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POLICE & FIRE
Members of the Greenwich Police Department took part in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, carrying the "Flame of Hope" to the Stamford town line. This relay, involving over 97,000 law enforcement officers annually, supports Special Olympics events at all levels. For more information about the Law Enforcement Torch Run, visit www.lettr.org.

The Greenwich Police Department Scholarship Fund is hosting its 2024 Benefit Car Show tomorrow, Saturday, June 8, with a rain date of Sunday, June 9, featuring classic and exotic cars, motorcycles, and vintage fire trucks. Registration, which costs \$20 per vehicle, is open until May 31, with proceeds supporting scholarships for children of Greenwich Police officers. The event will include a DJ, food trucks, and sponsorship opportunities, with more information available at <https://www.gpdscholarshipfund.org>.

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Judge Rules in Favor of DeCaro

By ANNE WHITE

In a decisive judgment issued on Tuesday, Stamford Superior Court ruled in favor of Fred DeCaro III, the Republican Registrar of Voters for the Town of Greenwich, in a lawsuit that sought to invalidate the results of the March Republican Town Committee (RTC) primaries in Districts 2 and 8.

The case, brought by plaintiffs Susan Schieffelin, George Hritz, Michael DeVita, and Gail Lauridsen, aimed to compel DeCaro to reject primary petitions they claimed were improperly circulated. The court's decision followed a one-day trial that included pre-trial briefs, three hours of direct and cross-examination of DeCaro, oral arguments, and post-trial briefs.

Schieffelin and Hritz, candidates for the RTC in District 2, and Lauridsen and DeVita, candidates for RTC in District 8, were endorsed for RTC seats on January 9, 2024. However, prior to January 31, petitions for a primary election contesting these endorsements were circulated by residents, including candidates Jill Kelly, Michael

Erensen, Janet Freiheit, and Caren St. Phillip.

The plaintiffs argued that these petitions violated Connecticut General Statute 9-410(c), which prohibits candidates from circulating petitions for other candidates. Despite these allegations, DeCaro maintained that neither he nor the Town Clerk had the authority to stop a primary.

On March 5, 2024, the primary was held, resulting in Schieffelin and Hritz losing their seats on the RTC, while Lauridsen and DeVita retained theirs. The close results were confirmed by a re-canvass.

In his June 4 decision, Judge Robert Genuario dismissed the claims of DeVita and Lauridsen, stating that they retained their seats regardless of the court's decision due to their primary victory. The court ruled in favor of DeCaro, concluding that he correctly accepted the petitions.

"Reading the statute as a whole and giving the words their usual and normal meaning while applying fundamental principles of statutory construction, the court must disagree with the plaintiffs," Judge

"I would like to thank Fred DeCaro for his time and professionalism"

Genuario wrote. He added, "the defendant was correct to accept the petitions and not to reject them."

Following the ruling, DeCaro issued a statement expressing his satisfaction with the court's decision: "Yesterday the Stamford Superior Court completely vindicated Greenwich's Registrars of Voters. The plaintiffs had demanded that I reject multiple petitions filed in connection with Greenwich's Republican Town Committee primaries. The court's decision makes clear that the plaintiffs misinterpreted Connecticut General Statutes. Procedures followed in Greenwich were found to comply with Connecticut law."

DeCaro further criticized the plaintiffs for spreading false information: "Together, we need to reject false claims and stop tearing down the process by which we choose our leaders. This disturbing trend, which is in no way democratic, patriotic, or accurate, must stop."

In response, Hritz and

Schieffelin issued a statement expressing their disagreement with the court's interpretation of the statute: "We believe, respectfully, that the trial court misinterpreted the language of the statute and added additional perspective that is in conflict with the statute's intent. The election law is designed to preclude a single candidate from overturning the results of a caucus election. The law is clear on its face yet the trial court found an alternative interpretation that we believe is incorrect. We are exploring our options regarding next steps."

Jill Kelly, a candidate in District 2 who was involved in circulating the petitions, also commented: "I would like to thank Fred DeCaro for his time and professionalism in dealing with this situation, which unnecessarily cost Greenwich thousands of dollars. The trial outcome was a win for good people who work hard to do what is best for Greenwich Republicans and Greenwich. Integrity matters."

COLUMN

You Did It!



By ICY FRANTZ

To those of you who received honors, awards and distinctions, I say well done. And to the C students, I say you, too, can be President.

George W Bush

The thing about graduation speeches is they are mostly wasted on the soon-to-be graduates, who are busy contemplating their post-graduation revelry or distracted by the cute classmate a few seats over and the drop of sweat that is dripping down their backs beneath the polyester academic regalia. (Unless, of course, they are listening to Roger Federer at the upcoming Dartmouth graduation - he will unquestionably garner everyone's attention.)

And although many of the speeches are full of good advice, cliches (follow your passion, today is the first day of the rest of your life, etc.), and lessons learned from the speaker's life experience, each of the graduates will need to live their own life to earn the wisdom that is so freely given at the ceremony.

With no disrespect to the speakers who presented at my graduations long ago, I do not remember what was said and I do not remember who spoke (not Roger Federer).

Still, I love graduation speeches - and graduations for that matter - and this year it is personal.

Our baby is graduating from high school, and I find myself caught up in a long list of lasts, scrolling through old family pictures, and reliving memories. Proud and teary, I am what one might call a hot mess.

I am in the throes of it - figuring out logistics, who is coming and when, how many seats to save - and now that the short white dress for our soon-to-be graduate has been unearthed, what the heck am I going to wear? Because it's all about me, right?

And while many are preparing for graduations in their own families (be it from kindergarten, middle school, high school or college), all of these signify transitions - the leaving behind of the known and the preparation for the unknown. For parents, this also means another incremental step in the difficult process of letting go, camouflaged by the pomp and circumstance.

In the past, at this time of year, I have offered short snippets from former graduation speeches, but this year I have decided instead to pivot. (If you are aching for a good speech, Google Jerry Seinfeld's 2024 commencement address at Duke.)

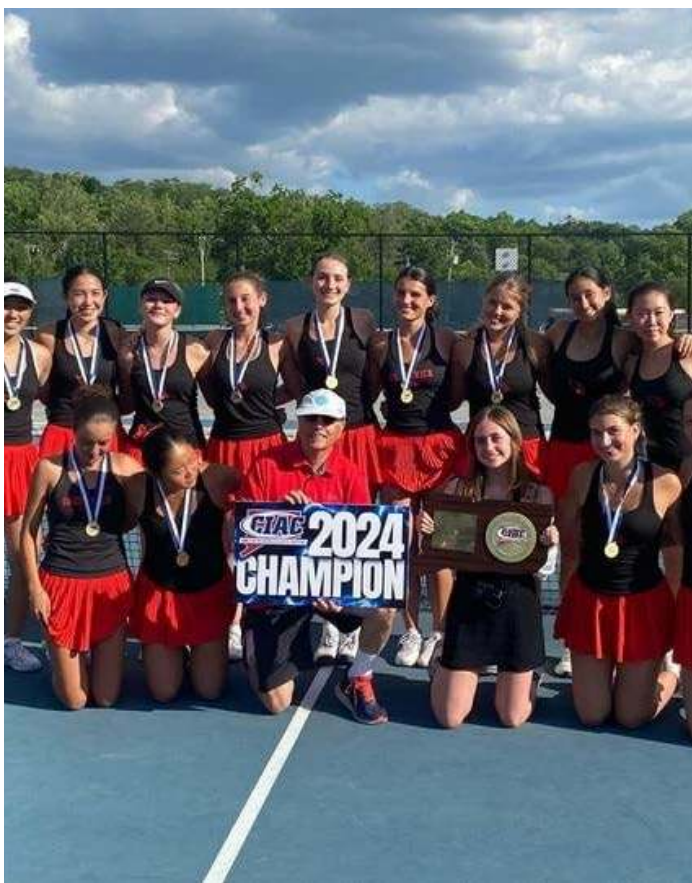
So, while we wait for the picture-worthy moment when our son or daughter crosses the stage to accept a diploma, let me flip things around and share with you three lessons I have learned from our soon-to-be graduate. Our children are great teachers.

1. Don't be afraid to go off the track and live life your way.

From an early age, we are taught to get in line - alphabetically or by height - and to follow the leader on the path to recess or to lunch in the cafeteria. Color within the lines. Read from the script. And

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Girls Tennis Team Wins CIAC



Members of the Greenwich High School varsity girls tennis team gather with coach Gerard Sulli with the championship plaque after the team won the CIAC Class LL Tournament championship with a 4-1 win over rival Staples. See page 11 for full story.

Robin Kencel was crowned Ms. Connecticut Senior America at the organization's annual pageant on June 2nd



"I am honored to have the support of the judges and contestants in this competition that involved many talented women," Kencel commented. "The platform will give me the chance to realize a dream I have for motivating and encouraging seniors to be curious in their interests, committed to their passions, and remain engaged in their larger community." The Ms. Connecticut Senior America Pageant began in 1979 with the belief that seniors are the foundation of America and its most valuable treasure. Ms. Senior America gives honor to those women who have reached "The Age of Elegance." Photos by Stuart Walls

Environmental Quote of the Week

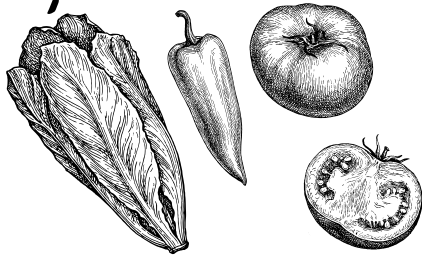
By ANNE W. SEMMES

"Humanity is blessed to the extent we love Nature, and her products, from the sweet descent of her sunsets to the tantrums of her

thunderstorms, and from the empty vast space beyond her biosphere to the seething diversity within it." The late American biologist and naturalist E.O. Wilson, who would have turned 95 on June 10.

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COLUMN: ON MY WATCH

It Was a Celebration of Joy of 90 Years of Choral Singing

By ANNE W. SEMMES

Last Saturday evening there was an historic gathering of extraordinary choral talent and Anglican musical tradition celebrating 90 years of choir singing at Christ Church Greenwich. That Anglican tradition was first seen in the presence of the four British talents leading the 100 choristers: Jamie Hitel, Director of Music, Dr. Phillip Moore, Visiting Artist/Composer, James O'Donnell, Visiting Artist-in Residence and former Organist/ Master of Choristers at Westminster Abbey - now Professor at Yale's Institute of Sacred Music, and lastly, Jonathan Vaughn, Associate Director of Music, and organist supreme.

The backdrop for that singing was a British-made organ by Harrison & Harrison - makers of the organ in Westminster Abbey - that was installed at Christ Church in 2022, as the company's largest organ built in America to date.

Jamie Hitel welcomed the 400 attendees with addressing the power of his chorister organization "for character building and fellowship, as well as for musical training and service to Christ." And he told how it had begun in 1934 with his predecessor Claude Means "putting together a new choir consisting of men and boys." Since then, "hundreds of children have been shaped by the discipline of regular rehearsal and teamwork...They in turn have used the gift of music to shape others in times of joy, sorrow, Thanksgiving, repentance and celebration."

Hitel gave thanks also [with a touch of humor] to "our unsung heroes, choir parents...We couldn't have done it without your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, not to mention the thousands of really enjoyable trips up and down the Post Road."

He described the celebratory concert as "showcasing six of our seven choirs" in a selection that "showcases the breadth and depth of repertoire unique to each choir." And that program selection also reflected Joy that is this year's Christ Church's 275th celebration theme.

Attendees could read the history of the selected pieces sung in their programs, as with the joyful opening selection, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry's anthem, "I Was Glad," sung at all British coronations since 1902, with the combined choirs directed by O'Donnell. There was also Judith Weir's "I love all beauteous things," with text by poet Robert Bridges, sung at Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday, as sung by the Christ Church Singers, directed by

O'Donnell.

Featured as well was the Christ Church Bell Choir playing "Amazing Grace" with its famous words plaintively written in the 18th century by John Newton of England, formerly involved in the slave trade "but pardoned to preach the faith." That tune would only come a near century later from America's Deep South.

A lovely "harvest anthem that emphasizes our responsibility for the environment" was "Look at the World" with its stanzas including, "Think of the spring/Think of the warmth of summer/Bring in the harvest/Before the winter's cold/Everything has a season/Til it is gathered to the fathers fold." It was sung by the Choir of Men & Boys and the St. Cecelia Choir of Girls, with lyrics and music by English composer and conductor John Rutter and led by Jamie Hitel.

With the organ playing a major role Hitel had told, the choirs would come together for a "grand conclusion of Parry's "Hear My Words Ye People." The singers began, "Hear my words, ye people/give ear unto me all ye that have knowledge/Let us choose to us judgement,/let us know among ourselves what is good." And that finale would include the youngest St. Nicholas Choir (ages 5), "adding icing to the cake." And that they certainly did.

But now, a closer look at those Christ Church choirs. There is the Christ Church Choir of Men and Boys, the St Cecilia Choir of Girls, the Christ Church Singers, the St. Nicholas Choir, and that Christ Church Bell Choir. "Our choristers are those of school age, from 7 to 18," shared Jonny Vaughn. And in the celebratory concert, he added, "We had about 40 choristers singing, 40 adults, including 10 alumni, and 20 St. Nicholas Choir members."

Vaughn had praise for the "semi chorus of our high school seniors, that included solos sung by Annie Murphy (soprano) and Ethan Cooper (baritone) who were featured in the concluding Parry piece of 'Hear my words, ye people.'"

Vaughn also cited this celebratory year as "a great year of renaissance for the boys choir post pandemic," with choristers mostly signing on since last September - "average age nine years old!" Then there are those who have hung in for numerous years such as high school senior Evelyn Fitts, who is walking away this summer with fond memories.

"I've been in the choir for six years," said Fitts, "and it's been such a wonderful community

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L to R Jamie Hitel, Director of Music, Dr. Phillip Moore, Visiting Artist/Composer, Professor James O'Donnell, Visiting Artist-in Residence and Jonathan Vaughn, Associate Director of Music. Photo by Joanne Bouknight.



Professor James O'Donnell leading the combined Christ Church choirs in "I Was Glad." Photo by Joanne Bouknight.



Jamie Hitel, Director of Music, leading the combined choirs in "Hear my words, ye people" Photo by Joanne Bouknight.

of people and music. I will remember the fun warmups we do at rehearsal and all the amazing pieces we've learned over the years." She'd loved those times, she said, "when a work sparks a story from one of our directors about an encounter with famous musicians - there was always a lot of laughter from the choir stalls."

But continuing will be high school junior Luke Ovsag to start his third year singing with

the Men and Teen Boys Choir and the Christ Church Singers. He speaks of having "truly enjoyed" his singing experience in the choirs, and of having made "lasting relationships." He admitted to his hesitancy at first to join the choir, because he "wasn't into the idea of attending church." But his choir experience has given him "a change of heart." He feels now, he shared, "that the church is my home, and the choir is my family."

He tells of "favorite experiences" being "singing with [long serving] Ian Shearson, listening to Jonny Vaughn playing the organ, and the banter that we all have during and outside of rehearsal." He can now "enjoy being able to speak with like-minded individuals about music." Having had that hesitancy at first, he can now say, "with 100 percent certainty that joining the choirs at Christ Church Greenwich "was one of the best decisions I have ever

made."

To conclude, come this July the Christ Church choirs will journey to England to sing in Westminster Abbey for a week, singing six Evensongs and one Sunday sung Eucharist.

For those wanting more information about the Choirs they can visit Christ Church Music at music@christchurchgreenwich.org. And a note about this reporter, I have been a proud parishioner of Christ Church since 1975.

The Eagle Scouts are Soaring in Greenwich

By ELLIE SILEO

The Eagle Scouts of Greenwich have been impressing and blessing the community with their projects for over a century. The history of the Scouts is fascinating and a continuation of this legacy can be seen across recent projects from the Greenwich Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

During a conversation with Jim Heavey, Greenwich's Chief of Police, we added up the hours of hard work that troops have put into the last eight Eagle projects, to find out that the scouts have acquired a whopping total of 1,360 hours of dedication in the last ten months. Through explaining the Eagle Scout Service Project Process, Chief Heavey shares that Eagle Scouts commit to working on a project that, "is a gift to the community and demonstrates leadership."

Tom Pankosky, registrar for the Greenwich Council, emphasizes that, "the impact on the community really is widespread," and that, "the parks, churches, and schools have always been beneficiaries."

Sciulla is a junior at Greenwich High School and in January, he led a troop of 35 individuals for a 139 hour long project to create 1 ½ miles of new trail for Pemberwick Park. During this process, Scout

Sciulla also led the creation of a GIS mapping system—an innovation which uses a computer system to obtain and map data in relation to positions on Earth's surface—, the placement of a new kiosk at the entrance, and the removal of invasive plants in the park. All of these additions allow the community to better interact with our town's nature.

In addition to Sciulla's project, many recent projects have focused on the improvement and beautification of the town's parks. Both Eagles Ethan Miklautsch, senior at GHS at the time, and Aedan Browning, junior at GHS, worked in Laddin's Rock Park in Old Greenwich for their projects. These two projects were completed over 222 hours by 19 individuals total. Miklautsch's and Browning's leadership of their troops led to major developments for this park including the removal of invasive plant species, the addition of a kiosk, and the planting of tree saplings to control erosion.

Similar ambitions were taken to protect and enhance the Babcock Preserve by Eagle Catherine Tucker, senior at Rye Country Day School, and the Helen Binney Kitchel Natural Park by Eagle Mark Parry, senior at GHS.

Kevin O'Shea, Scout Executive, sums up that at the end of the day, "the projects they do support the community and the town of Greenwich in many ways."

Eagle Catherine Tucker, proudly the first female Eagle scout of the Greenwich Council BSA, implemented a kiosk for the entrance of the Babcock Preserve with a map of the park, a list of dog rules, and dog waste bag dispensers attached to it, while also cleaning up the invasive plants in the entrance and parking lot areas. Tucker's troop of 16 individuals dedicated 202 hours to this project. These improvements aim to benefit the attraction and longevity of the Babcock Preserve.

At the Helen Binney Kitchel Natural Park in Old Greenwich, Eagle Mark Parry's troop of 15 individuals spent 233 hours building a bridge for hikers and bikers to cross the river safely. Beyond the bridge, Parry's troop removed invasive plant species and added new plants to transform the look of the park's entrance. This new bridge and beautification of the entrance will increase safety and attraction within the park.

Chief Heavey noted that these Eagles have made "enhancements to what we

can all enjoy now in the park," demonstrating appreciation for these innovations.

A recent project done by Doyle Zisson's troop of 12 individuals conducted a 110 hour long restoration of the front walking trail at Zisson's Congregation. Zisson is a senior at Greenwich Country Day School. By updating the trail markers and creating new trails on Congregation grounds, this project aims to attract more individuals to the trail outside of Zisson's Congregation.

Greenwich's Eagles are digging their claws into even international projects, with two recently completed Eagle projects: one working towards the effort in Ukraine and one benefiting families in Peru.

Eagle Wyatt Stratton, a senior at GHS at the time, and his troop of 12 individuals worked on the Ukraine Humanitarian Service Project, "to benefit the innocent civilians that are in desperate need of help as a result of the war." The troop gathered and shipped out food, water, clothes, and other

essentials to support those in need. As Stratton's troop put in 54 hours of effort, they have helped many of those in destitution in Ukraine.

The Eagle Scout Service Project Outlines says that, "service to others is an important part of the Scout Oath: "...to help other people at all times." Stratton's project clearly demonstrates this attribute of the Scout Oath by protecting Ukrainian civilians and providing them with necessities for life.

Eagle Jonathan Abraham, a senior at Port Chester High School, traveled with his troop of 9 individuals to Trujillo, Peru to tackle a 400 hour long project working with Envision and Inca Link Peru, two Christian organizations, as youth leaders to organize and lead a weeklong Vacation Bible School (VBS) for families who spend long days searching garbage dumps for items to sell to be able to afford necessities. Abraham proudly shared that "VBS allows the children to be off the streets, learn about the love of Christ,

and eat every day!"

Captain James Bonney, commander of Greenwich's marine division and father of an Eagle scout, explained that these projects allow youth scouts to gather impressive and priceless lifelong skills to create lifelong impacts.

Greenwich's recent Eagle scouts have proven to be adaptive, creative, and overall dedicated to enhancing the communities around them.

Matthew Biagioni, a sophomore at GHS and a Life Scout in Greenwich Troop 35, recently completed the creation of a pollinator garden for his project. Biagioni worked with Ralph Mayo, principal of GHS, and Robert Conlan, a science teacher and environmental club leader at GHS. Debbie Palmer-Biagioni explained that this project "enriches the community by supporting the pollinators."

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Greenwich Hospital President Diane Kelly to Retire at End of Year

By Robert Williamson

Diane P. Kelly, DNP, RN, the President of Greenwich Hospital, has announced her plans to retire at the end of this calendar year, ending a career that spans more than four decades. Kelly has served as the hospital's president since June 2020 and has been the chief nursing executive for Yale New Haven Health (YNHHS) since 2022.

“During my five years working with Diane, I couldn't have asked for a better partner,” said Greenwich Hospital Board Chair W. Robert Berkley, Jr. “She led our hospital during the height of COVID, deftly guiding us through some of the most challenging days, yet never lost sight of the clinical growth plan for Greenwich Hospital. Diane's commitment to bringing new technologies, programs, and physicians to Greenwich has enabled patients to access services not typically available in a community hospital setting. She has set Greenwich Hospital on a trajectory of growth that will continue for generations to come.”

Kelly's healthcare career

began at Berkshire Medical Center, where she advanced from a staff nurse to various clinical and leadership roles, including Psychiatry & Behavioral Health Clinical Leader, Director of Patient Safety, and Vice President of Quality & Safety. She was promoted to Chief Operating Officer in 2008, a position she held until joining Greenwich Hospital a decade later.

“Diane has been a dedicated and passionate leader throughout her career and is widely respected in the hospital and nursing community,” said Christopher O'Connor, CEO of Yale New Haven Health. “Since joining Greenwich Hospital as Chief Operating Officer in 2018, she has made a clear and positive impact on the entire health system. As the Chief Nursing Executive, she ensured that nursing was central to all efforts to enhance safety and quality in the inpatient and outpatient settings.”

Kelly has been a strong advocate for advancing the mission of Greenwich Hospital as a premier academic health system, ensuring the provision of nationally recognized services



Diane Kelly
(Contributed Photo)

in the community. Under her leadership, Greenwich Hospital launched its first campaign in 25 years, the \$125 million Arc of Care Campaign. She has overseen expansion in several key specialty areas, including neuroscience, cancer care, heart and vascular, urology, psychiatry and behavioral health, pediatrics, and emergency care, with the most recent accomplishment being Greenwich Hospital's Trauma Level III designation.

“It has been an honor to lead the Greenwich Hospital team

and to work in collaboration with extraordinary men and women dedicated to caring for those who trust us with their health care,” said Kelly. “It is a true privilege to have served on the Yale New Haven Health leadership team. I am also tremendously grateful that I have had the opportunity to be part of the Yale New Haven Nursing Division, working alongside the finest nurses I have known in my 40-year career. Health care has been not just a job, but an intrinsic part of who I am.”

Kelly reflected on her decision to retire to the Greenwich Sentinel, stating, “It's time. I've had a 40-year extraordinary career in healthcare, and it just feels like the right time. There is no really one reason. I've always thought it was important to make a transition when you really love what you're doing. I always think it's important to say I'm feeling good about the things I've done, I love coming to work, so it's a good time. No regrets.”

When asked about her standout accomplishments, Kelly highlighted her experience during the COVID-19 pandemic. “Working through the experience

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of COVID with patients, employees, coworkers, and the community was extraordinary to me. It was when you saw healthcare come together with a true, combined purpose. It was like nothing else I'd ever done,” she said.

Greenwich Hospital played a crucial role during the pandemic, becoming a focal point for the Yale New Haven Health System. “Greenwich was at that ground zero point in time where we were seeing huge influxes of patients needing really intensive care. It's where you saw a system come together and transport the services that were needed right here. We had the power of bringing through the expertise of Yale School of Medicine, which added another layer along with the great clinicians we had here,” Kelly explained.

Looking ahead, Kelly expressed confidence in the

hospital's future. “The hospital is in such a strong position. Much of the work I've been doing over the last six years has been working closely with Yale New Haven Health System and Yale School of Medicine to bring services here to enhance what was already a great organization. The future is strong because we will continue to build on that,” she said.

Regarding her own future, Kelly said, “I have no definitive plans other than not working full time for the first time in 40 years. I'm really looking forward to spending more time with my growing family. I'm so blessed.”

As Kelly prepares to step down, her tenure is marked by significant advancements and a steadfast commitment to patient care, ensuring that Greenwich Hospital remains a cornerstone of the community for years to come.

Greenwich Town Party Establishes Endowment Fund for Future Festivities

By Anne White

The Greenwich Town Party (GTP), a beloved annual tradition, is poised to continue for generations to come thanks to a newly established endowment fund. During this year's celebration, the GTP Board of Directors unveiled plans for an endowment that to help support the financial future of the event.

Philanthropist and GTP Founder Ray Dalio, 74, has been the driving force behind the party's success. For the past 13 years, Dalio has provided substantial

financial support, along with the help of generous patrons and sponsors. This year, he has pledged to match all donations up to \$5 million, establishing an \$10 million endowment.

The GTP has grown into a major local event since its inception, featuring live music, food, and entertainment. It has attracted high-profile performers and drawn large crowds, making it a highlight of the town's social calendar.

The endowment fund is designed to cover costs and

safeguard the party's future. The GTP Board of Directors is reaching out to the community, urging supporters to contribute at all levels to help achieve the fundraising goal.

The announcement of the endowment was met with enthusiasm from attendees, many of whom have cherished the annual event as a highlight of their year. Local business owners and community leaders have also expressed their support, recognizing the positive impact the GTP has on the town's economy

and social fabric.

Donations can be made through the GTP's official website, greenwichtownparty.org. The site provides details on how to contribute and the benefits of different levels of sponsorship. With Dalio's matching pledge, each donation has the potential to double in impact, making this an opportune moment for supporters to get involved.

In addition to individual contributions, the GTP Board of Directors is seeking partnerships with local businesses and

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philanthropic organizations. They aim to create a broad base of support that will ensure the party's longevity and continued success.

As the sun set over Greenwich Harbor late last month, marking the end of another memorable Greenwich Town Party, the

promise of a secure future for the event brought a sense of hope and excitement to the community. With the endowment fund in place and the support of passionate residents, the GTP is set to remain a cherished tradition for many years to come.

HMTX Industries Unveils Groundbreaking Eco-Friendly World Headquarters

By Peter Barhydt

Addressing the growing issue of climate change and reaffirming its commitment to sustainability, HMTX Industries unveiled its new World Headquarters in Norwalk, Connecticut. The 24,000-square-foot building, designed by McLennan Design and its founder Jason F. McLennan, is one of the greenest structures in the state. The headquarters, which broke ground in April 2021, was awarded by BuildGreenCT's former component, CT Green Building Council, for exemplary performance in both energy and health.

“Our new HMTX headquarters is designed to represent the core values on which our company was built and has grown,” said Harlan Stone, CEO of HMTX Industries. “What I refer to as our House Up On The Hill merges nature and sustainability with innovation and collaboration. It provides a unique space for artists, engineers, developers, and architects, as well as creative and disruptive thinkers, to exchange ideas and thoughts in this modern-day salon.”

One of the building's unique features is its design, which allows it to sit above the ground to preserve as much of the existing landscape as possible. Constructed using only the healthiest non-toxic materials, the building will generate more energy on-site than it uses, produce zero carbon emissions, and capture and reuse rainwater. The ecologically conscious facility also includes spaces for artists-in-residence design studios.

The surrounding landscape, designed by Keith E. Simpson Associates of New Canaan, faced challenging constraints, including retaining large existing trees, featuring extensive rock ledge outcroppings, and managing steeply sloping grades.

The landscape incorporates rain gardens for stormwater management, new water features, and additional edible plantings for wildlife habitat and gathering spaces for people in both large and small groups.

In speaking with the Greenwich Sentinel, Simpson explained “The site was as rugged as they come, before construction started, so maintaining its character and natural functionality while accommodating the new building, gave us challenges at every turn. Safeguarding the very large trees so close to the building itself was always a top priority.”

As the landscape matures, newly planted trees are expected to provide a shade canopy to replace pre-existing trees that eventually die off. Shrubs and perennial plantings, selected for their diversity, are strategically located to evolve with the landscape and ever-changing microclimate. These native plantings will grow and self-seed over time, acclimating to different areas of the site and benefiting nearby properties.

Simpson added: “After observing building going up, step-by-step, week-after-week, working on the three, very different water features, and with the two acclaimed sculptors was the most exciting time for the project. The innovative, solar driven sculpture by Steven Lowry in the roof garden is remarkable, as are the two continuously interacting wind driven sculptures within the center courtyard by Tim Prentice.”

“Working with Harlan on this Living Building Challenge project has been an incredible experience,” said Jason F. McLennan, Managing Principal of McLennan Design. “This facility is groundbreaking, not only for its design but for the pioneering product development



A view of the outside showing how the building blends into the landscape.

work taking place inside.”

The new HMTX World Headquarters is the first project in Norwalk to pursue the Living Building Challenge, the world's most stringent green building rating system. This system promotes regenerative design, creating spaces that give more than they take. As a living building, the HMTX facility is intended to be largely self-sufficient while positively impacting the people and natural systems that surround it.

“From concept to groundbreaking and now to see it become a reality, this project has been very special to me,” added Stone. “Norwalk has been home to HMTX for more than 20 years, and I see this new building, as I hope others do, as a proud addition to the community.”

HMTX Industries World Headquarters Highlights

General Details:

Location: Norwalk, Connecticut

Size: Four-story building, approximately 24,000 sq ft

Architect: McLennan Design

Landscape Architect: Keith E. Simpson Associates

Sustainability:

Greenest Building in Connecticut: The HMTX headquarters is on track to become the greenest building in the state.

Living Building Challenge: It is the first project in Connecticut to pursue the Living Building Challenge Petal Certification, the world's most stringent green building rating system.

Energy Positive: The building will produce more renewable energy on-site than it uses annually.

Zero Carbon Emissions: It is an all-electric building designed to operate with zero carbon emissions.

Energy & Carbon:

Solar Power: Over 100% of the building's power demand is met by on-site PV panels, generating an estimated 144,000 kWh/yr in solar power.

Energy Efficiency: Predicted energy use intensity (EUI) of 18, a 60% reduction from baseline office buildings.

Passive Cooling: Utilizes operable windows and skylights for natural cooling.

Water Management:

Rainwater Reuse: Features a rainwater capture and reuse



One of the unique water features designed by Keith Simpson, that captures rain water for reuse.

“The site was as rugged as they come, before construction started, so maintaining its character and natural functionality while accommodating the new building, gave us challenges at every turn.”

Keith Simpson

system with a 5,000-gallon storage tank.

Low-Flow Fixtures: Utilized throughout the building.

Rain Gardens: Three separate rain gardens treat stormwater naturally, providing on-site retention and infiltration.

Health & Happiness:

Natural Daylighting: Every space benefits from natural daylighting.

Healthy Indoor Air: Uses Red List Free materials and adheres to the highest ventilation standards.

Biophilic Design: Incorporates elements such as a 1,700 sq ft green roof, interior green wall, and natural finish materials.

Beauty:

Artwork: Features artwork by local and worldwide artists, including a 240 sq ft mural.

Educational Programs: Includes building tours, educational events, and signage about regenerative design.

As HMTX Industries continues to pioneer sustainability, the new headquarters stands as a testament to what can be achieved when innovation meets ecological responsibility. Simpson concluded: “It is most gratifying to know that it is Harlan Stone's vision that this work be shared with so many visitors to the property.”

Releases & News

Meals-on-Wheels Receives Grant



Sebastian Kulesza, Assistant Vice President, Greenwich Branch Manager of First County Bank, Debra Schwartz, Board Member Meals-on-Wheels, and Richard Muskus, Jr., Senior Vice President, Chief Lending Officer and Director of Business Banking First County Bank

Excitement! Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. of Greenwich receives grant from First County Bank. Sebastian Kulesza, Assistant Vice President, Greenwich Branch Manager of First County Bank and Richard Muskus, Jr., Senior Vice President, Chief Lending Officer and Director of Business Banking delivered the wonderful news and the check to Meals-on-Wheels. On hand was Debra Schwartz, Board Member of Meals-on-Wheels, to accept this incredible donation of \$2,500. This money directly impacts the program at Meals-on-Wheels of delivering nutritious prepared meals to those unable to shop or cook food for themselves by our fleet of incredible volunteer drivers.

The funds also benefit the preschool children at the four Greenwich pre-K programs and children participating in a local academic support program that we serve. Meals-on-Wheels buys weekend

meals from Filling in the Blanks of Norwalk, CT for these children and our dedicated volunteers deliver this food at the end of each week so the children have sustenance to take home every weekend. This is a supplement to the food the children receive during the school days.

Established in 2001 in honor of the Bank's 150th anniversary, First County Bank Foundation was created to distribute funds annually to nonprofit organizations that directly impact the health and well-being of individuals living and working in Fairfield County. Special consideration is given to agencies and programs that benefit low to moderate income populations. As a mutual bank with no shareholders, First County Bank considers grants made by the Foundation a means of paying dividends back to the local communities it serves. The Foundation awards grants based on need, with average grant amounts ranging

from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

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For anyone who would you like to become a volunteer driver for Meals-on-Wheels, please contact us at 203-869-1312 or mealsonwheelsgreenwich@outlook.com. You can also visit our website at <https://mealsonwheelsofgreenwich.org/>.

Tod's Point One Mile Swim Set for Saturday, July 13

The 35th Annual One Mile Swim at Tod's Point will be held on Saturday, July 13th.

The event is sponsored by The Greenwich Swim Committee and the YMCA of Greenwich. All proceeds from the One Mile Swim event will go toward supporting the YMCA of Greenwich's Swim School Scholarship Fund, helping to provide swim school instruction and critical water safety skills to local children. Last year, the event raised \$2,500 after all race expenses for the YMCA of Greenwich.

With the launch of the YMCA of Greenwich's Safety Around Water program this year, the YMCA is excited to raise more awareness of the programs and services they offer to help teach water safety skills to children living in our waterfront community.

event of cancellation, partial credit will be given for future Greenwich Swim Committee events. T-Shirts are only guaranteed for pre-registered swimmers.

AWARDS: In each age group, awards will be given to the top three overall and at least the top three in each age group. Age groups will be 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+ and an Achilles division.

Please visit The Greenwich Swim Committee website <https://www.active.com/old-greenwich-ct/water-sports/swimming-races/greenwich-point-one-mile-swim-2024> to register or learn more information. Contact Jon Harnett at 203-253-2546 for additional information about the event.

Race start is 7:30 am and check in opens at 6:30 am. Water temperature should be around 70°F.

Heats will be by age group with colored caps provided. Wetsuits are allowed but competitors wearing wet suits will be ineligible for awards. There will be light refreshments and commemorative T-shirts for all participants.

FEES: \$55.00 for entries by July 15, \$65 for entries thereafter, \$20 for participants 13-17 years of age. NO REFUNDS. In the unlikely

About the YMCA of Greenwich

The YMCA of Greenwich is one of the largest community-based organizations in Greenwich, CT. Founded in 1916, the YMCA of Greenwich offers programs and services that promote and sustain healthy living, youth development, and social responsibility to nurture the potential of everyone in our community. To learn more about the YMCA of Greenwich visit: <http://www.greenwichymca.org>.

Sound Waters Interns



Two Greenwich High School students have completed spring internships at SoundWaters, the region's leader in climate science education. Annie Clark and Lucas Vincent spent five weeks at the organization's Coastal Education Center at Cove Island Park in Stamford. The GHS seniors were part of a larger group of spring interns from several area high schools who, instead of attending classes for the final weeks of their high school careers, did internships to experience a real-world business environment. At SoundWaters, the interns worked every day alongside and under the guidance of SoundWaters professional educators, teaching the science of Long Island Sound to more than 2,000 pre-school, elementary and middle school students from schools across the region. They helped students in classroom and lab settings, as well as on the beach and in boats on Holly Pond where young students do field work.

"SoundWaters is a great organization and this internship gave me some great experience. It was fun to help other students and to learn so much as well," said Annie Clark, who will be attending University of Southern California in the fall. The SoundWaters High School Internship Program is a model for professional development and environmental stewardship. "Our interns develop their job and leadership skills on a daily basis as they perform scientific experiments, aquarium maintenance and assist with our STEM programs, reaching over 100 students each day. The SoundWaters intern program is a powerful learning experience," said Christina Genz, SoundWaters Director of Education.

(Photo Credit: Mike Bagley, SoundWaters) Greenwich High School interns taking a break between teaching classes at SoundWaters at Cove Island Park in Stamford. LtoR: Annie Clark and Lucas Vincent.

Abstract Art Class at Round Hill Community Church



Flowers Grow in the City, painting by Natasha Karpinskaia. Photo credit: Natasha Karpinskaia

Renowned artist, Natasha Karpinskaia, will teach "Abstracting from Flowers," an abstract painting class on Tuesday mornings in August, at the Studio at Round Hill.

Natasha Karpinskaia is a Russian-born artist, art historian, and educator. She has exhibited nationally and internationally and has taught classes at several art centers, including Silvermine Arts Center. Natasha explains the genesis of this class as, "Abstract art entices me with its primary artistic elements:

color, shape, line, and texture. Flowers are not only beautiful and colorful but also visually very abstract, and therefore lend themselves to abstract painting." Through a series of assignments and exercises, students will create exciting paintings based on the flowers of their choice. This workshop is suitable for adult artists of all levels.

Abstracting from Flowers, will meet on the four Tuesdays in August [Aug. 6, 13, 20, and 27] from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$225 per person. The class will be limited to five students. To register, call the Round Hill Office at 203.869.1091.

Art classes at Round Hill are offered through Art Works!, a program of artistic enrichment at Round Hill Community Church. The Studio is located at 395 Round Hill Rd, Greenwich.

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Enrichment and Acceleration



By CLAY KAUFMAN

When my eldest daughter was in 5th grade in public school, she and several other students apparently finished the “project on an animal of your choice” faster than other students, and had nothing to do with a few days left in the project. So each of them were told by the teacher to pick a second animal and do the same project again. And then a third animal. Not surprisingly, my daughter came home complaining. I sympathized with the teacher: many members of her class of 27 students simply needed more time. The situation prompted me to think further about enrichment and acceleration, and how best we can challenge students.

Students learn at different paces, and as parents, we certainly see the differences among children within our family. Those of us who are educators witness the same challenge: how to support all students while engaging students at their appropriate level. A wise educator once shared with me his eternal struggle. “Parents want homogeneous classes,” he said. “When you have one student, you have a homogeneous class. But the minute you add a second student, you no longer have a homogeneous class.” He was right. Two students rarely learn at exactly the same pace. He also acknowledged the reality that students will not be alone in class, and in fact will often benefit from learning in groups. So what do we do?

There is a delicate balance between enrichment and acceleration. One might define enrichment as the layering of challenges within a particular

assignment. For example, in a middle school English class in which students have to write an essay, the basic requirement might be a five-paragraph essay with an introduction, thesis, conclusion and three examples. How might you enrich that assignment? Some students might pull basic examples from the text. Other students might be ready to choose quotations from the text to incorporate into their essay, and then analyze them. For a strong student who is an eager reader and already proficient in writing an analytical essay, the teacher might have the student choose a second book—or even a poem—and write a comparative essay. In math class, where elementary students are first learning about the area of a triangle, rectangle and other basic shapes, students who need enrichment might find the area of a rectangle with a triangular hole in the middle, or with a semicircle carved out. There are many possibilities.

It is helpful for teachers to be able to focus on the same unit with all of their students, so enrichment becomes useful and necessary. Good professional development opportunities help teachers find resources for students, and these days teachers all over the country—who are all looking for enrichment activities for exactly the same topic—are sharing their best ideas, all in the name of helping students do their best.

Sometimes it is appropriate for a student to accelerate—usually in math, science or foreign language. A student who has mastered arithmetic and Pre-Algebra might be ready to take Algebra I in 7th or 8th grade. Not all students need to take Calculus in high school, however, so how do you decide whether a child is ready to accelerate? As parents, we all know how our heart sinks when our children come home from school and say “that class is boring.” That might be a sign that they

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need enrichment or acceleration. Of course, if your child comes home from the first week of school and says “I already know this math,” that’s usually just a sign that the teacher is reviewing key topics early in the year. But I see two kinds of students who benefit from accelerating: a) students who mature, well-organized and capable and whose curiosity can be stimulated by moving more quickly and b) bright students with a great knack for the topic who may not be employing all their study skills and might still be a bit squirrely, but who rise to the occasion when placed in a class with older students. Acceleration is certainly appropriate in many cases.

When does acceleration backfire? In my experience, when “acceleration” means racing through topics without going into depth, just to have “covered” the material, students don’t benefit. Some summer programs promise a “full year of Algebra in 3 weeks,” which is usually ineffective and leads to struggles in higher level math, when students don’t have a strong foundation in the material.

As parents, we want our children to feel engaged and challenged without being overscheduled. Sometimes after school activities can be an effective way to engage our children, such as a programming class, but students are busy during the school year already. Summer

enrichment programs that cover topics not usually taught in school can therefore be good ways to challenge a child. Applications of math or science, such as engineering, space science or other areas can be fun summer activities. In school, it is fair to ask if there are ways that a teacher can enrich the curriculum for our children, recognizing that we all—including the teachers—want our children to be curious, happy and challenged. Teachers are generally desperately trying to reach the same balance parents hope for. We are all in this together. Often an effective way we as parents can help ensure that our children are getting the enrichment they need is to teach them to be effective self-advocates. Although there are times when a parent needs to ask, when a student approaches a teacher and asks for an extra challenge, it can feel less intimidating than when a parent asks, and it teaches the student a good lesson.

Again, we are all in this together, and I have always appreciated it when a student or parent has approached me with a question or a problem (as opposed to a demand): “this is what we are seeing; is there anything we can do together to make things work better?” When we empower students, and when schools and families work together to ensure that each child’s experience is enriched in its own way, it’s a win for everyone.

NEWS BRIEF

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Greenwich will hold Independence Day fireworks displays at Binney Park and Greenwich Point on July 6, organized by the Department of Parks and Recreation with help from other town agencies. The town funds most of the event, with additional support from the “Bang for Your Buck” fundraiser. More information is available on the Town official website.

The town plans to upgrade Greenwich Avenue to meet ADA standards by modifying eight intersections, enhancing parking, sidewalks, pedestrian ramps, curbs, landscape beds, and lighting. This project, discussed in a recent public hearing, aims to improve safety and accessibility while maintaining the current number of parking spaces. Despite some residents’ concerns about the proposed changes, others emphasized the necessity of ADA compliance for public safety.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS

The Old Greenwich Farmers Market at 38 West End Avenue is open every Wednesday through fall from 2:30 to 6am, offering local food, gifts, jewelry, food trucks, live music, and a prayer tent. The Greenwich Farmers Market at Horseneck Parking Lot runs every Saturday from 9:30am to 1pm. Attendees should note the rules on shopping times, pets, smoking, and parking, with detailed vendor information available online.

The upcoming episode of the PBS series “Museum Access,” airing throughout June, will showcase American Impressionist works from the Cos Cob Art Colony at The Bruce Museum and the Greenwich Historical Society. Host Leslie Mueller will guide viewers through these locations, highlighting paintings by artists such as Childe Hassam, John Henry Twachtman, and Elmer MacRae. The episode will be available on PBS, Amazon Video, Tubi, and Pluto TV.

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Marquis de Lafayette’s 1824 visit to Greenwich, a display at Town Hall, designed by Greenwich High School student Riona McKersie, highlights his role in the American Revolution. The exhibit, supported by local organizations, was unveiled on June 4 with several town officials in attendance. Upcoming events on August 18 and 19 will include reenactments, keynote speeches, and other commemorations of Lafayette’s visit.

Residents, elected officials, and clergy gathered at Greenwich Town Hall to honor victims and survivors of gun violence and raise awareness about its public health impact. Speakers,

including First Selectman Fred Camillo and Jonathan Perloe of CT Against Gun Violence, emphasized the need for responsible gun ownership and criticized lenient juvenile laws. The event highlighted recent legislative efforts to curb gun violence.

The Greenwich Tree Conservancy invites residents to nominate their valued trees for the Treasured Trees Program, which recognizes notable trees for various qualities. Selected trees will receive a nameplate and be listed in the Conservancy’s registry. Nominations can be submitted online by June 30th, with a reception for honorees on October 24th, 2024.

The 35th Annual One Mile Swim at Tod’s Point will be held on Saturday, July 13th, with proceeds supporting the YMCA of Greenwich’s Swim School Scholarship Fund. The event starts at 7:30am, featuring age-grouped heats and wetsuit-optional participation. Registration details and more information are available on The Greenwich Swim Committee website, or by contacting Jon Harnett at 203-253-2546.

After Mumford & Sons’ performance at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, Greenwich Town Party organizers are already planning for next year’s event. Ray Dalio, who founded the party in 2011, announced he will match \$5 million in donations to create a \$10 million endowment fund to ensure the event remains accessible and well-funded. The nonprofit has already raised \$2.5 million towards this goal, aiming to secure the party’s future with the endowment generating sustainable income. For more information about the Greenwich Town Party, past performances, or to make a donation, visit the Greenwich Town Party website.

PEOPLE IN TOWN

Diane Kelly, President of Greenwich Hospital, announced her retirement at the end of this year. Kelly has led the hospital since June 2020 and also served as chief nursing executive for Yale New Haven Health since 2022, managing the hospital through the COVID-19 crisis and advancing its clinical growth. Under her leadership, the hospital launched the \$125 million Arc of Care Campaign and achieved Trauma Level III designation.

The League of Women Voters (LWV) Greenwich announced the winners of their 5th Annual Student Essay Contest on voting. Winners include Jackson Lowe, Grade 5, with his cartoon titled, Carter The Cat; Adriana Bozza, Caroline Stowe, Adriana Pia Portolano Vergona, and Pauline Wells, all Grade 8, with their play, No Vote, No Choice: No Vote, No Voice; and Justin Qu, Grade 11, with his essay, Why Vote?. High School runners-up are Natasha Arakal and Keira Frascella, Grade 11, with her Public Service Announcement titled, Why Vote?; and Alexa Loera, Grade 10, with her poem, Preservation.

A Riverside resident won \$50,000 from the Connecticut Lottery’s \$1,000,000 Extreme Cash game, purchasing the winning ticket at a BP gas station in Old Greenwich. There are only 25 \$50,000 winners among over three million tickets. Each ticket costs \$30, with the grand prize being a \$1 million annuity.

SCHOOLS

This year, Greenwich Country Day School bids farewell to retirees Palmer Sloan, Anna Munoz, Leslea Walker, Michele Ross, and Shaun Kelly. Their significant contributions to the school were acknowledged at a gathering this past Friday attended by alumni, faculty, staff, and families.

SPORTS

Big Red Day, held this past weekend, saw generous contributions from the Greenwich community, which will fund summer camps, meals, and gear for over 200 athletes. The first home game of the upcoming season will be held on September 28, and Homecoming on October 5.

Greenwich Crew excelled at the 2024 USRowing Northeast Youth Championships, winning the Overall Points Trophy and collecting 29 medals, including 12 golds. The Women’s and Men’s Teams secured multiple victories, with several teams advancing to the USRowing Youth Nationals. Coaches praised the athletes’ dedication and teamwork, reflecting the program’s commitment to rowing excellence.

The Tod’s Point Sailing School, a nonprofit, opened its third season over Memorial Day weekend and will operate daily through Labor Day, offering sailboat and paddlecraft rentals, private lessons, and classes for both juniors and adults. Registrations and reservations for courses and rentals can be made online or via phone at 203-637-2022 and email at info@TodsPointSailingSchool@gmail.com, with additional information available at www.TodsPointSailingSchool.org.

Unseeded Greenwich High School juniors Yume Inagawa and Cameron Sowter have advanced to the championship match of the CIAC Invitational Tennis Tournament’s doubles bracket, achieving a 4-0 record so far. They will face senior Phoebe Shostak and sophomore Paige Seaver today at Conard High School in West Hartford.

Greenwich advanced to the Class LL Tournament semifinals with a 10-8 victory over Ridgefield, and faced top-seeded Darien next. The Cardinals, led by standout performances from Emma Abbazia and Dillon McFerran, have won nine of their last twelve games and boast a strong scoring record.

Greenwich High School boys lacrosse team defeated Stamford 13-6 in the first round of the CIAC Class LL Tournament after a tied first half. The Cardinals

dominated the second half with strong performances from players like Mike Brescia and Conrad Burki, setting up a quarterfinal match against New Canaan.

Greenwich High School’s girls golf team secured second place for the third consecutive year at the FCIAC Golf Championship, with Junior Ally Bauer leading the team with a round of 80. New Canaan won the championship, while Trumbull, Darien, and Fairfield Ludlowe placed third, fourth, and fifth respectively.

Greenwich High School’s girls lacrosse team secured a decisive 15-5 victory over Stamford in the first round of the CIAC Class LL Lacrosse Tournament, with standout performances from senior attack Emma Abbazia and sophomore Giselle DiPietro. The Cardinals will face Ridgefield in the quarterfinals, having previously triumphed over them in the FCIAC Tournament.

The Greenwich High School girls tennis team won the CIAC Class LL Tournament title with a 4-0 victory over Staples, marking their first championship since 2009 and finishing the season with a 21-1 record. This win adds to their total of 11 state championships, demonstrating their strong performance and determination throughout the season.

The Greenwich High School boys tennis team completed a second consecutive 22-0 season, winning both the FCIAC and CIAC Class LL championships. This victory marks their 15th state championship and extends their winning streak to 44 matches.

The Greenwich High School girls tennis team advanced to the CIAC Class LL Tournament final after sweeping Fairfield Ludlowe 5-0 in the semifinals. The team is led by standout performances from senior Kyra Dybas and the doubles team of Malena Schraa and Emily Weinstein.

Greenwich High School boys tennis team remains unbeaten, advancing to the CIAC Class LL championship match after defeating Darien 4-1 in the semifinals. They will face Staples in the final, aiming for their second consecutive state title.

LOCAL POLITICS

On Tuesday, a judge at Stamford Superior Court ruled in favor of Fred DeCaro III, rejecting a lawsuit by Susan Schieffelin, George Hritz, Michael DeVita, and Gail Lauridsen to invalidate primary petitions and nullify the March RTC Primaries in Districts 2 and 8. The court found no violation of Connecticut General Statute 9-410(c) and affirmed DeCaro’s actions. Despite the plaintiffs’ allegations, the ruling confirmed that the procedures followed were compliant with state law.

COLUMN

Our Journey Through the Wilderness of Life



By Mitchell M. Hurvitz

Within our traditional cycle of weekly Torah readings, we begin this week by chanting and studying from the Book of Numbers or Sefer Bamidbar, the fourth of the Five Books of Moses. The 4th Book of our Torah is called “Numbers” in English because several narratives refer to the census taken by the ancient Israelites. However, Bamidbar is a better name for the 4th Book, as the Hebrew translates as “In the Wilderness.” The 4th Book tells of the Israelites’ wanderings of forty

years within the wilderness after their redemption from Egyptian bondage, receiving God’s law at Mount Sinai, and then making their way towards the Promised Land of Israel.

Everyone studying Bamidbar can easily relate to “wandering within life’s “wilderness,” and it was purposeful that God gave the Torah to the Israelites Bamidbar – in the wilderness. The first verse of Bamidbar records that “God spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai.” The Chazal (ancient Sages of Blessed Memory) asked and answered: “Why did God give the Torah in the wilderness of Sinai? God gave the Gift of the Torah, accompanied by three things: fire, water, and wilderness. God gifted the Torah in this fashion as a lesson. Fire, water, and the wilderness are free to everyone, as the words

of the Torah are free. However, expressly, the wilderness is noted because anyone who does not make themselves completely open, as the wilderness is open, will not be able to acquire the wisdom of God’s instructions.

Later in Bamidbar, chapter 21, verses 10 – 18, the Torah notes that the “Israelites marched on and camped at Ovat, then Iyey Ha-avarim, then the wilderness that faces Moav, and then to the wilderness of Matanah. Chazal asked and answered: “Why, upon receiving God’s Law at Mount Sinai, is it explicitly noted that the subsequent sequential march ended at Matanah? Because Matanah means Gift, and when people make themselves like the wilderness, free and open to all, the Torah is God’s Gift to them.

Chazal further noted that the Gift of God’s Torah was provided

“in the most deserted place in the world.” The reason God did not give the Torah in the Promised Land of Israel was because then the land’s inhabitants might have said that God’s Torah only belonged to them. And, if God had gifted the Torah somewhere else, then the inhabitants of that place would have declared that God’s Gift only belonged to them. Therefore, God gave the Gift of Torah in the most deserted place in the world, where anyone who wanted to possess God’s Gift of Divine Law could take it freely.

The ancient Israelites wandered Bamidbar for forty years after God gifted the Torah to them. Chazal taught that God thought, “If I lead them the direct way, every person will take hold of their field and their vineyard and will not engage in Torah study. Therefore, I will lead them through

the wilderness, and they will eat the manna (heavenly bread) and drink the water of the miraculous well, and my Torah will settle within their bodies, minds, and souls.”

Like the ancient Israelites, we wander within the wilderness of our lives. Within our wilderness, we attempt to understand the meaning of God’s intentions for us. Why are we free to choose? What shall we do with our freedom of choice? Will we attempt to set borders by which we close ourselves to others and perhaps to God, too? Will we seek to only nourish our bodies at the expense of our minds and souls?

We wander within our life’s wilderness, yet each possesses God’s GPS of Divine Instruction to guide us safely and productively in our journey. God’s GPS is freely accessible but only useful if we

choose to access it. At times, our life’s wilderness is an easy travel, and sometimes very difficult. No matter the circumstances, we can contemplate the meaning of every daily step permitted to us.

Temple Sholom’s Senior Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz is a scholar, teacher, community activist and preacher, and is recognized as one of the prominent religious leaders in the Greenwich area and beyond. A frequent guest speaker at synagogues and churches, study groups, community institutions and universities, he is a charismatic personality who engages individuals and stimulates hearts and minds. His teachings can be found in Greenwich Sentinel and in other local and national publications.

Worship Directory and Services

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
Harvest Time Church
1338 King St., 203-531-7778
www.htchurch.com

Worship Services: Sun, 9 & 10:45am. All services are streamed on the church’s website and YouTube channel. In addition to Sundays, there are also groups for children and teens on Wednesday evenings. *Vacation Bible School ‘24 (Age 4 - Grade 6): June 23-27.*

BAPTIST
First Baptist Church
10 Northfield St.;
203-869-7988
www.firstbaptistgreenwich.com

Sunday Servings: 11:30am, Facebook Live or for Devotion: 11-11:25am (Dial in 701- 802-5355, Access code 360922).

Greenwich Baptist Church
10 Indian Rock Ln;
203-869-2807
www.greenwichbaptist.org

Worship: Sun, 11am (in person and online through Facebook & YouTube). Children Sunday School: 9:30am, ages 9-14y. Adult Bible Study: Sun, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall. Prayer Gathering: Wed, 7pm, Pastor’s Office or virtual on Google Meets.

St. Marv Church
178 Greenwich Ave.;
203-869-9393
www.stmarygreenwich.org

Public Mass: Sun: 9, 10:30am, 12:15 & 5:15pm. Sat Vigils: 4 & 7pm (Spanish). Daily: Mon-Fri, 12:05pm (Church doors will open from 10am-3pm). Confessions (English): Tue: 7-8pm; Sat: 3-3:45pm. Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Fri of the month: 12:30-5pm.

St. Michael the Archangel
469 North St.; 203-869-5421
www.stmichaelgreenwich.com

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30 & 9am. Sat: 9am & 5pm. Sun: 7:30, 8:30, 9:45am, 12 & 5pm. Confession: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm; Wed: 9:30-11am & 6:30-8pm. Eucharistic Adoration: Wed, 9:30am-8pm. New Day Bereavement Program: through Nov. 17, Thu, 7-8:30pm & through Nov. 30 (skipping Nov. 23), Wed, 4-5:30pm, 203-869-5421. *All Holy Angels Group: Thursday, June 13, 7-8:30pm, Contact: Jennifer Ingallinera at jingallinera@gcscet.org. Men’s Group: Saturday, June 15, 8-9am.*

St. Timothy Chapel
1034 North St.; 203-869-5421

Mass: Sat: 4pm (Vigil Mass). Sun: 11am.

St. Paul Church
84 Sherwood Ave.; 203-531-8741
www.stpaulgreenwich.org

Mass: Mon-Thu: 9am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confession: Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thurs of every month, 7:30pm. *First Friday Devotion: June 7, 9am Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of our Redeemer. Confessions will also be available 8:30-8:55am.*

CONGREGATIONAL
The First Congregational Church
108 Sound Beach Ave;
203-637-1791
www.fccog.org

Worship: In-Person & Virtual: Sundays, 10am. Live-streaming on YouTube and Facebook, and broadcast on WGCH (1490 AM). Connect during the week: Friday: Friday Email Blast (sign up by calling the church office); Church school before worship most Sundays, 9am for preschoolers through grade 6. Online programming available via Zoom. A joyful community diverse in spiritual backgrounds and beliefs.

North Greenwich Congregational
606 Riversville Rd; 203-869-7763
(Instagram photos and videos @ north_greenwich_church)

Worship Service: Sun, 10:30am, in person.

Second Congregational Church
139 E Putnam Ave;
203-869-9311
www.2cc.org

Sunday worship: 8:30 & 10:30am. Children’s Chapel during worship. *Tent Weekend: June 7-9 - Pizza Truck & Mad Science Show: Friday, 5:30pm; Worship & BBQ on Sunday, 10:30am. Teddy Bear Story Hour at Coffee for Good: Saturday, June 8, 8am.*

Children’s Chapel downstairs – drop-off starts at 10am. Ongoing: Neighbor-to-Neighbor food drive box by office door. Pick-up is every Thursday morning. *Interfaith Pride Service: Wednesday, June 12, 6:30pm.*

St. Saviour’s Episcopal Church
350 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-2262
www.saintsaviours.org

In-person Service: Sundays, 10am.

IEWISH
Chabad Lubavitch of Greenwich
75 Mason St.; 203-629-9059
www.chabadgreenwich.org

Please visit our website for details on Shabbat services, classes, programs and more. Judaism 101 for Moms: Thursdays, 9:20am. *Shavuot: June 11 & 12, 38 Field Point Rd.*

Congregation Shir Ami
One W. Putnam Ave;
203-274-5376
www.congregationshirami.org

42 Lake Ave.; 203-661-3099

Worship via teleconference: Sun, 11am and until further notice (Dial-in number: 425-436-6380, Access code: 612220).

NONDENOMINATIONAL
Dineletown Community Church
376 Stanwich Rd., at Barnstable Lane

Sunday Service: 10:30am. Philip Antinone – Chaplain.

Revive Church
90 Harding Rd., Old Greenwich (Old Greenwich Civic Center)
www.myrevive.org

Worship Service: Sun, 10am, Holiday Inn 980 Hope St, Stamford. Online Sermons available on Facebook (facebook.com/myrevivechurchgreenwich) and on Youtube. All groups are online. Direct any prayer needs to the prayer chain at 203-536-2686 or revivecfm@gmail.com.

Stanwich Church
202 Taconic Rd.; 203-661-4420
www.stanwichchurch.org

CATHOLIC
Sacred Heart Church
95 Henry St.; 203-531-8730
www.sacredheartgreenwich.org

Mass: Mon-Fri, 7am (in the Chapel); Saturday Vigil, 4pm (in Church); Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confessions: Sat, 3-3:30pm or by appointment. Prayer Group: Thu, 4-5pm, in the Chapel, 38 Gold St. All are welcome. Ministry to the Homebound: if you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like a priest visit you, call the Rectory at 203-531-8730. Stations of the Cross: All Fridays during Lent, 6:30pm, in the Church, All are welcome.

St. Catherine of Siena & St. Agnes
4 Riverside Ave; 203-637-3661
www.stc-sta.org

* All Masses at St. Catherine of Siena Church are in-person and livestreamed (View our Livestream and recordings here: <https://events.locallive.tv/worship/stc-sta>)

St. Timothy Chapel
1034 North St.; 203-869-5421

Mass: Sat: 4pm (Vigil Mass). Sun: 11am.

St. Paul Church
84 Sherwood Ave.; 203-531-8741
www.stpaulgreenwich.org

Mass: Mon-Thu: 9am; Sat: 4pm (Vigil); Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am. Confession: Sat, 3-3:45pm. Mass on Holy Days: Vigil: 5:30pm, 9am & 12:15pm. Visit the website for information regarding the Bereavement Group (twice monthly) and weekly volunteer opportunities at the Don Bosco Kitchen and Food Pantry with the St. Paul Mercy Volunteers. All masses are available via livestream through the website. Evenings For Married Couples: 1st Thurs of every month, 7:30pm. *First Friday Devotion: June 7, 9am Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of our Redeemer. Confessions will also be available 8:30-8:55am.*

St. Roch Church
10 St. Roch Ave; 203-869-4176
www.strochchurch.com

EPISCOPAL
Anglican Church of the Advent
606 Riversville Rd; 203-861-2432
facebook.com/greenwichanglican

Service: Sun, 9am, Holy Eucharist. Sunday School during academic year.

Christ Church Greenwich
254 E. Putnam Ave;
203-869-6600
www.christchurchgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8am, In-person only, Chapel. Messy Church Eucharist: every Sund, 9am, In-person only, Parish Hall. Holy Eucharist: 10am, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary, Children’s Chapel during the service. Choral Evensong or Sung Compline: In-person or livestream, 5pm. Wednesdays: Preach and Teach Eucharist (new time for this midweek service), 12:15pm, In-person only Chapel. Thursdays: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm, In-person or livestream, Main Sanctuary. *Ongoing: Summer Clothing Drive for Liberation House: through June 22, Please drop-in the marked boxes outside the Parish Office. Preach on the Beach: Sunday, June 16, 9am, Tod’s Point. Wild Wonder Kids Camp: June 17-28, 9am-12pm, Ages 2-3rd grade (Toddlers, age two: 9 am - 11 am).*

Greenwich Reform Synagogue
92 Orchard St.; 203-629-0018
www.grs.org

Join Rabbi Gerson and Cantor Rubin every Friday, 6pm for Shabbat Services, and once a month for Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm. All in person services are also live streamed on Zoom. *Shavuot text study with Rabbi Jordie Gerson: Sunday, June 9, 10-11:30am. All are welcome, but RSVPs are required. Email Vera@GRS.org or call 203-629-0018.*

Temple Sholom
300 E. Putnam Ave.;
203-869-7191
www.templesholom.com

Services - In-person and virtual Friday night Shabbat services, 6:30pm & Saturday morning Shabbat services, 10:30am. *Game Night: Mah Jongg & Canasta Hosted by Sisterhood: Monday, June 10, 7-9:15pm. Shavuot: Tikkaun Leil Shavuot Learning with Rabbi Mitch: Tuesday, June 11, 7:30pm. Shavuot Services: Wednesday, June 12, 10:30am & Thursday, June 13, 10:30am (Yizkor approx. 11:15 am), both services offered in-person or virtually. Interfaith Pride Service Hosted by the Greenwich Fellowship of Clergy: Wednesday, June 12, 6:30pm, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Riverside. Farewell Shabbat & Dinner Honoring Rabbi Kevin Peters: Friday, June 14, 6:30pm.*

Center for Spiritual Development. NSAC
293 Sound Beach Ave; 203-637-4615
www.Center4SpiritualDev.org

Sunday Service (hybrid: in-person & virtually on zoom): 7pm. Virtual Children’s Lyceum (ages 5-14): 3rd Sunday of the month, 10-10:40am. Healing Service: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-7:30pm. (Email Albertsonpcc@gmail.com for registration and Zoom Links). *Spiritual, Psychic & Healing Fair: Saturday, June 8, 11am-4pm, In-person, Free admission.*

Trinity Church
5 River Rd.; 203-618-0808
www.trinitychurch.life

Masses: Saturday, 3-4pm – Confessions (Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.) Vigil Mass, 5pm. Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Family Mass), 10:30am (Traditional Mass), 5pm (Teen Mass), all at St. Catherine’s Church). Masses in other Languages: French Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month, 11am. Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month, both at St. Catherine’s Chapel. Spanish Mass, 6:30pm, St. Catherine’s Church. Daily/Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu & Friday: 7am – Daily Mass, St. Catherine’s Church; 5:15pm – Daily Mass, St. Catherine’s Chapel. Tuesdays: Rosary, 6pm, St. Catherine’s Chapel. Wednesdays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30am-4pm, St. Catherine’s Church. Ongoing: Food & Essentials Drive for Neighbor to Neighbor (there will be a car or SUV with an open trunk in the parking lot across from St. Catherine’s church on Tuesdays, 9-11am. Join Music Ministries for choir rehearsals – Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Cherub, Family Mass Choir - contact Music Director, Dr. Liya Petrides at music.director@stc-sta.org with questions. Walking with Purpose: Thursdays, through March 28, 10-11:30am (off Feb. 15 & March 14), stc-sta.org/walking-with-purpose. New Day Bereavement: starts March 5 (There’s no cost and you need not be a member of the Parish of St. Catherine and St. Agnes or even Catholic, you just need to be registered. If interested, please contact Parish Partners at (203- 637-3661, ext. 375). *St. Catherine’s Support Circle: Story Telling: The Cornerstone of Networking: Thursday, June 13, 7pm, Via Zoom, Free, RSVP by June 12. jcw@wca-search.com, stc-sta.org/community-life/st-catherine-s-support-circle.*

Mass: (Reservations and/or for viewing via live streaming): Mon-Fri: 7:30pm; Sat: 5pm; Sun: 7:30am (Concelebrated for Previously Scheduled 9:30am Mass Intentions), 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish). Mass Intentions: consult the bulletin for time.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
First Church of Christ. Scientist
11 Park Pl; 203-869-1555
christiansciencect.org/greenwich

Sundays: 10:30am. Sunday School: for students up to 20yrs, 10:30am, Wed. 7:30, testimonies of healing - call in for all services 203-680-9095 code 520520*. Reading Room, 333 Greenwich Ave. 203-869-2503, M-F, 11-3, some Saturdays. Bibles and children’s books for sale.

COMMUNITY
First Church of Round Hill
464 Round Hill Rd;
203-629-3876
www.firstchurchofroundhill.com

In-person worship: Sundays, 10am.

Round Hill Community Church
395 Round Hill Rd;
203-869-1091
www.roundhillcommunitychurch.org

Weekly Sunday Worship services in the Sanctuary at 10am or online at roundhillcommunitychurch.org anytime. Children’s Worship (grades K-5) meets during the 10 am service. Please call the Church Office or visit the website for the most up-to-date information, events, and schedules. Tools for Aging Well, 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 11am-12pm, Sanctuary. *Sunday Funday: June 9, 11am, after worship, All Are welcome.*

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
954 Lake Ave.; 203-661-5526
www.stbarnabasgreenwich.org

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 10am (in person & livestreamed). *Join us as we celebrate that God is with us through thick and thin throughout the season after Pentecost. Every Sunday features joyful preaching, beautiful music, and a warm welcome for kids and parents. This Sunday, June 9, our priest in charge, the Rev. Dr. Justin E. Crisp, will preach and officiate. Children’s Church, our Sunday School program for kids of all ages, takes place during the 10am service, and childcare is provided all morning in our nursery. Join us as we will celebrate St. Barnabas Day with special music, presentations, and a picnic on the lawn for the whole family. Come catch the joy of the Spirit.* Visit us in person, on our website, and on social media (Instagram: @st.barnabasgreenwich). Small church feel - Big church experience.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
200 Riverside Ave.;
203-637-2447
www.stpaulsriverside.org

Worship: Sundays, 10:15am (in person and streaming). Coffee hour immediately following worship service in Selleck Hall. Sunday School (including frolic Fatih class for toddlers 2+) in the

LUTHERAN
St. Paul Lutheran Church
286 Delavan Ave.;
203-531-8466
www.firstpaul.com

Sunday Divine Service: 9am. Sunday Bible Study: 10:30am. Wednesday Dinner: 5:30pm. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30pm.

METHODIST
Diamond Hill United Methodist
521 E. Putnam Ave.;
203-869-2395
www.diamondhillumc.com

In-person & Online Worship Service every Sunday, 10am, followed by a time of Fellowship. Wednesday Noonday Prayer & Wednesday Evening Bible Study. (Details at diamondhill.com).

First United Methodist Church
59 E. Putnam Ave.; 203-629-9584
www.fumcgreenwich.com

Sunday Worship, 9:30am (except the last Sunday of the month at 10:30am). Virtual Daily Gathering: Mon-Fri, 3pm, Zoom. Talking with Your Hands: Mon, 3pm. Reading this World as a Christian: Tue, 3pm. Back to Rock – music with Mr. Bruce: Tue, 3pm, via Zoom. Reading the Shape of Scripture: Wed, 3pm, via Zoom. Spring Bible Study: Thu, 3pm, via Zoom. Tea & Talk: Fri 3pm, via Zoom.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal

In-Person Services: Sun., 9:45am, Hyatt Regency Greenwich, 1800 E. Putnam Ave., Old Greenwich; 10am, Trinity Westchester, 2111 Boston Post Rd, Larchmont, NY; 11am, Saxe Middle School, New Canaan. *Milestone – Greenwich: Milestone Sunday + Baptisms - Sunday, June 9, 11:30am-12:30pm, Greenwich Service.*

PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian Church
1 W. Putnam Ave.;
203-869-8686
www.fpcg.org

Worship: Sundays, 10am. *Pot Luck: Sunday, June 9, 11am. Blood Drive: Saturday, June 15, 8:15am.*

Grace Church of Greenwich
89 Maple Ave.
203-861-7555
www.gracechurchgreenwich.com

Worship: Sundays, 8:45 & 10:45am, Woman’s Club of Greenwich, 89 Maple Ave. Bible Studies and Sunday School meet in person. All are welcome.

Living Hope Community Church
38 West End Ave;
203-637-3669
www.LivingHopect.org

In-person & online (LivingHopect.org/ livestream) worship Sundays: 10am. Prayer for the Nation: Thursdays, 7:30-8pm, Online. Register and more information: livinghopect.org/resources/alpha. *Car Wash and Bake Sale for our Young Life friends in Nicaragua: Sunday, June 9, 11:30am-12:30pm.*

COLUMN



By DREW WILLIAMS

PART 1

Pastor and author Chuck Swindoll wrote: “In place of our exhaustion and spiritual fatigue, God will give us rest. All He asks is that we come to Him . . . that we spend a while thinking about Him, meditating on Him, talking to Him, listening in silence, occupying ourselves with Him – totally and thoroughly lost in the hiding place of His presence.” David knew the value of this gift: “Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from Him.” (Psalm 62:1).

In neglect of this gift, the early 20th century pastor Harry Emerson Fosdick warns us, “He who cannot rest, cannot work; he who cannot let go, cannot hold on; he who cannot find footing, cannot go forward.” So go take a long nap! “In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.” (Psalm 4:8).

PART 2

Have you noticed that amidst many family gatherings there might possibly be a friend or a relative who requires just a smidgen of extra grace? And why is it that Aunt Jane, who has never darkened the door of a church, can act perfectly nice while Uncle John, who says he is a Christian, is a social wrecking ball? Shouldn't he be nicer?

Of the Incarnation, C.S. Lewis wrote, “God became man to turn creatures into sons [and daughters]: not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man. . . . It costs God nothing, so far as we know, to create nice things: but to convert rebellious wills cost Him crucifixion.” That Aunt Jane is even-tempered is God’s gift to Aunt Jane and not Aunt Jane’s gift to God. Uncle John was not equally gifted, and God knows all the circumstances of his life that have fractured and splintered his soul. Uncle John is one of the poor whom God has blessed, and God knows what a

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wretched machine John is attempting to drive.

God’s heart is not to teach a horse to jump better, but is much more “like turning a horse into a winged creature,” and, concludes Lewis, “there may be a period, while the wings are just beginning to grow, when it cannot do so: and at that stage the lumps on the shoulders — no one could tell by looking at them that they are going to be wings — may even give it an awkward appearance.”

I pray that the Lord would give you His grace for every Uncle John that comes across your threshold and for the little bit of Uncle John that lives within us all.

PART 3

We understand that our lives come to us second by second. God, however, does not exist within time in the same way. When Jesus said, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end” (Revelation 22:13), He meant that all of time and eternity rests within Him. He did not mean that we should view Him as bound and limited to walk through time, like we do, as if in a straight line.

Two things strike me about this, and each of them mess with your head a little bit:

Firstly, let’s say that we are all praying to the Lord this morning. God is not bound to hear those prayers in the little slice of time that we call “6:30 a.m.” C.S. Lewis reminds us that 6:30 and “every other moment from the beginning of the world — is always the Present for Him.” In this way (thinking of his own wartime experience), he continues, “[God] has all eternity in which to listen to the split second of prayer put up by a pilot as his plane crashes...”

Secondly, this means that God has all the time in the world for you. Lewis writes, “God is not hurried along in the Time-stream of this universe any more than an author is hurried along the imaginary time of his own novel. He has infinite attention to spare for each of us. He does not have to deal with us in the mass. You are as much alone with Him as if you were the

only being He had ever created. When Christ died, He died for you individually just as much as if you had been the only man in the world.”

And in exactly this way Jude could pray, “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen” (Jude 24-25).

I pray that as you come to Him today you would know that He has all the time in the world for you!

PART 4

What do we actually mean by “forgiving others”? How would I know that I had truly forgiven someone? Jesus told us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves — so might that be a good place to start? And yet forgiveness does not require me to artificially make out that those I am called to forgive are actually decent people. Indeed, even while learning to love my enemies I am supposed to loathe some of the things my enemies do.

So what is forgiveness? C.S. Lewis gives us this eternal perspective: “Remember, we Christians think man lives forever. Therefore, what really matters is those little marks or twists on the central, inside part of the soul In other words, something inside us, the feeling of resentment, the feeling that wants to get one’s own back, must simply be killed. . . . every time it bobs its head up, day after day, year after year, all our lives long, we must hit it on the head. It is hard work, but the attempt is not impossible.”

And it is not impossible (though seldom easy) because the same mercy the Lord daily extends to us grows within us by the presence of His Spirit. Jesus could ask the impossible of us when He said “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36) because the same mercy He abundantly pours over us was also intended to abundantly

pour through us.

PART 5

The apostle John declared, “We love because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19). God has always taken the initiative in love. In love He created us. Catherine of Siena wrote, “In love you drew us out of yourself, giving us being in your own image and likeness.”

In love, He took the initiative and came searching for us in the incarnation. In the words of Augustine, “Could there be more mercy shown to us unhappy creatures than the mercy that induced the creator of heaven to descend from heaven and the creator of the earth to clothe himself with a mortal body?”

And it is because He loved us first that He gave Himself for us. “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10).

In creation, in the incarnation, in His death and resurrection, in the outpouring of His Spirit — He took all the initiative; He loved us first. And can’t we all look back upon our lives and see so clearly that it was only because He took the lead and pursued us in love that we were ever drawn to His heart?

The mistake we might make in considering the lead He has taken in loving us first is to limit such initiative to the past tense. Instead, we should pray with the Christian philosopher Søren Kierkegaard, who wrote, “You have loved us first, O God — alas we speak of it as it were historically just once, and yet you do it constantly, many times every single day, throughout the whole of life, you always love us first. When we awake in the morning and turn our thoughts to you — you are the first, you have loved us first. If I were to rise at daybreak and instantly turn my thoughts to you in prayer, you are already there ahead of me. You have loved me first. When out of my distractions I collect my thoughts and think of you, you are there first... always.”

In His great love,
Bishop Andrew Williams

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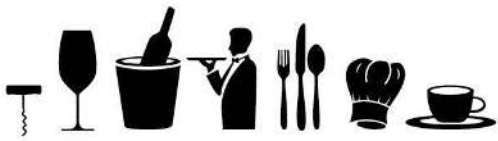
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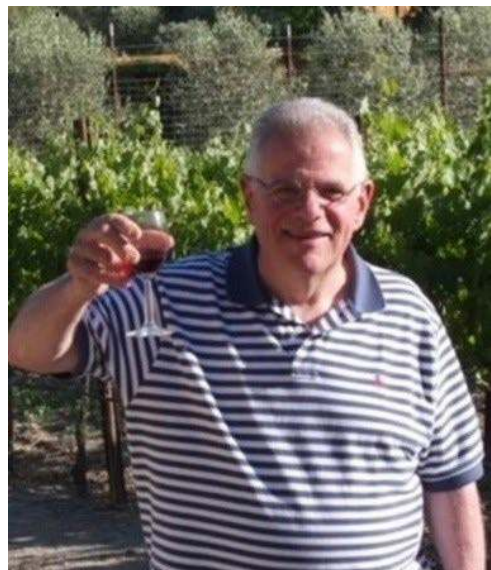
ALICE SEARS

SEPT. 1, 1925 – MAY 29, 2024

Alice Mary Sears was born in Ogdensburg, NY on September 1, 1925. Alice began her nursing career at A. Barton Hepburn Hospital where she worked for 15 years before relocating to Greenwich, CT in 1960. Alice continued her nursing career at Greenwich Hospital working in the Emergency Department before moving to Respiratory Therapy and eventually the private nursing floors until her retirement in the 1990's.

Alice loved traveling the world with her steadfast group of nursing friends whom she cared for dearly. Always on the lookout for a new adventure and also enjoyed reading. She was a parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Greenwich, CT. She will be remembered for her kind and giving spirit by those she cared for and loved.

Viewing hours were on Thursday, June 6. Interment will be private.



ALEXANDER SALEMME

Alexander “Al” Salemme of Greenwich, CT, died on May 26 in West Palm Beach, Florida, with his daughter and grandson by his side.

Born on February 19, 1948, in West Haven, CT, to Marion Caruso Salemme and Ralph Salemme, Al graduated from West Haven High School and later, in 1974, began a career in the grocery business with Grade A Markets, owned by the Cingari Family. While at Grade A, he became an integral part of the produce, bakery, and floral departments. Over the years, Sam Cingari and Al created a special bond that few are lucky enough to share. In fact, Al adopted the entire Cingari Family as if they were his own and they have always held a special place in Al's heart.

Al cared deeply about his work and his employees. He relished the opportunity to share his knowledge by mentoring anyone who was interested in learning about his passion. Al was always there to offer support and guidance. Whether employee, friend, family or stranger, if he could be of assistance, you knew Al would lend a hand.

Al's friends meant the world to him. They made his days brighter and Al reflected that brightness back. Al could walk into any local restaurant, and everyone knew him by name. Some may call Al a legend, but Al knew that his success was only due to the amazing people around him. Al inspired many, but many inspired him, too.

Most anyone who knew him also knew Al was an avid wine connoisseur. True to form and character, he was always happy to teach his friends as much as he could about his favorite grapes. Al was always up to share a tasting. Al's talents were also on full display when he hosted the best house parties in Fairfield County. Al owned four dozen wine glasses to ensure that each of his guests had their own glass. There was no plastic at Al's home! If Al came to your home for dinner, he would most likely find his way to the kitchen to help create an “ALevated” experience.

Al is survived by his daughter, Dana

Kaplan; his grandson, Andrew Kaplan; his granddaughter, Emma Kaplan; his niece, Jackie Marsala; his nephew, Tom Colucci and his great-nephews and nieces, Kevin Wypychoski, Laurel Wypychoski, Tracy Smith, and Richard Caruso Jr.

He was pre-deceased by his parents, Marion Caruso Salemme and Ralph Salemme, his sister, Marie Colucci, and his brothers, Edmond Caruso and Richard Caruso, Sr.

A Wake service took place on the afternoon of Monday, June 3 at the Nicholas F. Cognition Funeral Home & Crematory, Stamford, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday morning, June 4, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Stamford. The interment was private.

To leave a message of condolence for Al's family, please visit cognition.com

MAXINE IZZO

Maxine Hall Izzo, age 98, of Harrisburg, PA and formerly Old Greenwich CT, passed away on May 23. She was born on November 23, 1925, in Groveton, NH.

Maxine, known as “Cinny” to her loved ones, had a remarkable career as a registered nurse and worked at various prestigious institutions, including Columbia Presbyterian Women and Babies Hospital in New York City, Stamford Hospital in Connecticut, the Visiting Nurses Association, and The Sterling Glen Assisted Living Center. Her dedication and passion for nursing served as an inspiration to all.

Maxine graduated from Groveton High School (Groveton, NH) in 1944 and she completed training at the Mary Fletcher Hospital School of Nursing (Burlington, VT) in 1946. It was there that she met and later happily married the love of her life, Patrick A. Izzo MD (Pat).

Maxine was a friendly and outgoing individual who always wore a smile and would always help anyone in need. She cherished spending time with her family, traveling, listening to music, and gardening. During her retirement years, she devoted her time to volunteering at The Penn State Health Hershey Medical Center, Hershey Ronald McDonald House, and The Children's Miracle Network. She was a participating member in the Linglestown Garden Club and loved having coffee on Monday mornings with her close friends known as the “DunDulas”.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Paula Cameron, and her husband Donald of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, along with her 4 grandsons, Patrick A Izzo III, Donald G. Cameron, D. Tucker Cameron, Andrew James Izzo, and 2 granddaughters, Sarah Elizabeth Izzo and Peri Ellen Moore. Maxine was predeceased by her husband, Patrick A Izzo, MD, and her devoted son, Patrick A Izzo, Jr.

Maxine was an active member of The Holy Name of Jesus Church in Harrisburg, PA, where she found solace and community.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to UVM Foundation at the University of Vermont, Children's Miracle Network at Penn State Health Hershey, or Hershey Ronald McDonald House.

The Hoover Funeral Home in Linglestown, Pennsylvania, is assisting with the arrangements.



JOANNE DEARCOPP

On May 10, 2024, Joanne Dearcopp (83) passed away in her sleep, at her home, in Old Greenwich, CT, where she had been a resident and involved community member for over 40 years.

Ms. Dearcopp was born on October 2, 1940, in Paterson, NJ, to Hilma Brandenburg Dearcopp and Walter Dearcopp, a New York City Police Department detective.

After earning her B.A. in psychology from Gettysburg College, she moved to New York and worked at the Sloan-Kettering Institute, the Animal Medical Center and then began her first stint in publishing at Simon & Schuster.

Her first entrepreneurial job was as a sports marketing agent. She was one of the first women allowed in the pits at the Indy 500 and at the Formula One race in Monte Carlo. She represented Janet Guthrie, the first woman driver at the Indy 500, and Lela Lombardi, the first woman to race Formula One. She also represented Olympic downhill gold medalist Barbara Ann Cochran, and the boxer Jackie Tonawanda, who dubbed herself the ‘Female Ali’. She also photographed film stars Charles Bronson and Richard Burton on location.

In Joanne's own words, “Sports marketing was a lot of fun, but I finally decided to ‘grow-up’ and took a job as a marketing director for Nestle.’ After several years in corporate life, she decided to “go out on my own again” as an independent marketing and strategic consultant, interior designer, movie car wrangler, and ultimately as an editor and publisher. Most notably she started her own publishing company in the early 2000's, Muse Ink Press, and was instrumental in publishing local writers, as well as the rediscovery of her client and close friend, author Sanora Babb.

Joanne was an avid traveler, sailor, and passionate collector of Native American and Chinese art and artifacts. She venerated ancient history and cultures, had a spiritual curiosity for the natural world, a very positive nature and a youthful enthusiasm for adventure. She was a founding member of the Bruce Museum, and an active member of Greenwich Pen Women.

Joanne, known to her loved ones as “JoJo,” was also a dedicated student of Zen Buddhism for 20 years, and was recently ordained in the traditional Jukai ceremony at the Zen Mountain Monastery in Mt. Tremper, NY, where she received the Dharma name Jishin (compassionate faith).

JD, Jo, Jozie... Joanne was known by many nicknames to the lifelong friends she'd made in her various professional pursuits, many of them scattered throughout the world now, but all equally inspired by her interests and passions.

Always in the market for “new and interesting adventures,” Joanne also served as a Director of the Old Greenwich Yacht Club. Maybe “I am not really ever ‘grown up yet!”, she commented to fellow members.

She is survived by her sister, Janet Dearcopp, a retired LPGA golf pro, residing in The Villages, Fla.

A small local gathering to honor her memory will be hosted at Greenwich Point Park on Sunday, July 14 at 4 p.m.

Donations in honor of Joanne may be made to the Mt. Tremper Zen Mountain Monastery and Greenwich Pen Women.

To RSVP, or for further instructions on the Greenwich Point Park gathering, please contact zach@indielex.com



MARY ROSE WHELAN

September 11, 1930 - May 8, 2024

Mary Rose Whelan (Pirrello) passed away on Wednesday, May 8, surrounded by family.

Mary was born and raised in Bridgeport, CT, in a large, loving, Italian family. She attended Central High School in Bridgeport, graduating highest in her class. After her graduation, she enrolled at the University of Bridgeport, where she met the love of her life, the late Richard M. Whelan.

Upon graduating summa cum laude and moving to Greenwich, Mary became a teacher at her alma mater, Central High School. Later in life she worked at the Greenwich High School Media Center, and as a caretaker for special needs children.

As a woman of deep faith, religion was a very important part of Mary's life. She was an active parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Byram, as well as a member of the St. Catherine Players for 25 years, where she became well known for her gregarious singing and dancing. Outside of church, she enjoyed spending time at her much beloved Byram Shore, swimming and socializing with her friends. She was also an active member of the Byram Veterans Women's Auxiliary.

Above all Mary loved her family. Her 68-year marriage to Richard was filled with an enduring love, and many dances to Glen Miller's “In the Mood”. She never missed a birthday, baptismal day, or any other celebration. Time spent with her family was what she most cherished.

Mary had a way of bringing joy and life to everyone she met through her engaging and energetic personality and was sure to let them know that they were in her prayers.

She is survived by her six children, Peggy of Dunedin, FL, Richard (Susan) of St. Augustine, FL, Patti (Bob) LePere of Cheshire, CT, Robert (Beth) of Wilmington, NY, Joe (Kristin) of Newtown, CT and Mary (John) Taylor of Mission Hills, KS. She is also survived by her grandchildren Paul, Joey, Kristopher, Jared, Ruby, Ethan, Mallory, Leah (Matt) Piros and her great-granddaughter Quinn, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Visitation was on Monday, June 3 at Castiglione Funeral Home located, Greenwich. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 4, at Sacred Heart Church, Greenwich. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery.

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Girls Golf Team Places A Strong Second At FCIAC Championship

By David Fierro

For the third straight season, Greenwich High School's girls golf team made a sensational showing at the FCIAC Golf Championship, placing second in the five-team tournament, held at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course in Fairfield on Thursday.

The Cardinals, who finished second in the FCIAC Championship for the third year in a row, finished with a team aggregate score of 340. New Canaan won the FCIAC title, posting a five-player, team aggregate score of 340.

Trumbull, the 2023 FCIAC champion was third with an aggregate score of 345, followed by Darien (393) and Fairfield Ludlowe



From left to right: Ellery Talbot, Caroline McShea, Charlotte Langhorne, Zarah Hillman, Bella Crasto, Ally Bauer and coach Brian Dayton gather with the trophy following their second-place finish at the FCIAC Girls Golf Championship, held at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course in Fairfield on May 30, 2024.

(408). Junior Ally Bauer helped pace Greenwich, shooting a round of 80 at Fairchild Wheeler's par-74 Black Course.

Bauer shot a 40 on both

the front and back nine on her way to a round of 6-over-par 80. Senior captain Caroline McShea shot an 81 for the Cardinals.

McShea shot a 38 on the

front nine and a 43 on the back nine for her round of 81 for the Cardinals.

Charlotte Langhorne, also a senior captain, registered a round of 89

for Greenwich (46-46-89). Sophomore Ellery Talbot finished with a 90 (44-46-90), while senior captain Zarah Hillman posted a round of 92 (46-46-92) for GHS. Bella Crasto, a senior captain, carded a 93 for the Cardinals.

For New Canaan, Chloe Cui led the way with a round of 4-over-par 79 (37-42-79). Amanda Vigano shot an 83 (44-39) and Maxie Mirin carded an 84 (37-47) for the FCIAC champion Rams.

Paige McKenna of Fairfield Warde earned the FCIAC Championship tournament's individual medalist honors, shooting a 1-over-par 75 (38-37-75). Also on Thursday, the All-FCIAC Girls Golf

team was announced. McShea and Bauer each earned All-FCIAC First Team honors for Greenwich. Talbot was presented with All-FCIAC Second Team honors and Hillman and Crasto were All-FCIAC Third Team honorees. Langhorne received All-FCIAC Honorable Mention recognition for the Cardinals, who have enjoyed another standout spring season.

Coached by Brian Dayton, Greenwich earned a record of 8-1 overall and 4-0 in the FCIAC West Division, giving it the FCIAC West Division championship trophy.

Girls Tennis Team Wins CIAC Class LL Tournament

By David Fierro

The 2023 season saw the Greenwich High School girls tennis team come extremely close to meeting its ultimate goal, on Thursday, the Cardinals achieved their main, season-long goal.

A highly impressive 4-0 win over 11th-seeded Staples in the championship match at Wilton High School gave top-seeded Greenwich the CIAC Class LL Tournament title, its first since the 2009 season.

With the state championship victory, Greenwich concluded its season with a sparkling record of 21-1. The Cardinals have now won 11 state championships, the others coming in 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 1999, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1990 and 1989. In 2023, Greenwich earned a spot in the Class LL Tournament final, where it was edged by New Canaan, 4-2.

In Thursday's Class LL title matchup, senior captain Kyra Dybas won the first set of her No. 1 singles match against her Staples opponent and was ahead, 4-1, in the second set, when the Cardinals picked up their fourth win and clinched the championship. At second



Members of the Greenwich High School varsity girls tennis team gather with coach Gerard Sulli with the championship plaque after the team won the CIAC Class LL Tournament championship with a 4-1 win over rival Staples.

singles, sophomore Shining Sun of Greenwich posted a 6-1, 6-0 victory against her Staples opponent.

"This match went so well and we were extremely ready for it," Greenwich senior captain Malena Schraa said. "We knew Staples would come out strong and we needed to be stronger."

In the No. 3 singles match, GHS sophomore Caitlin Mahoney was also in top form. She won her first set against her Staples opponent, 6-0 and was

leading 5-1 in the second set, when the match ended due to the Cardinals picking up their fourth win and capturing the title.

At fourth singles, junior Izzy Everett finished her match for the Cards, registering a 6-0, 6-1 win against the Wreckers.

"Our team was incredibly focused on winning, as we have been getting so close," Schraa said.

Doubles action in the Class LL final saw Schraa and senior Emily

Weinstein take their opening set versus their Staples foes, 6-2. They were then tied at 1-1 in the second set when the match ended.

"Emily and I played well, we came on strong and won the first set when the previous time we played them, we lost in two sets," Schraa noted. "Emily had great serves and I was able to use my backhand side a lot."

At second doubles, junior Yume Inagawa and freshman Cameron

Sowter gave Greenwich, coached by Gerard Sulli, a dominant 6-1, 6-0 victory in the championship match. Junior Emme Pecorin and sophomore Maddy Wilber continued their perfect season at No. 3 doubles.

Pecorin and Wilber concluded the season undefeated in doubles action, winning their

match against Staples, decisively, 6-0, 6-1. For the Class LL Tournament, Greenwich defeated all strong FCIAC opponents – Westhill, Fairfield Ludlowe, Wilton and Staples.

"Our team played so well and I can't express my happiness of our win," Schraa said.

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Baseball’s Greatest Rivalries

By CHARLIE SHAPIRO

At the May 29th meeting of the Retired Men’s Association Spike Lipschutz introduced the day’s speaker, Kelley Franco Throop, on “Getting Schooled in Baseball’s Greatest Rivalries.” Kelley Franco is a baseball media entrepreneur, and her company is Three Inning Fan LLC. She hosts her own baseball podcast, “A Date in October with KFT.” She has been a guest lecturer at the Baseball Hall of Fame and a baseball contributor on CNN’s Financial Network. By day, Kelley is a practicing attorney in New Canaan, Connecticut at her firm, Franco and Associates.

Franco began by setting the stage for discussing rivalries, emphasizing how they add passion, excitement, and storytelling to baseball. She then dove into the “four main rivalries” she wanted to focus on. The first was the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants, which Franco called possibly “the rivalry with the greatest baseball moments.” She traced the geographic and socioeconomic roots of the rivalry dating back to the late 1800s. The high point was the famous 1951 pennant race, culminating in Bobby Thomson’s “Shot Heard ‘Round the World” home run to win the pennant for the Giants.

The second main rivalry covered was the Yankees and Red Sox, labeled “the greatest rivalry in sports.” Franco hit on several landmark moments, including Bucky Dent’s home run in the 1978 playoff game, Aaron Boone’s dramatic 2003 ALCS-winning homer, and the 2004 ALCS comeback by the Red Sox from a 3-0 series deficit to finally reverse the “Curse of the Bambino.” The third peculiar rivalry discussed was between flamboyant Oakland A’s owner Charlie Finley and baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn in the 1970s, stemming from Kuhn voiding Finley’s attempted trades and sales of star players. The fourth main rivalry was the Cubs and Cardinals, driven by their geographic proximity and frequent regular season matchups over the decades, as well as shared players and managers like Bruce Sutter.

Franco then covered three “honorable mention” rivalries in a quicker hitting style. First was the combustible relationship between George Steinbrenner and Billy Martin, with Martin getting hired and fired five times as Yankees manager. Next was the fierce on-field battling between the Yankees and Royals in the late 1970s, highlighted by brawls and the infamous “Pine Tar Incident.” Lastly, she discussed the underrated but heated Reds-Pirates rivalry which produced several classic



Kelly Franco Throop entertained the audience with her insights into baseball’s historic rivalries.

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playoff matchups in the 1970s.

The talk featured multimedia clips of iconic baseball moments like the Roseboro-Marichal brawl and Carlton Fisk’s dramatic game six home run. Franco sprinkled in trivia questions to engage the audience on points like players involved in various plays. She closed by mentioning other potential rivalries to explore like the St. Louis Browns-Cardinals, Mets-Yankees, and Pete Rose’s clash with commissioner Bart Giamatti, expressing her passion for unearthing baseball’s rich tradition of fiery rivalries.

The Q&A covered topics like the awful racism Jackie Robinson faced with his low initial salary, how baseball’s increased reliance on analytics may be diminishing prolonged rivalries, the disastrous Nolan Ryan trade by the Mets, and comical tales of heckling of Ted Williams from the Fenway stands by fans.

Overall, Franco’s talk provided a comprehensive overview of some of baseball’s most heated rivalries, peeling back the layers on their roots, key moments and personalities, and how they added to the vibrant fabric of the game’s history and lore. Her multimedia approach and blend of facts, storytelling and audience engagement made for an entertaining and informative presentation.

The talk can be viewed by going to the RMA website at <https://greenwichrma.org>, and clicking on “Speakers.”

The RMA’s upcoming presentation, “Once a Giant: A Story of Victory, Tragedy, and Life After Football,” by Gary Myers, is scheduled for 11 AM on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. Radio host Jim Campbell will interview sports journalist and author Gary Myers on his new book that details the brotherhood formed by the 1986 Giants as they won Super Bowl XXI. What makes this brotherhood so unique is nearly 40 years later the bond remains as strong as ever. If a player has an issue, his teammates are there to help him out. Even Bill Parcells, the hard-driving coach, is there for his former players. He has loaned a total of \$4 million to former players with financial problems. Myers will talk about the impact playing football has had on the post-career lives of the ’86 Giants as they are now in their 50s, 60s and 70s. Many of the stories are heartwarming and funny but some are heartbreaking. The ’86 Giants are the most popular team in Giants history as the team begins to celebrate its 100th season.

Gary Myers is the former NFL Columnist for the Dallas Morning News and New York Daily News. He is the author of six books, including “Brady vs. Manning,” a New York Times bestseller, which examines the greatest rivalry in NFL history. “Once a Giant,” an Amazon bestseller, was released in September. He is currently working on his seventh book: “Was It Brady or Belichick?” Myers has been covering the

NFL since 1978 and was a long-time cast member of HBO’s “Inside the NFL” and the YES Network’s “This Week in Football.” He is a graduate of Syracuse University’s Newhouse School of Public Communications and is a former adjunct professor at Newhouse. He is a regular contributor to The NY Blitz on WPIX in New York.

To stream the presentation by Gary Myers at 11 AM on Wednesday, June 12, click on <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>. This presentation will also be available on local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

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Greenwich Concours d'Elegance Triumphs

By Liz Leamy

Last weekend was a golden one on all counts as hundreds of people convened at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park on the Long Island Sound to attend the much-anticipated 28th Greenwich Concours d'Elegance with its famous annual showcase of classic and contemporary American and European vehicles.

This renowned event, that is sponsored and organized by Hagerty, the automotive lifestyle brand and specialty collectible insurance company based in Traverse City, Michigan, and has been ranked by USA Today as a top-five car affair in the U.S., featured more than 300 stunning automobiles of all makes, styles and years, as well as an array of activities, including the Hagerty Ride and Drive experience and other memorable things, designating it as another unforgettable moment in time for its participants.

“We’re thrilled with the quality of cars and the number of people that came. These events are what the car culture is all about and we’re honored to be here,” said McKeel Hagerty, Chief Executive Officer of Hagerty, who graciously thanked the Town of Greenwich for its vital role in this event. “The stars of this event, of course, are the cars and the owners who bring the cars.”

This year’s Greenwich Concours, in its celebrated signature style, drew scores of renowned automobile collectors and luminaries from all over the East Coast and the U.S., many of them coming from places as far as Montana, Idaho and



Photos by Bob Capazzo

Washington.

This year’s Greenwich Concours top honors went to Leigh Brent’s breathtaking navy 1931 Cadillac 452A that was named as the Concours d'Elegance Best of Show Award winner on Sunday and Tim McMann’s electric Barris-Built custom purple and ecru 1957 Chevrolet 210 ‘El Capitola’ had been chosen as the Best of Show champion at the Concours de Sport event on Saturday.

“The custom, Barris-designed 1957 Chevrolet 210 and elegant 1931 Cadillac 452A celebrate not only the quality of cars in the region, but the diversity of cars as well,” said Hagerty. “We are tremendously grateful for the support of our partners, sponsors, volunteers, judges and attendees who made this year’s event a success.”

Certainly it was endearing to note the reactions of Brent and McMann as their automobiles were named as the leading victors of the 2024 Greenwich Concours.

“I’m real thrilled to be here, it’s my first time and it’s been great. Everyone has been so nice and it’s been a landmark day. I’m just so surprised and happy,” said McMann of Vancouver, Washington, whose Barris-designed Chevrolet 210, that had been built in Sacramento, California, had also been named the 2024 Greenwich Concours Specialty Award and Media Award winner in addition to having been selected as the event’s Best of Show Concours de Sport champion. “It blew me away that we were selected as a finalist and then when they put the final ribbon on, I

couldn’t believe it. It’s really been something.”

Brent was also grateful about the unfolding of the weekend’s events.

“It’s all been so exciting,” said Brent, who is from Baltimore, Maryland, as he stood proudly by his automobile discussing some of its fascinating history, including the fact that it is a rare car whose coachwork had been done by the famous Fleetwood Metal Body automobile coachbuilder that had been based in Fleetwood, Pennsylvania before relocating to Detroit, among other notable things. “I’m just happy to be here and be part of this whole event. Everyone here comes together to celebrate the love of cars and that’s what it’s all about.”

Throughout this event, everyone there, including

the spectators, presenters, officials, food and retail vendors, volunteers, security staff, Hagerty team members as well as those there with their cars, all certainly seemed as if they were having a good time, all in celebration of the beauty, design, role and impact of the automobile in past and present day culture.

“It’s amazing to be here. Everyone has been so kind and this venue is gorgeous, especially with the park being right on the water,” said Scott Nickett of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, whose striking 1961 teal green Imperial Crown had been selected as the champion among its class at this event. “There are so many beautiful cars here. They’re really like artwork on wheels, and it’s been an honor to win an award. Everyone is so committed to what they do and it’s such a dedicated and great group of people.”

Others agreed. “This is my first time here and I’m having a great time. It’s a beautiful show and I’m glad I came,” said Tony Brienza of Wyckoff, New Jersey, whose 1966 electric blue Corvette Stingray Convertible drew scores of admirers on Saturday. (Brienza also shows his cars along with his son, Michael Brienza, at Concours events all around the East Coast on a regular basis.)

Meanwhile, many of the officials there, who could be spotted wearing navy blazers, khaki slacks, button-down shirts and straw-brimmed hats, also seemed to be having an enjoyable time.

“This is a great event,” said Nick Pagani, who has been a Greenwich Concours d'Elegance

official for 28 years and is owner of the esteemed car repair and restoration shop, Ace Auto that is located in New Rochelle, New York and serves as home to 80 vintage cars. “Everyone is friendly, the cars are amazing and I always look forward to coming here every year.”

By all means, the buoyant mood and energy described by Pagani and so many others seemed to be felt among the spectator contingent as well.

All weekend long, attendees of this event could be seen having a great time whether they were either busy checking out the magnificent showcase of vehicles, shopping at the Hagerty Group’s vendor tent, noshing on the tasty selection of culinary fare at one of the food vendor trucks or just hanging out laughing, chatting and catching up with one another.

“This has been a wonderful event. It’s beautiful here and everyone is so friendly,” said Kim Greeley of Baltimore, Maryland, who was attending the Concours with Leigh Brent, owner of the 1931 Cadillac 452A that was named the 2024 Concours d'Elegance Best of Show victor. “The whole atmosphere here is amazing and it’s great to be part of it all.”

Others concurred. “This is such a nice event here in Greenwich,” said Guinevere Freccia who helps run her family’s iconic 100 year-old business, Freccia Brothers Garage located on 246 West Putnam Avenue in Greenwich. “There are so many people here, the cars are beautiful and there’s such a nice, calm feeling in the air. It’s really great.”



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125 Bowman Drive	\$1,949,000	\$655	2,975	1.19	6	4	Glenville
106 Orchard Street	\$1,995,000	\$564	3,539	0.4	5	4	Cos Cob
22 Stanwich Lane	\$2,150,000	\$788	2,729	0.41	4	3	South Parkway
23 Sachem Road	\$2,195,000	\$741	2,964	0.41	4	3	South of Post Road
15 Skylark Road	\$2,495,000	\$889	2,807	0.26	5	3	South Parkway
188 Bedford Road	\$2,875,000	\$569	5,054	4	5	4	North Parkway
62 Mason Street 1W	\$2,950,000	\$2,060	1,432		2	2	South of Post Road
686 Lake Avenue	\$3,000,000	\$655	4,580	2.25	6	4	South Parkway
89 Shore Road	\$3,295,000	\$1,001	3,292	0.22	4	4	Old Greenwich
16 Maher Avenue	\$4,050,000	\$894	4,530	0.31	4	4	South Parkway
472 Maple Avenue	\$4,495,000	\$1,082	4,155	1.14	3	3	South Parkway
490 North Street	\$4,795,000	\$713	6,725	1	5	7	South Parkway
158 Clapboard Ridge Road	\$4,999,000	\$818	6,113	6.26	6	6	South Parkway
97 Lockwood Road	\$5,495,000			0.32	7	6	Riverside
11 Lighthouse Lane	\$5,500,000	\$1,103	4,986	0.28	5	5	Old Greenwich
851 Lake Avenue	\$6,795,000	\$847	8,018	4	6	5	North Parkway
64 Club Road	\$6,850,000	\$1,166	5,876	0.91	5	4	Riverside
14 Zaccheus Mead Lane	\$6,900,000	\$1,040	6,636	7.81	7	4	South Parkway
176 Shore Road	\$7,750,000	\$1,006	7,706	0.54	6	7	Old Greenwich

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Inventory Finally Above Last Year's Inventory



BY MARK PRUNER

Something really good happened the last week in May and is continuing in June. For the first time in a couple of years, the inventory of single family homes exceeded the inventory for that week in the prior year. At the end of May 2023, we had 164 listings. This year we had 168 listings. I hear you saying, “What’s four more listings out of 168 listings? You are right it’s a measly 2.4%, not the sort of thing that we generally get excited about, but that 168 listings is the cutting edge of rapid acceleration in then number of home listings that we have seen since the all-time record low of 88 listings at the beginning of 2024.

The other remarkable thing is that we don’t normally see inventory reach YTD highs in June. Inventory generally comes on in March and April, goes to contract in April and May and the sales close in June and July. That’s not likely to happen this year. I, and the rest of the Greenwich Streets Team have put on several listing recently and seen them go to multiple offer in days.

And we are certainly not the only Realtors seeing things go quickly. Of the 50 sales that we had in May 2024, the median days on market was 21 days. This means either a contingent contract went pending (non-contingent) in less than three weeks or the contract was an all-cash deal from when it was signed. Of the 25 sales that went non-contingent in 21 days or less only 7 of the contracts had a contingency.

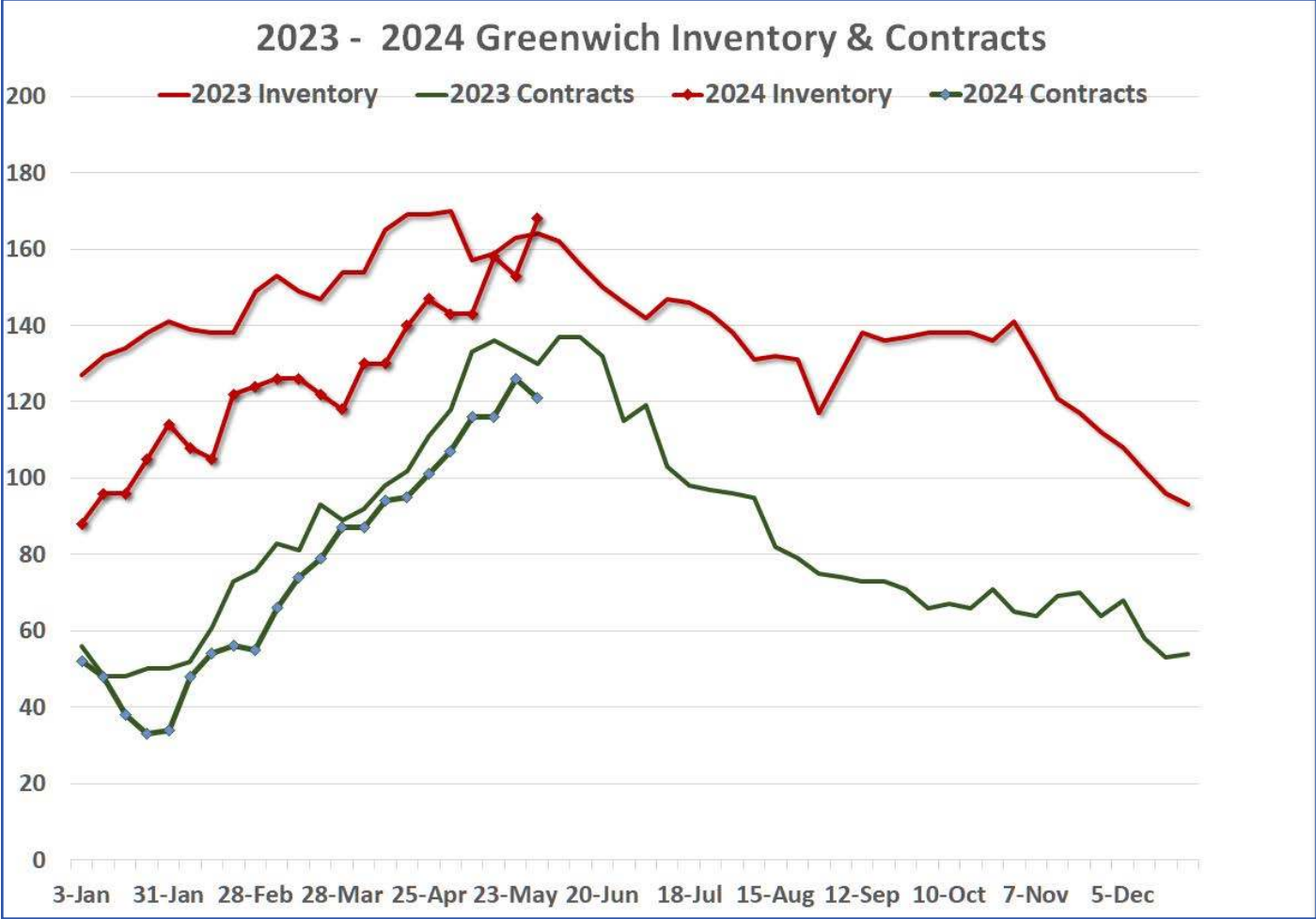
Of those 7 contracts, only 4 actually probably had mortgage contingencies, as the other 3 went from contingent to pending in less than 6 days. Our mortgage bankers have gotten much better at shortening the time from application to approval and our borrowers are learning to get underwritten pre-approved, so all they need is the contract and an appraisal to get approved. However, I’ve never seen a bank do it in 7 days. Which means that of the 25 sales that went for over list, the seller only agreed to a mortgage contingency in 4 contracts out of 25. If you want to buy a move-in ready house in Greenwich, bring

cash. Another thing we are seeing is the return of the inspection contingency in contracts, when the seller will allow it. Back when I was a full-time real estate attorney in ‘90s, most contracts had a mortgage contingency and an inspection contingency. Now the inspection is done before the contract is signed, so it is not legally a contingency, just the next step in pre-contract negotiations. By eliminating the inspection contingency, the seller keeps control of the deal and can accept a second offer from another buyer willing to pay more even as the first buyer is doing an inspection.

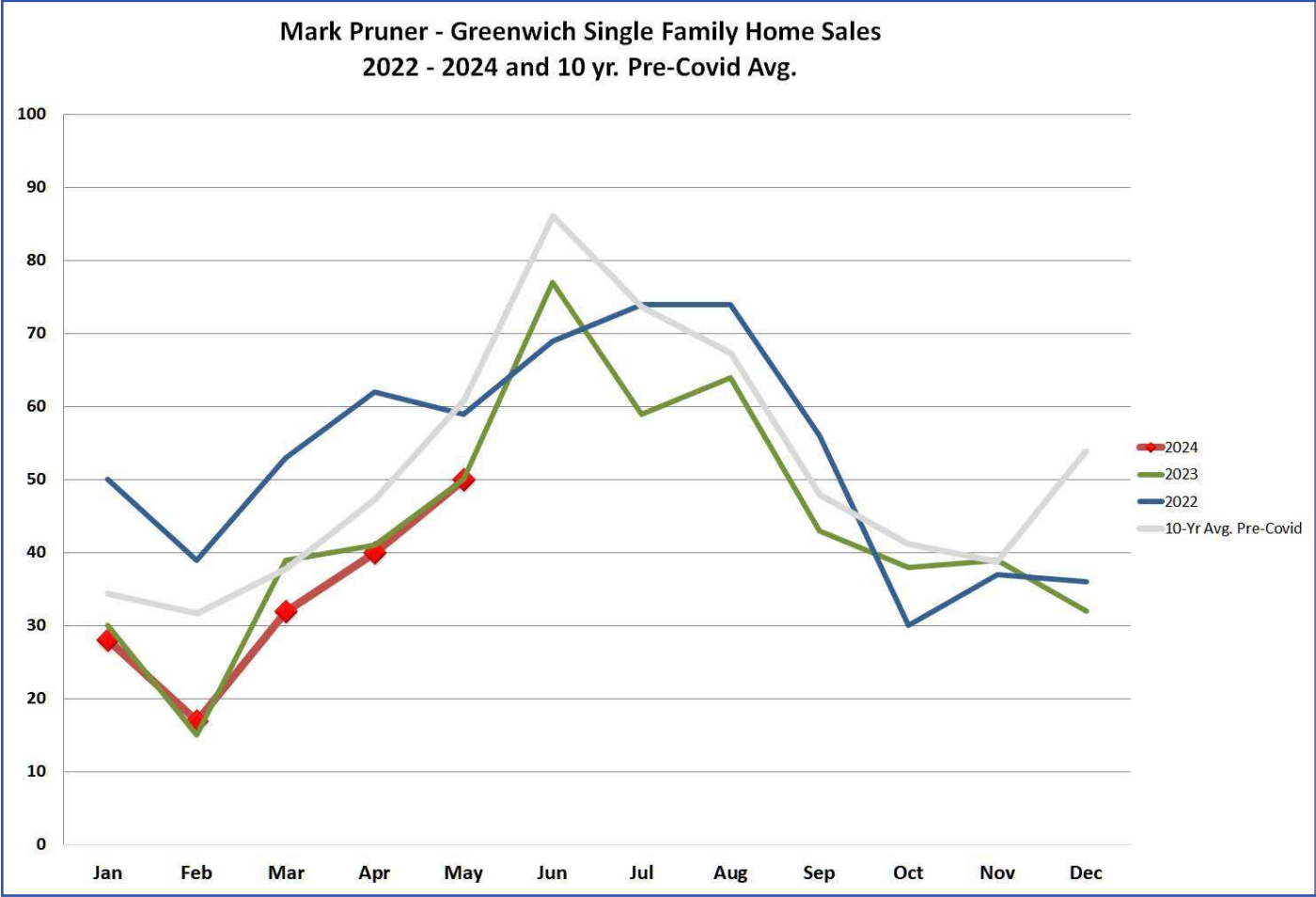
Nothing good every happens for a buyer between the time there is an accepted offer and a signed contract. I’ve heard of buyers with accepted offers taking a vacation and putting off the inspection for two weeks only to find that when they get back another buyer has not only done the inspection but has a signed contract. The rule in Greenwich is that there is no deal until the contract is signed. Most of the buyers who gazump, as the British say, the prior buyer with a second higher accepted offer do pay for the cost of the first buyer’s inspection. (The interesting question is whether the disgruntled and dilatory first buyer will give their inspection to the gazumper who has reimbursed the first buyer.)

With more inventory comes more deals and our May 2024 sales matched our 50 sales in May 2023. This year’s sales matched last year’s sales with less inventory, so it was a remarkable month. It will be interesting to see what happens with sales in June and July. Our contracts give some indication of that with those also being on a steady upward rise. (OK, they fell last week, but it was Memorial Day week and even buyers and lawyers like to get away, once they have non-contingent contract. :)

So, more inventory, more contracts and higher prices too, which looks promising. But that’s what happens when you only have last year’s calendar. Go back to pre-Covid times and our inventory is still down over 77%. At this time in 2019, we had 738 listings and buyers were the ones driving hard bargains. Also, while our inventory is over last year’s inventory, our contracts have yet to exceed last year’s



This year's inventory finally got above's last year's after setting record weekly lows since the beginning of the year.



May 2024 had 50 sales, the same a last years sales, but we did it with less inventory making for an even tighter market than last year.

numbers, but then that’s what happens when you have less to sell.

We only have 4.1 months of supply and that is below last year’s 4.7 months of supply. That number is actually not that high for most of the market. Only over \$6.5 million, do we see more than 6 months of supply. Over \$10 million, we have a 20 months of supply, but throw in our 4 contracts over \$10 million and months of supply drops by 3.5 months.

Under \$5 million, our market averages a measly 2.8 months of supply, which is a super-seller’s market. Some buyers may see inventory going up and say, I can

wait as we will have more inventory coming on and this can only lead to lower prices. It looks like we may get more inventory, but it’s a small fraction of a normal market. We may need a couple of years to get back to any semblance of a normal market. You are not going to see prices drop this year.

Where we do have inventory, our sales are up slightly from last year. Sales over \$1.5 million are slightly up from last year, as we have more inventory in 4 of the 7 price ranges over \$1.5 million. At the same time, it’s still combat buying below \$1.5 million. Sales below \$1.5 million are down sharply as limited inventory has limited sales. You can tell the lower inventory is what is leading to lower sales if you look at the even lower months of supply. We’ve got plenty of demand under \$1.5 million, we just don’t have much to sell. Under \$1 million, you have a choice of 6 houses, with only one under \$800K.

Another way to tell we have a tight market, that it will be staying tight is that our months of supply when you add in contracts (and

assume they will close in an average of 45 days) are lower than months of supply based just on closed sale. In every price category, our MoS with contracts is lower, which is typical for this time of year, when contracts are increasing while inventory is falling, but this is not a typical year. Our June market has a very good chance of looking much more like an April market, as being the month when we get the most of our new inventory.

Another way to see how tight the market is is that in every price category, we have had more sales year-to-date than we presently have inventory. We are only 5 months into the year and sales are sucking up inventory, but as we saw, inventory is continuing to grow.

What we may be seeing is that we are past the bottom of the inventory drought and that people are once again starting to list their houses, as they move up to bigger houses and downsize to smaller houses and condos as they get older. That “normal” market won’t be happening this year, but it’s nice that

seasonally adjusted inventory is finally rising.

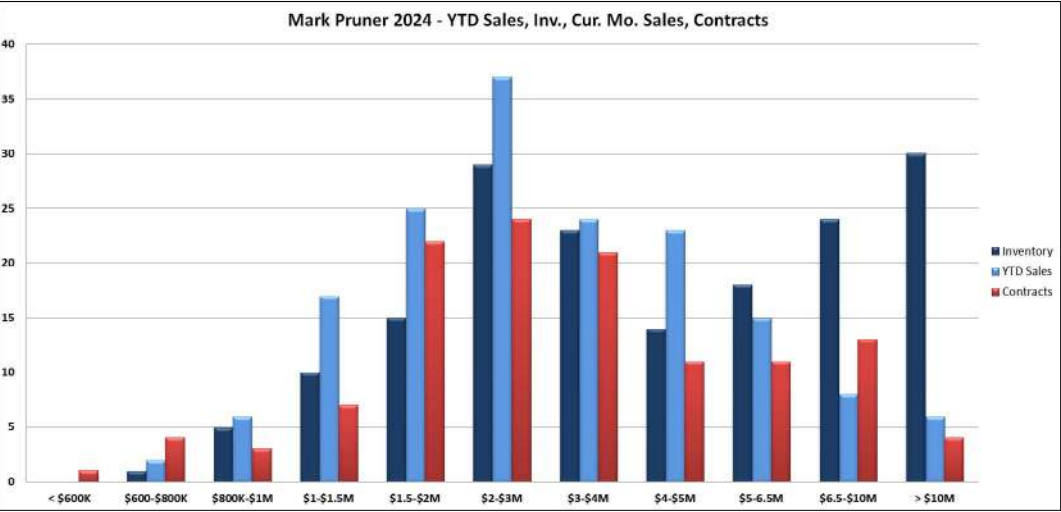
In Greenwich, higher interest rates don’t play major role in our market. You can see this by the fact that houses under \$1.5 million, where interest rates normally have the most impact, are in high demand. Also, a large segment of our market is downsizers, who have plenty of equity to spend on a new smaller house or condo. Most of these downsizers are not interested in taking on another mortgage payment regardless of how high or low the interest rates are. When the amount of a retiree’s future annual income is uncertain, they are not looking for another monthly payment, especially when they have the equity to pay cash.

Stay tuned and we will see whether we are actually seeing movement back to a more normal real estate market...

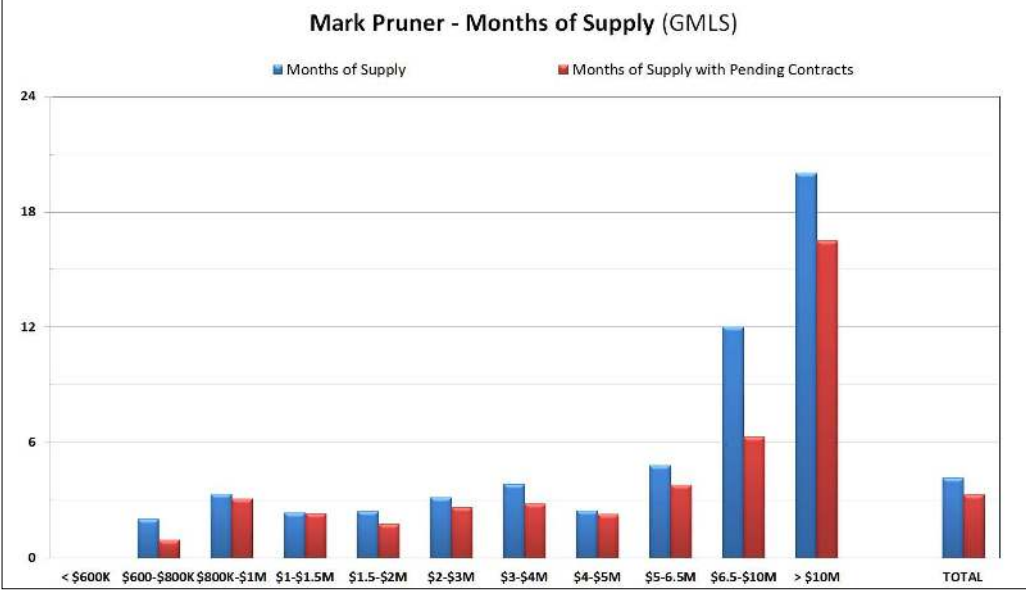
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Y-o-Y										
Y-o-Y '24 vs '23	Inventory	Contracts	Mo. Solds	Mo. Solds+ Contracts	YTD Solds	YTD+ Contracts	Mos of Supply	Mos w/ Contracts	Last Mo. Annlzd	
< \$600K	0	0	0	0	-3	-3	.	.	.	
\$600-\$800K	1	0	-3	-3	-7	-7	2.0	0.9	.	
\$800K-\$1M	-2	-2	-1	-3	-3	-5	-0.6	-0.2	0.2	
\$1-\$1.5M	-4	-10	-5	-15	-7	-17	-0.6	0.1	1.6	
\$1.5-\$2M	4	7	5	12	2	9	0.0	-0.1	-1.8	
\$2-\$3M	-3	-8	2	-6	3	-5	-1.6	-0.5	-0.8	
\$3-\$4M	4	6	3	9	2	8	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	
\$4-\$5M	-4	-4	-3	-7	0	-4	-1.5	-0.8	0.6	
\$5-\$6.5M	-4	2	0	2	2	4	-3.7	-2.7	-1.0	
\$6.5-\$10M	8	-2	1	-1	-3	-5	4.7	2.3	0.0	
> \$10M	5	0	2	2	3	3	-21.7	-6.7	-15.0	
TOTAL	5	-11	1	-10	-11	-22	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	
% change	3%	-8%	2%	-6%	-6%	-7%	-12%	-6%	1%	
		Pro-Seller	Pro-Buyer							

Low inventory under \$1.5 million has meant very low sales where more people can afford houses.



In most price categories, we have had more sales to date than we presently have inventory, even though the two biggest sales months are coming up.



When you add in contracts to calculate months of supply, you can see an accelerating market.



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Noon – 3 pm

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(Rain location – Garden Cafe and Noble Conference Center)

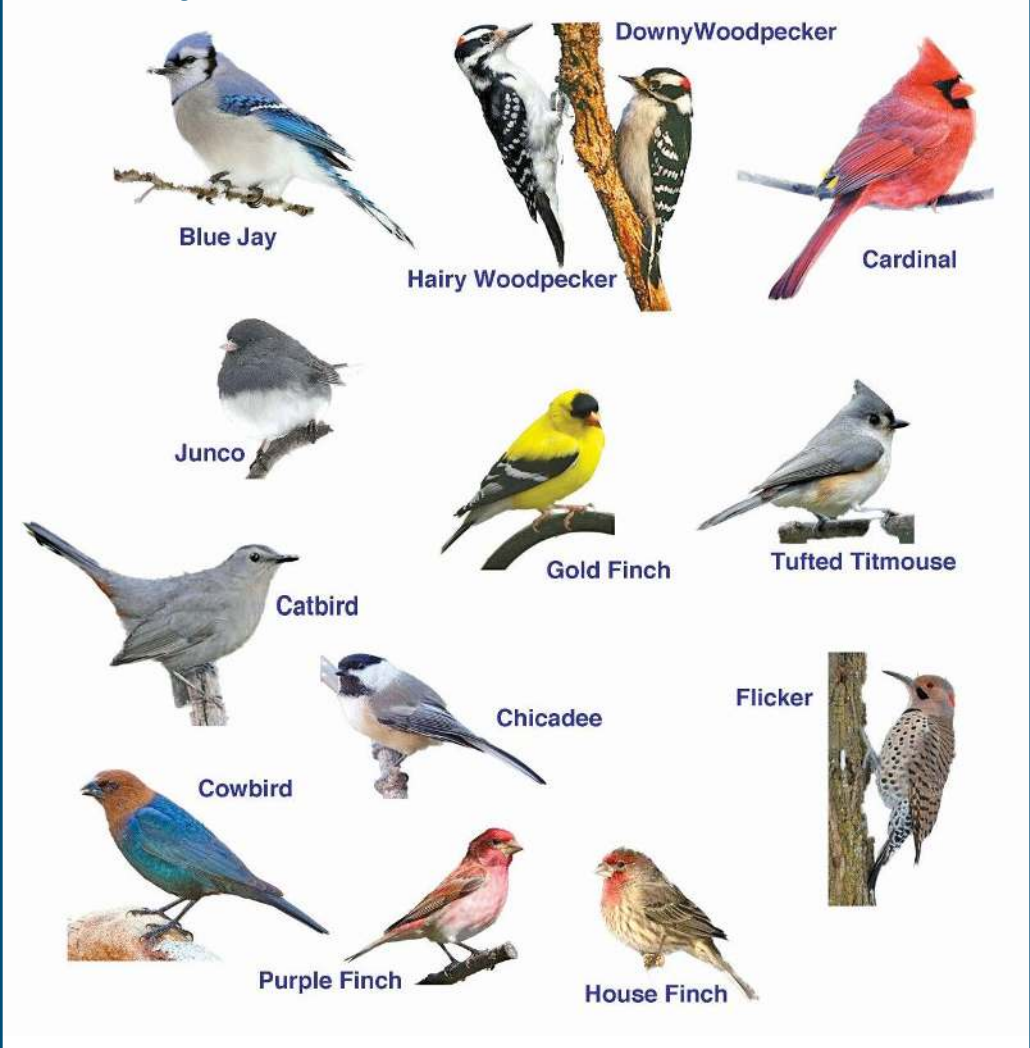
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Backyard Birds

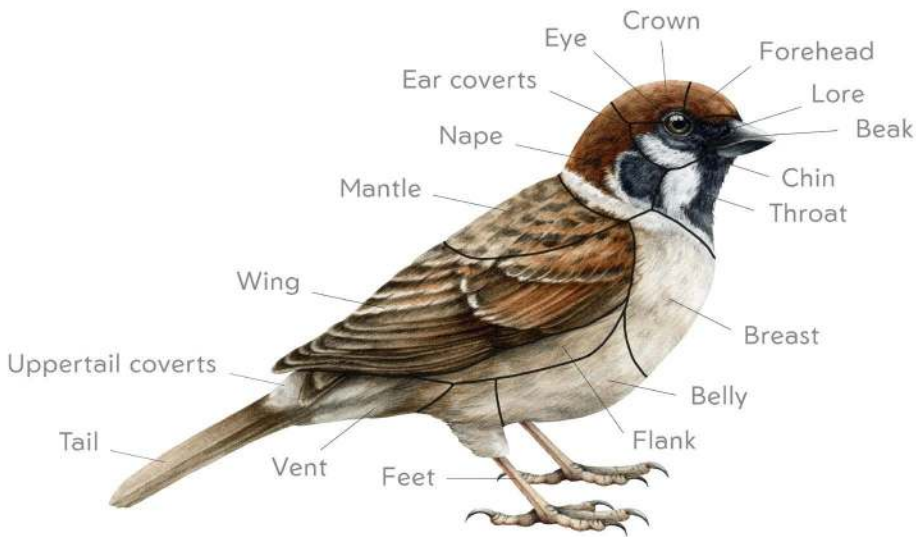


The Connecticut State Bird

The American Robin (*turdus migratorius*), also called Robin Red-Breast, is found throughout the contiguous United States. It spends the winter in warmer places from Florida to Mexico and migrates to our area in the springtime. Robins build a nest out of grass, twigs, and feathers, smeared with mud. They lay three to five eggs, two to three times every summer. Robins' eggs are a beautiful blue-green color.



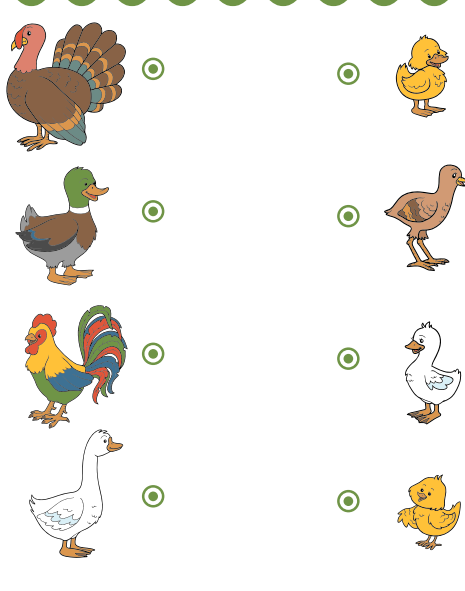
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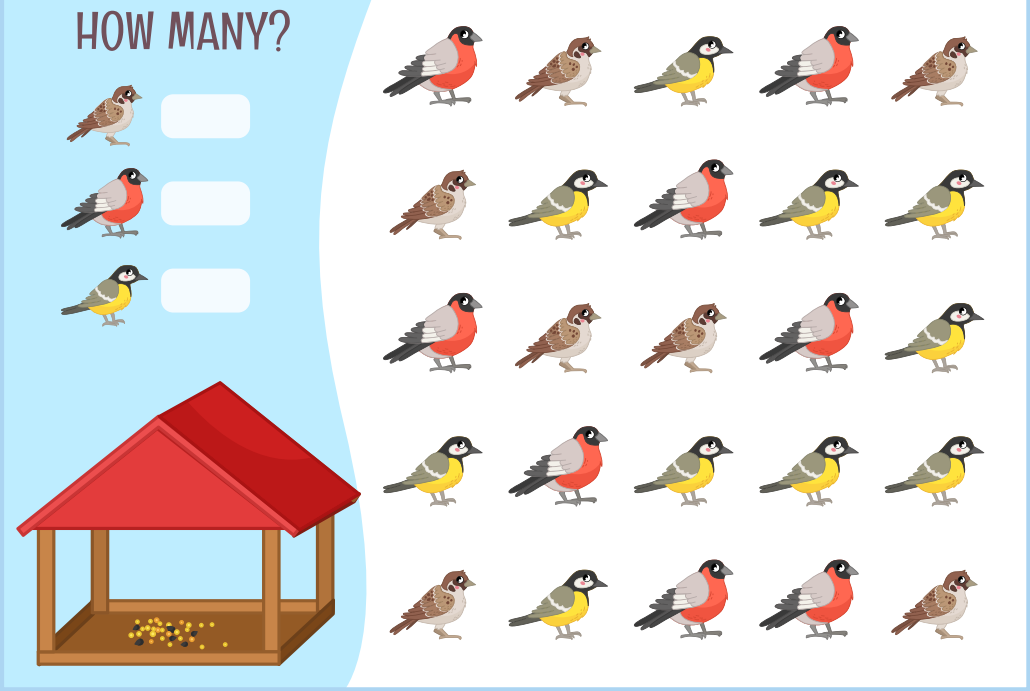
Match the creatures with their homes



Match the birds with their babies



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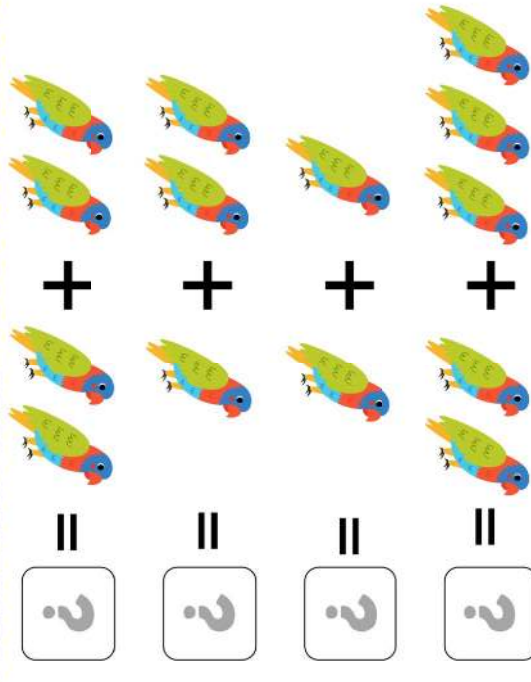


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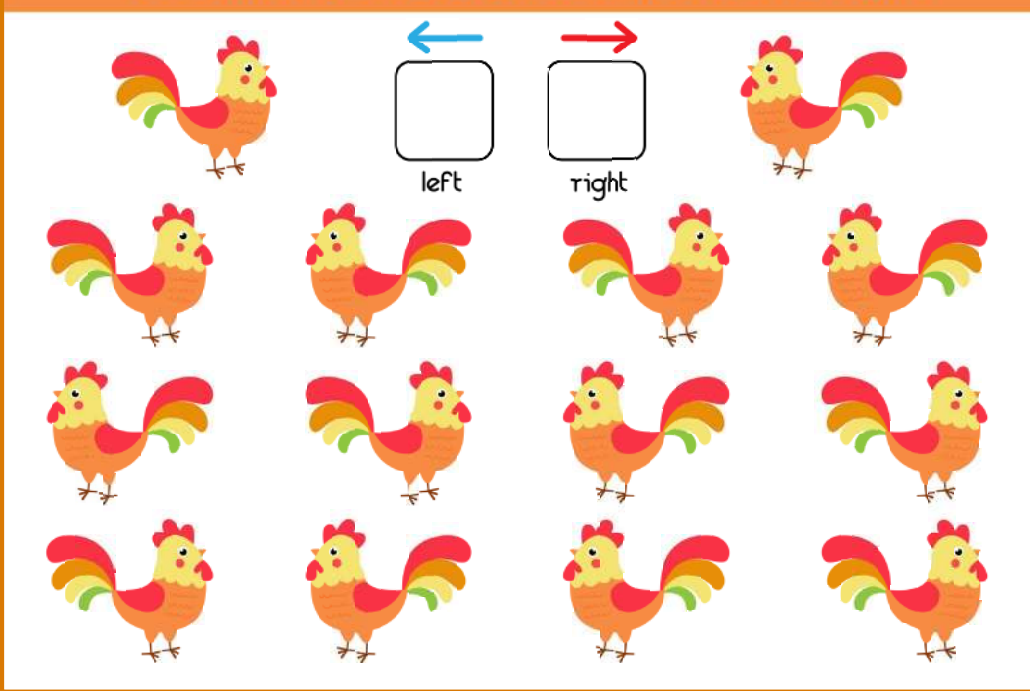
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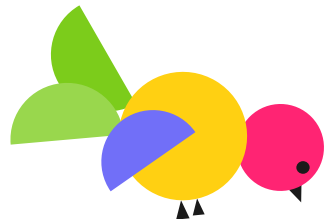
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HOW MANY TO THE LEFT, HOW MANY TO THE RIGHT?



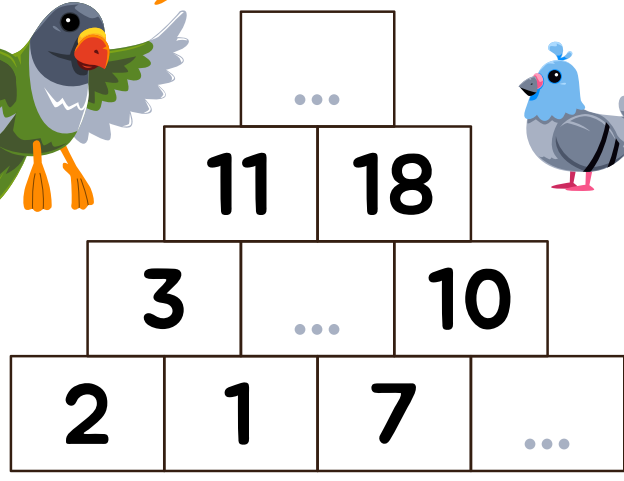
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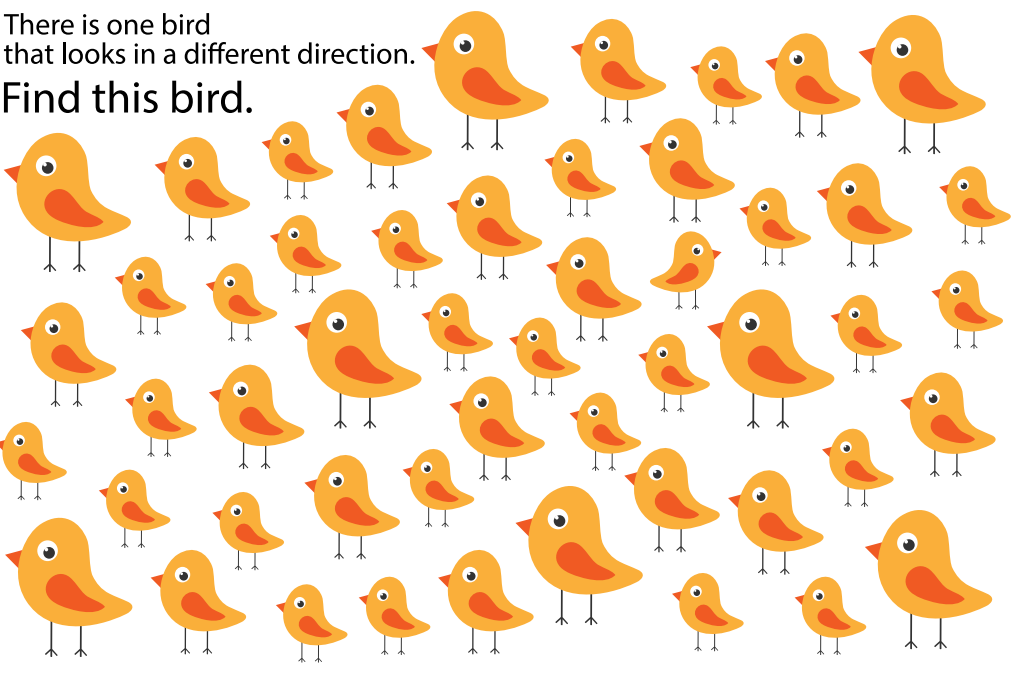
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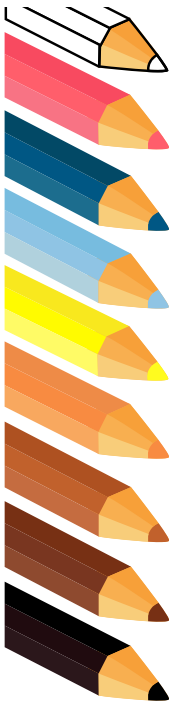
the box above is the sum of the two boxes below



There is one bird that looks in a different direction. Find this bird.



COLOR BY ADDITION & SUBTRACTION



WHITE

PINK

BLUE

LIGHT BLUE

YELLOW

ORANGE

BROWN

DARK BROWN

BLACK

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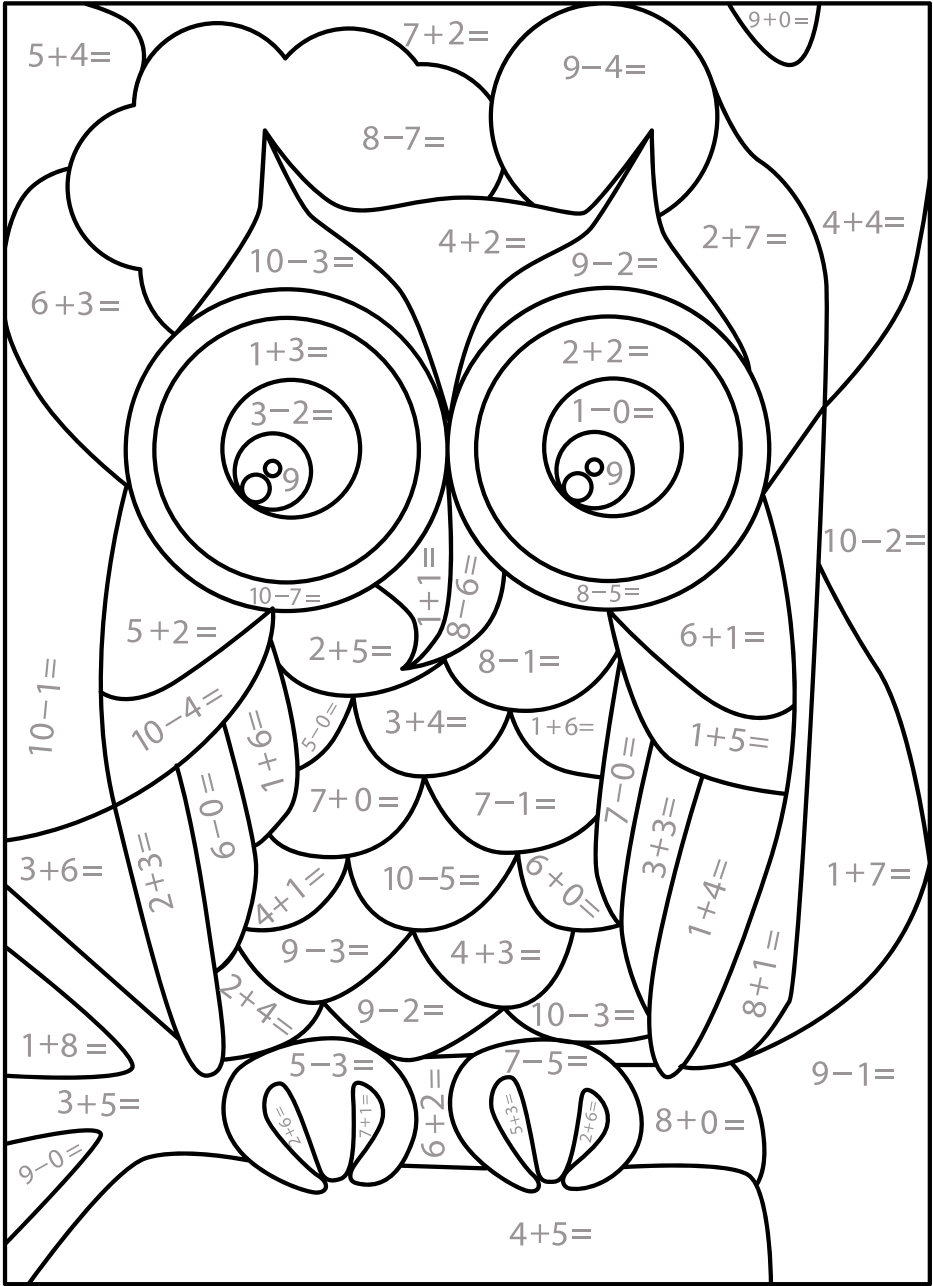
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Color the baby sparrow



COLOR BY MULTIPLICATION & DIVISION



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ORANGE

RED

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BLUE

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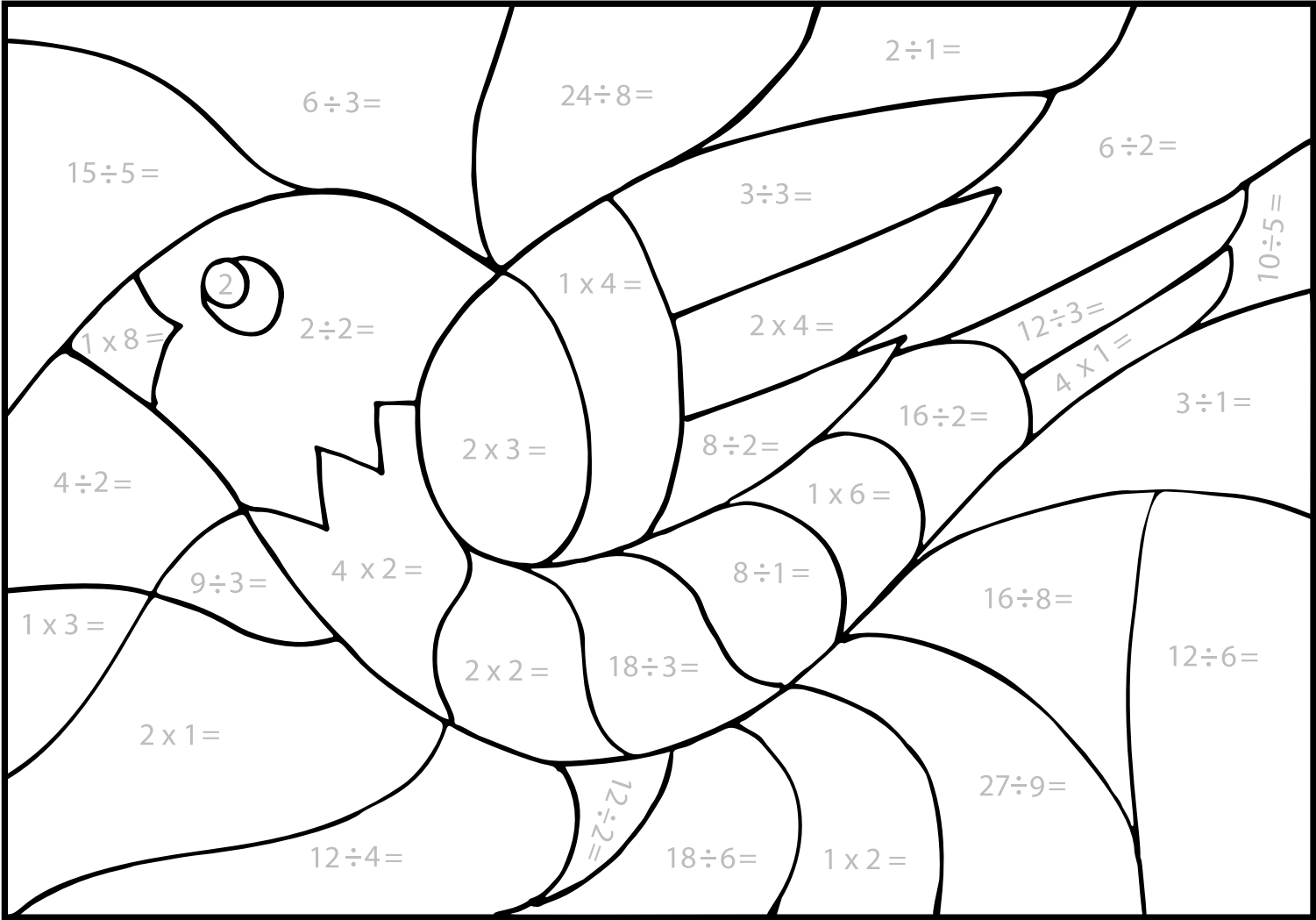
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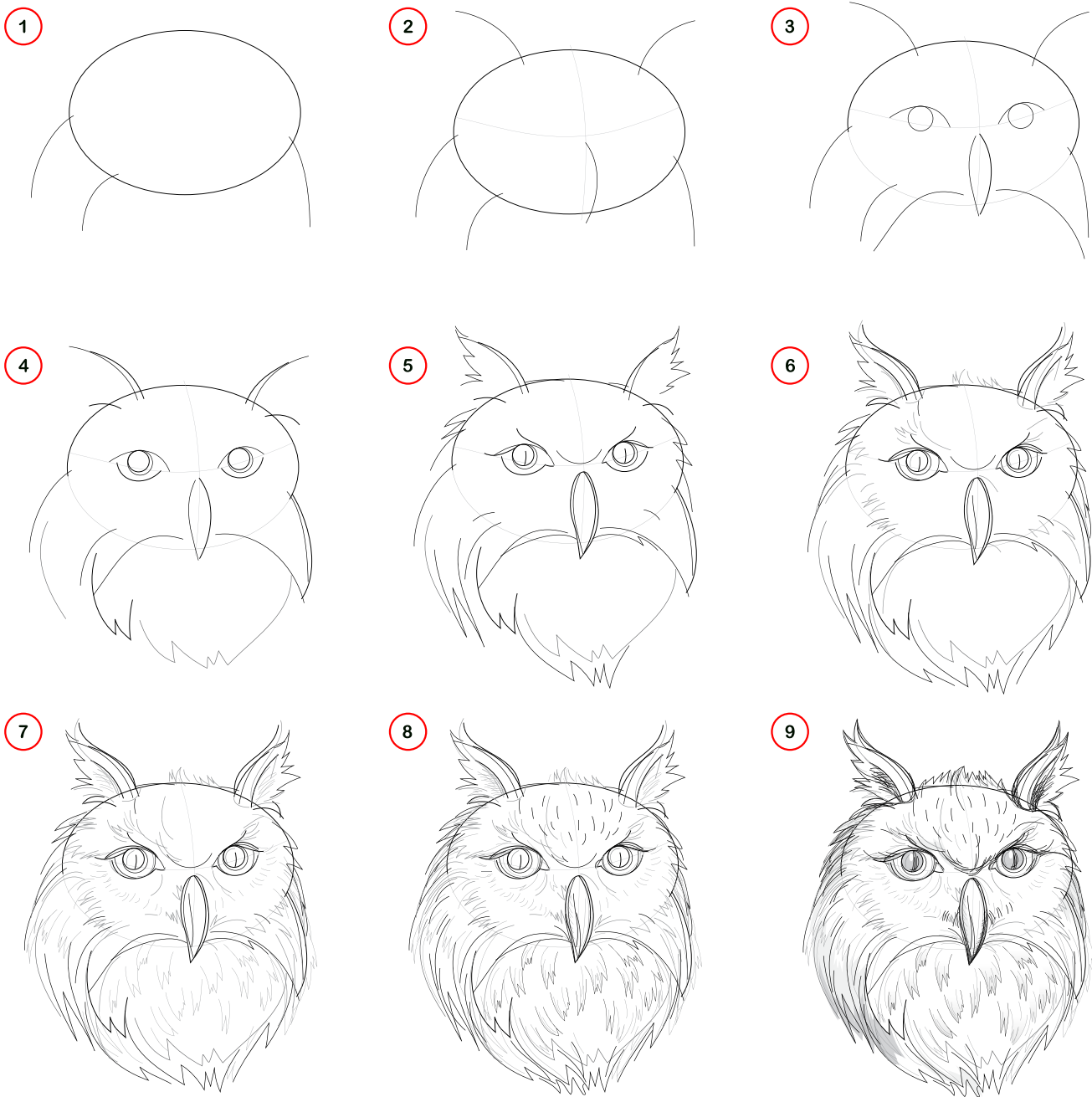
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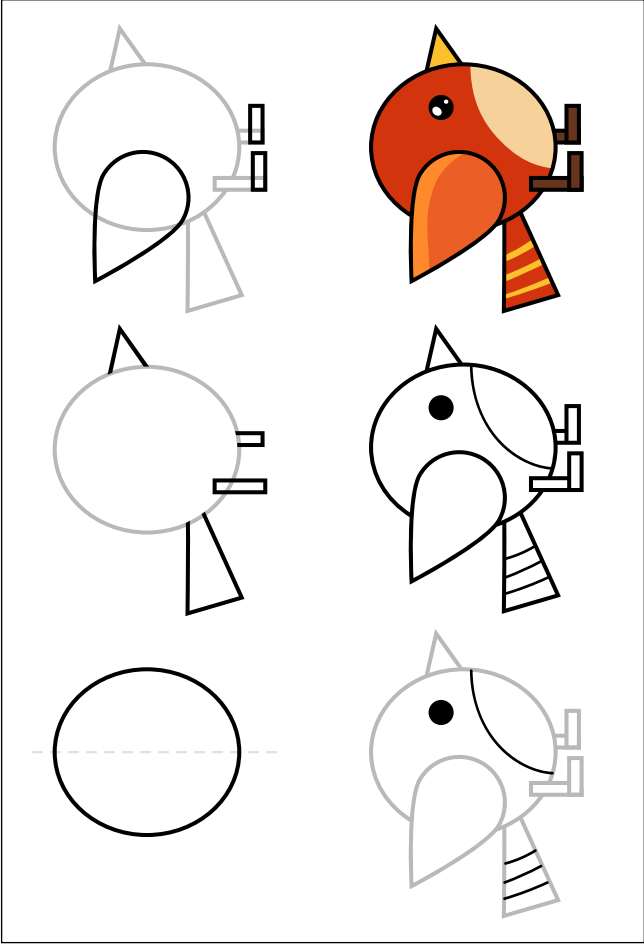
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PROMPT

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EXAMPLE

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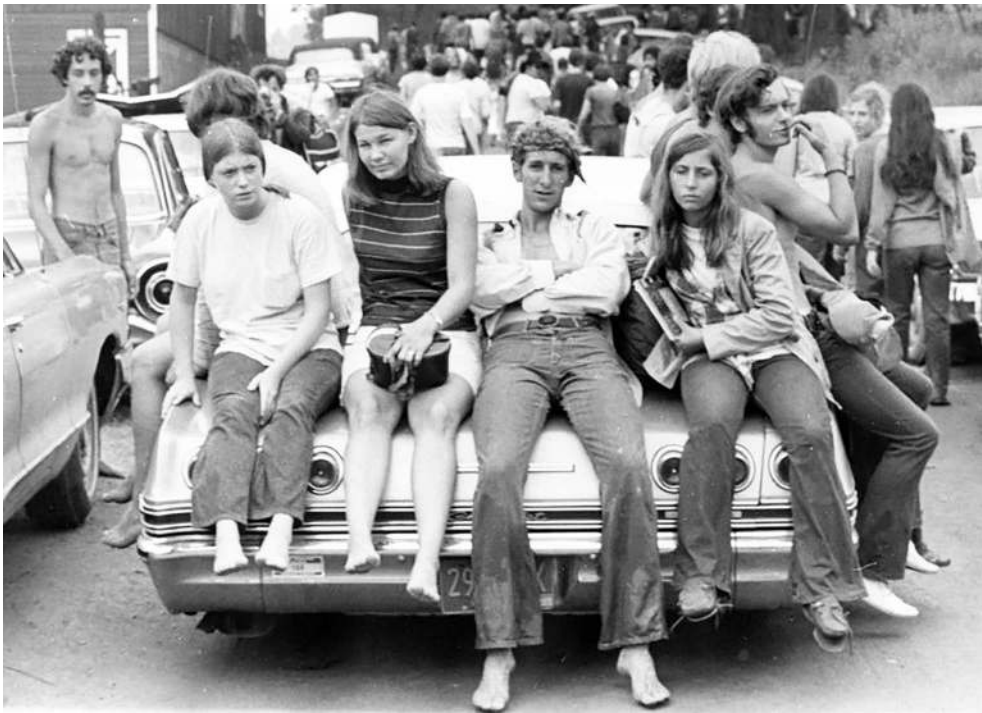


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WINNERS OF THE MAY 10 COMPETITION

Parking Lot Powwow

PROMPT

What did I tell you in the parking lot at Mohegan Sun?

WINNER

Olivia Pointe

I told you that the neon lights and the cacophony of the casino masked a loneliness I couldn't shake. Amid the excitement, I confessed I felt more lost than ever.

RUNNER UP

Sabrina Emmer

I whispered to you that despite the chaos around us, the only thing I truly cared about was being with you – anywhere, including here and now, under the garish lights of Mohegan Sun.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Zeena Hine

Wife to husband: OK, you go in and do your best at the craps tables. I'm taking the car to the outlet stores. We each have a budget of \$250. Whoever ends up with less of our budgeted amount after our adventures this afternoon pays for dinner tonight. Good luck!

Olivia Pointe

I know I told you that I had finally cracked the code to win at slots – I read it in a book! But I have to confess, I later realized that I was just looking at the maintenance manual for the machine.

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Winners of the May 31 Competition:
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Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Financial Foundations: Financial Tune-Up. Online. Free. Register. [ctwbdc.org/class-listings](#)
10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Greenwich Botanical Center's 67th Annual 'Grandiflora' Garden Tour. [greenwichbotanicalcenter.org](#)
6:30 p.m.
Greenwich Symphony Orchestra's (GSO) "GSOvation!" Cocktail Benefit. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. [greenwichsymphony.org](#)

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

6 a.m.
Summer Bird Count. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. [greenwich.audubon.org/events](#)
8 - 9 a.m.
Teddy Bear Story Hour with Jenny. Coffee for Good, 48 Maple Avenue, Greenwich.
9:30 a.m.
Yoga @ the Library. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. [lending@perrotlibrary.org](#). [perrotlibrary.org](#).
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Greenwich Animal Control annual Low-Cost Rabies Vaccine Clinic. Greenwich Animal Control, 393 North St. \$20 (cash or check) per pet, for a 1 or 3 year vaccine. Proof of prior vaccination (not tags alone) is required for a 3-year vaccine. 203-622-8299.
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
'How to Become A Travel Agent'. Greenwich Library, 101 West Putnam Ave. Free. [eventbrite.com/e/903413643527](#)
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Greenwich Police Department Car Show. Greenwich Town Hall. \$25. 203-622-7884. [greenwichct.gov/345/Police](#)
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Greenwich Botanical Center's 67th Annual Grandiflora Garden Tour. [greenwichbotanicalcenter.org](#)
12 - 2 p.m.
Bruce Museum: Museum Movers: Kids Yoga at Fairfield LGBTQ+ Pride Celebration. Meet in the Family Zone, at Fairfield County Pride. [brucemuseum.org](#)
1 p.m.
Science Solvers: Rainbow Minerals (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, June 9. [brucemuseum.org](#)
2 - 4 p.m.
Volunteer: Bible Street Playground Community Cleanup, sponsored by Greenwich Green and Clean. Sign up. [litterfreeocean@gmail.com](#). [greenwichgreenandclean.org/community-cleanup](#)
2 - 4 p.m.
Bruce Inspires: Monotype Masterclass (Also held on Saturday, June 15). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. \$200 for both sessions. All skill levels are welcome. [brucemuseum.org](#)
2 - 4 p.m.
Cha Jong Rye: Layers of Time, opening reception. Heather Gaudio Fine Art, 382 Greenwich Ave. Free & open to the public. On view through July 20. [heathergaudiofineart.com](#)
6:30 p.m.
Nostalgia Night Dinner: Remember Manero's. St. Lawrence Society, 86 Valley Rd. Members, \$43.95; Non-Members, \$54.95. RSVP before June 3. 203-618-9036. [stlawrencесоciety.com](#)

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

9:30 a.m.
The Greenwich Riding and Trails Association's Horse Show & Elegant Tented Luncheon. 39 Pierson Drive. [thegrta.org](#)
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
"Capture the Moment" Scavenger Hunt. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Rain or Shine. [greenwichhistory.org/event/dgsh-capture-the-moment](#)
11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
Car Wash and Bake Sale. Living Hope Community Church, 38 West End Ave. 203-637-3669. [LivingHope.org](#).
3 p.m.
American East Cup. Greenwich Polo Club, 1 Hurlingham Dr. [greenwichpoloclub.com](#).
5:30 p.m.
The Greenwich Preservation Trust:

Preservation Leadership Award for Josephine "Jo" Conboy. Stoneybrook, 29 Taconic Rd. [greenwich-preservationtrust.com](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 10

9 - 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 - 3 p.m.
The American Red Cross Metro New York North Chapter's 'Safety Town' (June 10-14 & June 17-21). Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink, 1 Sue Merz Way. \$215 (includes materials & bike helmet. Scholarships available). [SafetyTown.GNY@redcross.org](#). [safetytown2024.givesmart.com](#)
12 p.m.
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC): Business Essentials: Mastering the Art of Business Pitching. Online. Free. Register. [ctwbdc.org/class-listings](#)
5 p.m.
"Adolescent Medicine: A Survival Guide" - for Teens and/or parents. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. Free. Register. Bring your questions. [greenwichhospital.org/events](#)

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

10 a.m.
'Perrot Walks' - walk through Binney Park. Meet at Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. [perrotlibrary.org](#)
10 & 11 a.m.
Bruce Beginnings: Rainbows (Ages 2 1/2-5). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. [brucemuseum.org](#)
4 p.m.
Afternoon of Wellness: Connect, Explore and Experience - Linking Art and Music. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. \$20. [brucemuseum.org](#)
6 p.m.
Hybrid Public Information Meeting for Route 1 Corridor Adaptive Signal Control Technology Improvements. Greenwich Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom. [greenwichct.gov](#)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

11 a.m.
Retired Men's Association of Greenwich: Gary Myers, Sports Journalist and Author; "Once a Giant: A Story of Victory, Tragedy, and Life After Football" to be interviewed by Jim Campbell, author and host of radio show "Business Talk". First Presbyterian Church, 1 W. Putnam Ave. & on Zoom. Free & open to all. [greenwichrma.org](#)
5 p.m.
Alliance Française of Greenwich: French Cinéma theque - lively discussions on French films. Via Zoom. [afgreenwich.org](#)
7 p.m.
Healthy Yards: Pesticides and Their Negative Impacts on Our Health, Our Environment, and Biodiversity. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. [lending@perrotlibrary.org](#). [perrotlibrary.org](#)

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

10 a.m.
Preparing For Summer In The Vegetable Garden. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Register. [greenwichbotanicalcenter.org](#)
2 p.m.
'Lifetime of Looking' - art appreciation program for adults experiencing cognitive decline and their caregivers. Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. Advanced registration required. 203-413-6741. [kholko@brucemuseum.org](#).
3:45 p.m.
Read to a Dog. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066. [perrotlibrary.org](#)
6:30 p.m.
Music on the Great Lawn: Kings Highway. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free, Members & children under 18y/o; \$10, Non-Members. [greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events](#)
7 p.m.
St. Catherine's Support Circle: Story Telling: The Cornerstone of Networking. Via Zoom. Free. RSVP by June 12. [jcw@wca-search.com](#). [stc-sta.org/community-life/st-catherine-s-support-circle](#)

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

9:30 a.m.
Watercolor & Collage: A Two-Part Workshop for Adults. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. 203-637-1066 x15. [lending@perrotlibrary.org](#). [perrotlibrary.org](#)
10:30 a.m.

Voices Center of Resilience: Mindful Moment Meditation. Online. Free. Register. [voicescenter.org](#)

4 p.m.
'Make A Seed Ball'. Greenwich Botanical Center, 130 Bible St. Register. [greenwichbotanicalcenter.org](#)
6:30 p.m.
The Women: Friends' Friday Film Screening with Special Guest Peggy Parsons. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. [greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events](#)

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

8 a.m.
'Let's Go Birding Together!' - A Pride Month Birding Tour. Greenwich Audubon Center, 613 Riversville Rd. Free - donations are encouraged. [greenwich.audubon.org/events](#)
8 a.m.
Greenwich Road Runners: First County Bank Father's Day Weekend Family 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run. Tod's Point. (1-Mile Run: 8am; 5k Race: 8:15am). [greenwichroadrunners.org/races](#)
9:30 a.m.
Yoga @ the Library. Perrot Memorial Library, 90 Sound Beach Ave. Free. Register. 203-637-1066 x15. [lending@perrotlibrary.org](#). [perrotlibrary.org](#).
10 a.m.
Dupuytren Disease and Research for a Cure. Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Rd. [eventbrite.com/e/903227306187](#)
1 p.m.
Art Adventures: Bug Art (Ages 4 & up). Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Dr. Free with admission. No reservations required. Also held Sunday, June 16. [brucemuseum.org](#)

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

1 p.m.
"LIFE: Six Women Photographers" - Guided Gallery Tour. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free. [greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events](#)

THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 7

"LIFE: Six Women Photographers" Exhibition. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Rd. Free with museum admission. [greenwichhistory.org/ghs-events](#)

THROUGH WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

2:30 - 6 p.m.
Old Greenwich Farmers Market. Living Hope Community Church (parking lot), 38 West End Ave. Rain or shine. [oldgreenwichfarmersmarket.com](#)

THROUGH SATURDAY, NOV. 23

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Greenwich Farmers' Market. Horseneck Parking Lot, Arch Street and Horseneck Lane. (Parking is free during market hours). [greenwichfarmersmarketct.com](#).

MONDAY - FRIDAY

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Arch Street Homework Heroes - Free after school tutoring (6th-12th grade). Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. [info@archstreet.org](#). [archstreet.org](#)

TUESDAYS

10 a.m.
Beginner Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA members, \$30; nonmembers, \$35. New players welcome. (Register by Monday, 6pm). 203-524- 8032. [greenwichymca.org](#)
5 - 7 p.m.
Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis: LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting. On Zoom. Free. Open to all LGBTQ Youth & allies. 203-661-1911. [lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org](#). [kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse](#)

WEDNESDAYS

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
"Tools for Aging Well" (2nd Wednesday of the Month). Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. 203-869-1091. [roundhill-communitychurch.org](#).
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Relaxed Duplicate Bridge with The Perfectly Polite Bridge Group. YMCA of Greenwich, 50 East Putnam Ave. Members, \$10; nonmembers, \$12. New players welcome. (Register by Tue). 203-524-8032.

[greenwichymca.org](#)
12 - 2 p.m.
Waste Free Greenwich's Food Scrap Recycle Program: Drop off scraps at Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Rd. [roundhillcommunitychurch.org/news/composting-at-rhcc](#)
12:15 p.m.
Greenwich Rotary Club Weekly Lunch Meeting. Putnam Cottage, 243 East Putnam Ave. RSVP. 203-832-3654. [sheila.goggin@cbmmoves.com](#). [greenwichrotary.org](#)
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Arch Street Teen Center High School Support Group for boys: Stress, Success, and Teenage Setbacks - moderated by Executive Director Kyle Silver. 100 Arch St. Register. [Kyle@archstreet.org](#). [archstreet.org](#)
6:30 p.m.
NAMI-CAN (Child and Adolescent Network) Online Support Group - for parents and primary caregivers of children & adolescents, under age 21, with behavioral and emotional issues. Free. [namisouthwestct.org/online-support](#)

2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Aging Well - an informal conversation about different aspects of aging well. Round Hill Community Church, 395 Round Hill Road. Free & open to all. 203-869-1091. [roundhillcommunitychurch.org](#)

THURSDAYS

8 a.m. & 4 p.m.
Tai Chi Basic Moves. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Registration required. Tuition is paid as a donation made directly by the participant to abilis, Neighbor to Neighbor, or the First Congregational Church. [experiencetaichi.org](#)
3 - 7 p.m.
Arch Street After School Programming (All Ages) - every Thursday starting Feb. 22. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. [archstreet.org](#)
5 - 7 p.m.
Kids In Crisis Lighthouse LGBTQ Youth Group Meeting - open to all LGBTQ youth in middle & high school. Wilton Historical Society, 224 Danbury Rd, Wilton. Free. 203-661-1911. [lighthouse@kidsincrisis.org](#). [kidsincrisis.org/get-help/lighthouse](#)

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Book Exchange - choose from a huge selection of books. Holly Hill Recycling Center. Free, or, donate books. (Open every Fri & Sat. [book-s4everyone.org](#)

GREENWICH LIBRARIES

[greenwichlibrary.org](#)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

9:30 a.m.
Senior Chinese Book Discussion Group. Online. [ywang@greenwichlibrary.org](#).
10 a.m.
Storytime. Cos Cob Library Front Lawn. 203-622-6883.
11:30 a.m.
Qi Gong. Online. 203-622-6883. [lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org](#)
7 p.m.
Friends Friday Films: "Wonka". Berkley Theater. [cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org](#).

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

11 a.m.
Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. [csherman@greenwichlibrary.org](#)
1 p.m.
Cloak and Dagger Book Club. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883. [lmatthews@greenwichlibrary.org](#)
1 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 6-12). Children's Constellation Room. 203-625-6549. [aloughlin@greenwichlibrary.org](#)

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

1 - 5 p.m.
The Study Escape: for High Schoolers. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-625-6549. [aloughlin@greenwichlibrary.org](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 10

11 a.m.
LEGOS for Wee Ones with Beth. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.
11:30 a.m.
Blood Pressure Screening. Community Room #5.
3 p.m.
Byram Book Club. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.
4 p.m.
Cos Cob Library Session of: The Study Escape. Cos Cob Library Community Room.
4 p.m.
Nutmeg Book Club with Ms. Flynn. Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.
4 p.m.
The Study Escape: for High Schoolers. Teen Commons.
6 p.m.
Today's Palliative & Hospice Care: It's Not What You Think! Marx Family Black Box Theater.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

10:30 a.m.
Spanish Storytime. Cos Cob Library Front Lawn. 203-622-6883.
11 a.m.
Preschool Storytime with Patty. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.
1 p.m.
Friends Book Group. 2nd Floor Meeting Room.
1 p.m.
Sit n' Stitch Knitting Group. Cos Cob Library Community Room. 203-622-6883.
4 p.m.
The Study Escape: for High Schoolers. Teen Commons.
5 p.m.
Gentle Chair Yoga with Kristin. Byram Shubert Library..
5 p.m.
New Yorker Stories Discussion Group. Online.
5 p.m.
Investing Group: Misbehaving. Online.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Career Coach - MS Excel. Main Greenwich Library. Check in at the Welcome Desk.
3 p.m.
Math Help with Patty (for Grades K-8). Byram Shubert Library Conference Room.
4 p.m.
The Study Escape: for High Schoolers. Teen Commons.
7 p.m.
Peterson Music Lecture: The Life and Music of Henry Mancini. Berkley Theater.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

10 a.m.
Japanese Storytime. Cos Cob Library - Outside.
10:30 a.m.
Volunteer Training: Adopt-a-Shelf. Greenwich Library Welcome Desk.
12 p.m.
Broadway on a Budget Lunch Time Webinar.
3:30 p.m.
'Kinder...Set...Go'. Children's Constellation Room.
4 p.m.
Summer Reading Kickoff: "Magic, Mystery and Myth: A Voyage in Music with Darwin & Friends. Byram Shubert Library Community Room.
4 p.m.
The Study Escape: for High Schoolers. Teen Commons.
7 p.m.
AuthorsLive: 100 Things to Do in Connecticut Before You Die. Marx Family Black Box Theater.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

10 a.m.
Fiesta Fun with Flor Bromley! Spanish & English Music. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-622-7940. [children@greenwichlibrary.org](#).
3:45 p.m.
World Music with Anitra. Cos Cob Library (Outside). 203-622-6883.
7 p.m.
Friends Friday Films: "The Women", with Reel Talk Speaker Margaret Parsons. Berkley Theater. [cgibbs@greenwichlibrary.org](#).

Greenwich Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
10:30 a.m.
Adventures in Craft with Nicole. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.
10:30 a.m.
Music with Tom Weber. Marx Family Black Box Theater. 203-622-7940. children@greenwichlibrary.org.
11 a.m.
Technology Help. Learning Lab. 203-625-6560. csherman@greenwichlibrary.org
1 p.m.
Jerry's Movies: "The Hours" directed by Stephen Daldry. Byram Shubert Library Community Room. 203-531-0426.
2 p.m.
Teen Summer Reading Kickoff. Teen Commons. 203-625-6549. alaughlin@greenwichlibrary.org
3:30 p.m.
Intro to 3D Printing. Innovation Lab. 203-622-7979. innovationlab@greenwichlibrary.org.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL
greenwichhospital.org/events
888-305-9253

MONDAY, JUNE 10
5 p.m.
Adolescent Medicine: A Survival Guide – for Teens and/or parents. Arch Street Teen Center, 100 Arch St. Free. Register. Bring your questions.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11
11 a.m.
Talk: Added Sugars. Greenwich Hospital. Free.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
1:30 p.m.
Parkinson's Support Group. Long Ridge Medical Center, 260 Long Ridge Rd, Stamford. Zoom option available. Free.
6 p.m.
Webinar: Carpal Tunnel Syndrome: Advances in Treatment. Online.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR
ntngreenwich.org

EVERYDAY, ALL DAY
• 24/7 Food Drive Collection site at North Greenwich Congregational Church, 606 Riversville Road. The weatherproof bin is located outside of the Parish Hall.
• Greenwich Reform Synagogue, 92 Orchard St., Cos Cob.

TUESDAYS, 9 - 11 A.M.
Food Drive (drive-thru) at St. Cath-

erine of Siena's parking area across the street from the rectory entrance, 4 Riverside Ave. (Non-perishable foods, personal care products, large sized diapers (5 & 6) and pull-ups, and knit hats (hand knit or store bought).

THURSDAYS, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Food Drive at St. Paul's Episcopal Church parking lot, 200 Riverside Ave.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
RedCrossBlood.org

FRIDAY, JUNE 7
10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Matthew's Church, 382 Cantitoe St., Bedford, NY.
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
United Church of Rowayton, 210 Rowayton Ave., Norwalk.

MONDAY, JUNE 10
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Drive.
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.
12 - 5 p.m.
Waveny Lifecare Network, 3 Farm Rd., New Canaan.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Greenwich Blood Donation Center, 99 Indian Field Rd.
12 - 5 p.m.
American Red Cross, 40 Saw Mill River Rd., Upper Level 3, Hawthorne, NY.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich.
SUNDAY, JUNE 16
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Agudath Sholom synagogue, 301 Strawberry Hill Avenue, Stamford.

TOWN MEETINGS
greenwichct.gov/calendar

FRIDAY, JUNE 7
7:45 a.m.
NJulian Curtiss School Building Committee Meeting in Person @ Julian Curtiss School Media Center and Virtual via Zoom.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

1 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission Briefing.
1 p.m.
FS Antisemitism and Anti-Hate Task Force Meeting. Town Hall Meeting Room.
3 p.m.
Energy Management Advisory Committee Meeting. Cone Room.
8 p.m.
RTM Full Meeting. Central Middle School.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11
10 a.m.
BET HR Committee.
12 p.m.
First Selectman's Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting. Zoom Webinar.
1 p.m.
BET Budget Committee.
4 p.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.
6 p.m.
Hybrid Public Information Meeting for Route 1 Corridor Adaptive Signal Control Technology Improvements. Town Hall Meeting Room.
7 p.m.
FS Citizens Police Advisory Committee Meeting. Mazza Room.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
10 a.m.
BET Investment Advisory Committee.
11 a.m.
FS Operations Planning Committee Meeting. Gisborne Room.
7 p.m.
HDC Regular Meeting. Mazza Room.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13
10 a.m.
Board of Selectmen Meeting In Person at Town Hall Meeting Room and Virtual via Zoom.

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, June 10
10 a.m.
VOICES 10th Annual Golf Outing. Quaker Ridge Golf Club, Scarsdale, NY. voicescenter.org
Thursday, June 13
6:30 p.m.
Circle of Care's 'Kaleidoscope - Colors of Courage' 20th Anniversary Gala. Loading Dock, Stamford. e.givesmart.com/events/B2G

Monday, June 17
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Kids In Crisis' Kids Challenge Summer Kick-Off Golf Tournament. Shorehaven Golf Club, Norwalk. kidsincrisis.org/event/kids-challenge-2024-summer-kick-off
11 a.m.
The Center for Family Justice's 'Fairways to Hope'. Mill River Country Club, Stratford. secure.qgiv.com/for/fairwaystohope2024/event/foh
Monday, June 24
11:30 a.m.
YWCA Greenwich Annual Golf & Tennis Tournament Fundraiser. Greenwich Country Club. ywca-greenwich.org/events/annualgolf-tournament2024
Saturday, July 13
6 p.m.
Greenwich Point Conservancy's Beach Ball 2024. Tod's Point. eventbrite.com/e/860948940457

Tuesday, Sept. 17
11 a.m.
Breast Cancer Alliance Annual Golf Outing. GlenArbor Golf Club, Bedford, NY. breastcanceralliance.org
Sunday, Oct. 6
11:30 a.m.
YWCA Greenwich Walk the Walk Against Domestic Violence. Bruce Park. ywcagreenwich.org/events/walk-the-walk-against-domestic-violence-2024
Wednesday, Oct. 23
11 a.m.
Breast Cancer Alliance Annual Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show. Westchester Country Club, NY. breastcanceralliance.org

FRIDAY, JUNE 7
4 p.m.
Family Matinee: "Luca". Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org
6:30 p.m.
First Fridays: Dan Strauss. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedford-playhouse.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
CrimeCONN 2024: History, Headlines and Heroes. Ferguson Main Library, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org

11 a.m.
Combo Yoga: Hatha and Kundalini. Ferguson Library - South End Branch, Stamford. Free. fergusonlibrary.org
11 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Oceans Day Mini-Concert. Stepping Stones Museum for Children - Mathews Park, 303 West Ave., Norwalk. steppingstonesmuseum.org
12 p.m.
The Glass House 75th Anniversary Summer Party. 842 Ponus Ridge Rd., New Canaan. theglasshouse.org

MONDAY, JUNE 10
6:45 p.m.
"In Consideration of Coming Out: A Pride Month Conversation". In-person @ Wilton Quaker Meeting, 317 New Canaan Rd., Wilton and Virtual. Free & open to the public. Register. bit.ly/PrideJourneys

TUESDAY, JUNE 11
7 p.m.
Talk: Mental Wellness in the Face of Climate Change. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedfordplayhouse.org

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
6 p.m.
Cyber Security 101. Ferguson Library - Harry Bennett Branch, Stamford. Free. Register. fergusonlibrary.org

THURSDAY, JUNE 13
7 p.m.
Stars of Late Night Comedy. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford, NY. 914-234-6704. bedford-playhouse.org

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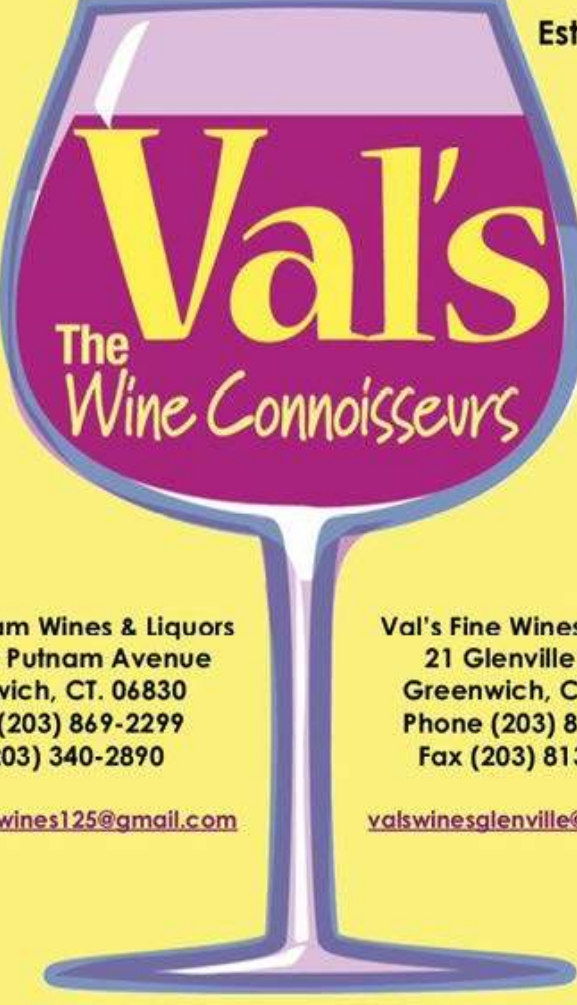
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- 1 The Big Apple, briefly
4 Daybreak
8 Penguin's enemy
14 See 2-Down
15 The "E" in HOMES
16 TV pal of Jerry and George
17 Track athletes who jump
19 "I Can Haz Cheezburg-er?" feline
20 Notre Dame's river
21 Like crossword answers
22 "Moby-Dick" captain
24 Flushed with anger
26 Hold up
29 Scoundrel
31 Fair hiring inits.
32 Pizza party drink
33 1955 adaptation of "Cinderella"
37 Letters of distress
38 Concert highlight featuring low notes
39 Slithering reptiles with an idiomatic name
42 Cajun waterway
45 ___ on the back
46 Meeting point
- 48 Cookies crushed into an ice cream topping
49 "Hamilton" character who sings "Burn"
51 ___ Park (Pirates' stadium)
52 Related
53 Coffee shop order
54 Opposite of adios
55 City about 200 miles south of Topeka, KS
57 Ocean Spray dried fruit snack
59 Bear, in Spanish
60 Ordained leader?
61 Big wasp
62 Kitten's cry
63 According to
64 Comprehends
DOWN
1 Like the utmost degree
2 With 14-Across, response to "Have a good day!"
3 Pre-prom purchases
4 Where subs are built?
5 Sports stadium
6 Device for playing music around the campfire
7 "Contra" game console, for short
8 Beauty at a ball

9 Audibly

- 10 Story
11 Action at the end of a big performance
12 De Armas of "Knives Out"
13 Acrobat catcher
18 Eliminate errors in
21 Embroidery style with X's
22 The "A" of A&E
23 Santa's favorite snack cake?
25 Dietary claim on some chip bags
27 Poetic tribute
28 Prevent
30 Russian mountain that's Europe's tallest, and an anagram of "rubles"
32 Part of a bike wheel

34 Remote battery, often

- 35 Name that sounds like a green yard
36 "Broad City" star Glazer
39 Services' partner
40 Uncovers
41 Like a naturally bright room
42 Half-inning in which the home team bats
43 Pique
44 Common corn color
47 Read elec-tronically
50 What astronauts experience
53 Stuff of legends
54 Help for a puzzler
56 TikTok, for one
58 "r," in texts

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Triple Letter S-core by Landon Horton

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Astrology for Next Week

GEMINI

22 May-21 June It may seem as if you've been backed into a corner from which there is no escape but Geminis are nothing if not resourceful and by the weekend it will be you who is on the attack. However, you rivals won't give up their efforts to undermine you that easily, so be vigilant.

CANCER

22 June-23 July A friend or colleague will inspire you to aim higher and try harder. It may seem as if you've gone as far as you can with what you're working on but your viewpoint is limited, so listen to what they have to tell you, then act on it There is no limit to what you can do.

LEO

24 July-23 Aug The transit of Mars across the midheaven angle of your chart is an excellent omen of success. Even if you are not naturally forceful you'll push both yourself and those you work with to new heights. It won't end there: your career is well-starred until late July.

VIRGO

24 Aug-23 Sept You don't adapt easily to boredom and with energy planet Mars moving in your favour today you will do whatever it takes to get some zip back into your life. Others can play it safe if they wish but you're in need of excitement and won't rest until you find it.

LIBRA

24 Sept-23 Oct Can you do without the good things in life? Probably not, in which case you'll need to find ways to make more money as there'll be plenty of good things tempting you in the days ahead. You won't have to deny yourself anything if you can find a new source of income.

SCORPIO

24 Oct-22 Nov The entry of Mars, planet of anger and aggression, into your opposite sign of Taurus will bring a partnership issue to a head and there may be a few harsh words. Just be careful you don't go too far and say things that cannot be taken back. It's a relationship, not a war.

SAGITTARIUS

23 Nov-21 Dec Don't worry if efforts to alter the working pattern of your life have met with only limited success as over the next six weeks you'll get opportunities galore to remold, if not remake, your everyday regime. Others will be impressed by your renewed dynamism.

CAPRICORN

22 Dec-20 Jan The Sun may be transiting one of the more sensitive areas of your chart but the entry of no-nonsense Mars into the most vibrant sector of the heavens will lift your spirits and keep them lifted for weeks to come. It's time to get serious about that dream you've been toying with.

AQUARIUS

21 Jan-19 Feb Someone you live or work with is in a bad mood. What can you do to put a smile back on their face? Not much, it seems, so perhaps the best you can aim for is to stay out of their way. If that proves impossible things might get emotional by the end of the week.

PISCES

20 Feb-20 March A minor confrontation could escalate into a major one, especially if you say something that does not go down well with those of a sensitive disposition. Not everyone is as forgiving as you and some of your barbs can be a bit painful. Think before you speak.

ARIES

21 March-20 April You need to compartmentalise your mind, to put professional thoughts in one part and personal ones in another, and not let the two to mix. If you can do that this will be a happy and profitable week. If you can't, there will be chaos all round.

TAURUS

21 April-21 May Someone will try to burst your bubble but with energetic Mars entering your sign there is not much they can do to bring you down. You have so much confidence in what you're doing that even if the whole world seems against you it won't dent your self-belief.

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Family Time Crossword
The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. (K) Like an Olympic sprinter
5. Gradually lessen, as a tide
8. Harbor boat
12. (K) Choir member
13. (K) Weep
14. Western timber wolf
15. Masterful success
16. Shade of color
17. (K) Horrible smell
18. Feature of a suspense film
20. (K) Bird sound
21. (K) Absorb the sun on the beach
22. (K) "Taylor Swift: The ___ Tour" (concert film)
24. Entrance granted
27. (K) Bonfire remnant
30. Operate an old phone or internet (2 words)
31. Not mono ...
33. (K) Lion's home
34. Freed from oppression
36. (K) Love's opposite
37. ___ No Hooks
38. Change, as a hemline
41. (K) Bone of the upper arm
45. (K) Wednesday Addams or Harriet M. Welsch
46. Cowboys QB Prescott
47. (K) Pig talk
48. "... and deliver us from ___"
49. (K) "___ Been Working on the Railroad"
50. Slowly go from black to gray
51. Car on the showroom floor
52. (K) Common answer to "Do you like puppies?"
53. (K) Circulate, as blood

DOWN

1. (K) Trivia answer
2. Soothing plant with medicinal qualities
3. Action film VIP
4. Triangular part of a ship's rigging
5. (K) Back talk
6. Sultanate on the coast of Borneo
7. (K) "I'll catch you later!"
8. (K) Leans on the brakes
9. (K) Morse ___
10. Skinny double-reed instrument
11. St. John's what?
19. Narrowly restricted in one's outlook
20. (K) Two-year-old's outburst
23. (K) Flower with thorns
24. (K) Put in
25. (K) Six-sided game piece
26. (K) React to biting a bad lemon
27. Type of road or highway
28. (K) Look successfully?
29. Brick-carrying trough
32. Not be so forceful (2 words)
35. (K) Conduct yourself properly
36. (K) Phone greeting
38. (K) Got more and more mature
39. (K) Shown as it happens
40. (K) Do some hedge work
42. Four-stringed instruments
43. (K) Edit menu option in Word
44. Depict unfairly, as data
46. Letters for weekend warriors

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?

Irony SECRET ending?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Previous riddle answer:
The absolute time of your life?
29-D) AGE

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The answers to this week's puzzles can be found in next week's issue.

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- 1 Abe and Mary Todd (8)
2 move around (9)
3 elated (6)
4 East Asian dumplings (11)
5 white herons (6)
6 land northeast of Guatemala (6)
7 George & Louis, of William (4)

SOLUTIONS

STO	LI	STI	REA	EGR
ETS	CKE	OL	NS	KED
NC	ZE	BE	POT	RRA
LI	NS	RS	NGE	SO

Previous Answers: 1. DRIBBLERS 2. BAYS 3. ALGEBRA
4. RÖLLS 5. TASMANIANS 6. MERRILY 7. CHICKEN

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SUDOKU

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3		1		4			1	1		3		4			1

Sudoku

Each row, column, nonet can contain each number only once. Answers below.

Easy

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				4				1
		8				7		
9					2		5	

Hard

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			3					2
		2		1		3	9	
	3		1	9				
6		8				9		1
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8					1			
	4		5			1		

Very Hard

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			6	9	4			
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Easy

2	9				8			
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Hard

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Very Hard

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COLORING CHALLENGE



Sudoku answers

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Bottom row – Very Hard

4	2	8	6	3	7	9	5	1
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7	4	6	3	2	8	5	1	9
9	8	3	7	1	5	4	6	2
2	1	5	4	9	6	7	3	8

Bottom row – Hard

1	2	4	7	6	5	9	3	8
9	3	5	8	1	4	2	7	6
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4	8	1	2	8	7	6	9	4
5	7	9	1	4	6	8	2	3
6	5	1	4	2	3	1	8	9
8	4	7	9	5	1	3	6	2
2	9	3	6	7	8	1	4	5

Bottom row – Easy

3	6	1	4	2	2	9	8	7
9	8	7	5	3	6	2	4	1
2	5	4	8	1	7	3	9	6
8	9	5	2	7	1	3	6	4
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Top row – Very Hard

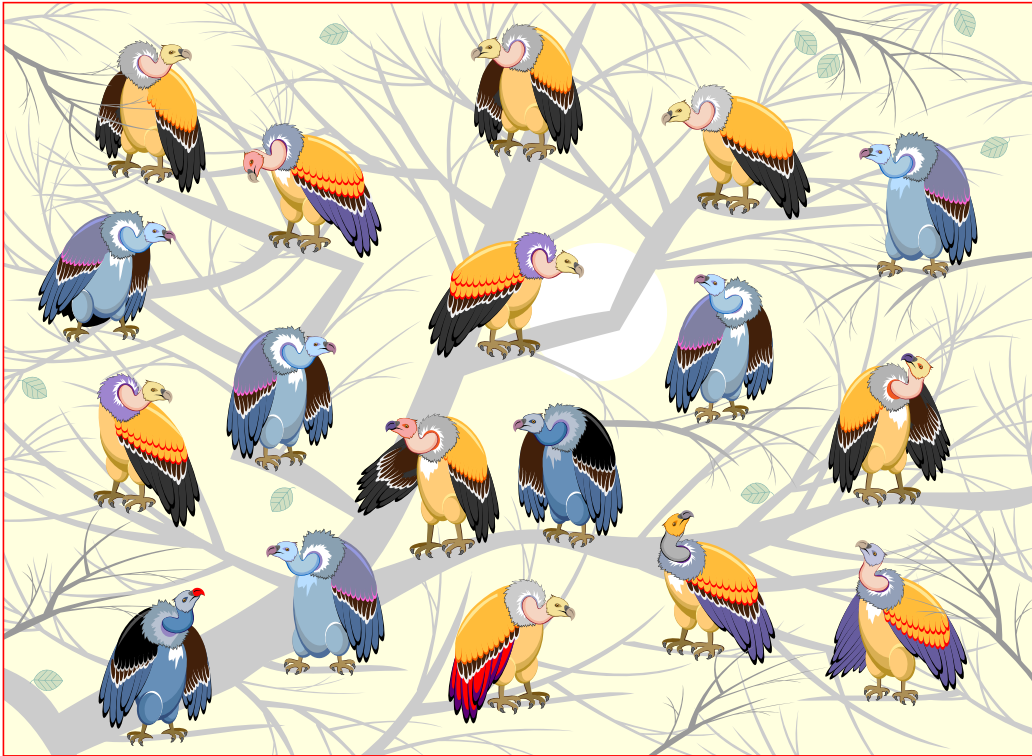
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Top row – Hard

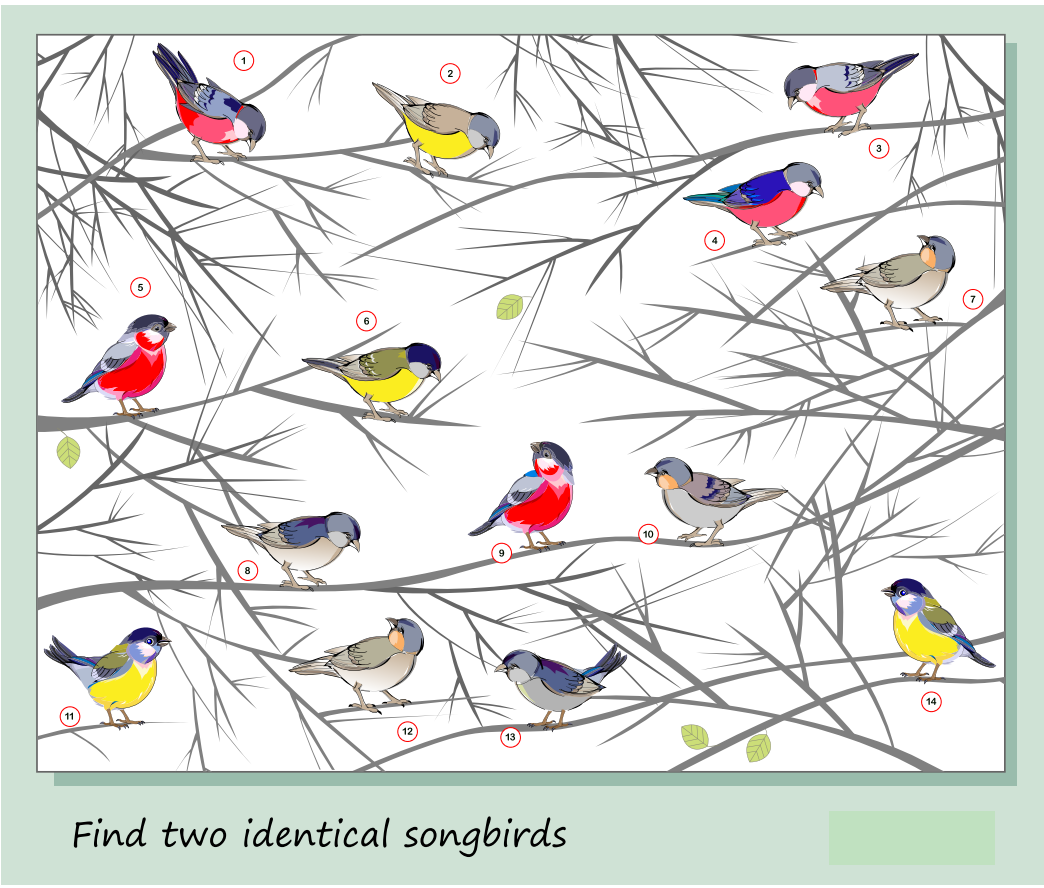
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Top row – Easy

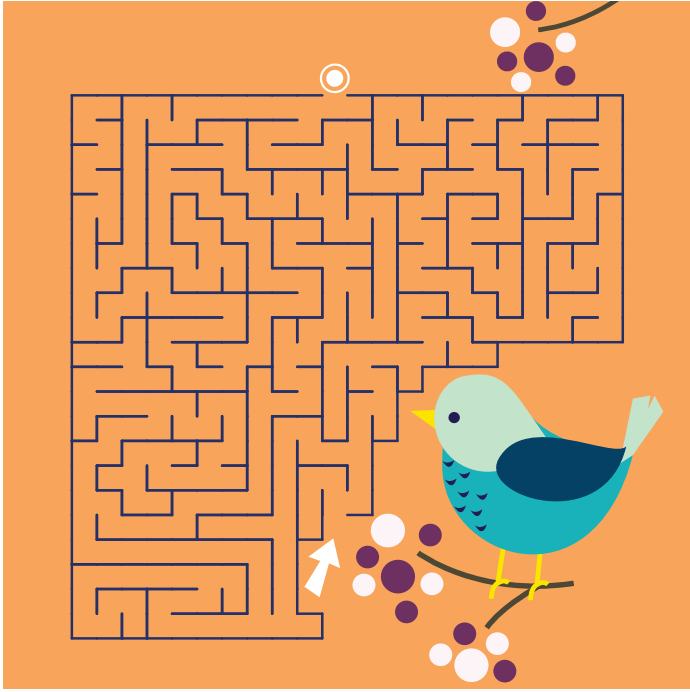
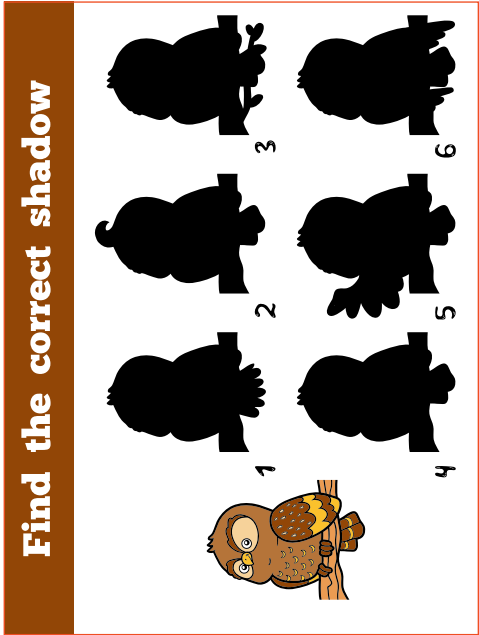
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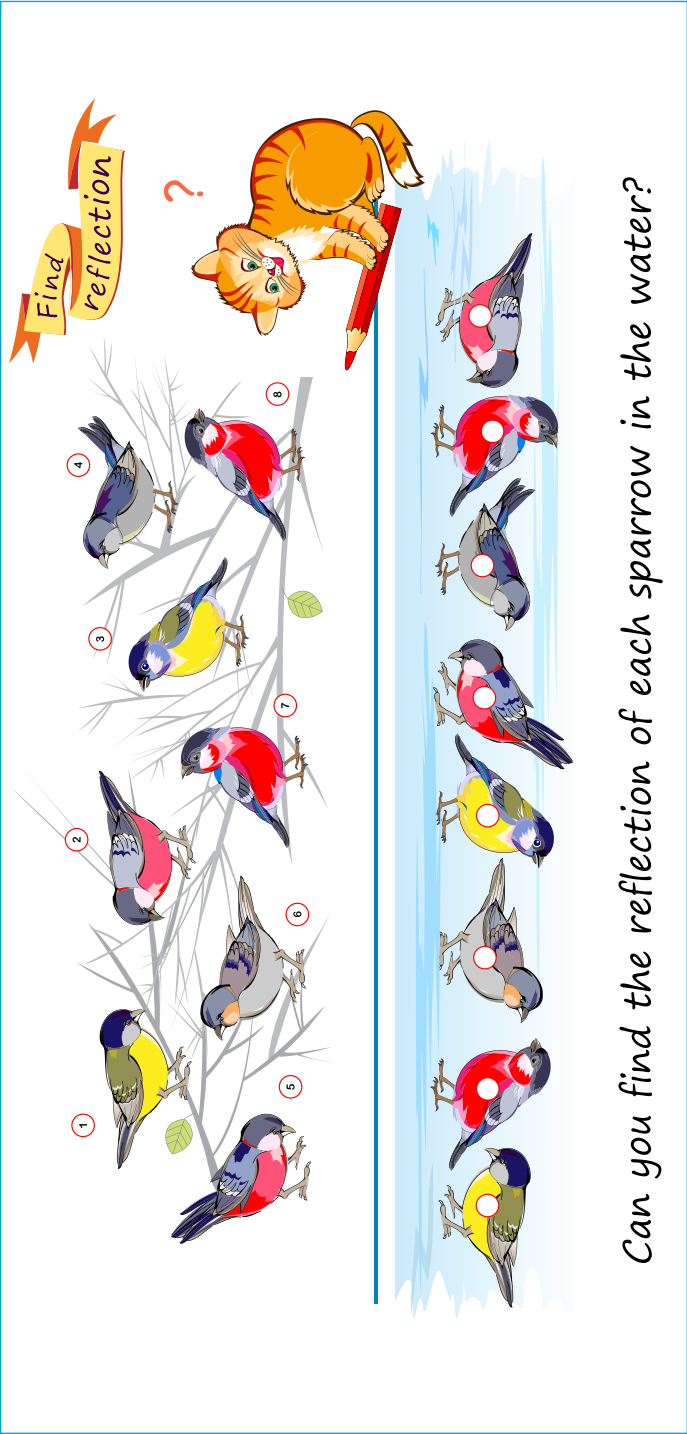
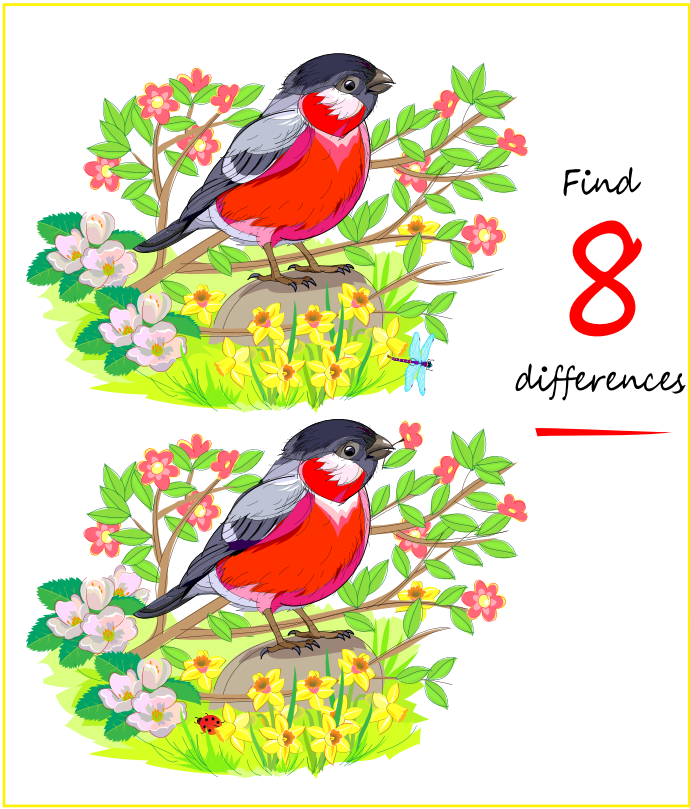
Find two identical songbirds



WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

BIRDS

FLAMINGO	B L C A K M C P I G Q E N O H T H S L W	SPARROW
OWL	S C O R M O R A N T U C I R O C R E N R	EAGLE
PARROT	I E R E H S I F G N I K T G O H R A G E	KINGFISHER
NIGHTINGALE	R G A L W M D R W R R P E N G U I N P L	BLACK KITE
CHUKAR	E R F G D Y M U I O L L D I T K N A L A	CROW
HUMMINGBIRD	P E C H U N O R T H E R N L A P W I N G	OSPREY
MYNA	I W O R R A P S W C I D U D W S H M Y N	WOODPECKER
OSTRICH	P Q P Q J S W A P B O V Q E W C L B A I	STORK
CORMORANT	D U F E U A L L G R S P J E I O F L C T	HORNBILL
QUAIL	N I A L L A Y N B O E H A R W O R A O H	PELICAN
SEAGULL	A E N L A I M W L A Y T D U C K C N G	NORTHERN LAPWING
BEARDED REEDLING	S Y O M R M C L R O U S W E N H O K S I	EGRET
PENGUIN	N W D W M A I A E S O E M D S A N K E N	SANDPIPER
SWAN	A J A U H E K N N P A D J R I M S I H E	WREN
ANHINGA	M E H N O S P U G N W E P A R R O T O W	HOOPOE
DUCK	A Q P L J T W Q H O O P O E Y M Y E O T	SWALLOW
VULTURE	L L U G A E S I G C S E W B C Y M D P R	FALCON
PIGEON	F V O H O R N B I L L P G A N K U P E W	BLUE JAY
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A Zoological Legend That Was Thought Extinct

By Jim Knox

In September of 2021, after more than three quarters of a century of exhaustive field searches and hundreds of hopeful sightings reported, the Ivory-billed Woodpecker was officially declared extinct by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. In July of 2022, based upon new evidence collected by field scientists from the U.S. National Aviary, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service overturned their extinction declaration to list the Ivory-billed Woodpecker as endangered. This extremely rare action speaks volumes about this remarkable creature and the hold it has over scientists and citizens alike.

The Ivory-Billed Woodpecker (*Campephilus principalis*) is no ordinary bird. As one of the planet’s largest woodpeckers, it was revered for its sheer size alone. Reaching 20 inches in length and boasting a 32-inch wingspan, it is an impressive creature by any measure. Yet, it was its size coupled with its striking appearance that evoked startled reactions and awe in those who beheld it. Known by many names including, “Ghost of the Bayou,” “Grail Bird” and “Lord God Bird,” the last quoted from observers of this magnificent animal up close, this animal entered the realm of zoological legend.

With males boasting a black body, bold white striping along the neck back and wings, a tall flaming red crest, golden eye, and massive ivory bill, even a glimpse of this creature was unmistakable. With females displaying an all-black crest, they complement the male’s arresting appearance with a distinct, stately image.

As a creature which relies on vast bottomland and swamp forest tracts in which to hunt beetle larvae living in mature trees, the Ivory-bill suffered greatly from clear-



The Ivory-Billed Woodpecker. Original photo by Arthur A. Allen, 1935, watercolored by Jerry A. Payne, via Wikimedia Commons.

The last quoted up-close observers of this magnificent animal called it by many names, including “Ghost of the Bayou,” “Grail Bird” and “Lord God Bird” before it entered the realm of zoological legend.

cutting forestry practices of the late 1800’s through early 1900’s within its range in the American Southeast. Coupled with the brisk trade in their feathers and bills, the Ivory-bill’s numbers plummeted. By the 1920’s talk of its extinction circulated widely, yet the birds held on, with the last scientifically accepted sighting taking place in 1944. Since that time hopeful rumors and fleeting sightings have led an army of conservationists to hold out hope for these “Ghosts of the Bayou.”

Such size, appearance, and rarity combined to transform the Ivory-bill from a creature of the forest to a creature of legend, making it

emblematic of all rare species rumored to survive. Likened to conservation’s Holy Grail, such status commands our attention and holds the potential to command our support. As the poster creature for beauty, power, and perseverance in the face of imminent extinction pressure, the Ivory-bill has become a rallying cry for conservation effort. In many respects this rarest of rare creatures perches at the junction of extinction inevitability and survival through human intervention. Its heralded rediscovery after more than seven decades may reflect the maturation of conservation practice, unrelenting scientific rigor,

the ever-hopeful indomitable human spirit, sheer luck, or all those things. What we do know is that the reported rediscovery of this bird gives us a second chance to restore a species that was a essential component to the health of our southern forests.

If indeed its rediscovery leads to adequate conservation protection and long-term survival, the Ivory-bill will have stared down extinction with an unblinking eye. If so, how did this very large bird manage to elude us for the better part of a century? Much like Colorado Grizzlies, Eskimo Curlews, and other beasts on the edge on myth and survival, by

adapting their habits to avoid humans. By retreating into remote, protected wilderness areas and adopting secretive, stealthy habits, such creatures live beyond our detection and elude many of the perils of having human neighbors.

While there are those who understandably meet the announcement of the bird’s rediscovery with skepticism. With the weight of multiple research universities, the U.S. National Aviary, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service behind it, we have never had reason for greater optimism for the survival of this magnificent species.

So, if the Ivory-bill is out there, what does that tell us about the bird, and about ourselves? The “Lord God Bird” got its name for the sheer emotion it evoked in us. Beautiful and arresting, it has become synonymous with its wilderness home. It is a creature of intelligence and resourcefulness in the

face of adversity. It is this same spirit that has buoyed hope for its survival and driven those who have led efforts to prove its existence to persevere. It is this refusal to accept defeat which is the hallmark of those who extend caring to the natural world. While indomitable hope alone is no formula for success, it is hope that fuels the efforts to protect wild creatures and wild places. Seemingly dauntless, the Ivory-bill meets us in the middle of what may be, and what could be. It reassures us that if we match its resilience, the “Grail Bird” may fly out of legend, and into a world possibility.

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