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TOWN EXPLORES TURNING GOLF COURSE INTO OPEN SPACE

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

After years of exploring development options for the Country Club of Woodbridge property, the town is redirecting its efforts into turning the 150-acre property into true open space.

"At this point we are looking at converting it to open space," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar in a phone conversation after the October Board of Selectmen meeting. She said that Roland Betts, the New York developer, had withdrawn his proposal for Redan Reserve, which would have combined the Woodbridge Country Club property and the Yale golf course to develop two high-end golf courses into one destination. Betts now is looking to do the project in phases, starting with the Yale course. As of mid-October the town had no confirmation that Betts, a Yale alumn, and the university had struck a deal.

The decision to end the golf operation comes as Billy Casper Golf (BCG), the golf operator, is winding down its operations. There will be a skeleton crew on site until the end of the year, Scalettar said, but no golf carts or other facilities are available. The three-year contract with the golf operator is in place until Dec. 31, but the selectmen voted not to negotiate a new contract since the company wanted to revert to an older contract model, which would have put the risk of potential losses on the town.

To create open space, the selectmen will have to decide on what to do with the existing facilities such as the large clubhouse, the out-door pool, the cart paths and environmental remediation where chemical spills had occurred in the past. If they were to keep the pool going under the auspices of the Recreation Department, it would soon require $100,000 in repairs.

The cost of turning the property into open space could be between $1.5 to $2 million, Scalettar said, and that's without adding any new recreational

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Special Election Issue

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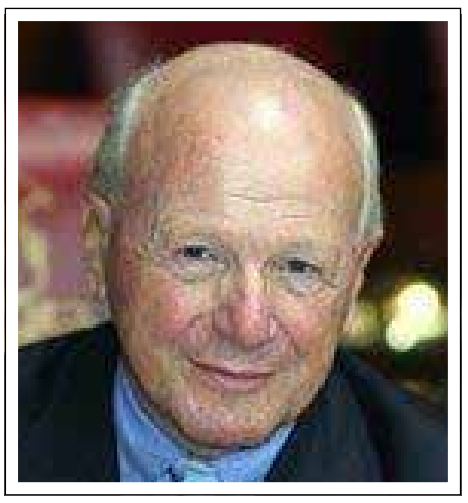
George Logan



Sen. Joseph Crisco

LOGAN TO CHALLENGE CRISCO IN 17TH DISTRICT

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Even if the public's attention seems singularly focused on the presidential race this fall, there is a local race for state senate that is being followed with interest. Long-time state Sen. Joseph Crisco of Woodbridge, D-17, is being challenged by a newcomer to the political arena, Ansonia resident George Logan, to represent the people of the 17th District. The state GOP has listed the 17th among its "16 races to watch in '16," and the online Ballotpedia.com listed it as one of seven notable legislative races in Connecticut, which may tip the balance of power in the state legislature to the Republicans.

The seven-town district spans from the Valley (parts of Beacon Falls, Naugatuck, Ansonia and Derby) to Bethany, Woodbridge and Hamden, including anything from rural areas to suburban and inner-city neighborhoods, each with their own needs.

Crisco has the backing of the Connecticut Education Association and is being cross-endorsed by the Working Families Party. Logan has the backing of the Connecticut Business & Industry Association and is being cross endorsed by the Independent Party.

The challenger: Given the wide geographical area, Logan has to work hard to get his name out. "I am knocking on doors just about every day," he said. In addition to the personal presence, the

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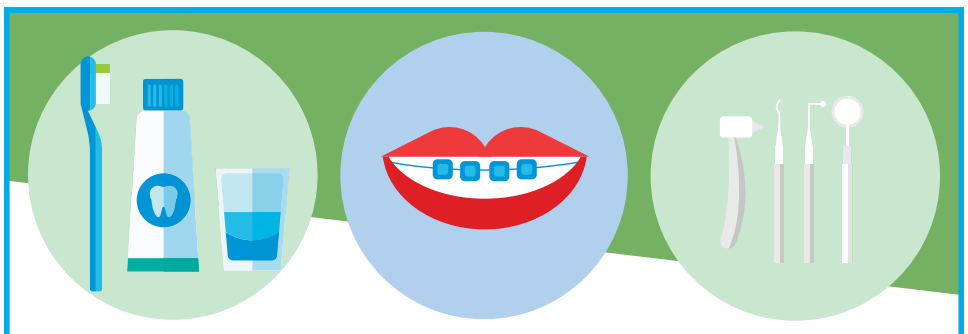

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As part of the month-long Woodbridge Fallapalooza, Coachman Square at Woodbridge hosted a Fallapalooza Fashion Show on October 20. Local retailers Lucky Ewe, Material Girls, Today's Clothing, Woodbridge Running Co, Pamela Hirth, Backer's Men's Clothing showed off their wares on local models and Progressions Salon and Wig Boutique showed off their hair and make-up skills on the models.

"Woodbridge Fallapalooza celebrates everything that we already know is fabulous about our little town – our local businesses, our volunteer community, our history, agricultural heritage and spirit of volunteerism," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "I'd like to thank everyone involved for making this month-long series of events a success."

Remaining Fallapalooza events include the second annual Woodbridge Restaurant Week (October 24 – 28), Progressions Salon & Wig Boutique's Pampered in Pink breast cancer benefit on October 29 and the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association's Truck of Treat and Spooktacular Fireworks on October 31 from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Fire House. Visit www.woodbridgect.org/Fallapalooza for details.

LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

GIULIANO SR. JOINS WEICHERT REALTORS REGIONAL PROPERTIES

Clem Fucci, Tom Cavaliere and Nick Mastrangelo proudly welcome Christopher J. Giuliano, Sr. to the growing company as a commercial & residential specialist. A newly licensed Realtor, Christopher has personally been active in buying, remodeling and selling properties for over 20 years and has substantial knowledge in construction. He has lived in the Greater New Haven area for 49 years and currently resides in Branford. He will serve New Haven County and the Shoreline area.

Christopher Giuliano, Sr.

A graduate of Amity High School, Christopher had worked for the City of West Haven Department of Police Services as a dedicated Law Enforcement Executive for over 29 years. He worked in Investigative, Supervisory and Commander capacities and was the recipient of numerous civilian awards and police commendations. Chris earned an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement Administration, Class of 2013 from University of New Haven. He recently retired from the law enforcement field.

"Christopher has a solid work history showcasing his consistent drive, ambition, leadership skills as well as collaboration and communication skills. He is passionate about providing quality real estate services and applies progressive thinking while embracing the latest trends and innovations in a multi-faceted approach", said Nick Mastrangelo, partner of Weichert Realtors Regional Properties. "Christopher's strength is his honesty, integrity and responsiveness to every client. He remains personable and engaging to buyers and sellers alike," added Mastrangelo. "We are delighted to have him as a member of the Orange team."

Contact Christopher at 203-795-2324 or email him at cgiuliano@weichertrp.com. Christopher is pleased to be affiliated with Weichert and shares the Weichert Family Core Values providing excellent professional and personal service to buyers and sellers. Regional Properties is one of the top 10 Weichert franchises nationwide. The firm has offices in Hamden, Orange and New Haven, CT. The company Web address is www.weichertrp.com.

SKALKA SELECTED TO 2016 CT SUPER LAWYERS LIST

Douglas S. Skalka, a Woodbridge resident and principal with Neubert, Pepe & Monteith, P.C., a Connecticut based general practice law firm, has been named to the 2016 Connecticut Super Lawyers list in Bankruptcy: Business. Attorney Skalka is one of eleven of the firm's lawyers who have been selected to the 2016 Connecticut Super Lawyers list.

Douglas S. Skalka

It is the tenth consecutive year that Attorney Skalka has been named to the Connecticut Super Lawyers list. He has also been selected to the Top 50: 2016 Connecticut Super Lawyers and the Top 100: 2016 New England Super Lawyers lists. Doug Skalka is an experienced attorney in all aspects of bankruptcy, commercial finance and business reorganization matters. He represents secured and unsecured creditors, debtors, commercial lenders, investors, purchasers and committees in bankruptcy and business reorganization cases. Attorney Skalka holds a certification in business bankruptcy from the American Board of Certification.

Neubert, Pepe & Monteith congratulates the firm's attorneys included on this year's Connecticut Super Lawyers list: Simon I. Allentuch, Kevin M. Godbout, Andrew R. Lubin, Michael D. Neubert, Douglas S. Skalka, and Eric J. Stockman and this year's Connecticut Super Lawyers Rising Stars list: Jane E. Ballerini, Adam V. Maiocco, Lucas B. Rocklin, Sandy T. Roussas, and Vimala B. Ruszkowski.

Neubert, Pepe & Monteith, P.C. is a general practice law firm with offices in New Haven and Fairfield, Connecticut and White Plains, New York (www.npmlaw.com). Neubert, Pepe & Monteith's practice areas are Alternative Dispute Resolution & Mediation, Bankruptcy & Creditor Rights, Commercial Finance & Banking, Commercial Litigation, Construction Law & Design Professionals Liability, Corporate & Business Transactions, Employment & Labor Law, Healthcare Law, Medical Malpractice & Hospital Liability Defense, Professional Malpractice & Liability Defense, Real Estate and Taxation, and Trusts & Estates.

PERKINELMER EMPLOYEES MAKE IMPACT IN WOODBRIDGE

On September 13, 2016, more than 120 employees from PerkinElmer, Inc. in Shelton participated in 6 volunteer projects for local organizations as part of the Company's Impact Day. More than 2,365 employees globally helped to make a positive impact for a healthier world.

Here is the impact we made in Woodbridge:

- Massaro Community Farm, Woodbridge
- Weeding, watering, harvesting, raking & pruning along the nature trail, planting flowers in pots for events, organizing and counting materials, possibly minor painting (of stakes for the garden), and the like.
- 350 – The number of mason jars we packed after their annual "On The Farm Dinner".
- 500 - The number of butternut squash which were cleaned and packed for the weekly CSA Pickup.
- 2000 –The number of strawberry plants our team moved outside of the greenhouse for hardening in the sun before being planted for next year's harvest!

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facilities. She said the town could bond for that expense, which would allow it to spread payments over a number of years in a planned fashion, as opposed to facing unpredictable golf losses.

The town purchased the 155-acre property in 2009 with the overwhelming support of its residents. At the time it seemed that the looming insolvency of the Woodbridge Country Club might lure a large-scale developer. At the 2009 annual Town Meeting, those present voted 435-34 for the purchase. In addition to the golf course, the property came with a swimming pool, tennis courts and an ageing, 43,000 square foot club house, as well as several ancillary buildings. Toll Brothers has offered to purchase and develop a portion of the property into age-restricted housing, but an earlier version of that proposal was rejected by townspeople in a referendum in 2011. And a recent offer of $5 million for approximately 42 acres engendered vociferous opposition from residents.

"People need to understand that the golf course itself has virtually no value because it needs so much repair and improvements," Scalettar said. She said most recently a group of interested golfers had offered $700,000, not $4.5 million as some rumors had it, combined with partial development of the property. They withdrew that offer as too high.

"I think we have done our due diligence," coming up with a solution in the best interest of the town at this time, Scalettar said.

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November 11th	*Thanksgiving Issue* November 18th
December 2nd	*Holiday Issue* December 9th

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

FROM OUR READERS

Reader Responds to Standardized Test Scores

In response to last month's front page article about the improved rate of student's test scores, I was surprised to find that we have introduced standardized tests to Kindergartners. Four, 5 and 6 year olds will be joining the rest of their peers in a shared language of tests, multiple choice and test results. Teachers will be spending valuable instruction time teaching how to take the test using the necessary technology and the actual questions from the test are kept confidential. In the end, parents have little idea what questions their children are being asked and what value this will play in shaping their children's learning.

Is this what we really want for our students, our children and our community?

Last month's article makes reference to districts being accountable for providing a "full picture of student achievement" so let's think about representing our full student's potential which includes strengths and skills not always reflected in test results.

Phillipe Perrenoud states that schools fail students mostly by failing to respond to their differences (www.fairtest.org). A standard way of measuring student's achievement does not take into account different learning styles and is subject to implicit bias and cultural insensitivity. It is also not inclusive of children with needs related to dyslexia, for example, because kindergartners are too young to have an official diagnosis of dyslexia. Instead of setting our students up to fail by forcing them into stressful situations with no real value to their education, why don't we create a system based on their strengths?

According to an article on The Value of Formative Assessment (fairtest.org), the student should be the "ultimate user" of assessment information to help them improve their learning. The assessment should be focused on a task and not a particular student, and the student needs to fully understand the feedback so they can in turn use it to improve. The ultimate goal should be to have students learn to "self-assess" so they can understand the purpose of their education.

This should be the goal. Our students shouldn't be used as test subjects given tests that no one can review because they are confidential, and given scores that mean nothing to them, after spending time completing tests for other people's gain.

As a parent, tax payer and educator, I believe we owe it to our children to at least try. We can only improve and innovate when we have full transparency into why and what we are testing our children on. We need to have conversations about alternative ways to assess students that support all learners instead of forcing all students to take the same test the same way despite their different skills and abilities.

We should be having conversations and not taking for granted that because the system has always been this way, then it should always continue this way. The world is different now, especially with new technology and values of innovation and creativity. Let's use our skills of innovation and creativity as we think about our students and how we can serve them better. When we know more, we do better. Now that we know more about what skills we need in the world today, and we know more about how children really learn and develop, let's use this knowledge as a community to do right by our students and think about the impact of testing and children's education overall which includes real academic achievement, social-emotional health and well-being and overall success on their journey of becoming life learners and citizens in the world.

Carissa M. Vega, M.S. CCC-SLP,
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WOODBRIDGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

RHODE ISLAND STORYTELLER VISITS AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Internationally renowned storyteller, Len Cabral, presented an assembly to students and staff at Amity Middle School Bethany on Wednesday, October 5th. Each story had a truth about life that was revealed. Students loved the tale Len told of going to lunch with his brother. When he saw people who trashed an area after eating, he wanted to confront them and make them clean it up, but he was afraid of the very burly, muscular man who was friends with the delinquents. His brother used tact to get them to clean up the mess that they had made. Thus the nugget of truth, "You can attract more bees with honey than with vinegar," was explained.

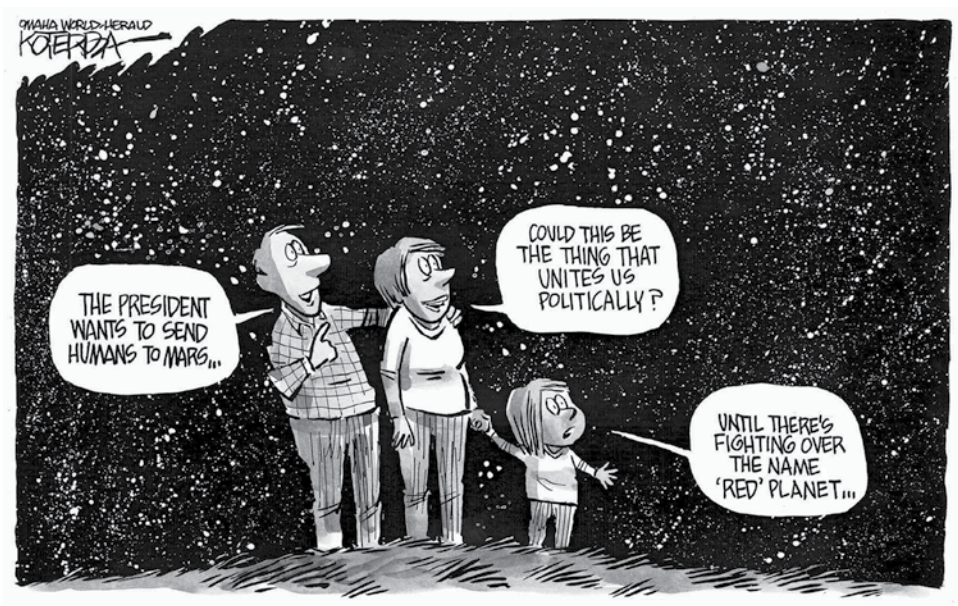
One student said Len's presentation reminded him of the "Be Amity" program at our school. For this student "to be your best self" means to spread happiness by being the light of the candle or the mirror that reflects it. Len clearly was the light for all of us. May we reflect to others what his stories gave to us.

SACRED HEART ACADEMY ENTRANCE EXAM

Saturday, November 5

The Sacred Heart Academy Entrance Exam will take place on Saturday, November 5 from 8 am until noon on the school's campus located at 265 Benham Street in Hamden. All students applying for grades 9 and 10 are required to take the entrance exam. To register for the exam, candidates for admission must submit the Application for Admission online at www.sacredhearthamden.org with the $60.00 fee by November 1. For further information or to arrange an interview or "shadow day," contact Director of Admissions Elaine Lamboley at 288-2309, x307.

Sacred Heart Academy, an independent Catholic college preparatory school for young women in grades 9 – 12 founded in 1946 by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, successfully prepares young women for learning, service, and achievement in a global society. More than 500 students, hailing from 60 towns and over 80 feeder schools in Connecticut, are enrolled. The Academy is currently celebrating its 70th anniversary.



STUDENT NEWS

Graduations

Local Student Graduates From University Of New Haven

West Haven, Conn. – The following Woodbridge students graduated from the University of New Haven on August 19: Arthur Anderson, bachelor of science, business management with a concentration in business management - general, College of Business; Vladimir Auster, bachelor of science, mechanical engineering, Tagliatela College of Engineering; and Adam Konwerski, bachelor of science, mechanical engineering, Tagliatela College of Engineering.

Achievements

Union College Announces Fall Student Athletes

Schenectady, NY -- Meet the Union College Woodbridge students who are participating in fall sports at the College: Jeremy Conn, a member of the mens soccer team; Christine Hill, a member of the women's soccer team; and Alex Tellides, a member of the men's crew team.

TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR

By Nancy Pfund

7th and 8th Grade Halloween Bash on October 28th

The popular Halloween Bash is Friday, October 28th from 7:00 - 9:30 PM in the Center Building Gym located at 4 Meetinghouse Lane in Woodbridge.

All 7th and 8th grade students residing in Woodbridge and Bethany are welcome. Private school students are encouraged to attend. The evening will include a DJ, pizza, games and raffle prizes, as well as the Mummy Wrap, Donut Eating and Costume Contests, all for $5.00.

No clown costumes admitted. Call 203-389-33429 for information.

Woodbridge Job Bank Seeks Teens Who Want Work

The Job Bank in Woodbridge offers jobs to teen residents who would like to work to earn some extra cash. The application process offers a chance to learn about the interview process, safety on the job, and how to negotiate pay. Types of jobs may include yard work, babysitting, animal care, house work, and snow shoveling. Call Youth Services to join at 203-389-3429.

Volunteers and Donations Needed

Youth Services needs parent/guardian chaperones at each of our events. Donations of bathroom tissue for the Mummy Wrap and of raffle prizes are needed. Please contact us at youthone@woodbridgect.org or 203-389-3429 if you are able to volunteer or make a donation. Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany sponsor this event.

Why Rake Those Leaves? Hire Woodbridge Teens

Woodbridge Job Bank teens will work for Woodbridge residents who want to hire someone to assist with odd jobs like leaf raking, snow shoveling, yard work, party help, cleaning, tutoring, and moving furniture or boxes. Please contact us at 203-389-3429 for more information.

Need An Occasional Babysitter?

The Woodbridge Job Bank has numerous teenagers who are experienced in babysitting. Many have completed the American Red Cross Babysitters Training Course. If you are a Woodbridge resident and would like more information about babysitters or Mother's Helpers, call Woodbridge Youth Services at 203-389-3429.

Toys 4 Kids Campaign Begins November 14th

Woodbridge Youth Services will process applications for Toys 4 Kids between November 14th and December 15th. Any Woodbridge families in need who wish to apply for toys for children age 12 and under may contact Youth Services at 203-389-3429 or contact TEAM, Inc. directly at 203-736-5420. Eligibility requirements must be met.

Toys Needed

TEAM will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for families in need residing in Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Orange, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton, and Woodbridge. A collection box will be located at the Woodbridge Town Library after November 10th.

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WARM HEARTS, WARM HOMES CAMPAIGN

Woodbridge Human Services has kicked off a Warm Hearts, Warm Homes Campaign to seek donations for the Town Fuel/Food Fund. The drive will run through December 31st. We are anticipating a need for $5,000.00 for our Fuel Bank and $2,000.00 for our Emergency Food Fund. These funds provide Woodbridge residents with emergency assistance with their primary heating source and emergency food.

"We are expecting an increase in the number of families applying for emergency fuel and food assistance this winter due to the decline in the economy", stated Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director of Human Services. Since Human Services is anticipating an increased need for fuel and food this year, it is inviting schools, church groups and civic organizations to consider sponsoring fundraisers to join its mission to keep our residents warm and safe this winter season.

Checks should be made out to the Town of Woodbridge Fuel/Food Fund and mailed to Woodbridge Human Services Department, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525.

TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2016

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

Town Hall

11/1	Police Commission	6:00pm	Police Dept.
11/7	Human Services Commission	7:00pm	Center Bldg.
	Town Plan & Zoning Commission	7:30pm	Town Hall
11/9	Board of Selectmen	5:00pm	Town Hall
11/10	Economic Development Comm.	7:00pm	Town Hall
11/14	Library Commission	6:00pm	Library
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30pm	Town Hall
11/16	Inland/Wetlands Agency	7:30pm	Town Hall
11/17	Investment Committee	5:00pm	Town Hall
	Board of Finance	6:00pm	Town Hall
	Conservation Commission	7:30pm	Town Hall
11/21	Fire Commission	6:00pm	Fire Station
	CUPOP	6:30pm	Town Hall
	EMS Commission	7:00pm	Town Hall
11/22	Government Access TV	7:15pm	Town Hall
11/29	Joint Boards of Selectmen/Finance	6:00pm	Town Hall

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Senior Center Holiday Fair

November 5th

Please join us at the 23rd annual Woodbridge Senior Center Holiday Fair. Entertainment will be provided by the Beecher Road School Band, harpist Debbie Vinick, Sound Effect- choral group and musicians Quinn Harley and Oriana Mack. Please consider donating tag sale items such as jigsaw puzzles, sporting equipment, glassware, tools, holiday items, linens and appliances up until Wednesday, November 2nd. The fair is Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 10am to 3pm in the Woodbridge Center Building Gymnasium. This event helps to support the Woodbridge Senior Center. For information, please contact Elaine Marcucio, 203-887-5047, Emarcucio@gmail.com.

Veteran's Program

Tuesday, November 1st at 12:45 pm

The Center will host a presentation on the services and programs available to veterans through the New Haven Vet Center located at 291 South Lambert Road, Orange. Veterans and family members of all ages are invited. Attendees are welcome to have lunch at 12:15 p.m. prior to the presentation for a cost of $3.00. Call 203-389-3430 to RSVP or for more information call Woodbridge Veteran's Contact Person, Mary Ellen LaRocca at 203-389-3429.

Final Pickleball Demonstration

November 17th @ 2pm

Due to very strong interest, a third Pickleball demonstration will be offered by Diane Sullivan of Apex Pharmacy in the Center Gym. This sport is a lot of fun and easy to learn to play. Pickleball uses a net similar to tennis, a slow moving whiffle ball, and paddles. Adults (50+) interested in seeing and/or trying this new sport are welcome to attend the free demonstration. We will start playing Pickleball in January both during the day and as well as in the evening. To sign up or join in the fun, contact the Senior Center to RSVP.

Antiques Roadshow—Woodbridge Edition

Have you ever been curious about the history of a family heirloom or a favorite piece of jewelry? Join us for an entertaining & informative evening on Wednesday, November 16th from 6-8pm at the Senior Center Cafeteria. Residents are encouraged to bring items of interesting background and significance for review by local historians and appraisers. This free program is offered in collaboration with the Woodbridge Library. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Brookdale Woodbridge. Call for more information, 203-389-3430. One item per person—please!

Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 18

Join us for a seasonal feast sponsored by our friends at the Woodbridge Police Union, Brookdale Woodbridge and Coachman's Square. Lunch will be served at 12:15pm. Entertainment will be provided by Tony Forto. There is no cost for this luncheon but reservations are required. Call to reserve your spot – 203-389-3430.

Save the Date!

Diabetes 101 on Monday, December 5th from 6-7pm at the Senior Center.

FROM THE FIRST SELECTMAN'S DESK

By Ellen Scalettar

The Country Club of Woodbridge saga continues. The facts have changed and there are plenty of rumors to sort through. It is time to cut our losses and develop a plan to clean up the property, bring it within our no pesticide policy and convert it to true open space for the entire Town to enjoy.

Here are the latest facts. Everything that we've seen and heard confirms that our property has little value as a golf course because it requires such extensive and costly renovations. The Board of Selectmen (BOS) heard from Billy Casper Golf (BCG) that needed repairs are in the millions of dollars. BCG also chose not to continue our contract (unless the Town took the risk of loss, which in the past resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars of unanticipated cost to the Town) because of concerns about the state of the golf course. A proposal by a developer and the Head Coach of the Yale Men's Golf Team to purchase the CCW (for a mere $500,000) estimated that the course would need a $3.5-$4.5 million investment. And another "proposal" for the entire parcel has been withdrawn by the proponents who determined that their offer – $700,000 with the right to develop part of the property (a concept that was dead on arrival) – was too high given the necessary costs of repair.

The recent proposal from Redan Reserve was actually a purchase of land – not the purchase of the existing golf facility. Redan contemplated tearing up the golf course and starting from scratch. That proposal has now been withdrawn because Redan Reserve is focusing on reaching a deal with Yale to renovate only the Yale Golf Course at this time, rather than doing it in tandem with the nearly contiguous Country Club of Woodbridge property.

I know there are many rumors going around. You may have heard that the golf course and clubhouse are very valuable – worth millions—and that people are clamoring to buy it. The fact is that the Town showed the property to anyone who was interested – a university, golf course operators, a church, restaurateurs and a caterer – and after they inspected the property and the clubhouse, there were no takers.

On the development side, the Town had received a proposal for active adult housing from Toll Brothers that the BOS voted not to pursue at this time. The BOS heard from many Woodbridge residents who are vehemently opposed to any development on the land. More recently, several residents have expressed surprise that the Town would not consider the Toll Brothers option – to purchase approximately 45 of the 150 acres for $5 million and build active adult housing with the Town retaining a large portion of the land. That would certainly be a more fiscally conservative option, but one not likely to pass, given the depth and extent of the opposition to development.

Thus, there are no private sector proposals in front of the Board of Selectmen at this time. We have spent nearly $10 million on this property, including the $7 million purchase price, and I believe it is time for the BOS and the Town to stop our losses and make some hard decisions. Since golf operations end within the next few months, we need a vision and plan for this property. The BOS is exploring various iterations of converting the land to open space. One can envision a spectacular public park for everyone to enjoy. Over time, this could include wildflower meadows and other types of gardens, walking and bike paths, an ice skating rink, and various other recreational opportunities.

Our next steps will likely cost between $1.5M and $2M (without adding any recreational options). Importantly, we will be able to plan for the upcoming costs and time them in conjunction with other Town needs. And most importantly, by keeping this land we retain an asset of high value for our Town, now and into the future.

FROM ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

By Selectman Maria Cruz Kayne

The October meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) featured confusion among the First Selectman, the Town Attorney, and the chairman of the Board of Finance over how to interpret the Town Charter's provisions on Special Town Meetings. This discussion reinforces my view, expressed in my last column, that Woodbridge needs to revise its charter.

The New England Town Meeting form of government can be considered the purest form of democracy. In addition to the abovementioned ambiguous instructions on Special Town Meetings, the Woodbridge Charter contains some unusual provisions that break down this cherished democracy. In my last column I suggested that we change our Charter to elect rather than appoint our Board of Finance, and to approve our annual budget by referendum rather than by show of hands at the Annual Town Meeting. In this column I propose several additional revisions to our Charter. I believe these changes will increase participation, fairness, and accountability and strengthen our local democracy by returning more direct control over town affairs to the citizens of Woodbridge.

On our six-member Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman has either a 4-2 majority or an evenly divided board. If a First Selectman presides over a split board, as is the case in Woodbridge right now, that indicates a lack of mandate for her agenda. This is a necessary "check" on a First Selectman who did not have the coat-tails to achieve a majority board. In Woodbridge, the Charter removes that check by allowing the First Selectman to break a tie vote (Section 5-3b).

In other towns (such as neighboring Orange) that share the same six-person BOS structure, a First Selectman who presides over an evenly divided board must build consensus across party lines and win the support of at least one member of the opposing party for any initiative. In contrast, our First Selectman can simply ignore serious differences about the best direction for our town by double voting. To promote consensus, we should eliminate the Woodbridge First Selectman's ability to break tie votes. Such a change would better reflect the divided desires of the community that elected an evenly divided Board of Selectmen.

Another unusual aspect of Woodbridge's charter that degrades our democracy is that in Woodbridge, running for First Selectman is an all-or-nothing proposition. The losing candidate has no role in the next administration. In most other Connecticut towns with a Board of Selectmen (including our neighbors Bethany and Orange), the losing candidate for First Selectman will be seated as one of the five Selectmen if he or she receives more votes than other Board of Selectmen candidates. Woodbridge's unusual rules (Charter Section 8-12c) act as a barrier to entry, discouraging candidates from running for First Selectman. Incumbency is already a powerful advantage: in Woodbridge an incumbent receives an extra, unfair advantage. The power of this advantage in Woodbridge is proven by the fact that an incumbent has never lost a Woodbridge election for First Selectman.

Woodbridge has experienced single party rule for over a decade. The several anomalies in the town charter enumerated above effectively enhance the stranglehold that a single party can exert – concentrating too much power in too few individuals. My proposals for charter revision are all aimed at encouraging broader participation, increasing fairness, promoting more direct accountability of town officials to those they serve, and enhancing the direct impact that individual citizens can have on their town's governance. If these charter revisions are adopted, the principles underlying the Town Meeting form of government that we New Englanders hold so dear will be well served.

FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR A PLATFORM TRUCK STALLED

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Woodbridge town leaders turned down a request from the Fire Department for the purchase of a used aerial truck, and selectmen last week voted not to bring the issue to a town meeting.

The current truck is 40 years old and barely functioning, said fire Chief Sean Rowland in his presentation to the Board of Finance. He said they had an opportunity to buy a three-year-old Rosenbauer TRex from a community in Delaware for $910,000. There would be additional cost to repaint and equip the truck.

But in an emotional special meeting on Sept. 22, the finance board said no. To approve an expense of close to $1million only a few months after voters approved a budget without it, seemed to rub them the wrong way.

"My first concern is the integrity of the whole [budgeting] process," said board member Karen Cusick. "This was the first time we had to make cuts," she said, talking about how she heard from residents how the cuts effected them. "To add a million in the first quarter of this year – I am concerned about that."

Sandra Stein, another member of the finance board, tried to soothe tempers when they flared. "You are bringing forward an opportunity," she said to the fire chief. "We have to decide whether we can afford to do this." The fire truck will be evaluated with other big expenditures the town is facing, she said, adding that that is the role of the Board of Finance.

Finance board chairman Matthew Giglietti took issue with the request itself. What the department was asking for was not a ladder truck rather than an articulating platform truck with a bucket at the end. He said he talked to several fire officials in the area who all felt that this would not be what Woodbridge needs.

"What on earth will they do with that vehicle," he quoted one fire official as wondering. He also said it could be very expensive to maintain.

Finance board member Andrew Esposito warned about taking on more debt. "We are approaching the limit," he warned. "We need to pay off some debt or risk that it will affect our bonding," he said. "If we buy this truck this year, other departments' needs will be pushed back."

The only one who spoke in favor of the purchase was board member Paul Kuriakose. "The fire department has been calling for a ladder truck for ten years, this is not a new request," he said. He said the finance board has been telling the fire department to find used equipment whenever possible. "If the people who have the responsibility to keep the community safe tell us we need that truck – then we need that truck."

The fire chief, in his presentation, pointed out how the housing stock in Woodbridge has changed since the town got its first ladder truck 40 years ago. He said for high-occupancy buildings such as the schools and the nursing homes, rescue operations would be much faster and safer with a far-reaching bucket. He said it could be used in motor vehicle accidents, because it can lift vehicles. The increasing number of solar panels on private and public roofs makes it very

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HEALTH AND FITNESS

BEWARE OF THE PITFALLS OF FALL & WINTER

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

Kyle Branday, MSPT

Simple exercises like arm circles, pendulums, forearm and upper trap stretching will help loosen these muscle groups. Proper posture while raking is a must. Stay upright, head up, shoulders back and don't hunch forward. Good postural habits will prevent rotator cuff impingement, strain on neck and upper back and puts the upper body in position for the greatest mechanical advantage to create force and leverage. You'll also use less energy. Once you've got those leaves raked into piles, now comes the real trial. The body's trunk and core are being tested, requiring the lumbar spine and hips to generate force to move leaf piles. The strain is on your obliques, glutes, and hip rotators along with the lumbar extensor muscles. What that means is there is a lot of muscle groups interacting to get those leaves moved. Never bend from the waist to pick up these mounting piles of leaves. It is vital to squat and bend your knees while you pick up leaves. Keep a flat back while you lift. This takes the stress off the lower lumbar spine eliminating the possibility of strains and sprains or worse injuries such as herniated discs and sciatica. Helpful, also, are warm up and cool down exercises such as hamstring, knee to chest, and trunk rotation stretches.

Winterize your body. For you anxious snowbirds with skis already racked up on the roof, prepare yourself with proper exercise. Knees, hamstrings, calves, back, shoulders, biceps and triceps all come into play on the slopes. Many of the exercises used in preparation for yard work, apply to winter sports. Trunk rotation stretches, hamstring stretches, light weight workouts with dumbbells for biceps, triceps and deltoids are important in preventing serious injury. Squats with light barbells for your quads, hamstrings, and glutes strengthen these important stress absorbing muscles. The spine and lower back also takes a heavy shock, absorbing a beating during both skiing and snowboarding. Prepare yourself with warm up knee to chest exercises, trunk rotations and quad and hamstrings stretches.

The physical torque on the hips is another skier's stress moment. Whether you're maneuvering moguls or into competitive downhill events, hips can take a beating in twists and turns. One of the most overlooked muscle groups which play a dramatic role in performance is your hip rotators. The same potential injuries pertain to snowboarders who perform more like gymnasts than skiers. Torso twists, hip movement, high impact landing all combine to test even a professional's performance. So, warm up on the carpet, floor, or exercise pad before you take on the powder. Proper exercise techniques, either at home or with a professional physical therapist or trainer, can keep you fit and in action throughout the winter.

Kyle Branday, MSPT, is a licensed physical therapist and partner at Amity Physical Therapy, founded twelve years ago by Michael Dow MSPT CEO/Director with offices in Woodbridge, Hamden and Branford. Kyle is a graduate of Quinnipiac University with his Masters in Physical Therapy. He works with patients of all ages and ability levels, treating high level athletes with fractures and sprains to gait and balance dysfunction in the elderly. Kyle can be reached to set up an evaluation at (203) 389-4593 or visit www.amitypt.com.

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Water Conservation Guidance for Homeowners with Wells

Water conditions can change rapidly (As New Englanders say, "If you want to know what the weather is, stick your head outside!). Currently, our area of the state is experiencing a moderate drought. This has prompted the Regional Water Authority (RWA) to request that people reduce their water use and are asking for a 10% voluntary water reduction as the lack of precipitation is expected to continue through the end of the year. If everyone saves a "few drips" it can make a big difference.

However, many people in the health district do not have their water supplied by the RWA, as their water comes from private wells. Don't think that if you are not on public water that this admonition doesn't apply to you! When there is a drought, water conservation applies to everyone.

The following information is taken directly from the guidance prepared by the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to help people cope when groundwater levels are low and private wells may run dry.

Do I have a Problem? If you hear your pump going on more frequently than normal or experience water outages, or if air bubbles come out of your faucet, you well may be having trouble keeping up with your demand for water.

Where is My Well? How deep is it? These are some basic questions. If you do not know the answers, call your local health department who may have records on your well. The well driller who installed your well may also be a useful source of information. A metal detector may prove useful in tracing buried pipes to locate your well. New pipes are generally plastic, but iron is often used in the installation of wells.

Why Conserve Water? Cutting back on water use by refraining from outdoor use or doing laundry and limiting toilet flushing and bathing can significantly reduce your demand for water. Timing water use to spread out your water demand over the entire day may also help.

How Do I Increase My Available Water? A licensed plumber or well driller can inspect your well and may be able to lower the pump. This may increase the useable storage in the well and increase the extent of the aquifer from which the well can get water if the well is already deep. Deepening your well is another possibility. Consult your local health department about the advisability of deepening your well and to obtain a list of licensed well drillers. Increasing the amount of water storage through the installation of an atmospheric storage tank and/or transfer pump by a licensed plumber may help. Water in storage will be available for use as needed, for longer periods. This allows well water to flow into the well (recover) for a longer period of time before recharging the tank.

What Happens if I Run Out of Water? If the groundwater level drops below the bottom of your well you are out of water. Deepening your well or drilling a new well may be a solution. If that is not feasible, it may be possible to connect a tank to your home and have water delivered by a bulk water hauler, although this may require the installation of an atmospheric storage tank and transfer pump. Your town health department may have information on local facilities for bathing or filling containers for drinking water. Bulk water haulers are available but limited on their ability to deliver water.

What About Safety? Any time work is done on your well, or you add water storage, or change delivery, your system should be disinfected to kill any bacteria that may have entered the system during the work procedure. A description of disinfection procedures is available from your local health department. Also private well owners should test their water annually for bacteria and other indicators and whenever there is an evident change in quality contact your local health department for advice.

Things to Remember: Do not fill your well from other water sources. The water will disperse into the aquifer. Your well is not a storage tank.

The DEEP and the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) offer suggestions on how to conserve water. Below is a partial list. Visit either website for additional suggestions.

Bathrooms:

- Do not let the water run while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Take short showers instead of tub baths. Turn off the water flow while soaping or shampooing.
- If you must use a tub, close the drain before turning on the water and fill the tub only half full.
- Consider using bath waste water for another use such as watering a plant or garden.

Kitchen and Laundry:

- Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a basin. Use a vegetable brush.
- Do not use water to defrost frozen foods, thaw in the refrigerator overnight.
- Use a dishpan for washing and rinsing dishes.
- Scrape, rather than rinse, dishes before loading into the dishwasher.
- Add food wastes to your compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal.

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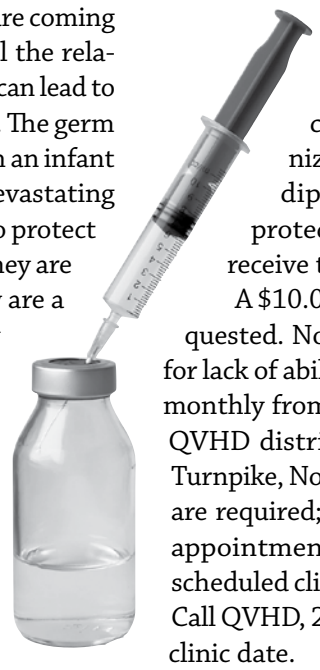
HEALTH AND FITNESS

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM



Don't Wait Until the Baby is Born: Vaccinate Now! The holidays are coming and while it is great to see all the relatives, the kissing and hugging can lead to the exchange of lots of germs. The germ that causes whooping cough in an infant is frightening and can have devastating results. It is very important to protect infants from this disease as they are not fully protected until they are a year old. Quinnipiack Valley Health District (QVHD) offers the pertussis (whooping cough) 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. Clinics are held monthly from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the QVHD district office, 1151 Hartford Turnpike, North Haven. Appointments are required; however, you can get an appointment for the same day as a scheduled clinic if you call by 1:00 p.m. Call QVHD, 203 248-4528 for the next clinic date.

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- Operate the dishwasher only when completely full.
- Use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.

Outside:

- Sweep driveways, sidewalks and steps rather than hosing off.
- Wash the car with water from a bucket, or consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- When using a hose, control the flow with an automatic shut-off nozzle.

Equipment:

- Repair all leaks. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons per day.
- Install ultra-low flow toilets, or place a plastic container filled with water or gravel in the tank of your conventional toilet. Be sure it does not interfere with operation of the toilet's flush mechanism.
- Install low-flow aerators and showerheads.
- Consider purchasing a high efficiency washing machine which can save over 50% in water and energy use.
- Water Efficiency Measures for Landscaping

Watering:

- Detect and repair all leaks in irrigation systems.
- Use properly treated wastewater for irrigation where available.
- Water the lawn or garden during the coolest part of the day (early morning is best). Do not water on windy days.
- Water trees and shrubs, which have deep root systems, longer and less frequently than shallow-rooted plants which require smaller amounts of water more often.
- Set sprinklers to water the lawn or garden only - not the street or sidewalk.
- Use soaker hoses and trickle irrigation systems.
- Install moisture sensors on sprinkler systems.

The information presented in this column is intended to offer suggestions about water conservation. It is compiled from the DEEP website. Questions by Quinnipiack Valley Health District residents (Bethany, Hamden, North Haven and Woodbridge) may be addressed to info@qvhd.org or by telephone, 203 248-4528.

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Friday, November 18, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 19, 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Parish House of Christ Episcopal Church, 526 Amity Road (Rte. 63) at the blinker light.

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If you are interested in serving or have any questions, please contact Spencer Rubin at spencerrubin91@gmail.com.

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dangerous for fire fighters to get on the roof. You can disconnect the energy that goes into the house, but the panels are always live, he said.

After the Board of Finance voted not to approve the expenditure, the Board of Fire Commissioners called on the Board of Selectmen to call for a special town meeting to bring the issue directly to the public. But the selectmen felt this did not meet the exceptional circumstances the charter reserves for special town meetings, and voted not to call for one.

Fire Commission Chairman Elia Alexiades subsequently released the following statement: "The members of the Fire Commission are committed to providing our firefighters with the necessary tools to protect the people of Woodbridge, and to do so in a way that reduces whenever possible the risk of physical injury to our volunteer firefighters. Replacement of the Town's 40-year-old, broken-down aerial apparatus remains a top priority, despite the Board of Finance's rejection of the proposal to purchase a used apparatus, and the Board of Selectmen's inaction on our request to send the matter to a Special Town Meeting. We had looked forward to presenting the facts to the public in our town's traditional form of direct democracy.

"We will continue to explore suitable options for replacing the aerial apparatus. Prior to recommending the used purchase, members of the department considered, inspected and demonstrated many other aerial trucks. The three-year old used truck we found would have cost less than the alternatives considered, and provided significantly greater functionality. It did more for less. To order that truck new today would take two to three years and likely cost $1.6 million upon delivery.

"Our 1976 ladder truck is unreliable and barely functional; no longer safe and effective to operate, the ladder is too short to reach many locations in town, including schools, commercial buildings, assisted living facilities, rooftops, and chimney tops on larger homes. The lack of an adequate aerial device puts our firefighters at increased risk of physical injury, and impairs the ability of the Fire Department to protect town residents.

"Our brave volunteers constantly put themselves in harm's way: fighting fires, extricating severely injured accident victims trapped in wrecked cars, medical evacuations, search and rescue, and other emergency services. They are called to respond at all hours of the day and night, and spend hundreds of hours training. To work safely and efficiently while facing ever complex technical challenges, they need reliable, effective equipment. Our commitment to firefighter safety must match their commitment to public safety."

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GAYLE SLOSSBERG (D)

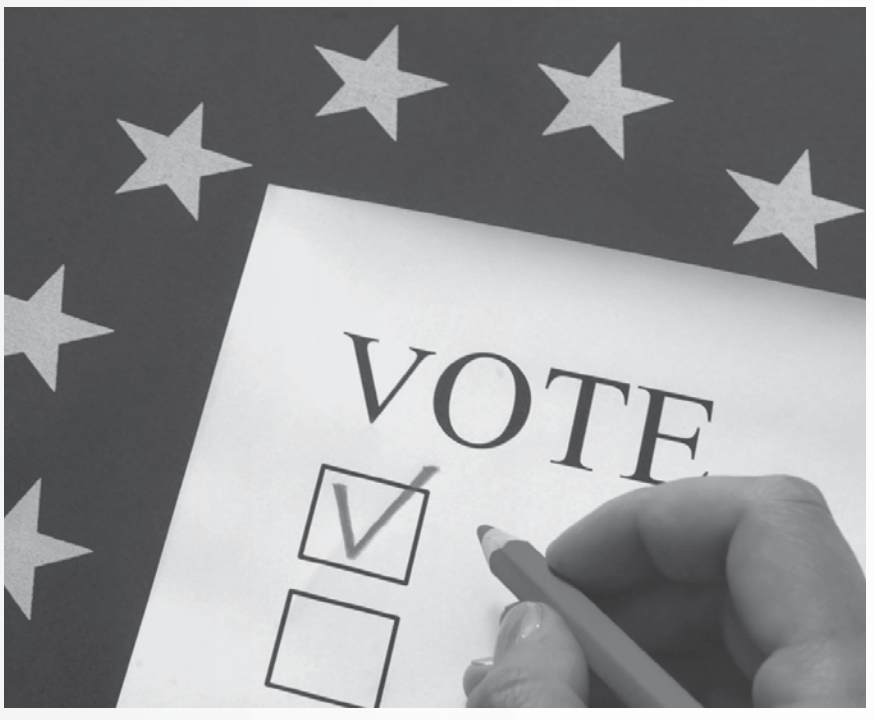
Everywhere I go, people tell me they are frustrated and worried. Our national politics are in an unprecedented state, and so often, the news we hear about Connecticut is negative. I am running for reelection to the State Senate because in these uncertain times the people of the 14th district need an advocate who is on their side, someone who is independent-minded, works across the aisle, and always places the needs of our families and our communities first, without regard to politics or party.

Despite the challenges our state budget faces, I fought to ensure that each town in my district received additional state aid to help keep property taxes down for our families and our businesses. Here in Orange, I secured an additional $451,000 in state aid, which amounts to a half a mil reduction in your local property tax rate, without raising any new or existing taxes. In Woodbridge, we capped the car tax at 37 mils saving residents more than $237,000. We also ensured that state funding is in place for Beecher Road School. When Governor Malloy proposed a one million dollar cut in state funds to Milford Hospital and other community hospitals, I stood up to him to reverse those cuts, so our hospitals could continue providing high-quality health care. When he proposed cuts to mental health programs and social services to our families, I stood up to him to reverse those cuts. I will continue to lead the fight to protect veterans' healthcare, housing, and employment in recognition of their service and sacrifice to our country.

I believe we need a strong private sector to grow our economy at a faster rate. That's why I authored the first job creation tax-credit program in the state and supported the creation of the Small Business Express Program to help hundreds of businesses in our area grow. In Orange, I managed to secure state funds to develop Edison road, and after more than a decade of advocacy, we are finally seeing movement in the development of a train station in Orange that will help residents and businesses alike.

Of course, a first class education for our children is the building block on which our future depends. We must continue to fight for a system that works for our students and our teachers. As the Senate co-chair of Education, I fought to reduce the number of standardized tests our children take and focused instead on providing our kids with skills for life-long learning. I am proud to have revamped the laws to provide greater assistance for the 20% of our students who have dyslexia and other reading related disorders—basic reading skills by grade three puts our children on a path to future success.

As your neighbor and your State Senator, you can count on me to fight on your behalf. I will continue to be an independent voice for you, listening to your concerns and finding the solutions that work, instead of looking to advance a political agenda. I would be honored to earn your vote for reelection to the State Senate, and you can trust that I will put our communities first.



PAT LIBERO (R)

Over the past ten years, majority party Democrats has continually increased state spending and your taxes. Despite record tax increases, our state is once again in deficit. In order to create a better future for our families, we must take steps to avoid these never-ending budget crises that harm our economy and force rash, unplanned cuts to important programs.

I felt compelled to run for State Senate because legislation, supported by career politicians like Gayle Slossberg, has put us in crisis. I bring a record of success as a teacher, Principal, and volunteer, advocating for students and people in my community. I am confident that I can bring the kind of experience to the State Senate that will help get us moving in the right direction.

As I knock on doors I have come to understand that you share my concerns. My opponent's vote for Gov. Malloy's 2015 budget, with its wasteful spending and excessive tax increases harms communities, businesses and families. By consistently spending more than we take in, and by over-taxing our people and our businesses, we are painted as irresponsible and anti-business. We need to find ways to compete with neighboring states to attract businesses, and consequently expand our tax base.

While the current Sikorsky deal apparently had to be struck, it is costly to taxpayers. It would have been great if long-serving politicians had the foresight to make the business climate fairer for ALL businesses in the state.

As your State Senator I will fight for efficient government, lower taxes, and sound fiscal policy. I will only support legislation that doesn't harm our economy and slow job creation. I will work to remove the "pork" from our budget so we are not forced to cut important funding for municipalities, hospitals, education, and mental health services.

I have been an educator for over 37 years, serving as a Special Education Teacher, Principal and Vice-Principal in the West Haven school system. I have also taught at the University of New Haven as Adjunct Professor, teaching special education classes. In 2011 I was elected to the West Haven Board of Education and served as Chairman from 2013-2015. I continue as a current board member.

I enjoyed walking the 14th Senate District, meeting voters and sharing our concerns and ideas to bring us forward to a better future. I ask for your vote on November 8 and look forward to serving all of my friends and neighbors in Milford, Orange, West Haven and Woodbridge.

WOODBRIDGE ELECTION COVERAGE 2016

STATE SENATOR – 17TH DISTRICT

SENATOR JOSEPH J. CRISCO (D)

- Chief Deputy President Pro Tempore; Federal Relations Liaison
- Chair: Insurance & Real Estate
- Vice Chair: Banks; Commerce; Public Health
- Member: Executive & Legislative Nominations; Legislative Management

First elected to the Connecticut State Senate in November of 1992, Joseph J. Crisco, Jr. represents the 17th Senatorial District towns of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Hamden, Naugatuck, and Woodbridge.

Now serving his twelfth term, Senator Crisco is part of the leadership team for the Senate Democratic Caucus. He is the Chief Deputy President Pro Tempore and also serves as the Federal Relations Liaison for the caucus. Senator Crisco is currently Senate Chair of the Insurance & Real Estate Committee and Vice Chair of the Banks, Commerce and Public Health Committees. He is also a member of the Executive & Legislative Nominations and Legislative Management Committees.

With responsibility for the Insurance Committee, Senator Crisco has helped reaffirm Connecticut's status as the insurance capital of the world—his work to expand coverage for breast cancer screenings has become a national and international model, and his Biomedical Research Fund—with revenue from tobacco settlement payments to the state—underwrites research into heart disease, cancer, smoking related illnesses, Alzheimer's, stroke and diabetes.

Before being elected to the State Senate, Senator Crisco worked for the United Technologies Corporation. He joined UTC in 1976, serving in government liaison assignments before being named Director of Government Affairs in 1986. He was promoted to National Director of State and Local Government Affairs in 1990. Senator Crisco has also been an associate professor of economics at Quinnipiac University, Sacred Heart University, and the University of New Haven.

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

Senator Crisco has also sponsored the Annual Young Women in Technology Expo to help introduce seventh grade women to the many fields in which the knowledge of technology plays a critical role. The Expo is a day-long series of hands-on technology workshops on the campus of Quinnipiac University.

Long active in community service, Senator Crisco has served as Citizen Appointee to the Connecticut Legislative Task Force on Manufacturing, and as President of the University of Connecticut Alumni Association. He served as a member of the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees, the State Board of Higher Education, the Governor's Commission on Financial Assistance for Higher Education, the Woodbridge Board of Education and the State Community and Technical Colleges Board of Trustees.

Senator Crisco, long known as an advocate for senior citizens, quality health care and economic development, is the recipient of many awards and honors that include being recognized for his legislative leadership by United Seniors in Action and the Birmingham Group.

In addition, Senator Crisco has received a Leadership Award from Keep the Promise for his work on behalf of mental health, the Champion of Exposing the Secret Award from Are You Dense for his work on behalf of early detection of breast cancer for women with dense breast tissue, the Connecticut Medical Society Legislative Award for Commitment to Quality of Patient Care, the Wilbur Cross Humanities Award, the Connecticut Council of Independent Colleges Award for Distinguished Service, a Distinguished Service Award from the Italian Government, a Legislative Leadership Award from the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, and has been recognized for his commitment to home health care and by the State Firemen's Association.

Senator Crisco received the Military Order of the Purple Heart Citation for his work on behalf of veterans and their families. He was named an Indoor Air Quality Hero for his efforts to help protect students and school employees from environmental health hazards, and the classrooms at the Redwing Pond House at the Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center were named after Senator Crisco when he helped obtain $30,000 in funding for the project.

Senator Crisco has also served as a member of several task forces and study groups. His present and past appointments include: Jobs for the Future Task Force, Naugatuck Valley Economic Study, State Commission on Capitol Preservation and Restoration, Revenue Services Small- and Medium-Sized Users Committee, the Governor's Federal Funds Advisory Committee, Uncompensated Care Task Force, and the State Planning and Conservation Commission. Senator Crisco also serves on the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators.

Senator Crisco's legislative accomplishments include passage of his Investment Tax Credit, ConnPACE COLA, Deployment Center, Corridor Zone, and Diabetes Coverage bills. Additionally, Senator Crisco was proud to work successfully to obtain key funding for the refurbishment of the Sterling Opera House in Derby, a project that will help to spark redevelopment efforts both in Derby and throughout the Valley, as well as other important projects such as the expansion of the Ansonia Nature Center and the enhancement of the Bethany Historical Society.

In August 1998, Senator Crisco served as honorary chairman of Connecticut's first "Family Day," which is now an annual event. "Family Day" promotes the virtues of family and parenting by setting aside a day each year for families to spend together.

Senator Crisco holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Connecticut and studied at the graduate level at Trinity College in Hartford. Raised in New Haven, he lives in Woodbridge with his wife, Pat. They have six children and 18 grandchildren.

GEORGE S. LOGAN (R)

George S. Logan is seeking the Republican nomination for State Senate to represent the towns of the 17th District - Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Hamden, Naugatuck and Woodbridge. It is his belief Connecticut has suffered too long at the hands of the political class. Record debt, historic tax increases on the Middle Class, punishing rules have dimmed the future for the next generation at all economic levels.

Mr. Logan believes a prosperous future for all requires new thinking in Hartford to unleash the potential of our people. And while this is Mr. Logan's first attempt at elected office, he is no stranger to public service.

During the course of his life, Mr. Logan has supervised numerous projects that have benefited consumer and businesses while devoting his spare time to various community based causes that have improved the quality of life for thousands of families.

Mr. Logan began his formal education at Notre Dame High School in West Haven, earning his Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from Trinity College and a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Bridgeport.

He has spent most of his professional life working through the ranks of the largest private water company in the state – Aquarion – where he learned every aspect of providing clean drinking water to customers. During this time, Mr. Logan has engaged sustainability programs, alternative energy programs, watershed maintenance, environmental compliance, natural resources management and government relations. At each stage of responsibility, Mr. Logan earned the trust of numerous local officials, environmental organizations, property owners, government officials and businesses - to complete capital improvements to the water delivery system.

Mr. Logan believes his successful career as a manager and problem solver will be essential to getting Connecticut's economy growing for everyone. He believes action is immediately needed to responsibly roll back state regulation and taxes that destroys hard work, investment and short changes the necessary priorities of government.

Offering his experience and volunteer time is an essential part of Mr. Logan's life, including being a girl's basketball coach at Assumption School and as a board member for Griffin Hospital, the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce, the local YMCA and Junior Achievement.

Mr. Logan lives in Ansonia with his wife, Lisa, who is a Registered Nurse for the state Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; his son, Hunter – a PSAT National Merit Award Finalist at Notre Dame and daughter Tracey – a freshman at Saint Joseph's School in Trumbull. Tracey is also a member of St. Joseph's track and field team.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE 114TH DISTRICT

THEMIS KLARIDES (R)

State Rep. Themis Klarides is completing her first term as Leader of the House Republican caucus, the first female to hold the GOP position. She was first elected in 1998 and is now in her 18th year in the House.

As Leader and along with her colleagues in the Republican Senate, Klarides has offered alternatives to the Democratic budget plans that have resulted in continuing deficits that she says have stifled economic development in Connecticut and forced some businesses and taxpayers to relocate to other states.

The cornerstones of those alternative budget proposals have been no tax increases and leaner more efficient approaches to governing. This past spring the Republicans proposed a Five Year plan to stabilize the state's bureaucracy and lead to surpluses. The Pathway to Sustainability is based on smaller state workforces and necessary concessions to create stability and predictability for private sector business to enhance economic growth and therefore revenues without rasing taxes.

This year Klarides has received the support of numerous civic and professional organizations including Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Connecticut State Police and the Connecticut Education Association, the state's largest teachers group.

She has served on numerous boards and organizations including the Greater Valley Boys & Girls Club, as a member of the Board of Directors for Derby Hospital and the Walter Camp Foundation.

A native of Seymour, Klarides was raised around a family supermarket business that taught her the value of hard work and the rewards of community involvement. Her commitment to these values is exemplified through her years of community service with various municipal, state and regional groups. She is a former member of the Planning and Zoning Commission in Derby, and a former member of the Board of Finance in Seymour.

Klarides is a graduate of Trinity College, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and later graduated from Quinnipiac University School of Law. She is a practicing lawyer in the State of Connecticut and in the United States District Court for Connecticut. She is of Counsel to Bridgeport-based Cohen and Wolf in the firm's Orange office.

CAST YOUR VOTE AND BUY GIRL SCOUT COOKIES!

Girl Scouts Of Connecticut To Host Election Day Booth Sales Across The State

Are you casting your vote this year? Don't forget to buy your favorite Girl Scout Cookies! Girl Scouts in Connecticut will be hosting statewide cookie booths at a variety of locations starting on Saturday, November 5 until Sunday, November 13.

At the Election Day Booth Sales, cookies include favorites such as Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, Trefoils, and Savannah Smiles.

Again this year, many of the booths will offer customers the opportunity to support Girl Scouts of Connecticut's Cookies for Heroes Gift of Caring program. Cookies are a wonderful way to thank our service women and men who serve overseas and at home!

Election Day Booth Sale locations will be added later this month on our website. For more information on the Girl Scout Cookie Program, visit gsofct.org.

FROM OUR READERS

Mind the Local Political Climate

One night not long ago a trespasser removed a Hillary Clinton lawn sign from my yard – while I watched in disbelief from the living room – reminding me of the profound threat to the First Amendment posed by Donald Trump and his supporters. Mine isn't the only Clinton lawn sign to go missing in recent weeks, and certainly stolen campaign signs are nothing new – by themselves they don't signal the end of world. But given the violence wrought on Trump rally protestors and repeated denigration of the press by the candidate himself, one must wonder about any tolerance of dissidence – or the truth – in a prospective Trump administration.

The recent trespassing incident on my property also reminded me that in Woodbridge, no one should be surprised at the rise of 'Trumpism' – it's been part of the local political landscape for the past couple of election cycles already. False information and pronounced, pervasive negativity only begin to describe it.

Repeated assertions that nothing in government works well, that public servants are to be smeared, that secret conspiracies explain much of it, and that inexperienced, unqualified candidates are the only ones who can 'fix' a completely broken operation characterize the current Republican Presidential campaign, and describe the past two local Republican campaigns as well.

Now, with the next municipal campaign just around the corner, it's important to note that not one single Woodbridge Republican leader has followed so many nationally prominent and respected Republicans to publicly denounce Donald Trump and his campaign. This fact, and the large margin by which Trump won last spring's GOP primary in town, makes it clear Woodbridge voters should expect local Republican 'Trumpism' to persist next spring as well.

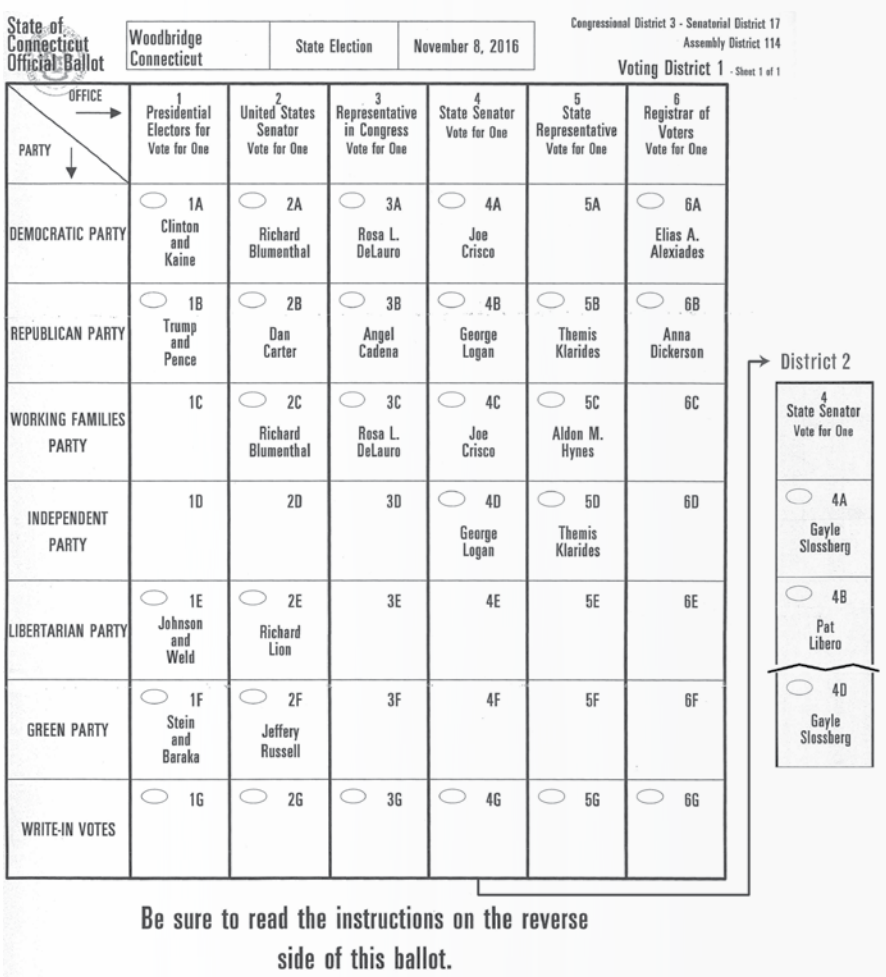
Laurence Grotheer

Signs Do Not Speak for All

We are outraged at the signs around town declaring, "Woodbridge for Hillary". You don't speak for me and I live in Woodbridge. There are signs for Trump/Pence and Johnson/Weld, so obviously you do not own our town. This is the kind of arrogance that makes people dislike Hillary and Democrats. So leave the signs that voice your personal opinion and take down the signs that imply that our town belongs to you and to Hillary.

Pamela Halstead

The 2016 Ballot



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DEMOCRATIC PARTY	1A Clinton and Kaine	2A Richard Blumenthal	3A Rosa L. DeLauro	4A Joe Crisco	5A	6A Elias A. Alexiades
REPUBLICAN PARTY	1B Trump and Pence	2B Dan Carter	3B Angel Cadena	4B George Logan	5B Themis Klarides	6B Anna Dickerson
WORKING FAMILIES PARTY	1C	2C Richard Blumenthal	3C Rosa L. DeLauro	4C Joe Crisco	5C Aldon M. Hynes	6C
INDEPENDENT PARTY	1D	2D	3D	4D George Logan	5D Themis Klarides	6D
LIBERTARIAN PARTY	1E Johnson and Weld	2E Richard Lion	3E	4E	5E	6E
GREEN PARTY	1F Stein and Baraka	2F Jeffery Russell	3F	4F	5F	6F
WRITE-IN VOTES	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G

District 2
4 State Senator Vote for One
4A Gayle Slossberg
4B Pat Libero
4D Gayle Slossberg

Be sure to read the instructions on the reverse side of this ballot.

TOWN BUILDINGS EARN ENERGY STAR CERTIFICATION

Woodbridge Town Hall, Beecher Road School and Amity Regional High School all received an Energy Star certification this year at a ceremony organized by United Illuminating at the Energize Connecticut Center in North Haven. Qualifying municipalities were presented with plaques by Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Commissioner Robert Klee, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental Scientist Linda Darveau and UIL Holdings Corporation President and Chief Executive Officer Anthony Marone.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) certifies appliances and buildings as "Energy Star" if they are energy efficient. Only certain categories of buildings, such as office buildings, Town Halls and schools, are eligible to earn this qualification.

The Energy Star certification means that a building is more energy efficient than 75% of similar buildings in the same category. "I am so pleased that the Town has been recognized for all of our hard work to be good environmental stewards and lead by example," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "Both Boards of Education and school staffs should be commended for working hard to lower their schools' energy footprints. I'd also like to thank the Town's Energy Task Force for educating residents about how to save energy at home."

The Town of Woodbridge is monitoring the energy usage at eight municipal buildings and two schools – Beecher Road School and Amity Regional High School – through an online tool created by the EPA to measure and track energy consumption, as well as greenhouse emissions.

Recently, the Town earned approximately $500,000 in incentives to complete lighting, and window upgrades, as well as improvements to the chiller and boiler systems at Beecher Road School. Furthermore, Amity Regional High School has completed lighting upgrades and is getting the benefit of the microgrid-related fuel cell which will provide heat to the building.

Taken altogether, Woodbridge's efforts have resulted in an approximate annual reduction of 7,826 MMbtu which is equal to the amount of energy consumed by roughly 78 homes. Additionally, the Town reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 1,016 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCDE) which produces the same results as if about 213 cars were removed from the road for one year. Overall, Woodbridge has achieved an annual estimated energy cost savings of nearly $440,000.

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Woodbridge Rotary holds a free, yearly registration for the Amber Alert System at Massaro Farm's Fall Fun Day. This year 9 volunteers registered 47 children, each receiving a photo ID card with instructions on what to do if a child has gone missing. With your child's basic physical information and photo in the State run database, a missing child notice can be out rapidly to the far reaching community and hopefully save many lives. For more information about Amber Alert, contact Lt. Paul Vance, Connecticut State Police, 860-685-8190. Pictured is Spencer Ruben, Chris Lovejoy and Tony Attanasio.

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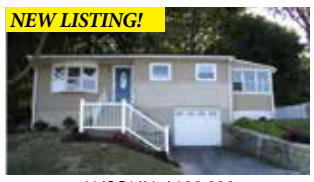

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ORANGE $899,000
To be blt; 10 rm, 5BR Colonial N35425
Tom Cavaliere, 203-795-2300

ORANGE $779,000
10 rm, 4BR, 2.5 ba Colonial N10155220
Audra Digello, 203-795-2394

EAST HAVEN $725,000
Unique waterfront home N10063183
Carole McElrath, 203-287-7968

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Elegant 7rm Colonial N10152094
Lori Miko, 203-795-2328

N.BROOKFIELD $569,900
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Mike Sirochman, 203-795-2365

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8 rm Col on 2.4acres. N10141638
Nick Mastrangelo, 203-795-2351

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Updated 10 rm Ranch N10163102
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SEYMOUR $319,900
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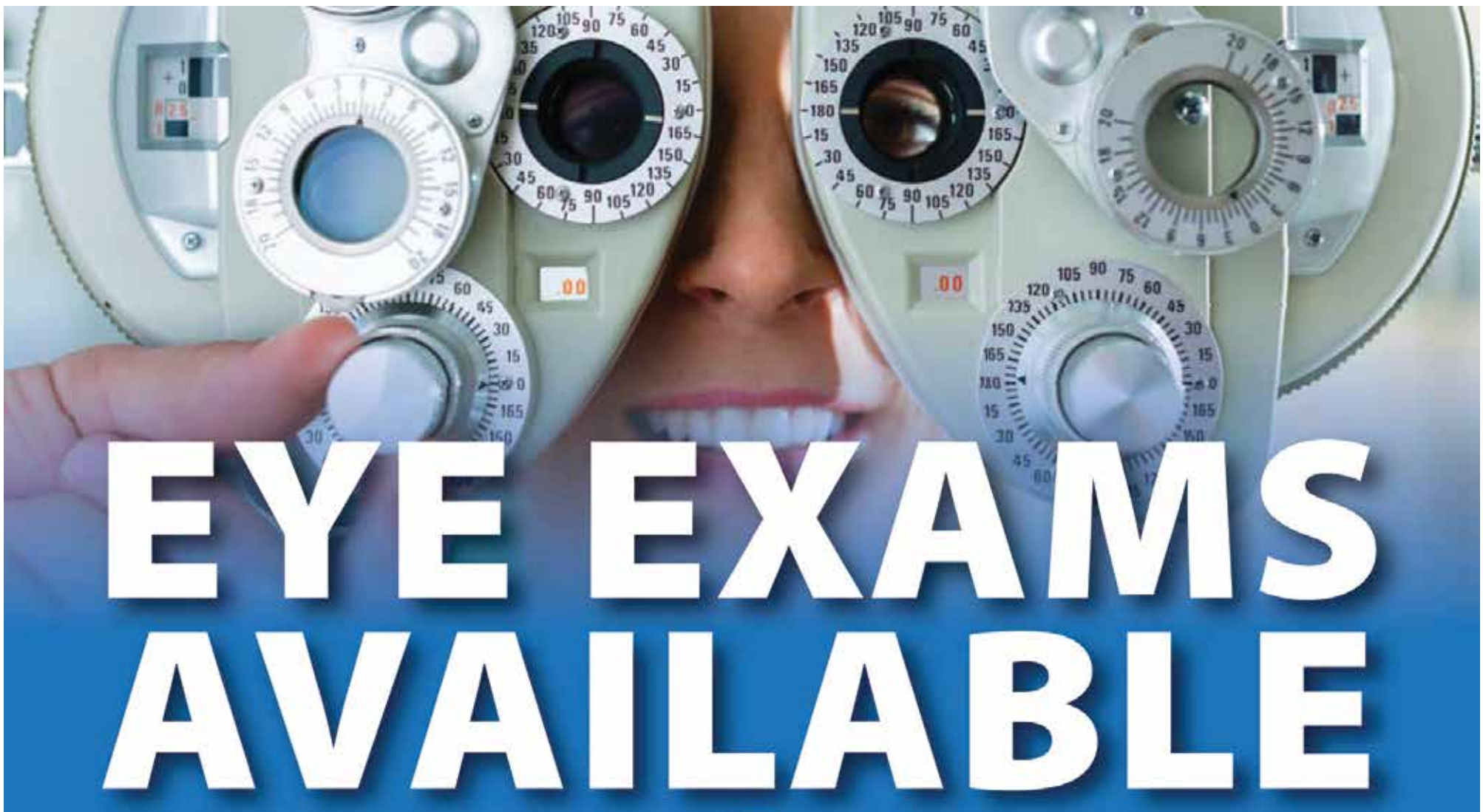

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Q: I have heard rumors that a **"Downton Abbey"** movie might be in the works. Is this true? -- Jennifer D., via email

A: I too have heard these rumors, and talk at the BAFTA awards a short while back is only strengthening them. **Michael Fox**, who played Andy the valet, intimated that **Maggie Smith** (our favorite Dowager Countess) might be on board for a reunion big-screen feature film, which would pretty much guarantee a green light for the project. "Downton" creator and writer **Julian Fellowes** told **"Good Morning Britain"**: "I would love to make [a 'Downton' movie]. As far as I am concerned, I'm completely up for it. Most of the cast are up for it."

This past summer, Julian told **"Indiewire"**: "I hope there will be a film. There is an audience for a film. I'd structure a narrative with lots of things happening, but we would need a kind of unity to make a feature, which is a challenge for me. It would be a bigger canvas: A riot could be a real riot, the ball a real ball. I would like that; I think it would be fun."

Michelle Dockery, who played Lady Mary, teased in **"Vanity Fair"**: "I think there is potential for a ['Downton Abbey'] film. That is something I would wholeheartedly consider, so we will see. It may not be over yet."

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Q: Thank you so much for all the **"Outlander"** news that you provide during the long break between seasons. Do you have any more news to sate my appetite during this Droughtlander? -- Dina J., New Haven, Connecticut

A: I do! I forgot to include this news a few weeks ago when I gave my "Outlander" update: The lovable Fergus (who was

Sam Heughan [Starz]

played by cutie-pie **Romann Berrux** in season two) will be in his early 20s for the third season of the hit romance/time travel/fantasy drama, and he will be played by **Cesar Domboy**. We also have casting news about Lord John Grey, who plays an integral part in the remaining books of the series. Australian actor **David Berry** will play the former British soldier-turned-Ardsmuir Prison governor who strikes up a dubious friendship with the incarcerated Jamie Fraser (played by **Sam Heughan**).

Also, I'm sure you know that "Outlander" has been renewed for a third and fourth season. But what you might not know is that Starz's CEO **Chris Albrecht** told a group of reporters recently that the popular series "will be around for a long time."

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Q: Please tell me when the new season of **"Homeland"** begins. -- Rae G., via email

A: The hit Showtime crime thriller will premiere its 12-episode sixth season on Jan. 15, 2017. It also has been renewed for a seventh and eighth season, with the eighth expected to be its last. Season six begins its story several months after the fifth, and takes place between Election Day and Inauguration Day.

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SACRED HEART TO PRESENT DISNEY'S *THE LITTLE MERMAID*

Sacred Heart Academy will proudly present the beloved Disney musical, The Little Mermaid on November 4 and 5 at the historic Shubert Theatre (New Haven). Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, this is a beautiful story about daughters growing up and fathers letting go.

The talented cast of 128 students includes Madison Brenchak '18 (Seymour) as Ariel, Judith Suffrard '17 (New Haven) as Sebastian, Samantha Hekeler '17 (Cheshire) as Ursula, Erica Gonsiewski '17 (Hamden) as Flotsam, Veronica Ciccone '18 (Northford and Guilford) as Jetsam and Julia Cyr '17 (New Haven) as Scuttle. These Sacred Heart students are joined by 24 talented male actors including Sheehan HS's Drew Waldron (Wallingford), Hamden Hall's Shaun Hillis (Madison), Notre Dame's Miguel Corzo (Hamden), North Haven HS's Ryan Solorzano (North Haven), Xavier's John McEachern (Hamden) and Guilford HS's Jake Gladwin (Guilford). The student crews consist of more than 75 other students, moderated by Sacred Heart Academy faculty members.

The Little Mermaid features some of the best known songs from the past 30 years, including "Under the Sea" and "Kiss the Girl" along with many new numbers. The Academy's talented students have worked for months under the tutelage of award winning choreographer and alumna Janet Gambardella Bracale '77 (North Haven) and returning musical director Chad Hardin (Guilford). Producer Kim Curbow '81 (Branford) has served as the technical director and backstage crew moderator for over 25 years, and is thrilled to bring this show to the Shubert to celebrate 70 years of Sacred Heart Academy.

Director MaryLee Delaney (Wallingford) has enlisted alumnae Julia Bowers '04 (West Hartford), Elise Hebel '09 (Hamden), and Erin Shaw '10 (Wallingford) to assist with set design, puppetry, and photography. Delaney has loved rehearsing this talented company, and overseeing the outreach service projects. Each year the musical students participate in a service project inspired by the theme of the musical, and this year they partnered with Save Our Sound. Participating in beach clean-ups and environmental activism, the students fulfilled Pope Francis' call to care for nature. They also did a workshop for the students at St. Martin de Porres (New Haven), providing a springboard for discussing and advocating independence.

Reserve now for this thought-provoking, energetic, and timely classic… tickets are $27.50 for orchestra seats, $22.50 for the mezzanine, and $12.50 for the balcony. Performances are Friday, November 4 at 8 pm and Saturday, November 5 at 2 and 8 pm. For tickets and information, call 203-562-5666, visit www.shubert.com or the box office at 247 College Street, New Haven, or purchase at Sacred Heart Academy, 265 Benham Street, Hamden. As tradition dictates, Sacred Heart Academy alumnae in attendance will be acknowledged at all performances.

L to R: Fred Hulley, Judy Primavera, Keith Smolinski, Ryan Kennedy (Shrek), Dillon Glazer (Donkey), and Grace Blanchard (Fiona).

THE SPARTAN PLAYERS FALL PRODUCTION ANNOUNCED!

With a generous grant from its headlining sponsor, The Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation (jamiehulleyartsfund.org), The Spartan Players (Bethany campus) is pleased to announce its production of Shrek The Musical, Jr., November 4th and 5th, 2016 at 7 p.m, Amity Middle School Bethany, Tickets are $8 and $10. The event is sponsored by the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation. The Spartan Players look forward to bringing this exciting fairy tale world to life with Shrek, Donkey, Fiona, and an unforgettable cast of characters as they try to gain back their land from the evil Lord Farquaad.

The Squarefoot Theatre Company's Patrick Laffin has once again teamed up with Amity staff member Keith Smolinski to bring this amazing show to the stage! Tickets are available now and you have the option of purchasing online at squarefoottheatre.tix.com or by calling The Square Foot Theatre Box Office at 203-793-7383.

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VETERANS' DAY CREATURE FEATURE

Friday, November 11, 12 noon

Looking for a fun activity for the children on this day off from school? Come and learn about the Nature Center's resident animals. The staff will talk about the different species of mammals, reptiles, insects, and birds we have on display. We will also teach the children how to touch and handle some of these soft, scaly, and slimy creatures. FREE; please register in advance.

FULL BEAVER MOON HIKE

Saturday, November 12, 6 pm

Join the rangers for this unique night hike designed for families. The name "Full Beaver Moon" comes from the fact that the beavers are now actively preparing for winter. It is sometimes referred to as the Frosty Moon too! FEE: $1.00 per person. Please wear comfortable hiking shoes. Register in advance.

PET LOSS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Sunday, November 13, 1 pm

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

LIVE RAPTOR TOUR AT A PLACE CALLED HOPE

Sunday, November 13, 1 pm

Come meet the many species of birds residing and recovering at A Place Called Hope, a raptor rehabilitation and education center in Killingworth, CT. Tours last about 45 minutes to 1 hour and offer the public a unique opportunity to learn about any native species found in our state. Since 98% of the injuries APCH caters to are caused by conflicts with humans, learn simple tips and ways you can help to minimize these issues and co-exist more successfully with the wildlife in your very own backyard. Dress for outdoors and bring your cameras for this interactive experience. There is a $10 donation for APCH per person.

BIRDS, WILDLIFE, AND FARM ANIMALS OF ICELAND

Friday, November 18, 7 pm

Iceland, often called "The Land of Fire and Ice" because of its many volcanoes, glaciers, and spectacular waterfalls, is also a noted birder's paradise famous for the Atlantic puffins, ptarmigan, arctic terns, gyrfalcons, and other birds found along its 3,700 miles of coast. Reindeer, arctic fox, humpback whales, and seals can frequently be seen, and purebred Icelandic horses, Icelandic sheep, and goats roam the farmlands. Naturalists and photographers Barbara and Peter Rzasa will present a slide show of Icelandic birds, wildlife, and farm animals. Join us for this FREE overview of Iceland.

PRINCIPLES OF FIRECRAFT

Saturday, November 19, 10 am

Basic fire craft principles are very important to know. Whether or not you're the family camp-out fire starter, knowing how fire works is paramount to safety. Join Ranger Dan in learning about wood-gathering, fire safety, and fire starting with only one match! Children must be accompanied by an adult. FREE.

YALE WHIFFENPOOFS TO PERFORM AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The country's premier male barbershop singing ensemble will kick-off the "Music on the Green" concert series on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 4:00 pm.

Come hear these a cappella singers display their talents in a variety of popular songs and spirituals, including their famous "Whiffenpoof Song."

They sing together for their Senior year only and perform throughout the country and internationally as Yale's musical ambassadors, as well as entertain at Mory's Temple Bar on Monday eves, a traditional since 1909.

Tickets are $10. The Orange Congregational Church is located on the Town Green, Orange Center Road at Meeting House Lane.

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Adult Events

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Saturday, Nov. 5 from 11am-12:30pm

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). Are you working on or have you finished something you would like to publish, but don't know where to start? Gain an insider's view of the literary world from agent and organizer of the Unicorn Writers' Conference Jan Kardys. Topics include developing a concept, writing a manuscript, negotiating a contract, traditional vs. self-publishing, and more. Please register online at www.woodbridgetownlibrary.org or by phone at 203-389-3433.

The Annual Friends of the Library Purves Lecture with Betsy Lerner discussing The Bridge Ladies

Wednesday, Nov. 9 @ 7pm

Please join The Friends of the Woodbridge Library for a book discussion and signing. Copies of the book will be available for sale at the event. After a lifetime defining herself in contrast to her mother's "don't ask, don't tell" generation, local author Betsy Lerner finds herself back in her childhood home, not five miles from the mother she spent decades avoiding. When Roz needs help after surgery, it falls to Betsy to take care of her. She expected a week of tense civility; what she got instead were the Bridge Ladies. Impressed by their loyalty, she saw something her generation lacked. Facebook was great, but it wouldn't deliver a pot roast. Please register online at www.woodbridgetownlibrary.org or by phone at 203-389-3433.

Thanksgiving Sides with Robin Glowa

Thursday, November 10 at 7 pm

Thanksgiving is fast approaching, and our favorite cooking expert is here to help! Just in time for Thanksgiving, Robin Glowa will share her recipes for healthy side dishes that are in season in November and suitable for your holiday table. Samples and recipes provided. Please register online at www.woodbridgetownlibrary.org or by phone at 203-389-3433.

Antiques Roadshow Woodbridge Edition

Wednesday, November 16 @ 6pm in the Woodbridge Senior Center Cafeteria

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Drop-in Tech Help

November 30 @ 2:45pm

Do you have a question about your laptop, smartphone or other device? Let our Teen Tech Team help!

They will be available the fourth Wednesday of every month to help you troubleshoot technology.

Children and Teen Events

Drop-in Seasonal Craft

Saturday, Nov. 5 @ 2-4pm for all ages

Series Book Club: Magic Tree House (Grades 2-4)

Thursday, Nov. 17 @ 6:30 pm

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Crazy 8's Math Club: Daring Darts

Saturday, November 19 @ 2pm.

Learn how to play and score a game of darts. Then, play with hacky sacks on a giant floor-sized dartboard and see if you can aim to get the highest score! Grades K-2. Space is limited to 12 participants. Register online.

Wampanoag Indian Facts and Fun

Saturday, November 19 @ 3pm for grades 1-4.

Did you know the Wampanoags befriended the pilgrims at Plymouth Rock and brought them corn and turkey for the famous first Thanksgiving? Get the facts and have some fun with a native American craft.

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Saturday, November 26 @ 2pm for ages 1-5.

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Teen Tech Help

Wednesday, November 30 from 2:45-3:45 @ the Woodbridge Town Library Meeting Room.

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Saturday, December 10 from 10:30am -2:30pm

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- Woodbridge Town Library is the 42nd library system in Connecticut to partner with hoopla digital.

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Internet offers a handy platform to reach the electorate. To learn more about his political philosophy, people can check out his website, Logan4CT.com , or go to his Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/Logan4CT/. A short video he posted on his website to introduce himself was viewed by 24,000 people, he said.

Logan, 47, is director of Environmental Management at Aquarion Water Co., based in Easton. He grew up in New Haven and graduated from Notre Dame High School and Trinity College. He holds a degree in mechanical engineering. He has lived in New Haven, Hartford, Milford and Hamden. He is married with two teenagers, son Hunter, a senior at Notre Dame High School, and daughter Tracey, a sophomore at St. Joseph's in Trumbull. His wife, Lisa, is an RN with the department of Health and Addiction Services. His religious home is at Assumption Roman Catholic Church in Ansonia.

Although running on the Republican ticket, Logan has been unaffiliated most of his life. Thoughtful and articulate, with an easy smile, he calls himself a "moderate" Republican, adding that it puts him well in line with the folks in the district. "I don't represent a party," he said in an interview with this reporter. "I want to represent everyone."

This is the first time he is running for public office, but he has been involved in the community in many volunteer leadership roles, including, but not limited to, the Griffin Hospital Board of Directors, The Valley Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA and Jr. Achievement. He has served on the African-American Affairs Commission, including as its chairman.

Taxes, budget, jobs: The state keeps falling deeper and deeper into a fiscal crisis, Logan said which is the reason he felt it was time for him to step up. "The folks up there need a new direction," he said, adding that he has the business acumen needed to help turn the ship around.

His political platform is firmly anchored in conservative fiscal philosophy, according to which too much regulation and taxation are stifling the state's economic vitality. "Companies are leaving the state," he said. If more people chose to stay, both the companies and the individuals, more people would pay into the pot and everyone would pay less. He is not in favor of the large tax credits that have been used to entice big employers to stay in Connecticut. "We need to fix the tax structure so we don't have to hand out [the tax credits]." When the state makes tax deals, that's when things get political, he said, leading to reactionary, knee-jerk solutions, rather than getting ahead of the problem. To improve the efficiency of state government, leaders should turn to the state workers, he said. "They know where the inefficiencies are. They have the experience, they have the knowledge."

His business experience has taught him to pull together folks with different expertise to solve a problem, he said. If elected, he would work toward being more inclusive trying to solve the issues at hand, whereas the current majority leadership gets behind closed doors. "Let's agree on what the problem is in the first place," he said. Each bill needs to be looked at in terms of how it affects the people in the 17th District, he said. In his view, Senator Joe Crisco is too closely aligned with the governor. "If Crisco believes Gov. Malloy has all the answers for the 17th District, well, I strongly disagree."

Crisco spells out accomplishments: Senator Joeseph Crisco, a Democrat, meanwhile is seeking his 13th two-year term. First elected in 1992, he has a long list of accomplishments to point to, some of them going back to his early years in the Senate — such as creation of the Family Day tradition or the Biomedical Research Fund — others more recent.

"I have a proven record, proven accomplishments," he said in a phone conversation. He is quick to point out that most accomplishments are due to successful cooperation on the part of staff and colleagues in the legislature, even from across the aisle. He also mentions constituents' cooperation to get things moving forward. One example of that cooperation was the recent concerted effort in Bethany to keep the State Police barracks in town. With town officials, residents and local legislators from both parties getting in behind the issue, Troop I was removed from the fiscal chopping block and continues to serve south-central Connecticut, including the Merrit Parkway.

Recognitions: Crisco is the recipient of numerous awards over the years, to the extent that they fill 34 pages. Among them is a Military Order of the Purple Heart citation for his work on behalf of veterans and their families. Most recently, the Connecticut Captive Insurance Association has honored him as one of its "2016 Legislative Champions" for his leadership on insurance and risk management policy issues.

Crisco, 82, chairs the Insurance & Real Estate Committee and is vice chairman of the Banks, Commerce and Public Health committees. He is also a member of the influential Executive and Legislative Nominations and Legislative Management committees. In the Democratic caucus, he is the chief deputy president pro tempore and also serves as the federal relations liaison.

Budget cuts: Crisco is well aware of the budget issues ahead. But he does not agree that lawmakers are doing nothing about it. "This year we cut 900 million from the budget," he said. "We made some tough choices." What resulted, after several months of wrangling, was a budget that required no tax increases nor any fee increases. In spite of extensive cuts to the state budget, they managed to preserve the state support for municipalities and preserve the funding for hospitals. They expanded the state's PreK program and the CARE Act for Seniors. In addition, there were a number of bills for the benefit of veterans, including an income tax exemption. "We did a lot," he summarized the latest budget session, "even though we had to cut." [A list of Crisco's initiatives is printed below.]

Keeping employers in the state: As for job and business retention, the governor, with the support of lawmakers, passed legislation allowing "investment" in the state's big manufacturers, including Electric Boat, Lockheed Martin (Sikorsky) and Pratt&Whitney. Crisco quoted budget experts, saying the state can expect a return of $9 on every dollar invested. "And we are keeping them here" until at least 2032.

Is the senator too aligned with the Governor, as his critics maintain? "The Governor has made some great decisions," Crisco said, namely his support for state hospitals and his continued support of municipal funding, which helps towns maintain their services. But as for his own record, Crisco says it speaks for itself. "I have a proven record and proven service," he said of his past 24 years in Hartford. "I have deeds and not words."

From his website: Senator Crisco holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Connecticut and studied at the graduate level at Trinity College in Hartford. Before being elected to the State Senate, he worked for the United Technologies Corporation, and eventually was named director of government affairs in 1986. He was promoted to national director of state and local government affairs in 1990. Senator Crisco has also been an associate professor of economics at Quinnipiac University, Sacred Heart University, and the University of New Haven. Raised in New Haven, he lives in Woodbridge with his wife, Pat. They have six children and 18 grandchildren.

Bills sponsored by Joseph Crisco this last session, as listed by Ballotpedia.

TOWN WINS MAJOR STATE GRANT

The Town of Woodbridge is among 16 grant recipients in the second round of funding for the state's Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP), Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced. Woodbridge will receive $400,000 to support the planning and construction of the renovation of the interior and exterior of the existing regional animal shelter that jointly serves Woodbridge, Bethany and Seymour. Woodbridge administers the facility and charges a fee to Bethany and Seymour. This project will benefit the three communities and aid in the humane treatment and care of animals in the region.

The building provides temporary shelter to animals from the three towns. Because of its excellent reputation for humane treatment and its very high rate of successful placement in permanent homes, the animal shelter attracts many dedicated volunteer workers and visits from prospective pet owners from throughout the region.

"I am so pleased to receive this significant state grant," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "This money will help the Town continue to provide the high quality of care for which our shelter in known. I'd like to thank the Governor for the grant and our state delegation for supporting us in our application which was so well prepared by our Finance Director, Tony Genovese. I'd also like to thank the group of volunteers who have committed to help the Town raise the additional money necessary to complete the project."

STEAP grants are designed to assist small towns with infrastructure improvement projects. In the past Woodbridge has received STEAP grants to install sidewalks in the business district and re-pave the Beecher Road School parking lots and sidewalks.

"By partnering with our smaller communities, our state can assist towns with infrastructure projects that will help them grow, remain competitive, attract businesses, and bring added value to residents for years to come," Governor Malloy said in a press release. "These STEAP grants allow us to get funding directly to municipalities to complete projects that make Connecticut a better place to work and live."

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Maura Bozeman, Ph.D.

WHEN: Thursday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m.
Light refreshment will be served beginning at 6:45 p.m.

WHERE: Woodbridge Library Meeting Room
Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT

This event is **FREE** and **OPEN** to the public

Dr. Bozeman received her Ph.D. in Forestry and Environmental Studies from Yale University. She is currently the Academic Program Manager – Environmental Sciences at Post University in Waterbury, CT. She has broad experience in ecosystem assessment and remediation. Her interests include sustainable farming, organic hydroponics, coral restoration strategies, and hydrology and stream ecology.

For more information, contact the Woodbridge Land Trust at woodbridgelandtrust@gmail.com

LOCAL SPORTS

A.P.T. WARMS UP WOODBRIDGE RUNNERS ON A COOL RACE DAY

At the beginning and end of the Annual Woodridge Road Race, Amity Physical Therapy's staff was on hand to warm up and cool down the race participants.

Both Fun Run youngsters and the 5K adults were treated to complimentary muscle and joint therapy by Amity Physical Therapy professionals.

This is the sixth year of major race sponsorship by Amity Physical Therapy. The practice, founded twelve years ago by Woodbridge resident, Michael Dow MSPT, prides itself in personal, passionate treatment of patients by its therapists, most with doctoral degrees in physical therapy.

For more information on its professional services, visit amitypt.com or call 203-389-4593.

WOODBRIDGE ROAD RACE RESULTS

The 35th annual Woodbridge Road Race was held on Saturday, October 1st. First Woodbridge male, and overall winner was Asher Brandt at a time of 15:21. Janet Criscuolo was the first place female winner at 18:55. The children's 1 mile fun run was held earlier that morning. Genvieve Criscuolo finished first for the girls with a time of 6:55. Logan Matthew finished first for the boys at 7:01. The Woodbridge Road Race is an annual event that raises funds for the Woodbridge Food & Fuel fund, and Recreational programming. Many thanks to all our sponsors, especially our Main Sponsors, Amity Physical Therapy, and Coldwell Banker, and volunteers from the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department, Recreation Staff and Commission, and Human Services staff to help make this event possible for the community to enjoy.

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AMITY HOCKEY PLAYERS TO VISIT GERMANY & AUSTRIA

By Laura Fantarella - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Amity hockey coach Gary Lindgren believes there's nothing like traveling as a team to keep energy and spirits high; and throughout his nearly two decades as the team's leader, trips out of state have been an annual event.

And this year, which is Lindgren's last, he's planning the best trip of all – a journey to Germany and Austria in December to play in exhibition games and tour the countries. It was the last goal the coach hoped to realize since rejoining the coaching staff in 1999 after his two year stint in 1993-95. "We've conquered every goal and more," Lindgren said, pointing to the team's stats as one of the strongest in its Division II ranking; winning state championships in 2008 and 2010; team donations to charities and building successful annual events like its golf tournament fundraiser and annual alumni game.

About 80 people, including 25 players, some family members and the team's coaching staff plan to go on the week-long excursion. The last time the Amity hockey team took a trip out of the country was in 1977 when it played exhibition games in Sweden and Finland.

"We're looking to capture the experience of a lifetime. It's such an exciting event," Lindgren said. In addition to playing hockey games, the trip also includes tours of the former concentration camp, Dachau; BMW headquarters; Neuschwanstein Castle and a walking tour of the City of Mozart in Austria. The week will culminate with a fireworks display on New Year's Eve in Munich.

Co-captains Mac Deane and Nick DeGennaro said the team is already bonding in anticipation of the trip as they work together to meet their lofty fundraising goal of $80,000. "Everyone's really excited, most have not left the country before," DeGennaro said. "It's going to be a lot of fun." The team has been holding a variety of fundraising events from hosting a hypnotist and magician at the high school to car washes, tag sales and dinners. They even raised corporate sponsorships from area businesses including Subway and Hoffman Press. "The parents have been working really hard too to help us out with these fundraisers," Deane added. The team will only have played two games in the season before they leave on the trip.

For Lindgren, who will be leaving his team in good stead at the end of the season, the trip will be among his last adventures with his team. "It's been an awesome experience and I've been really blessed along the way," he said. "I'm extremely grateful to the parents and the school for being very supportive of the team and this trip. I feel strong about turning it over to the next person."

ANNUAL ALUMNI GAME: 6 p.m. Friday, December 23 at the Bennet Rink in West Haven. Any former Amity High Hockey team players are welcome. Show up in equipment. $20 donation.

MATTRESS FUNDRAISER: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, November 19 at Amity Senior High. Brand new, top-of-the-line Beautyrest mattresses will be on for sale for up to 50% off retail prices.

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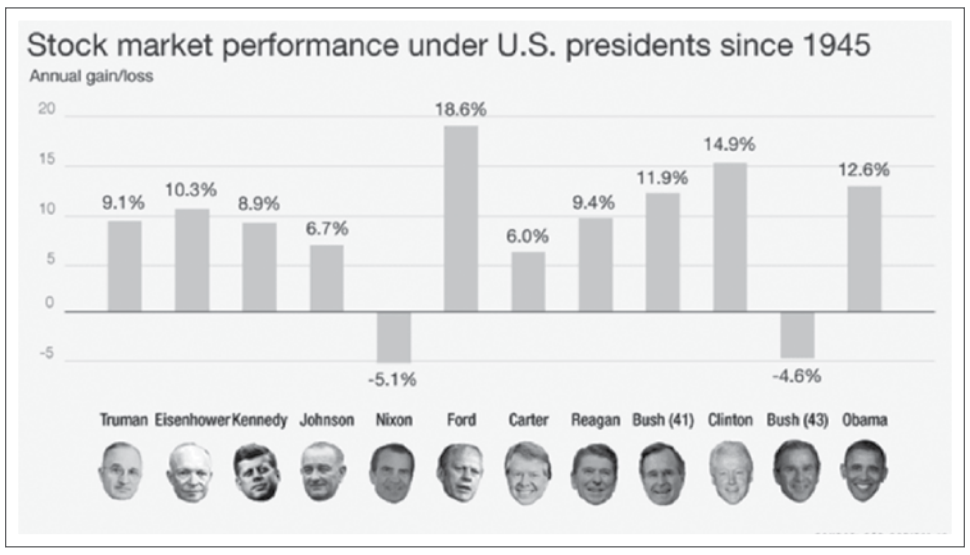

A chart that speaks for itself from S&P Capital IQ (CNN Money).

ELECTION YEARS AND THE STOCK MARKET

By Roberta L Nestor

Probably the number one question to financial advisors in 2016 has been, "What will happen in the market if Clinton is elected or if Trump is elected?" Advisors certainly have opinions on market outcomes, however, they are just that, opinions. The good news is that we have lots of history to look at and statistical data that may give some insight. For compliance purposes it is important to remind you that past performance is no guarantee of future results. Talk to your financial advisor before making any investing decisions!

History shows that the S&P 500 has had stronger returns under a Democratic administration versus a Republican administration. It further shows that under Democratic administrations there have been 7 recessions and 16 bear markets, while not a strong showing, under Republican administrations there have been 14 recessions and 18 bear markets.

Market sectors are also affected by which administration is in office. Sectors such as health care, consumer staples and alternative energy tend to fare better with a Democratic office. On September 21, 2015 Clinton announced that they plan to "hold the pharmaceutical industry accountable and to rein in drug costs". As a result of that campaign promise pharmaceutical stocks swiftly reacted within the next five days the S& P Pharmaceutical Industry Index dropped over 6%.

As with past Republican administrations, Trump should be good for the energy sector including oil, natural gas and especially coal. Since Trump consistently talks about our dependency on foreign energy it would be more likely that if he imposes trade restrictions on foreign energy sources, the U.S. energy firms would benefit from being able to sell and produce more. The construction industry might also benefit – especially if we build "the wall".

One thing is for certain, the markets do not like uncertainty, so the sooner the election results are in, the better for investors!

Roberta L. Nestor is a financial advisor practicing at 491 New Haven Avenue in Milford, CT offering retirement, long term care, investment and tax planning services. She also offers securities and advisory services as an Investment Adviser Representative of Commonwealth Financial Network – a member FINRA/SIPC and a Registered Investment Adviser. Fixed insurance products offered through Nestor Financial Network are separate and unrelated to Commonwealth. Commonwealth Financial Network or Nestor Financial Network does not provide legal or tax advice. You should consult a legal or tax professional regarding your individual situation. Roberta can be reached at Nestor Financial Network, 203-876-8066 or roberta@nestorfinancial.com.

Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani

"The wine-cup is the little silver well,
Where truth, if truth there be
Doth dwell." – William Shakespeare

Gather a group of friends and relatives on one of these wonderful Connecticut fall evenings and visit some of our Connecticut wineries! We have 39 active wineries to visit and some of the Connecticut wines are wonderful! Connecticut is a great place to grow Chardonnay, Cabernet Franc, and Riesling and many other wine varietals flourish in Connecticut. Connecticut wine makers are generally loving and giving and appreciative of your patronage. They work so hard to produce a fine grape destined to make a fine wine. They are such hardworking farmers and wonderful winemakers we deserve to patronize such wonderful efforts and support their activities.

Rena Gargulo Serving Kendall Jacksont

Some Connecticut Wineries include the following:

- Bishop's Orchards Winery
- Talor Brook Winery in Woodstock
- Black Rock Vintners / Wine Boys
- Cassidy Hill Vineyard
- Chamard Vineyards
- Connecticut Valley Winery
- Dalice Elizabeth Winery
- DiGrazia Vineyards
- Gouveia Vineyards
- Haight-Brown Vineyard
- Heritage Trail Vineyards
- Holmberg Orchards & Winery
- Hopkins Vineyard
- Jerram Winery
- Jonathan Edwards Winery
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- Maugle Sierra Vineyards
- McLaughlin Vineyards
- Miranda Vineyard
- Northwinds Vineyard
- Paradise Hills Vineyard
- Preston Ridge Vineyard
- Priam Vineyards
- Rosabianca Vineyards
- Rosedale Vineyards
- Saltwater Farm Vineyard
- Savino Vineyards
- Sharpe Hill Vineyard
- Shelalara Vineyards & Winery
- Shelter Rock Winery
- Staehly Farm Winery
- Stonington Vineyards
- Sunset Hill Vineyard
- Sunset Meadow Vineyards
- Taylor Brooke Winery
- Vineyard at Strawberry Ridge
- Walker Road Vineyards
- White Silo

Taylor Brook Winery in Woodstock is the most visited winery and has one of the highest critical ratings. Next are Sunset Meadow, Sharp Hill and Miranda. One of my favorite local wineries is in Woodbridge on 128 Ford Road. It is Savino Vineyards and it is run by a great winemaker and is family owned and operated. They make a terrific Cabernet Franc and their whites are very good also especially Seyval Blanc, 203-389-2050. They are open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays From 1-6. Wines by the glass are $7.00 and a tasting is $10.00 and it includes the glass.

One of the best new watering holes with a great happy hour and wonderful wines is in Milford at Bar 333 located at 333 Boston Post Road. It has a happy hour from 3:30 to 7:00 Monday through Saturday. It is run by Frank and Rena Gargulo. Wines by the glass are all half price and run from $3.00 to $5.00!! This includes Napa Cabs, Kendall-Jackson, Toasted Head, and many more high-end wines. They have a great menu as well.

Please come and visit our wonderful Connecticut Wineries and come to a great Happy Hour at Bar 333! Enjoy the fall you will be glad you did!

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine appreciation classes at Gateway CC 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 questions and wine events at realestatepro1000@gmail.com.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Lady of Assumption Church, 75 Center Road, Woodbridge is holding its annual Christmas Bazaar & Craft Fair on Saturday, November 12 from 10:00-4:00 pm. Come shop for some great gift items. In addition to some wonderful vendors, there will be a white elephant sale, raffles for baskets, baked goods, children's activities, and more. Come enjoy some delicious food and visit with none other than Santa himself. Don't miss this great opportunity to support our community while getting an early start on holiday shopping.

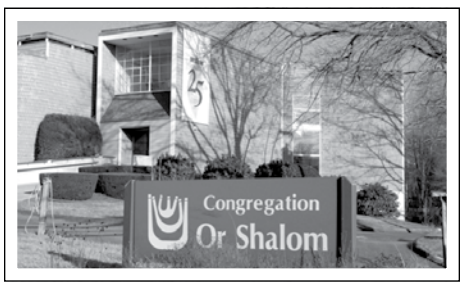
Our Lady of Assumption

KRISTALLNACHT COMMERATION AT CONGREGATION OR SHALOM

In late 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge, Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds was captured by the German army along with over 1,000 American soldiers of the 422nd Infantry Regiment. Only recently, Yad Vashem, the state of Israel's center for Holocaust studies, verified and confirmed that on January 27, 1945, Master Sergeant Edmonds, at the risk of his immediate death, saved the lives of a large number of American soldiers imprisoned at the Stalag IXA prisoner of war camp near Ziegenhain, Germany.

On Sunday morning November 20, 2016, 9 AM, Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, Orange will celebrate the life-saving, selfless deed of Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds at the 10th annual Kristallnacht Commemoration.

Eyewitnesses vividly recall that on that day, the Nazi POW camp commandant, Major Siegmann, speaking in English, ordered the Jewish prisoners to identify themselves. And the imprisoned soldiers remember the moment Master Sargent Edmonds, the highest-ranking soldier in the U.S. section of the camp, turned to them and whispered, "We're not doing that". Instead, Edmonds instructed his men to stand together with the Jewish soldiers. When the Nazi commandant saw all the camp's inmates standing defiantly in front of their barracks, he turned to Edmonds and bellowed, "These men cannot all be Jews!" Edmonds retorted, "We are all Jews here". Major Siegmann then pointed his pistol at Edmonds and demanded that he identify his Jewish soldiers, to which Edmonds replied, "If you shoot me, you'll have to shoot us all…We know who you are; when we win this war, you'll be tried for war crimes". It is estimated that Master Sgt. Edmonds saved the lives of as many as 200 Jewish-American soldiers that day.



Congregation Or Shalom

Roddie Edmonds never mentioned the incident after the war. But in the years following his death, his son, Pastor Chris Edmonds of Maryville TN, painstakingly pieced it together with the help of his father's diary and the Internet. Ultimately, Pastor Edmonds' research led to recognition by the state of Israel of Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds as a "Righteous Among the Nations". And on January 27, 2016, the very anniversary of Edmonds' courageous act, Pastor Chris Edmonds received Yad Vashem's highest award on behalf of his father. Interestingly, Roddie Edmonds is the first American serviceman to have received such an honor. And indeed, President Barack Obama visited the Israeli embassy that day to participate in the momentous event.

Pastor Chris Edmonds will speak about his father. Senator Richard Blumenthal will present a commendation to the Edmonds family. Soldiers who are alive today because of the life-saving deed of Master Sergeant Edmonds will also be present. All are welcome. Free and open to the public. This program is made possible by a generous donation from the Men's Club Yellow Candle Fund. Please join us for this exciting community event! Contact Paula Samuel paula.samuel7@gmail.com, 203-799-6924 for more information.

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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SERVICES

The First Church of Christ, Woodbridge invites members of the community to join us for the following weekly services and special events:

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

Church School - Sunday at 10 a.m. the second through fifth Sundays during the school year with lessons based on the Lectionary.

Middle School Youth Group for 5th – 8th graders meets the second Sunday of the month. On November 13th the groups will meet from 4-6 p.m. in the Parish House to stuff stockings for children in New Haven who may not have a stocking on Christmas. The group will also be signing Christmas cards to send to those serving in the Armed Forces overseas.

First Church of Christ

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

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD NOVEMBER EVENTS

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd celebrates the Thanksgiving season with a thoughtful calendar of worship activities. Sunday Worship times are at 8 am and 9:30 am.

The Church of the Good Shepherd invites the public to visit our **semi-annual Rummage Sale** on Friday, November 4th from 1-6 pm and Saturday, November 5th from 9am to noon. Shoppers will find a wide array of men's, women's and children's clothing, along with shoes, handbags, scarves, jewelry, accessories, children's games, puzzles, toys, books, DVDs, housewares, glassware, pictures, linens, etc. "There is something for everyone! Make sure to stop by and peruse our treasures", says Elaine Swirsky, longstanding Chairperson of this fun event.

The Church of the Good Shepherd is open for prayer during voting hours on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8th. Please stop by the church between 8am and 8pm for prayer and contemplation. Prayers for peace and the nation will be offered on the hour. All are welcome.

On Saturday, November 12th at 9am we **walk The Good Shepherd labyrinth** again with The Rev. Diana Rogers. Please join us for our monthly labyrinth walk. Used for spiritual meditation and contemplation, walking the labyrinth has been a spiritual exercise for centuries. Come learn more about this enduring spiritual practice. Meet at the labyrinth on the south side of the church off Pryde Drive at 9am, rain or shine.

Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm please join us for our **Thanksgiving Eve Service with Holy Eucharist**.

On Sunday, November 20th at 7pm the Good Shepherd is participating in the annual **Orange Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service** at the Orange Congregational Church. The Rev. Diana Rogers will be preaching along with other Orange clergy and Good Shepherd parish members are singing with the Interfaith choir.

Church of the Good Shepherd

Confirmation at The Good Shepherd Starts this Fall. Persons interested in being confirmed in the Episcopal Church should contact the office (203-795-6577) as soon as possible. Teenagers in 10th grade or above, and adults 18 years of age and older are encouraged to become students. The teenage program will last the academic year. The adult program will run for about four months. Join us as we learn about the rich history and tradition of the Episcopal Church, the deeper spiritual teachings of the Bible, and our call to work for the common good of all persons.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is located on 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, Connecticut. Sunday service times include Rite II Holy Eucharist without music at 8 a.m. and Rite II Holy Eucharist with music @ 9:30 a.m. For more information about the The Church of the Good Shepherd's many other programs please call the Parish Office @ (203) 795-6577, email us @ thegoodspheherd@optonline.net, visit our website @ www.thegoodshepherdorangect.org, and of course, check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cgsorangectfor frequent postings.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

HOLY INFANT CONFIMS 68

Holy Infant Church in Orange held Confirmation for 68 students on Friday, October 14th. These students attended Formation Classes which are offered for grades 1 through 9, and in the 10th grade took part in a retreat as part of their preparation for this Sacrament. These students also completed service hours in the church and the community.

Archbishop Peter Rosazza presided at the Confirmation. Reverend Eugene Charman is Pastor at Holy Infant Church and Reverend Joseph Sidera is the Parochial Vicar.

TEMPLE EMANUEL TO LAUNCH ANNUAL MUSICAL CELEBRATION

On Sunday, November 6 at 6:30, Temple Emanuel will inaugurate an annual musical celebration to honor the memory of our late Rabbi Emeritus, Jerry Brieger, z"l. The legendary duo Kol B'seder will headline the concert, Shir Magic: Remembering Rabbi Jerry Brieger. Cantor Jeff Klepper and Rabbi Dan Freelander, the members of Kol B'Seder, have been singing and composing music together for 45 years. Many of their songs have become part of the worship service in synagogues around the world.

Cantor Klepper has been the cantor of Temple Sinai of Sharon, MA since 2003. He is co-founder of the Hava Nashira workshop for song-leaders, and teaches at the School of Jewish Music at Hebrew College in Newton, MA. Rabbi Freelander is President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. He is a co-founder of the North American Jewish Choral Festival, and was honored with the Debbie Friedman Award by the Union for Reform Judaism in 2015.

Rabbi Jerry Brieger was the spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel from 1977 to 2009, and Rabbi Emeritus from 2009 until his death this past summer. He was known not only for his vast knowledge of all things Jewish, but also for his sleight of hand tricks and his love of music. He

Temple Emanuel

loved to study, to teach and to sing, and so it is fitting that Kol B'Seder, whose music he incorporated into services at Temple Emanuel, be the featured performers in this inaugural event.

The Temple Emanuel band will open the concert with a short set of some of Rabbi Jerry's favorite tunes. The celebration will conclude with a reception presented by TE's famous bakers. Tickets, which can be purchased on the TE website or at the door, are $18 for adults, $10 for kids 12 and under, and $36 for families (max of 2 adults and unlimited kids).

For more information about Shir Magic, TE's music groups and all events, celebrations and services at Temple Emanuel, please go to the TE website: www.templeemanuel@gnh.org, or call the temple office at 203-397-3000. Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Avenue in Orange.

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CONG. CHURCH INTRODUCES NEW DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Orange Congregational Church at 205 Meeting House Lane, 203-795-9749, invites you to come to one of our two weekly Sunday Worship Services at 8 a.m. in the Chapel or 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Every Sunday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. there is child-care available for all birth to Pre-K children whose parents or guardians are attending the 10 a.m. worship service. Church school for K-4th Grade takes place during the 10:00 a.m. service and we have opportunities for older children and teens in our Pilgrim Fellowship.

We are pleased to introduce our new Director of Faith Formation, Paul Gorrell, who joins us in leading a holistic program of spiritual development for the children, youth and adults of the congregation. Paul has a Master's of Arts in Theology from Fuller Theological

Orange Congregational Church

Seminary. He is excited to be sharing in the church's dedication to be a place where Christian faith is nourished and practiced.

Orange Congregational Church is also pleased to be the host of this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be a combined choir and participation from the Orange clergy.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
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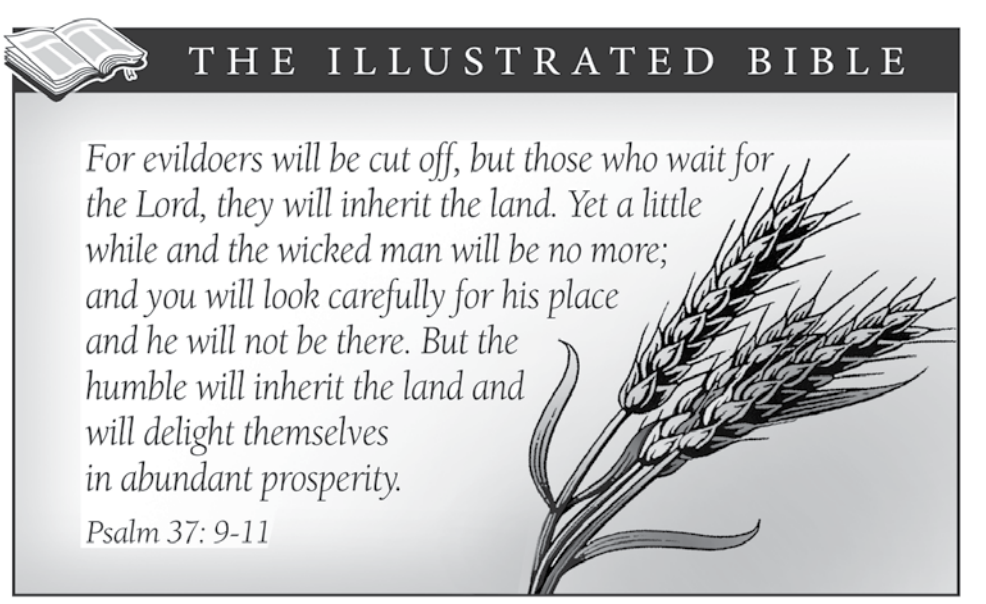
All Saints Day (11/1) Masses: 9:00am and 6:00pm
All Souls Day (11/2)Masses: 9am, 12:00 noon, and 6:00pm
Thanksgiving Day (11/24): 9:00am
Sunday Mass: 9:00am, Daily Mass: 9:00am
Rev. Bernard Champagne, 203-795-5076
378 Spring St. Orange, Ct 06477



BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

Woodbridge Republican Town Committee Meetings, second Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm, Center Cafeteria. Visitors welcome and we urge you to join us. For information, go to www.woodbridgegop.org.

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

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

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

Trinity Church, Join us for Sunday School for all ages at 9:10am and Worship Service at 10:30am, 33 Center Road, Woodbridge. Visit www.trinityefc.com or call 203-387-4711 x10 to learn more.

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

Our Lady of Assumption Church Christmas Bazaar & Craft Fair, Saturday, November 12, 2016, 10:00-4:00pm, 75 Center Road, Woodbridge; shop for great gift items; white elephant sale, raffles for baskets, baked goods, children's activities, and more; delicious food and visit with none other than Santa himself.

Taste of New Haven Canal Quarter Tour, Saturday, November 12, 2016, Tour starts: 3:00pm, 69 Audubon Street, New Haven, Downtown New Haven's most exciting food, drink and history-filled walking tour, great culinary stops just outside the City's Restaurant District, enjoy food, coffee, dessert, wine tasting, and more; visit www.stpatricksdayparade.org/ events for registration details, list of stops and for more information, contact catajohnson@aol.com or 203.414.8292. Proceeds to benefit the 2017 Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Destruction of Student Records

NOTICE TO FORMER AMITY STUDENTS

Amity Regional School District #5, as per state guidelines, is properly disposing of student special education records. The records of any student who has received special services are maintained for six years after his or her class graduates.

Former Amity students who were born in 1991 or 1992 and/or having graduated in 2010 who have received special services at the Amity Middle School, Orange; Amity Middle School, Bethany; or Amity Regional High School may obtain their special education records.

Beginning November 1, 2016 these records may be obtained any weekday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Amity District Office, located at Amity High School, 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT.

You must call the Office of Pupil Services at 203-397-4820 prior to claiming records in order to allow sufficient time to retrieve your records from our archives.

If records are not claimed by November 30, 2016 they will be destroyed.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE

WARNING

November 8, 2016 State Election

The Electors of the Town of Woodbridge are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, for the following purposes:

I. To cast their votes for Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Registrar of Voters*.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

Voting District	Location of Polling Place
District 1 - 17th Senatorial	The Center 4 Meetinghouse Lane Woodbridge, Ct.
District 2 - 14th Senatorial	The Center 4 Meetinghouse Lane Woodbridge, Ct.

**Absentee Ballots will be counted at the following central location:
The Center 4 Meetinghouse Lane Woodbridge, Ct. 06525

Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).
Dated at Woodbridge, Connecticut this 24th day of October, 2016.

Stephanie Ciarleglio, Town Clerk, Town of Woodbridge

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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

1. The Girl on the Train (R)
Emily Blunt, Haley Bennett

2. Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (PG-13)
Eva Green, Asa Butterfield

3. Deepwater Horizon (PG-13)
Mark Wahlberg, Kurt Russell

4. The Magnificent Seven (PG-13)
Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt

5. Storks (PG)
animated

6. The Birth of a Nation (R)
Nate Parker, Armie Hammer

7. Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life (PG)
Griffin Gluck, Lauren Graham

8. Sully (PG-13)
Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart

9. Masterminds (PG-13)
Kate McKinnon, Kristen Wiig

10. Queen of Katwe (PG)
Madina Nalwanga, David Oyelowo

TOP 10 VOD

1. Central Intelligence (PG-13)
Dwayne Johnson

2. The Shallows (PG-13)
Blake Lively

3. Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates (R)
Zac Efron

4. Warcraft (PG-13)
Travis Fimmel

5. Neighbors: Sorority Rising (R)
Seth Rogen

6. Free State of Jones (R)
Matthew McConaughey

7. Captain America: Civil War (PG-13)
Chris Evans

8. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows (PG-13)
Megan Fox

9. The Conjuring 2 (R)
Vera Farmiga

10. Money Monster (R)
George Clooney

FLASHBACK TRIVIA

POP, ROCK & SOUL — BY NICK HARPER

1. Which Elvis sound-alike released "You Don't Know What You've Got" and when?
2. The Routers had just one song hit the Top 20. What was it?
3. Name the first single recorded by the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.
4. Who penned and recorded "The Show Must Go On"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Now the only thing a gambler needs is a suitcase and a trunk."

1. Ral Donner, in 1961. Donner provided voice-over for the film "This Is Elvis" after The King's death. 2. "Let's Go (Pony)," in 1962. The song is a fave of cheerleading squads because the "clap-clap-clap" is a crowd energizer. 3. "Buy for Me the Rain," in 1967. A few dozen musicians have been in the lineup over the years, but the band is still touring. 4. Leo Sayer, in 1973. 5. "The House of the Rising Sun," most famously by the Animals in 1964. The song likely began as a 16th-century ballad. Various versions have been released over the years, including one by Woodie Guthrie in 1941. But it was the Animals' version (done in one take) that sent the song to the top of the charts.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

1. In 2015, Washington's Bryce Harper became the fourth player since 1914 to score four runs in a game without registering an official at-bat. Name two of the other three to do it.
2. Who was the only pitcher to have more major-league wins during the decade of the 1940s than Cleveland's Bob Feller (137)?
3. When was the last time before 2015 that the University of Cincinnati beat the University of Miami (Fla.) in football?
4. Name the first team in NBA history to win four consecutive Game Ones on the road in the playoffs.
5. Who was the first Capitals teammate of Alex Ovechkin to tally more points than him for an NHL season?
6. The U.S. men's soccer team is among seven nations to qualify for each of the past seven World Cups. Name three of the other six countries.
7. How many pro fights did Cassius Clay (aka Muhammad Ali) have before fighting Sonny Liston for boxing's heavyweight title in 1964?

1. Larry Doby (1951), Joe Morgan (1973) and Rickey Henderson (1989). 2. Hal Newhouser, with 170 wins. 3. It was 1947. 4. The Washington Wizards (2014-15). 5. Evgeny Kuznetsov outscored him 77 points to 71 points in the 2015-16 season. 6. Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Italy, South Korea and Spain. 7. He had 19 pro fights, winning them all.

COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEWS

BY SAM STRUCKHOFF

Mila Kunis, Kristina Applegate in "Bad Moms" [STX Entertainment]

EDITOR'S NOTE: *DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of October 31, 2016.*

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Bad Moms" (R) -- Worked to the bone and unappreciated at home, three suburban moms decide they're not gonna take it anymore, giving themselves playtime while ignoring their motherly duties. Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell and Kathryn Hahn make a mess of the liquor store and kick off many more hijinks, putting them in the crosshairs of the uptight perfect moms on the PTA, lead by Kristina Applegate and Jada Pinkett-Smith.

Writers Jon Lucas and Scott Moore are best known for "The Hangover" trilogy, in which grown men get to act like boys and make messes while the women sit on the sideline, either supportive or scolding. That same treatment gets turned around here, with the point being that it's a miracle that moms aren't already in open revolt over the absurd expectations placed on them at work and home.

"Imperium" (R) -- Daniel Radcliffe stars as Nate Foster, a nice young lad at the FBI who is tapped to go deep undercover with white-supremacist groups before one of them can set off a dirty bomb. Nate doesn't fit in much with his colleagues at the bureau -- he's rather bookish and bespectacled. However, a superior (Toni Collette) sees potential in Nate and puts him on the front lines. Nice-and-quiet Nate has to change his look and march around with skinheads and a hate-spewing radio host to stop a homegrown act of terrorism.

The movie puts the hero through a spectrum of hate groups, showing not just the Klansmen and goose-steppers, but also more buttoned-up racism lurking in the corners of American life. It's not particularly revelatory, and it's no "American History X," but Radcliffe handles his role well, as a good man trying to go unnoticed in the belly of the beast.

"Gleason" (PG) -- Steve Gleason was NFL star with a big personality and big reputation who faced two enormous changes within weeks of each other: He learns he has an illness that will take his life in a few years, and his wife is pregnant. This documentary is made around the video journal Gleason started making for his unborn son after he was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. Documentarian Clay Tweel also works with the family and provides footage. You see his determination in the beginning, and the way things change and adapt as he loses more of his muscles and his son enters the world and starts growing. This one won't be easily forgotten.

Sudoku answers on page 36

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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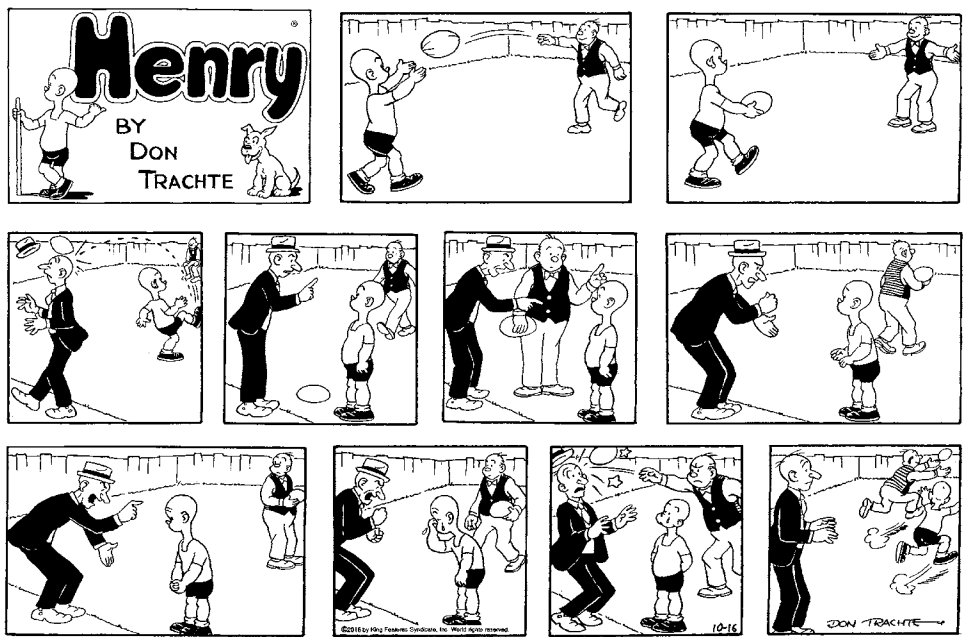

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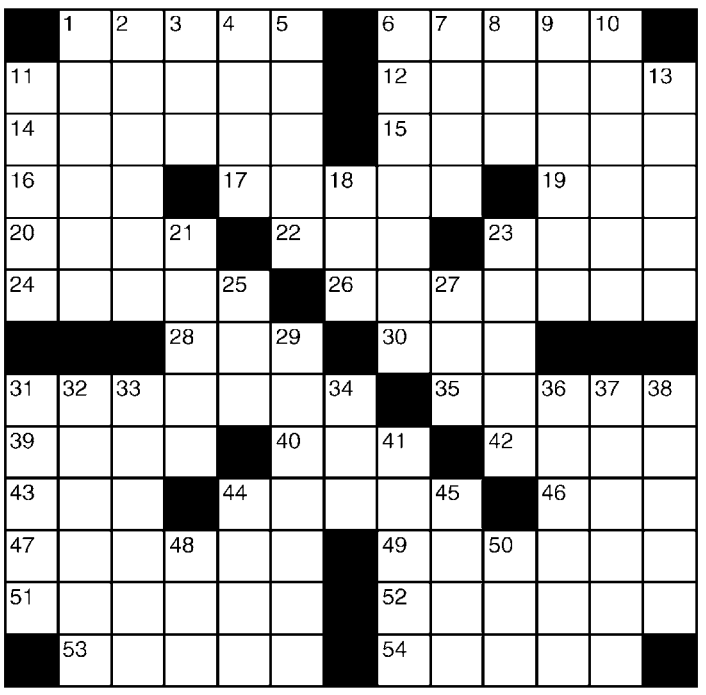

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6 Frizzy coifs
11 Mom or pop
12 Censoring sounds
14 Majestic
15 Reddish brown
16 Masseur's workplace
17 Nervous
19 Through
20 Southern st.
22 "Go, team!"
23 Get ready
24 Fiery crime
26 Audience
28 Jazz style
30 Payable
31 Risk
35 Skewered entree
39 Boring
40 Petrol
42 Pleasant
43 Greek vowel
44 Kentucky senator McConnell
46 Poolroom need
47 Writer
49 Foreign domestic
51 Hispanic chap
52 Says impulsively
53 Lousy car
54 Didn't act

DOWN
1 Impoverished one
2 Liver, spleen, etc.
3 Romanian money
4 "Meet Me — Louis"
5 Playful water critter
6 Embarrassed
7 Chimney channel
8 CSA soldier
9 Body of work
10 More agile
11 Trattoria fare
13 Breaks suddenly
18 "Unh-unh"
21 Dynamite inventor
23 Hog the mirror
25 Neither mate
27 Arctic bird
29 Refinery input
31 Perfect
32 — funds
33 Nebraska river
34 Long. crosser
36 Antacid reducer, for short
37 Keenness
38 Happy hour orders
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45 Island dance
48 That guy
50 Deposit

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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

Liam Neeson [www.liamneeson.net]

Liam Neeson has four films in post-production: Martin Scorsese's "Silence," with Andrew Garfield and Adam Driver, and the animated "A Monster Calls" (both due Dec. 23); the spy-thriller "Felt," with Diane Ladd, Tony Goldwyn and Maika Monroe (out in 2017); and the action-thriller "The Commuter," with Vera Farmiga, Sam Neill, Jonathan Banks and Elizabeth McGovern, due October 2017.

Neeson lost his wife of 15 years and mother of his two children, Natasha Richardson, in 2009 after she sustained a head injury during a ski lesson in Montreal. Most actors make one or two movies a year, but Neeson's therapy plan must have been to work constantly. Between 2009 and 2015, he filmed 31 films. Out of 84 movies in his career, including "Star Wars: Episode One -- The Phantom Menace" (1999), he has received only one Oscar nomination, for "Schindler's List" (1993), but has racked up a fortune at the box office as one of our top action stars.

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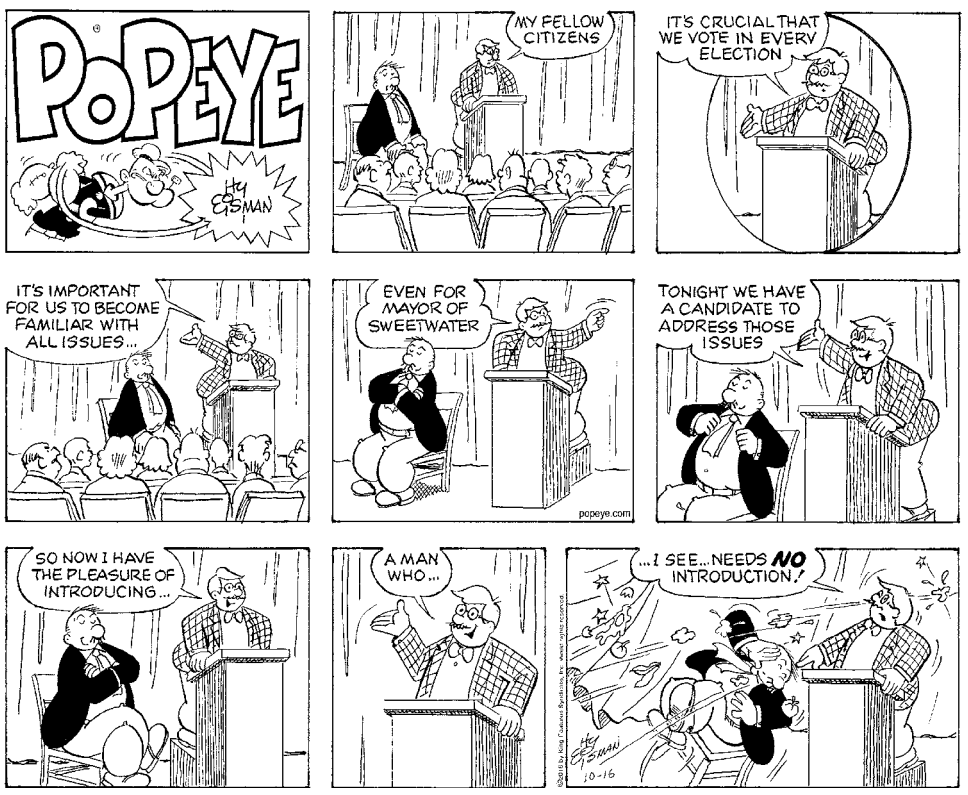
Elizabeth McGovern, who jumped from "Downton Abbey" (as Cora Crawley) to co-star with Neeson, is not the only cast member of the hit British show to spread their wings. McGovern's "Downton" husband, Hugh Bonneville, can't get away from being a royal. He's currently filming "Viceroy's House," with "X-Files" Gillian Anderson, in which he plays Lord Mountbatten (1900-1979), second cousin of Queen Elizabeth II and uncle of her husband, Prince Phillip.

Their "Downton" daughter, Lady Mary Crawley, aka Michele Dockery, has filmed "The Sense of an Ending," with Jim Broadbent and Charlotte Rampling, and will invade American TV with 10 episodes of "Good Behavior" on TNT, starting Nov. 15, and six episodes of a Netflix series, "Godless," with Jeff Daniels and Jack O' Connell.

Her late "Downton" husband, Matthew Crawley, aka Dan Stevens, conveniently killed off in a car accident, so he could invade the U.S. and make movies, has made 12 films since leaving "Downton." Among them, Liam Neeson's "A Walk Among the Tombstones" (2014) and Ben Stiller's "Night at the Museum: The Secret of the Tomb," as Sir Lancelot. Upcoming, Stevens has "The Ticket," with Oliver Pratt; "Norman: The Moderate Rise and Tragic Fall of a New York Fixer," with Richard Gere, Michael Sheen, Steve Buscemi and Josh Charles; the action-thriller "Colossal," with Anne Hathaway and Jason Sudeikis; the biographical thriller "Marshall," with Chadwick Boseman, Josh Gad and Kate Hudson; followed by the live-action "Beauty and the Beast" (he's the "Beast" to Emma Watson's "Beauty"); "Permission" with Jason Sudeikis; and the FX series "Legion," with Jean Smart and Audrey Plaza, due early next year.

The real "Beauty" is how Stevens went from the handsome Lancelot to a "Beast" in the same year!



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ENJOYING THAT CAR RIDE WITH YOUR DOG

With the holidays quickly approaching, many of us will be traveling with our dogs. Does your dog enjoy the car ride? Does your dog get car sick? Did you know that 1 in 5 dogs suffer from car or motion sickness? Dog motion sickness is real and can happen even on short jaunts. Know that most carsickness episodes, in dogs, are brought about by stress and not the motion itself. Your final destination may be what is making your dog worried, anxious or sick.

Signs of Car Sickness

- Drooling
- Vomiting
- Dry heaving
- Excessive lip licking
- Excessive panting
- Shaking
- Inactivity

What's the Cause of Car Sickness?

- If your dog is a pup, ear structures, used for balance, may not be fully developed. Many puppies outgrow motion sickness.
- Some older dogs associate a car ride with something traumatic - maybe they were abandoned at a shelter or remember being car sick as a pup.
- Association of getting in the car to go to the vet's office.

How to Help

Try to make the car ride as comfortable and positive as possible for your dog. Many dogs steem to love going for car rides because they get to spend more time with you and love to hang their head out the window. In fact, your dog may hang his head out the window to prevent nausea.

Conditional training. Start by getting your dog used to the car with the engine turned off. Then spend time in the car and create a positive association. Try feeding him in the car, give him his favorite bone in the car or brush him (if this relaxes him). Do not start going places in the car until he is calm and relaxed from these visits. Then progress from sitting in the car, to sitting in the car with the ignition turned on to taking short trips around the block or to his favorite pet park.

Seat belt. For your protection and your dog's, use a doggy seat belt that allows him to face forward while traveling rather than looking out the side windows.

Travel crate. Some dogs get overwhelmed by all the visual stimuli passing by. Either use a doggie shade or place your dog in a crate, so your dog will not get thrown about should you get in an accident or stop suddenly. In the event your dog becomes ill, it will be a place to contain the vomit.

Air bags. If your dog rides in the front seat, understand that an air bag detonating could be a potential hazard to your dog, similar to small children. Additionally, in the case of an accident, your dog may go through the front windshield.

Food. Make sure your dog has an empty stomach before the ride. Avoid feeding your dog approximately 3 - 6 hours before a car trip. Provide plenty of food and water when you reach your destination.

Stop frequently. Some dogs can handle long car rides whereas others can't. A good rule of thumb is if your dog gets car sick, stop every hour or two to give him a chance to have some bathroom time.

Windows. Lower your car windows a few inches to balance the pressure inside the car with the pressure outside the car. Also be sure to keep the car cool and well ventilated as a hot and stuffy car can cause your dog to become ill.

Toys. Buy special toys that your dog enjoys and only give him access to them in the car.

Medications. Talk to your veterinarian about possible anti-nausea drugs should you exhaust all other options. Some vets will prescribe Dramamine (Dimenhydrinate), which is also used by people who have motion sickness or an all-natural dog calmer.

Be sure to consult with your veterinarian before purchasing any over-the-counter treatment for dog motion sickness so the appropriate dosage is given and should there be any adverse reactions.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The pitter-patter of all those Sheep feet means that you're out and about, rushing to get more done. That's fine, but slow down by the weekend so you can heed some important advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're in charge of your own destiny these days, and, no doubt, you'll have that Bull's-eye of yours right on target. But don't forget to make time for family events.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared for a power struggle that you don't want. Look to the helpful folks around you for advice on how to avoid it without losing the important gains you've made.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations! You're about to claim your hard-earned reward for your patience and persistence. Now, go out and enjoy some fun and games with friends and family.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat might find it difficult to shake off that listless feeling. But be patient. By week's end, your spirits will perk up and you'll be your perfectly purring self again.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A problem with a co-worker could prove to be a blessing in disguise when a superior steps in to investigate and discovers a situation that could prove helpful to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a favorable time to move ahead with your plans. Some setbacks are expected, but they're only temporary. Pick up the pace again and stay with it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your creativity is recognized and rewarded. So go ahead and claim what you've earned. Meanwhile, that irksome and mysterious situation soon will be resolved.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new associate brings ideas that the wise Sagittarian quickly will realize can benefit both of you. Meanwhile, someone from the workplace makes an emotional request.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It might be a good idea to ease up on that hectic pace and spend more time studying things you'll need to know when more opportunities come later in November.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A relatively quiet time is now giving way to a period of high activity. Face it with the anticipation that it will bring you some well-deserved boons and benefits.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Go with the flow, or make waves? It's up to you. Either way, you'll get noticed. However, make up your own mind. Don't let anyone tell you what choices to make.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to examine everything before you agree to accept what you're told. Your need for truth keeps all those around you honest.

DON'T QUIT ON FERAL CATS

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I read your recent column on caring for feral cats, and I disagree that such animals can never be tamed. I used to believe that as well, until seven years ago when a skin-and-bones tiger cat showed up on my patio. The starved cat that I thought was dead when I first saw it is now a loving fat boy that sleeps with me every night.

I'm not saying it was fast or easy experience. It took a whole year before he would even sniff my finger, and much longer for me to convince him that having his ear scratched would be awesome.

I have two other cats that I am working with now. "Mitzi" will allow me to pet her, but does not like to be held, nor will she come into the house ... yet. "Bullwinkle" most likely will never come in, as he is deathly afraid of dogs and I have three. He sleeps in our barn instead, and shows up every morning for breakfast. I had him neutered through our local TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) program.

So, while not all feral cats will become "normal," loving felines, it is possible. Good luck. -- D. In Palmyra, New York

DEAR D: Thank you for the encouragement! It takes a tremendous amount of patience to convince a feral cat to approach you. As you noted above, participating in a TNR program help control feral cat populations. It also can reduce the chance of injury from fights over territory or members of the opposite sex. Readers, contact your local shelter or veterinarian to find out if there's a TNR program near you.

Paw's corner by Sam Mazzotta

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

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

LAFF - A - DAY

"I don't know what's on your menu, but mine's got soup and gravy stains."

THE CASHIER BY RICARDO GALVÃO

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

top ten

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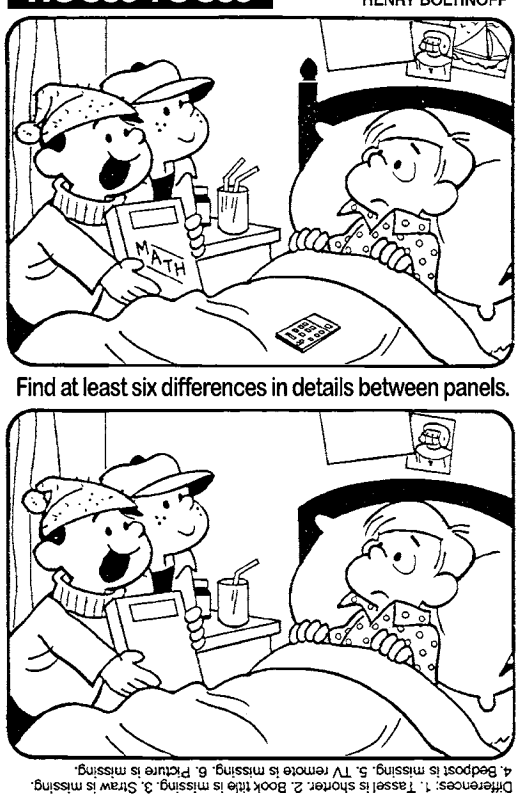

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- Brenda Weaver

Source: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

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