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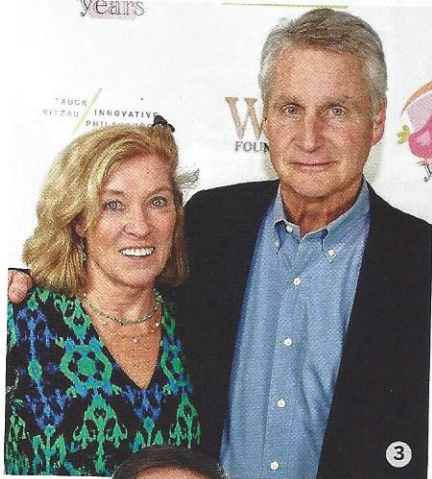
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PEOPLE & Places

BY DAN HAJDUCKY

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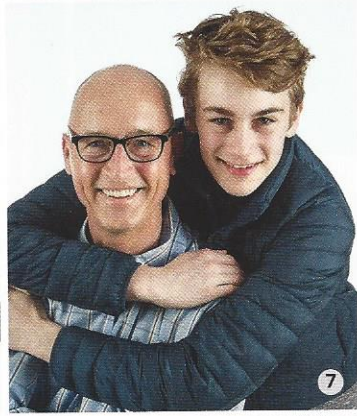
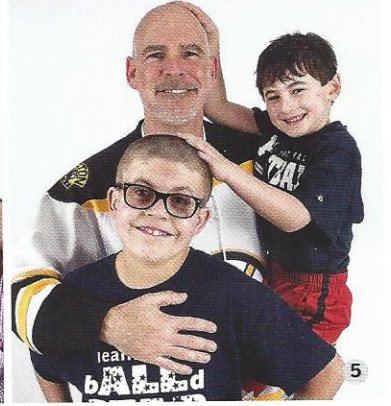
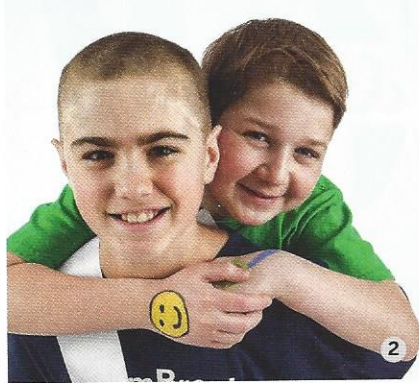


Finding Wings

Project Return's 2015 Birdhouse Auction Gala, with nearly 350 in attendance, was held recently at the Rolling Hills Country Club in Wilton. In total, 125 birdhouses created by artists from all over the country were auctioned off, raising almost \$170,000 in support of Project Return's programs and services. At this year's twentieth anniversary gala, the event's founder, Totney Benson, was honored, as was renowned Wilton sculptor, the late Marcia Spivak. »

1 Rick Benson and Totney Benson, with Alexa Alianiello and R. B. Benson **2** Ginger Donaher, Kathy Winters, Ali Walker **3** Jane Carlin and Ben Gifford **4** Norwalk City Council member John Kydes and Naomi Kydes with Lucia Rilling and Norwalk Mayor Henry Rilling **5** "Hello" by Westport's Dick and Marilee Reilly **6** "Lady of the Lake" by Marcia Spivak **7** Michael and Orley Angerthall **8** Jason Mudd and Paige Strauss





1 The Seideman Family 2 Timmy Donahue with Brent McCreesh 3 The Lau Family
4 Jake and David Farnworth, Samuel Burns, Chris Demeter, Matthew Demeter,
Jeffrey Burns 5 Dylan, Jim and Charlie Curran 6 Scot Parnell 7 Scott and Cole Smith
8 The dedicated volunteers

|| ST. BALDRICK'S ||

Shaving Lives

The Westport Weston Family YMCA hosted TeamBrent's eleventh annual St. Baldrick's celebration. Stylists from area salons came on their days off to shave 180 heads, raising \$185,000 to fight childhood cancer. While grown men and women shaved their heads, what stood out this year was the amount of children who volunteered: the event included twenty-eight kids, ages three to seventeen, who have been shaving their heads for TeamBrent & St. Baldrick's year after year. Of St. Baldrick's 500,000 global participants, less than 1 percent have been inducted into the Knights of the Bald Table (seven years of participation); 25 percent of participants in Westport were Knights, and another 33 percent were first-timers. The TeamBrent/YMCA relationship worked so well that they are planning a Fit Family 5K run for October 25. »



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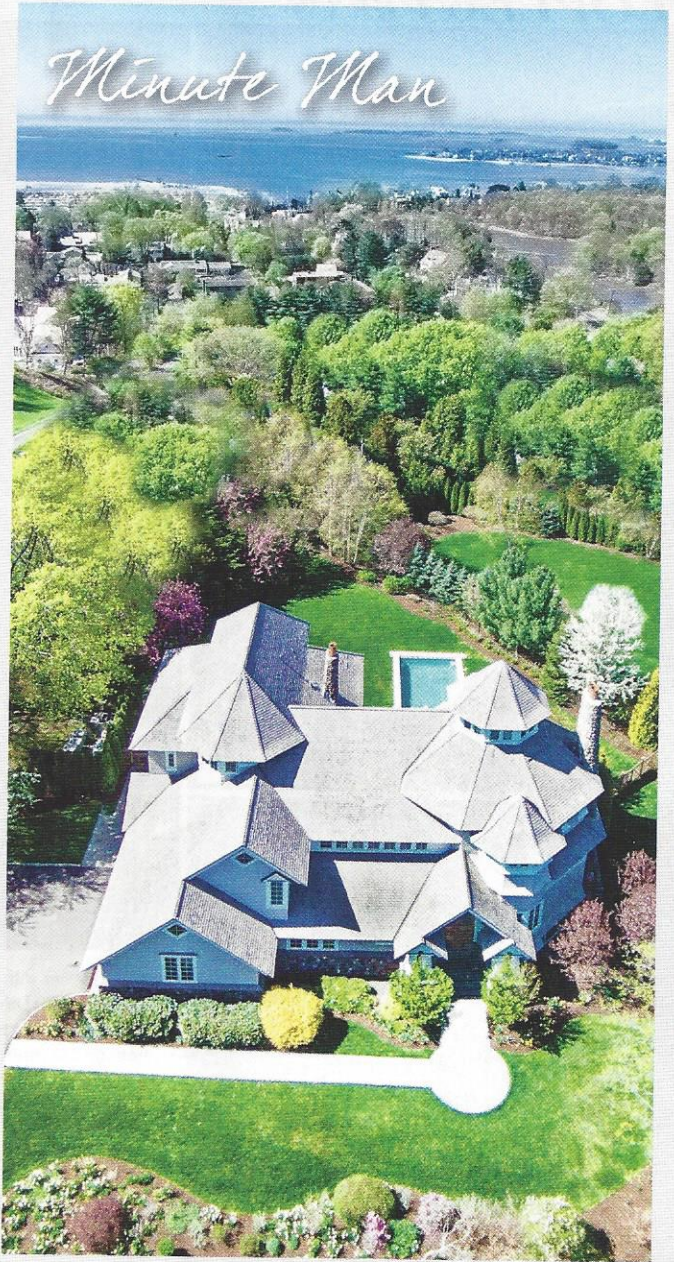


1 Comedienne Joy Behar and Director of Pink Aid Andrew Mitchell-Namdar
 2 Executive Director of the Norma Pfriem Breast Center Donna Twist and Celebrating You hostess Kim Meier

|| NORMA PFRIEM BREAST CENTER & PINK AID ||

A Vote of Thanks

Celebrating You, a thank-you celebration to major donors to the breast care organizations Norma Pfriem Breast Center and Pink Aid, was held at Kim Meier's Westport home. Directors of the Norma Pfriem Breast Center and Pink Aid, Donna Twist and Andrew Mitchell-Namdar, respectively, talked about the importance of donating and what's next for the organizations. In 2016, the Norma Pfriem Breast Center opens a new branch in Trumbull's Park Avenue Medical Center and Pink Aid is introducing Pink Purse, an emergency aid fund for women in treatment with expenses not covered by insurance. Comedienne Joy Behar entertained guests and ESPN's Mike Greenberg spoke via Skype; guests also received copies of Greenberg's new novel, *My Father's Wives*. The Norma Pfriem Breast Center's website is bridgeporthospital.org/cancer/breast and Pink Aid's is pinkaid.org. »



Handsomely sited on coveted cul-de-sac at Compo Beach, custom built and thoughtfully designed, this stone and shingle home offers beautifully proportioned rooms of style and sophistication. Four floors of sunny and spacious living accessible by elevator, incl. six en-suite bedrooms. **Minute Man | \$6.495M**

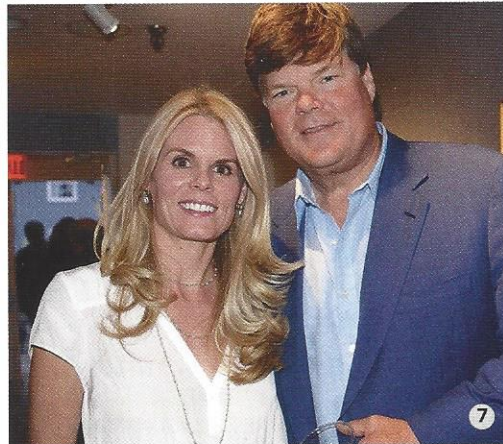
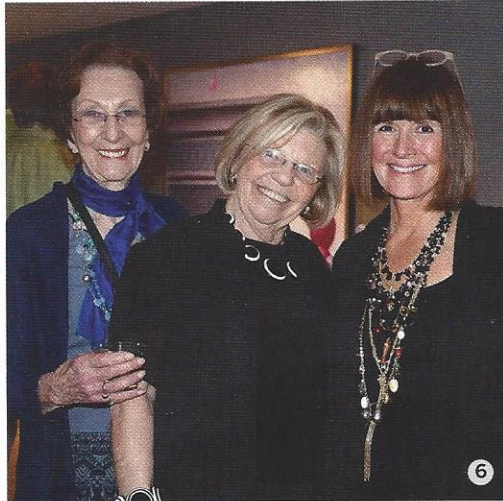
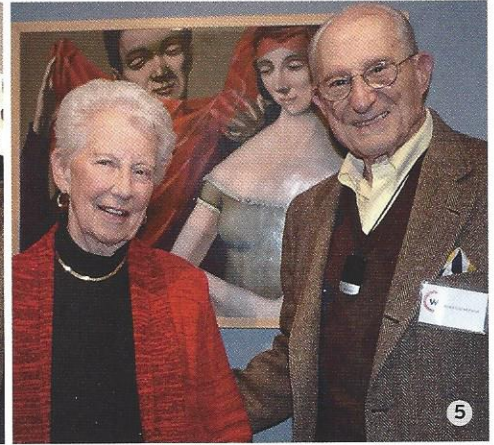
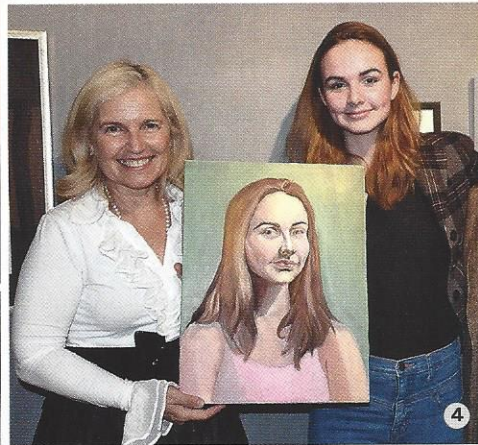
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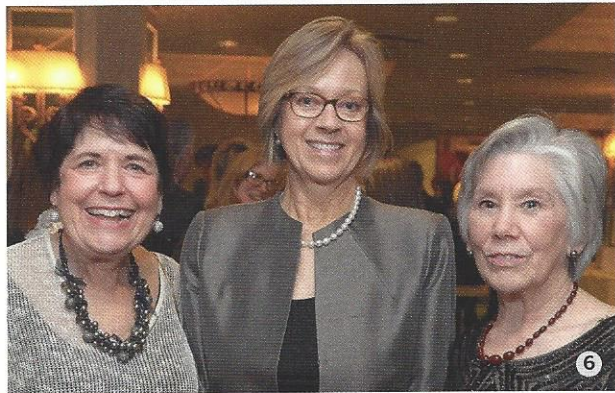
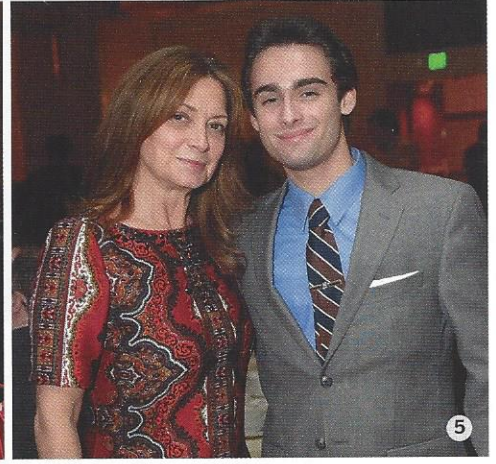
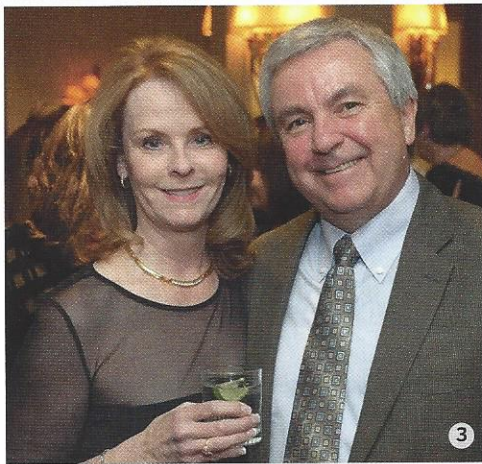
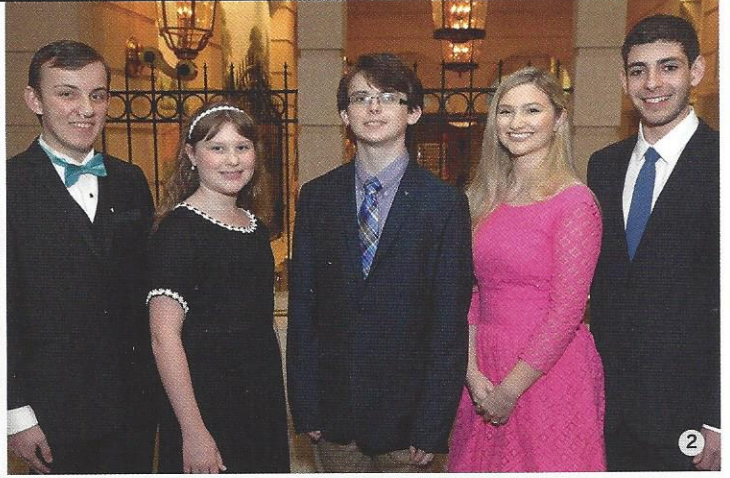


1 Erika Miller with Arlene Cruz **2** Founding member of the Westport Artists Collective Tammy Winser, WAC Development Director Marni Katz, former WAC Executive Director Peter Van Heerden, Eileen Flug and WAC Artistic Director Helen Klisser During **3** Laura and Dogan Perese **4** Helen Klisser During and Katie Craymer holding Craymer's *Happy Father's Day* **5** Leonard Everett Fisher with wife, Margery, in front of Fisher's *The Veil* **6** Shirley Mellor; Nina Bentley, founding member of the Westport Artists Collective; and Linn Cassetta **7** Deborah Murtaugh and David Murphy

|| WESTPORT ARTS CENTER ||

Big Fish

The Westport Arts Center concluded its “Leonard Everett Fisher: A Retrospective” exhibition, a celebration of Fisher’s work over his seventy-year, Pulitzer Prize-winning career. Locals enjoyed the forty-eight-piece collection of Fisher’s paintings, drawings and illustrations, from his earliest sketches to his most recent work. Cavalier Galleries, the New Britain Museum of Art and the Michael Rosenfeld Gallery (NYC) all supported the exhibition. Fisher, who received BFA and MFA degrees from Yale University, served in World War II as a photogrammetrist—one who makes topographical maps from aerial photographs. From 1955 to 2007, Fisher illustrated some 250 books for young readers, writing eighty-eight of them himself. He’s also designed ten U.S. postage stamps and is a former president of the Westport Library Board of Trustees. »



1 Be the Difference Award winner David Flink, State Representative Caroline Simmons, Smart Kids with LD Founder Jane Ross and Congressman Jim Himes **2** Youth Achievement Award Honorable Mention Tim Bates, Junior Achievement Award recipient Emma Isabella Pawl, Special Recognition Award recipient Christopher Lancaster and the 2014 and 2015 Fred J. Epstein Youth Achievement Award winners, respectively, Alexandra Sheridan and Zachary Milestone **3** Shelley Lancey-Castelot and husband, Larry Castelot **4** Betty Granata and Susan Goligoski **5** Beth Sugerman and Alex Bloch **6** President Dr. Marjorie Castro, State Representative Terrie Wood and Jane Ross **7** Dr. Cynthia Keefe, Dr. Maryellen Page and Dr. Sarah Rendell

|| SMART KIDS WITH LD ||

Beating the Odds

Smart Kids with LD celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of its gala this year, with the celebration aptly titled: *Helping Kids Rock Their Potential*. The gala raised over \$70,000 and *Thinking Differently* author David Flink—after an introduction by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Philip Schultz, a past recipient of the Smart Kids Community Service award—received the nonprofit’s inaugural Be the Difference Award. Congressman Jim Himes was the master of ceremonies; Beth Sugerman (head of Norwalk’s Winston Preparatory School) received the 2015 Community Service Award; and Zachary Milestone of New Jersey received the Fred J. Epstein Youth Achievement Award. **W**

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Don't Miss This

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JULY

thru. Nov. 5 MARKET DOWN

The Westport Farmers' Market, with 45 vendors, has exploded since its 2006 inception by Paul Newman and Chef Michel Nischan. Turn out for food trucks, GMO-free vendors, organic farmers and other healthy fare. 50 Imperial Ave.; westportfarmersmarket.com.

thru Sept. 7 COMIC CONTEST

The Westport Library is holding a summer Comic Strip Writing Contest for teenagers, from July 1 to Sept. 7. Prizes will be awarded for Most Artistic, Most Exciting and Most Humorous. Entry forms can be picked up at the library or downloaded. Winners receive prizes from the Westport Library store. 20 Jesup Rd.; westportlibrary.org.

Fri. 3 ROCKETS' RED GLARE

The Independence Day Fireworks Celebration, sponsored by the Westport Police Athletic League, kicks off Fourth of July weekend at Compo Beach. The event requires parking passes, available now and sold on a first-come-first-served basis. Rain date is July 6. Compo Beach; westportpal.com.

Thurs. 9 FARM TO TABLE

From Farm to Table: Authors Speak on Local Sourcing in Connecticut, a talk

about the rewards of eating local, will be from 10-10:45 a.m., with Christy Colasurdo, coauthor of *The Connecticut Farm Table Cookbook*, and Analiese Paik, the founder of the Fairfield Green Food Guide. Attendees will stroll through Westport's organic, non-GMO Westport Farmers' Market. Westport Library, McManus Room, 20 Jesup Rd.; westportlibrary.org

Thurs. 9 ROCKIN' GENES

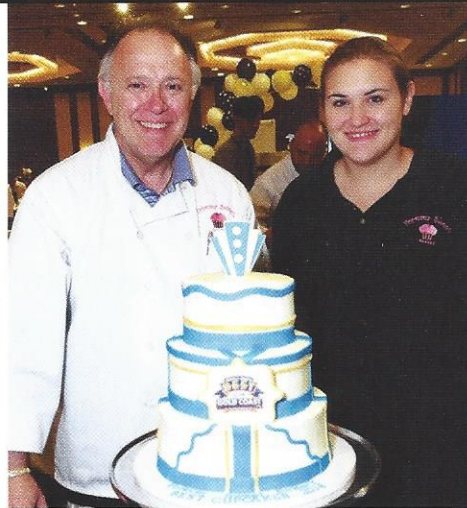
The Devon Allman Band, led by the son of Gregg Allman and nephew of late guitar god Duane Allman, will play on StageOne at the Fairfield Theatre Company. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the 7:45 show. Tickets are \$32. 70 Sanford St., Fairfield; fairfieldtheatre.org.

Sun. 12 POINT OF CONTENTION

The Point to Point Compo Beach Swim celebrates its thirty-seventh anniversary this year. The one-mile open-water swim draws competitors from throughout New England. Registration is \$50 before July 11, \$55 the day of, and \$20 for the Kids Mini Point to Point; check-in begins at 7 a.m., race begins at 8:30 a.m.; kids race starts at 9:30 a.m. Compo Beach.; westport.org.

Wed. 15 GOOD RHYTHM

Eric Hutchinson, who wrote Kelly Clarkson's "Why Don't You Try," will be opening for the American Idol siren on her Piece by



Best of the Gold Coast

Thursday, July 23

Celebrate the eleventh-annual Best of the Gold Coast Connecticut party. The event, taking place at The Hilton Stamford will be overflowing with the best food and drinks Fairfield County has to offer. There will be live music, a sampling of beauty services, fitness demonstrations, fashions to shop and more. It's a night of enjoyment that is not to be missed. General admission tickets are \$65 for the 7-10 p.m. party. Tickets for the 6-7 p.m. behind-the-velvet-rope VIP pre-party are \$100. Hilton Stamford, One Stamford Place; ilovefc.com.

Piece Tour this year, along with acapella sensation Pentatonix. Hutchinson preps for his breakout summer with a stop at the Ridgefield Playhouse. Tickets are \$37, with a VIP Party Pass for priority parking and a 6:30-7:15 p.m. open bar available for \$25 extra. 80 East Ridge Rd., Ridgefield; ridgefieldplayhouse.org.

Thurs. 16 SCHOOL'S OUT

Dennis Dunaway and Chris Hodenfield, the coauthors of *Snakes! Guillotines!*

Electric Chairs! My Adventures in the Alice Cooper Group, come to Westport's Barnes & Noble to promote the book at 7 p.m. Dunaway is Alice Cooper's bassist, and Hodenfield, a former *Rolling Stone* writer, is a contributor to *Moffly Media's* magazines. 1076 Post Rd. E.; barnesandnoble.com.

Sat.-Sun. 18-19 WHERE ART THOU?

The Westport Fine Arts Festival runs Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Artisans sell their paintings,

photography, sculptures, drawings, ceramics and more along the Saugatuck River. There will be live music, food from local restaurants and children's activities. Parker Harding Plaza and Gorham Island; westportfineartsfestival.com.

Fri.-Tues., 24-28 BOOK SALE

Pequot Library's summer book sale, dubbed "The Best Book Sale in New England," returns for the 55th consecutive year. Over 100,000 books, CDs, DVDs and records are available. Sales aid the library's 450 annual programs. 720 Pequot Ave., Southport; pequotlibrary.org.

Sat. 25 DARK DESERT HIGHWAY

Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts presents Don Felder: An Evening at the Hotel California, featuring Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Don Felder of The Eagles. It marks the first benefit concert at the new outdoor performing arts center. 40 Jesup Rd.; levittpavilion.com.

thru Aug. 2 GOOD VIBES

Gathering of the Vibes kicks off July 30 with a stellar lineup: Weezer, Wilco, The Trucks Tedeschi Band, Gregg Allman, Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals, The Gaslight Anthem and more. Weekend camping passes for kids ages 6-12 begin at \$65 and \$225 for adults. Seaside Park, One Barnum Dyke, Bridgeport; gatheringofthevibes.com.

AUG.

Mon-Thurs., 10-20 FUN IN THE SUN

The Westport Historical Society offers summer fun. From August 10-13, the theme of activities will be archaeology, culminating in a dig on Sherwood Island; August 17-20, campers enjoy hands-on building activities. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. daily, \$190 for members; \$224 for nonmembers. 25 Avery Pl.; westporthistory.org

Wed. 12

LIKE IT OR LOVETT?

Lyle Lovett and His Large Band come to the Klein Auditorium. Tickets run from \$48-\$88. The doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m. 910 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport; fairfieldtheatre.org.

Thurs. 14 UNDER THE STARS

The Little River Band comes to town; event proceeds from the event will help underwrite the summer season, which features fifty free nights of music, arts and entertainment under the stars. 40 Jesup Rd.; levittpavilion.com

thru Sept. 13 A NIGHT OUT

Bedroom Farce, an Alan Ayckbourn comedy, directed by John Tillinger, starts its run on August 25. The comedy takes place in the bedrooms of three couples at their best and worst. 25 Powers Court; westportplayhouse.org **W**