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## Voice Profile

An in-depth feature

City woman competes in Miss Connecticut USA pageant.

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Photo by Joseph Morrell

### Historic First

The members of the West Haven High School boys' cross-country team proudly display the trophy and sign that signify them as Southern Connecticut Conference Champions. The win for the team was the first in the school's long history in the sport. Those in the photo are: Allen Aldrich, Hunter Axelrod, James Weber, Alex Potter, Justin Rodriguez, Eric Owen, Khai Outhavong, Aaron Fernandez, and Neil Chen. For more sports action, turn to page 14

## COVID uptick closes WHHS, and Carrigan

A continued uptick in the number of staffers testing positive for the COVID-19 coronavirus has prompted school officials to close two schools, while monitoring locations systemwide. West Haven High School Principal Dana Parades sent a letter home to parents explaining three more staff tests were the cause.

Monday was the last day of in-person learning for high school students, with a projected re-opening on Nov. 20. Schools were closed Tuesday and Wednesday, the latter being Veterans Day.

"Between yesterday and today, I was informed of three additional members of our school community who have tested positive for COVID 19. While there is no known connection among these cases, at this point we have too many staff in quarantine to offer in-person classes," the letter wrote.

So-called "Distance Learning," with teachers providing instruction via the Internet will resume today in the high school. Meanwhile, the same problem is plaguing Carrigan Intermediate School, where Superintendent Neil C. Cavallaro has determined to keep that building closed through the rest of the week. Plans are to reopen Monday. Distance Learning will be provided today and tomorrow for those students.

According to Director of Public Relations Miguelina Felix, the two schools were seeing the highest increases in positive tests, requiring staffers to quarantine. Support staff, such as

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## 9th annual dinner changes with times

The COVID-19 pandemic has altered many plans for organizations around the city and nation. With the city's annual Thanksgiving Dinner, plans have been altered to deal with the new reality, while offering a traditional holiday meal to those who might not have one.

Bill Ewry, chairman of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner Committee, announced this week the nine edition of the long-running event under this committee will go on as scheduled – but with a few accommodations to the situation.

In a letter sent to supporters and benefactors, Ewry outlined how this

year's dinner was going to unfold.

"I am writing to announce the 9th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner will once again be hosted by The First Congregational Church of West Haven," he wrote. "This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will not be a sit-down dinner. The dinner will be served packaged curbside at our church entrance at 464 Campbell Ave.

As in year's past, the Thanksgiving meal will still have all the fixings of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner including: turkey, green beans, dressing, carrots, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls,

sweet potatoes and desserts.

The holiday is coming up fast, and the committee is looking for reservations by those who want to take part in the event.

Reservations can be made by contacting the committee through the First Congregational Church office, (203) 933-6291, its website: [www.fccwesthaven.org](http://www.fccwesthaven.org), email: [thanksgivingdinner@fccwesthaven.org](mailto:thanksgivingdinner@fccwesthaven.org).

Requests will be accepted through Friday, Nov. 20.

Members of the community that requests dinners will receive direc-

tions on how to pick up their meal on Thanksgiving.

Usually, the committee looks for donations of food and desserts from members of the community, churches or help from fraternal organizations. Because of COVID, changes in how meals will be prepared and where to get the food were made.

"For safety concerns, we will not be accepting food donations from the community this year," Ewry wrote. "Once again, The University of New Haven, through the school's food services provider, has volunteered to pro-

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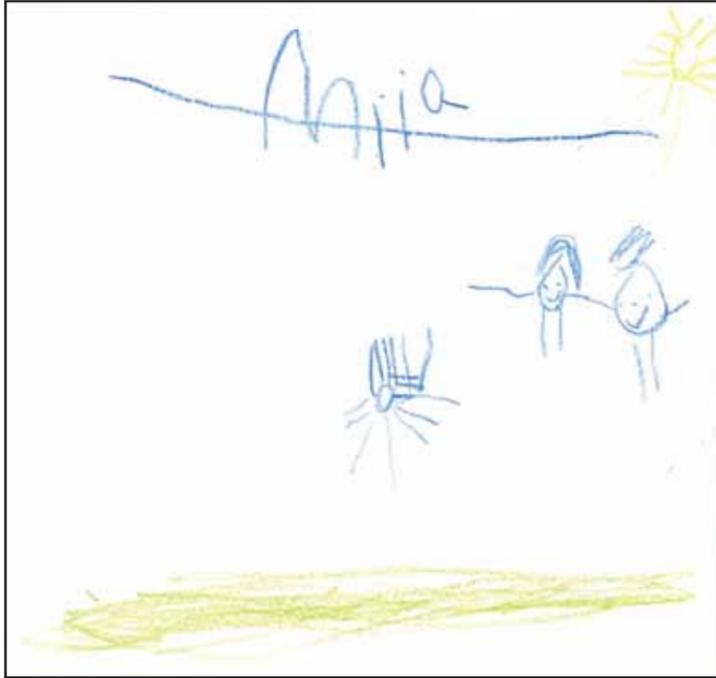
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Mila Lima, age 4, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., predicts more sunny skies to play outside with friends.

## On this Date

**1991 Dili massacre** -- Several pro-independence protesters were shot at the Santa Cruz cemetery in Dili, East Timor by Indonesian soldiers. about 250 people were killed in this event, which is also known as the Dili massacre or the Santa Cruz massacre.

**1990 Coup in Lesotho** -- Justin Metsing Lekhanya staged a coup against King Moshoe-shoe II of Lesotho and took over the government of Lesotho. Lekhanya was deposed a few months later in another military coup.

**1984 First salvage operation in space** -- Astronauts Dale A. Gardner and Joseph P. Allen aboard space shuttle Discovery performed a series of space walks to salvage parts from two satellites, the Palapa B-2 and the Westar 6 which had steered away from their orbits.

## Dinner

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vide some of the food for the dinner."

While that helps with some of the logistics, the committee is still hoping the community can contribute monetarily toward its support.

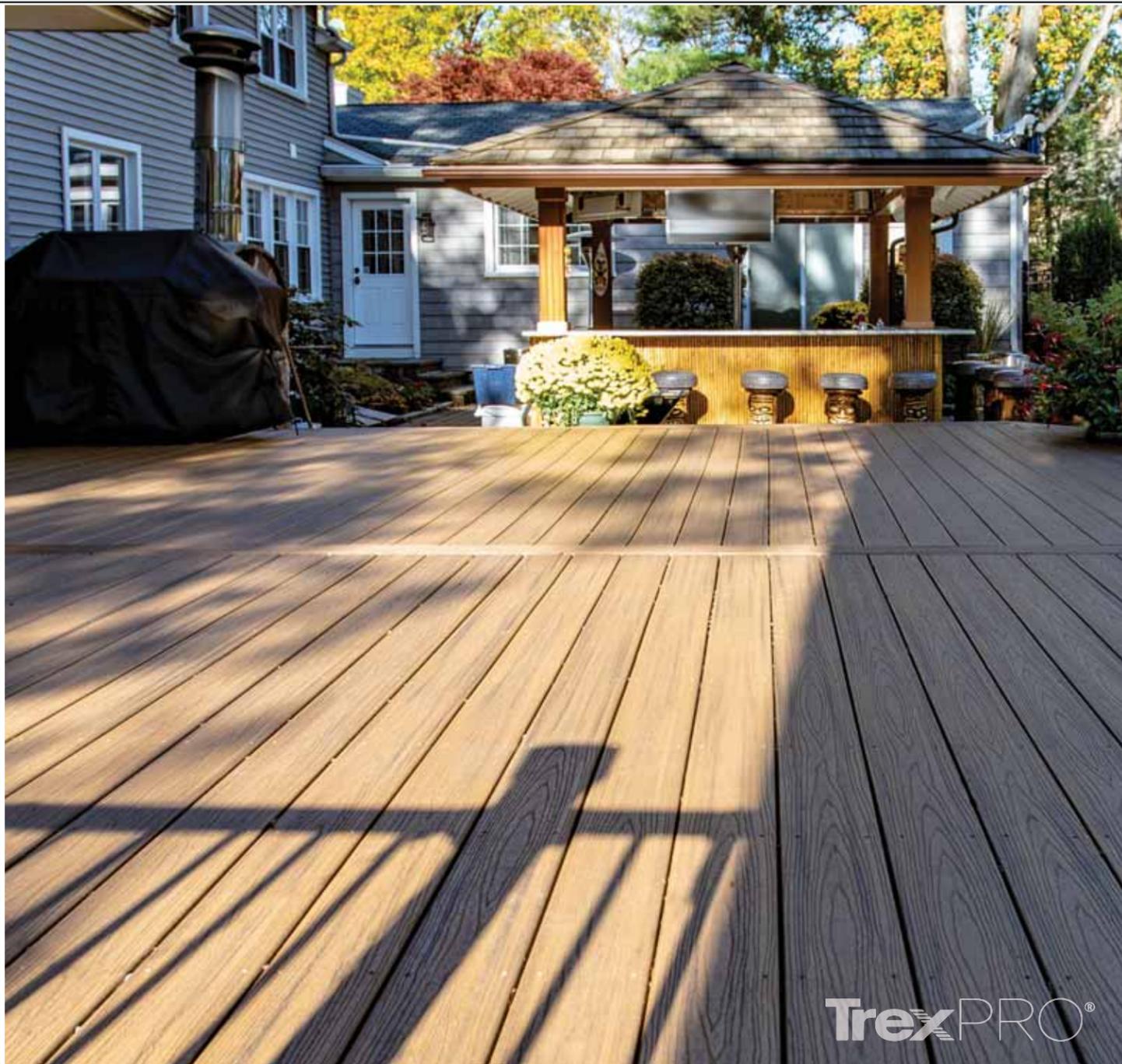
If anyone would like to support the dinner with a monetary donation, the donation should be sent to the church office at 1 Church St., West Haven, CT 06516 attention Bill Ewry with "Thanksgiving Dinner" in the memo.

While this is the ninth edition of this dinner as it is now constructed, the Community Thanksgiving Dinner was originally organized by a subcommittee of the West Haven Clergy Association in the 1980s.

A committee going by the acronym ACTION (Associated Congregations Together in Outreach Networking) was put under the direction of then-pastor of First Methodist (now First and Wesley) Church, the Rev. Art Yost. Just as today, several city congregations are involved in the effort to bring a traditional dinner to those who have none.

That committee continued for more than 20 years when it was found the various efforts, which by then included a weekly soup kitchen, were encroaching on each other. Yost separated the dinner from other efforts before he retired, some of which are still ongoing.

First Congregational Church, which hosted the first dinner in its Fellowship Hall more than 30 years ago, took over the dinner, and Ewry has been in charge ever since.



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### Repairs underway

Work crews began preliminary tasks to repair the roof at Harry M. Bailey Middle School. The repairs are part of a city-wide repair program to several school facilities, besides the reconstruction of West Haven high School. Bailey, opened in the 1950s as one of what was eventually three middle schools, currently is home to seventh and eighth grade students in the city system.

## Schools: *2 buildings closed*

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paraprofessionals, substitutes and others will be deployed to other schools.

Parades reported in her letter students are expected to log into their distance learning programs during the 10-day hiatus. Also, athletic teams will be allowed to compete in contests already scheduled, but captain's practices in winter sports will be suspended during the shutdown.

Felix indicated that elementary schools are not

having the same testing upticks the high school and Carrigan are experiencing, so they will continue with normal schedules.

She also said upon questioning there is no plan at the present time for a systemwide shutdown.

Cavallaro, meanwhile, is trying to deal with the situation as it unfolds. Part of the problem is exposure to those who have tested positive for the disease, he said.

"Quarantining staff based on being in close contact of

an infected person is becoming an issue. We simply can't cover our classes and offer the level of instruction as a result," he said. "Carrigan will be out for the remainder of the week, and the high school through the 20th. Obviously, this is a fluid situation that we will continue to monitor closely."

The closure of the two schools is the first for the city's system, but follows a series of sporadic closures all over the state. Several schools in the region closed for short periods since schools opened, Sept. 8.



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# Dear Felicia

Well, here we are honey bunch, careening toward Thanksgiving with jest about half the month over at this writing, and ready for the pre-holiday news doldrums to set in. As yew of all people know, the ebbs and flows of this bizness are easy to figger out.

The election is somewhat over, it'll be weeks before we really know what the true counts are. Hanky-panky on a grand scale seems to be the order of the day. But, besides that, it is interesting to see how the same people who were claiming foul four years ago are asking for acceptance this time 'round. It's quite a turn-around and quite amusing to watch.

Tennyrate, here in the Asylum by the Sea, the election went perty much the way people thought. Jack Ketch himself could run for office with a "D" next to his name and win. That is depressing. But, we're not gonna lament over it. People git the government they deserve, and until people

understand their bein' taken for a ride, they'll just continue to watch the scenery go by.

Meanwhile, during the election, we had a chance for people to actually change the government they live in, but, as with other attempts, this one fell to defeat – but not as hard as previous times. Charter revision was a question on the ballot, and it only lost by just under 500 votes out of 14,500-plus cast. That's quite something. Past charter revisions have either been won or lost by out-of-sight margins one way or t'other. This one seems to have people paying attention.

Now, the opposition to the changes came from the usual suspects, and was brewing jest below the surface until about three weeks before the vote. Then all of a sudden a group formed, and, as I said, the usual suspects seemed to have been involved.

One guy we're told by Sammy Bluejay that is really hot under the collar is not

the Republican chairman of the Charter Revision Com-mish, but the majority leader. Sammy sez that Charter Revision expert John Carrano is still RED HOT over the lack of support provided by our elected officials during the voting process, and places the blame squarely on the third floor for its failure.

"They brought us together, then spent 2-plus years yes-sing us to death, then left us hanging," has been heard by many Friends of John (sounds like a future political action committee).

According to Sammy, one thing is for certain JC would be a formidable Democratic nominee for Mayor or State Rep next time around and probably has about 7200 supporters in town to build a base from.

Chairman Ed Granfield, on the other hand, has made it perfectly clear his days of public service in West Haven are over, and while disappointed seems content that his last public effort was not in vain and is taking the high road out of town

Where has Cobina heard that one before?

So, does this ean there's gonna be a grand announcement sometime in the future? And, what factions will get on board? Questions, questions, questions.

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Nelly Nuthatch was visiting

after election, and she is a gloomy Gus as it is. She was lamenting the fack that the elections in town ain't as "fun" as they used to be. Her idea of "fun" seems a bit off, but I git the bit o' nostalgia.

She seems to forgit that the "fun" used to include acts of vandalism, sign stealing, near fisticuffs, and people arrested for various misdemeanors, including absentee ballot fraud. I ain't sure that I want to go back to those days.

But, it will be interesting to see what happens after the foist of the year. Even with COVID lurking in the background, the fack it is a municipal election year means we shall see how things are gonna stack up betwixt the three factions of the Demmies.

Herroner has had two terms, that is usually the time that the shelf life of an administration seems to near expiration. People git a bit testy within the party. Last time, of course, there were three contenders for the office, with the current denizens of the thoid floor winning out – and by a good margin. We shall see what happens in the next little while.

Usually around February or March the rumor mill begins to send out test balloons to see effen this candidate or that candidate has a shot at the Actors Colony. No reason to think this year will be any different. There are still people who don't like the current administration, so we shall see what transpires.

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We were speculating last

time as to whether or not the good people who operate the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Congregational Church were gonna attempt to do it this year. And we speculated that it might be some variation of "virtual."

Well, it seems Bill Ewry, the chairman must have been reading our missives, cuz he came through with his annual announcement of what the committee needs. The gist of the announcement is, yes, there will be a Thanksgiving Dinner; but, no, it won't be in-person. It seems that the people will have curbside pick-up.

I guess in this COVIDtide that we're in, that's the best that could be hoped for whot with the politicians making all kinds of restrictions. Still, having it is better than not having it, and people who might not git a dinner will be allowed one.

We have something in this week's papyrus about it, and we're sure we'll have more about it later.

Meanwhile, Iva Lootey sez that with this new reality that won't go away, one wonders how toy collections are gonna be affected for the city's kids. Needless to say, everybody wants the local kiddies to have a nice Christmas, so we fully expeck collections will be made. They were drive-up before, they can be drive-up this year.

Yew can bet as we git announcements of collections, we'll have them in the papyrus and in our other means of communications.

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Cobina went out in her gas-samobuggy to run some errands and decided to venture around the Haven project. She can report that a few buildings have been removed with the debris gone as well, but it ain't exactly gonna set any speed records.

The neighbors over there really wanna see some effort. Their property values are in the tank, and will remain there until something happens to the rotting buildings that are across the street. One hopes the powers that be in the Actors Colony will put the squeeze on the developers to git some shake in the effort.

While that was going on, it's interesting to note that when yew do ask some members of the administration questions, the first response is a bit on the caustic side. That is the way things are whenever we ask a certain barrister some query or other. It seems like while he will answer, he has to git his digs in. That may jest be his personality. Let's hope things change, but we doubt it.

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

*Cobina*

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## Halloween 'spooktacular'

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, third from left, joins costumed city officials and volunteers at the Department of Parks and Recreation's Halloween Drive-thru in Painter Park on Oct. 27. A total of 500 trick-or-treaters from West Haven participated in the free event and received candy bags.



## Virtual town hall slated

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and her staff invite fellow Westies to participate in a virtual town hall meeting on Zoom from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

The community event is aimed at fostering communication and transparency between City Hall and West Haven residents.

Residents can join the virtual town hall at the following Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9103126390>. The meeting ID is 9103126390.

The meeting is sponsored by the mayor's office and the University of New Haven Mayor's Advisory Commission, a collaborative, student-driven task force founded in 2015 to strengthen town-gown relations.

The MAC is led by Chair Keyri Ambrocio, a senior studying political science and international affairs, and adviser Chris Haynes, an assistant professor of political science and national security.

All members of the commu-

nity are encouraged to participate in the town hall and ask questions. The moderators are UNH student Nicholas Thompson and Haynes.

Participants can send questions before the meeting by email to [nthom4@unh.newhaven.edu](mailto:nthom4@unh.newhaven.edu). They can also ask questions on Zoom by using the "Raise Hand" function.

Those watching the town hall on Facebook Live can also submit questions. Participants are allowed one question with a one-minute time limit.



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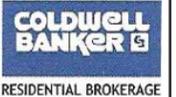
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## Veteran's Day is a sad reminder of lust for power

Yesterday, we celebrated Veterans Day, a commemoration of all those who served – and those who died – wearing the uniform of the nation. Originating as Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918, it was dedicated to the end of what was then known as “The Great War.” On the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour, four years of bloodshed ceased in a conflagration that saw many millions die. In many European nations, Nov. 11 is known as “Remembrance Day,” and is marked by the tolling of bells at 11 o'clock.

Rudyard Kipling's “Recessional,” known popularly as “Lest We Forget,” has been associated with this day and the devastation that occurred not only from 1914-1918, but in World War II and various other battles. It stands as a stark prayer for forgiveness and mercy even in those wars considered “just.”

It is a West Haven Voice tradition to present this hymn during the week of Veterans Day as a prayer for peace and for continued hope that wherever our armed forces are sent, they be on the side of what is moral and right.

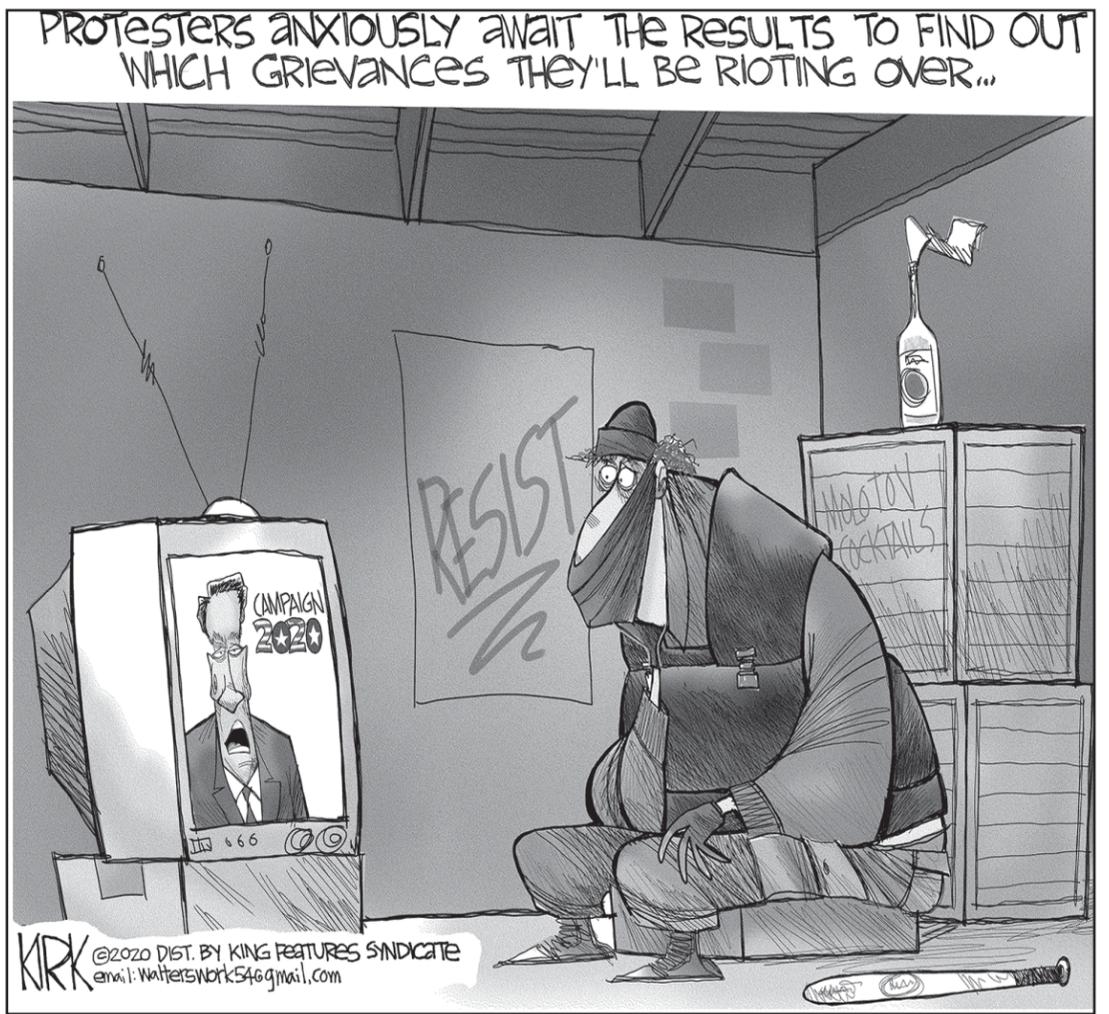
God of our fathers, known of old—  
Lord of our far-flung battle line—  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies—  
The Captains and the Kings depart—  
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far-called our navies melt away—  
On dune and headland sinks the fire—  
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday  
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!  
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose  
Wild tongues that have not Thee in  
awe—  
Such boastings as the Gentiles use,  
Or lesser breeds without the Law—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust  
In reeking tube and iron shard—  
All valiant dust that builds on dust,  
And guarding calls not Thee to guard.  
For frantic boast and foolish word,  
Thy Mercy on Thy People, Lord! Amen.



## Trumpstaying power displayed

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

Pending the outcome in a few key states, Donald Trump may be leaving the White House, but he's not exiting the room.

The fiercest Never Trump critics hoped for -- and wishfully predicted -- a cleansing landslide that would wipe out every trace of Trump and his enablers from the GOP.

That's not happening. Trump's poll- and pundit-defying surge toward the cusp of a second term vindicates Trump's approach enough to give him and his potential successors continued traction, if not a dominant voice, in the party.

Trump's possible loss is nothing like the shellacking the GOP experienced in 2008, when Barack Obama won in a landslide together with a 60-seat Senate majority.

Trump's party has a chance to retain its Senate majority and will pick up House seats, while the margin of his own defeat may be a whisker in the Blue Wall states, just as his margin of victory in 2016 was a whisker.

He did his own side the inadvertent favor of perhaps buffering it from the worst consequences of his own possible loss -- first, by filling the Ruth Bader Ginsburg seat on

the Supreme Court that otherwise would have fallen to Joe Biden, and by performing well enough to aid the cause of Republican Senate candidates, who will check a Biden presidency from the outset if they do indeed manage to hold the majority.

Trump's voters were still there for him -- in fact, more so than ever. His tack of doubling down on his base wasn't quite as insane as we were always told by commentators. His strong close proved his power as a campaigner, with his signature madcap rallies serving as effective organizing and messaging vehicles.

This is not to deny that Trump's own failings helped sink him. There are a thousand pitfalls he could have avoided if he weren't so self-involved and undisciplined. No single one of them made the difference, but cumulatively they blighted his presidency and made him radioactive in the suburbs.

No one should want to repeat them, and the party should never again get behind such a flawed personal figure.

Nevertheless, Trump points to a viable GOP future. He posted startling gains among Latino voters. This shows it's possible to imagine a working-class-oriented Republican Party that isn't a demographic

dead end, but genuinely crosses racial lines, even if this potential is still inchoate.

Given how Trump's base showed up massively in the past two presidential elections, it's also unlikely that these voters are going to be jettisoned anytime soon by some other Republican presidential candidate. Indeed, the education- and class-based re-sorting of the GOP -- affluent suburbs peeling off and working-class voters coming on board -- predated Trump.

The concerns of these voters have to figure prominently in the agenda of the GOP going forward. That doesn't require embracing any particular Trump policy, but it does mean the party will inevitably have a populist coloration.

Trump will remain an outsize presence. His supporters will still consider him a legendary warrior, a totem of resistance to the media and the cultural elite. His endorsements will continue to be valuable, and ambitious 2024 candidates will seek to inherit his mantle.

Trump might not win the biggest, most important prize of a second term in 2020, but there's no doubt he has staved off political irrelevance.

Rich Lowry is editor  
of the National Review.  
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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I noticed in a recent issue of the Voice that readers were concerned about the speeding on Beach Street. Speeding and erratic driving is a concern everywhere in the city and state. Signs will NOT help solve the problem; speeding tickets will. We need more police stopping these drivers. The word will quickly spread that our speed limits are strictly enforced. Make the fines significant- no warnings!

The signs that were made for the boat ramp off First Avenue with hours that it closes (10L30) are completely ignored. I have had to call to stop the loud music and parties that happen there. There are cars parked there well into the morning. I suspect the drug dealers are having a good time.

The only answer to the boat ramp problem is ENFORCING THE LAW with substantial fines. It should be patrolled hourly! All the other beach parking areas are chained off after hours! Why not to the entrance to the boat ramp?

So, signs are not the answer! Signs and tickets are! Lastly, gang tags in the city should be removed immediately. An-



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sonia did this and there was significant improvement in graffiti there. I only wish I had the power to do all this myself!

*Your Fan JS*

**Dear Your Fan JS:**

I have forwarded your letter to Councilman William X. Conlon and Councilwoman Bridgett J. Hoskie. Councilwoman Hoskie has replied to a speeding complaint on Beach Street with "The Traffic Sergeant has responded with a plan to address Beach Street speeding."

I will be looking forward to receiving a response on the boat ramp complaint from both Council Representatives and hopefully from the

mayor's office as well. These conditions should not exist in West Haven.

By the next time Gripe Vine appears in the Voice, I will be looking for a positive, significant response from the parties contacted by Gripe Vine. In any case readers, if you an improvement at the boat ramp area, please let me know [gripevine4wh@aol.com](mailto:gripevine4wh@aol.com)

Dear Eleanore Turkington: I have complained in the past about trucks on Voss Road.

Recently an 18-wheeler was making its way toward Saw Mill Road. I happened to be outside taking pictures and captured a photo depicting this problem. Sometimes the rumbling will shake the house. Its just aggravating that they cut through our little neighborhood to save a small amount of time going around to Sawmill Road at the RR station.

*CF Voss Road Resident*

**Dear CF Voss Road Resident:**

I have written to Councilwoman Crystal Fanelli to see if she could give your neighborhood some assistance. She responded, "I will see what can be done about this." This was on October 13. As soon as I

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hear from her you will read it in Gripe Vine. Until then, let me know if signage or police observance has taken place here.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Thank you for getting back to me. I appreciate all the help we Second Avenue residents can get in a two-block span. In less than 4 months there has been three terrible accidents and nearly two mirrors knocked off the resident's cars who have no driveway or numerous cars as families have to park out on the sidewalks to keep our cars safe. At times

it intrudes on walkers and bikers. It would be great to have a couple stop signs put up. I spoke with an officer who said it needed it must be a safety issue in order to consider placing stop signs. I really think we fall into that need. How many accidents or damage to cars does it take or cost us to get them. They dump this traffic on us with no consideration on how it will affect our neighborhood

Eighteen-wheeler trucks that come down our street that is not allowed. The trash is

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## Financial Focus

### Opt for a solid investment strategy

Election Day is little more than a week gone. As a citizen, you may feel the results will affect many aspects of life in this country.

But as an investor, your situation probably won't change after the votes are counted.

No matter who wins, the financial markets may well show some politically driven volatility, but that often happens around elections, and it typically doesn't last long. But what about the longer term? How might changes in policy and new legislation affect your investment outlook?

To begin, keep in mind that many campaign promises remain just that – promises.

And even when some of them are enacted, any ultimate legislation may be quite different from what was proposed on the campaign trail.

Still, sometime in the future, we could see election-related changes that could affect your investment strategy.

For example, over the years, we've seen many adjustments in the tax rates of capital gains and stock dividends, and it's likely these rates will change again one day. When that happens, you may need to look at the equities portion of your portfolio to see if you want to make some adjustments.

Many other changes, though, are hard to predict. It's pos-

sible that future legislation could affect specific industries, either positively or negatively. Such moves could also influence the way you look at certain investments, but if you have a diversified portfolio that contains a broad mix of stocks, bonds and other securities, any actions affecting one particular industry probably won't cause you to significantly adjust holdings invested in other sectors.

In any case, while it may be a good idea to keep an eye open for things like tax rate changes or how new policies may affect different market segments, your main emphasis, in terms of your investment decisions, should remain on your goals and what you need to do to achieve them.

At least once each year, review your portfolio carefully to make sure your investments are aligned with your goals, whether they are short-term (a new car, a long vacation and so on) or long-term (such as college for your children or a comfortable retirement). Periodically, depending on what's happening in your life and the progress of your investment portfolio, you may need to evaluate your goals to ensure they're prioritized appropriately to help keep you on track toward achieving what's most important to you.

Over time, your goals may change, too. Perhaps you've decided that instead of retiring early and traveling around the world, you now want to turn your hobby into a business.

Changing this goal may require a different investment strategy. Or you might change

your mind about where you want to live – instead of staying in your home, as originally planned, you might downsize and move to a different area. Your goals may change in many ways, all of which may warrant updating your investment strategies.

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**Historian's corner** **By Dan Shine**



Winchester's Repeating Arms, New Haven, in 1918.

*Winchester Repeating Arms  
Part I*

Special thanks to Dorothy White Gemmell for her generous help with this story.

**June, 1917**

Dan Shine (who many years later would become The Boy's grandfather) left the family homestead on Peck Avenue one morning to catch the Campbell Avenue trolley into New Haven; there he would quit his job and join America's effort in World War I, serving in the Aviation Section, Army Signal Corps. At age fifteen, he had quit school and gone to work as a blacksmith with the New Haven Railroad. At age nineteen, he had left the railroad to take a better job at Winchester Repeating Arms, for they were expanding their workforce in order to satisfy some large defense contracts for rifles and ammunition. Now at age twenty-one he was off to war.

But what became of his employer, Winchester? Well, it's like this. Throughout the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, Winchester was a household name, and every-

one had a family member or knew somebody that worked there. The business had begun in 1855 through the efforts of the legendary team of Smith and Wesson, along with Benjamin Tyler Henry, who had created the "Volcanic" lever-action repeating rifle. The original location was on Union Street, New Haven in the Wooster Square neighborhood. The corporation's largest stockholder was Oliver Winchester, who had already begun making his fortune in the garment industry.

Born in 1810, Oliver Winchester grew up penniless, and with no formal education. What he did have was a strong drive and a tremendous business sense. He had his first idea patented while still a young man. By 1857, Winchester had acquired the majority share of the Volcanic Repeating Arms Company which was declaring bankruptcy. Winchester purchased the rest of the company's assets from the remaining stockholders and reorganized it as New Haven Arms Company in 1857.

Over 12,000 of the Volcanic rifles were produced in the ensuing years, and many of them saw action in the War Between the States. By the end of that war, New Haven Arms had moved to Bridgeport, and Benjamin Henry, in a compensation dispute with Oliver Winchester sued for ownership of the company. In a successful defensive maneuver, Winchester reorganized the company as Winchester Repeating Arms and completely redesigned the Volcanic Repeating Rifle, now calling it the Model 1866. This

was followed by the Model 1873. These very popular long guns became known as "The Guns That Won the West." Even as all of this was happening, Winchester was elected Lieutenant-Governor of Connecticut—the only state which had two capitols—one in New Haven, the other in Hartford.

Oliver Winchester's products, which revolutionized the firearms market, enjoyed growing popularity and success in the ensuing years. By now, Winchester's production had returned to New Haven. Tragically, following a long illness Oliver Winchester died in 1880, just at the time his company was achieving real success. His son and carefully groomed successor William Winchester, would die of tuberculosis just four months later. For the company it was a double tragedy.



Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice, and former historian of the First Congregational Church.



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# Veterans Day rites online

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

Due to COVID-19 restrictions limiting large public gatherings, the city and the West Haven Veterans Council observed Veterans Day on Wednesday with a virtual ceremony now airing on Facebook and YouTube.

The Veterans Walk of Honor dedication, which was rescheduled to coincide with the annual Veterans Day tribute, was postponed to 5 p.m. May 29, 2021. The dedication of the Walk of Honor's 13th phase will memorialize veterans on the brick walkway in Bradley Point Park.

The Veterans Day ceremony featured remarks by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., and Veterans Council President Dave Ricci, who were accompanied by Police Chief Joseph S. Perno and Deputy Chief Carl V. Flemmig Jr. Louis P. Esposito Jr., Rossi's executive assistant, served as the master of ceremonies.

The event included the Pledge of Allegiance led by Veterans Council member Al Terr, the national anthem sung by West Haven High School senior Nora E. Mullins, and opening and closing prayers given by Victor M. Borrás of Gateway Christian Fellowship.

The tribute also included a bell-ringing by members of the West Haven Fire Department Honor Guard and taps played by former West Shore Fire Department Lt. Kevin McKeon.

Veterans Day, formerly Armistice Day, is celebrated on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, marking the anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I in 1918.

The Veterans Council has extended the application deadline to March 15, 2021, for the 13th phase of its popular Brick Campaign.

Download a brick application at <http://cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/2129/Veterans-Brick-Campaign-Application-2020-PDF>.

In November 2006, the council began the first of 13 campaigns selling bricks to commemorate veterans on the 100-yard Walk of Honor between the William A. Soderman and Vietnam Veterans memorials. The bricks, which cost \$75, have charcoal lettering for personalized messages.

More than 2,700 bricks have been installed so far, including 51 for the 12th phase, which was dedicated May 25, 2019.

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# Truffle company to expand here

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

World-renowned truffle company Sabatino Tartufi is expanding its Front Avenue headquarters in West Haven's thriving Allingtown business district, owner and CEO Federico Balestra and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced Oct. 30.

Balestra, whose family-owned business has been cultivating and distributing high-quality truffles for over a century, heralded the expansion with Rossi and her executive assistant, Louis P. Esposito Jr., inside the company's global headquarters at 135 Front Ave.

Rossi said that thanks to Esposito, the world's largest manufacturer, importer and distributor of fresh and preserved truffles is able to stay in West Haven and expand into space next to its existing plant.

According to Rossi, Esposito helped an adjacent business owner relocate to a more suitable site, allowing Balestra to buy the property to accommodate the company's growth.

"I am thrilled that Sabatino Tartufi can stay and expand operations in West Haven," Rossi said. "Lou Esposito has done a very good job working with both business owners to create a scenario where they can both be happy and successful."

Also attending the morning announcement and plant tour were state Rep. Michael A. DiMassa, D-West Haven, and City Council members Mitch-



City Photo by Marcin J. Stankevitch

Sabatino Tartufi owner and CEO Federico Balestra joined with city and state officials Oct. 30 to announce that the world's largest truffle company is expanding its global headquarters at 135 First Ave. Balestra led officials on a tour of the truffle plant.

ell L. Galignano, D-4, Gary Donovan, D-at large, and Colleen O'Connor, R-at large.

Truffles, which grow beneath trees, are edible, potato-shaped fungi regarded as a delicacy, of which more than 200 species exist. Balestra's "diamonds of the earth" are grown in Italy, Spain, France and Australia.

According to Balestra, the three-phase, 100,000-square-foot expansion will include

new office space, loading and receiving docks, parking and an automated storage system to maximize space. The multi-million-dollar project is aimed at creating an expanded area for shipping and storage to free up the existing location for increased production, he said.

Balestra said the expansion, slated for construction on the adjacent parcel next year, is

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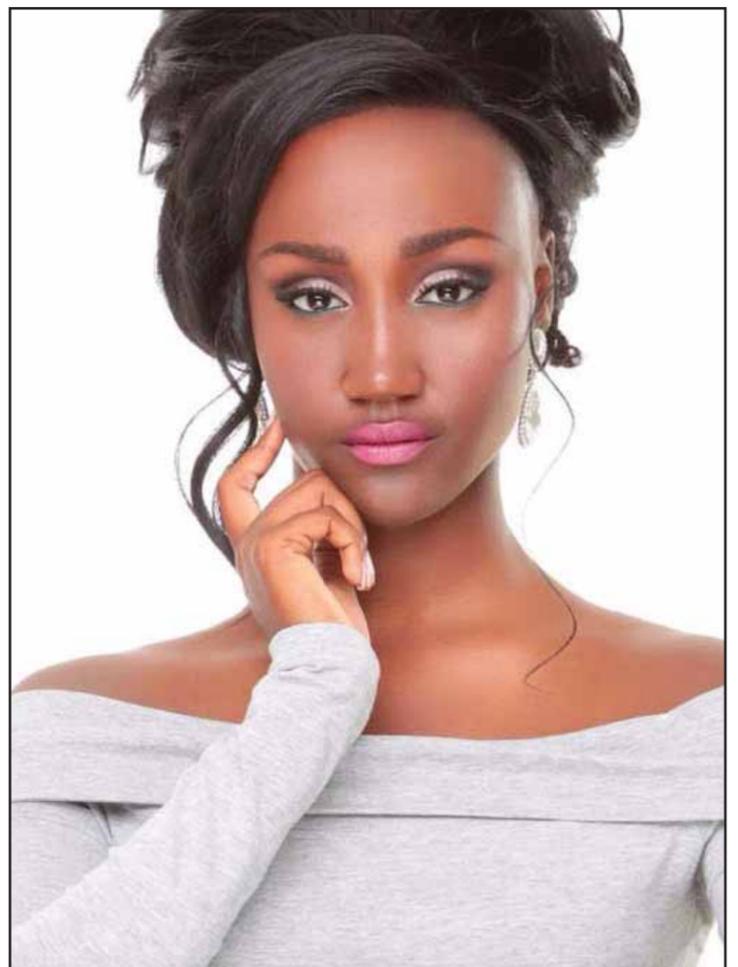


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## Competing in pageant

Amani Jaramoga, an employee for the City of New Haven, will be competing for Miss Connecticut USA in February 2021 in Farmington. Jaramoga is a pageant winner in the Miss USA and Miss Universe organization, and she is the current Miss West Haven USA titleholder. Amani Jaramoga is a Communications Major with a Minor in Sustainability. She hopes to work for the United Nations as part of the Global Communications Department for Africa in the future. She is passionate about philanthropy and will work on sustainable community development in the national parks of East Africa through her university during the summer of 2021. Her local non-profit organization of choice is United Way of Greater New Haven. In addition to competing in pageants and going to school, Jaramoga has many other hobbies. Some of these include poetry, activism, and art. She was a former Disney Princess and was also the first black woman to hold the title of Miss West Haven USA.



Photos by Miguelina Felix

### Club expands to Bailey

When Grace Kelly Nowak of West Haven High School and her other friends started the “Fill-A-Bag, Fuel-A-Mind” club, they hoped to make a positive impact in their school community. The group recently extended the club to the rest of the system, with the Bailey Middle School operation opening this week. Bailey Middle School will be working to receive donations and reach a broader student and family population. Each child will be required to fill out a social worker form and the family is required to contact the school’s social worker. This way, the family can communicate their interest and a designated time is given to fill a bag.

Photos courtesy Miguelina Felix

### Mackrille Book Fair

Principal Judith Drenzek at Mackrille School adjusted her plans and made a Book Fair happen last month. With safety as the main priority, Mackrille School has been able to provide this enriching experience. The fair has also allowed students to purchase low priced books for those who may have limited funds. To ensure safety, only four students are allowed to browse at a time. Students were required to wear gloves with sanitizing procedures conducted in between. For distance learners at home, an online bookstore took place to offer them the same opportunity. Jo Mondo

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## Yale West, councilman looking to "Rock WHEAT"

Yale West Campus and West Haven Councilman Barry Lee Cohen are holding a "West Haven ROCKS WHEAT," food drive on Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Off-Shore Restaurant & Lounge parking lot from 10-1.

Located at 852 Jones Hill Road, West Haven, the restaurant's parking lot provides a safe, socially distanced opportunity for the local community to donate non-perishable food items to the West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce (WHEAT). Wearing facemasks and gloves, Yale West Campus team members and other volunteers will be at the ready, requesting that drivers pop open their trunks for quick retrieval of food donations.

Checks made payable to WHEAT will also be accepted.

"We know that many in our local towns are facing difficult times this year and we want to play a part in alleviating the impacts of COVID-19 to make sure basic needs are met. I'm grateful to our partners in West Haven for coming together to help out," said Meghan Dahlmeyer, Lead Administrator at Yale's West Campus.

As stated on the WHEAT website, food items highly coveted this month include peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, canned green beans, cold cereal, tomato sauce, and soups (all types). All nonperishable food items are greatly appreciated.

Cohen stated, "When I approached Meghan and her staff, I couldn't have received a faster, more enthusiastic response to help with this drive and most importantly support Westies in need."



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# UI gives city grant to plant new trees

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

The city received a \$10,000 grant from United Illuminating to plant new trees and fittingly marked the special occasion at a downtown Arbor Day celebration Oct. 27.

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, Tree Warden Leo Kelly, Tree Commission member Rosemary Beloin, and Democratic West

Haven state Reps. Dorinda Borer and Michael A. DiMassa accepted the grant award from Albert Carbone Jr., UI's manager of government and community relations, while dedicating the planting of a lacebark elm at Campbell Avenue and Center Street, opposite Jerri's Luncheonette.

Also attending the brief ceremony were City Council

Chairman Ronald M. Quagliani, D-at large; Councilman Barry Lee Cohen, R-10; and Louis P. Esposito Jr., Rossi's executive assistant. According to Rossi, Borer was instrumental in securing the UI grant, which will support West Haven's Tree Management Plan.

Rossi is working with Kelly and the Tree Commission to improve the city's tree inven-

tory process and implement a sustainable and safe treescape in the heart of downtown.

During the morning dedication, Rossi read a mayoral proclamation declaring Arbor Day in West Haven. The event was postponed from April 24 due to the coronavirus pan-

demie.

Reading the proclamation, Rossi said the lacebark elm, native to eastern Asia, "is a tough landscape tree, hardy enough for use in harsh planting situations, such as parking lots, small planters along streets, and plazas or patios."



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

City, state and UI officials celebrate West Haven's \$10,000 tree grant award from United Illuminating by dedicating the planting of a lacebark elm at Campbell Avenue and Center Street in observance of the city's Arbor Day celebration Oct. 27. From left, City Council Chairman Ronald M. Quagliani (D-at large); Rep. Dorinda Borer(D-115); Albert Carbone, Jr., UI's manager of government and community relations; mayoral Executive Assistant Louis P. Esposito, Jr.; Tree Warden Leo Kelly; state Rep. Michael A. DiMassa (D-116); Mayor Nancy R. Rossi; Councilman Barry Lee Cohen (R-10); and city Tree Commission member Rosemary Beloin.



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## West Haven Historical Society

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This time of year, the Historical Society usually plans two events: the Graveyard Lantern Tour and the Holiday Fair. However, this year the events cannot be held because of the pandemic and the restrictions imposed. The officers decided not to hold either event due to the uncertainty of holding large gatherings in the midst of Covid-19. We hope to hold both events next year!

In their place we have opted for a project to create and sell masks with our name and logo on the front. We will make them available to you at a cost of \$10.00 each. They will make a useful gift for you and for those on your Holiday gift lists.

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You can also stop by the Poli House on Saturday November 14 to pick up and pay (cash or check) for the masks.

Members will be there from 9:30 AM-1:00 PM to assist you.



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## Lady Westies can't untrack; booters win

The West Haven volleyball team has closed the regular season. The Westies snapped their five-match losing streak with a 3-0 victory over Whitney Tech last Monday evening in Hamden. The Westies won by scores of 25-16, 25-18, and 25-7.

Neve Krajcir led West Haven with eight aces, eight kills, and five digs. Savannah Lopez ran the offense with 19 assists, and added five aces, Tanasia Fidalgo had seven kills and three aces, Asia Ford added four aces and four kills, while Mckayla Fowler had three aces, three kills, and three digs.

Looking to build after snapping a five-match losing streak, the West Haven volleyball team ran into a tough Guilford squad Thursday evening. While the final score showed Guilford winning 3-0, there were plenty of positives to be seen all around.

Lopez led the way for West Haven with seven assists, five digs, and two kills. Lexi Prion and Anh Nguyen each had five digs, Krajcir added four digs and four kills, Ford had four aces and three kills, Anaelecea Turcio had four digs, and Fowler chipped in four kills and two digs.

West Haven dropped its second straight match and fell to 2-9 with a 3-0 loss at Hand of Madison Monday evening. The Westies fell by scores of 26-24, 25-15, and 25-15.

Lopez ran the offense with 13 assists and also had six digs on defense. Krajcir was solid all around as she finished with eight digs, six aces, and five kills. Ford added four kills and three digs, Fowler and Nguyen each had four digs, Dulcemaria Castillo had three digs, and Fidalgo chipped in three kills in the loss.

West Haven closed the regular season with a 3-0 loss to Luralton Hall at West Haven High Thursday evening. With the 25-13, 25-15, 25-17 defeat, West Haven ends the regular season with a 2-10 record, including three straight losses to close the campaign.

Ford led the way for West

Haven as she had seven digs defensively. Sophomore Jenna Johnson had five assists and two kills offensively, and four digs on the defensive side, while Castillo added four digs.

The Westies played without four starters who were in quarantine due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Looking for some positives after a pair of thorough defeats, the West Haven girls soccer team went back to basics. Using a combination of timely scoring, tough defense, and stellar goalkeeping, West Haven snapped its two-game skid with a 2-0 victory at Luralton Hall last Monday afternoon.

West Haven scored the only goal it would need in the first half when Madison Lentine played a ball to Julia Tsakonas. The West Haven sharp-shooter wasted no time finding the back of the net for a 1-0 lead at the 21:50 mark.

West Haven increased the margin to 2-0 in the second half, and Tsakonas was at the center of the scoring again. Maya Bermudez picked up a rebound and deposited the second tally of the game with an assist going to Tsakonas at the 54:06 mark.

Mackenzie Gardner and Cassidy Carrano combined on the shutout with Gardner making two saves, and Carrano finishing with three.

There have been clear distinctions between the wins and losses for the West Haven girls soccer team this season.

In its six wins, West Haven had outscored its opponents 18-0, while being outscored 9-2 in its two losses. The trend continued against Jonathan Law.

Behind a stellar defensive effort, the goalkeeping of Gardner and Carrano, and a first half goal by Selena Izzo, West Haven defeated Law 1-0 in a Southern Connecticut Conference Division C contest on Senior Night at Jonathan Law Wednesday evening.

The West Haven defense was too tough for Law to get through as Law was held to just one shot in the opening



Photo by Todd Dandelske

**Sebastian Navarro #24 heads the ball against Shelton in Monday night's action at Ken Strong Stadium. The Blue Devils took out the Gaels, 3-1.**

half and eight in the game.

The Westies controlled the first half to a tune of a 9-1 shot advantage, in which Law did not register its only shot until less than 15 minutes remained in the opening half.

West Haven's Cori Severino was dynamic in the opening half, creating several scoring opportunities, but it was senior Selena Izzo who finally put West Haven on the scoreboard when she scored just over the outstretched arms of Law goalkeeper Sabrina Lawless from 30 yards out with 20:45 remaining in the opening half.

After Izzo was denied by Lawless on a rebound attempt 55 seconds into the game, Severino was the offensive threat for the Westies.

The junior was dynamic on the left side as Severino sent a perfect cross to Lentine in front, which Lawless denied with a diving save 6:20 in. Severino then ripped a shot from 10 yards out which Lawless denied, then followed by hit-

ting the post with the rebound 3:25 in.

Severino then had two more golden opportunities when she was denied by Lawless from 10 yards out, and shot wide of the goal from 15 yards out with 12:35 remaining in the opening half.

Defensively, the Westies contained Law through the first 40 minutes behind the play of Riley Severino, Tomalyn Williams, Emma Walker, and Amanda Tsakonas, limiting Law to just the one shot from long range.

Law (1-8-1) finally got going in the second half with seven shots, two of which were high quality that Carrano turned aside. The first came off the foot of Shelby Green from 10 yards out, and the second was a header from Elly Van Waveren from 15 yards out with 20 minutes to go.

Gardner finished with one save and Carrano had five saves in the win for West Haven. Lawless had seven saves in the loss for Law.

West Haven closed the regular season with a 1-0 loss against Foran Saturday afternoon at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven. With the loss, West Haven fell to 7-3 on the year.

West Haven will have a chance to avenge the defeat as the Westies play host to Foran in the league semifinals Tuesday night.

In what was a defensive battle, Foran scored the lone goal of the contest with 1:28 remaining when Skyler Agresti found the back of the net.

Carrano made four saves in the loss for West Haven.

The West Haven boys soccer team improved to 4-1-2 with a 2-0 victory over cross-town rival Notre Dame Tuesday evening. The two teams played to a draw in the season opener. With the victory, the Westies improved to 3-0-1 in their last four games.

Seniors Derick Meza and Aldo Barragan scored in the first half, with junior Alan

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# Westies: *Harriers cop first-ever SCC crown*

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Hernandez assisting on both tallies.

In a hard-fought contest, the game remained scoreless through a majority of the opening half. Meza then changed the momentum when he scored off an assist from Hernandez at the 32:08 mark.

The Westies then added another big blow before halftime when Barragan scored off an assist from Hernandez at the 37:13 mark.

Neither team scored in the second half as the Westies secured their fourth win of the season. Junior Brian Carew made eight saves in the shutout win for West Haven as the Westies held a 22-10 shot advantage in the game.

Zack Benson and Matt Tobin each made four saves for the Green Knights.

West Haven improved to 5-1-2 with its third straight victory last Friday afternoon, a 6-0 decision over Platt Tech.

The Westies dominated the contest from start to finish, holding a 24-4 shot advantage and leading 3-0 at the half. Barragan led the offense with two goals, while Meza, and juniors Brian Rivadera and Donald Yanez each had a goal and an assist.

Meza got West Haven on the board quickly, scoring off an assist from senior Sebastian Novoa 16 minutes, 38 seconds into the contest. Rivadera increased the lead to 2-0 at the 23:21 mark with an unassisted tally, before Yanez closed the first half scoring off an assist from Rivadera at the 34:48 mark.

The Westies put the game away with three more goals in the second half. Barragan scored the first two as his initial goal at the 48:32 mark was assisted by Yanez, and his second tally 4:05 later was unassisted.

Junior Murtaza Amjad scored the final goal of the contest off an assist from Meza

with 4:24 to go.

West Haven received a solid defensive performance all around and junior Holden Axelrod picked up the shutout with three saves in goal.

West Haven improved to 6-1-2 with its fourth straight victory, a 7-0 decision at North Haven Tuesday evening. The shutout was West Haven's third in a row as the Westies have outscored their opponents 15-0 in that time frame.

West Haven dominated the game from start to finish with a 31-5 shot advantage. John McLaughlin needed to make just three saves in posting the shutout.

Barragan led West Haven on the offensive side with three goals and an assist. Five different players scored for the Westies in the victory.

The Westies led 3-0 at the half and cruised from that point on. Barragan gave West Haven a 1-0 lead 12:28 into the contest off an assist from Meza.

The goal would stand until the Westies struck quickly in the final seven minutes of the half. Rivadera added an unassisted tally at 32:16 and Barragan scored off an assist from Hernandez at 32:26.

The Westies needed just 2:54 of the second half to take a 4-0 lead when Novoa scored off an assist from Barragan. Barragan increased the margin to 5-0 off an assist from Anthony Vendrella at 64:04, and Sebastian Navarro and Meza added unassisted tallies in the final eight minutes for the 7-0 final.

West Haven closed out the regular season with its fifth straight victory, a 3-0 decision over Jonathan Law Friday evening at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven. With the victory, West Haven closed the regular season with a 7-1-2 record.

Five different players were in the scoring column for the Westies, and Carew made a pair of saves in the shutout win. West Haven held a 12-5

shot advantage in the game.

Meza gave West Haven a 1-0 lead with 11 minutes, 12 seconds remaining in the first half, before Hernandez increased the lead to 2-0 off an assist from Barragan 4:27 later.

The Westies scored the lone goal of the second half when Novoa scored off an assist from Rivadera with 13:34 remaining in the contest.

The West Haven boys cross-country team traveled to New Haven last Wednesday, running against Wilbur Cross and Foran.

The Westies defeated Cross, 25-30 and Foran, 20-35. The Westies now stand at 4-0 in the division.

The top runners for West

Haven were seniors James Weber in 18 minutes, 53 seconds and Allen Aldrich in 18:55, and junior Justin Rodriguez in 19:00.

The girls also traveled to New Haven and fell to Wilbur Cross and Foran by identical 15-50 scores. The top runners for West Haven were sophomores Amanda Gullo in 25:24 and Maryangel Cruz in 27:32, and senior Alex Kendall in 27:52.

The West Haven boys cross-country team was a part of team history a week later, taking home the program's first Southern Connecticut Conference Division title in New Haven. With 27 points in Division C, West Haven edged

Cross (30), while Platt Tech was third.

Aldrich was West Haven's top runner and third overall in 18 minutes, 58 seconds, while Rodriguez was fourth overall in 19:05.

The Westies had six runners place in the top ten as Weber was fifth in 19:06, junior Alex Potter was seventh in 19:21, junior Eric Owen was eighth in 19:37, and sophomore Khai Outhavong was tenth in 20:01.

On the girls side, senior Kenedi Merola was tenth in Division C in a time of 25:09.

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Photo by Todd Dandelske

Tanasia Fidalgo #4 goes for the kill against Branford. They ended the regular season.

# Hockey: *Bantam A team tops Watertown*

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as the Westies were short-handed the entire weekend.

Hosting both of its games at the Edward L. Bennett Rink last weekend, the West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team welcomed the Avon Panthers Saturday morning and skated to a 2-2 tie.

After a scoreless first, the Panthers got on the board first in the first minute of the second period. The Blue Devils responded to even the score with four minutes left in the period off a laser from Alex Bowery, with Alex Kurowski getting the helper.

West Haven had a goal disallowed early in the third period off a rebound in front, which would have given the Westies the lead. Avon scored again to go up by one with 8 minutes to go, only

to have the Westies respond a minute and a half later off a goal by Kurowski. Bowery was credited with the helper on Kurowski's game-tying goal, which is how the game finished. Although it was a tie game, West Haven dominated on puck possession and moving the puck in the offensive zone.

Greg Galasso started the game in net, giving his team a dominant performance, with John Kennedy cleaning up in the second half, keeping his team in the game.

Haygen Axelrod, JJ Alling and Dylan Bosworth all played well on defense. Chris Consorte had a stellar showing on offense for the Blue Devils.

On Sunday, the Watertown Red Wings made a trip to West Haven, where the Blue Devils came out on top

with a 5-2 victory.

Yousaf Ullah wasted no time netting the first goal of the game in the first 34 seconds of the opening period, with assists credited to Kurowski and Bowery. After a back and forth 7 minutes, Theo Diakomis gave the Blue Devils a two-goal cushion by netting a goal of his own, with Javed Ullah getting the assist. Connor Moriarty scored with 2:30 remaining in the first period off an assist from Javed Ullah. Just 30 seconds later, Diakomis scored his second of the game with an unassisted goal to give his team a 4-0 lead.

Yousaf Ullah scored his second of the afternoon in the first two minutes of the second period to make it 5-0 West Haven. Watertown would go on to score two goals of their own later in

the second period. West Haven once again dominated on puck possession and in shots on net, but neither team scored in the third, leading to a 5-2 win for the Blue Devils.

Kennedy started in net with Galasso relieving him in the second half of the game. Each gave up a goal, and both had some spectacular saves to keep Watertown at only two goals.

Brody Elam, Connor Bunnell and Joey DiGioia all played well on defense. Mason Maiocco had a pair of scoring opportunities on offense for the Blue Devils.

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# Truffles: *City firm to expand facilities*

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 expected to create up to 25 jobs.

Balestra, who lives in Greenwich, relocated his plant from the Bronx, New York, to West Haven in 2012.

The 60,000-square-foot site on Front Avenue, formerly Matlaw's Food Products Inc., was redesigned to accommodate Italian-made machines and the largest kitchen in the U.S. to taste truffle honey and truffle butter.

Balestra told city and state officials that he likes West Haven because of its proximity to Interstate 95 and regional hubs.

"The location is fantastic," he said. "It offers the right lo-

cation next to I-95 and is not too far from New York City and Boston."

Balestra continued: "It is easy to work with the city as well.

They do their best to make projects like this work."

Sabatino Tartufi was established in 1911 by Balestra's grandparents, Sabatino and Giuseppina Balestra, in Umbria, Italy, where they opened their first store and started distributing baked goods, olive oil and vinegar.

The third-generation company makes over 270 configurations of truffle products, including oils, seasonings, sauces, spreads, syrups and vinegars, at its Front Avenue

production site and distribution center, which serves North America and processes up to 35 tons of truffles yearly, Balestra said.

The company, which has 60 employees in West Haven and 140 worldwide, also has a manufacturing plant and distribution center in Umbria. The two centers export truffles to more than 70 nations, Balestra said.

Sabatino has offices in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Miami, as well as in Toronto, Tokyo and Hong Kong.

During a walk-through of Sabatino as part of an Allingtown business tour in October 2019, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz

praised Balestra and his company for driving economic growth in West Haven and

statewide, saying, "We love that you're a global company in West Haven, Connecticut."



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An employee of Sabatino Tartufi holds a fresh white truffle that costs between \$2,000 and \$3,000 per pound.

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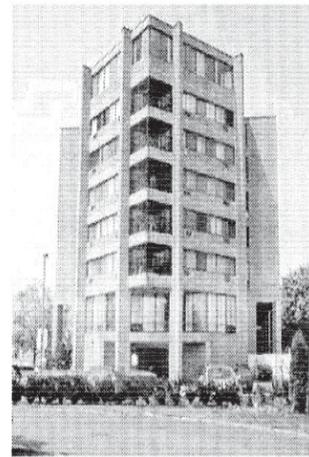
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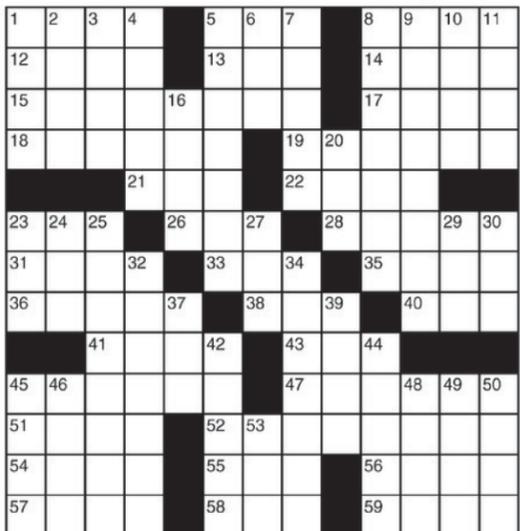
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  - 12 Verve
  - 13 Past
  - 14 Use scissors
  - 15 Sudden temperature drop
  - 17 - Christian Andersen
  - 18 Dueler's ally
  - 19 Pass by
  - 21 Watch chain
  - 22 Foolish
  - 23 Andrews or Edwards, for ex.
  - 26 Path
  - 28 Gaggle members
  - 31 Conks out
  - 33 Joke
  - 35 Paint crudely
  - 36 "Yes we can" man
  - 38 Off-tattooed word
  - 40 Kan. neighbor
  - 41 Mr. Gingrich
  - 43 Tear
  - 45 Curvy-horned antelope
  - 47 Time of the mammoths
  - 51 Churlish one
  - 52 Guiding principle
  - 54 Not working
  - 55 Under the weather
  - 56 Takeout phrase
  - 57 Start a garden
  - 58 Nutritional qty.
  - 59 Health centers
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Chest muscles, for short
  - 2 Lotion additive
  - 3 Body powder
  - 4 The - the line
  - 5 Purse
  - 6 Khan title
  - 7 Motorized bike
  - 8 Embarrassed
  - 9 Crisp-pod legume
  - 10 Supermarket stack
  - 11 Church section
  - 16 Winter forecast
  - 20 Drag along
  - 23 Commotion
  - 24 Little white lie
  - 25 Tall thin person
  - 27 Thanksgiving veggie
  - 29 Seek damages
  - 30 "Chicago" lyricist
  - 32 Slandered
  - 34 Ape
  - 37 Piercing tool
  - 39 Cinderella's horses, really
  - 42 Long-snouted critter
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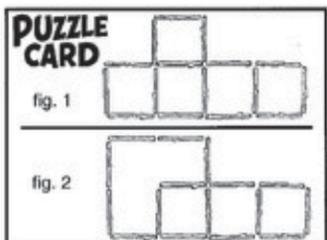


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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A POLECAT

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- Diapers
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- Garlic
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- Onion
- Roadkill
- Rotten eggs
- Sauerkraut
- Sewer gas
- Sour milk
- Sulphur
- Wet dog



LAY OUT 16 STICKS, as shown in figure 1, and challenge your friends to move two of them to new positions so that four squares will be formed. Figure 2 gives our solution.

**A MATH QUICKIE!** You have one minute to arrange the numbers 1 through 9 so that they add up to 99,999.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

- 'EAR' TODAY, 'CORN' TOMORROW! In this puzzle all of the words get progressively longer, and they all contain an EAR. Use the following definitions:
1. Ear (given).
  2. Rip Van Winkle had one.
  3. Starts off as grit.
  4. Related to a straight line.
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  6. All gas cars have them.
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

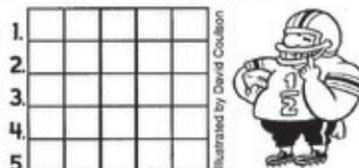
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

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



**A FOOTBALL VOCABULARY DRILL!**

In the grid above, there is room to enter five five-letter words pertaining to football. The following definitions should help you:

1. Part of football shoe.
2. Type of player.
3. What ends must do.
4. What the fans must do.
5. What the linesman measures.

There is a dark frame around the center column of letters. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in this frame, top to bottom, will spell out what a "tackie" must be.

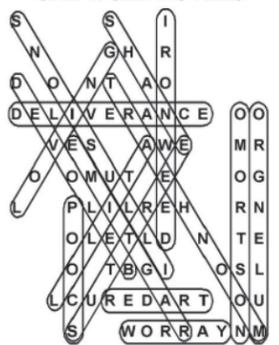
**Answers to last week's puzzles**

**King Crossword - Answers**

Solution time: 21 mins.

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**ONE-WORD NOVELS**



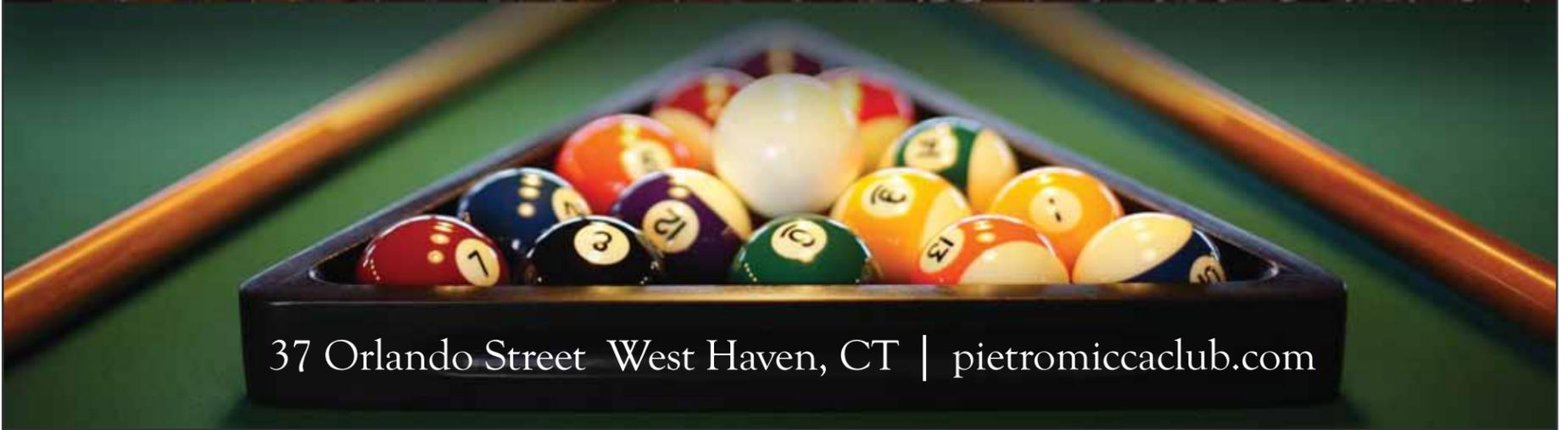
**Weekly SUDOKU - Answer**

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