



Happy Thanksgiving!



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Thanksgiving Tradition

Following a tradition that goes about almost 50 years, we celebrate our Thanksgiving Day edition by celebrating the hometown heroes of the gridiron. West Haven and Notre Dame will play this morning in the season finale for both teams. West Haven has played on the holiday since the late 1920s,

when it began to take on Hillhouse at Donovan Field, and then Yale Bowl. Notre Dame plays in the annual Green Bowl, which began in 1951. A great Connecticut tradition is beginning the holiday with a little pigskin action. Get out and see your favorite team.

Hayden a third grader at Pagels sees the weather getting colder for Thanksgiving and the last of the leaves falling from the trees.



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Annual tree-lighting set Saturday

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice
The annual lighting of the Christmas tree on the Green will herald an evening of merrymaking Saturday.

On a nearby stage on Main Street, the festivities will kick off at 4 p.m. with a rendition of the national anthem by West Haven High School sophomore Nora E. Mullins, followed by holiday carols sung by the St. Lawrence School chorus.

The ceremony will continue with performances by the West Haven High dance team and the Top Hat Dance Academy and Yuletide classics sung by the Church of the Holy Spirit choir and the Bailey Middle School chorus.

At 6 p.m., Mayor Nancy R.

Rossi will greet revelers. The West Haven High School and Seahawks cheerleading teams, dressed as elves, will then escort Santa and Mrs. Claus to the stage, where they will join Rossi and her special guests — city schoolchildren who have achieved various academic honors — to set the tree aglow.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive in a 1916 Ford pump firetruck from the West Haven Fire Department.

The city's official Christmas tree is encircled by five smaller evergreen trees adorned with fluorescent-colored lights.

Before returning to the North Pole, Santa and Mrs. Claus will meet visitors and pose for snapshots in their workshop until 8:30 p.m.

Organizers will offer the

photos with Santa as a free digital download online. Starting Tuesday, people can view and download their photos on the city's Flickr page at <https://goo.gl/EkLxZz>. The internet address is case-sensitive.

Just steps from Santa's workshop, boys and girls can drop off their wish lists at St. Nick's official U.S. Postal Service mailbox. The event is sponsored by Baybrook Remodelers Inc., Anthony Cordone, First Congregational Church of West Haven, Komar Construction Co., the McCarthy family, New Life Church, The Rock House School of Music, RVP Studios, Studio G Music Instruction, USAlliance Federal Credit Union, West Haven Chamber of Commerce and West Haven United.

Huge electric snowflakes will decorate The John C. Ireland Bandstand, and Victorian-era streetlamps bedecked with angels blowing on trumpets will illuminate the walkways.

Along with hayrides, children can ride on a vintage firetruck from the West Shore Fire Department. Youngsters can also enjoy a variety of craft stations on the Green, where they can make ornaments, write letters to Santa, and make cards for U.S. troops overseas and those at the Veterans Affairs Hospital on Campbell Avenue.

The activities are free, but people are asked to bring non-perishable items for the West Haven Emergency Assistance Task Force, which provides food for residents in need.

West Haven United, an organization aimed at bringing the city's volunteer groups together, will announce the winners of its ornament-making and merchant window-decorating contests.

Volunteers from the Chamber of Commerce will hand out hot chocolate, and vendors will sell food and novelties.

The vendors will include the Cappetta's Italian Imports & Pizza truck, Casa Bianca Pizza, Riley's Mobile Kitchen and Sweet Cupcations. Also, volunteers from West Haven United will sell hot apple cider and snacks. After the lighting, the sounds of the holiday season will fill the air with live music on the bandstand from Rock House, RVP Studios and Studio G.

If it rains, the lighting will go on at 5 p.m. Monday.

Small business highlighted on Saturday here

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi has announced the city's participation in the ninth annual Small Business Saturday on Nov. 24.

Nov. 24 also marks the lighting of the city's Christmas tree on the Green. The Yuletide event attracts hundreds of people each year, many of whom Rossi hopes take advantage of sales at downtown specialty shops.

Small Business Saturday falls between Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It is a day to celebrate and patronize the small, independently owned businesses that help stimulate local economies across the country.

"West Haven has a number of small businesses that offer gifts for the holidays," Rossi said. "From practical selections, such as gift certificates for oil changes, car washes, landscaping services and beauty salons, to more romantic ideas like jewelry, fine dining and wine, we have it all."

Small Business Saturday was established by American Express in 2010 in response to the most pressing need of small-business owners and has served as the ceremonial kickoff to the holiday shopping season for small businesses ever since. Rossi said she hopes to show their support and encourage their communities to shop small on Nov. 24.

"West Haven's diversity is reflected in our small businesses," Rossi said. "When you support a small business, you're supporting our community as well."

2018 Christmas Fest on the West Haven Green

464 Campbell Ave, WH

Saturday, December 1
9am—2:30pm

Get ready for Christmas by visiting craft and candy vendors, Pebbles' bake sale, Silent Auction, pictures with Santa 1-2, kids' craft table & trinket tree, and a "Christmas tree, Wreath, and More" raffle! Enjoy a delicious lunch, sing Christmas carols, and join us for the Book Sale, White Elephant, and SERRV Shop (gifts from artisans around the world)

Also included will be a collection of food for WHEAT and toys for Second Chance Toys, an organization which partners toy drives with organizations that need toys. Second Chance Toys requests plastic toys that are clean and in good condition, with no small pieces. (Anything that fits through a toilet paper tube is too small.)

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O'Brien eyes new run at City Hall

Saying the city is "too great to give up on," former two-term mayor Edward M. O'Brien is exploring the possibility of regaining the seat he lost in a Sept. 14, 2017 primary to current Mayor Nancy Rossi. The

two were locked in one of the tightest primaries in the city's history, when Rossi pulled out a 126-vote win, 2,383-2,247.

The primary win virtually assured Rossi the mayoralty in November in a city that hasn't

seen a Republican win the chief executive's seat since the 1989-1991 term. That was Clemente Evangeliste, who eventually lost to H. Richard Borer, Jr. in the 1991 election. Borer was to go onto an administration that lasted seven terms.

Besides being one of the closest primaries in the city's history, it was one of the most vicious. Both Rossi and O'Brien traded barbs and attacks in speeches and in op-eds in this newspaper and elsewhere. Judging from O'Brien's letter, and the responses given by Mayor Rossi this week, that animus has not been tempered over the last year or so.

In a letter sent to the Voice this week, O'Brien announced his determination to explore the possibility of another run.

"When I close my eyes and picture where West Haven could be in 25 years, I see a city with a strong commercial base and reasonable taxes; a city with low crime, clean streets, where visitors from around the state flock for our festivals, concerts, beaches and our wonderful quality of life," he wrote.

He denounced the Rossi administration for what he called a "different picture," one with failing or reduced services.

He charged that Rossi's ad-

ministration has cost the city dearly, stopping just short of calling the mayor a liar.

"The spinning of mistruths for political gain by the Rossi Administration has taken its toll on West Haven and its residents and this form of leadership is unacceptable," he wrote.

He said many people have come to him and asked him to put the city back on "a path that was leading our city out of the stagnations it has been in for a quarter of a century."

He recounts the successes he sees in his four years as mayor and believes a another run

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Voice File Photo

Former Mayor Edward O'Brien and Mayor Nancy Rossi called a truce to their long-standing feud when the former chief executive was awarded the Irishman of the Year award by the West Haven Elks Lodge in March. That feud may be rekindled as O'Brien is evaluating his chances for another run at City Hall.



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Dear Felicia

Well sweetie pie, it's hard to believe that it's Thanksgiving already. Here in the Asylum by the sea, yew can tell it's Thanksgiving cuz the city workers have been working like the Dickens trying to git the Green all gussied up for the tree-lighting ceremony that takes place this week-end. Yup, the best way to find out nowadays whether we're going "over the river and through the woods" is to find out if we're getting ready to "Deck the Halls."

Also, a sure sign of the holiday is the fack that the WHHS and Notre Dame HS teams are on the front page. Both are going to take the gridiron for the final time today. Funny thing about West Haven, though. It was trying an experiment to do something it never did before – play the night before Turkey Day. The school has been playing on Thanksgiving Day since the 1920s when it played Hillhouse. In fack, the two schools still hold the

record for attendance in these parts for a schoolboy game. More than 43,000 were in Yale Bowl for the 1944 game.

Tennyrate, the snow last week put a damper on those new plans – or could it be the football gods were not amused and decided that tradition was tradition. Whatever the reason, the boys are playing on Thursday morning as they have for more than 80 years.

Sammy Bluejay likes to watch the fellas from Public Work put the stuff up for Christmas. The angels that the city has had for decades went up foist as they always do, then the other things, like the lights, and then the sentry buildings. Sammy told me the next this in Santa's house, and a nice warm spot for the Jolly Ole Elf to ensconce himself when the lights are lit for sure.

Meanwhile, Bill Ewry and his group seem to have things in hand for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner set for noon on the big day – witch is

"today" by the time yew read this. The birds are baking, the cranberries are saucing and the people will que up for the meal.

In other words: Happy Thanksgiving!!

Needless to say, as we do every year, we are ready to hand out our own mythical turkeys to the celebs and politicians who make our little place in the universe soooooo special. It's a tradition yew and I have had for a long, long time. So, here goes:

Mayor Nancy Rossi – Our esteemed chief exec has had quite a year and one wouldn't be surprised effen she's on a diet of antacids and lactose-free milk. With her coming into office finding out the city was under state control, and now trying to figger out how to navigate through these narrow straits the Municipal Accountability Review Board has set, she's had a heckuva first year. But, she gits her own turkey this year with the antacids attached to the wings. We figger she can feast and then pop a few tablets. Effen she decides to have an adult Beveridge or three, who can blame her.

City Council Chairman Ron Quagliani – Ron has had a bit of a rough go as well, but he seems to have weathered it fairly well. He gets his turkey with some noise-cancelling earphones on the bird. The cacophony of voices, all screaming at each other, might mean

he needs to go to his own lit'le happy place every once in a while.

Councilman Aaron Charney – Charney didn't make too many friends amongst various quarters when he voted against the five-year plan a couple weeks back. He's been a bit of a lone wolf on the council in his foist year and that's not a bad thing. The problem with this burg sometimes is that there is a wolfpack mentality to keep the metaphor going. Tennyrate, he gits his turkey with a flashcard: I hear you, but I still disagree. People impute reasons for things around here, without ever listening to the arguments. It's always been that way. Agree or disagree, he gave a reasoned argument.

Mayoral Assistant Louey Esposito – An interesting part o' the foist year of this administration has been the number of positions or hats that Louey has been asked to wear. We lost count, truth to tell. Louey's turkey have gravy with a bit more oomph to it so he can git extra energy fer all the tasks he seems to have on his plate.

School Superintendent Neil Cavallaro – Neil's turkey will be arrayed in sunglasses. Cavallaro has had a knack for staying under the radar of late. There was a time when it seems his nibs was in the news and the subject of discussion around these parts almost

daily – and for good reason. In the last little while, however, he seems to prefer the lowlight to the limelight. Good choice, methinks.

Merlie Mae – Our gal, Merle Stevens, otherwise known as Merlie Mae, has been *in camera* for a while since she was the victim of a house fire back in the summer. Merlie is still recovering. We're gonna give her a big turkey, and one with extra stuffing. She's been through a lot, and we want her to know her friends are still lookin' out for her.

Members of the MARB – The Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) has been nothing effen it hasn't been tough. Well, the member will git a turkey – each – that's as tough as shoe leather. They don't seem to care about people's ability to pay, just that they do. Also, the stuffing will be bean-based for all the bean counters on the board.

The taxpayers of Allingtown – They get turkeys with tax bills attached. Honey bunch, effen there is a part o' town that is probably ruing the day it went under city auspices for fire service, it's gotta be the people of Allingtown. Since they made the decision to be a city fire department, the taxes in that borough have gone hog wild. And, with the new five-year plan, the homeowners get zonked again.

Eleanore Turkington – She gits a turkey with a little extra spice. The gal has been a firebrand to git things done in the city when it seemed that nobody was listening to the little gripes that taxpayers had amongst the larger financial difficulties. She's kept the elected officials accountable.

Patrick Morrissey -- Patrick has been part o' this colyume for years – almost 20 by our count. His turkey will be one to savor for a long time, just like this mention here.

City PR man Mike Walsh – His turkey will be extra sweet and savory, jest like him.

New Voice Partner Ken Carney -- His turkey comes with extra stuffing and a few more chestnuts. As he learns about the newspaper game -- particularly weeklies -- he going to have a few "old chestnuts" to tell later on.

Original Voice Partner Alan Olenick -- His turkey comes with a computer keyboard. He's had to take our esteemed editor outta many a computer glitch...he ain't teckky.

To all our readers – The hope for a fine family holiday and the best of the upcoming holiday season.

As we said above, Happy Thanksgiving.

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Gripevine

By Eleanore Turkington

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Wow! Your Gripe Vine complaints on Nov. 6 were exactly the same as some of my complaints, so I have to add my gripes to theirs.

We have been bothered for a few years now with the blasting of the music and sports commentators coming from the field next to St. Louis Church. We live several blocks away, but it is so loud it sounds like it is right in our house. It starts early on Sunday mornings all day into the night and then weeknights also. There are also the huge lights that are only, sometimes on all night and into the morning.

Another noisemaker is the RSV Recording/Performance studio on Bull Hill Lane which blasts loud music if you could call it that and the boom-boom of percussion till late at night. Even with windows closed it interferes with our television and sleep. I have called the police many times and it still continues.

A friend of mine on Savin Avenue asked the city to remove a tree and fix a dangerous sidewalk that was raised by the tree roots. She was told the City has no money for it, but the city did the same work next to my friend's next-door neighbor.

I read recently in your column about a bicyclist who listed in his gripe, the dangers on Saw Mill Road by Hood Terrace. I had heard of another accident at the same spot recently. There is a small shopping center where people come out onto Saw Mill Road to turn left. From what we learned about this accident, either from the shopping center plaza or Hood Terrace, the offending car went into the oncoming traffic lane and then



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hopped into the lane in front of my friend's car who had to slam on his brakes because the left-turning lane was full and had stopped. No one got hurt thankfully, but my friend's car was destroyed, and the West Haven Police Department said it had to be towed. Apparently, the police did not give my friend no option of the towing process and her car was towed to an un-named auto body yard. There was a cost of \$200 to bail it out, and cash had to be paid out at that time to the tower. Our friends had a Triple AAA membership that provided free towing to their driveway. Triple AAA could have towed their car to their driveway directly from the accident area saving the \$200.00 cost had they been given the option by the WHPD.

There are those in the community who are privileged and there are those who are just the lowly taxpayers.

Tired of it All

Dear Tired of it All:

Well, your letter contained several gripes and I will try to help you the best I can. You complained of the loud noise in your neighborhood. I researched West Haven's noise ordinance law (154-1 enforcement) which states that noise created after 10:01 p.m. can be

enforced by the chief of police or his subordinates.

Also, 154-10 indicates that any person in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$99. Each day the cash violation continues, shall constitute a separate violation.

For additional clarification, contact the WHPD at (203) 937-3900, explain why you are calling and ask them for assistance. If you don't get any satisfaction, get back to me with their response.

On the towing costs and po-

lice accident regulations, once again, suggest to your friend to contact the WHPD at the number above and request a copy of WHPD's accident procedures. Please let me know their response. You wrote of the lights that are on at the Bull Hill Lane sports field, located next to St. Louis Church. I need to know the exact name and address of this field, so I can track down the owner and place your complaint on their doorstep.

Gripe Vine has over the past years, received similar complaints and the owners did fol-

low through and corrected the annoyance to neighbors.

City Health/ Blight Dept:

Will someone from your department check out 111 Prospect Ave? Gripe Vine has received numerous complaints which Gripe Vine has forwarded to the city, at this site including a taped roof, which now has a hole in it, debris in the yard as well as mold along the side of the house.

Coming up...speeding on Fountain Terrace...eyesore on Riverview Terrace...swimming pool regulations re; surrounding pool for safety.

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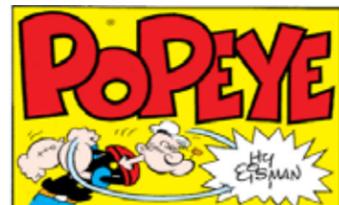
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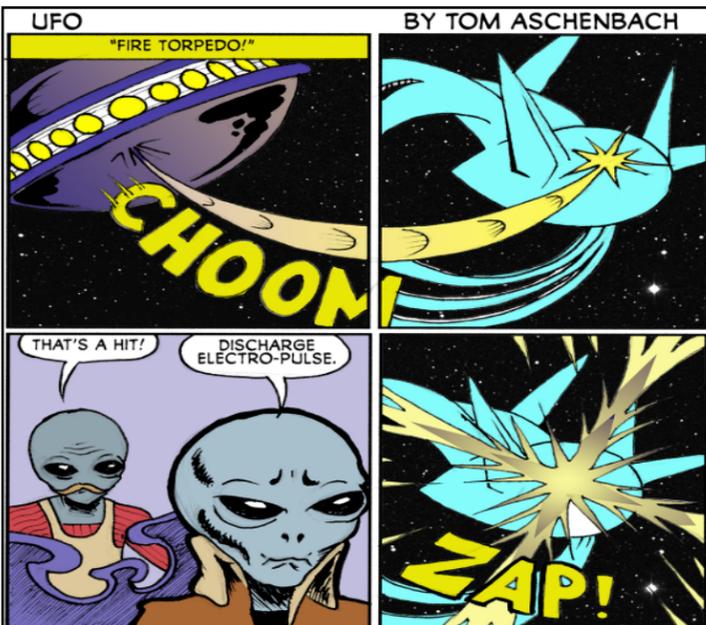


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- 1) 32 x 57 1/2 9/9
- 1) 34 3/4 x 53 1/4 6/6
- 1) 33 3/4 x 53 1/4 9/9
- 1) 39 3/4 x 53 4/4
- 1) 31 3/4 x 48 no screen
- 1) 31 3/4 x 53 1/4
- 1) 32 x 54 missing lower sash
- 1) 31 x 51
- 3) 35 3/4 x 53 1/2
- 1) 32 3/4 x 42 3/4 missing lock latch
- 1) 38 7/8 x 44 3/4 6/6 brown exterior
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Thanksgiving 2018

When Puritans left England in May of 1620, they were unsure what lay ahead for them, knowing they had to endure months at sea making the crossing. They were looking to create a "Shining City on a Hill" filled with believers in the Calvinist Christianity they had come to confess. They hoped when they landed in the New World, they would be able to create the type of civil and religious atmosphere that would make them prosper and, as was the case for all Puritans, get a sign they were, indeed, the elect.

Their brand of Calvinism was "covenant" centered. Throughout the Old Testament, God had made a covenant with men. This "Covenant Theology" prompted them to bind themselves into a civil body under a covenant. That document, signed before they landed to form the Plymouth Colony, was given the name, "The Mayflower Compact."

Under this document, the first colony in Massachusetts Bay was established, and was to be the prototype of other covenants and constitutions that were to follow.

Later, decimated by exposure and famine, many of the signers never made it through the first winter. Those that did declared a day of Thanksgiving, which served as the point of origination for the New England holiday that was to follow well beyond 1620, into the 19th Century.

On this Thanksgiving Day, 2018, we present the Mayflower Compact and list its signers.

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**IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.** We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King *James*, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, *Defender of the Faith, &c.* Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the northern Parts of *Virginia*; Do by these Presents, solemnly and mutually, in the Presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid: And by Virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions, and Officers, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general Good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due Submission and Obedience.

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George Soule,  
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# Trump unbowed in midterm

**By Rich Lowry**  
*Syndicated Columnist*

Midterm losses typically humble a sitting president of the United States, but Donald Trump is beyond humbling.

He is the most unbowed president ever to lose a house of Congress. Anyone who thought Trump would be taken down a notch, even by a more stinging electoral rebuke, doesn't know the man. He will remain the ringmaster of American politics until the day, presumably in January 2021 or 2025, when he gets on Marine One for the last time.

He made the midterms about him, because, really, what else would he make them about? Trump will never lose his interest in airtime, or the ratings. He boasted at a rally that, thanks to him, interest in the midterms was running higher than ever. And he was right.

Even if Democrats had a larger victory, on the scale of the Republican sweep in 1994, it would be impossible to imagine Trump getting upstaged.

His 90-minute post-election Q&A in the East Room of the White House was expansive, combative, boastful, gripping, outlandish, conciliatory, amusing -- and unlike any postelection news conference we've ever seen (even without Trump mentioning, by the by, that he was firing his attorney general).

The press loved every minute of it, practically begging him to keep going. The perverse symbiotic relationship between Trump and the me-

dia, so key to the success of both, is alive and well.

According to Trump, the election wasn't a "thumpin'" or "shellacking" -- George W. Bush's and Barack Obama's words for their own setbacks -- it was a personal victory that had been blighted by some Republicans not sufficiently embracing him. He proceeded to mock by name fellow Republicans who had lost, in another presidential first.

Trump has legitimate bragging rights: The Republican showing in the Senate was strong. His political base is still there for him, and in many key statewide races, there for the candidate he endorsed and stumped for. His rallies are still a hot ticket. He now has a cadre of allies, like

newly elected Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, whom he basically created.

Alienating traditional Republican voters in the suburbs, of course, comes with a real cost. For one thing, it hands Democrats a constituency spread throughout the country, as demonstrated by the GOP carnage in widely dispersed House races.

But, for Trump's purposes, the GOP's strength in Florida, Ohio and Iowa suggests that, all things being equal, key pieces of his 2016 electoral map are still ripe for the picking in 2020.

Losing the House is a blow, not so much because it stalls Trump's congressional agenda (there wasn't going to be

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## Fighting cancer

From left, Dubel's Golf Tournament organizer Elma Mohan, a breast cancer survivor, and Dubel's Cafe owner Fred Hugendubel, the tournament co-chairman, present a \$6,000 check for the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program to committee member Beth A. Sabo on Nov. 15 at City Hall. The money was raised at the annual golf tournament in October. The other organizers were co-chairman Art Gilbert, Kaci Fabish, Jo-Anne Hugendubel-Case, Sue LePre and Mary Price. Since its inception in 2000, the program has collected hundreds of thousands of dollars for breast cancer research and education.



## Letters

### O'Brien eyes run for mayor in '19

I am going to spend the next few months talking to residents and exploring the possibility of running again for the Office of Mayor, a seat I held from 2013-2017. Why would I seek to run?

The answer is simple: West Haven is too great to give up on. When I close my eyes and picture where West Haven could be in 25 years, I see a city with a strong commercial base and reasonable taxes; a city with low crime, clean streets, where visitors from around the state flock for our festivals, concerts, beaches and our wonderful quality of life.

When I see the direction the present administration is taking my hometown I see a very different picture. I see a city with crumbling infrastructure, a huge reduction in crucial services and city events, high taxes and new investment in our city from the business community long gone to other communities.

The spinning of mistruths for political gain by the Rossi Administration has taken its toll on West Haven and its residents and this form of leadership is unacceptable.

It is my belief, and the belief of the armies of people that have reached out to me, over this last year that we were on a path that was leading our city out of the stagnations it has been in for a quarter of a century. We were attracting large scale development that will offset our high taxes. We saw quality of life increase with our festivals and concerts funded by partnerships with our business community. We were improving and upgrading our infrastructure with Grant funds and seeking and receiving Grants at a level not seen in years. We were improving our Education system at every level by implementing Full Day Kindergarten for the youngest students, elevating our curriculum and putting the technical shops back in our high school for our oldest students. We heard our seniors and instituted a Senior Citizen Tax Freeze. This is just a small part of what our Administration accomplished, and I am extremely proud of what our team accomplished in four short years.

In the next few months, I will be talking to residents to explain why getting back on track is so important and answer questions about both our past and our future. Please feel free to reach out to me personally at 203-668-0641, organize a Meet & Greet in your home or stop me when you see me out in the community. For updates Text Ed to 313131

Let's begin that conversation about how I see West Haven in 25 years and how I plan to get there.

Ed O'Brien

## Lowry: Unbowed

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much of one), but because he now has an adversary with subpoena power.

Investigative conflict looms. The subject matter will be most unwelcome to Trump, including his tax returns and his businesses. The fight won't be. It will be high-stakes combat of the sort that he thrives on, the more intense, perilous and dramatic, the better. Because he will be at the center of it.

Trump's genius at keeping our interest is undimmed, whether we are appalled, energized or entertained. He's so far avoided a fate worse than electoral setbacks -- getting tuned out.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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### Rohna 'Buddies' honored at museum, Dec. 2

The Rohna Remembrance Committee of West Haven invites the public to a program honoring the casualties and survivors of the HMT Rohna sinking in the Mediterranean on Nov. 26, 1943 during WWII. The program will take place at the West Haven Veterans Museum & Learning Center on Sunday Dec. 2, at 1:30.

West Haven soldiers Pacifico A. Migliore, Jr., John T. Cox, Jr., and Pasquale J. Logiodice, all members of the 853rd Engineers Aviation Battalion, were three of the 1,015 U.S. troops

who perished on that fateful day.

West Haven High School students will be doing presentations of the wartime experiences of our three West Haven "buddies." Also, board members of The Rohna Survivors Memorial Association, including Rohna author and documentary writer Michael Walsh, will be participating. Music of the time period will be provided by well-known local DJ, and veteran friend, Rick Gilbert. The museum is located at 30 Hood Terrace. A reception will follow.

### Food, toy drive planned during annual Christmas Fair

Members of the parish of First Congregational Church have planned the following special collections during the annual Christmas Festival on Dec. 1. The following items are in great need by WHEAT: Plain pasta, sauce, and hot cereal. Any other foods are also greatly appreciated, as well as books, plates, silverware, and cups.

Toy Drive supported by Second Chance Toys - Bring your gently used plastic toys that are clean and in good condition. (Make room for the toys Santa will be bringing!!) Any toys with

pieces that can fit through a toilet paper tube are considered to be too small. Second Chance toys will partner us with a local organization that is in need of toys for delivery in time for Christmas!

Please bring your donations for BOTH drives to First Congregational Church of West Haven, 464 Campbell Ave., between 9-2, Dec. 1, during our Christmas Festival. If you cannot make it that day, please contact our church office at 203-933-6291 from 9-1, Monday through Friday, to make arrangements.



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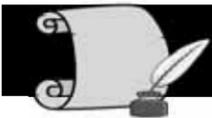
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## Pilgrim or Puritan?

We today often use the words Puritan and Pilgrim interchangeably, and yet the difference in the two is quite significant: those who came on the Mayflower to found the starving colony of Plymouth in 1620 were the Pilgrims; the story of the first Thanksgiving is their story. The Puritans were those who later fled the religious constraints of England and established the Massachusetts Bay Colony—today's Boston—and other colonies in the years following 1629. Within the next ten years, over twenty-one thousand Puritans would flood across the hills and valleys of New England.

For those Plymouth Pilgrims enduring their first New England winter and spring, starvation was always near at hand. They had brought too little food; their crops grew poorly in the weak soil and their system of communal farming did not work efficiently. By 1623, Governor Bradford would turn portions of the common land over to each family in the colony; the families would plant and farm that land, and they would be allowed to keep whatever they grew. This new policy would bring about a

change in attitude, and farming at Plymouth would suddenly become much more successful. Thus, the Pilgrims would stumble upon the principle of capitalism, and discover that it worked! But these events were still far off in the future, and more than half of their number would die during that first dreadful winter.

They had landed at Plymouth in December, 1620. They were weak and sickly, entering this barren new world hungry, and with little food to sustain them. The deep and abiding courage that carried them through this bleakest of times, came from their unshakeable faith in God.

By the next September or October (records are unclear), the Pilgrims met with the friendly Pokanoket Indians for a feast. This feast was something new to the Pilgrims, but to their secular English counterparts at Plymouth, it was a pleasant reminder of the Harvest Home celebrations back in England. The feast must have taken place shortly after the Pilgrims harvested their first modest crop of corn, squash, beans, barley and peas. Coincidentally at the harvest-time, Plymouth Harbor also played host to a tremendous number



The story of the first Thanksgiving has been the subject of many artists' renderings. Thankful for surviving a year in the New World, and happy the crops were so successful, prayer and feasting were ordered.

of migrating birds, particularly ducks and geese. Governor Bradford therefore ordered a number of men to go out "fowling." It took only a few hours for the hunting party to kill enough ducks and geese to feed the settlement for a week.

The Pilgrims clasped hands together and gave thanks to God at a long table covered with a white linen cloth. Short-

ly thereafter, they were joined by more than 100 Pokanokets, led by their sachem Massasoit. The Indians had brought along five deer to add to the feast. There wasn't enough furniture to go around, so most had to stand or squat in happy anticipation, as the deer and birds turned on wooden spits over open fires.

It was a time of plenty, a time

of harmony and rejoicing, and a brief time of brotherhood between the English and the Native Americans. The name "Thanksgiving" would not be applied to this great feast until the Nineteenth Century—but whatever the name, the warm memory of that day lives on today in our most American of holidays!

Happy Thanksgiving

Photo courtesy of SLS

## Dictionaries handed out

West Haven Rotary Club recently conducted its annual giveaway of dictionaries to third grade students around the city. Here the Rotary Club is conducting their distribution to the third grade students at St. Lawrence School. Pictured here along with the third grades students are: (left to right) West Haven Mayor and Rotarian Nancy Rossi, Head Librarian and Rotarian Colleen Bailey, Principal Paul DeFonzo and third grade teacher, Gerald Lombardo.



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# Around Town

## Harugari Christmas

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Shopping begins at noon with the dinner at 2 is open to shoppers not staying for dinner from noon to 5. Sunday Dec, 16 the club plans Holidays with Dinner, Dancing and Live music at the Weihnachtsfest. Roast Beef Dinner will be served at a cost of \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Doors open at 1. Dinner is at 2. It is open to the public. For reservations for both events, please call Barbara Pokora at (203) 640-3656 For more information go to Harugari.org.

## Center plans trip

Join the West Haven Senior Center for the following scheduled trip: All trips leave

from Savin Rock Conference Center.

MGM Springfield Casino Tuesday, Jan. 15, cost is \$25 per person. Bus leaves Savin Rock Conference Center at 8:30 a.m. Trip includes \$10 free slot play. Payment is due by Jan. 4. Registration information for rewards card to be completed at time of registration.

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.

## Annual festival

The annual Christmas Fest on the Green is scheduled for Saturday, Dec 1, from 9-2:30. The festival will have craft and candy vendors, delicious lunch, bake sale, kids' crafts and trinket tree, our SERRV shop with gifts from around the world, as well as our book sale and White Elephant sale. Several trees, wreaths, and

other items are being raffled off. Santa will be visiting and taking photos. Also included: a collection of food for WHEAT and toys for Second Chance Toys, an organization that partners toy drives with local organizations in need of toys.

Second Chance Toys requests plastic toys that are clean and in good condition that have no small pieces (anything that will fit through a toilet paper tube).

Contact First Congregational Church at (203)-933-6291 for more information. The Christmas Festival, is looking for vendors for Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9-2:30. Handmade creations preferred. The fee is only \$30 for an 8' table, with \$5 going toward our restoration fund to help repair our steeple and a portion of our sanctuary ceiling which has fallen.

The festival includes crafters, light breakfast fare, delicious luncheon, book sale, SERRV Shop, Pics with Santa, and more. Contact the church at (203) 933-6291.

## 'F. Seniors. 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 (203) 389-5808 or (203) 927-4249.

## Al-Anon group

An Al-Anon meeting group invites new members to attend its weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the First Lutheran Church, 52 George St. For information and details, call (203) 506-1464.

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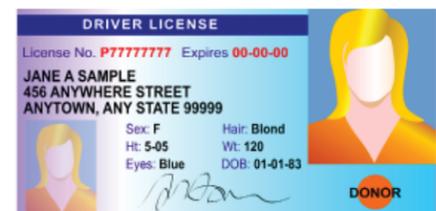
## NARFE meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Chapter 257, will hold its annual holiday party and installation of elected officers on Monday, Dec. 3, 1:pm, at Brazis Restaurant, Long Wharf, 201 Food Terminal Plaza, New Haven. Reservations are required ; RSVP by Nov. 28. Contact Linda at (203) 287-8673.

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# Sports Sports



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## Drive to the hoop

Navoni Harris of the Chargers drives to the hoop in last week's contest with the Sting. The play took place at the Edith Mackrille gym as the Youth Basketball League swung into action.

# Westies look to rebound in season finale

The West Haven Blue Devil football team knew it was going to be a challenge when it traveled to Finn Stadium in Shelton to face the undefeated Gaels on Saturday afternoon. On the Gaels first possession, the Westies looked like they were going to stop a Gaels' drive but, the Gaels were able to convert a 4th and 11 at the West Haven 30 and then got on the board first on a 1-yard run just 2:57 into the game for a 7-0 lead. They Gaels would strike again on a 57-yard touchdown pass with 4:13 left in the quarter to increase the lead to 14-0.

Shelton continued to roll when it capped a drive 2:10 into the second quarter with a 4-yard touchdown run to make it 21-0. The Gaels were determined to put the knife in the back of the Blue Devils when the Shelton kicker proceeded to kick the ball 15 yards, following his kick and pouncing on it for a successful onside kick, setting the Gaels up at the West Haven 45-yard-line. Shelton struck quickly on the next play with another, long touchdown pass, 14 seconds later to start pulling away with a 28-0 lead.

The Gaels were not done yet. On their next possession, the Shelton quarterback proceeded to hit a streaking receiver down the middle of the field for a 53-yard touchdown pass with 6:01 left in the half and after stopping the Westies on their next possession, the Gaels called timeout with 1:06 left to give their offense one, more chance. Shelton quickly drove down the field and with 3.9 seconds left, punched one in from two yards out for a 42-0 halftime lead.

Playing for pride in the second half, the Blue Devils were determined to get on the board. Tylen Jennette ripped off a 53-yard run down the left sideline to get the Westies down to the Shelton 4-yardline and then Jaden Grant powered in on the next play to make it 42-6 3:19 into the third quarter. West Haven looked like it was in business again when Demerick Blackford raced down the sideline for 38 yards and then took a late hit out of bounds into a snowbank resulting in a personal foul penalty against the Gaels, setting up the Blue Devils with a first and goal at the Gaels' 9-yardline. But the Gaels held and when a pass on 4th down from Jordan Berrios to Blackford was deflected away in the endzone as time expired in the third quarter, the score

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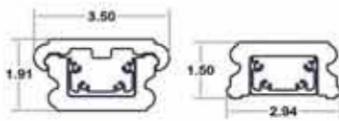


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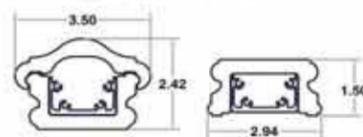
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**BLAST FROM THE PAST --** Thanksgiving and football have been traditional for West Haven. Yale Bowl was the venue for the annual Turkey Day battle between the Blue Devils and Academics of Hillhouse. The game in 1944 drew a record 43,000-plus to the Bowl, still an Eastern record. Above is the 1939 game, while below is thought to be the 1944 contest.



## Westies: Rebound v. Prep?

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remained 42-6.

There was no quit in the Blue Devils and the boys drove down the field as time was winding down in the game. After getting down inside the Shelton 10, the Westies took a couple of losses putting them back to the 24-yardline. On 4th and goal from the 24, Jaden Grant took the ball, juke and jived, absorbed a couple of hits and dove for the goal line, extending the ball for a touchdown with 3:02 left to make it a 42-12 final.

This week, the Westies wrap up their 2018 campaign with their annual Thanksgiving Day game against the Fairfield Prep Jesuits on Thursday at 10:30.

There will be a tribute and musical presentation of Taps by WHHS Band members to honor three West Haven residents lost in the sinking of the HMT Rohna -- Pacifico J. Migliore, Jr., John T. Cox, Jr., and Pasquale J. Logiodice, 75 years ago during World War II.

The tribute will take place during the pregame ceremonies for the WHHS-Fairfield Prep Thanksgiving Day football game on Thursday, and will begin at 10:15.

# Squirt six splits pair v. Avon, EHCO

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team split a pair of games this weekend. The Westies lost to Avon A, 7-2, and defeated ECHO A, 4-3. West Haven is now 14-8-1 on the season.

On Saturday morning at Edward L Bennett Rink, the Westies took on the Avon Panthers and fell 7-2. Zach Melchioro got West Haven out to a 1-0 lead when Matthew Kelly's shot deflected to Aedan Guarino who passed to Melchioro and Melchioro knocked the puck into the back of net. Avon then scored the next four goals for a 4-1 lead after one period.

Ethan Kelly converted on a breakaway with his brother Matthew assisting midway through the second period to make it 4-2.

The Blue Devils were shut down the rest of the way as Avon won by five. Maddex LaFountain made 19 saves for the Westies.

The Blue Devils traveled to the Bolton Ice Palace on Sunday morning to face the ECHO Stars. Sean Studley led the Blue Devil offense with a hat trick and an assist in a 4-3 win.

After ECHO took an early lead, Studley banged home a loose puck when Ethan Kelly's initial shot was saved to tie the score at 1-1.

The Stars regained the lead two minutes later and led 2-1 at the first intermission. Kelly found Studley for a one-timer on a two-on-none two minutes into the second period to tie it again at 2-2. West Haven then took its first lead of the game with a power play goal midway through the period.

Cameren Lipford fired home a backhander after Studley's wrist was saved and the Westies led 3-2.

But less than a minute later ECHO tied it and the teams remained knotted at 3 skating into the third period.

West Haven controlled most of the action in the third period, but could not find the back of the net until Studley made a hustle play with six minutes remaining.

Studley stole the puck from a defenseman and wristed a shot that was saved.

He gathered the loose puck, eluded a defenseman, circled behind the net and fired home the game-winning goal. LaFountain only needed to make four saves in goal for West Haven as the Westies outshot the Stars 33-7.

The West Haven Peeewe A travel hockey team went 1-2 this weekend, falling to the CT Junior Whalers and Southern, before rebounding with a win over East Haven.

The Westies opened the weekend with a 7-1 loss against the CT Jr. Whalers Friday evening at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven.

Trailing 1-0 in the opening period, Michael Madera evened the contest off assists from Zach Goetze and Mickey Dowd.

Despite controlling play in the opening period, West Haven trailed 2-1 and allowed two more goals in the second period. West Haven never got closer despite additional pressure throughout the contest.

Brady Price, Mike Page, and Connor Moriarty played well offensively in the loss.

The Westies then traveled to play Southern at the Milford Ice Pavilion Saturday evening.

Despite a brilliant effort in goal by Bryan Hong, West Haven fell 5-2. Trailing 2-0 in the third period, the Westies rallied to tie the contest, but a late goal gave Southern the lead for good.

Down by two goals and killing a penalty, Ray Heenie sent a pass up to Madera along the boards.

Madera skated up the left wing and wristed a shot home to cut the deficit in half 23 sec-

onds into the third period.

West Haven continued to mount the pressure and got the equalizer with 9:12 to go. Dowd sent pass to Goetze who fed Madera for the tying goal. West Haven played well, but Southern scored the go-ahead goal with 5:37 to go, then added an empty-net tally with 21 seconds left and another goal in the final seconds for the 5-2 defeat.

Danny Johnson, Brady Price, Dylan Bosworth and Chris Consorte played well offensively in the loss. Haygen Axelrod, Jason Alling, Bruno Martone, and Heenie played well defensively.

The Westies closed the weekend with a 4-3 victory over East Haven Sunday morning in West Haven. Dowd led the offense with two goals and an assist, while Madera added one goal and three assists, and Goetze also scored.

Trailing 1-0, Goetze evened the contest off an assist from Madera with 6:09 left in the opening period.

East Haven took the lead late in the first period, but the Westies took the lead for good in the second period.

Dowd scored off an assist from Madera with 7:44 to go in the period to even the contest, before the pair hooked up again as Dowd picked up a rebound of Madera's shot for a short-handed tally and a 3-2 lead with 3:18 to go in the middle period.

West Haven increased the margin to 4-2 with 9:18 left in the third period as Madera scored in front off an assist from Dowd.

East Haven got closer with a goal with 2:10 remaining, but the Westies held on for the win.

Hong and Jacob Silva each played well in goal for West Haven.

The West Haven Bantam A team had its toughest weekend of the season this past

weekend, going 0-2 after not losing in its previous eight games.

On Saturday, the Greenwich Skating Club came into the Bennett Rink and came out on top with a 2-0 win.

It was a very back and forth matchup, but the Skate Club was able to come out with the win. Carl Murgo, Justin Pniewski and Matt Morgan played well on forward.

David Brown, Jojo D'Aurio and Sean Bosworth played well on defense.

Sunday morning brought the Westies to the Wonderland of Ice In Bridgeport to take on the Wizards A1 team, but left with a 4-1 loss.

Joey Honcz scored an un-

assisted goal in the second period, working hard on the forecheck in the corner and then brought the puck in front of the net and scored between the goalie's pad and the post.

The tally by Honcz was the only goal the Blue Devils were able to net the entire weekend. Jayden Spreyer, Nolan Cole, Dante Hardt and Ryan Bernardi played well in the contest on forward. Matt Wezenski, Luca Ubaldi and Adrian Fielosh played well on defense.

Michael Andreesen and Brendan Smith split time in both games in goal. While they came out with two losses, the Blue Devils made a lot of positive plays and worked hard in both contests.

## Records broken in Wizards' wins

The West Haven Wizards second double-dual meet was a double success. The Wizards beat the Seymour Wildcats, 561-104, and the Plainville Blue Dolphins, 563-94. There were many exciting races during the meet. It was particularly impressive that the Wizard swimmers swept first place in the individual backstroke events for every age group.

Anna Piskura and Sean Fitzpatrick picked up first-place finishes in the 8 & Under 25-yard backstroke, Aarya Mulmi and Nathan Charron had firsts in the 9/10 50-yard backstroke, Lia Hey and Jacob Collete led the pack in the 11/12 50-yard backstroke, Kaleigh Morton and Gavin Kanlong had first-place finishes in the 13/14 100-yard backstroke.

Anya Celmer scored a first and posted a new Wizard record for the 15-and-over girls 100-yard backstroke. During this meet, Celmer also broke the Wizard record for the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 57:60 and the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:05.69.

The Wizards now have four division wins, and have clinched their division.

The Wizards next dual meet will be on Saturday, Dec. 8 against the Madison Marlins. For more information on the West Haven Wizards please visit our website at [www.westhavenwizards.org](http://www.westhavenwizards.org).

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# O'Brien: *Former mayor eyes '19 run*

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would recommit the city back on the road he was taking toward prosperity.

"In the next few months, I

will be talking to residents to explain why getting back on track is so important and answer questions about both our past and our future," he wrote.

"Let's begin that conversation about how I see West Haven in 25 years and how I plan to get there."

In her answer, Rossi states her belief everyone should be able to run for office, but she takes issue with O'Brien's characterizations of her administration as dealing in the currency of untruths.

"The former mayor paints a picture that is not reality. In 2013 when the former mayor took office the unassigned general fund deficit was \$7.8 million dollars, (audited), the audit for the year ended 2017 shows an unassigned general fund deficit of \$18.1 million, an increase in the deficit of \$10.3 million. Additionally he built into the FY18 budget \$8 million dollars and left it in

the budget, even after the state and others told him that funding would never materialize. Add \$10.3 to \$8, the deficit stood at \$18.3 million dollars before I even took the oath of office. To make matters worse the former administration executed deficit bonding in late November of 2017, only days before I took office, triggering state oversight, the reckless spending of the former mayor is the reason the City of West Haven is under the review of the Municipal Accountability Review Board, (MARB)," she replied.

She said most of her decision-making has concerned getting the city's fiscal house in order, and dealing with the MARB, and the recommendations they prescribed, even

though "some of their recommendations weren't good for our city."

She recounted her own list of accomplishments over the last year the recent sale of Bayview Park to the developers of The Haven project, working with the University of New Haven and other developers to upgrade the Allingtown area, and the securing of grants to enhance beach areas. She pointed, as well, to the continued construction of the West Haven High School.

"While the previous mayor will spend the next year being critical of the difficult decisions that were made, my administration will continue to work on behalf of all of the residents for a better West Haven. There is no short cut that will 'fix' this city, but don't be fooled by false promises and the excuses he'll offer for his shortcomings. I too will look forward to meeting with as many people as possible to explain my vision for the future. That means, however, telling you the truth about where we are now and how we got here. Make no mistake, the future is a bright one, but we cannot go back to the old ways of doing business, or we will never achieve our goals," she replied.

A run by O'Brien would continue an intramural feud between the three major factions within the Democratic Party. For more than two decades, the city's majority party has been split into factions that identify with current or former officials.

O'Brien has been closely associated with the faction of the party headed by former Democratic Town Chairman James Morrissey. The "Morrissey Faction" was in control of City Hall in the year O'Brien was in office, and allied itself with another of the major factions, that once headed by former Mayor Borer. Borer is no longer involved in city politics, but those associated most with him still have grasp on some of the party's fortunes.

Meanwhile, Rossi, who served as the Seventh District Councilwoman for several terms was considered a political gadfly prior to ascent into the mayor's office. As head of the City Council's Finance Committee she squared off with city officials, and factions.

She is currently allied with the faction once headed by former Mayor John Picard. That group in the party has had a decade-long battle with the Morrissey people. In her run to the third floor of City Hall she received their support.

O'Brien gave no timeline as to when he would decide.



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## Bruins, Huskies still stay perfect

The West Haven Girls Basketball continued with its second week of games Friday night at Haley. After three weeks, the Bruins and Huskies remain as the leagues unbeaten.

Molly Gunning and Finley Gunning combined for 14 points to lead the Gunning Law Firm Huskies to a 28-11 win over the Napoli Parts Eagles. Elena Cortes, Samira Huckaby, Emma McFarland and Sophie McFarland combined for 13 points for the Huskies. The Eagles were led on the offensive end by the scoring of Amarae Rosario, Justice Butler and Amalia Ortiz.

The Rings End Bruins kept pace by downing the West Haven Drug and Alcohol Task Force Panthers, 30-15, behind 14 points from Neveah Stegall. The Bruins also got scoring from Noelle Lawrence, Abby Wynus, Samantha Boyd and Emily Hartshorn. Ciara Harp, Kylie Gibbons, Jocelyn Silber and Hayden Holm powered the offense for the Panthers

The Shoreline Dental Cardinals used the combined 10 points from Danavia Pittman and Madden Evangeliste to down the Prospect Fish and Game Blue Devils, 20-15. The Cardinals also were helped on the offensive end by Jada Fowler, Lily Granata and Parish Rutledge. The Blue Devils used scoring from Kira Sek, Micah Pullen, and Terrianna Rodgers.



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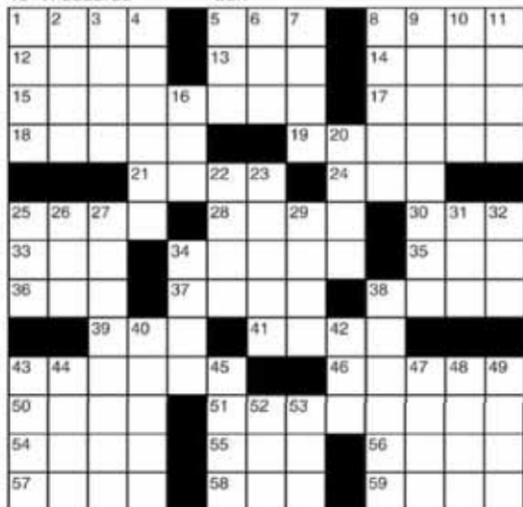
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  - 5 High-arc shot
  - 8 Book after the Gospels
  - 12 Rainbow
  - 13 Ram's mate
  - 14 Exceptional
  - 15 Team leaders
  - 17 Skewer
  - 18 Massage
  - 19 However
  - 21 Frog's cousin
  - 24 Business abbr.
  - 25 Rate of speed
  - 28 Part of a Batman costume
  - 30 Height of fashion?
  - 33 "Born in the --"
  - 34 Gem
  - 35 " -- Got a Secret"
  - 36 Recipe meas.
  - 37 Addict
  - 38 From the start
  - 39 America's uncle
  - 41 Lascivious
  - 43 Jane Goodall's topic
  - 46 Thesaurus
- DOWN**
- 16 Commotion
  - 20 Any of Rome's seven
  - 22 High pair
  - 23 Wooden pin
  - 25 Deposit
  - 26 Donkey
  - 27 Overturned
  - 29 Existed
  - 31 11-Down's mom
  - 32 Kitten's comment
  - 34 Bound
  - 38 Pueblo structures
  - 40 Fix the Constitution
  - 42 Type of humor
  - 43 Diner employee
  - 44 Arizona tribe
  - 45 Con game
  - 47 Donated
  - 48 A Great Lake
  - 49 Chat
  - 52 Matterhorn, e.g.
  - 53 " -- o' My Heart"



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

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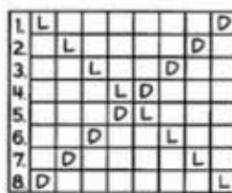
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**CAN YOU EXPLAIN** how a baseball pitcher could win a nine-inning game without once pitching to a batter?

**LINK-UPS!** Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



### FIND THE BIG WORDS!

Using the definitions and the anagrams below, you must find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

- DEFINITIONS:**
1. What the shipbuilder did.
  2. Found in toothpaste.
  3. Used to reckon time.
  4. A large kettle.
  5. Found in newspaper.
  6. Campers need them.
  7. Eccentric people.
  8. A wooden interlocking joint.
- ANAGRAM:**
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land + com  
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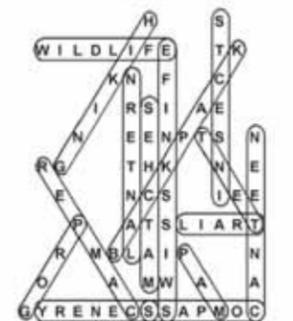
## Answers to last week's puzzles

### King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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### Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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| 3 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| 9 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 6 |
| 1 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 9 |
| 7 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| 5 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 8 |
| 4 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| 2 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 5 |
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# YE OLD LIQUOR SHOPPE

## GT'S LOWEST LIQUOR PRICES

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|  <p><b>FIREBALL</b><br/>Cinnamon Whiskey<br/>750 mL<br/><b>\$12<sup>99</sup></b></p> <p><b>LOWEST PRICE IN THE STATE!</b></p> |  <p><b>BUFFALO TRACE</b><br/>750 mL<br/><b>\$27<sup>99</sup></b></p>               |  <p><b>DELEON DIAMONTE</b><br/>750 mL<br/><b>\$49<sup>99</sup></b></p> |  <p><b>CROP</b><br/>Pumpkin Spice Vodka<br/><b>\$27<sup>99</sup></b></p>          |
| <p><b>PIE HOLE</b><br/>Cherry Pie<br/>1 L<br/><b>\$9<sup>99</sup></b></p>                                                   | <p><b>BAILEY'S</b><br/>Pumpkin Spice<br/>750 mL<br/><b>\$24<sup>99</sup></b></p>  | <p><b>KETEL ONE</b><br/>1.75 L<br/><b>\$32<sup>99</sup></b></p>       | <p><b>CIROC</b><br/>Black Raspberry<br/>750 mL<br/><b>\$26<sup>99</sup></b></p>  |

### WE WILL SPECIAL ORDER ANYTHING FOR YOU!!

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|  <p><b>BAREFOOT</b><br/>All Types<br/>1.5 L<br/><b>\$10<sup>99</sup></b></p> |  <p><b>FREIXENET</b><br/>Cordon Negro<br/>750 mL<br/><b>\$9<sup>99</sup></b></p> |  <p><b>OYSTER BAY</b><br/>Sauvignon Blanc<br/>750 mL<br/><b>\$10<sup>99</sup></b></p> |  <p><b>APOTHIC</b><br/>Inferno<br/><b>\$14<sup>99</sup></b></p> |  <p><b>STERLING</b><br/>Vintner's Cabernet<br/>750 mL<br/><b>\$10<sup>99</sup></b></p> |
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### MAKE YOUR OWN SIX PACKS - Everything we sell can be purchased as singles

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| <p><b>BUD LIGHT</b><br/>30 Pack Cans<br/><b>\$20<sup>99</sup></b></p>                | <p><b>HARPOON</b><br/>Dunkin Porter<br/>6 Pack<br/><b>\$9<sup>99</sup></b></p> <p><b>IF YOU DON'T BUY THIS, WE WILL DRINK IT ALL!</b></p>  | <p><b>TWO ROADS</b><br/>Holiday Ale<br/>4 Pack<br/><b>\$8<sup>99</sup></b></p>                    | <p><b>CORONA</b><br/>24 Pack Bottles<br/><b>\$24<sup>99</sup></b></p>                |
| <p><b>LEINENKUGEL</b><br/>Vanilla Porter<br/>6 Pack<br/><b>\$9<sup>99</sup></b></p>  | <p><b>GOOSE ISLAND</b><br/>IPA<br/>15 Pack<br/><b>\$13<sup>99</sup></b></p>                                                                | <p><b>EVIL GENIUS</b><br/>I'll Have What She's Having<br/>6 Pack<br/><b>\$9<sup>99</sup></b></p>  | <p><b>SIERRA NEVADA</b><br/>Celebration<br/>6 Pack<br/><b>\$10<sup>99</sup></b></p>  |

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