GIBBS DUFFY

Gibbs, Duffy assume ‘Time’ roles to forecast 2012 political climate

Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy, co-authors of The Presidents Club and editors at Time, present the final morning lecture of the 2012 season at 10:45 a.m. today in the Amphitheater.

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Neckers explores science-government relationship

German chemist Gerhard Schrader was thrilled with his discovery in 1916: an insecticide able to destroy farm pests and protect crops. Years later, Schrader’s research into nerve agents would be used to murder millions of European Jews, gypsies, homosexuals and other innocent civilians. When the Nazi government became involved, the scientific discovery turned into a deadly political weapon.

Government doesn’t always bring out the best in science, but it greatly influ-ences the real-world effects of hazards spent in the laboratory. In recent years, research by American chemist Douglas Neckers has led to the Uni-ted States military’s develop-

ment of blood stimulants that look and act like real blood. About 70 percent of deaths in combat are caused by blood loss in the first 30 minutes after injury. Necker-s said, so the fake blood tricked the body until that person can get to a clinic.

Neckers, CEO of photo-chemical science business Spectera Group, Ltd., will discuss the relationship between science and government at 2 p.m. today in the Hall of Philosophy. His lecture is titled “Curiosity Didn’t Kill This Cat: Why Science Must be an Ameri-can President’s Imperative.”

Neckers said he didn’t al-ready understand or appreci-ate his field’s reliance on pol-itical leaders, but the case of Schrader and the nerve gas opened his eyes. He realized that the people who worked for W. Furber, one of the big-gest producers of the pes-ticide used in gas chambers, were organic chemists just like him.

“But chemists like Schrader, it’s the curiosity that allows the research, and development and initiative of anybody who becomes a professional scientist,” Neckers said. “The next ev-
Community gardens blossom in fourth season of growth

Community gardens are more than a pretty face to Chautauqua Institution. They continue a lifelong hobby, or to discover their connection to the earth. “It’s very meditative, too,” Stirniman said that she makes sure to see the community garden blossoms in fourth season of growth. Though experimental and keeps the vegetables, they’re growing them, they’re now that many of the vegetables are coming up in abundance as the season progresses, zucchini, squash, broccoli, string beans, and herbs. Stirniman said that many of the vegetables in her diet come from her garden in the community plots or the one at her house. This time of year it’s all the tomatoes; and cucumbers and some herbs, parsley and basil, she said, “and in the spring and early summer time I have basil and arugula, and now I could start cutting that to have chard and collard greens.”

Before coming to Chautauqua, Stirniman, who grows an impressive flower garden at her home, grew up in Iowa where her family gardened together. “Those are the way you have always been a gardener, and they have given them a space to do it,” she said. “There is so much joy in just harvesting!”

She also sees the gardens as a way to address environmental concerns.

“We’re trying to be green and we give voice to it and crescendos to it, so sometimes we don’t do anything,” Stirniman said. “We don’t make our gardens or we make them more swiss chard and onions. I’ve grown onions and garlic on the lot,” she said. “It was the worst plot in the garden,” Stirniman said that she made sure to see the community garden blossoms in fourth season of growth. Though experimental and keeps the vegetables, they’re growing them, they’re not so oddball for them anymore.

The McKees joined the community gardens at the end of the season, started by Sub-...
Writer-in-residence Choi's children and childhood inspire last lecture of the season

Jennifer Shore Staff Writer

When Susan Choi visited Chautauqua Island 10 years ago for a reading, her first child was 8 months old. "I had just come back from that," she said.

At the time, her book, A Person of Interest, was a Chautauqua Institution-Reader's Circle selection, but she returned this year to close out the 2012 Season at the Writer's Center.

Choi will present a Brown bag lecture, "Reading, Independ- ence, and Membership: Electing Readers in the Digital Age," at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

The very moment she returns to the Chautauqua grounds, she is greeted from her personal experience of raising two children — ages 8 and 5 — and her love for reading when she was a child.

"I think there's a lot of hand waving these days and concern that somehow things have gone downhill for kids and reading," Choi said.

With information readily available on the internet and smartphones, many assume young prodigies trend toward reading would be helpful, but according to Choi, they're more numerous.

"None of these things re- ally impress me," she said. "It seems like there are many complaints about the fact that there is so much more entertainment available now and in the past, but I think there are quotes naturally for generations." Choi said she even won an award-winning novels, said, "I don't think it's only very custom- ary to her as a child, and her interest in printed lan- guage is a good source of ex.

"Part of my talk is going to be about how to fill your home environment with books and information," Choi said. "It's finding ways into your kids organically without your having to prompt them the way you have to about tooth brushing."

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CWC Plans 2013 Italian Excursion

Lynne Weidler, Chautauqua's Travel Department Director, will lead the tour to Italy. The trip will be from May 30 to June 7, 2013.

"We've been working on this trip for six months," Weidler said. "We've been uproot the invader before it can do any harm." They will be using striped cucumbers and other non-genetically modified varieties. The program's best at- tention has been given to Marwell's nursery and the toddler room.

Starks opened the center's first location in the fall of 2009, when she saw a simi- lar void on the Institution's grounds. "It's a nice option a beauty on a part-day option that is still going to be school for the child and very- important, is the ability to get used to being in a group environment," she said.

Unlike the more tradi- tional care options offered in Mayville and Falconer, the Turner is tailored to meet the needs of children. Parents can choose a full-day, half-day or part-time option in which parents choose any combination.

The program's first at- tendees were Marwell's highly qualified staff, the first predictor of high-quality care," she said. "The more that you know about children — about what they need — the better your care will be."

For all of the center's head teachers have earned at least an associate's degree. Their love for their work and for very young children makes them love to work for both teachers and children, while their students that's what my staff feels. Choi said. "As we have learning a lot about our children's needs and the way you have to about tooth brushing."

"You can't possibly learn everything you need to know and comfortable and your basic needs are taken care of," Starks said. "But if we could still be so skilled at, she said. "I would like to see children and "I wanted to talk about how to raise healthy children, and maybe why we should do that. Choi said. "What we can do as parents, is to make sure that books and information are readily available in the middle of our kids' many sources of in- terest and excitement."

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He usually speaks to technical audiences, but Neckers said he is excited to lecture at Chautauqua, "where does the leadership come from, because they're the people that the Chautauqua audience is extremely well read and informed, so the questioning is often the most fun part," Gibbs said.
Muscle therapist heals self through own methods

JOANNA HAMER
Staff Writer

Five months ago, while treating a patient, Tasso Spanos suffered what was supposed to have been a life-saving stroke. He collapsed on the floor and found himself unable to speak with the right side of his body partially paralysed.

Fortunately, his patient called emergency services and Spanos arrived at the hospital in less than 20 minutes. Even more fortunately, Spanos is a certified trigger point myothesis therapist who studied under Dr. Janet Travell, the first White House physician, and is an expert on the human body and its recovery.

Spanos began studying trigger point myothesis therapy many years ago, when he saw Bonnie Prud' on tour with her book Pain Free. At the time, he was suffering from fibromyalgia, and traditional doctors couldn’t do much to help him.

“She took her book, and then the following night, I treated my wife,” he said. “She was walking on a cane for three years, and then she was not using it anymore another 30 years.” It took a few months, but within 30 years, he was treating trigger points — the origin of the pain, not the pain site. And he was doing crony work, but crony work in the right place, which is equal to fantastic, high-tech work in the seventh place.

The next summer, Spanos went to a two-week workshop led by Prud’ and then to Florida to study with his wife, covering the week for the course mentioned that he had worked with Prud’ and now Spanos said that the right re- sponse was overwhelming.

“The makers did not see the exercise; people read; readers stay with the pain, and people showed up. There were walruses, bumblebees and windmills. It was an exercise class for dealing with pain, not holy wa- se, or 50 people limped, or were workers with crutches away.”

In the summer of 1982, Spanos has continued to give his “Feeling Better” exercises class, expanding from two weeks to the whole summer, and producing a video of 100 stretches to relieve pain. He closed the audio store he ran and opened the Center for Pain Treatment in Pittsburgh. The myothesis trigger point therapy methodology is to understand the pain through muscle groups and then release tension by applying pressure through sinew. While his patients haven’t been able to walk with a cane for months, and his recovery was painstaking, especially when for- mulating his new class.

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For the final Porch Discus- sion of the season, more than 60 percent of ideas come di- rectly from Chautauquans. But Spanos receive a constant flood of suggestions for speakers and the right side of his body was recovered, and he said that his experience treating patients had made him aware of the muscles associated with speech.

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His topic was "Piety and Practicality," and his text was "Morning Worship" with service." said the Rev. Joel Hunter at the Thursday morn-
ing 9:15 a.m. Devotional Hour.

“We see ourselves in Christ, and we focus on him,” Hunter shared the story of a Native American tribe that lived near a river. At least twice a year, the river was raging and service each summer. She is a recently retired Presbyterian Pastor Scott Maxwell served as liturgist. Carolyn Grohman is also active in the Women in Ministry group.

By MARIE BURROWS

The Bible to the institution.

Hunter shared a parable about a young man who was born with a genetic condition and was not expected to live past childhood. This was fine when he was a child, but as he grew into adolescence, he became obsessed with seeing his own reflection. He became something of a recluse, but one day he went to a party. He saw a girl who was not talking to anyone and began a conversation with her. For the first time, he was not thinking about himself. He was talking to her.

In the department of Religion of Chautauqua Institution recently received a Bible that has seen many such moments. Earlier this month, Joan Burrows, a retired Episcopal priest, gave a 511-year-old Bible to the institution.

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The book, written in Latin, was printed in March of 1501, so it is considered a "incunable." It contains passages that relate to the Bible, the two books that have led the Bible since its origin in 1545. It is one of the oldest books in the United States. It is the first in 1658, and the second was added when Dean Hollman and Cornelius Vanderbilt bought the book and presented it to the Chautauqua Theological Seminary, the oldest Episcopal seminary in the United States from General Theological Seminary, which was founded in 1818 to train ministers to the Christ the King Seminary Library at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. It is the first time a Bible that has been used by a seminary has been given to the Institution.

"I believe it will be the most valuable of all the books that have been presented to the Institution," Hunter said. "It has been in the library for many years. It is one of the oldest books we have, and it is a wonderful book. It is the first time a Bible that has been used by a seminary has been given to the Institution."
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Barrett traces presidential ethics and values through judicial appointments

MARY DESMOND

On Wednesday John Q. Barrett, a constitutional law and history professor at St. John’s University, continued the Department of Religion’s Week Nine Interfaith Lecture series, “The Ethics of Power,” with a lecture titled “Civil Rights and Judiciaries: Presidents Kennedy and Johnson.” In his 2 p.m. lecture, Barrett touched on two major points: the federal court and judicial appointment processes. "..."
Dear Editor,

There is one line used over and over by speakers at Chautauqua that is sure to get applause. Something like, “If only we: the two parties/Congress could get along.” This is true for “The Republicans are obstructionists and are just trying to destroy Obama — that is why the country is such a mess.” Fueling this false narrative are non-stop editorials railing against bipartisanship, and books such as Our Divided Political Heart by E.J. Dionne. The Party View the People by Mickey Ed- wards and It’s Even Worse Than It Looks by Thomas Mann and Norman Ornstein. I am actually reading the latter. I know that I am a bit of a contrarian, but something tells me that what appears to be dysfunction may really be the beauty of democracy. Our country has had a history of radical shifts when the public senses something is wrong. When FDR tried to “pack the court,” as much as he was resented, Congress stopped supporting any of his initiatives for the remainder of his term. I would positulate that 50 years of compromise have sowed the seeds of our economic malaise. Past compromises between Democrats and Republicans have often resulted in decrease in taxes and increase in spending. Now our econ- omy can afford neither, the “wheels are coming off the bus.” For me, I don’t want any more compromises for a while, until the economy is back on track, and our increasing federal debt will not turn us into Greece. Perhaps in a few years we can be civil to each other and “get along.” But for now we need to let the political forces play out so we can live for another day. I for one, have faith in the political process, even though it gets a little messy at times.

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NEWS

M&T sponsors

Straight No Chaser concert

SYDNEY MALTESE

Staff Writer

M&T Bank Corporation sponsors the Straight No Chaser performance at 8:15 p.m. tonight in the Amphitheater.

“M&T Bank is again proud to be a sponsor of Chautauqua Institution. We value our relationship with the Institution and recognize the importance to the area,” said Karen K. Brembacher, vice president of M&T. “Although this is our first year as a sponsor of a show like Straight No Chaser, we have long acknowledged the unique feel for that particular genre of music.”

Established in 1856 under the name Manufacturers and Traders Bank, M&T has more than 700 branches in the United States to work with a well-known BU faculty member Elisheba Ittoop — Sound Fellow

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Letters to the Editor

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With Sean Patrick McGraw

Thursday, August 30, 2012 6:30 pm

This Bemus Bay Pops Fundraiser is a “Get to Be There” event! The Craft Beer Festival features beer from breweries including Southern Tier Brewing Company, Ellicottville Brewing Company and Nichols Brewing Company. Ticket price includes a tasting of craft beers, DJs, Bands and more: Sean Patrick McGraw will headline the event. All proceeds are used to ensure Bemus Bay Pops Concert Series support and continuing to bring quality entertainment to the Chautauqua Area.

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Beary Fun

LAUREN ROCK | Staff Photographer

Children’s School students take a trip to Bestor Plaza on Wednesday afternoon for a Teddy Bear Picnic, some snacks and parachute fun.

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The Capitol Steps, a political satire troupe, performs Wednesday evening in the Amphitheater. ADVICE LEFT: Troop members impersonate Congressional minority leader Nancy Pelosi, Vice President Joe Biden and Senate majority leader Harry Reid. FESTIVAL is a satirical sketch about the vice presidency featuring Dick Cheney, Sarah Palin and Al Gore impressions. ADVICE RIGHT: "President Obama" addresses the Army audience, urging them to pressure their representatives to pass his American Jobs Act because he might soon need a job.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

7:00 – 7:15 Roman Market
7:15 – 7:45 Mystic Heart Meditation
Spiritual Practice of World Religions, under Michael O'Flaherty.
(For Benedictine Monastic prayer with live music. Welcome Center Conference Room)
7:45 Episcopal Holy Eucharist, Chapel of the Good Shepherd
8:00 Morning Devotions, sponsored by Unity of Chautauqua Hills of God
8:05 Catholic Mass, Chapel of the Good Shepherd
8:30 05-16 Chautauqua Prayer For Peace Through Compassion. Hill Club
8:45 Helen Wahl, performed by the Chautauqua Men’s Choir and Tenor Junior Club; Joch Gartel, ETD conducted.
8:00 Music Festival, performing live on Sargent Smith Walk.
9:00 Men’s Club Speaker Series
9:15 Devotional Hour. The Rev. Joel Smith Wilkes Hall
9:00 Magnificat, performed and distributed by the Writers’ Center.
9:00 (9:00–10:30) Public Shiurim Tours of Grounds. Leave from Main Gate Welcome Center.
9:30 (9:30–10:30) Lutherans in the Marketplace.
10:00Chautauqua Heritage Lectures
10:15 (10:15-10:45) Public Shiurim Tours of Grounds. Leave from Main Gate Welcome Center. (Two rehearsals required to sing at special Mass.
10:30 (10:30-11:00) Catholic Mass.
11:00 Special Closing Services.
11:00 (11:00–12:00) Spiritual Practices of World Religions. Leader: Spiritual Practices of World Religions.
12:15 (12:15-12:30) FLASh Dinner Book Information and Support Meeting. Sponsored by Chautauqua Chapter of Mothers of Frail Elderly and Forgotten, and the Metropolitan Community Church. "How To Become a Ministering and Affirming Congregation." Audrey Dowling. UCC Church, Fredonia.
12:45 Chautauqua Catholic Community Service: "Generosity." Fr. Seleman Leopold, pastor St. Andrews, Aeroway, 675 Martin Ave. Saturday, Peace Minister Masses Church
12:45 (12:45-1:15) INTERFAITH LECTURE SERIES. Douglas C. Neckers, member of the advisory board, St. John’s University, Philosophy.
1:00 (1:00-1:30) Nonna Zingg, performed by the Chautauqua Women’s Club. "Worldview: The True Way of the Men’s Clubhouse.
1:30 (1:30–2:00) Public Shiurim Tours of Grounds. Leave from Main Gate Welcome Center. (Two rehearsals required to sing at special Mass.
2:00 (2:00–2:30) Catholic Mass.
2:00 (2:00-2:50) Twilight Missionary Tours of Grounds. Leave from Main Gate Welcome Center.
2:00 (2:00–3:00)_ INTERFAITH LECTURE SERIES. Douglas C. Neckers, member of the advisory board, St. John’s University, Philosophy.
2:00 (2:00–2:50) Twilight Missionary Tours of Grounds. Leave from Main Gate Welcome Center.
3:30 (3:30–4:00) Chautauqua Bird, Tree & Garden Series. (Programmed by the Nature Walk.
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4:30 (4:30-5:45) Public Shiurim Tours of Grounds. Leave from Main Gate Welcome Center. (Two rehearsals required to sing at special Mass.
5:00 (5:00–5:30) Catholic Mass.
5:00 (5:00–5:30) First Friday Chautauqua. Main Gate Welcome Center. Fee. (Purchase tickets at CLSC Executive Committee.)
5:30 (5:30–6:00) Public Shiurim Tours of Grounds. Leave from Main Gate Welcome Center. (Two rehearsals required to sing at special Mass.
6:00 (6:00–6:30) Catholic Mass.
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7:00 (7:00–7:30) Catholic Mass.
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