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Beach Reads

Kidd Stuff
Captain Kidd's island hideaway off Branford lists for \$950,000 with Barbara Goetsch of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Guilford. 203-927-7146.

SUMMER'S A TIME TO SET ASIDE SERIOUS READING MATERIAL in favor of easy, breezy beach reads. To that end, we filled this month's column with for-sale homes associated with celebrities and notable names, from a notorious pirate, early aviator and swoonworthy crooner to a financier, fashion designer and former NBA star. But that's not to say the properties themselves are substance-free—these are homes impressive enough to keep you shopping until the September market (and issue) launches. Happy summer!

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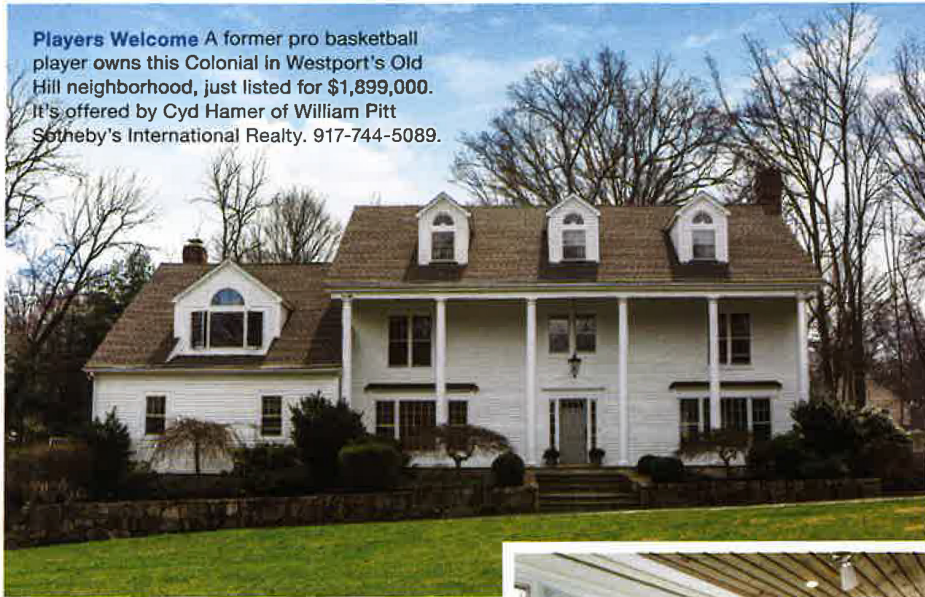
ON THE MAP AS HIGH ISLAND, JUST A 15-MINUTE FERRY RIDE FROM mainland Branford, this property is more commonly called Kidd Island, after the pirate who used the highest point on the island to look out for any British Navy ships in search of him, or so the story goes. Since 1905,



it has been owned by a co-op comprised of a group of families who have enjoyed its sandy beach, two docks, clay tennis court and rustic gardens—which, together, sound like a lot of booty for an asking price of \$950,000. Barbara Goetsch of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty has the listing. 203-927-7146.

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Players Welcome A former pro basketball player owns this Colonial in Westport's Old Hill neighborhood, just listed for \$1,899,000. It's offered by Cyd Hamer of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty. 917-744-5089.



Sporting types—both players and spectators—will be drawn to the Westport home of former professional basketball player and Fox Sports commentator Doug Gottlieb, recently listed for \$1,899,000. The 4,651-square-foot Colonial is in the family-friendly neighborhood of Old Hill, just a couple of miles to the train station and Interstate 95. On the one-acre lot, Gottlieb built tennis and basketball courts. Inside, there's a sports bar with a fireplace. It also offers four bedrooms, including a master bedroom suite with private loft and a first-floor guest suite. Cyd Hamer of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty has the listing.



An Arts-and-Crafts-style Ridgefield home owned by Alexander Julian was built by architect John Marsh Davis to reflect the fashion designer's love of color and pattern. Case in point: A hedgerow is trimmed to mimic the iconic argyle pattern Julian favored for his colorful sweaters. The 30-acre compound also offers a circa-1900 guesthouse/design studio, another guesthouse and a pool house, along with the pool, tennis court and gardens. The main, 6,043-square-foot house has five bedrooms and five bathrooms. It lists for \$5,995,000 with Laura Freed Ancona of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty.



Designer Dwelling Fashion designer Alexander Julian built this 30-acre Ridgefield compound. Laura Freed Ancona of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty has the \$5,995,000 listing. 203-733-7053.