

# West Haven Voice

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## City native hero in Amtrak mishap *Clarke's quick thinking saves passengers*

By Stephen Kirck II

*Special to the Voice*

A year earlier, he was creating havoc for the Notre Dame football team as lineman on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball.

Well, on his way home from RPI for Thanksgiving Recess a year later, West Haven native Rueben Clarke helped prevent havoc, and saved injuries and maybe lives in the process.

How? Quick thinking and gut instinct.

Clark was traveling on Amtrak from Albany, NY heading south to Penn Station when two cars broke free. That's when Clarke went to work.

"The car from the back of the train was like leaving us, and I saw sparks and stuff like that and a huge gust of wind," Clarke, an offensive lineman on the RPI football team and 2018 graduate of Notre Dame High School in West Haven, told CBS 6 News in Albany. "So I just calmed myself down, and I was like, we have to stop the train and make sure everyone

was fine."

As luck would have it, no injuries were reported, the car did not derail, and all the passengers made their way to another train to continue their journey. Almost 300 passengers were on board when the train left around 7:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve.

Clarke "saved our lives tonight," Helen Mark Crane told CNN. "Our car broke off from the rest of the train and was picking up speed. There was no

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Photo by Ruth G. Torres

## Festival of Lights

Rabbi Rona Shapiro, the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Jacob in Woodbridge, second from left, pauses with, from left, state Rep. Charles J. Ferraro, R-117; state Sen. Gayle Slossberg, D-14; Mayor Nancy R. Rossi; and Councilman Aaron Charney, D-3, after leading a blessing at the sundown celebration of the first day of Hanukkah during the annual lighting of the menorah on the Green Sunday. The ceremonial lighting marks the Jewish Festival of Lights, an eight-day commemoration of rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees.

Photo courtesy of WHHS

## Talent on display

West Haven High School's Children's Theatre proudly presents, "The North Pole's got Talent!" Popular winter characters compete with the songs and dances, and the audience helps by singing along. Performances are scheduled Saturday, Dec. 8 at 10 and 11:30 in the WHHS auditorium. Children under 12 are free. All other tickets are \$5.



## Attention Art Instructors!

The West Haven Voice is in need of late summer and fall weather pictures. Instructors can drop off or email color and black-and-white pictures to: info@westhavenvoice.com.

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***Maddern awarded scholarship***

Alyssa Maddern, of West Haven, right, pauses with city recreation program coordinator Diane Dietman after receiving the Dorothy G. Mullen and George Sanford Scholarship award Nov. 20 from the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association. Maddern received the award at CRPA's 58th annual Conference & Tradeshow at the Mohegan Sun Hotel & Convention Center in Uncasville. Maddern, an eight-year employee of the Department of Parks and Recreation's playground program, is a senior at Southern Connecticut State University majoring in recreation and leisure studies.

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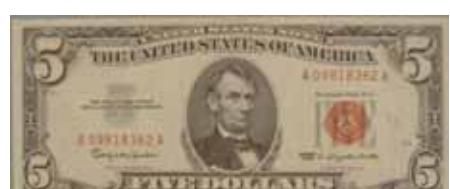
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# Dear Felicia

Well honey bunch, here we are skittering toward the holiday break. December has come and the Christmas decorations are out. By the way, didya notice how when New Haven had its tree lighting last week it was for its "Holiday Tree"? Jest think o' that a minute. There ain't any group that politicos would do that to but regular taxpayers. Those of us who celebrate Christmas don't expeck other groups to change things around for us when a holiday rolls around – and jest try it. It'll start a major battle in the culture war. Nope. This is the usual fol-de-rol from the usual suspecks in the political establishment. They should be ashamed in the El-em City, but that presupposes they understand the problem. They don't.

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Meanwhile, Sammy Bluejay noted that a new layer of wrapping – not Christmas wrapping – has been put on the Savin Rock Conference Center's roof. Dur-

*ing the summer a plastic tarp was put on the roof. As we all know it nees a new one and the city ain't gonna spend the kopecks to get it fixed. That, m'dear, will be the buyer's or lessee's task if and when the building is sold or rented. The city ceased operation of the venue because it is not making any money, just costing.*

*Hopes are that a new operator can make the venue the event place it was intended to be when the city acquired the property almost three decades ago. Hard to believe it's been that long since the building was purchased. It was quite the controversy up to that pernt effen yew remember. The place opened as Phyllis', then was sold and became a restaurant which name escapes this ole gal, and then it was the Casino through the mid-1980s.*

*The city took it over as part of the move to save the stretch of beach from getting over-built with condos. In some ways it seems like a lifetime ago, whilst in others it seems like yesterday.*

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Nelly Nuthatch was in t'other afternoon, and the talk on the political street is still the announcement by former Mayor Ed O'Brien that he is "considering" a run for his old office against the gal who beat him the last time, current Mayor Nancy Rossi.

While the announcement about two weeks ago was in the "maybe," "thinking about," "possibly" category, the truth of the matter is that he will, in fact, run according to Nelly. No, she ain't been to Madame Olga's to read tea leaves or anything like that. What she is watching is the fact that a fund-raiser has been scheduled by O'Brien, and those types of events usually presage a certain decision that's already been made, not one that is still in the ether somewhere. So, effen yew think the various factions of the party are standin' pat, think again. Nelly sez that the Rossi people and the faction or factions aligned with her are expecting and planning for a primary in the summer next. Yup. As far as the political establishment is concerned, the city's ruling party will see yet another primary to determine who will be the nominee come next November, and unless there is a total sea-shift in the political fortunes of various and sundry, that nominee will most likely be the next mayor.

Now, like I said to you before, neither Mizz Nancy nor

Mr. O'Brien is on each other's Christmas card list. They are both on a list of sorts, but not a Christmas card list. And effen there was any doubt, these two really don't like each other and took every opportunity to snipe when the sniping was good. Take for example her-roner's answer to O'Brien's announcement. It was dripin' with contempt. So, as I also said recently, to quote Bette Davis, "Buckle your seat belts, it's going to be a nasty ride."

The only thing that needs to be determined is which way the three factions making up the Demmies will split. There are a lotta people who have a lotta resentment cutting all kinds of ways. Sooooo, just figgerin' out who will align with whom may take Madame Olga. Somebody's gotta read those tea leaves.

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*Iva Looteey stopped by, and he was interested in the fact that the Dept. of the Interior give its imprimatur on the sale of Bayview Park at the end of Main Street in order that the Haven-West project can proceed apace – whenever that is. The announcement was made just before Thanksgiving and was a big piece in the puzzle that makes up the land footprint now that the properties have all been purchased. Supposedly, the demolition process will begin sometime after the foist of the year --- no, they didn't say which year.*

*Tennyrate, whilst that is a*

*good move and might even be a big hurdle that's been overcome, what is interesting Iva and others is still what the traffic pattern or accommodation for traffic is gonna be made for the high-end mall that is supposed to be built. One of the things the O'Brien administration kind o' stumbled over was the decision to close the former Exit 44 clover leaf that emerged on Kimberly Avenue in New Haven and led people over the bridge into our corner of the universe.*

*Well, with the reconstruction of the viaduct over the West River, the cloverleaf was demolished and the new Exit 44 spills onto Ella Grasso Boulevard, with a circuitous route into our fair city. No one has actually looked at the traffic matter, which some are wondering about.*

*It gets pertty congested over there now with the lights and all, and putting in an attractive thing like a shopping mall will attract more gassamobuggies than maybe the current pattern was meant to handle. Iyam sure the Actors Colony has thought about it, the mavens therein, however, ain't exactly been forthcoming on what they envision as the solution to what could be a BIG problem. Maybe, just maybe we'll find out sooner rather than later. That would be different.*

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The wag, of course, was in on the conversation concerning the Haven, and mentioned that once that is solved, maybe the city can concentrate on getting things straightened out on Beach Street. As a major thoroughfare into the city, one would think it would have been a priority over the decades, but no.

Right now, there are empty lots where businesses were, empty businesses where businesses were, and a promise to raise about a half-mile of the roadway up about seven feet in order to prevent further flooding like we saw during the hurricanes of a few years ago. Thankfully, despite the bad weather and the two or three Nor'easters we've had hereabouts, the beaches seem to be holding their own. No exposed pipes have been seen of late, which is a good thing.

The fact that Beach Street is facing the sound, and there is a lotta good land over there, one would hope that the big-shots in the Actors Colony will turn their attention thereto, but we've been disappointed in the past, and expeck to be disappointed here as well.

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Finally, jest another reminder that come the Dec. 20 isshev, we will be shutting down for two weeks as is our custom, to return on Jan 10 in the new year.

I'll close mitt luff und kizzez,  
*Cobina*

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# Gripevine

By Eleanore Turkington

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Thank you for your help and your connections regarding the sprinklers on Ocean Avenue. (The letter refers to a complaint of water sprinklers running constantly opposite the fire station.) Gripe Vine investigated and learned from the fire chief at that firehouse, the sprinklers were on city property. Gripe Vine received no reply from the city, but obviously referring to this letter, the city did something about the waste of water and turned them off.

The letter writer continues, "They are off; whether due to the season or done manually, either way, saving West Haven residents at least a small amount of money. I'll keep you updated next spring."

*SP Ocean Avenue*

**Dear SP Ocean Avenue:**

Thank you for being a caring, money saving resident.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I am not writing about a complaint. I do enjoy reading your column every week and I think you do a great job. You had a letter recently from "Tired of it All" relating to an auto accident on Hood Terrace and Saw Mill Road. I believe the letter writer referred to towing her car after an accident. I think the police have to remove the vehicle asap.

However, my idea is for that person to call the triple AAA office and explain the situation. I think the office will suggest that the AAA member make a copy of the towing receipt and mail it in for reimbursement of the \$200. This has happened to me before, unless the protocol has changed. Best of luck with this problem.

*MI*

**Dear MI:**

Thank you for your input on towing a car following an



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accident. According to AAA regulations, "Pay for the service and get an itemized receipt which you may submit to AAA for reimbursement consideration."

*Dear Eleanore Turkington:*

(This reader refers to earlier complaints of trucks riding on Voss Road, which has drawn a number of resident complaints.) The Sears delivery trucks are guilty of going down Voss Road. I was going through Voss Road one day and a truck was in front of me. I saw him pull into Sears. This easier for them to get off the highway and turn down Voss Road instead of going all the way to Railroad Avenue and taking a left. That's my guess why they do it.

*JC Second Avenue*

**Dear JC Second Avenue:**

The Voss Road gripe has been forwarded to the city many times, responded to once. Gripe Vine will continue to assist readers with this issue.

*Dear Eleanore Turkington:*

Snow will eventually arrive, and I want to know what the regulations are in West Haven.

*Shovel Ready*

**Dear Shovel Ready:**

The local parking bans indicate that under normal snow conditions, once snow begins to fall, a parking ban is in ef-

fect on the even-numbered side of most roads, unless one is posted with a "No Parking" sign on the odd side.

A parking ban, during a snow emergency declared by the mayor, a parking ban will run from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. on both sides of Campbell and Savin Avenue, Morgan Lane, Elm Street, Meloy Road, Second Avenue from Elm to Beach Streets and Main Street from Savin to Washington avenues.

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

A dangerous sidewalk condition was reported on Linden Street in a recent column. This reader has been trying to have someone from the city visit an

evaluate the hazardous situation at this site. I asked my readers to let me know when someone showed up to check this sidewalk. Here is what the letter writer sent Gripe Vine this week:

*Dear Eleanore Turkington:*

I just read the article on Linden Street and want you to know that no one has been around to even look at the sidewalk or tree stump. No effort on the part of West Haven.

*Really Annoyed*

*Dear Really Annoyed:*

The original Linden Street complaint indicated a wheelchair bound resident and school children have to use the street instead of this portion of

the damaged sidewalk.

Perhaps Mayor Nancy Rossi will read this column today and assign someone to look at this problem.

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

As explained in last week's column, because of the lack of cooperation from the mayor's office on resident's gripes, Gripe Vine will publish at least one unanswered complaint a week as I did today re; Linden Street.

Send your gripes, comments and suggestions to [gripevine4wh@aol.com](mailto:gripevine4wh@aol.com) or mail them to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice, 666 Savin Ave. Please include your name, address and phone number.

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## December Events

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Sunday, December 9 at 4:00 pm

**"Light of Hope"**

Free musical concert

Saturday, December 15 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm

**Free Love Meal – Soup & Salad – All Welcome!**

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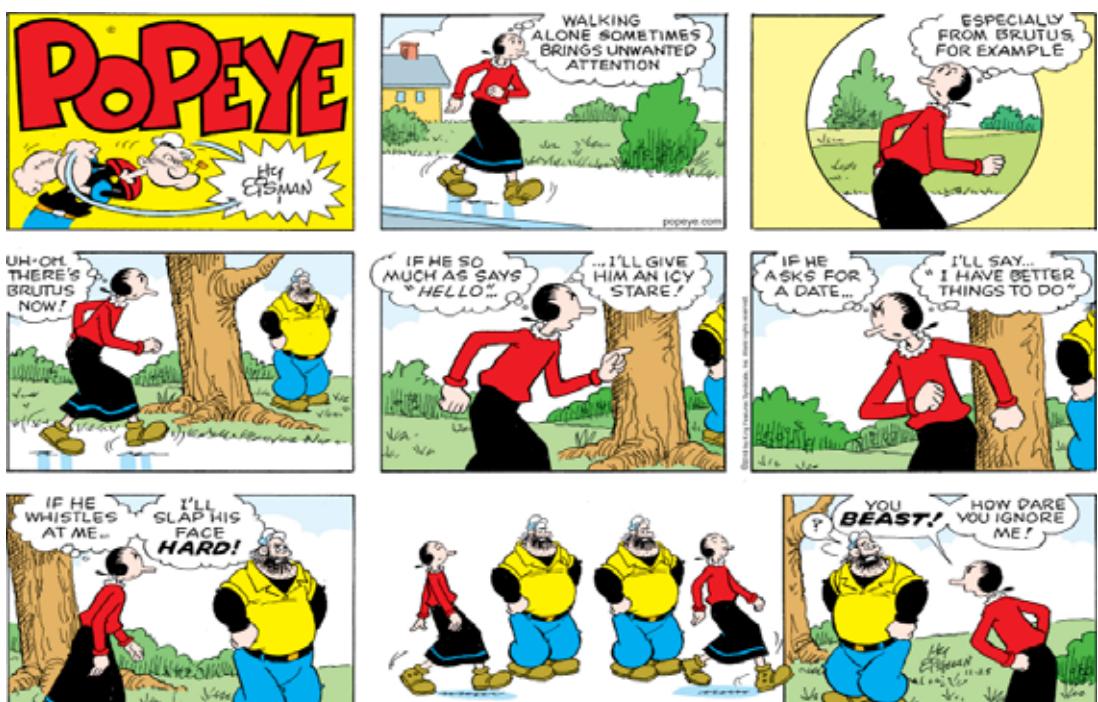
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by Jeff Pickering

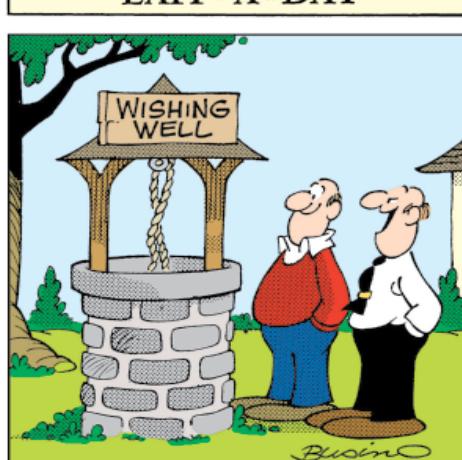


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

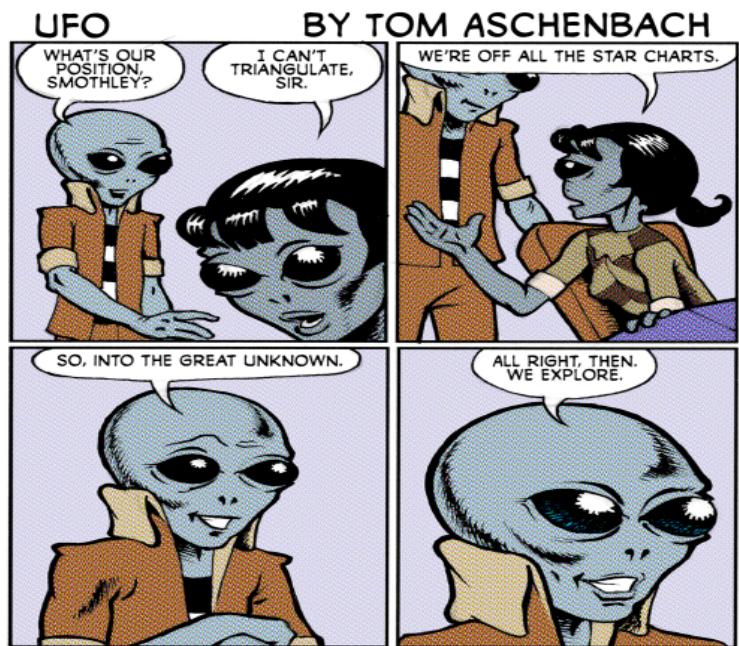


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"I built it for my wife—she's always wanting things."

BY TOM ASCHENBACH

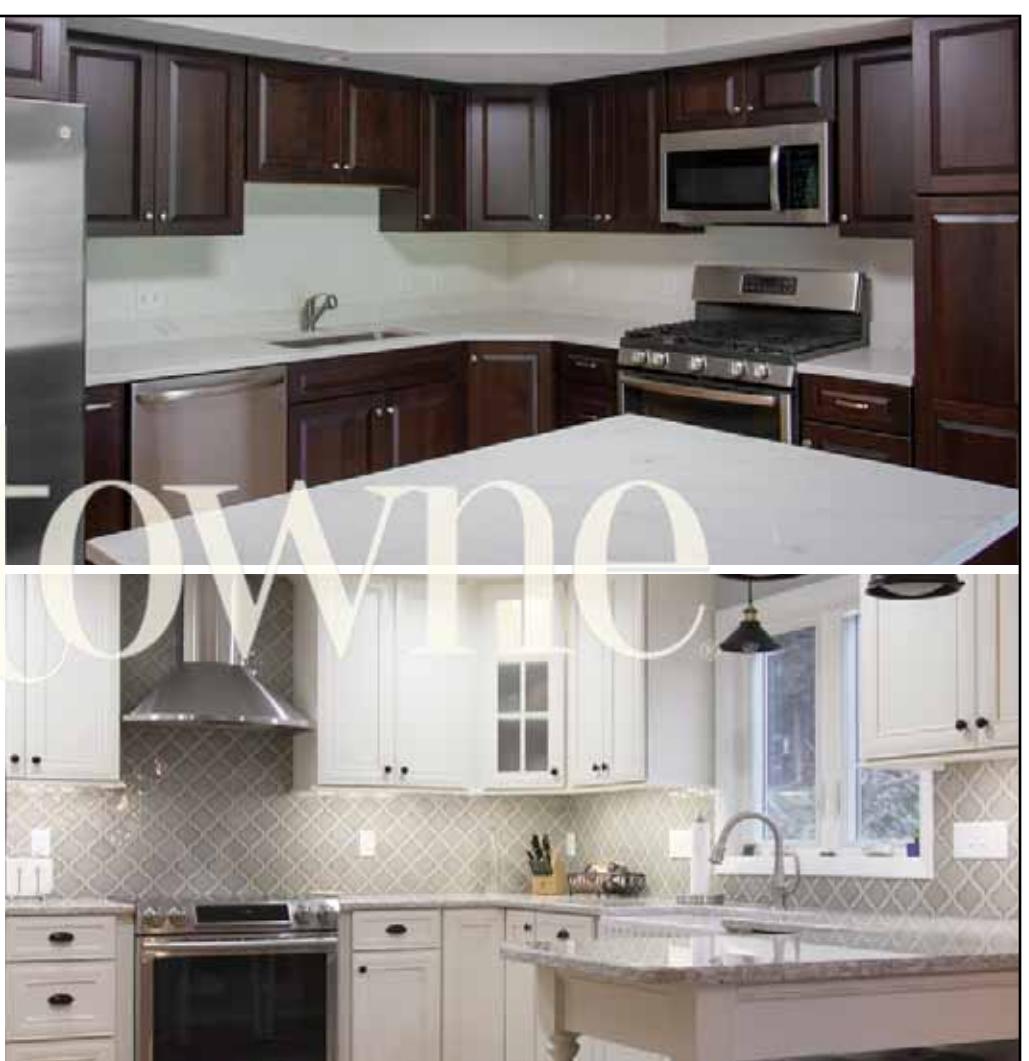
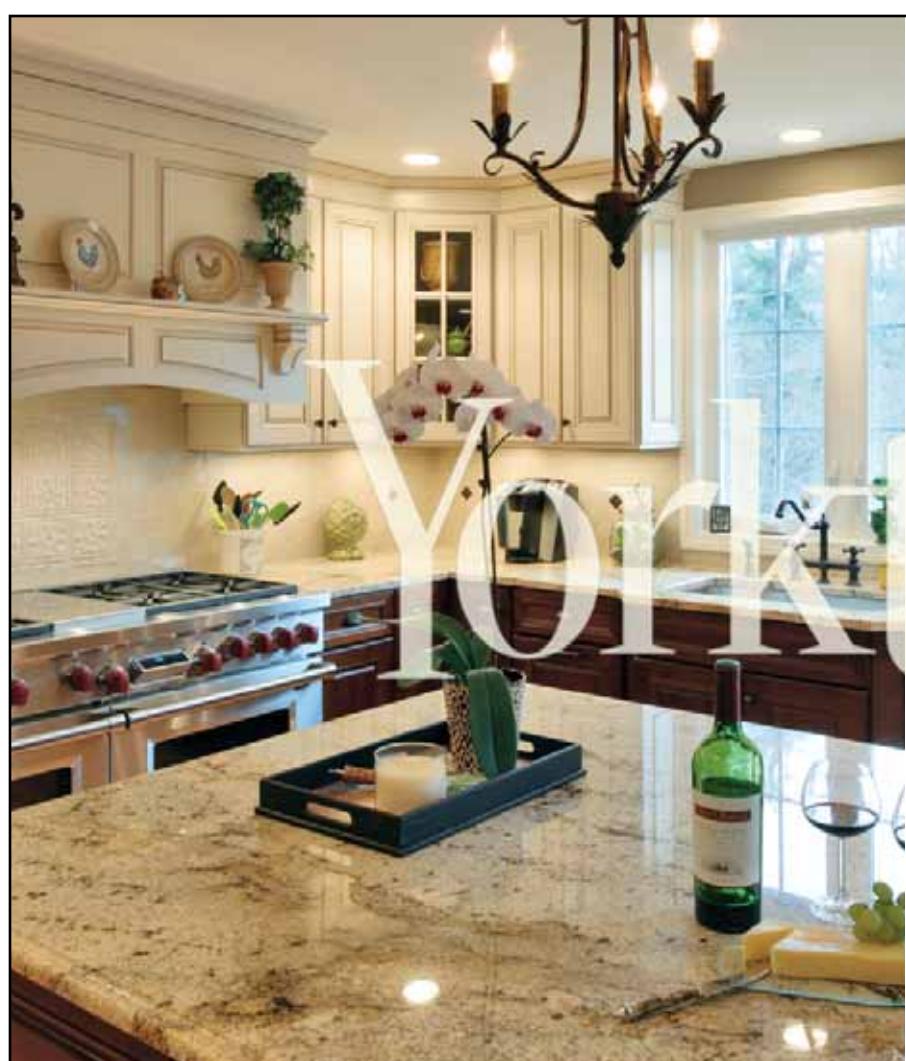




Photos by Holly Stempowski

## Off to college

Children from the West Haven Child Development Center visited Post University in Waterbury - the alma mater of both of their teachers, Holly Stempowski and Albina Delima. The children and their parents were invited to participate in an event based on the children's book *Only One You*. They painted their own unique rocks, to add to the rock garden being created on the university grounds. Post University students, athletes and faculty joined the children in this community event. Each child was given a copy of the book to bring home. The children were invited to eat their lunch in the campus dining hall, amongst the college students, before returning back to the preschool for their afternoon naps! It was a unique experience for all. The event was run by the Child Studies department at the university. Marie Russell, chairman of the Child Studies program, is a board member at the Child Development Center.



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## Lamont talk of 'efficiencies' does not mask real intent

We read with some amusement comments by Governor-elect Ned Lamont that he is going to search for ways to streamline state services, making them more cost-effective and efficient. He has even mentioned the possibility of hiring efficiency experts – or whatever they are called nowadays – to examine state operations and come up with a blueprint for savings. As we said we were amused.

Lamont has never acquired the moniker of a fiscal conservative, nor has he eschewed the charge that he is a tax-and-spender. In fact, Mr. Lamont proudly believes – as do most Progressives – that government, rather than individual liberty, is the path to prosperity. So, the upshot is most state residents should not consider this leap into fiscal responsibility evidence the governor-elect is turning over a new leaf. Rather, we should see it as a bargaining chip in his efforts to "make us all pay our fair share."

In a world that looks for "dog whistles," those words or phrases that bespeak one's true intentions, we should remember that Lamont campaigned on a promise to give the state an "economy we can all live with." That means the era of high taxation the state has experienced over the last two decades is not going to end soon.

Mr. Lamont has signaled his belief not only personal and property taxes should go up, mostly in the form of a state automobile tax, but also that other forms of taxation should be enacted in the form of new fees as well as – getting back to our roads – tolls re-imposed on state limited-access highways.

The governor-elect has determined that it isn't state spending that needs to be reined-in, but that more taxes are to be imposed in order to balance the flood of red ink the state has seen in the last four years. What, then, are we to make of his comments concerning state efficiency and streamlining?

As we said, this should be seen as a bargaining chip, not only with state politicians in Hartford, but with the general public as well. Promising to find government waste is the oldest ploy in the book used by politicians. Twenty years ago, the state's departments were streamlined with a promise for cost savings. In fact, costs continued to go up.

The reason: The streamlining, while looking good on paper, had no real effect on the number of state employees, the amounts of money given to the new departments (some just got more to cover the new responsibilities), or the projected increases in state spending over the long haul. State spending continued to increase at the same rates as prior to the merging of departments, and that spending was three- and four-times the rate of inflation in each fiscal year.

Mr. Lamont is dangling the "state efficiency" carrot before the state's taxpayers before his "stick" of new taxes is announced with the coming of the new fiscal year and budget to be announced at the State of the State speech in early 2019. Lawyers have a term for this type of tactic: a distinction without a difference. We think we can safely classify the governor-elect's statements in this category.

Connecticut's voters decided last month to continue with the profligate spending we have seen during the Malloy years. The only difference is Ned Lamont is much more hardcore Progressive than is Dannel Malloy. He will seek more and more taxes to cover more and more spending because he believes the money Connecticut's taxpayers earn is his to spend.

Don't be fooled by the call for finding government waste. It is just a cover for what Lamont plans in the next few months.

## Don't forget less fortunate

We are encouraged by the many collections and drives, sponsored by various civic and fraternal organizations during the holidays. This is particularly true when it comes to the West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce (WHEAT), a group that has helped the needy in the city for more than three decades.

The height of the collection season corresponds with the holiday season. This is not a coincidence. Every Christmas or holiday concert, party or gathering seems to have a place for giving to the needy.

The difficulty comes after the tinsel is taken down and the lights put away. Need continues, and WHEAT shelves need stocking all year. Let's not forget once Christmas is over.



## Surprise! Media got it wrong

**By Rich Lowry**  
*Syndicated Columnist*

It's roughly the one-month anniversary of CNN reporter Jim Acosta repeatedly telling President Donald Trump at a press conference that the migrant caravan is "hundreds and hundreds of miles away" and "not an invasion," and objecting to a campaign ad that showed migrants climbing border walls -- "they're not going to be doing that."

Now, thousands of migrants from the caravan have arrived in the border city of Tijuana, Mexico, and hundreds of them stormed a border crossing, climbing the fence and throwing rocks. U.S. border agents used tear gas to repel the mob. If the throng was too small to constitute an invasion, it certainly wasn't a rules-bound group of asylum-seekers.

It was conventional wisdom in the press that the caravan was a concoction of Trump's fevered imagination. It soon would dissipate and even if not, take months to reach the United States. This widely repeated factoid was based on calculations of its movement on foot (it apparently didn't occur to anyone that the caravan also would travel by bus or truck).

The latest border incident again puts the left's radicalism on display. It's not just that Immigration and Customs Enforcement should be abolished; border agents can't defend themselves from an aggressive rabble.

Hawaii Sen. Brian Schatz wondered on Twitter if the use of tear gas violated the Chemi-

cal Weapons Convention (the answer is an emphatic "no," and he deleted the tweet). Rep. Barbara Lee of California described the gassing of "women and children" as an atrocity and called for U.N. inspectors.

All of this rending of garments, despite the fact that the tear gas was directed at the adult males who led the charge, similar crowd-control tactics were used at the border during the Obama administration and, of course, cops use tear gas during disturbances involving fellow U.S. citizens all the time.

The larger issue at the border is the set of rules for Central American migrants. It allows adults with children and minors into the country while their (almost always rejected)

asylum claims are adjudicated. They can easily abscond once admitted, and the laxity of the system is an incentive for more Central American family units to come.

By working out a possible deal with the Mexican government for migrants to stay in Mexico while they apply for asylum -- and forbidding migrants who enter the U.S. illegally from applying -- the administration has hit on an approach to tighten up the current loopholes. But a California district judge, in what looks like another instance of resistance jurisprudence, has put an injunction on the policy regarding illegal entrants.

Trump has been wrong to portray the migrants as inhere-

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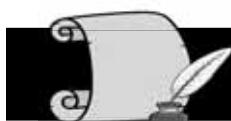
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Thanks to the generosity of the children and parents of Holly Hill Childcare and Learning Center in Orange, baskets were donated to the First Lutheran Church food drive, allowing needy families to enjoy a holiday dinner. The baskets came with a grocery gift card. Debbie Manson Fedorko, managing director of Holly Hill said, "The Thanksgiving food drive is the perfect opportunity for our staff to teach our youngsters some very valuable lessons... the meaning of caring and sharing and the joy of giving. We are so happy to be able to share with our neighbors at First Lutheran." Pictured are Kyla Rhoades, head teacher of Holly Hill and vice-president of the church and Pastor Phil Krakowiak.



## Dead-end streets last on the routes

It's not officially winter yet but the City of West Haven has posted the ordinance for snow removable in the *New Haven Register* and the *Voice*. Here is a short version of the rules. In a normal snowstorm you park on the odd side of the street when in an emergency it is posted you cannot park on the right side of the street you go on the left side.

Around City Hall in an emergency there is no parking on both sides of the street it will be posted. But on dead end streets it is never posted. People don't know you park on the odd side.

So we were told when we call Public Works we are not a priority it goes like this: main streets first, the secondary streets next, then dead ends last. I asked why? Plows are too big for the streets.

We are taxpayers. We deserve service that comes with paying our taxes even though the new administration came into a deficit.

*Anthony C. Krzeminski*

## Asbestos at WHHS not handled well

I attended the Nov. 29, Town Hall meeting organized by West Haven High School (WHHS) parents Marilyn Wilkes and Christine Barrington

to address asbestos/air quality issues during the ongoing renovation project at the school. The meeting was intended to be a parent-to-parent informal information-sharing event. There were five parents present along with city officials, BOE members, superintendent, School Building Committee members, City Council members, builders and other members of the public including myself, a non-parent resident of West Haven.

Christine Barrington has been following the construction project for years. She is troubled by what she feels are unproven assurances of safety at the High School.

Mrs. Barrington has been concerned with student health since her eldest child enrolled in WHHS last year.

She is concerned because even though no one disputes the well-documented history of asbestos release incidents occurring at WHHS, there are no records to show that WHHS has ever been adequately cleaned (in accordance with applicable federal statutes) to ensure the students are not breathing in dangerous levels of airborne asbestos fibers. There are also no records that conclusively show that WHHS is free from dangerous levels of airborne asbestos fibers. The only conclusive test is "Aggressive TEM" (Transmission Electron

Microscopy) sampling and testing in accordance with AHERA sampling and testing protocols. 'Aggressive' TEM testing requires agitating the air first using a blower or similar device to disperse any potential asbestos fibers.

Here are a few of the meeting points:

1. Aggressive TEM asbestos air sampling must be preceded by a thorough cleaning of the building. It was not satisfactorily answered at the meeting why a complete cleaning could not be accomplished at the high school.

2. Connecticut state law does not allow asbestos to be abated while school is in session, unless a waiver is granted. A waiver was granted for the high school project. In fact, a waiver request under the law has never been denied. The reason the waiver was granted was to maintain the construction schedule-currently four years.

3. The high school renovation project was nine years in

the making and will take four years to complete.

According to project and school officials, performing the asbestos remediation while the school is not occupied would add five years to the project.

However, all future asbestos remediations are scheduled for the summer months with a completion date still scheduled for March 2022, so this argument seems to be invalid.

4. Since there is so much asbestos in the high school, the obvious question is why a new school was not built rather than perform a renovation of the existing school. A new school could have been built in less than four years' time.

The answer is that the State of Connecticut will not fund a new high school project, only a renovation project. This school construction project was approved before the Department of Health noticed West Haven was in violation of the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA).

At that point (2015), State of Connecticut advised West Haven that it needed to revise its construction plans in order to remove all remaining asbestos.

5. Due to parental complaints, asbestos remediation is no longer carried out while school is in session, notwithstanding the waiver.

6. Reports for periodic asbestos inspections as required by the EPA are missing for the years 2009-2015. (For more information on the AHERA program, visit [www.epa.gov/asbestos/asbestos-and-school-buildings](http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/asbestos-and-school-buildings)).

7. Only one of the camera locations was inspected after the 2016 camera installation project at West Haven High School. The work was performed by unlicensed workers without any asbestos containment controls.

8. There are other potential air-quality issues that should be investigated because of possible links to student health.

*Patricia Bollettieri*

## Lowry: Wrong!

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ently threatening -- the overwhelming majority just want a better life -- but we have the sovereign right to decide who does and doesn't come to this country, and demand that it be an orderly, lawful process.

If any significant portion of the caravan gains entry, it will send a message that large-scale movements of people are better than small groups. This could lead to even more pressure at the border, no matter how much it will be dismissed by the same people who insisted the caravan would never arrive.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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## Historian's corner

By Dan Shine



"Doc" Milt Cochran with his unit.

Milton Cochran, USMC Part II

So, Milt Cochran became "Doc" to a platoon of Marines. He followed them through the jungles of Vietnam where temperatures over 120 degrees were common. They fought the enemy and they fought the elements of nature, and bugs, and reptiles, and parasites.

Milt cared for his men's feet and he cared for his own. His jungle boots rotted away, and he was given replacements—taken from a dead Marine—that were two sizes too big for him. Later in life, Milt would blame those big boots for a life-changing moment that took him away from Vietnam and the Marines who were in his care.

He loved his men and they loved their Doc. In his words, "I was their orthopedic surgeon, their neurologist, podiatrist, and psychologist all rolled into one. I enjoyed the faith these Marines placed in me, but I realized that their respect and my peace of mind could be earned in one way only; by my being with them

on the trail or in a firefight, ready to respond to that most dreaded of battlefield sounds...the call of 'Corpsman up!'"

Doc Cochran exulted when he was able to save a life or help a buddy, and whenever a Marine died in his arms, he crumbled and went to pieces.

Then came the ill-fated day in July of 1967 when the platoon was headed out on patrol. Milt was second in line behind the point man, Frank Ducala, pushing their way through chest-high elephant grass. He never saw the trip wire that set off the explosion, blasting a crater in the ground, leaving him shattered, bleeding, on fire and near death.

Combat Corpsman George Gallagher rushed to Milt's side, stanched his bleeding, dressed his muddy wounds, prepared him for the medevac helicopter, and saved his life—Milt would never see him again—ironically, Doc Gallagher himself would be shot and killed in combat a few weeks later.

Bus Cochran was at work at the Seymour town ga-

rage when he noticed an automobile with US Navy markings pull up outside. He went to meet them. "Are you looking for me?" "Are you Charles Cochran?" "Yes."

"Is your son Milton Cochran?" "Yes. Just tell me, is he dead or alive?" "He's alive, but just barely." The little group left the garage and proceeded to the family homestead to gather the relatives and wait for Milt's mother to get home from work.

Milt was taken from Vietnam to a hospital in Japan for his initial treatment, then to Alaska, then to Philadelphia, and finally to the West Haven Veterans Administration Hospital. His precarious condition necessitated these many stops: The explosion had taken one leg below the knee, shattered the other leg, blown away one buttock, severed arteries, and rendered one arm and hand useless. Many of us might have given up on living at this point; but not Milt Cochran, for whom fate had other plans.

To be continued.

## Annual Pearl Harbor rites Friday

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

The West Haven Veterans Council will hold an observance of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the William A. Soderman Memorial Flagpole on the Veterans Walk of Honor in Bradley Point Park.

All veterans are invited to participate in the annual ceremony, which will commemorate the 77th anniversary of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The solemn service will include a presentation of the colors by the West Haven Police Color Guard and a flag-raising by the West Haven Fire Department Honor Guard, which is composed of members of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allington, the West Haven Fire Department and the West Shore Fire

Department.

It will feature remarks from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9422 Cmdr. Freddy Jackson and Veterans Council President Dave Ricci.

Lou Esposito, executive assistant to Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, will serve as the master of ceremonies.

Representing the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Florence Stoeber, wife of the late Jack Stoeber, a Navy veteran of Pearl Harbor and Iwo Jima, will read the names of the 17 Connecticut servicemen who died Dec. 7, 1941, at the U.S. naval base in Oahu, Hawaii, as a member of the West Haven Fire Department tolls the department's chrome bell each instant a name is called.

Stoeber, whose ashes were scattered in Pearl Harbor after he died Jan. 16, 2016, at age 97, was a .50-caliber machine-

gunner aboard the destroyer tender USS Whitney in the Pacific theater of World War II.

Florence Stoeber's 5-year-old grandson, Matthew McCann, will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The tribute will also include opening and closing prayers by Victor M. Borras of Gateway Christian Fellowship, a wreath-laying and a rendition of the national anthem by West Haven High School sophomore Nora E. Mullins, as well as taps played by former West Shore Fire Department Lt. Kevin McKeon.

### City Council holds office hours

The West Haven City Council will hold Office Hours at 7 PM on Monday Dec. 4, 2018 in the City Council Chambers (3rd Floor - City Hall).

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## 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.

## '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.

## Support offered

Balancing the care of a family member, a household and a job is overwhelming.

Meet with a representative from VNA Community Healthcare's Family Caregiver Support Network for a FREE consultation to discuss your personal care-giving issues, receive tips, guidance and explore solutions. Call VNA Community Healthcare's Helpline at 1 (866) 474-5230 (toll free) to schedule a private in-person or phone session with one of our family caregiver experts.

## Student loans

The Seth Haley Memorial Loan Fund of West Haven provides eligible college students with loans of up to \$2500 to help students finish their post high school education. Applicants must be West Haven residents who have completed two or more years of college or post-secondary work or be in their final two years of advanced work. Any West Haven resident attending college or a post high school professional, technical or trade school can be eligible for a loan. Contact Gert Beckwith at (203) 934-6921, or Ralph Lawson, (203) 934-6442 or write to 170 Ivy St for more information.

## Around Town

Photo by Marissa Franco

### CDA cited

Community Development Administration Manager Mark J. Bisaccia, center, and administrative assistant Rosa Richardson receive a plaque Oct. 19 at City Hall for CDA's support of the West Haven Interagency Network for Children's Parent Support Groups, Adolescent Support Group and Children with Special Needs Program through a grant from the federal Community Development Block Grant program. From left, WHINC Director Robert S. Morton and support group members Debra Rich, Sharon Rodriguez, Violia Waldo and Stacey Higgins.



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- 1) 56 3/4 x 45 1/2 brown exterior
- 2) 65 x 46 3/4
- 1) 47 1/2 x 47 1/2
- 1) 48 3/4 x 46 3/4
- 1) 47 3/4 x 40 3/4
- 1) 44 1/4 x 40 1/4
- 1) 26 1/2 x 46 1/2
- 1) 46 x 32 1/2 brown exterior

### Double Hung:

- 1) 33 3/4 x 68 1/4 6/1
- 1) 30 x 62 6/1 Andersen
- 2) 24 x 60 used
- 1) 28 x 54 used 6/6
- 2) 31 1/2 x 55 1/2 6/6
- 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
- 1) 27 3/4 x 41 1/4
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- 1) 17 5/8 x 23 1/2

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Annawon Lodge, 115, AF&AM Worshipful Master Steven R. Mullins presents University of New Haven Police Chief Tracy L. Mooney with an Award at the Lodge's First Responder Awards Dinner last week. Mooney was one of nine honorees representing first responding agencies in the City of West Haven.

## Masons honor 1st responders

Annawon Lodge, 115, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of West Haven honored West Haven fire, police and dispatch personnel and one teenage civilian at the lodge's First Responder Awards Dinner last week. The dinner was attended by Mayor Nancy Rossi and nearly 100 uniformed first responders and their families and friends.

Among the honorees were Acting West Haven Police Chief Joseph Perno, City of West Haven Fire Department, Allington Acting Fire Chief Michael Esposito, West Haven Center District Firefighter Jonathan Drost, West Shore

Fire Department Lt.t Rebecca Wilson, 911 Dispatch Director Jennifer A. Amendola and University of New Haven Police Chief Tracy Mooney.

Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to former Allington and City of West Haven Fire Chief Councilman Peter Massaro (D-6) and former Connecticut State Commissioner of Public Safety and UNH director of Forensic Science Dr. Henry C. Lee.

Lee, was in Saudi Arabia at the time of the ceremony. His wife Jiang Lee accepted the award on his behalf and thanked the Masons through interpreter Tianyin Yu.

Also honored at the awards dinner was Reuben Clarke, a West Haven teenager who sprang into action on Thanksgiving eve, while on an Amtrak train traveling from upstate New York, when he pulled the emergency brake after noticing two cars coming unattached from the rest of the train.

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute freshman is credited for possibly saving the lives of 287 passengers and crew. Clarke graduated from Notre Dame High School last June. He is an offensive lineman for the RPI football team. His mother, Phoebe Greenfield accepted the award on Clarke's behalf.

Annawon Lodge Worshipful Master Steven R. Mullins said that proceeds from the dinner went to WHEAT's Roof Replacement Fund. The lodge raised \$1,000 for the fund.

## Allington tree-lighting set Sunday

On Sunday, between 6-8 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving at the Allington Green to assist turning the lights on the Allington Christmas tree and to visit with all the good little boys and girls and to check their Christmas lists. The Allington Volunteer Firefighters will be providing rides on their fire engine. There will be caroling around the Christmas tree and free hot chocolate and cookies will be served. They will be also accepting non-perishable food items for WHEAT to benefit the needy.

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# Sports Sports Sports Sports Sports

## Clarke: *Quick thinking prevents tragedy*

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Amtrak personnel in our car. Reuben calmly went into action and pulled the emergency brake at the front of the car. Thankful he was on the train with my son and me."

"We were appreciative of Rueben's efforts as a student-athlete over the last four years," said Notre Dame Athletic Director Jason Shea. "But, this trumps anything he did wearing the green and gold. His quick thinking and actions are to be commended. To say we are proud is a huge understatement."

Notre Dame head football coach Joe DeCaprio echoed those sentiments.

"He was in the right place at the right time so many times last year for us on the football field and wrestling mat. This was ultimate right place right time moment," he said. "His quick thinking and actions speak volumes to the type of man he is. There's no telling what would have happened if he didn't do what he did. He's a hero in my eyes."

Clarke, who was a key member of both the football team and wrestling teams last year at Notre Dame, was coming home for Thanksgiving recess from RPI in Albany, NY. He spent the fall on the football team as a reserve offensive lineman. He appeared in five games as the team went 11-1 and advanced to the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division III national tournament.



Clarke is shown during his high school days with the Notre Dame Knights, where he excelled as a member of that legendary football program. He is shown (above) as a member of the RPI squad, which went 11-1 in the 2018 season before being beaten in the NCAA Division III playoffs. The West Haven native showed quick thinking and heroic tenacity as he stopped two decoupled Amtrak Acela cars, using the emergency brake and then helping other passengers get to safety. The events happened on the night before Thanksgiving as the young man headed home for the holiday.



Photo by Russ McCreven

### A step ahead

Delaney Fludd of the Bulls gets a shot off before the Spurs' Jared Butler can connect with a block. The action took place at the Kelley Camp gym in the Alma Pagnels School.

# Squirt A squad drops 2 wins 1 in ice play

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team went 1-2 over the weekend. The Westies defeated Enfield B, 9-1, before losing 5-1 to Greenwich A and 2-1 to Ridgefield AA. The Blue Devils are now 15-10-2 on the season.

On Saturday morning at the Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Westies dominated Enfield as seven different players scored goals. Cameren Lipford opened the scoring just 35 seconds into the game with Ethan Kelly assisting. Jonathan Charbonneau then knocked in his own rebound. Sean Studley converted on the doorstep from Kelly who then scored on a breakaway. Rafi Treat made it 5-0 when he jammed home the loose puck after Aedan Guarino's initial shot was

saved.

The Westies tacked on two more in the second as Leo Mazzurowski fired from the slot with Kelly assisting, and Studley found Lipford who knocked it home. Zach Melchiorre zipped in his own rebound and Charbonneau went five-hole in the third period to complete the scoring. Maddex LaFountain made 10 saves in net for the Blue Devils.

On Saturday evening, the Westies played Greenwich at the Chelsea Piers Rink in Stamford. West Haven had lost convincingly to Greenwich six weeks ago, but this time they played a much tighter game.

Ethan Kelly scored the lone Blue Devils goal when he skated through a hook and slid the

puck inside the far post midway through the second period. Guarino created a couple of quality chances and Lucas Iversen just missed a goal but the Westies could not convert. LaFountain made 20 saves in goal.

On Sunday evening at the Danbury Ice Arena, the Westies played Ridgefield AA closely and actually outshot the Tigers, 19-14, but could not find the equalizer in the 2-1 loss.

Studley one-timed Ethan Kelly's feed to convert a two-on-one rush a minute into the second period to tie it 1-1. Treat was robbed in the second period and Gavin Coady narrowly missed the tying goal in the third period. LaFountain made 17 saves for

West Haven.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team dropped a pair of decisions this weekend, losing on the road against Ridgefield and at home against Yale.

The Westies traveled to play Ridgefield Saturday evening and despite controlling play for much of the game, fell 3-2.

After a scoreless first period, West Haven took a 1-0 lead less than 2:30 into the middle period when Zach Goetze scored off an assist from Mickey Dowd. Ridgefield scored the next two goals, but Michael Madera set up Dowd for the equalizer with 52 seconds remaining in the period.

Ridgefield scored 2:37 into the third for a 3-2 advantage. Despite numerous opportuni-

ties, the Westies could not get the equalizer in the one-goal loss. Danny Johnson, Brady Price and Mike Page all played well in the loss on the offensive side, while Jason Alling, Haygen Axelrod, Bruno Martone, Ray Heenie and Dylan Bosworth were all solid on defense.

The Westies dropped their second of the weekend with a 6-2 loss against Yale 06A Sunday morning at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven.

West Haven got on the board quickly when Dowd deflected Heenie's point shot in just 18 seconds into the game. Yale answered with the next four goals, including three in the opening period for a 4-1 lead. Goetze scored an unassisted goal 1:25 into the middle period, but West Haven never got closer with Yale icing the contest with a pair of goals in the final 4:55 of the contest.

The West Haven Bantam A team tied its only contest of the weekend with a 4-4 tie against the Yale Bulldogs Bantam A team.

In a very back and forth contest, West Haven went up 2-0 in the first period, the first goal coming from Carl Murgo, off assists from Matt Morgan and Justin Pniewski. Jayden Spreyer then scored with four minutes left in the period, with Morgan getting the helper.

The Bulldogs scored in the first two minutes of the second period to make the score 2-1, but the Westies answered shortly after off a goal from Morgan, picking up his third point of the contest. Murgo was credited with the assist.

Yale scored again to make the score 3-2, before Joey Honcz scored a goal off a nice move to dangle the Yale goaltender. Spreyer was credited with the helper.

Yale scored the final two goals in the 4-4 tie.

Brendan Smith played a full game in goal, making several key saves. Pniewski, Dante Hardt and Matt Wezenski all played well in the contest.

## Youth sports reminder for PR people

League publicists are reminded that deadline for copy to be inserted in a Thursday edition is 10 a.m. on Tuesday. No copy will be accepted after that time, except by prior arrangement. Pictures are accepted, but should come in a standard format that can be adapted to formats used in the newspaper.

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## Charging up court

The Bulls' Connor Holy leads the fast break in last Saturday's Spurs vs. Bulls Youth Basketball contest at the Kelley Camp gym. The Bulls emerged victorious, 38-24.



## Huskies snap at Bruins in Girls Basketball play

The West Haven Girls Basketball continued with games Friday night at Haley. In a matchup of the leagues unbeatens, the Gunning Law Huskies upended the Rings End Bruins, 19-2.

Cashlin O'Neil and Finley Gunning combined for nine points to lead the Huskies. Samira Huckaby, Elena Cortes and Sophie McFarland also scored for the Huskies. The Bruins were led by the play of Jada Turner, Camilla Murphy and Diajah Taylor.

The West Haven Drug and Alcohol Task Force Panthers rallied from behind to upend the Shoreline Dental Cardinals, 19-14. Ciara Harp and Jacianna Mitchell accounted for all of the Panther scoring. Adora Morgan, Madden Evangeliste, Cristel Miguel and Danvia Pittman powered the offense for the Cardinals.

The final game of the night saw the Napoli Parts Eagles rally to notch their first win of the season in their 23-22 win over the Prospect Fish and Game Blue Devils. The Eagles used a balanced scoring attack led by Amalia Ortiz, Amarae Rosario, Justice Butler and Emily Velasquez.

The Blue Devils used scoring from Heaven McKinney, Madison McGuire, Micah Pullen, Savannah McGorty and Terrianna Rodgers.

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# My two cents

By Bill Riccio, Jr.

## Thanksgiving and the CIAC

Already the drumbeat is beginning, and we hope that the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Board of Control and the Football Committee refuse to hear it. Over the weekend a local scribe put forth the suggestion that it was time for the CIAC and the schools that are members to forget about Thanksgiving Day football in favor of beginning the playoffs earlier.

The reasoning goes something like this: this year Thanksgiving was the earliest it can be on the calendar, but next year it is going to be a week later. That means starting the CIAC tournament's two-weeks of playoffs in December – always a dicey situation in Connecticut.

Indeed, there is some merit to the argument, but we believe the loss of the Thanksgiving Day game is something that tears at the culture of high school football in the state – Stonington and Westerly, RI still play the oldest Thanksgiving Day game in the nation – and it could hurt the budget-making of individual schools.

No one wants to see CIAC tournament games delayed because of seasonable weather. We remember the Southington-Fairfield Prep championship game was postponed three times before it was finally played about four years ago. Still, Thanksgiving means something, not only to football players and coaches, but fans.

Go out on any Thanksgiving morning to any of the number of venues playing Thanksgiving, and you see the largest crowds of the season. Places that have trouble drawing fans during the year will see huge crowds on Turkey Day. Notre Dame, for example, plays Hamden in the Green Bowl. Because of dangerously inclement weather this past year, the game was moved to the night before. The crowd, which numbers more than 6,000 usually, was nowhere near that.

West Haven had trouble drawing people this year, but we remember years when Thanksgiving drew 7,000-8,000 people. And, we need not forget that West Haven's annual match-up with Hillhouse during the war years drew in excess of 40,000 at Yale Bowl. Many schools see the gate receipts as a revenue boost to their many programs, most of which lose money. Some include Thanksgiving gates in their budget projections for the year.

Some schools have succumbed to the siren song of

the playoffs, and scheduled games the night before. Coaches like to have that psychological "extra day" between the final regular season game and the first round playoff game, which is usually the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

We need only look north to see what has happened. The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), the Commonwealth's version of the CIAC, decided to start its playoffs around Nov. 7 each year. But there too, schools depended on Thanksgiving, and a compromise of sorts came out of it. Thanksgiving games are still played, but they don't count.

In my association with peo-

ple from Massachusetts, the games have lost their edge, people don't come out the way they did before, and in cases where the teams have made the playoffs the games become freshman or JV games. Thanksgiving as a football day is not what it used to be.

We don't want to see that here. The championships are important, but the Football Committee and the member schools knew that going into the current format. We will have to "weather through" the vagaries of New England climate patterns and hope for the best.

To do otherwise will rob current and future players of a great memory, and see the loss

of a great tradition. It's not a good idea.

## Cutting down on long games

Sticking with football, the rise of the passing game through so-called "West Coast" or "Spread" offenses, and now the Run-Pass Option offense has seen the game times of high school contests soar over the last decade or so. Games that once took 2:10 to 2:30, are now taking between 2:30 and more than three hours.

Concurrently, the number of plays run in the average high school game 30 years ago was about 100, mostly runs. Today, the number of plays run in the average high school game is

between 150-180. The reason is simple: the timing rules. That is the same number of plays the average college game runs, and the NCAA code plays 60 minutes, not 48. So, as many plays are run with 12 minutes' fewer game times.

Under current National Federation of State High School Association rules, the clock stops on runs out of bounds or catch-runs out of bounds, and the clock does not start again until the next snap. The clock is also stopped for incomplete passes and does not start again until the next snap. Teams that once ran between the tackles and between the hash marks are running the

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Attorney Mark A. Healey has been practicing law in West Haven, CT for more than 25 years.



Mark received his education at Hopkins School in New Haven graduating with the Class of 1979. He went on to study Economics at Hamilton College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree. He then attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and received his Law Degree in 1986.

Mark began his career in law working with a small, general practice firm that specialized in plaintiff's personal injury cases. In 1992, he opened his own law practice on Savin Avenue, on the West Haven Green, and has been there ever since.

Attorney Healey has represented hundreds of clients with regard to plaintiff's personal injury matters and has secured millions of dollars in recoveries for accident victims. He also devotes a substantial part of his practice to Worker's Compensation claims, Real Estate Closings, and Probate, Wills, and Estates.

Currently, Attorney Healey is the President of the West Haven Bar Association, a member of the New Haven Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Association, Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, and the American Association for Justice. He has been accredited by the Better Business Bureau and is rated as "Highly Ethical and Highly Professional" by Martindale Hubbell.

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## *History gets personal*

Last week, WHHS Social Studies Department Chairman Mark Consorte, along with WHHS students Dan Gallipoli and Lauren Panza, took part in a program at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, NY. The program was entitled "Ordinary Americans", and it commemorated the 75th anniversary of the sinking of the HMT Rohna by a German guided missile on Nov. 26, 1943, in which 1,015 U.S. troops were lost. Gallipoli as "Uncle Bill," and Panza as "Aunt Mae," read real wartime letters from Lt. William Brown and his wife Mae Brown. Lt. Brown survived the Rohna sinking, and he was the uncle of Catherine Ladnier of Greenwich. Ladnier has written a play entitled "Apron Strings," a portrayal of wartime family life through real letters, some of which were read by the students.

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**Fancy footwork**

Caleb Oakes of the Bulls tries to elude the Spurs' Aiden Flaherty in Youth Basketball.

## My two cents

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game the entire width of the field, and with it, going out of bounds more often, or passes are incomplete.

The NFL and NCAA saw the problems very early, and adjusted the timing rules to fit the new realities, the NFHS has not – at least not yet. The NFL has a more complicated system, but essentially for most of the game if a runner goes out of bounds, the clock starts as soon as the ball is declared ready for play. The NCAA code says except in the last two minutes of each half, the clock starts when the ball is declared ready for play.

There are proposals before the January meeting of the NFHS to alter the game clock rules to something similar to the NCAA. We hope it happens. Players' injuries are centered in two areas in football, with many happening later in the game. Speeding up the game, and bringing the number of plays down a bit (to between 130-150) won't hurt the game, and the players will not be as tired. The result will be fewer injuries. More injuries happen due to fatigue statistically.

There is a second proposal to go to a 40/25-second play clock, and that might pass as well. That would conform the high school code to what is going on at other levels. It also helps the rhythm of the game, which also helps curb injuries.

We shall see what happens, but the NFHS is cognizant it has to do something, and we expect these two proposals might get passed by the Rules Committee come January.

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## At a Glance



\* If you are serving hot rolls on a buffet, line the basket with aluminum foil before you line it with a towel. The foil will help reflect heat, keeping the rolls warmer longer.

\* Metal skewers are great for a barbecue, but the tip also can be used to create fancy designs on an iced cake, just like a pencil.

\* "If you get stuck in the snow, try using your car mats to get a little traction. Keep some kitty litter or sand in the trunk too just in case you run into trouble." -- D.C. in Michigan

\* "Running the heater is expensive, especially when there's only one person in a house. I find that I can get by with a much cooler overall temperature by using my space heater for about 15 minutes in the bathroom and lounging on the couch and in bed with my electric blanket. Those two things cut down on the need to have the house toasty warm, and truly keep my heating bill in check." -- B.J. in Pennsylvania

\* A pot of mulling spices on the stovetop will both fill your house with a lovely holiday smell and add a respectable amount of humidity. Simply keep a watch on the kettle or pot, and add water as necessary.

\* "Here's a clothing tip on a very cold day: Today's running tights are fantastic under pants as a liner. They are warm, wicking and cut a flattering silhouette as well. Much better than old-fashioned thermals." -- M.E. in Montana

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## HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- After Matt Damon's last two films did poorly -- "Downsizing" (\$76 million cost/\$55 million gross) and "Suburbicon" (\$25 million/\$12 million) -- he had a small role in Steven Soderbergh's psychological horror film "Unsane," and then literally lit a fire under his career. For his latest film, "Ford v. Ferrari," with Christian Bale, he plays auto designer and race driver Carroll Shelby, associated with Ford's AC Cobra and Mustang, and allowed them to set his back on fire during the re-creation of a racing accident, filmed at a private Los Angeles airport. After that, we owe it to him to support this one. It arrives June 28.

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Oh, the problems of the idle rich and famous. Allegedly, Katie Holmes has been confiding to friends that she's troubled about her 12-year-old daughter, Suri, whom she's parenting with Tom Cruise. Katie worries that she is becoming more like her father every day because Suri is adamant about following her own path, is very bossy and likes to prove her point with over-the-top gestures. Katie ended her marriage with Tom because she didn't want to raise Suri in Scientology, but despite Suri being close to Katie, Tom seems to have had a bigger influence on her, and that includes Scientology.

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Meryl Streep, soon to be "Topsy" in "Mary Poppins Returns" (opening Dec. 19), is currently shooting "Little Women," as Aunt March, with Saoirse Ronan, Timothee Chalamet, Emma Watson, Laura Dern and Bob Odenkirk. Then she'll go right into Netflix's "The Laundromat," with Gary Oldman, Antonio Banderas, Alex Pettyfer, David Schwimmer and Will Forte. Streep was in a relationship with John Cazale, who played Fredo Corleone in "The



Mamie Gummer  
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"Godfather" (1972), from 1976-1978, when he died of lung cancer. She then wed sculptor Don Gummer, and they have four children. Their daughter Mamie Gummer, now 35, is successfully following in her legendary mother's footsteps as an actress.

Her first film was the 1986 supernatural thriller "Separation," with Meryl, when she was 3 years old. Mamie also appeared with her dynamic mother in "Ricki & The Flash" (2015) and in the current release of "An Actor Prepares," with Jeremy Irons and Jack Huston. She's also appeared in "Evening" (2007), "Side Effects" (2013) and "Cake" (2014), as well as in a recurring role on the TV series "The Good Wife," "Robot Chicken" and HBO's "True Detective."

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Sandra Bullock, who won an Oscar for "The Blind Side" (2009), experiences the post-apocalyptic horrors we all fear in Netflix's "The Bird Box," with Sarah Paulson, Tom Hollander and John Malkovich, due Dec. 21. Bullock opened her heart and donated \$100,000 to help save animals that were affected by the recent California fires. You might say it was post-apocalyptic fire money.

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## KOVELS' Antiques & Collecting

### Footrest Chair

Footstools, also called footrests, are not a new idea, but there are many different types, shapes and sizes. The most popular style today is the small, short, four-legged rectangular stool, often padded and upholstered, which is placed in front of a chair. The footstool raises the legs of the person in the chair to help blood circulation and add comfort. A child might want to use a footstool because his or her feet do not hit the floor.

Early footstools also were used in ancient Egypt as a ladder to reach chairs on high platforms. Each century had a new shape for the footstool. During the 18th century, there were long and low footstools to put in front of the fireplace to be used by the family. Small round footstools upholstered with fabric or needlepoint to match the sofa were popular with short women in Victorian times. There also were many chairs that came with footstools that looked like exten-



This chair with a retractable footrest was made in the 1950s by Vladimir Kagan. It was in good condition and had the manufacturer's marks. Price: \$6,875.

sions of the seat, or even some that could be pulled from under the seat where it was stored.

Modern designers liked seats made long enough to form a lounge chair with space for raised feet. And by the 1980s, there were long seating pieces that had hidden pullout pieces as footrests.

Vladimir Kagan (1927-2016), a talented designer, made a famous chair in the 1950s that had a sloping back, arms and a retractable footrest that was partially hidden. One of Kagan's walnut adjustable lounge chairs, 39 by 27 by 40 inches with a retractable footrest, was sold by Rago auctions for \$6,875. It was manufactured by Kagan-Dreyfuss.

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Q: I used to save beer coasters from bars. They've been in a box for years. Most are made of cardboard or thick paperboard. Are they worth anything?

A: Cardboard beer coasters were first made in Germany, a country known for its beer, in the 1880s. Beer coasters also are called beer mats, and the collecting hobby is called "tegestology," from the Latin word for mat. Collectors specialize in coasters advertising brands or picturing interesting subjects. There is a website, [beercoast.com](http://beercoast.com), where members keep an inventory of their collections and trade with other collectors. Most beer coasters sell online for 50 cents to less than \$5. A few sell for more.

TIP: Clean a silver chain with a mixture of white vinegar and water. Rub the mixture on the chain with a toothbrush or a towel. Rinse.

- Answers
1. World War II
  2. Canada
  3. Abraham Lincoln statue at the Lincoln Memorial
  4. Anemone
  5. "The Shining"
  6. The rubber band
  7. Vatican City as an independent state
  8. Water turns to blood
  9. Andrew Johnson
  10. "Beauty and the Beast"

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## New tax credit benefits employers who provide paid family and medical leave

Tax reform legislation enacted in December 2017 offers a new tax credit for employers who provide paid family and medical leave. Here are several facts about how this credit works and which employers are eligible to claim it:

- The credit is available for wages paid in taxable years

### CONN-OSHA workshop focuses on safer driving

Employees in the Connecticut Department of Labor's Division of Occupational Safety and Health are sponsoring a Safe Driving – Get There Safely EVERY Time workshop on from 10 a.m. to noon December 12. The free session will be held in the agency's Wethersfield office located at 200 Folly Brook Blvd.

"Statistics compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor show that work-related vehicle crashes are the leading cause of occupational fatalities," explains CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety Training Specialist Catherine Zinsser. "Small changes in behavior behind the wheel, however, can decrease the likelihood of getting in a motor vehicle accident, and increase chances of survival in the event of collision or other serious event."

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beginning after December 31, 2017, and before January 1,

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- Some employers can claim the credit retroactively to the beginning of their first taxable year beginning after December 31, 2017, if they meet the terms of a transition rule on or before December 31, 2018.

- To be eligible for the credit, an employer must have a written policy in place that includes:

- At least two weeks of paid family and medical leave annually to full-time employees, prorated for part-time employees.
- Pay for family and medical leave that's at least 50 percent of the wages normally paid to the employee.

- Generally, for tax year 2018, the employee's 2017 compensation from the employer must be \$72,000 or less.

The credit ranges from 12.5 percent to 25 percent of wages paid during an employee's leave.

For purposes of this credit, family and medical leave includes leave for one or more of the following reasons:

- Birth of an employee's child and to care for the child.
- Placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care.
- Care for the employee's spouse, child or parent who has a serious health condition.
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tion that makes the employee unable to do the functions of their position.

- Any qualifying need due to an employee's spouse, child or parent being on covered active duty in the Armed Forces. This includes notification of an impending call or order to covered active duty.

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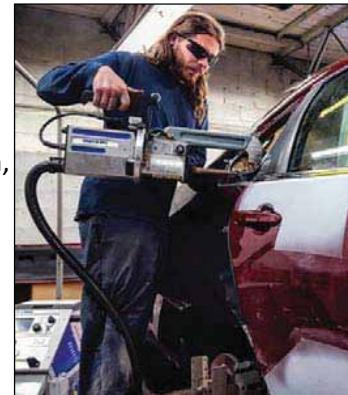
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## SENIOR NEWS LINE

### By Matilda Charles

The official start of winter is just weeks away, and if the two popular almanacs are accurate, much of the country is going to have a brutal winter with lots of snow, cold and ice.

Sometimes circulation isn't the best because blood vessels aren't as elastic as they once were. Seniors also lose a fat layer under the skin.

Head -- Heat also rises out of the top of the head. Even when you're indoors, a cap can help you stay warm. For outdoors, look for an insulated one that also covers your ears.

Neck -- Heat rises, and all that saved-up core heat can escape unless you use a scarf.

Hands -- Double up on the layers of your gloves. Here's a hint: Use a pair of thin gloves as the first layer and then add an insulated mitten over that.

Legs -- Consider flannel-lined pants or jeans.

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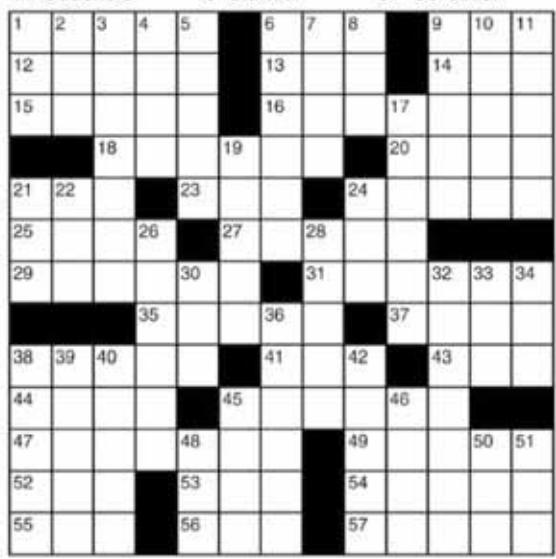
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|--------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------|----|------------------|----|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 1      | Woodsy home           | 45             | Antenna                | 11 | Big canyon       | 17 | Maneuvering          | 8 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 7 |  |
| 6      | Buddy                 | 47             | Green field?           | 19 | Sailor's "Halt!" | 21 | Cyber-address        |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 9      | Lawyers' org.         | 49             | Amorphous              | 22 | Air safety org.  | 24 | Mid-May hon-<br>oree |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 12     | Russian pan-<br>cakes | 52             | Reggae-like            | 26 | Soap opera,      | 28 | Harder to find       |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 13     | "—la-la!"             | 53             | Tiny                   | 28 | e.g.             | 30 | Deteriorate          |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 14     | CSA soldier           | 54             | Dutch city, with       | 32 | Fauna study      | 33 | Bobby of             |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 15     | Big name in           | 55             | NYC hrs.               | 34 | Trawler need     | 36 | Followed             |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 16     | Expression of         | 56             | "NYC hrs."             | 36 | orders           | 38 | Not just chub-<br>by |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 17     | regret                | 57             | "Acid"                 | 38 | Ice cubes,       | 39 | Ice cubes,           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 18     | Find                  | 57             | Secret rendez-<br>vous | 40 | slangily         | 40 | Swell                |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 20     | Flightless flock      | 1 "NCIS" ailer | 2 Jungfrau, for        | 42 | Snug             | 42 | Snug                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 21     | E.T.'s transport      | 2              | one                    | 45 | Census data      | 45 | Census data          |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 23     | Previous night        | 3              | High school            | 46 | Winged           | 46 | Winged               |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 24     | Wherewithal           | 4              | science course         | 48 | Fly-by-night?    | 48 | Fly-by-night?        |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 25     | Tatters               | 5              | —European              | 50 | Clear the tables | 50 | Clear the tables     |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 27     | Robin Hood's          | 51             | Started                | 51 | Collection       | 51 | Collection           |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |

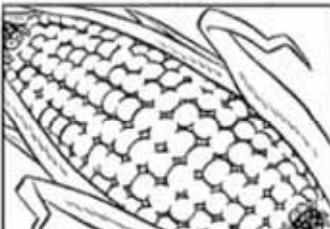


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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all  
directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

|         |             |          |         |
|---------|-------------|----------|---------|
| Barrel  | Consumption | Pie      | Roast   |
| Belly   | Knuckle     | Products | Sausage |
| Butcher | Lo mein     | Ribs     | Steak   |
| Chop    | Loins       | Rinds    |         |



A MAIZE MAZE! Can you help this little bug  
find his way across this mazey ear of corn so  
that he can join his buddy at the other end?

HIDDEN ANIMALS! See if you can find the four animals  
hidden in the following three sentences.  
1. At last a gift moved.  
2. He made errors on purpose.  
3. Well, I only got terrified out of my wits.

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 5 through 14 to fill in this  
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each vertical column, and even the four corner squares, must  
total 45. We've filled in six of the squares; the rest is up to you.  
Use trial and error – and a good eraser!

ANSWER PAGE 101: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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!



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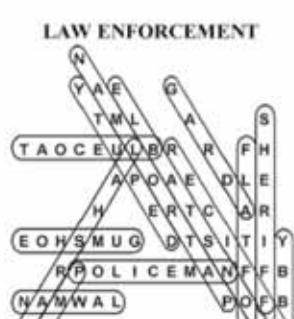
Hidden in the diagram above are the names  
of 17 flowers. They can be found by reading  
up or down, or side to side. You'll even find  
them diagonally going up or down. Letters  
can be used more than once. Listed below  
are the flowers you're looking for.

|           |          |           |
|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Azalea    | Fuchsia  | Plumbago  |
| Buttercup | Geranium | Poppy     |
| Carnation | Hibiscus | Rose      |
| Cosmos    | Hyacinth | Sunflower |
| Edelweiss | Iris     | Verbena   |
| Foxglove  | Lily     |           |

Answers  
to last week's  
puzzles

— King Crossword —  
Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.



— Weekly SUDOKU —  
Answer

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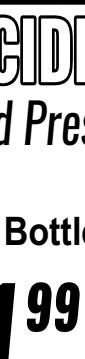
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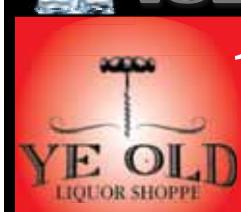
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