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The WHHS Band will be an opening highlight of the 2018 Fall Festival, while (left) the West Haven Voice contest will feature (from left) Grace Nowak, Keila Cruz, Jime'ra Howard, Noelle Noble, Farah Najjari, Olivia Coppola, Hannah Coppola

Up to 1,000 expected at 14th Fest

The 14th annual West Haven High School Fall Festival is making its 2018 appearance this Saturday, and organizers say it will have new twist on a familiar theme.

For the first time ever it will take place in Ken Strong Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"The mission of the festival is to showcase all the talent of the students at West Haven High School," said Jonathan Capone, school athletic director and organizer of the event.

This year's festival promises to be the biggest one ever with over 1000 people expected to attend the event according to Capone.

"The festival includes activities for all ages which are planned throughout the entire day," he said.

The WHHS Blue Devil Marching Band will conduct their traditional march into the stadium at 11:15 and perform its complete halftime show. Performances by the cheerleaders, dance team and majorettes will follow.

"One of the big highlights of the day will be the West Haven Voice Contest where judges

will crown the top singer at WHHS," said Capone.

Also included will be a Chalk Art Contest sponsored by the Art Department, Foul Shooting Contest sponsored by the boys basketball team. GSA will be sponsoring a Heel A-thon race, where students run in stiletto heel shoes. Prizes will be awarded for all these contests. Another tradition at the festival is the Trick or Trunk.

"Twenty cars have signed up to decorate their trunks in a Halloween theme and candy will be given out to all our trick or treaters," Capone said. "They will also be providing face painting of pumpkins free of charge."

When it comes to eating, the festival will have three of the best food trucks in the area. The 744 Restaurant, Vinnie's Pizza, and Taco Pacifico will provide favorite foods at reasonable prices.

The boys and girls swim teams will be sponsoring the annual Dunk Tank and the boys and girls track teams will set up an obstacle course for anybody to run and the top winners will be awarded

prizes. DJ Alexa will provide the music and Capone will be the Emcee.

There will be over 50 tables showcasing WHHS clubs and organizations and all tables will be providing a raffle bas-

ket making this event the largest raffle event in West Haven. One table of interest will be spearheaded by Ken Carney, the chairman of the WHHS Building Committee, who will be providing pictures at

his table of the finished high school and will also be there to answer any questions that students and parents will have.

"This event will be a fun packed day for all ages," Capone said finally.

Graveyard Lantern Walk slated by Historical group

The West Haven Historical Society will hold its annual Graveyard Lantern Tour on Saturday Oct. 27 on the West Haven Green. The program, which has become a tradition in the community, will begin at 5 and end at 7:30. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12 and must be purchased at the Poli House 686 Savin Ave., opposite the Green.

Groups of 15-20 people at a time will be escorted every 15 minutes from the Poli House to the Green for the Graveyard Tour. Cider and doughnuts will be available for those attending the event.

This year the tour will bring to life some of the best known women and men who are virtually household names most West Haveners will recognize.

Alma Pagels, a member of a Swedish immigrant family, who lived to be 101 years of age and was a long-time teacher and principal and for whom Pagels School is named, will make an appearance. She will be joined by Israel Kelsey

entrepreneur and businessman, son of George Kelsey the man credited with establishing Savin Rock, and he will tell of his amazing career which began at age 16.

Hannah Candee Painter, the wife of Thomas Painter, will be one of several women who will make an appearance and discuss her life with one of the city's most famous citizens. Painter's husband is the man portrayed on the city's flag and who warned people that the British were about to invade the town on July 5, 1779.

Several other West Haven citizens will tell of their lives and contributions to the community whose origins date back to 1648 when West Farms was first settled. The townspeople will be portrayed by students from the University of New Haven continuing a tradition begun several years ago.

This year several members of the Historical Society will join with students in the «reappearances» from the graves.

Joseinny Montenegro-Diaz, age 3, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc, sees cooler weather in the forecast.



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Padilla city's first Hispanic of the Year'

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Dr. Ralph L. Padilla, a respected Puerto Rican veterinarian known for giving back to West Haven and its proud Hispanic American community, received the city's first Hispanic American of the Year award Friday at the inaugural Hispanic Heritage Celebration.

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and the new West Haven Hispanic Heritage Committee recognized Padilla, who has owned and operated the West Haven Animal Clinic at 959 Campbell Ave. for 33 years, during a midday ceremony on the steps of City Hall.

The committee plans to bestow the award annually on a Hispanic resident, or couple, who personifies service in West Haven's thriving Hispanic American community.

At the half-hour event, Padilla, 65, honored his Puerto Rican lineage with dozens of friends, staff and furry clients, as well as loved ones, including his wife of 34 years, the former Yvette Solomon, and his sister.

He was also joined by an array of dignitaries, including state Rep. Michael A. DiMassa, D-West Haven, City Clerk Deborah Collins and Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli, along with descendants of folks from Puerto Rico and Latin America.

As the award's first recipient, Padilla told the crowd that it was fitting he received the honor from the city's first female mayor. He then thanked his wife and late parents, his staff, his brother and sister, and the residents who have entrusted his care of their pets.

"I also want to thank the Hispanic community," Padilla said. "I am deeply honored for the award."

Before the ceremony, he said: "I have always taken pride in my heritage and my profession, and I have tried to give back as much as I have received. West Haven has been very good to me and my family."

A post-event, Latin-flavored lunch was catered by culinary arts instructor Andrew Ran-

di and students of the culinary arts program at Gateway Community College in the First Congregational Church of West Haven's Fellowship Hall, opposite City Hall on the Green.

In observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which ended Oct. 15, the city recognizes the important legacy of Hispanic Americans and the inspiring contributions they have made to the culture and history of the United States.

Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on the civic and cultural life of America through their strong commitment to faith and family, hard work and service. They have enhanced and shaped the national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community.

Hispanic Heritage Month, which traces its roots to 1968, begins each year on Sept. 15, the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador,



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Dr. Ralph L. Padilla receives a black "Hispanic American of the Year" jacket from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi at the city's first Hispanic Heritage Celebration on the steps of City Hall Friday, Oct. 19.

Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile and Belize also celebrate their independence days during that period.

The term Hispanic, or Latino, refers to Puerto Rican, South American or Central American, and other Spanish cultures or origins regardless of race. On the 2010

Census form, people of Spanish, Hispanic or Latino origins could identify themselves as Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or "another Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin."

West Haven's diversity is its strength, Rossi said, and Padilla is a testament to the American

dream.

She said he epitomizes the noble qualities of serving his community and carrying on the spirited traditions of Puerto Rico.

Padilla's good works practicing veterinary medicine include aiding the West Haven Animal Shelter in times of need.

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Dear Felicia

The end o' October and headin' into election time. Yup, ten more days, and we'll have the state-wide elections hereabouts, and see jest whot is gonna happen in the Nutmeg State for the next two years as far as the legislature and the next four as to whom will occupy the Governor's Mansion.

Around these parts, things have been fairly quiet. I remember a time when ripped up signs and vandalized offices were the order of the day here in the Asylum by the Sea. Usually about this time in the not-so-distant past there was a hue and cry from one campaign or t'other as to how their signs, office or something else concerning the campaign was desecrated. It made some interesting reading in the this or the other local papyrus for a while.

Things of that sort calmed down a while ago. It could be the usual suspects fer setch dealings either entered the

gates of Greater Life, or got too old to care about doing setch things again. There is still some time left, but with most of the competition being intramural as opposed to inter-mural, the incidents of vandalism and other setch nonsense has declined over the years.

It seems whilst the political realm is getting more and more confrontational elsewhere, here in our lit'le corner of the universe things are calming down. Who'd have thunk that?

There was a big to-do here along the shore as the city got big Federal kopecks for the beach. And the senior senator of the state was in attendance to make the big announcement. Ole Sen. Blumenthal ain't running for re-election this time around, he's got another three years or more. Nope. Chris Murphy, who is always trying to get out from under the shadow of Blummy is on the ropes this time round.

Blumenthal, though, likes our

fair community. I guess he's treated with respect here - maybe more than he's given in other places. I don't know why? Jeesh. Now, there ain't no love lost betwixt Cobina and Blummy. It ain't cuz he lied about his service, it's cuz he's soooooo smarmy. The woid I guess Iyam lookin' fer is "unctuous." That means he's oily and slippery. That about covers it.

There is talk around the Capitol in DC that effen there's a camera, there is Blumenthal --- kind of a take on an ole Latin aphorism: Ubi est camera, ibi est Blumenthal. Yeah, ole Cobina did conjugate a verb or two in her time. Tennyrate, Blumenthal ain't know quite so much for having principles as being the proverbial "political hack." Some use another noun when talking about his nibs, but this, after all, a family publication.

And needless to say, our favorite member of Congress (not) Rosa DeLauro Greenberg is up for reelection, and has been surprisingly quiet over the last several weeks. One would think that she would be splashed all over the news channels, particularly with what's transpired over the last few weeks or months, but nary a word.

Could it be that the shenanigans of her party in the last little while have embarrassed even Rosa? One could only hope.

Sammy Bluejay was in t'other afternoon and the talk centered around when and

if the MARB - that's the Municipal Accountability Review Board - is gonna put the city in Tier IV. This is the crunch time as far as some city politicians are concerned.

As we've discussed before, the MARB is made up of bureaucrats. They are used to telling someone, "Jump," and the only question they want asked is "How high?" They ain't used to the political process or the legislative process bogging things down. For weeks the city has been trying to craft together a five-year plan that is in conformity to what the MARB wants. To date, it's still being worked on. Yew know that's gotta be frustrating to a bunch that's used to obedience.

The accepted consensus seems to be that the election in 12 days is gonna be the tipping pernt. The move to Tier IV will give the board as much or as little control over the city's financial fortunes as it wants. The City Council, city contracts and even the mayor herself will be under the control of the board. The council can offer its advice, but that's about it. Its power is only to rubber stamp what the board decides effen it comes to that.

It's still up in the air as to what's gonna happen, but Sammy told me that after the election and before the end o' the year the decision will be made. After the first of the year, the new budget process

begins, and effen MARB is gonna take control, it wants to be in place for that.

Nelly Nuthatch stopped by and mentioned that last week's little missive by Charter Revision Chairman Ed Granfield was just specific enuff and just general enuff to not answer too much. "Yeah," sez I, "and the sun rises in the East."

Y'see honeybunch, whilst Granfield wanted to give an update, he didn't wanna be too specific to tip off what's being discussed under the radar, and he wanted people to know they are making progress. The elephant in the room is that he don't want the politicians, who've been out of the picture so far, Lord love 'em, to get into the picture. As I've mentioned to you in the past, politicians have put the kibosh on changes that would have been good for the city cuz it upsets the apple cart that they roll around.

That could still happen, of course, cuz the City Council still can determine what recommendations go to the publick and what recommendations stay out. But, the commish could still force the isshew by means of a petition and referendum, overriding the council effen they think it's in the city's best interest.

We shall see what we shall see, but this process has been smooth as silk thus far, and one only hopes it stays that way as we git nearer and nearer to next summer's drop dead date.

The WHHS is having its 14th Fall Festival over the weekend, this year at Ken Strong Stadium. In past years it's been in the school courtyard, but effen yew've been around those friendly confines over the last little while, yew will notice that the courtyard is no more. The superstructure of the new renovations is encroaching on it.

Tennyrate, this used to be the Homecoming Festival, but over the years - and probably with political carreckness being the rage, the idea of it being centered around football has probably been eschewed somewhat. Still, jest like the ole Homecoming Festival, the boys and girls from various clubs, organizations teams and ensembles will be on display, letting everyone know what's happening at the local secondary school

Iva Lootey sez that school officials are expecting more than 1,000 people to attend the event, and that the bigger venue might offer much more in the way of "happenings." Iyam sure we'll have a photograph or three in next week's papyrus, and effen the weather holds out, even Cobina might take the gassamobuggy out and see what is what.

With that bit o' chatter, I'll close this time till next, mitt luff und kizzez,

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Padilla: *Mentor gives time to young*

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Working for the shelter pro bono, he has been its go-to veterinarian for dealing with the prevention and treatment of diseases and injuries in animals, both domestic and wild.

A mentor to many young, aspiring veterinarians who have interned in his office, the humble, casually dressed Padilla lives by the Golden Rule: Treat others how you want to be treated.

Rossi lauded the civic-minded Padilla, whom she called "a man of integrity and wisdom," for his wholehearted devotion to the city and its vibrant Hispanic American community.

She presented him with a Puerto Rican flag and a black jacket embroidered with his new title: Hispanic American of the Year.

Rossi also read a mayoral citation praising Padilla's "enduring contributions."

"As a Puerto Rican business owner and resident of West Haven, your remarkable story is treasured by our city," she said. "I am grateful for your contributions in shaping the tapestry of our Hispanic American community and the narrative of our city."

The cultural event included remarks from mayoral Executive Assistant Lou Esposito, the master of ceremonies. Before a Hispanic blessing by Victor M. Borrás of Gateway Christian Fellowship, Maribel Aguilar-Meza sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Puerto Rican national anthem, "La Borinquena."

Padilla was born in New York City in 1953 to Ralph L.

Padilla, a World War II veteran who served at age 16 in the U.S. Army Tank Corps in the Philippines, and the former Adelaide Rubino, a home-maker.

After the war, his father, a native of Naranjito, Puerto Rico, was one of the first Puerto Ricans to serve on the New York City Police Department, retiring after a decorated career of 28 years.

Padilla is a graduate of Archbishop Stepinac High School, an all-boys Catholic school in White Plains, New York.

He earned an associate degree from the State University of New York at Farmingdale, a bachelor's from Cornell University, and a doctorate in veterinary medicine from the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

After receiving his veterinary license in 1981, Padilla worked at Fairport Animal Hospital in Bridgeport until 1985.

In March of that year, he moved to West Haven and purchased the West Haven Animal Clinic, across the street from the Veterans Af-

fairs Hospital.

Padilla and his wife live on Ocean Avenue in West Shore. The couple has three children — Kurt L. Padilla, 33, Anna L. Padilla, 32, and Gregory J. Padilla, 27.

They have a 2-month-old granddaughter, Neave M. Padilla.



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The free event, for city residents, includes a candy corn guess and a contest for best costume. Trick-or-treaters must bring a flashlight and a candy bag to search for ghoulish goodies.

Prizes are awarded for best costume in each age group.

The hunt schedule is 6:05 p.m., ages 3 and younger; 6:25 p.m., ages 4-5; 6:45 p.m., ages 6-7;

and 6:55 p.m., ages 8-10.

Participants should register 10 minutes before their hunt time and must show proof of residence.

Only one adult may assist a child in the hunt for ages 3 and under; all other age groups hunt unassisted.

The event comes at a cost.

Trick-or-treaters are asked to bring nonperishable items for the West Haven Emergency Assistance Task Force, which provides food for residents

9TH ANNUAL GRAVEYARD LANTERN TOUR

**Saturday, October 27
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Tickets are \$5. Tours begin at the Poli House at 686 Savin Avenue.

University of New Haven theater students are collaborating with the West Haven Historical Society on the annual Graveyard Lantern Tour. This will mark the program's fifth year of participation in this spooky local event, which "resurrects" several long dead West Haveners who are buried in the graveyards in the center of town. Join the West Haven Community and get ready for Halloween!



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Students of the Month

St. Lawrence School recently celebrated its first Students' of the Month for September in a ceremony held at the school. Each student was awarded a pin and certificate, and the students, along with their parents, were invited to have breakfast with the pastor, the Rev. Jose Mercado and Principal Paul DeFonzo. Front row -- Ishani Jackson, Kindergarten; Nicholas Mantilia, Grade 2; Aaron Cabacungan, Grade 3; and Lehanna Philogene, Grade 1. Second row -- Giovanni Ferrucci, Grade 4; Hannah Cabacungan, Grade 5; and Marissa Cuff, Grade 7. Third row -- Will Panza, Grade 8; Mia Brancati, Grade 8; Eman Khan, Grade 6 and Jonathan Nascimento, Grade 6. Back row -- Paul R. DeFonzo; Fr. Mercado; and Dr. Michael Griffin, Superintendent of Schools, Archdiocese of Hartford.

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Lack of civility had begun under the watch of Obama

Civility – or the lack of it – has been much in the news these last few weeks. News commentators, pundits, columnists, and politicians are lamenting what they see as a lack of civility in the national discourse concerning issues of importance. Some, however, are laying this lacuna on the fact one political party has no power within the halls of government, namely the Democratic Party.

That position was made eminently clear by former Democratic candidate for President Hillary Rodham Clinton, who stated flatly civility will return only when Democrats return to some type of power. After all, she averred, the party in power is attempting to “destroy” everything her side believes.

Unfortunately, this downward trend toward a lack of hearing the other side began a decade ago, and got progressively worse during the Obama years. Let us take you back to the campaign of 2008 and what transpired after it.

Barack Hussein Obama became the darling of mainstream media, and the horse upon which the party leadership decided to ride to victory. Due to his skin color, any attempt to discredit his position on issues was immediately disparaged as a racial slur.

This disparagement, you will recall, was hurled at former President Bill Clinton. Clinton made a rather prosaic criticism of Obama’s positions, and was called a “racist.” This to a man who was once hailed as the nations “first black president.”

The situation gelded the Clinton campaign and did the same to John McCain. His criticisms of Obama’s positions on anywhere from immigration to foreign policy were reduced to boiler plate talking points. Still, the charge of racism followed McCain through the rest of the campaign, with the approval of the mainstream media.

When Obama became President, any disagreements concerning his policies were given a racial patina. No opposition was valid, all was racist. This was not so much used as a talking point as a determined ploy to end any and all debate, no matter how valid.

During that time also, Obama used his position to undermine the very institutions of government he was sworn to uphold. From the Supreme Court being ostracized during the State of the Union, to disagreements on Obamacare (“I won”) to the famous “beer summit” because of a dispute in Cambridge, MA,

Obama validated the worst inclinations of the left, and gave them not only voice, but approbation. Ferguson, MO, Black Lives Matter, Occupy Wall Street and other incidents were hailed from the president’s bully pulpit.

The eight-year degradation of national institutions, coupled with the steady decline of Democratic Party fortunes coalesced these groups, and allowed shrill voices to take over the debate. As more and more seats went over to the Republicans in state, local and national elections, shrillness became more and more commonplace.

The stage was set for what we have today. The Progressive agenda of Obama, though stalled, was still accomplished through his “phone and pen.” Hillary Rodham Clinton was supposed to be the Obama third and fourth term. But, Americans – at least 63 million of them – had enough of being bullied, and chose Donald J. Trump. This set the left wing into a rage unseen in the country’s history.

A group that thought power was its due for the next generation saw that dream evaporate. It’s agenda, expected to be pushed forward for eight more years was suddenly rejected, and decidedly so.

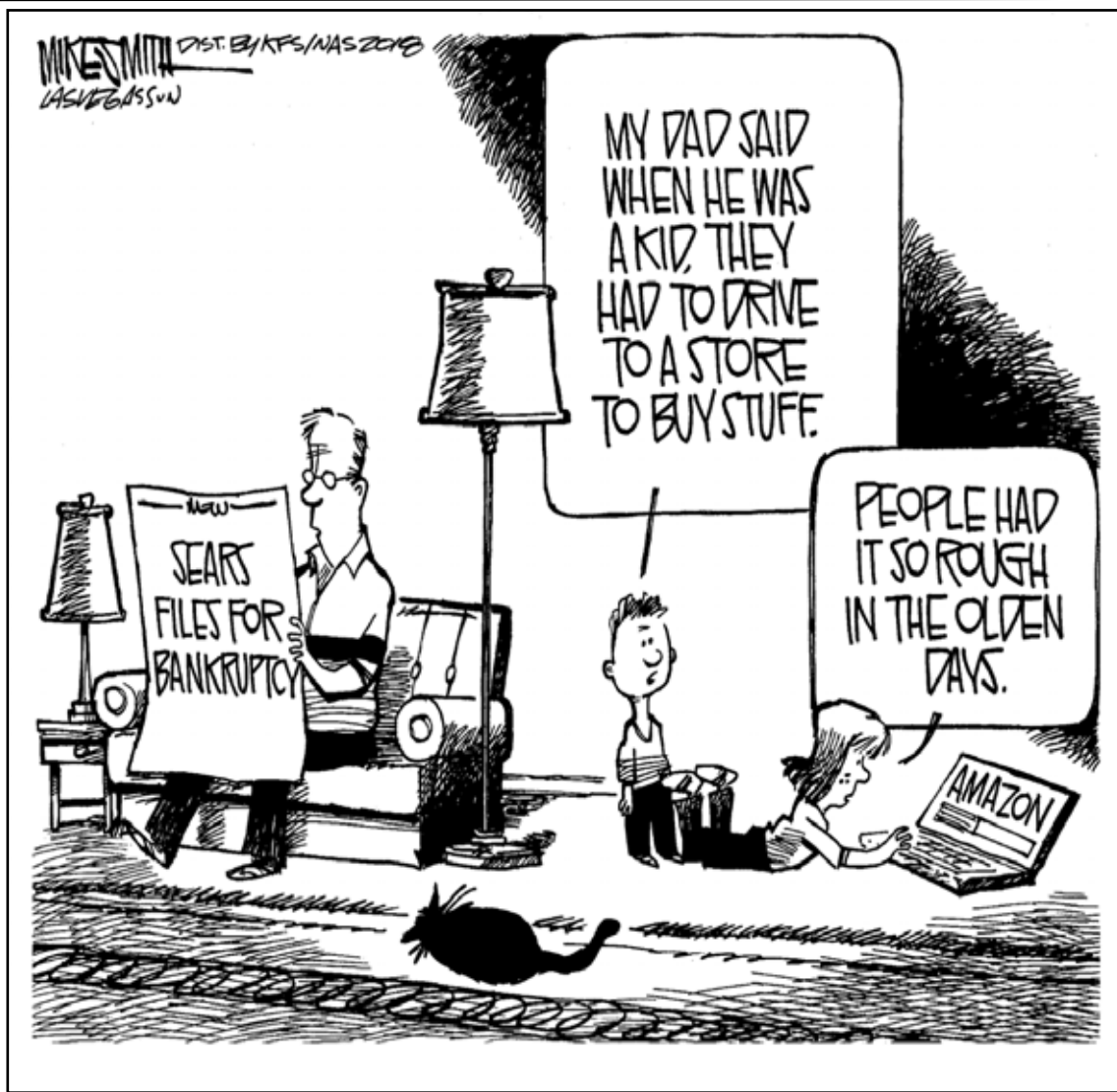
For the last two years we’ve seen a temper tantrum the likes of which this nation has not seen ever in its history.

The legitimacy of an election was questioned over a supposed collusion with a foreign power.

As the facts are uncovered, we now see there was collusion between the Democratic Party, the Obama Administration and the Clinton Campaign to frame the Trump campaign through an elaborate scheme to tilt the election and then then destabilize the new administration.

The reasons for incivility are there. They are serious and they all come from one source.

The legacy of Barack Obama is fully on display. It is one of corruption and belittlement of its enemies.



The left bares its incivility

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

It’s doubtful that a former American presidential candidate has ever formally endorsed incivility before, but Hillary Clinton is ever full of surprises. In an interview on CNN, the erstwhile advocate of “if they go low, we go high” switched around to unapologetically call for going low.

“You cannot be civil with a political party,” she explained, “that wants to destroy what you stand for, what you care about.” She added that if Democrats retake a house of Congress, well, then, “that’s when civility can start again.”

Clinton’s statement is yet more confirmation of the radical mood of the current Democratic Party, not just in blessing tactics that once would have been anathema to the mainstream, but questioning the legitimacy of core elements of our system. The party’s base is just a few steps from beginning to give up on our common national life.

Civility is a rather fundamental thing to throw under the bus. It is the basis of our political life, assuring that disagreements are settled within certain bounds and don’t escalate into blood feuds.

This doesn’t mean that there can’t be intense arguments, harsh condemnations, passionate controversies and partisan donnybrooks. These are all endemic to a free society and very healthy things. It does mean that there are certain widely accepted guardrails.

In the Brett Kavanaugh de-

bate, the normal pressure points of the democratic process (rallies and demonstrations, phone calls to congressional offices, online, print and TV advocacy) were deemed insufficient -- senators had to be berated in the hallways, chased out of restaurants and harassed at their homes.

Asked on CNN if the actions against her fellow senators went too far, Mazie Hirono stood by the harassment: “I think it just means that there are a lot of people who are very, very much motivated about what’s going on.”

But when you angrily confront someone, especially as part of a group, it carries an inescapable whiff of physical intimidation. When you shout Ted and Heidi Cruz out of a

Washington restaurant, you aren’t trying to convince them of anything, you are merely abusing them. When you yell at Senate hearings and floor votes, you aren’t influencing the process, but disrupting it.

Our system of government is increasingly held in low regard on the left. The 2016 election was somehow stolen, and the mechanism that gave Trump his victory, the Electoral College, is illegitimate. The Senate, which confirmed Kavanaugh and gives small, red states the same representation as large, blue states, is also illegitimate. Finally, the Supreme Court, now home to two Trump-appointed justices, is illegitimate as well.

That’s a lot of illegitimacy,
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Rohna sinking was start of missile warfare

By Joseph Weber
Special to the Voice

In the Oct. 1 edition of West Haven Voice, the story of the sinking of the HMT Rohna was related.

Held secret for decades during and following World War II, the Indian ship, leased by the British, was hit by a radio-controlled, rocket-propelled weapon in the Mediterranean Sea on Nov. 26, 1943. More than 1,000 American soldiers, crewmen, and Navy personnel were lost in the strike and aftermath.

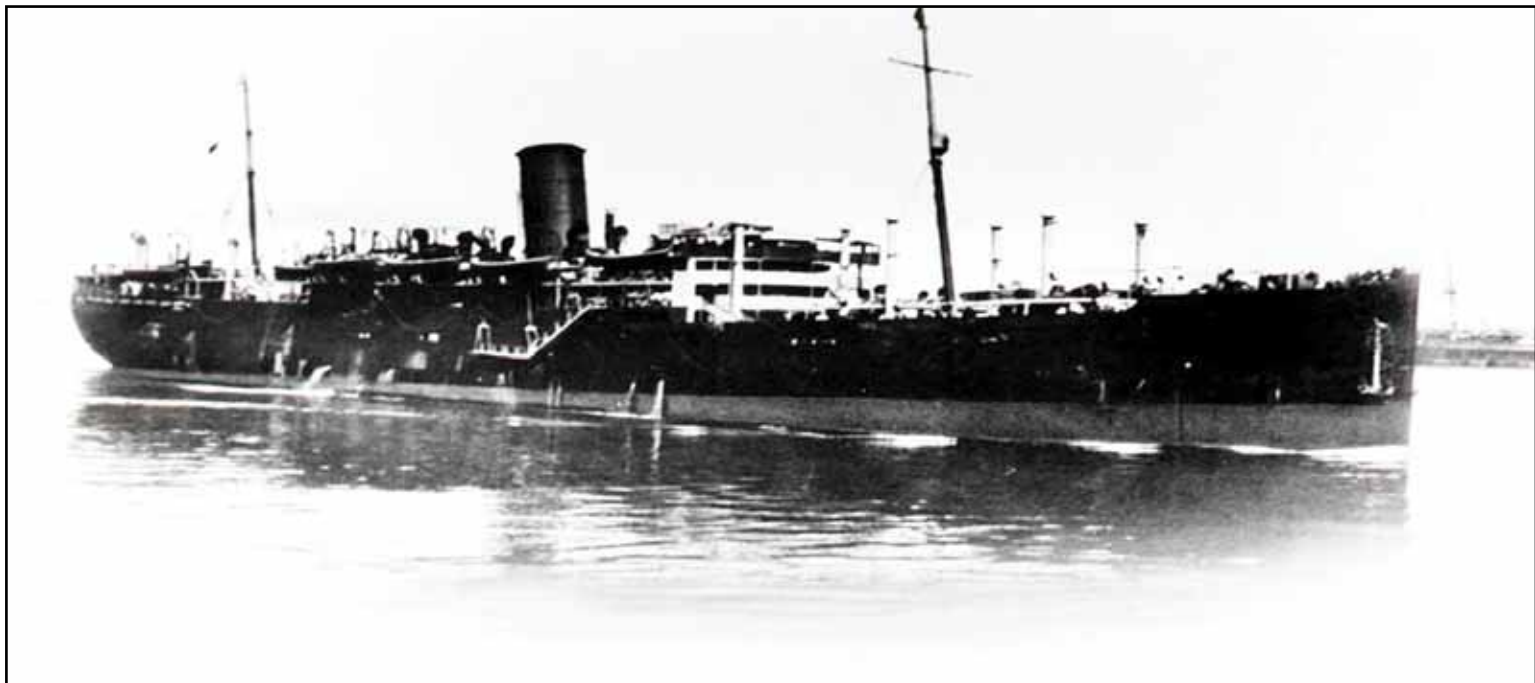
The losses included West Haven friends and schoolmates PFC Pasquale Logiodice, PFC John T. Cox, and PFC Pacifico Migliore. The GIs were finishing a brief stay at Oran, Algeria, and boarded the rusty Rohna to head to the India-Bermuda-China war zone to build air fields.

At the Ward-Heitmann House Museum, decades-old New Haven Register clipping with the briefest of war-time information were uncovered. Friends John Dolan and wife Sue made a computer search and returned with astonishing news of the terrific tragedy, and news of an existing Rohna survivors association that links members and has yearly reunions.

Thus, began regular conversations between the Dolans and Janice Pumelia (Brooklyn) and Catherine Ladnier, author (Greenwich, CT) both survivors' relatives.

All the participants were happy to have met each other for the sake of spreading the story of the GIs and the families.

Dolan and this writer continued forming a loose as-



The HMT Rohna was used as a troop ship during World War II. It was sunk in 1943, the first victim of a missile attack.

sociation we call The Rohna Remembrance Committee of West Haven. Our members are mostly West Haven graduates from Main Street.

At first in our attempts to spread the message, we didn't find much interest. It was, after all, an old story, but we did point out that it was the 75th anniversary.

Talking to a nephew, Joe Weber, a retired state trooper, about our cause, he told us to go to University of New Haven and see Joe Sudol, a Forensics Department staffer. Joe is another retired state trooper. Our course was to change dramatically. Joe and Joe make a point of listening, watching, absorbing, and they smile, usually. What a find.

Also, Joe Sudol's father-in-law, Joe Morrissey of the "Clan Morrissey", served on a minesweeper *in WWII. Joe quickly gave us valuable UNH tips and told us he would check genealogy listings of

the families (which he did). He wanted us to keep in touch and he added, "See the chief!"

Before seeking the chief, we touched base with Director of Operations Julia Carbonella. When we told her our story that the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters of Pasquale, John T., and Pacifico would never in 50 years, be able to talk to a survivor, she was visibly moved.

The "chief," Vice-President for Public Safety Ron Quagliani, our former West Haven Chief of Police, was next in the quest. In our meeting, he listened, while immediately going to work, giving us names of people, he would contact providing addresses, offering to help finance some memorial of the West Haven Veterans and Learning Center (Military Museum). He alerted the Vet's Center of our project. We also learned of the UNH ROTC Program.

We left the Chargers' buildings feeling thankful for their

support.

It was shortly after our UNH visit that John made a call to Mark Consorte, Social Studies Dept. chairman at West Haven High School. This was followed by a meeting with Consorte and staff to discuss plans for a students' performance at the Veterans' Center on Dec. 2, coinciding with a week-long exhibit of memorabilia there.

A very special guest on the occasion will be Michael Walsh, an author, who compiled two great books of survivors' stories of the Rohna sinking.

We would like to note here that the members of the Rohna Remembrance Committee are Grace Youngs Hall, Judy Cascio Pfister, Patrice Farquharson, Sue Dolan, Barbara Quarz Melotto, Gloria Quarz Weber, Joan Vitolo, Dave Warner, and Bud Giaquinto. The co-chairmen are John Dolan and Weber. Resource Advisors are Beth Sabo and Dave Ricci.

In a future report we will

discuss the Vets' Center personnel.

We would ask that any readers who might have memorabilia or who would share written memories of West Haven, or specifically WHHS, please send them to:

Ward Heitmann House Museum, Inc. PO Box 573 West Haven 06516.

In the next installment we will tell of the amazing rescue of 900 troops - 600 by the USS Pioneer, a minesweeper and 200 by a tugboat, the Mindful. A seaman left his gun position to spend hours saving hundreds at grave risk to himself.

The installment will also have details of the new missile the enemy launched and the stunned reaction of the witnesses.

The vehicle had wings, a rear rocket engine, and it glided; worst of all it changed directions in flight and was heading directly toward the Rohna. Missile warfare had commenced.

Museum looks for vets

The West Haven Veterans Museum will honor men and women who served in Korea in the "Forgotten War" on Nov. 11 from 1:30-3:30. As the museum's annual Special Event, the special program will include military and civic leaders, commemorative gifts and a reception sponsored by the University of New Haven. To date, 265 former military have been identified, but the Board of Directors believes there are many more to be identified.

Anyone having contact information for Korean War and DMZ veterans, living or deceased, is asked to send that information to WHVM, 30 Hood Terrace, West Haven, 06516 as soon as possible. Invitations will be sent to the veteran, or to the family of those who are deceased. The museum is an all-volunteer organization with servicemen from all branches of service conducting tours in the 9,000 square foot exhibit hall. Articles and artifacts represent every military involvement in the history of this country.

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all stemming from one lost presidential election. Imagine if Democrats lose another? The fact is that if you believe an institution is legitimate only if you control it or it works in your favor, you never truly believed in its legitimacy to begin with.

Perhaps the Democratic fever will pass if the party gains some power again, as Clinton suggested in her remarks. But it's notable enough that one of our major parties is showing signs of contemplating a divorce from our system as it currently exists.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Historian's corner By Dan Shine

West Haven's Earliest Days Part IV

We acknowledge the efforts of Lorraine Wood Rockefeller, who originally set these words down in about 1960.

Early New Englanders were aware of the need for roads, but not much was done to acquire them. Efforts taken at early town meetings to compel men to work on the roads did not suffice to keep them in good condition. The military roads were perhaps the first real roads, the next in importance were the turnpikes for the old stagecoaches. The earliest of these were without springs and passengers sat on hard benches.

The need for adequate transportation was first realized following the Revolutionary War when roads were built by private companies incorporated under acts passed by the State Legislatures, called "turnpikes." Gates were erected at ten mile intervals

and they made it costly to travel. Those exempt were the person on his way to church, the person on military duty and the farmer on this way to and from the fields.

If the toll collector was not present, the gates were left open and everybody was permitted to pass without paying. Many thrifty Yankees preferred long detours to paying extortionate toll charges. When popular protest forced abandonment of the toll charges, many of the roads were purchased by the towns and incorporated into a general highway system.

Road building became important from 1690 to 1720. Pent Road, now First Avenue, was in use in 1687. Savin Avenue was also a part of Pent Road and was in use in 1698. Platt Avenue, once known as Cove River Road was a so-called highway in 1699. Saw Mill Road, Meloy Road, Benham Hill Road, and Jones Hill Road still follow closely the

Photo courtesy of WHCH



West Bridge and Milford Hill on what was once known as the New York Turnpike or the Milford Turnpike.

routes of farm roads laid out in the period 1680 to 1720.

Among the original settlers were George Lambertson (son of the original settlers of New Haven), Thomas Painter, Edward Thomas, Thomas

(or Jesse Stevens), the Gregson, Fowler, Benham, Ward, Clarke, Brown and Thompson families. Subsequently principal farmers in the town also included James Reynolds, Newton Stephens, Eli Kim-

berly, Ezra Candee, Nehemiah Kimberly, Albert Candee, Isaac Hine, Joseph Prindle, Capt. Ichabod Smith, Capt. Anson Clinton, Capt. Albert Thomas and Henry Thomas, Elliott and Jacob Ward.

Lesson in safety

As part of Head Start Awareness Month, preschoolers in one of the Head Start classrooms at the West Haven Community House got a visit from a few West Haven police officers. Officer Audrey Jefferson, Kim Simone, and Sergeant Charlie Young sat with the students and went over how to be safe at home, in school and in the car.



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Around Town

Harvest Fair

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'Back to the Oldies'

"Back to the Oldies" makes a return to Cielo, 85 Chase Lane on Saturday Nov 10 from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Charles Rosenay of Liverpool Productions is set to spin the discs while Carla Gemma Caccavale performs tickets are \$20 per person and include Door Prizes, coffee and dessert. The raffle benefits MDA. For tickets call (203) 795-5473 or (203) 468-2528.

WH Garden Club

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its meeting on Thursday, Nov. 8 at the St. Louis Church meeting room, Bull Hill Road at 11:30 a.m. A luncheon will then follow and the program will be speaker Gary Zinsmeyer discussing

Energy assistance offered in West Haven

The city will begin accepting applications Oct. 15 for the federally financed Connecticut Energy Assistance Program in the Department of Human Resources on the second floor of City Hall, 355 Main St.

Appointments for all heating sources can be made, starting Oct. 1, by calling 203-937-3572.

Applications will be processed by appointment Mondays through Thursdays. No walk-ins will be accepted.

Eligibility for assistance is based on the income and assets of an applicant's household. To qualify, applicants must provide pay stubs, including monthly Social Security benefits and pension checks, for the last four weeks for all household members 18 and older.

Applicants must also provide documentation of assets — recent bank account statements for all accounts for all household members — along with a current utility bill, Social Security numbers and birthdates for all household members.

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WHEAT fundraiser

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 28 Church St., is sponsoring a fundraiser for the West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce (WHEAT), on Saturday, Nov. 3 in the church. Entitled "Raise the Roof for WHEAT," the concert begins at 6:30. Donation is \$5 and one non-perishable food item for the shelves. Desserts and mulled cider follow the event.

Chili Cook-off

The First Lutheran Church, 52 George St., is sponsoring its annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 2-5 p.m. A Chili Tasting Kit costs \$5 and you can taste and judge different entries. Those looking to place a chili recipe in the contest should call Kyla, (203) 859-2088. The entry fee is \$10.

Annual Breakfast

The West Haven Irish-American Club is hosting its annual fundraiser for the scholarship fund at Apple-

bee's, Orange. The pancake breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8-9:45 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for a full breakfast, including juice and coffee. Call Charlie at (203) 934-9740 for information.

Senior Center trip

The West Haven Senior Center is offering the following trip: Foxwoods Casino Tuesday, Nov. 27, to see "Legends Concert": Tickets cost is \$25 per person for casino only or casino and Legends show, \$52. Bus leaves Savin Rock Conference Center at 8:15 a.m. "Legends" features Elvis, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, David Bowie, George Michael and The Blues Brothers, a 90 minute fantastic show! Trip includes a bonus for everyone on the bus, a free buffet meal or \$10 Food Voucher and \$10 slot play. Payment due by Nov. 2.

Flyers with details for this trip are available at the office West Haven Senior Center 201 Noble St. or call (203) 937-3507 for more information.

F. Seniors set trip

F Seniors and Friends has a trip planned for the new year: A trip to Atlantic City is planned for Jan. 2-4 at Resorts Casino. It includes four meals, \$20 in slot play and two shows. Price is \$229 per person.

For booking, call Fred at

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Devils falter v. Rams, face Gaels



Photo by Russ McCreven

One for our side!

Nancy Tapia sends home a point in last week's match with Platt Tech. Teammates Noelle Noble and Kara Erickson are ready to back her up.

The West Haven football has three losses on the season, two of those coming by a combined two yards. The Westies first loss of the season came at the hands of the North Haven Indians, when the Blue Devils were stopped inches from the goal line in a 20-19 loss.

On Friday night at Ken Strong Stadium, the Westies were stopped a yard short of the endzone as time expired in a 21-14 loss to the Cheshire Rams.

The Rams drew first blood when they capped their opening possession with a 1-yard touchdown run for a 7-0 lead with 6:59 left in the first quarter. The Westies responded with a drive of their own and after Juan Gutierrez plunged over the top from a yard out the boys were on the board with 58 seconds left in the quarter. A missed extra point left the Westies behind 7-6 heading into the second quarter.

Cheshire mounted another drive and increased its lead to 14-6 on a 27-yard TD run 52 seconds into the second quarter. The Blue Devils were able to respond again with a drive capped by a Jordan Berrios 1-yard touchdown run. Jaden Grant ran in the 2-point conversion to even the game 14-14 with 1:55 left in the half.

The Rams struck for a 42-yard touchdown run to take a 21-14 with 5:19 left in the third quarter. The Westies were driving but were forced to turn over the ball on downs with three minutes left in the game. A huge defensive stand by the Blue Devils' defense allowed West Haven to get the ball back with under two minutes remaining. Jordan Berrios hit both Jaden Grant and Demerick Blackford with passes to get the Westies down to the Rams' 4-yard line. The Blue Devils pounded the ball down to the 1-yard line but on fourth down, Jordan Berrios was stopped before reaching the endzone as time expired, sending the Rams into a frenzied celebration on a 21-14 victory.

Things don't get any easier for the Westies when they travel to Shelton on Friday for a matchup with the undefeated Gaels at 7.

The boys soccer team began its week with a 4-2 victory over the Sheehan Titans at Ken Strong Stadium on Monday night. The Blue Devils took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Matt Ffrench 8:33 into the game, when he chipped the ball over the Titans' keeper and into the goal. Nash Noble kept the score 1-0 when he made a spectacular, diving save that ricocheted off the crossbar with 15:50 left in the half. Aldo Barragan then extended the West Haven lead to 2-0 with 6:08 left in the first half on a set piece from 20 yards out. After the Titans cut the lead to 2-1 in the second

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X-country places 10th; gridder's top Amity

Cross country places 10th at SCC Championship Meet while football wins third in a row in the latest weekly recap of ND Athletics. Meanwhile, soccer fell on a late goal to North Haven on Senior Day as the fall sports season starts to come to a close.

Football -- Two fourth-quarter touchdowns by Warren Murphy, a big fake punt by Zach Hoshman and another stellar defensive showing all added up to a 21-14 win over Amity. Notre Dame won its third in a row and improved to 4-2 with the win and will return to action traveling to Cheshire on Friday.

Trailing 14-6 following a 83-yard, 12-play scoring drive by the Spartans, the Notre Dame offense responded with a score of their own. Murphy scored the first of his two fourth-quarter touchdowns on a 20-yard screen pass. The ensuing two-point conversion pass to Austin Pieck knotted the game with 9:36 left. Then, Hochman performed his magic converted a fourth-down fake punt running for 17 yards, needing only seven. That resulted in Murphy's go ahead score, a 11-yard run with 3:14 left in the game. Murphy accounted for 99 total yards for the game.

Cross-Country -- Tommy Minar

paved the way for the Notre Dame cross country team to place 10th at the 2018 SCC Championship Meet on Friday at East Shore Park. Minar finished the 3.1 miles in 17:41 to place 24th overall.

He was followed by underclassmen Oliver Shannon, Jacob Carson, and Ohm Patel to cross the finish line for the Green Knights. Shannon placed 56th overall in a time of 18:28. Carso and Patel crossed the finish line one after the other with Carson edging his classmate by a mere one second running in a time of 18:39. They finished 61st and 62nd overall. Notre Dame's other runners included: Jacob Torres who ran in 18:44 and finished 69th; Anthony Bruno ran in 18:53 and Jon Katz who finished in 83rd with a time of 19:21. Notre Dame will conclude its season running in the CIAC Class L Championship Meet on Saturday at 9 at Wickham Park in Manchester.

Soccer --The soccer team suffered a 1-0 loss to North Haven on Senior Day on Friday at Veterans Field. With just under 20 minutes left, goalie Jay Brennan made a diving save off an Indian direct kick. He used every inch of his frame and deflected the ball to his

right. The ball caromed off the post right to the foot of Tanner Powell, who deposited the ball into the open net for the lone score of the game. The Green Knights concluded their on Wednesday at Veterans Field.

You can get all the latest athletic news, scores, and more by following @NDWHAthletics on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and Periscope while frieNDing the @NDWHAthletics Facebook group.



Warren Murphy scores two fourth-quarter touchdowns to help rally Notre Dame to a 21-14 win over Amity Friday.

Squirt A squad loses a weekend pair

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team opened the weekend with a strong win over Yale A on Saturday morning before losing a pair of games to Northeastern A and Greenwich A on Sunday. The Westies are now 8-5-1 overall on the season.

On Saturday morning at Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Westies hosted the Yale Bulldogs A team. At the end of an evenly played first period, West Haven's Ryan Pniewski passed to Jonathan Charbonneau for a shot from the blue line.

Ethan Kelly redirected the puck past the goaltender for the 1-0 lead. Yale tied it half way through the second period, before Sean Studley went five-hole on a breakaway with Cameren Lipford assisting to give the Westies a 2-1 lead.

Lipford was later denied on his own breakaway, but Ethan Kelly buried the rebound and West Haven led 3-1 going into the third period.

Just 14 seconds into the third, Studley's backhand redirection of Leo Mazuroski's point shot made it 4-1. Yale made it 4-2 with a short-handed goal, but the Blue Devils capitalized on the power play when Studley found Lipford in front for a wrist shot.

Maddex LaFountain made the lead stand up and finished with 15 saves to earn the win between the pipes for West Haven.

The Blue Devils headed to

Storrs on Sunday morning to face the Northeastern Huskies on the UConn campus. UConn assistant coach and West Haven native Joe Pereira arranged for a tour of the UConn Huskies locker room before the game. Northeastern jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period, before Studley hit ahead to Lipford who coolly cashed in the breakaway to cut it to 2-1. The Huskies scored the only goal of the second period, but Ethan Kelly took the opening faceoff of the third period directly to the net and jammed it home to make the score 3-2. Northeastern scored a power play goal later in the game and the Westies could not find the back of the net again and fell 4-2. LaFountain made 18 saves in the game.

The Westies returned home to face Greenwich on Sunday afternoon at Bennett Rink. The speedy Greenwich team opened a 7-0 lead through two periods before West Haven got on the board. Lipford ripped a wrist shot with Studley assisting to make it 7-1. Studley scored off a scramble in front of the Greenwich net and later added another goal with Ethan Kelly assisting, but Greenwich was too much and skated to the 8-3 win. LaFountain recorded 13 saves in net for the Westies.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team split a pair of games this weekend. The Westies fell to ECHO in Bolton

on Saturday, before rebounding to defeat Greenwich Skate Club at home Sunday morning.

On Saturday, after a scoreless first period, ECHO took control of the game with six second period goals on its way to a 7-4 victory over the Westies. Mickey Dowd led the way with three goals, while Zach Goetze added two assists.

Dowd got West Haven on the board with an unassisted goal to start the third period, before Haygen Axelrod scored off an assist from Ray Heenie. Goetze set up Dowd twice in the final three minutes, but the comeback fell short.

West Haven rebounded with a 7-3 victory over Greenwich Skate Club Sunday morning in West Haven. Goetze led the way with three goals, Mike Page scored twice, Michael Madera had one goal and three assists, and Dowd added one goal and two assists.

Trailing 1-0, Page evened the contest with an unassisted goal with 4:26 remaining in the first period. Dowd gave the Westies the lead for good when he scored off an assist from Madera 1:48 later.

Goetze scored a power play goal off an assist from Madera 2:07 into the second for a 3-1 lead, before the same combination connected again as Goetze's second goal gave the Westies a 4-1 lead.

Goetze scored his third straight goal, this one short-

handed, for a 5-1 lead 3:54 into the third. Dowd set up Page, and Madera scored West Haven's final goal, both in the final five minutes for a 7-2 advantage.

Bryan Hong and Jacob Silva were stellar in goal, while Heenie, Bruno Martone, Dylan Bosworth, Axelrod and Jason Alling played solid defensively.

The West Haven Youth Hockey Bantam A travel hockey team won both games it played this weekend, knocking off both their opponents in their two games of the weekend.

On Saturday, the Blue Devils welcomed the Putnam Panthers and skated to a 9-0 win.

Mike Alfano got the scoring started early in the first period with an unassisted goal. Anthony Peschell netted one shortly after with Carl Murgo getting the helper. Later in the first, Alfano scored his second of the contest with Luca Ubaldi getting the assist.

Matt Morgan scored a minute later to bring the score to 4-0 at the end of the first period. Morgan scored again to start the second period, with an assist coming from Joe D'Aurio.

Cade Simone got an unassisted goal just 30 seconds later and Joey Honcz buried the puck in the back of their net with an assist from Ubaldi two minutes later.

Nolan Cole scored his first

goal of the year to make it 8-0 as Sean Bosworth got the assist. Ubaldi got the final goal for the Westies to make it 9-0 on an unassisted tally. Brendan Smith and Michael Andreesen split time in goal for the combined shutout.

Matt Wezenski and Colin Deane both has strong efforts in the contest. On Sunday, the Westies took a trip down I-95 to Norwich to take on the Southeastern Seahawks and skated to a 6-1 victory.

After the Seahawks scored early in the first three minutes, Alfano scored late in the first for the Blue Devils to get the game started.

After a scoreless second period by both teams, it was all West Haven the third period. Alfano scored his second goal of the game and his fourth of the weekend with 9 minutes left in the third. Peschell scored four minutes later with Ubaldi getting the assist, and Murgo scored an unassisted goal just a minute later.

Dante Hardt scored a nice goal from a great pass from Adrian Fielosh to make it 5-1. Jayden Spreyer scored the final goal for the Westies on an unassisted tally. Andreesen and Smith split time again in the game in goal, combining to only allow one goal and keep the Blue Devils in the game. Justin Pniewski, Ryan Bernardi and Kevin Gardner all played well in the win.

Westies: *Teams wind up regular seasons*

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half, Matt Ffrench made sure the Westies would come out on top when he tacked on two, more goals to complete his hat trick and lead the boys to the triumph. Nash Noble made eight saves in goal for West Haven.

On Wednesday afternoon, the boys visited the Career/Hillhouse team. Javier Yanez picked up a goal and the Westies were the beneficiary of an own goal to register a 2-0 victory. Joey Buestan-Lojano made seven saves between the pipes for West Haven. With the victory, the Blue Devils secured a spot in the CIAC playoffs.

On Saturday evening, the Blue Devils hosted the Xavier Falcons on their Senior Night. The Westies played an aggressive, high-energy first half and had numerous opportunities in the first 40 minutes. A crossing pass from the right corner eluded the feet of Javier Yanez and Massour Oubode in the box 6:38 into the game. Yanez had another chance three minutes later but was denied from ten yards out and then Aldo Barragan made a beautiful lead pass to Derick Meza, who was denied by the Falcons' keeper with 16:33 left in the half to keep the game scoreless. Xavier took advantage of an opportunity with 6:55 left in the half, when a bullet of a shot deflected off Nash Noble's hands and trickled into the net just inside the far post giving the Falcons a 1-0 lead.

Xavier tacked on an insurance goal in the second half for a 2-0 final. Noble made eight saves between the pipes.

The boys finished their regular season schedule with road games at Lyman Hall on Monday and at Shelton on Wednesday.

The girls soccer team started the week facing the Hand Tigers in Madison on Tuesday. The Blue Devils were unable to get the offense on track in the contest and were defeated 5-0.

On Wednesday night, the Westies hosted the Lyman Hall Trojans and picked up a 3-0 victory to help them qualify for the CIAC playoffs. After a scoreless first half, the Blue Devils got on the board in the 50th minute on a goal by Keegan Riccio. Riccio then scored her second goal of the game in the 59th minute to make it 2-0 and Kelsey Gilmore got an insurance goal in the 62nd minute for the 3-0 final. Riccio, Gilmore and Cori Severino all had assists in the win while Mackenzie Gardner stopped three Trojan shots to post her fifth shutout of the season.

The girls finished the week with a trip to East Haven to face the Yellow Jackets on Friday afternoon. The Easties scored 16:40 into the game to take a 1-0 lead and held that lead going into halftime. The second half was all Westies though and they were able to get the equalizer from Keegan Riccio for a 1-1 final. Mackenzie Gardner made

seven saves in goal for the Blue Devils.

The Westies finished up their regular season when they hosted the Foran Lions on Tuesday and will prepare for the CIAC playoffs. Pairings for the tournament will be announced on Friday, Nov. 2.

The volleyball team came into last week needing two wins to qualify for postseason play. After a promising start, the Westies dropped their match against the Luralton Hall Crusaders, 25-22, 22-25, 18-25, 18-15. Nancy Tapia had 17 digs and five kills, Irene Ronan had 10 kills and five aces, Jennifer Ortiz had eight assists and six digs while Noelle Noble had nine digs and four kills to lead the Blue Devils. Also contributing in the loss were Giliana Santaniello with 15 assists, seven digs and four kills, Bria Stanley with six kills, four blocks and three digs and Celina Condon with eight digs.

The Westies got a step closer to the playoffs with a dominating 3-0 sweep (25-10, 25-3, 25-11) over the Platt Tech Panthers. After taking the first game, senior Veronica Lynn entered the game to a rousing ovation, for her first appearance of the season after an ACL injury last softball season. Lynn proceeded to serve the Blue Devils to an early 12-1 lead, picking up nine aces along the way. Jennifer Ortiz had nine assists and four kills, Nancy Tapia had eight aces, five kills and three digs,

Irene Ronan had six aces and six kills while Noelle Noble had five aces to lead West Haven to victory.

On Thursday evening, the Westies hosted the Shelton Gaels on their Senior Night, hoping to clinch a spot in the playoffs. That would have to wait after the Gaels swept the Blue Devils, 3-0 (25-15, 25-20, 25-19). The Westies were led by Nancy Tapia (eight kills, seven digs), Noelle Noble (five kills, five digs, four aces, two assists), Jennifer Ortiz (eight assists, two digs), Giliana Santaniello (eight assists, two kills), and Irene Ronan (four aces, three kills).

This week, the girls wrap up their regular season schedule. They finished with three road matches at Career on Monday, Platt Tech on Tuesday and at Hamden on Wednesday.

The girls swim team defeated the Guilford Indians, 96-74, on Thursday afternoon. Freshman Kaelyn Falanga led the Blue Devils with victories in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle, while Madison Hobart took the 100 backstroke and Anya Celmer won the 100 breaststroke.

The Westies also got victories from the 200 medley, 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay teams.

The girls wrapped up their season with a home meet against East Haven/Wilbur Cross on Tuesday and a road meet at Foran on Wednesday.

U-11 Boys shutdown Wallingford

The Baybrook Remodelers, Inc. U-11 boys travel team shut-out Wallingford, 2-0, Saturday afternoon in a tightly contested game at Veteran's Park in Wallingford. It was a back-and-forth match in the first half as both teams created opportunities. Maicon Miguel made several saves for the Westies, while Pedro Furtado, Ryan Malone, Leo Mazuroski and Mehmet Aciker controlled the midfield.

In the second half, West Haven broke through for the opening goal. Sean Studley flicked Efrain Brown's throw-in over the goalkeeper for a 1-0 lead. Late in the game, Malone's cross was redirected by Pacey Larka and eventually knocked in for an own goal and the 2-0 scoreline. Brown, Nate Charron and Matt Panton were terrific on defense for the Westies.

The Stowe's Seafood U-14 boys hosted Hamden at Duffy Field Saturday in their league game. The Westies came out strong with a three-goal lead behind goals from Edgar Lopez, Diego Soto and Sebastian Treat. The Westies were unable to defend the lead however, and allowed Hamden to battle their way back into the game. Late fouls, turnovers, and defensive lapses gave way to three unanswered Hamden goals. The game ended in a 3-3 tie, ending fall league play with the Westies holding a 2-1-1 record. The team will be back in action this weekend in a non-league matchup against Madison.

The Elite Soccer Camps West Haven U-14 girls traveled to Branford Saturday afternoon in an important league match-up. The Westies started the game slowly, falling behind, 2-0, early on. The girls found their groove however, and cut the deficit in half by halftime. The second half was a complete turnaround, as the Westies

took control of the game, coming from 2-1 down to win, 5-2. Julia Tsakonas played well up top, supported in midfield by Brooke Flaherty. Josphina Lakaj played well on the wing, and Brooke Throm did a superb job at outside back in the win for the Westies.

Sunday afternoon saw the Elite Soccer Camps U-12 Lightning take on the Gunning Law Firm U-12 Thunder in cold, blustery conditions. The two West Haven teams battled back and forth in the first half, with Sydney Gayle making a number of beautiful diving saves before Jaylyn Powell was able to sneak one past her to give the Lightning the 1-0 lead going into halftime. Taylor Guarino and Isabella Melissano battled each other for midfield dominance, as Ashlynn Trenchard and Amanda Fagnani had their own mini-battle going on at the outside wing.

The second half saw the teams trade shots back and forth, with the Thunder almost equalizing from an Amyah Kelly shot that was just save by Llyana Griffith-Waite in the goal for the Lightning. The Lightning soon took control, aided by the strong wind at their back. Alexandria Nunes scored a nice goal with a well-placed shot, and Powell found the back of the net again off a one timer from an Nunes cross. The Thunder did score towards the end of the game when Madyson Ortiz found the back of the net, but the Lightning prevailed, 5-1.

The Rock House School of Music West Haven U-12 boys had an exciting win, 2-0, over Meriden on Saturday. Matthew Hunter played strong offensively while Brian Cruz tapped in West Haven's first goal of the game. Bobby Severino and Tom Williams kept Meriden at bay with their strong defensive plays. Dur-

ing the second half, Ethan Masoperh fought through the Meriden defense for a second goal, securing the win for West Haven.

The Milano & Wanat U-10 girls shut out all three teams they faced this weekend. On Friday night, under the lights in Naugatuck, the girls won, 6-0. Valentina DeMartino was unstoppable in goal. Madison Gargiulo and Amiyah Jones showed great defense. On Saturday, the girls faced off with Cheshire at home for a 6-0 win. Cristel Miguel joined Valentina DeMartino in goal and kept Cheshire from scoring. On Sunday, the team traveled to Madison for a cold and windy afternoon game. Winning 6-0, goals were scored by Camilla Murphy (2), Kayci Gayle, Cristel Miguel, Amiyah Jones and Bella Antonucci. Great defense by Michelle Mora-Cyrus and amazing speed and footskills were shown by Marcy Funke. The team will go into their last weekend with an 11-0 season.

The Dillman & Dillman Adjusters, LLC Blue Jays won in a close contest against the Cappetta's Italian Imports Killer Bees, coming out on top, 11-9. Stella Porto once again led the offensive attack with multiple goals, while Brooklynn Omara and Julissa Oliveras showed excellent footwork, with Allison Buccheri playing great defense for the Blue Jays. For the Cappetta's, Annabelle Fiorillo, Luciana Cappetta, and Kylie McCoart all scored. Kai Ruotolo played strong defense.

The Lions Club of West Haven Red Lions played Elsie Encarnacion-State Farm Ins., winning 9-7. Bastian Tandazo led the way for the Red Lions with a flurry of goals. Adam Lennon and Jackson Schoeman also both played very well for the Red Lions scoring two goals each. Trent Fagan contributed well to the team

with excellent defense.

The CT Pest Elimination Blue Dragons won, 6-2, against Lacistrong Gold. Jaire Brus Setzer and Jaxon Cruz scored for the Blue Dragons, Jacob Colón and Olive Payne showed their growing skills by taking some great throws and goal kicks. The Elite Soccer Camps Green Beans won, 8-3, against Dillman & Dillman Adjusters, LLC. Ryan Abekah led the scoring for the Green Beans, with Jax Guarino and Ben Trenchard both picking up assists. Trenchard also added a nice goal of his own after he dribbled past three defenders. Christley Lops, Avielle Bernardo and Reagan Kennedy all did well defensively. Seth Empiric and Layla Nesmith worked hard, and Matteo D'Elia added a nice goal for the Green Beans. For Dillman & Dillman, Dan-

na Kodjo, Dzaky Hermawan and Andres Cedillo all played well.

The Bohemian Body Art Golden Dragons played Porto Funeral Homes, winning 5-0. Joel Forbes-Wolf, Andrew Loehn and Mason Panton all played great for the Golden Dragons.

The Shoreline Wellness Center U-10 Red Devils played a tough game against Cappetta's Italian Imports Green Warriors, ultimately losing, 5-1. Jaelyn Clark, Emilia Yavagnilio played strong throughout the game. Vrinda Patel and Viviana Cuevas did a great job playing midfield for the Red Devils. For the Green Warriors, Amiyah Jones and Mariella Cappetta scored, while Haliegh McCarthy was strong in goal.

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Seahawks head into first round

The West Haven Seahawk Junior Peeewe Team (7-1) will advance to the Pop Warner playoffs this weekend as the number-one seed after a 28-0 win over the New Britain Raiders.

Aedan Coe, Nick Conlon, Ethan Holy and Bryan Tillman all had rushing touchdowns. Jireh Rawlison and Tillman recovered fumbles and Conlon had an interception to preserve the shutout.

The Unlimited team beat the Amity Spartans, 14-12, in an exciting game to end the regular season. Matteo Petruzzello and Hannah Burrows each scored for the Seahawks. Israel Nicholson and Kadear Dembele played well on defense.

The Junior Varsity team fell to the New Britain Raiders, 32-0. The flag football team played well in the last games of the year and hosted Ansonia, Danbury, and Seymour. Jaden Spell, Kahill Tomlinson, Chase Stanley and Jaxon Ryan played well.

The Mighty Mite team fell to Waterbury, 26-6, in a hard fought game. Azriel Pizarro scored for the hawks and Darryl Small and Tristan Crawford ran the ball well on offense. Mighty Jackson and

Erza Vereen led the team on defense.

The Mighty Mites will host Manchester in the first Road of the playoffs and the Junior Peeeweas will travel to Manchester on Sunday.

The Peeewe team will host Stratford and the Junior Varsity will host Milford on Saturday at Veterans Field at 3 and 5 p.m. The winners of this week's playoffs will advance to the Southern Connecticut Pop Warner championship games on Nov. 3 and 4.



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Special delivery
Westie Lauren Kenney delivers at the net against Platt Tech. West Haven blanked the Panthers, 3-0, at the winners' gym last week.

Soccer

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Soccer Rockers tied the Stars Ice Cream Blue Seals, 3-3. Julianna Mancini scored a great goal with a long range shot from just inside the box. Asia Ford had a great game in goal making some key saves. At midfield, Summer Krajcir controlled the pace of the game and got the ball wide to the flanks. For the Blue Seals, Nada El Mouki scored two goals. Carnasia Shabazz, Camille Merritt, and Ezri Ramirez played good defense.

The Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center Pythons won a thriller against Eli's Orange, 4-2, scoring two goals in the last two minutes to secure the win. The Mulkerin School of Irish Dancing Mighty Leprechauns tied Seacrest Retirement Center, 3-3. Top Hat Dance Academy and Watson Foods Co, LLC both played hard in a scoreless draw, while West Shore Family Dental and the York Business Center also tied, 0-0. In the final game of the weekend, the West Haven Italian-American Civic Association beat the WH Professional Firefighters, 4-1. Matt Treat picked up three goals, but also helped the other team score after a botched clearance bounced off Chris Petrie and rolled into the goal.

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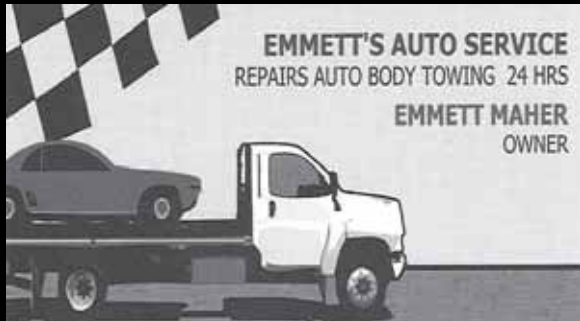
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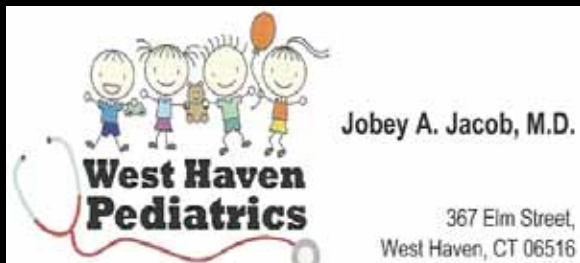
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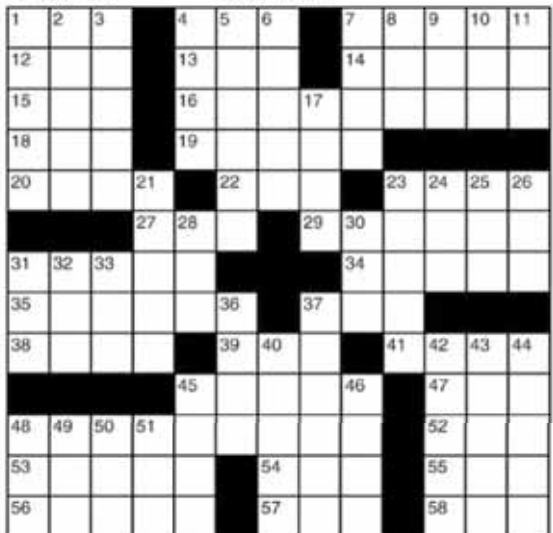
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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cleo's slayer
 - 4 — de deux
 - 7 Ornamental loop
 - 12 Neither mate
 - 13 Performance
 - 14 Wahine's greeting
 - 15 Excessively
 - 16 Intercom speaker
 - 18 "— impossible"
 - 19 African capital
 - 20 At the home of (Fr.)
 - 22 "— be an honor"
 - 23 Maja painter
 - 27 Table scrap
 - 29 Luxury stadium seating
 - 31 Italian isle
 - 34 Put one's two cents in
 - 35 Fridge
 - 37 Insult (Sl.)
 - 38 Ten (Pref.)
 - 39 Anger
 - 41 Vacillate
- DOWN**
- 1 Caper
 - 2 Start for "sayer"
 - 3 Regular writing
 - 4 History
 - 5 Find not guilty
 - 6 Action-film sequence
 - 7 Fido's feet
 - 8 Sort
 - 9 Corn castoff
 - 10 "So that's it, eh?"
 - 11 Earner's burden
 - 17 Helps
 - 21 1964 Anthony Quinn role
 - 23 "Everything's Coming Up Roses" musical
 - 24 Sapporo sash
 - 25 Thither
 - 26 Lumberjack's prop
 - 28 Carnival site
 - 30 Pond carp
 - 31 Spanish literary hero
 - 32 Expert
 - 33 Chest muscle, for short
 - 36 Intersection, on signs
 - 37 Indicate
 - 40 Moroccan city
 - 42 Last letter
 - 43 Mideastern land
 - 44 Beginning
 - 45 Division word
 - 46 CEO, e.g.
 - 48 Crafty
 - 49 Earl Grey, e.g.
 - 50 "Go, team!"
 - 51 Bear, in Barcelona



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D Q O M K S Z I G E C A Y W L
U R A N O S E E S Q P N L I J
T H O F E C A K P Y X V E T U
E R O T C A R T A P S D E H S
A T E N A H P O L L E C D G N
B A I R P L A N E T F L O I O
A Q P L N M A K E J H N I L Y
G F E H E L I C O P T E R N A
S C B Z Y K T X S V U T T O R
R Q P O M O A L K E I H G E C
R O Z A R A E B Y D D E T N E

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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|-----------|--------------|------------|----------|
| Airplane | Crayons | Neon light | Tractor |
| Bakelite | Escalator | Sonar | Triode |
| Celophane | Helicopter | Tea bags | Zeppelin |
| Comflakes | Lie detector | Teddy bear | |

RIDDLE CARD TAKE ME TO YOUR AUTOPISTERY!

- Do you know anything that has four eyes?
- What did one wall say to the other wall?
- Why has the giraffe such a long neck?
- Why is the letter "B" like fire?
- Why is a nobleman like a book?

Answers: 1. Yes, Myself. 2. 'Tis meet you sit at the corner. 3. Because his head is so far from his body. 4. Because it makes of hot. 5. Because he has a title.

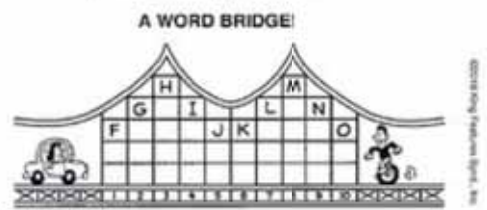
HOW MANY PICKLED PEPPERS did Peter Piper pick when he picked a peck of pickled peppers?

Answer: None. A pepper has to first be picked and then pickled.

CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

- A fashion craze.
- Open-mouth stare.
- Overeagerness to act.
- A summer treat.
- To chat or talk (slang).
- A unit of power (abbr.).
- Type of helpful bug.
- Worker who uses bricks or stones.
- Found in fountain pens.
- A source of energy.

Answers: 1. Fad 2. Gape 3. Heave 4. Gaze 5. Jaw 6. Kiosk (Excludes four) 7. Ladybug 8. Mason 9. Nook 10. Oil

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

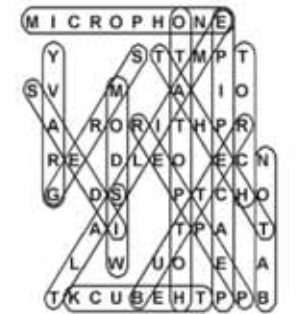
Answers to last week's puzzles

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

D	A	B	P	O	N	D	M	A	G	I	
E	G	O	A	V	O	A	B	A	B	T	
B	O	T	S	W	A	N	A	C	A	R	E
T	O	N	E	R	R	A	T	U	M		
F	L	O	W	E	R	F	A	O			
R	O	M	D	I	M	N	U	B	I	A	
A	B	E	T	O	U	R	E	O	N	S	
T	O	D	A	Y	M	O	M	T	O	E	
B	O	B	B	A	N	A	N	A			
M	A	N	U	M	I	T	T	I	N		
A	W	O	L	B	O	T	U	L	I	S	M
D	A	D	A	L	I	A	R	S	U	B	
E	Y	E	R	E	L	B	E	T	E	A	

THINGS WE PASS AROUND



Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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

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