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We thank you in advance for your continued support and if you have any suggestions please let us know. Send your voluntary payment to:

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Shop Locally

Dear Editor,

The Holiday Season is approaching and the North Branford Economic Development Commission is urging you to Shop Locally.

When making out your holiday lists, think of all the stores in North Branford that meet your needs. Shop Locally!

Looking for Christmas trees, greens, decorations or flowers? We probably have more garden centers per person than any town in Connecticut. Remember we are a farming community! Support them and Shop Locally!

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Thank You from the Totoket Historical Society

Dear Editor:

The Totoket Historical Society held another successful Holiday Bazaar on November 19th at Atwater Library in North Branford. Thanks are due to many supporters. Because the Reynolds-Beers House, home of the Totoket Historical Society, has been closed for several months for safety updates, the North Branford Library Board, Library Director Bob Hull and Head Librarian Helen Glasses offered the use of the Community Room at Atwater for the Bazaar. Without this kind offer, there would have been no fundraiser. The Historical Society gives special thanks and appreciation to the "Library People" and the close relationship between the Library and the Historical Society. THS hopes to re-open the Reynolds-Beers House in the Spring.

Also, without friends and residents making donations, there would not have been a Bazaar. Special thanks also to all of them. Donations included antique lamps, fine jewelry, glassware and linens as well as a very special hand crocheted bedspread from the 1800's.

For collecting, sorting and selling donated articles, many thanks to the members of the Society. They are an exceptional group in terms of time and energy they spend to keep the Society going. Thanks to all of them and a special thank you to Brenda De Maio for overseeing this event with Dottie Savastano.

Proceeds from the Bazaar go toward the upkeep of the Little Red School House, the Reynolds-Beers House, the Little White Gas Station and the Miller Barn.

The Totoket Historical Society appreciates the support of the many Town residents who shopped at the Bazaar and were generous in their donations. This is another example of "North Branford Proud" where the Townspeople, businesses, boards and commissions work together to support each other.

Happy Holidays! Totoket Historical Society

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Northford Volunteer Fire Company #2 will be assisting Santa and his elves dropping off toys to children in Company #2's fire district (North on Middletown Avenue to Northford Park; South on Middletown Avenue to the North Haven line; South on Forest Road to the Police Department; North on Clintonville Road to the North Haven town line; including side roads off of those main roads.) on Christmas Eve.

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Any questions please call 203-484-0466.

Let's Be "Frank"

It's the holiday season and I'm already tired. Although I feel better than I have felt in several years (knock on wood whatever that means), I just cannot get motivated for the holidays. I don't do any Christsmas shopping so the stress of the stores and choosing just the right gift is not there. I am now like the people I always despised. Just give out green gifts. It's easier and most people already have what they want so the green goes fine with whatever they are wearing and it is usually the right size. I started doing that with the grandson but at "almost 4 years old" he still asks the important question, "is there a toy too Poppy".

The Christmas menu has dwindled. Who doesn't eat seafood? Who is gluten free? Who is carb free? Some can't have sugar and others don't drink anymore. I laugh at the special diets. None of these people are healthier than they were when they were munching on soppresata, salted cod, shrimp, ham and lasagna. As a matter of fact they don't even look thinner.

The special Christmas Mass seems to be losing some of its zest as well. Many of the traditions are going by the wayside and everyone seems to be in hurry to get out of the church. Even the priest seems to want to end it quicker but it seems as though some of the ceremony gets eliminated but the homily gets longer.

Decorations and advertisements were up before Thanksgiving. The rushing for the season before the Thanksgiving dessert is even flushed, does not make the season longer and more exciting. It makes it commercial and uneventful.

The election seems to have put a damper on patriotism. I don't care if you like Trump or not (I know he wouldn't have been your choice), he is our president. These "unpeaceful" demonstrations are a joke. The USA has always prided itself on our strength and support of our country. Let's cut the crap and move on. If you don't want to stand for the National Anthem, then screw you.

Even a new grand son hasn't improved my mood yet. The kid is beautiful but I have a cold and haven't been able to hold him so that hasn't made the smile complete.

I've been to four wakes in the last two weeks and as I am writing this note, I have two more to go to. It seems as though everyone makes that final trip around the holidays.

It's time to start the decorations but Santa's helper is taking three grad school classes and Santa is getting too old to get the job done without his best helper.



So there you have it. Christmas is coming and this little elf seems to be on the naughty list and not the nice list. But that is not going to stop me.

It's time to hitch up the team and get on the right track. The cookies will have gluten, the espresso will have sambuca, the lasagna will have whole milk ricotta and the ham will not be low salt.

The decorations will go up if I have to hire an elf, and I'm not watching any Christmas specials until two weeks before Santa comes.

It's old school at this house and that's the way it will stay.

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Letters to the editor...

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All letters must be signed. A telephone number should be included and no personal attacks.

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

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The Editor

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State Representative Vincent Candelora

Committee Consolidations: A Way to Save Money



Connecticut faces significant budget challenges in the next legislative session, and Senator Len Fasano (R-North Haven) recently renewed a call to reduce legislative committees from 27 to 17 in order to create \$1.6 million in savings. Republicans proposed this reduction in the last budget cycle, and I support it, not only for budget

reasons, but for consistency as well.

We need to subscribe to the philosophy that less is more, and in the case of legislative work, I believe that to be the case. Over the years, our legislature has expanded committees, thus compartmentalizing its work. In just the past ten years, the legislature created free standing committees to deal with housing, children, veteran and elderly issues, which previous were handled by others. For instance, in the past, the Planning and Development Committee handled housing issues. This committee oversees municipal and planning regulations, including landlord-tenant laws. By creating a Housing Committee, the legislature has removed a leg of the stool, and now these committees operate in silos. One committee may propose a change to the housing laws that completely contradicts the direction that the other committee may be going in. By sending out competing bills, the committees create chaos for the House and Senate to try and resolve on the floor of the chambers, which is the last place, not the first, a bill should be resolved.

I believe by combining committees, we can bring symmetry to the process. For instance, we often hear how Connecticut is business unfriendly. One of the problems arise because we have a labor committee addressing workers' issues and a separate commerce committee that deals with business issues. Each committee fails to work in tandem for the benefit of the entire business committee and oftentimes, they will produce legislative proposals that can be at complete odds with each other. The unions will influence the labor committee proposals and the business community will attempt to impact the commerce committee proposals. Neither work together. If Connecticut combined these two committee, I believe we would benefit from the centralized dialogue of both business and labor on all the issues.

Our current budget process provides an Appropriations Committee, which fixes the spending side of the budget, and a Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, which address the income side of the budget. Each committee will pass out a proposal that fails to match the other. As a result, the legislative committee process will produce a budget that's out of balance. By doing so, the budget goes behind closed doors and gets adjusted by leadership. Oftentimes, the ultimate budget looks nothing like the proposals that come out of these two committees. Republicans have again proposed the creation of a Ways and Means Committee that would be charged with balancing the proposed budget that is produced out the Appropriations Committee. I would hope that this new process would make the process transparent and prevent the decisions from being made behind closed doors.

I not think we will achieve the aggressive proposal of consolidating 27 committees into 17, but I do believe the request merits a discussion. Not only can Connecticut save money, but I believe there is a real opportunity to unify the process for the betterment of the state.

WIT & WISDOM

The Chinese have a proverb that says "When too few people have too much and to many people have too little something happens". That's what happened November 8th. From the results it seems they guessed right, but got the greater of two evils. To all you in despair may I give you some encouragement.

Two of the most important changes needed Trump has addressed, in his plans for his first legislative changes. Delaying the Congressmen, of either house, from jumping from their Congressional posts to high paid lobbyist for 5 years. Their influence after 5 years will be so minimized as to be of little interest to the powers seeking them.

If Trump forces through the most important legislation to make this country Great again. He will go down in history as the greatest President ever. In act, making us a democracy and not in name only, with Term Limits.

Those of you so concerned about the Supreme Court's decisions should remember, the worst decision ever handed down was it's declaration of Term Limits by states of Federal elections unconstitutional. Blumenthal's response to a person attending one of his campaign speeches when asked if he believed in Term Limits responded sarcastically, "We have them, "elections" while fully knowing how nearly impossible it is to remove an incumbent. The few removed were convicted of illegal or criminal activities. What this will do is open the door to honorable people wanting to do what's best for our country first and not themselves. Remember it was a liberal, Ruth Beder Ginsburg who cast the deciding vote in that decision and

Branford Compassion Club's

Branford Compassion Club will host its annual holiday cookie walk 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at its Feline Rescue & Adoption Center, 2037 Foxon Road.

Delicious homemade cookies can be purchased for \$4 a dozen. All proceeds from the sale benefit the shelter's homeless felines.

Refreshments, including eggnog and samples of homemade cookies, will be served. Stop by and join in the holiday festivities and check out the cats and kittens looking for forever homes.

BCC kitties believe in Santa too. You can help Santa by donating to BCC's Holiday Wishing Tree. Take a tag, sign the log and return your tax-deductible gift Saturdays during open house hours through Dec. 31.

For more information visit www.branfordcompassionclub.org.



Food for Fines Week at the Smith & Atwater Libraries

For the week of Dec. 5 - 11, the North Branford Public Libraries will forgive \$1. in overdue fines for every non-expired, non-perishable food item brought in. This only applies to overdue fines, not to bills for lost or damaged items. Bring your canned goods or items in boxes or bags to the library circulation desk. No open, repackaged, or expired items, please. All donations will go to the North Branford Food Pantry. The most needed items are canned fruit, jelly (other than grape), boxed rice, canned potatoes and beef soup; however, all items are gratefully accepted.

Conservative Justice Thomas writing support of it's constitutionality. One cannot ever feel secure in the courts decision nor the voice of our Congressman or Senator. With 90 percent of the people wanting Term Limits. Trump has the support of of the people to getting this accomplished. I shutter at the possibilities of Trumps actions, but with none of our politicians ever keeping their promise why fret over Trump's actions.

One worrisome possibility is Trump's appointment of Mike Pompeo the Congressman from Kansas, as head of the CIA.who was hired to force legislation through a Republican Congress that not only forbid the labeling of Genetically Modified foods, but made it illegal for any state to do so.making Vermont's already passed GM food labeling law, due to become effective July 1,st null and void.

Before you rise in anger, it was Obama who signed the Bill when his Veto would have delayed if not stoppd the bill. Remember Michelle is a proselytizer for Organic food, even having an organic garden at the White House.

When a labeling bill was on the ballot in California supported by 65 percent of the people and considered a certainty to pass until Monsanto and a conglomerate of food distributing corporations spent over \$50,000,000 in the 2 weeks before the election warning the people their food bills would increase \$5,00.00 a year if passed. It lost with 52 percent of the votes.

For you who patronize Whole Foods, a supposed organic food store, contributed \$1,000,000 to defeat the bill and when it was passed here in Connecticut insisted on it's passage being delayed until 3 of the neighboring states passed similar legislaton. Whole Foods, who the Wall Street Journal questioned it's support of locally grown food was found guilty of deliberately shorting their packaged foods a few ounces less than the price quoted on the package.

Of course they denied it was willful, but paid the fine rather than risk a further investigation.

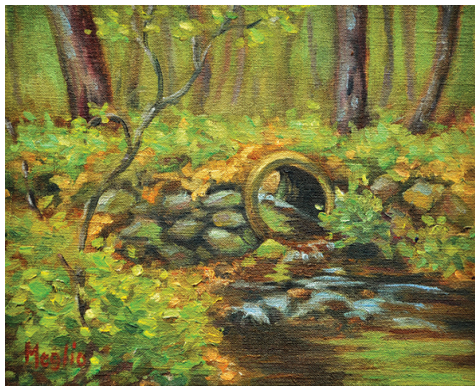
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Brownies Show Vets Their Gratitude

Brownie Troop #60139 based in Northford collected candy for Operation Gratitude a program where donations are sent to United States Service Members, Veterans, first responders, and Wounded Heroes. In November, Operation Gratitude requested bags of candy. Troop #60139 collected over 16 bags of candy and several handmade cards to send to our US troops. Well done Troop #60139!
Featured from top left - Kaylee, Natalee, Marissa, Janae
From bottom left - Sofia, Madeline, Abigail and Gianna

Northford Artist Exhibits her Work



Northford artist Patty Meglio will be exhibiting her work at the Edward Smith Library from now until December 31st. Patty is a local artist specializing in oil painting of country and seascape scenes, many of which include North Brnaford and surrounding towns and portraits.



Welcome Nico Francesco Bozzuto

John Joseph Bozzuto IV would like to introduce his baby brother Nico Francesco Bozzuto. Nico joined his brother on Thursday, November 17th, weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces and 20” tall. The brothers are the sons of John and Erica Bozzuto and gransons of John and Michele Bozzuto and Frank and SueAnn Mentone all of North Branford. Paternal great grandparents are John Bozzuto and Barbara Kerr also of North Branford and the maternal great grandmother is Gloria D’Amato.

No rest for this Cub Scout Pack

The NB Cub Scout Pack 455 has been busy this fall.



On November 12th, they greeted the Veterans and participated in a flag retirement ceremony at the West Brook Elks.

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NBIS Honors our Veterans

In celebration of Veterans Day, the students of North Branford Intermediate School had the opportunity to honor servicemen through activities and a luncheon. To welcome the veterans, several eighth grade students arranged a display of twelve hundred American flags outside the school. Veterans of several branches of the armed services came to speak to the different grade levels and shared experiences during their time served. Afterwards, a luncheon was held for our veterans as well as staff members who served in the military.

The activities and luncheon were organized by the middle school’s social studies teachers and many staff members. (Pictured left to right: Paul Liquori, Louis Criscuolo, Ryan Proto, John Ardine, Warren Dunphy, Bill Gargano, Edward Fracasso, and Keith Shadman)

Stuff the Turkey for the Food Pantry



Families at the Nursery on Notch Hill helped “stuff the turkey” for the North Branford Food Pantry. The children have been busy preparing for their Thanksgiving Feast celebration.

NBIS Recognized as USA Art Partner of the Year

On Friday, November 4th, North Branford Intermediate School was recognized as the 2016 USA Art Partner of the Year on opening night of Creative Connection’s International Children’s Art Show. The event took place at the Silvermine Art Center’s School of Art in New Canaan, Connecticut and featured exemplary student artwork from exchanges between American and international schools. At this show, eight students and their social studies teachers, Ms. Marcella Ardine and Mr. Jerry Prell, were honored for “creating an exceptional collection of culturally insightful art” during their 2015–2016 exchange with students from Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Educare, located in India. Ms. Ardine and Mr. Prell were grateful for their students to have been selected by judges from a pool of hundreds of participating schools from around the USA. The artwork is currently on public display at the Silvermine Art Center’s School of Art.

(Featured student artwork: Sophia Anastasio’s “My Second Home”, Ariana Fiondella’s “Giving is Caring”, Riley Kendall’s “A Day at School”, Colby Martinik’s “Remembering the Fallen”, Emily Olson’s “Catholic Baptism”, Lia Prato’s “The Simple Things”, Ethan Sabetta’s “Library Life”, and Alexis Sorrell’s “Fun at the Saco”).

Photo: Marcella Ardine (6-8 Social Studies Department Leader) and Jerry Prell (Social Studies teacher) proudly display the NBIS “USA Art Partner of the Year” plaque.



HOLIDAY POINSETTIA SALE CLASS OF 2017 PROJECT GRADUATION

All proceeds will go to PROJECT GRADUATION 2017, an all-night substance free party held at the school for the graduating seniors following their graduation ceremony.

Order your choice of locally grown, large nursery poinsettias in Festive red, white or pink in the following sizes:

\$12.00	6 ½" pot (1 plant)
\$18.00	7 ½" pot (2 plants)
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\$19.00	Log box with evergreens & decorations For outdoor and cemetery use
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\$16.00	16" undecorated wreath

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **PROJECT GRADUATION 2017**
You may pick up your order at the North Branford High School on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, from 2:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Cut and return order form with your payment on or before **Thursday, December 1** to:

Project Graduation
C/o NBHS
49 Caputo Rd.
No. Branford, CT 06471

Or return it with your child for interoffice mail delivery via their school.
Orders will also be taken at parent/teacher conference nights.

Any questions, contact: Pam Sommo @ 203-500-8324 or Val Querfeld @ 203-641-3831

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Log Box	\$19.00	Quantity: _____	_____	_____	_____
Pillow	\$16.00	Quantity: _____	_____	_____	_____
12" Wreath	\$12.00	Quantity: _____ (no decorations or bow)	_____	_____	_____
16" Wreath	\$16.00	Quantity: _____ (no decorations or bow)	_____	_____	_____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Total \$ _____

North Branford Substance Abuse Forum 12/6/16 7:00 PM NB Auditorium

A panel forum and
question/answer session
designed to promote
awareness, educate, and
support local families with
increasing substance abuse
issues in our community.



Panel Experts

Vinny Candelora and Sean Scanlon (State Representatives)
Sue Kruczek (A parent’s perspective)
John, Dillon, and Angelica (Student/family perspectives)
Sean Anderson (North Branford Police Department)
Dr. Robert Nolfo (A pediatrician’s perspective)
Marlene McGann (South Central Substance Abuse Council)

NBPS forum support : Annie Masselle- LCSW, Eve Ostrowski- LCSW,
Nicole Lacroix- Health Educator, Malik White- Student Counselor.

NBIS Period I Honors

Grade 8 High Honors

Aguiar, McKayla
Amendola, Ashlee
Anastasio, Sophia
Beardsley, Bryce
Burwell, Mackenzie
Colavolpe, Bella Grace
Corniello, Julianna
Criscuolo, Charliana
D’Albero, Elisabeth
DellaCamera, Sophia
DeWitt, Daisy Ann
Didiano, Roberto
Dow, Catherine
Fabish, Paige
Faughnan, Liam
Fortier, Isabelle
Fowler, Samantha
Garrett, Jillian
Geist, Griffin
Gibilisco, Gabrielle
Gott, Onna
Graichen, Noah
Hughes, Zoe Rose
Iuteri, Brianna Marie
Jassil, Karina Ainagul
Kamienski, Taylor Rose
Kendall, Riley Blaire
Kendrick, Alyssa Ann
LaBanca, Genaro
Leete, Conor William
LeMere, Alex Christian
Manner, Kaila Brooke
Melillo, Brooke
Melillo, Landon Jade
Nuterangelo, Dominic
Nuzzo, Amanda Rose
O’Neil, Kylie Shaye
Olson, Emily Anna
Ouellet, Sophia Noelle
Pesticci, Gabriella
Prato, Lia Juliana
Preiss, Mallory Rose
Raymond, Ava Melissa
Razouki, Yousif Hisham
Reyes, Matthew
Rice, Dalton James
Riggione, Christina
Sabetta, Ethan John
Sarenas, Elizabeth
Sellitto, Andrew
Serenson, Emma Luisa
Shadman, Caroline Joy
Sorrell, Alexis Trinity
Stankiewicz, Aiden Paul
Stoner, Aidan Dean
Sweeney, Shane
Vecchio, Krista Rose

Williams, Alexis Rose
Grade 7 High Honors
Alaska, Jennifer Kate
Anderson, Ryan Andrew
Barbarotta, Tate Joseph
Brunschwig, Kaitlyn
Brustman, Nolan
Bunosso, Isabella Arlene
Burke, Saoirse Reed
Caso, Maissa Catherine
Chittenden, Zachary
Danner, Jacob Michael
DePino, Gianna Marie
Diglio, Stefania Amelia
Gomez, Nichole Renee
Hills, Isabella Marie
Iuteri, Mila Adrianna
Izzo, Luke Anthony
LeBeau, Braeden Leigh
Leete, Regan Elizabeth
Levine, Taylor Anne
Marcarelli, Lexi Tana
Marra, Grace Ann
Melillo, Kate Elizabeth
Montanaro, Madison
Montanaro, Meghan
Mullins, Robert
Norman, Delaney Eve
Nuzzo, Ryan James
Parente, Carley Nicole
Patel, Dhruvi Alpesh
Pearson, Blake Robert
Pearson, Elena Mae
Pfeiffer, Olivia Rose
Pietrandrea, Lauren
Pinto, Gabriella Antonia
Reynolds, Benjamin
Rivera, Sheyenne Lynn
Rossicone, Paige
Saldutti, Jake
Scalia, Dominic
Senerchia, Hanna Rae
Sorensen, Julia Nicole
Spinelli, Francesco
Stone, Makenna Lyn
Vollono, Abigail
Yarnall, Paige
Grade 6 High Honors
Altermatt, Dylan John
Beardsley, Alyssa Ann
Bogardus, Grant
Bureau, Shelby Ann
Candelora, Ava Marie
Capasso, Chelsey
Castellano, Richard
Chasanoff, Ryan
Cotton, Alexa

Cucchiarelli, Patrick
D’Amico, Cecelia
Defaranos, Elias
Dolzani, Robert Antonio
Dow, Gavin Christian
Falcioni, Nico Anthony
Farrell, Ally Elizabeth
Gambardella, Ava Belle
Gambardella, Sophie
Garrett, Cameron
Gassira, Gianna Rose
Goodmaster, Isabella
Green, Shannon Nicole
Heffernan, Carolyn
Hortillo, Felicia Emily
Huisman, Alexander
Johnson, Charles
Juniver, Tessa Ann
Kamienski, Payton Lyn
Katz, Avery Faith
Kennedy-Fujah, Dylan
Krista, Cassidy Jordan
Kuczynski, Joshua
Kunz, Kilee Ciara
Langello, Dominick
McIntyre, Cameron
Onofrio, John Paul
Park, Mia Lucy
Provencher, Mason
Raymond, Maiah
Rodriquez, Carlie
Rojas-Ojeda, Luisa
Russo, Bernard
Schmidt, Gabriella Rose
Serenson, Tyler Anthony
Shadman, Alexander
Sim, Paulynna
Sorrell, Jaiden Robert
Sorrentino, Marco
Stegina, Benjamin
Teodoro, Alexa Marie
Tranquilli, Nathan
Trudeau, Emma Rose
Wessoleck, Christin
Wray, Dana Melanie
Grade 8 Honors
Adams, Karma
Armin, Jessica Marie
Becker, Nadia Joy
Benton, Juliana Lynn
Brezicki, Brianna Lee
Bunnell, Jeremy
Candelora, Thomas Cole
Carr, Wyatt Frederick
Cole, Aiden Francis
Covel, Erik James
Coyne, Connor
D’Ambruoso, Alex

D’Aversa, Shawn
DaCunto, Jonathan
DeFrancesco, Trent
Didiano, Felicia Serene
Didiano, Giacomo
DiNapoli, Tyler David
Ferreira, Olivia
Fiondella, Ariana
Frandsen, Justin Arthur
Grant, Liam Michael
Hart, Corbin David
Humphrey, Madelyn
Karsmarski, Marlena
Kuczynski, Nicholas
Laucella, Kelsey Lynn
Lucibello, Adrianna
Maroulis, Vasilios
Martinik, Colby Stephen
McCormack, Emily
O’Brien, Jamison Cole
Piercey, Erica Rose
Podoloff, Jake Benton
Provencher, Hunter
Sullivan, Leigha
Taylor, Ella Nicole
Velez, Ariana Cristina
Villano, Charlotte
Votto, Sofia Loren
Yang, Justin
Grade 7 Honors
Ackerman, Lauren
Angelini, Julia Rose
Barrett, Samantha
Berrios, Brianni Lia
Brennan, Robert


Brittell, Cameron
Camejo, Genesis
Carter, Alyiah Marie
Cassista, Tara Lynne
Cavalier, Christopher
Chopus, Jake Brett
Cosenza, Mitchell
Cronan, Tyler Jeffrey
Damiani, Maya Rose
Dudley, Mason Scott
Ford, Zechariah
Green, Julie
Haggerty, Liana
Jarmie, Aubrey
Langlan, Charles
Leary, Skylar Inez
Monde, Ryan
Oliverio, Mia Jane
Ricardo, Marissa
Rossicone, Jalen
Salani-Bathija, Tara
Teodosio, Demetrios
Toto, Olivia Rose
Tressel, Amanda
Vander Wyk, Liam
Vaspasiano, Ryan
Virginelli, Michael
Waldron, Cailey
Wood, Makayla
Yacono, Emma
Grade 6 Honors
Amendola, Andrew
Ananiatis, Dayna
Angiollo, Kasey
Annunziato, Nina Teresa

Betzner, Bridget Ann
Burwell, Dylan Stephen
Carbone, Carmela Marie
Charlesworth, Sarah
Collins, Jason William
D’Onofrio, David
DeJesus, Jordan
Delfino, Justin Anthony
DellaCamera, Angelina
DeSisto, Nicolas
Esposito, Alexander
Estrada-Perez, Jonathan
Gallipoli, McKenna
Geist, Aidan Gabriel
Girardi, Drew Sutton
Hannan, Sean McLeod
Ianniello, Alexandra
Kamienski, Ian Michael
Kendall, Avery Leigh
Krupp, Collin Joseph
LaBree, Richard Ward
Lacroix, Molly Jane
Martone, Isabella
Mascari, Jake
Palma, Gianna
Powell, Carly
Ramos, Teaghan
Riordan, Mea Carol
Robinson, Nicholas
Rojas, Cristian
Sabine, Daniel Glenn
Seward, William
Vincent, Vada
Wein, Jaidyn Ann

Vinal Tech
NB Honor Students
High Honors
Marc Abbattello,
Christopher DePino,
Briana Haglund
Cullen Rezendes.
Honors:
Brett Ballantoni,
Toby Carotenuto,
Gabrielle Cruz,
Lucas Johnson,
Corbin Kattermann,
Carson Melillo,
Kevin O’Connell,
Benjamin Powell
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Youth Football Team wins Championship

North Branford Youth Football A Team completed their season by taking the Championship Title in the Connecticut Youth Football League. After losing to Windsor in regular season, North Branford’s offense, led by Quarterback Brandon Fratta, dominated with Tyler Dinapoli scoring three touchdowns to lead at the half 21-6. Tommy Candelora and Aiden Stankiewicz each scored a touchdown in the second half to defeat Windsor 38-18. The team defeated Berlin 24-6 in the Semi-Finals and New Hartford 41-12 in the Quarter Finals and ended their season with a 10-1 record and a career record of 44-7.

Coach Anthony Salvati; Coach Michael Rice; Coach Rich Murphy; Coach Mike Katz; Coach Cory Onofrio; Coach Eric Berlepsch; Coach Carmine Ciampi; Coach Louis Distasio **Players:** *Tony Longo*3 ; *Alex Clinton* 6; *Terence Murphy* 7; *Dalton Rice* 8; *Tyler Dinapoli*; 9; *Tommy Candelora* 10; *Maverick Melchior*e 14; *Trevor Holzer* 16; *Mason Melchior*e 22; *Brandon Fratta* 25; *Aiden Stankiewicz* 33; *Rishi Patel* 37; *David Santiago* 55; *Dominic Nuterangelo* 61; *Jamison O’Brien* 65; *Aiden Cole* 66; *Alex D’Ambruso* 70; *Ryan Vaspasiano* 73; *Ethan Raymond* 80.

Thunderbirds win Turkey Bowl

North Branford T-Birds came back from a 22 point deficit to beat Coginchaug 28-22 in the final game of the season. With just seconds left on the clock, senior Dylan Blake hit freshman Charles Walcott on an 11 yard slant and then connected for a 2 yard conversion to senior Matt Sibley to send the game into OT. Blake then saw and opening in the first offensive possession of the OT and took the ball up the middle for a 10 yard run to seal the victory and give NB another winning season finishing at 6-4.

Blake was 13 Of 17 and threw for 204 yards. He spread the ball around hitting the freshman Walcott 4 times for 54 yards and 2 TD’s, sophomore Nick Mancini 3 times for 72 yards and senior Keane Regan 3 times for 37 yards. Mancini ran for 70 yards, junior Jeff Zablosnki had 51 and Blake had 37. Walcott had 33 yards and added another TD on the ground to finish the game with 3 scores.

Once again senior sensation Matt Sibley led the defense with 13 tackles. Mancini added 6 tackle and 5 assists, Regan had 4 with 1 assist, as did Walcott and senior Justin Augur added 4 tackles 6 assist. Sophomore RJ Sobask, junior Jack Thornburn and Augur all had sacks.

Madoule & Glenn - NBCC MVP

At the recently held North Branford Cross Country Banquet, Michael Madoule and Mackenzie Glenn received the Most Valuable Player Award. Parker Nadeau and Jillian Damiani received The Desire and Dedication Award. Rookie of the Year was achieved by Jared Jamieson and Julia Cassista. The 2016 team was lead by three captains: Winnie Chan, Parker Nadeau and Austin Gibilisco. At the banquet, a variety of non-perishable food items amounting to 200 lbs was collected by the team and donated to the North Branford food kitchen.

The “NBCC” 4 Yr Award was earned by Winnie Chan, Austin Gibilisco and Parker Nadeau. Girls Varsity Letters were awarded to: Julia Cassista, Winnie Chan, Jillian Damiani, Mackenzie Glenn and Sarah Sullivan. Boys Varsity Letters were awarded to: Aaron Beisaw, Austin Gibilsco, Jared Jamieson, Zachary Jamieson, Michael Madoule, Patrick Miconi, Parker Nadeau and Michael Rabuffo. The North Branford 5k Cross Country Course Top Seven Record Plaque established seven years ago was updated. Michael Madoule has now taken over 3rd place for the boys with a time of 18:20 and for the girls Mackenzie Glenn now holds 4th place with a time of 23:40.



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Jason Taylor, Boys Coordinator: boyscoordinator@nbylax.org
Joe Amatore, Girls Coordinator: girlscoordinator@nbylax.org
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Family & Adult Activities

Babysitter’s Certification

Who: 11-15 Years old
Session: January 16 NOTE: NO SCHOOL DAY
Time: Monday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Location: Ambulance Co. 4, Northford
Fee: \$65 res/\$70 nr
Description: Learn the skills you need to care for infants and school-aged children including safety, preventing injuries and illnesses, basic childcare, and first aid. American Safety and Health Institute certification. (Be sure to bring your lunch)

Tai Chi-Chi Gung

Who: Adult 13+
Session: Dec 20 - Feb 7
Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Location: STW Gym
Fee: \$70 res/\$75 nr
Bring balance and harmony to your life while you strengthen your body in this traditional T'ai Chi Ch'uan class.

Cheese Making

Who: Adult 13+
Session: Dec 7
Time: Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Location: STW Kitchen
Fee: \$25
Learn the science for turning milk into something truly special. Equipment & ingredients supplied.

*We’re proud to announce that we are now offering
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STW Community Center!*

Pickleball:	Thursdays 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Basketball:	Fridays 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Table Tennis:	Fridays 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.

(please bring own equipment)

SIGN UP NOW FOR OUR HOLIDAY TRIPS!
TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

Radio City Christmas Spectacular. Monday, Dec 5
Cost: \$105 res/\$110 nr. Come see the Rockettes and the story of Christmas. Orchestra seats to 2 p.m. show with time on your own for shopping, lunch and to view the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree. RT deluxe motor coach transportation.

Aqua Turf / Jimmy Mazz Holiday Show. Tuesday, December 13
Cost: \$45 resident/\$50 non-resident. Holiday entertainment will be accompanied by a delicious luncheon of salad, pasta, sliced roast beef, baked scrod, bean medley, potato and ice cream.

Westchester Dinner Theater-Christmas Inn. Wednesday, Dec 14
Cost: \$95 res/\$100 nr. Enjoy a delicious luncheon and an afternoon of holiday music and laughter. The show features all your favorite Christmas music including an old-fashioned sing-along. RT deluxe motor coach transportation.

Trees of Hope. Friday, December 9
Cost: \$2 for van transportation, Join us in touring the beautifully decorated Trees of Hope at the Long Wharf Maritime Center in New Haven. Lunch stop at The Greek Olive restaurant, on your own.

Fantasy of Lights. Sunday, December 11
Cost: \$8 for van transportation. Join us for a leisurely drive through Lighthouse Park and enjoy the colorful display of holiday lights.

**Energy Deregulation and Opportunities for the Consumer
December 12th (6:30 pm) Atwater Library, North Branford**

This seminar will focus on: Which suppliers are most cost effective, the advantages and disadvantages of various categories (traditional fossil fuel or environmentally friendly sources); and will alert consumers to potential problem areas-such as penalties for early termination or switching suppliers. The presenters will pay special attention to environmentally friendly energy sources such as Solar energy.

Seminar to be presented by Joe Paul (former Senior Banker, candidate for Mayor of Stratford) and Ellis Ratner (former Program Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commision). There is no industry affiliation with this informative seminar.

Senior Hot Lunch available
Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m. \$3
***Now offering a hot soup**
***As a reminder, we offer weekly grocery shopping trips every Tuesday at 12:30.**
Come by or call the Senior Center to register.
Mixed Bag Sale - Thursday, December 8 & Friday, December 9, 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Stop by the STW Community Center and shop our collection of gently used pocket books, backpacks and duffle bags. Wide variety and styles for all ages!
Holiday Luncheon - Wednesday, December 21, 12noon.
Your meal includes: Fruit cup, salad, your choice of: stuffed filet of sole OR roasted pork loin, twice stuffed potato, green beans and dessert. Entertainment will be provided as well as a visit from Santa! Call to reserve your seat. \$8 resident/\$10 non-resident.
Holiday Fun with NBIS Student Council – Friday, December 16, 10:30 a.m. Join the North Branford Student Council in the STW Gymnasium for a morning of songs, treats and fun. This annual visit has been a tradition in North Branford for years and we look forward to creating more memories. Please Sign up in advance.

Hike with the North Branford Land Trust
Saturday, December 17. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Evergreen Woods Trail
Join the NBLT for a leisurely walk on part of the trail system at Evergreen Woods. Land trust member, Geoff Smith, will lead this family friendly walk. Meet at the Evergreen Woods visitor’s parking lot at the Community Building by **9:45 a.m.**
Pre-register at the STW Community Center (203-484-6017).

“Unfinished” Holiday workshop Days
Sunday, December 11 - 1:30 - 3:30PM
Schafer Community room - Edward Smith Library, Northford
Bring your Christamsas Crds, Holiday wrapping or any crrafts you are working on. enjoy the company of others, holiday music, hot chocolate and goodies while you work. we have nice long tables and no distractions to make iteasierfor yout o get your projects completed.

North Branford Fall Leaf Collection
Curbside leaf pickup final week: **Dec 5th** thru **Dec 9th.**
Please use biodegradable paper bags without any tape.
For more information, call the recycling hotline at **203-484-4091.**
Remember to Recycle Gift Wrap and Boxes
Paper-based wrapping paper, cardboard gift boxes, tissue paper, paper name tags, envelopes and cards and any other paper-based holiday waste **ARE** all recyclable.
NOT recyclable are: foil, plastic, glitter, gloss or metallic coatings and mylar-based wrapping papers, styrofoam or plastic packaging, bows or ribbons. When shopping for gift-wrap, please consider buying paper containing recycled content.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up for 2 weeks in January
January 2nd – 13th on your scheduled trash day

TOYS FOR TOTS
Office of Social Service
1332 Middletown Ave. Northford, CT Phone: 203.484.6006
www.townofnorthbranfordct.com
Each year this Office of Social Service offers a toy program for children that live in Northford or North Branford. The Program allows parents to see the toys that have been donated and choose the toys that they feel their children would enjoy. The Program also allows grandparents living in the community to choose toys for their grandchildren. All toys are new and unwrapped. We ask that you show proof of residency, such as a photo ID with your address and two (2) utility bills in your name and that you be reasonable. Toys will be distributed at the Stanley T. Williams Community/ Senior Center located at
1332 Middletown Ave, Northford, Ct.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE
Wednesday, December 7th, 2016 9:30 am – 12:00 Noon
Parents Only
Thursday, December 8th, 2016 9:30 am – 12:00 Noon
Parents & Grandparents

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord’s Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God’s Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranfordcongregational.org. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; ncchurch@snet.net. Rev. Robin Blundon, Interim Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM (9:00 Summer). Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or <http://standrewsnorthford.org> We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Reverend Jim Bradley, Interim Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10:00am. We have a rotating clergy during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnorthford>,

St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday and Wednesday at 9am at St. Augustine Church and on Tuesday and Fridays at 9am at St. Monica Church. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. Sunday Holy Eucharist services 8 & 10AM ealing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two babysitters available downstairs during the service. Coffee hour after the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.com.

NBCC Advent Services

North Branford Congregational Church invites you to “Come Home for the Holidays.” Services during the Advent Season offer something special for everyone.

Advent Services

Sunday – 12/4/16 at 10am: The lighting of the second Advent Candle.

Sunday – 12/11/16 at 10am: The lighting of the third Advent Candle. Enjoy a special brunch after worship downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday – 12/18/16 at 10am: Enjoy the “Living Nativity” presented by the Sunday School.

Saturday – 12/24/16 at 11pm: Enjoy the inspiring Candlelight Service.

Sunday – 12/25/16 at 10am: Celebrate the Savior’s Birthday. Unwrap the greatest gift of all.

Death Notices



John “Jack” Halligan, Sr., 82, of Northford passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at his home with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of the late Joan Coyle Halligan. Jack was born in New Haven on January 6, 1934; son of the late James Halligan, Sr. and Mary Loggie Halligan; served his country faithfully in the US Marine Corp. and had worked for the SNET Company for many years until his retirement. Jack was a member of the West Haven Knights of Columbus and the Telephone Pioneers of America; was a Boston Red Sox fan, Dallas Cowboys fan, enjoyed Irish music but most

of all loved being with his family especially his grandchildren whom he loved unconditionally following them with their sports. Father of John Halligan, Jr., Kathleen Halligan (Gail Warden), Michael Halligan (Elaine) and Kristine Oliver (Daniel). Grandfather of Meagan & Sean Halligan, Kelly & Sarah Oliver. Brother of Katherine Flood and the late James, Jr., William, Thomas, Daniel and Frances Halligan, Dorothy Eybel, Patricia McKernan and Mary Raffile. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.



Christopher Rodrigo Gennett died at the age of 26 due to medical complications on Tuesday 11/15/16. He was the son of Ivey S. Cooley and the late Lawrence P. Gennett of North Branford, CT. He was a graduate of North Branford High School in CT and completed one year of college. He loved soccer, computer games, drawing, photography and assembling various objects and creating videos to share with his co-workers. He was friendly with a big smile and a contagious laugh. He enjoyed encouraging and motivating

NCC Prepares For Christmas



Council Chair Peter Jenkin of North Haven places wreaths on the front doors of Northford Congregational Church prior to the Hanging of the Greens service which was held on

the first Sunday of Advent, Sun., Nov. 27.

On Sun., Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, all are welcome to come and sing traditional Christmas carols at 9:50 a.m. prior to regular worship services. Enjoy and expand the joy of the Christmas season by joining with others in song as church member Nancy Tipping accompanies everyone on guitar.

Holiday services on Sundays at 10 a.m. during Advent will involve candles being lit by various families as special verses are read. Sunday School will be continuing at the same time.

There will be both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. The Christmas Eve service will be on Saturday, December 24, at 5 p.m. This service will focus on the special Bible verses highlighting the prophecy and Gospel of this Holy event. The Christmas Sunday service will be at 10 a.m. Take a few minutes out from your busy schedule and add some meaning to this special time of year. All are welcome.

The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford section of North Branford. Church office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Website: www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com. Email address: ncchurch@snet.net.

Christmas Services at St. Ambrose Parish

The churches of St. Augustine and St. Monica invite you to join us to celebrate Advent in a more meaningful way. Current, past and future parishioners and guests are encouraged to join us as we prepare for the coming of Jesus and celebrate His birth at Christmas!

Advent Parish Mission Prepare for Christmas by listening to the excellent preaching of Fr. Jordan Lenaghan, O.P. – 2 different sermons remain on Praying the Christmas Icons – John the Baptist, the Nativity and the Magi. December 5 and December 12 at St. Monica Church from 7-8pm followed by a reception in the church hall.

Vesper Service Tuesday, December 6, 6:00pm at St. Monica Church.

Youth Mass Sunday, December 11 at 6:00pm at St. Augustine Church.

Festival of Lessons and Carols Come together for prayer, Scripture and carols. Bring the family and join us Sunday, December 18th at 4PM at St. Monica. The Knights of Columbus will provide a simple supper following in the hall.

Advent Confessions will be heard each Saturday at St. Monica from 8:30-8:55am and at St. Augustine from 3:00-3:45pm or by appointment by calling the parish office.

Angel Tree All are invited to take an angel from our tree and purchase a Christmas gift for a child in need in our community. Please return gifts under the tree no later than December 14th.

Mass Times Durin Advent Daily Mass: Monday & wednesday, 9am at St. Augustine. Tuesday, Friday & Saturday, 9am at St. Moinca. Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 4pm at St. Augustine, 5:30pm at St. Augustine.

Christmas Mass with Children’s Pageant A 4pm Christmas Eve Mass will be held at both church locations. please join us! St. Augustine Church, 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford - St. Monica Church, 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford

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others with positive feedback as an assistant manager of a Cinemart movie theater. He was loved by his family, co-workers and many friends. In addition to his mother he is survived by his sisters Dana and Daniela Gennett of Boston and grandmother Selma Cooley of Longmeadow. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Life Choice Donor Services, 340 West Newberry Rd. Suite A, Bloomfield, CT. 06002. For further information please visit ascherzimmerman.com.

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NARFE Holiday Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Chapter 257, will hold its annual Holiday Party and Installation of Elected Officers on Monday, December 5, 1:00 pm, at Brazi's Restaurant, 201 Food Terminal Plaza, Long Wharf, New Haven. Reservations are required; RSVP by November 30. For more information, call Joan Montesi at (203)934-0002. NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Website: www.narfe.org.

Music Together class at the Atwater Library

Join our free Music Together class at the Atwater Memorial Library on Mon., Dec. 5 at 10:30 a.m. This class is for children from birth through age 5 with caregiver. The library is located at 1720 Foxon Rd. in North Branford. Call the library at 203 315-6020 to register or sign up in the children's dept. www.nbranfordlibraries.wix.com/home

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Cookbook Club News

The November meeting of the Cookbook Club ignored possible themes of either Thanksgiving or Veterans Day and explored A Taste of Puerto Rico by Yvonne Ortiz. The cuisine of that island was found to be significantly different from most others in the region.

Main course entrees included Loiza Crab Burgers, an interesting take on east coast crab cakes and was accompanied by avocado. Meat Empanadas were comforting and a Chicken in Citrus Escabeche Sauce was just striking. A Puerto Rican Steak and Onion dish rounded out the main courses.

Accompaniments included a terrific Cassava Chili, Sauteed Chayotes which had everyone commenting and a Rice with Coconut dish that was a very savory side. The very colorful "Mom's Potato Salad" was unique. The savory and attractive Carnival Corn Bread was well received.

Desserts were Run Cake, served with macadamia nuts and fresh whipped cream along with Puerto Rican Rice Pudding. Cookbook Club members are home cooks with many different levels of experience and will warmly welcome new members. We get to try recipes we might have been worried about preparing at home due to unfamiliar ingredients or cooking

techniques, often from cookbooks we might have not previously considered. Meetings are a great time to take a chance.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 10th and will explore "Great Peasant Dishes of the World" by Howard Hillman. The club meets at the Atwater Library, rte. 80.

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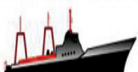


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