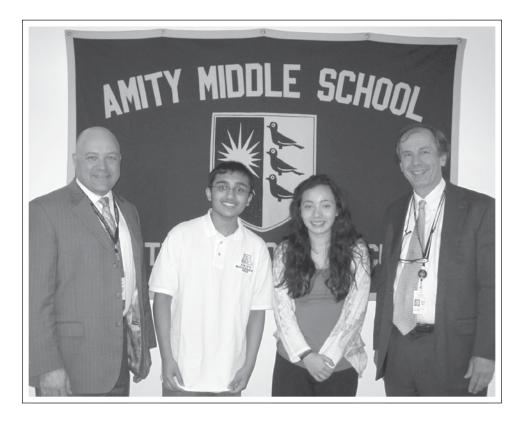
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## CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF EDUCATION (CABE) STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD - 2014

Congratulations to eighth grade students, Sarah Korb and Deepak Gupta, who were selected to receive this year's Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Award. This award is presented each year to young men and women attending schools within CABE's membership, who exhibit exemplary leadership qualities. Mr. Charles Dumais, Superintendent, presented the award at a ceremony held at the Amity Board of Education meeting on Monday, May 12, 2014.

The Gold Team teachers nominated Sarah Korb for the 2014 CABE Leadership Award. Sarah has been at Amity just this year, moving to Bethany from England over the summer. She immediately showed her concern for others by acting as a mentor to other new students in the 8th grade taking them under her wing and helping them find their way. Sarah has consistently earned grades in the A to A+ range in all Advanced Level

classes and always goes beyond teacher expectations in her school work. She has the respect of her teachers and her peers with her competent, cheerful, and sympathetic ways. This year she played soccer for the middle school team in the fall and had the role of Ursula in this year's musical production of The Little Mermaid. Outside of school, Sarah studies violin and piano and performs as a member of a synchronized ice skating team in Shelton. Her serious attitude toward education is a trait carried over from her school experience in England where she won Academic Achievement awards in 6th and 7th grades as well as the King's Scholar award, which gave a £500 scholarship. Sarah has demonstrated her empathetic nature not only here at Amity but also back in England. Just before moving to Bethany, she organized a party



to benefit a children's hospice near her home while educating her peers about the need to respect others' differences. The teachers on the Gold Team feel strongly that Sarah has all the qualifications to be granted the CABE Leadership Award.

Deepak Gupta, who lives in Woodbridge, is proudly selected by Team Black teachers for the 2014 CABE Leadership Award. Deepak is a very responsible, model student who is always willing to help his peers with patience and understanding. He consistently displays superior class participation and effort on his class assignments. Other students will often seek Deepak out as a collaborator on group projects, which demonstrates his strong work ethic and ability to work well with his peers. During class discussions, Deepak shows maturity of thought, while consistently demonstrating a humble demeanor. He maintains a positive attitude and treats his teachers and peers with the utmost respect.

Deepak is currently placed in all advanced level classes and maintains a solid "A" average. In school, Deepak is involved in the Jazz Band, Concert Band, the Social Robotics Science Research Club, Student Council, the Engineering and Technology Club, as well as the Math Club. Deepak also serves as an active peer tutor, aiding and advocating for other students academically. While Deepak is an outstanding student in his own right, it is in his advocacy for others where he truly shines. Students line up for Deepak during peer writing evaluation activities because he takes such diligent care with the work and progress of others. Outside of school, Deepak pursues piano instruction, is an avid swimmer and a boy scout. Team Black considers Deepak the ideal student leader.



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## LOCAL SPORTS

## ALUMNI HALL OF FAME SET TO INDUCT FIVE

The Amity Athletic Alumni Hall of Fame inducted five new members at the annual Amity Block A dinner June 8th at Grassy Hill Country Club. The 2014 inductees include David Ryan, Caryn Benjamin, Jill Dedman, Harold "Hal" Smullen and the 1978 Undefeated Football Team.

William Ryan ('81) - As an athlete and scholar at Amity, David Ryan excelled in football (3), basketball (3) and baseball (3) during his three years at Amity. In football, Dave was a varsity member of the '78 Undefeated Housatonic League and State Championship Team in his sophomore year and Housatonic League Co-Championship Team in his senior year. In basketball he captained his team in his senior year and won the New Haven Tap-Off Scholar Athlete Award. In baseball, Dave had an outstanding four year varsity career as a pitcher. In his senior year, Dave made All Housatonic First Team and All State First Team. He was a Diamond Club Award winner and was an All Star selection for Team Connecticut vs. Massachusetts (starting pitcher). Dave won baseball's MVP team award and was also the team's captain. At the conclusion of his high school career Dave won Amity's Block A Versatility Award. Dave went on to attend Yale University to study Law and was a four year varsity player starter in baseball. During his senior year he won the prestigious Gerald R. Ford Scholar Athlete Award, War Memorial Scholarship.

Jill Dedman ('96) - As an athlete and scholar at Amity, Jill Dedman excelled in field hockey (4), basketball (2) and tennis (4) during her four years at Amity. In field hockey, Jill earned All Housatonic First Team, All State First Team and National USA Futures Team for three seasons. In her senior year, Jill stopped 154 of 162 shots on goal (.956) helping Amity to its first ever State Title. For her career she eclipsed the former school record for career shutouts, posting 30. She was also her team's captain and MVP in her junior and senior seasons. In basketball Jill only played two seasons having to drop out due to the rigorous field hockey schedule for the National USA team. In tennis, Jill earned All Housatonic First Team and New Haven Register All Area Team honors in her senior year. As a singles player she made it to the Quarter Finals of the State Tournament. She was also her team's captain and MVP in her senior season too. At the conclusion of her high school career Jill was selected Amity's Female Athlete of the Year for 1996. Jill went on to Boston College on an Athletic Scholarship to play field hockey. While at BC, Jill earned All Big East Conference, Big East Goalkeeper of the Year (2 times), Regional and National All American and Academic All American honors. In 2010 Jill was inducted into the Boston College Hall of Fame.

Caryn Benjamin ('98) - As an athlete and scholar at Amity, Caryn Benjamin excelled in indoor and outdoor track and field during her four years at Amity. In indoor track and field, Caryn earned honors making the Housatonic League and the All Area Teams in her sophomore, junior and senior years. In her sophomore year she finished 3rd in the Class M in Long Jump and 5th in the 55m hurdles. In the State Open she finished 3rd in LJ and 7th in the 55M hurdles. In the New England's, Caryn finished 4th in the LJ. In her junior year Caryn finished 2nd in the LJ for the State Open and 4th in the LJ for the New England. In her senior year she finished 1st in LJ in the Class L, State Open and the New England's and 2nd in the 55M hurdles in all three categories. Caryn finished 6th nationally in the LJ too. Caryn also finished 1st in the State Pentathlon. Caryn's outdoor career was just as rewarding. Again she earned honors making the Housatonic League and the All Area Teams in her sophomore, junior and senior years. In her sophomore year she set a Housatonic League record in the LJ, finished 4th in the Class L and State Open and 7th in the New England in the LJ. In her junior year Caryn set a new record for the LJ in the Housatonic and set records for the 100M and 200M too. She finished 2nd in the Class L, 5th in the State Open, and 4th in New England for the LJ and competed in

the State Heptathlon for the first time and finished 1st with 4099 in points. In her senior year Caryn once again broke her Housatonic League record in the LJ and set a new record for the 100M hurdles. She finished 2nd in LJ in the Class L, State Open and 1st in the New England's and 2nd in the 100M hurdles in all three categories. She was a repeat winner in the State Heptathlon and became the state's only 2 time champion. Caryn attended the Jr. Nationals where Caryn finished 8th nationally in the Heptathlon. Caryn also won her team's MVP awards for the 1993 and 1994 and was an Academic Honor Roll student. Caryn went on to attend Penn State University on a partial Track and Field Scholarship where she had an excellent career.

**Harold "Hal" Smullen** (Teacher/Coach/Athletic Director) is being recognized for his 23 years of support to the students and athletes of Amity Regional High School. Well respected by his administrators, peers, students/athletes both in and out of the classroom, Hal's teaching career at Amity began in 1957 and lasted until his retirement in 1980. Hal taught Physical Education and /Health. He was Amity's first Athletic Director, a position he held from 1960-1978. He was part of an era that saw the induction of many new sports available to the student athletes at the varsity level. It was also a time where women's sports started to gain notoriety and leagues formed to give them equal opportunity to compete on the same level as men. His career as a head coach is as follows:

- Varsity Baseball Coach 1959-1962;
- Varsity Boys Basketball Coach 1957-1960;
- Varsity Boys Hockey Coach 1961-1978;
- Varsity Boys Soccer 1963-1969; and
- Varsity Girls Volleyball Coach 1976-1977.

Prior to coming to Amity, Hal Smullen's teaching and coaching career began in 1944 at West Haven High where he was a physical education instructor and broke into the coaching ranks as a freshman football and assistant hockey coach. He would eventually take over the head coaching job in hockey when the legendary Ed Bennett stepped down and held that position until he arrived at Amity. In 2007, Hal was also inducted into the West Haven High School Athletic Hall of Fame not only for his contributions as a teacher/coach but also for his athletic and academic talents while a student at West Haven High.

1978 Football Team was Amity's first and so far only undefeated team. Amity finished the season 10-0-1. Amity defeated Ansonia High School 35-20 snapping Ansonia's 36 game win streak. The team was led by head coach William Johnson and assistant coaches Bert Mozealous, Jack Coughlin and David Barone. Captains for the team were Richard Lena, Joseph Margolis and Rick DelBuono. This past football season marked the 35th anniversary of '78 Class LL State Championship. The team was recognized at half time Thanksgiving Day with their induction. The '78 team in addition to winning the Class LL State Championship, they were also the Housatonic League Champions. They finished in the final polls #1in Connecticut, #3 in New England and #32 in the United States. They were also Walter Camps 1978 High School Team of the Year. Besides great coaching, the team was blessed with many talented players. Several were recognized by their league and state levels.

- Rich Lena- All Housatonic and All State 1stTeam, Yale Gridiron Club Player
  of the Year
- Joe Margolis- All Housatonic and All State 1stTeam
- Rick DelBuono- All Housatonic and All State 1stTeam
- Tom Crocco- All Housatonic 1st Team and All State 2ndTeam
- Kyle Perry- All Housatonic and All State Honorable Mention
   Eric Emanuelson- All Housatonic and All State Honorable Mention
- Joe Carasone- All Housatonic and All State Honorable Mention

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## AMITY'S REYNOLDS NAMED NEWS 12 CT SCHOLAR ATHLETE

Krista Reynolds, a senior at Amity High School, was recently named a News 12 Connecticut Scholar Athlete. An all-star on the softball field, Krista not only coaches the sport, but is also the team captain and third baseman. She is also an outstanding student and winner of the school's Chemistry Achievement Award. Krista looks forward to attending Fordham University in the fall as a pre-med student.



Krista Reynolds

## LOCAL SPORTS



The Heronettes Synchronized Swimming Intermediate Team took 1st place at Regionals in Troy, NY on May 17th. The team includes girls from Woodbridge, Bethany, Hamden, North Haven and New Haven.



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Seen above with Master Sangpil Kim are Woodbridge Taekwondo students who have trained at Woodbridge Taekwondo for all ten years it has been opened are Kavita Sinha, Amar Sinha, Morgan Zippo and Chase Brown. All have participated in national competitions while achieving 3rd degree instructor level Black Belt ranks.



Woodbridge Tae Kwon Do students celebrate the school's tenth anniversary this month. Seen above are Dimitri Scrimenti, Forrest Miller, Ava Gross, Rebecca Lee, Alicia Gopal, Thomas Walsh, Morgan Zippo and behind them Instructor Greg Dania, Master Sangpil Kim, Noah Lee, Allison Fishman, Amar Sinha, Kavita Sinha, Chase Brown and Instructor Miguel Roman.

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Jane Bariluk, Christine Marchetti, Nicole Skuret, Marcia Skuret, Elaine Bariluk, Maureen Parente, Janet Treff



Here I am with my 2 wonderful sons Dimitri Skuret and Daniel Skuret and daughter Janina

## MOTHER'S DAY TEA AT THE SKURET'S

I have been having a Mother's Day tea here in Woodbridge ever since my daughter was born 10 years ago. My mother, my 92 year old grandmother, mother-in-law, two aunts and my closest friend all gather for tea....we enjoy tea, cucumber sandwiches, some goodies and each other's company every year on Mother's Day. Its four generations of woman enjoying a wonderful tradition. My two college age sons wear black suits and wait on us...it's pretty special!

## BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz

## The Dog Days Of Summer

As the season changes to summer, the weather gets warmer and we spend more time outside, pet owners need to take special precautions for their dogs. Summer is an extraordinary season for outdoor fun with our dogs. However, some people forget to take measures to keep their dog safe as temperatures rise and daily activities change.

### Beat the Heat

Remember that a parked car can become dangerously hot in only a few minutes. Dogs are not efficient at cooling themselves. They cannot perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. Panting and drinking

water helps to cool them, but if they have only overheated air to breathe in a parked car, dogs can suffer brain and organ damage after just 15 minutes.

Your light-colored dog's coat can invite damage from the sun's ultraviolet rays, leading to sunburn and possible skin cancer. If your dog is light-colored and/or he lacks black pigment around the eyes, ears and nose, keep him out of the bright sun. Ask your veteri-



narian about sun block for your dog, preferably in a formula he can't lick off. Dogs should always have access to cool shade and fresh water in the summer heat.

### Rules of the Road

An unrestrained dog in a vehicle is dangerous to everyone in the car, including the dog himself. Secure your dog in the back seat with a safety harness or in a pet carrier fastened to a seatbelt. Another option is to install a pet barrier to keep the dog in the back area of your vehicle. Dogs riding in the front can be seriously hurt if the airbags deploy.

If you must transport your dog in the bed of a pickup, be sure he is restrained, preferably in a crate or carrier secured to the truck. Avoid allowing your dog to hang his head out the car window – he could suffer eye injury from flying debris. When stopping the car along the way, attach a leash to the dog's collar before opening the door so he can't escape. Use a leash to walk your dog.

## Waterproof Your Dog

Many dogs enjoy swimming, no matter how clean or dirty the water. If your dog has had a dip in a lake or river, rinse him off to avoid ear mites, eye infections and pesky clingy insects which can imbed themselves into his fur.

If your dog loves to jump into your swimming pool, make sure he knows how to get out safely. When a dog falls into a lake or river, his instinct tells him to turn around and get out from the point at which he fell in. However, in a suburban swimming pool, a dog may drown if he follows this instinctive action. Therefore, teach your dog where and how to get out of the pool regardless of where he went in.

Not all dogs like or know how to swim. If your dog appears eager to give swimming a try, let him get used to it gradually. Refrain from throwing a nervous, inexperienced swimmer into the water.

## Fear of Thunderstorms

Fear of thunderstorms is common in dogs. Many dogs can sense a storm coming from the rapidly falling barometric pressure. Thus, your dog may show anxiety even before the storm can be heard.

Dogs can sense fear or discomfort from people, so it is important you develop a calm attitude toward storms. Let your dog stay close, and try to distract him with play. Do not try to comfort him in a sympathetic voice; this will sound like praise and may increase his nervousness and confusion. Keep windows and curtains closed to reduce noise and bright flashes. Turn on a TV or radio at normal volume to distract your dog from loud noises and help him to relax.

Provide your dog with a safe place to be during storms, whether inside or out. Create a special den-like area in your home where your dog always feels safe and secure. If a storm is brewing, lead your dog to his special place to help him feel calm and protected. If you cannot bring your dog inside, cover his doghouse with a blanket to offer some protection from the bursts of lightning and thunder.

Dogs that continue to panic when a storm approaches may have to be reconditioned by creating an artificial storm with environmental recordings. While reconditioning can be a time-consuming procedure, it can have a high success rate. In some cases, medication may be the best solution to help your dog cope with his fear of storms. Consult with your veterinarian about possible treatments, in conjunction with training.

By taking these precautions, you and your dog can enjoy a healthier, fun-filled summertime.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Things that usually come easily and quickly for the Aries Lamb might need more of your time and attention during the next several days. Try to be patient as you work things out.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** A changing situation can create some complications. But if you apply that sensible Bovine mind to what seems to be a hopeless tangle of confusion, you'll soon sort things out.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Creating a new look for your surroundings is fun. Expect to hear mostly positive comments on your efforts, as well as some well-intended suggestions you might want to note

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Maybe you'd rather do anything else than what you're "stuck with" right now. But if you stop complaining, you might see how this could lead to something with real potential.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Even a proud Leo ultimately recovers from hurt feelings. However, a damaged relationship might never heal unless you're willing to spend more time and effort trying to work things out.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** There are lots of changes on the horizon, so be prepared to make some adjustments in your fine-tuned life. One change might even impact a personal decision you've been putting off.

### LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Being the dependable person you are could work in your favor for a project that requires both skill and accountability. But check this out carefully. There could be a hidden downside.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A temperamental outburst about a mishandled project causes some fallout. Be sure to couple an apology with an explanation. A new opportunity beckons by week's end.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Changing horses midstream is usually unwise but sometimes necessary. Examine your options carefully before making a decision. A trusted colleague offers good advice.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) While much of your time is involved with business matters, funtime opportunities open up by week's end. Enjoy yourself, but be careful that you don't overspend.

### **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February**

**18)** A "revelation" opens your eyes to what is really going on in the workplace. What you learn could make a difference in your career path. Continue to be alert for more news.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Not wanting to make waves might be the safest way to deal with a difficult situation. But no substantive changes can be made unless you share your

assessments with others.

**BORN THIS WEEK**: You have a way of talking to people that makes them want to listen. You could find a successful career in politics.

## TOO MANY PETS?

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** Is it possible to have too many pets? My neighbor's two children were proudly showing off their numerous house pets during their first-communion party a few days ago. They have four budgies, two rabbits, a cat, a dog and an iguana! Isn't this a bit much for two young children to handle? -- Concerned Next Door



**DEAR CONCERNED:** If the pets all appeared to be well-cared for, then it's probably not a problem. And without knowing anything about the situation, I'm willing to bet that the iguana is cared for by the parents, since their care and feeding is pretty tricky.

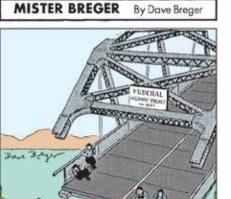
With caged pets -- like birds, rabbits and lizards -- it's usually pretty simple to tell whether they're receiving good care. If their cages are really dirty (piles of waste, very smelly sawdust bedding) and if there isn't clean water available, then there is likely a problem. With other pets, behavior and living area can be signs. Was the dog badly behaved, or was it well-socialized, or kept in a quiet room to stay calm during the party? Did you notice or smell an overflowing litter box?

If none of these signs were apparent, then the family is probably taking pretty good care of all their pets. The fact that the kids proudly showed off their pets to party guests is a good sign.

With younger kids, parents' involvement in keeping, caring for and training pets is important. Parents have the opportunity to teach children not just responsibility, but awareness of and compassion for other living creatures. In the case of your neighbors, if the pets appear to be cared for, then I'd say the parents are doing their jobs, and you have no more cause for conern.

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

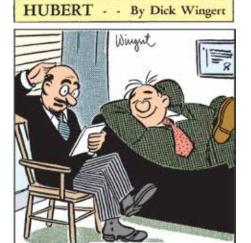




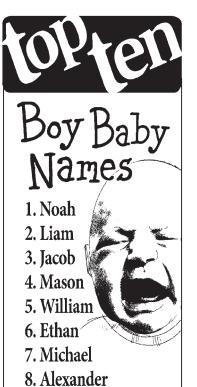
"Patience, men—the government's expecting one of the big TV comedians to pay his income tax soon..."

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"Have you considered separate vacations?"

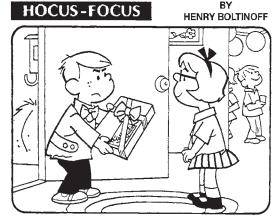


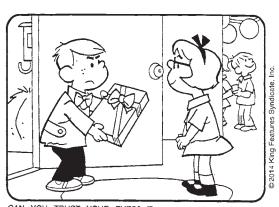
"By George, you're a hard nut to crack."



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