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retires after 12-year stint

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Tree-lighting a little different in '20



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In memoriam

Former West Shore Fire Department Lt. Kevin McKeon plays taps during the city's annual Pearl Harbor Day ceremony, this year conducted at the West Haven Veterans Museum on Hood Terrace. The West Haven Veterans Association sponsored the event. See more on page 15, and another picture on page 10.

City holding two menorah lightings tonight

The city is holding two Hanukkah menorah lightings tonight. The annual lighting of the menorah on the West Haven Green, followed by the lighting of the menorah on the Allingtown Green, will celebrate the first day of Hanukkah at sundown. The lightings will mark the Jewish Festival of Lights, an eight-day commemoration of rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees after their victory over the Syrians.

The ceremonies, led by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, will include a Jewish blessing by a local rabbi.



By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi heralded the holiday season Saturday with a surprise virtual lighting of the Christmas tree on the Green.

Despite the city postponing this year's public tree lighting festivities to 2021 due to rising coronavirus cases and restrictions limiting large public gatherings, Rossi, whose favorite holiday is Christmas, could not bear the thought of waiting another year.

So, with a little help from Santa Claus and her 10-year-old grandson, Arthur Rossi, the mayor decided to share the true spirit of Christmas by giving residents a gift in the form of a special tree lighting video presentation to hold them over until next year.

Watch the video presentation on West Haven's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5cM1trmHe999FXNJ56X_Jg.

"The health and safety of our residents is more important than ever this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic," Rossi said. "Hopefully this time next year, we can fully celebrate our tree lighting festivities on the Green."

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Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, joined by 10-year-old grandson Arthur Rossi and Santa Claus, heralds the holiday season Saturday with a surprise virtual lighting of the Christmas tree on the West Haven Green.



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Neriah Bowman, age 2, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., is looking for more fair skies and cold temperatures.

On this Date

2007 -- Argentina swears in first female elected President. Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner became the first elected female President of Argentina.

2001 -- Release of the first film in the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

The award winning movie called The Lord of the Rings:

The Fellowship of the Ring was directed by Peter Jackson and was based on J. R. R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings.

1948 -- U.N. General Assembly adopts Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The document proclaimed, for the first time, fundamental human rights were to be universally protected.

1901 -- First Nobel prize awarded. Five years after the death of Swedish chemist and inventor, Alfred Nobel's, the first Nobel Prizes were awarded.

1817 -- Mississippi becomes 20th state. Mississippi becomes the 20th state in the United States.

Births

1956 -- Rod Blagojevich. American politician, 40th Governor of Illinois.

1908 -- Olivier Messiaen. French composer, ornithologist.

1878 -- C. Rajagopalachari. Indian lawyer, politician, 1st Governor General of India.

1830 -- Emily Dickinson. American poet.

1815 -- Ada Lovelace. English mathematician.

Deaths

2006 -- Augusto Pinochet. Chilean general, politician, 30th President of Chile.

1999 -- Franjo Tudman. Croatian general, politician, 1st President of Croatia.

1967-- Otis Redding. American singer-songwriter, producer.

1957-- Algernon Blackwood. English author.

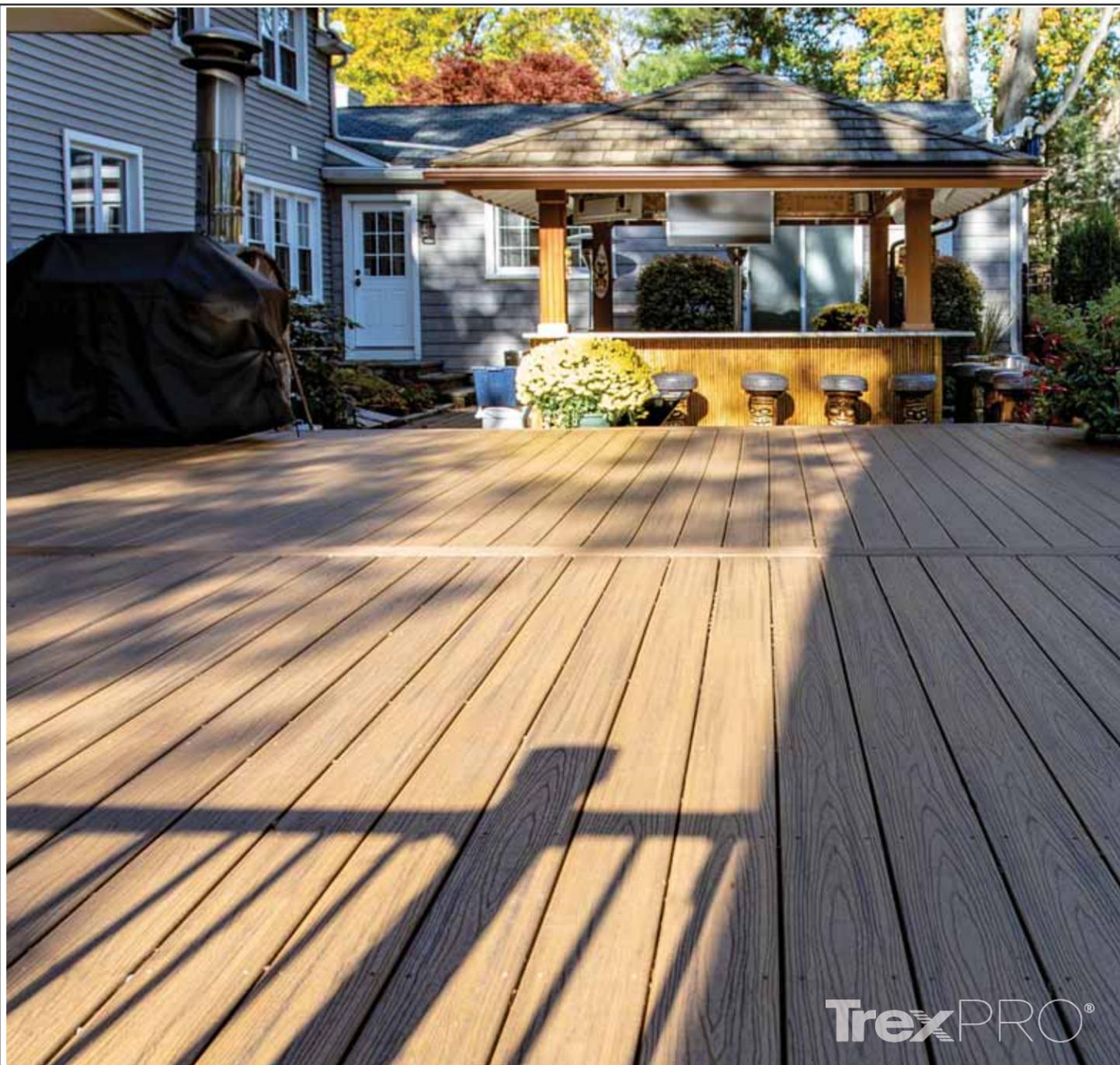
1896 -- Alfred Nobel. Swedish chemist, engineer, inventor of dynamite, founded the Nobel Prize.

Clinic resumes youth, family counseling

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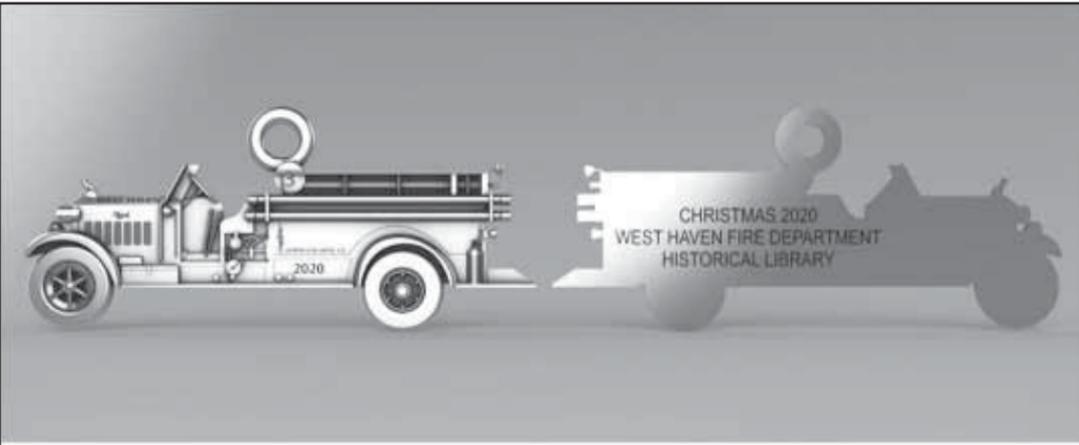
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WHFD Christmas Ornaments

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Dear Felicia

Two more issues to go before the end of the year, and a much-needed hiatus for the people here at the office. Next week, Dec. 17, will be the last papyrus before the holidays and we will be off with the next edition coming out Jan. 7. The difference in schedule was necessary as often we kept with the every-other-week situation, we'd be coming out on Christmas Eve. Nobody wants that, and it will just stale itself on the newsstands. Sooooo, we made an executive decision between the executives.

That means that next week's issue will have Cobina's wish list for what presents the local yokels and politicians of our great Asylum by the Sea should find under their evergreens this Christmas. We have a list, and we're checking it twice, but like Ko-Ko in *The Mikado*, we're also seeing what societal offenders never would be missed, often yew git m'drift. All in all, it should be an interesting missive to yew honeybunch.

Here in the aforementioned Asylum by the Sea, the rumor mill is really perking up. Development seems to be the topic of this little twitterings – no not like the social media thing, but like little chirps. Of course, Sammy Bluejay was the one who brought said tweets to our attention.

Over the last little while, the city has been able to sell the former Allingtown Community Center, which of course has set off a hue and cry cuz they ain't made any attempt to date of getting a place for the Piantino Library; but beside that, the Armstrong building or buildings is being eyed for some type of development. Of course, we had to kind of pry that info out of certain members of the Actors Colony retinue, who just don't like answering queries.

But there is a new twitter going about the berg and this has to do with the Savin Rock Conference Center. Rumor is that there might be some type of subdivision of the space

into, according to what we're hearing, multiple restaurants. And, the word we got was interesting cuz it was from someone who would be in the know. The good news is the Savin Rock Museum would be maintained in the building, which it should be. What Sammy wanted to know was whether that would affect the proposed pavilion for a carousel at the site. Yeah, I know it's been more than 15 years since the idea was floated to git a carousel like the one that used to be at the amusement park, but that idea is dying on the vine. Back then it was to cost about \$3 million to build the pavilion and get the carousel.

The pavilion was to be adjacent to the building closer to Savin Rock itself, one wonders often this new rumored proposal would put the kibosh on the carousel or enhance. It will be interesting to see often this is something that transpires.

There was a bidding process, but we ain't been able to ascertain what, if anything, is truth and what is just more hot air.

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We hoid via Nelly Nuthatch that former chairman of the Charter Revision Commish Ed Granfield has decided to call it a career and is in the process of selling his business and his building. Granfield, who founded Oyster River Petroleum, now Oyster River Energy, has decided to live the good life and take a retirement.

Granfield has been a strong supporter of this papyrus since it began, but more than that, he was an advocate for what's good and fine in the city. His last foray into charter revision wasn't a big success, falling by just under 500 votes – more than anyone thought after the politicos decided to put the screws to it.

He once told us a story that he was informed via local politicians many years ago that the only thing really wrong with him was that he had an "R" next to his name, rather than a "D." The implication was Republicans are not going to get anywhere in our fair community as long as the Demmies are in charge....Doesn't that say what's wrong with everything here and elsewhere. It ain't what your ideas are, but whether you belong to the right club. What a damning comment on the way we do politics.

Of course, after more than five decades of watching the politicians in this berg, nothing, absolutely nothing, surprises.

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So, two buildings were torn down a couple weeks ago, but not much else has been happening over there at the Haven Project. Two very visible buildings were torn down at the corners of Water and Elm streets, and there looked to be some prep work elsewhere, but there ain't exactly speed records being made over there. One wonders how long it's gonna be before the neighbors hit the Actors Colony

with torches and pitchforks.

Iva Looty told me t'other day that cars and pick-ups have been seen entering and exiting the area, which ahs been closed to thru traffic since April. That might mean something is happening, but it sure as heck ain't fast enuff. People want to know what's going on, and the developers have been very unwilling to let anyone know what in Hades is going on.

Chairman of the City Council Ron Quagliani did ask for some answers regarding the timeline and setch, but I'm not exactly sure he got any answers. Maybe they will come with Santa Claus.

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Madam Olga happened by and said that plans right now called for the opening of West Haven High School this week. Yew remember the number of COVID cases in the school amongst the staff and faculty were setch that Superintendent Neil Cavallaor decided to go to distance learning.

Their school was to reopen on Nov. 23, but things didn't calm down as much as was hoped so it was extended for another couple o' weeks. At this writing it should be open, but one never knows. Meanwhile, New Haven is staying closed until after the foist of the year, and so are many schools in New Haven and Fairfield Counties. Methinks Cavallaro and Co. are doing the right thing. The kids need the structure of the day as much as the adults. From some of the teachers that we've hoid from distance learning ain't the do all and end all some thought. In some districks it has set kids back years, not months. We shall see.

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Natchurly, Olga also discussed the departure of Asst. Super Ann Druzolowski. Olga didn't need her crystal ball to tell me this. There are many, many people who were happy to see the backside of her as she exited for the last time. And, we ain't talking staff and faculty only. Yew remember that he didn't exactly make any points for tact or diplomacy when the whole elimination of shops imbroglio was happening about six or seven years ago. People had real questions about the decision, and instead of talking to them as the people paying the bill, they were given short shrift.

Meanwhile, faculty and staff, which once hailed her coming into the system, saw the bloom come off that rose PDQ. So, she might be gone, but the sour taste in people's mouths have lingered and may linger for a bit longer.

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# WHEAT's Majestic hopes for the best

With Thanksgiving over, and Christmas and other holidays coming quickly, the city's premiere food assistance agency is gearing up for what it considers higher-than-expected demand. Rose Majestic of the West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce (WHEAT) said the Thanksgiving holiday saw a marked increase this year, and fully expects the demand to continue.

COVID-19 has been the major culprit in the increased demand, with many families of so-called "non-essential services" reeling from state-mandated closures.

Majestic said the Thanksgiving holiday saw a large increase in demand for food.

"There was an increase of about 70 households this year compared to last, which amounted to our highest total," she said. "We're unsure of how this will affect the rest of the holiday season since some households concentrate on finding toys and clothes and may not come in for food."

With the recent uptick in cases for the Coronavirus in Connecticut, Majestic said the agency fully expects the

demand to continue well past the holiday season.

"I believe the COVID-19 numbers will still be with us in 2021, at least for the first quarter. January-March are some of our busiest months with people being hit with heating bills and have even less money to spend on food," she said.

Those looking for toys or clothing for their children will have to depend on other groups. Once part of the WHEAT umbrella, the agency gave up those tasks in favor of concentrating on food distribution. Majestic said groups are doing toy and clothing drives and encouraged families to look for help there.

"We don't do toy or clothing drives. I believe the West Haven High School still takes care of distributing toys," she said.

During the COVID period, WHEAT has seen an increase of almost a third over and above what was seen in previous years. The demographics, according to Majestic are varied.

"We've seen an average of a 30% increase compared to pre COVID num-

bers. We see an increase in younger families and individuals: people out of work, who've had their hours cut to part time; parents who are staying home with kids and who aren't at work," she said. "We also see grandparents who are taking care of their grandchildren during the day while the parents are working. The grandparents need extra food to feed the kids. And, we certainly see our population of seniors and veterans."

Despite the hardships all families seem to be facing of one type or another, the agency head sees that people are trying to help their neighbors. She said food drives have been a big help.

"Food drives have been overwhelming this fall considering the hard times people are experiencing. There really are too many to name without leaving someone else out," Majestic said.

"Many of the businesses still open managed to do food drives as well as some of the civic organizations and to my surprise a few of the schools. I didn't expect the schools to be in any position to do food drives because of the on and off closing, but some of

them did."

Looking behind the holiday season and into 2021, Majestic is hopeful the new year will bring an end to the pandemic.

"None of us has any idea what will happen next year. Hopefully there will be a vaccine that people feel safe enough taking. How will this affect us? Many households that were coming to WHEAT early in 2020 haven't been back since the pandemic started. Our hope is that they will feel safe enough to come back, she said.

The chance of a vaccine or end of the virus brings hope that old friends, who have stayed away will return to fill the need the agency has for volunteers, according to Majestic. She also hopes new volunteer will come once the virus is a memory.

"I hope that we'll turn the corner so that our regular volunteers who couldn't help out over these last months will feel safe enough to return. We haven't been taking any new volunteers because we're trying to keep a tiny bubble of volunteers for safety reasons," she said finally.

Photos by Miguelina Felix

## Helping them learn

The West Haven community notices and appreciates how hard their teachers are working to keep the students safe and learning. Westie's Nutrition donated 100 flavored teas to the staff at Bailey Middle School. The owner of Westie's Nutrition, Mandy Hutchinson, was a former Bailey student and was more than happy to give back. Donations from other businesses included: Lorenzo's Restaurant donated stuffed breads for lunch; Casa Bianca donated Pizza for lunch; On the Border sent 100 individually wrapped packages of chips and salsa and 4 trays of quesadillas. Restaurants also donated \$25 gift cards the school could use to give as prizes for staff: Zuppardi's Appizza, Biagetti's Restaurant, Nick's Luncheonette, Prospect Beach House, Duffy's Tavern, Cappetta's, and Stowe's Seafood (they gave 2!). Members of the Bailey staff give a thumbs-up for the effort and a big thank-you to the businesses.



## Borer to chair Enviro panel

State Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115) has been tapped to serve as House Chairman of the Environment Committee by Speaker-Designate Matt Ritter and Majority Leader-Designate Jason Rojas.

Borer is from West Haven, home to the longest usable shoreline in Connecticut which prompted her work in advocating for a clean and protective coastal management system throughout the state. One of her priorities is addressing the complicated and aging waste system, which includes reducing single-use plastic, polystyrene and food waste in landfills. She has also worked to reduce harmful chemicals in the environment.

"I am impressed with Rep. Borer's ability to think outside of the box and identify opportunities to support our environmental and economic goals for the state," Ritter said.



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## Some lessons of COVID

The year 2020 will go down as one of the pivotal in modern history. The coronavirus pandemic has shown modern life's benefits, but it has also shown some of its flaws. Those flaws have shown themselves writ large in the events of the day. With that in mind, we hope the American public is paying attention – more than usual – because getting lulled back into a sense of false security can be detrimental to the republic. Here are a few things we hoped we've learned:

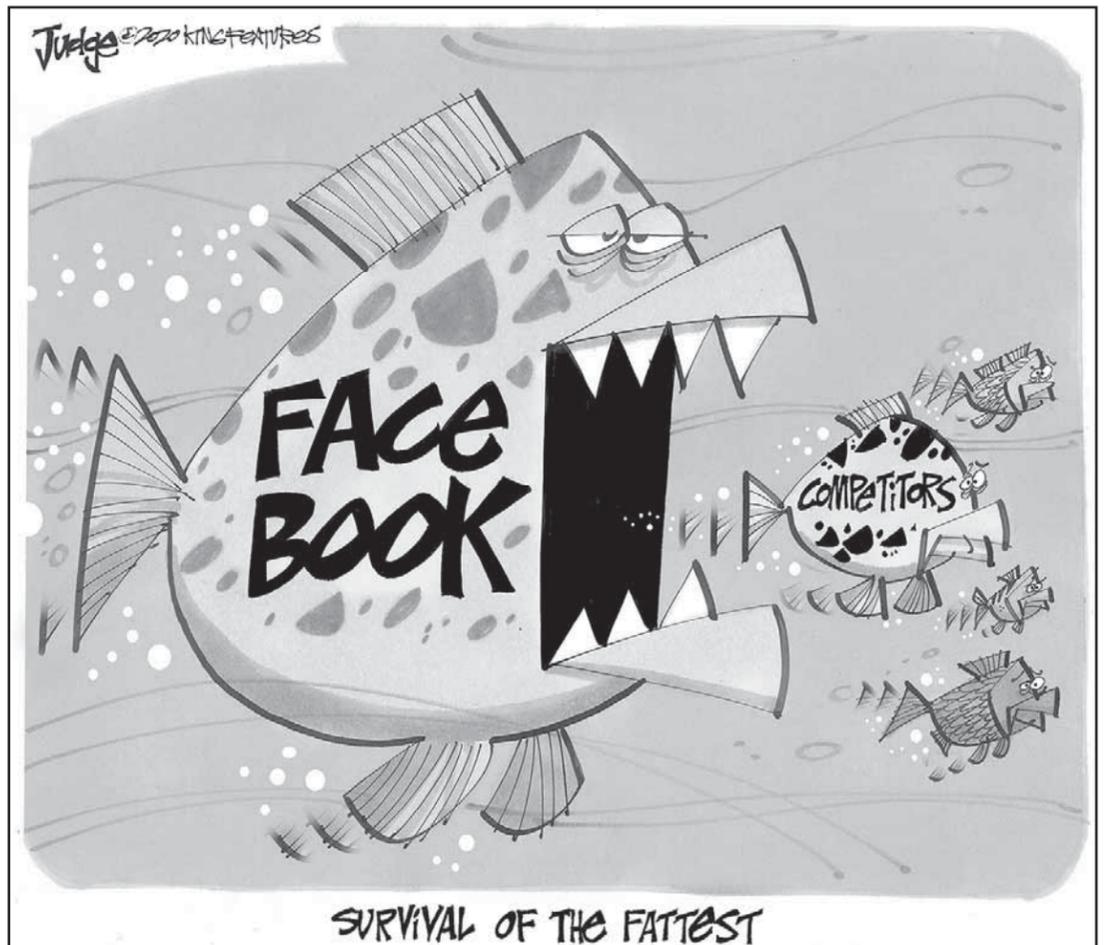
**Experts are not infallible** – When the pandemic manifested itself in February, so-called experts, including Dr. Fauci, used a projection from the Royal War College in London that showed the potential for 200 million deaths, with millions in this country. This prompted the unprecedented shutdown of the entire nation – first for two weeks, then for six months. The economy crashed, people were left without work, schools were closed and life came to a standstill. It was discovered that not only were those projections flawed they were so off the mark from a scientific method the entire study was discarded. The lesson: those with postnominals make mistakes based on faulty information. The problem is when it was discovered instead of adjusting to it, the “experts” doubled down. The second lesson: experts are just as politically motivated as anyone else.

**Evil exists in the nation** – While modern society likes to psychologize or contextualize evil from a sociological standpoint, it exists. We saw it over the summer. Black Lives Matter and Antifa are two organizations that are using domestic terrorism to transform the nation into a socialist utopia. BLM is a Marxist organization with goals to get rid of not only capitalism, but the family unit as well. Once that tidbit became known it scrubbed it from its website, but there are enough screenshots to know the truth. Antifa, meanwhile, is another organization, but of a different bent. It is an anarchist organization. Both organizations are made up of wily leaders well-funded by outside organizations. There rioting and murder over the last half year should be enough to convince the populace they are evil. Full stop.

**Bumper stickers make poor policy** – Modern progressives and their acolytes love to use bumper sticker-like slogans to get their messaging out. Unfortunately, those slogans serve as the basis, many times, for policy decisions that are not well thought out at all. Let's take “Defund the Police” as an example. In places like Minnesota, where this took off, crime has increased exponentially. Minneapolis has seen a 537 percent increase in crime, and the murder rate is off the charts. Places like Portland, OR and Seattle have also allowed the movement to guide policy, with residents looking to move out.

The list is larger, but these are some of the highlights of things we've learned – or should have learned in this annus horribilis of 2020.

The final issue of 2020 will be published next Thursday, Dec. 17 as our Christmas/Holiday edition. The paper will then shutdown for its annual vacation period and begin 2021 editions with the Jan. 7 issue!



## The coming COVID backlash

By Rich Lowry  
*Syndicated Columnist*

It already seems clear that the first major political and culture eruption of the Biden years will be a roiling populist backlash against the next round of COVID restrictions.

We saw this sentiment play out in sporadic anti-lockdown demonstrations last spring and it has driven ongoing resistance to masks, but it is, in all likelihood, about to reach an entirely new level - fueled by exhaustion with the virus, elite hypocrisy and the shattered credibility of the public-health establishment. The ascension of Joe Biden will add force to the reaction. It is an iron law of American politics that whichever party doesn't control the presidency will suspect the other of plotting to impose a tyranny, so the fear and loathing of COVID restrictions, somewhat muted on the right while Donald Trump was president, will deepen and intensify.

The right's populism and limited-government impulse, which separated in the Trump years, will presumably be reunited in the push against lockdowns in a way that they haven't been since the Tea Party.

“Lockdowns. Mask police. Curfews. What about freedom?” asked conservative Rep. Jim Jordan in a recent

tweet, forecasting things to come.

It'd be much better if we could find a prudent middle path through the next several months, as the pandemic enters its worst phase and as new vaccines arrive that will soon start changing everything. But a significant segment of the American public has lost its patience with a new normal that has, at times, been arbitrary and poorly thought through. When the new virus first hit our shores and we knew much less about it, the case for lockdowns was strong to keep the health-care system from getting overwhelmed and to play for time (and better treatments). In retrospect, though, the nationwide lockdowns of the spring closed down some states before they experienced their initial waves of the disease, imposing economic, mental health and medical costs without much upside. After that kind of sacrifice, it's hard to double-dip and ask people to do it again. Especially when the latest advice ran against the grain of one of the nation's oldest traditions, namely Thanksgiving, and when prominent pro-restriction officeholders discredited themselves with their own behavior.

In mid-November, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot told residents of her city: “You must

cancel the normal Thanksgiving plans. Particularly if they include guests that do not live in your immediate household.” Yet just days earlier she happily had joined a crowd celebrating Joe Biden's election victory. During this moment, the political class should have been especially sensitive to playing by its own rules, when those rules have been so relatively easy to bear for the elite and so punishing for ordinary workers. To simplify and generalize, at the start of this year, they downplayed the virus for fear that it would stoke xenophobia. Then, they lurched into five-alarm-fire mode.

They poured cold water on masks before turning around and insisting on them despite ambiguous evidence on the efficacy of cloth masks. They preached the gospel of social distancing until mass Black Lives Matter protests erupted, blessing these huge, often unruly gatherings because fighting racism is supposedly a paramount public-health issue.

The upshot will be poisonous contention in the months ahead before the advent of that most American solution - the clever technological fix, in the form of transformative vaccines.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

# City unveils centennial logo

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi on Dec. 3 revealed the logo for West Haven's 100th anniversary next year.

In a video message posted on the city's Facebook and YouTube pages, Rossi, speaking from her office, unveiled the new logo, which features a blue-and-gold "100" that is overlapped with a gold banner with "Centennial" in white lettering and "1921-2021" in blue numbering below it.

The round logo is bordered by "City of West Haven" in blue lettering and "Celebrating Our Past" and "Inspire Our Future" in gold lettering.

Watch the video message on West Haven's YouTube channel at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5cM1trmHe999FXNJ56X\\_Jg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5cM1trmHe999FXNJ56X_Jg).

"The West Haven Centennial Committee is excited to announce this image as the formal West Haven centennial logo," Rossi said in the message. "This will also be accompanied by a newly colorized city seal, which will be used throughout 2021."

Rossi said the committee, composed of city officials and community members, will use the logo for promoting and celebrating the 1921 birth of

Connecticut's youngest town.

The centennial logo was commissioned by Rossi, the committee's honorary chair. The design was supervised by committee member Beth A. Sabo, the city's commissioner of human resources.

Rossi said the committee is organizing a series of commemorative events for three straight weekends, starting June 24, 2021. Plans include a kickoff ceremony and other festivities that observe West Haven's rich and diverse heritage, she said.

"The West Haven Centennial Committee continues to actively plan city-sponsored events that can allow everyone to safely celebrate the past 100 years of West Haven history," Rossi said. "Future official centennial announcements will continue to be posted on the city website."

West Haven, now a city, incorporated as Connecticut's youngest in 1961, is also one of the state's oldest communities.

In 1648, West Haven, then known as West Farms, was settled by farmers from the New Haven Colony. West Farms became the separate parish of West Haven in 1719 through a petition granted by the state General Assembly. In 1822, the parish united with North Mil-

ford to form the town of Orange before separating from Orange in 1921 to become the town of West Haven.

According to the Historical Society, West Haven was founded by several New Haven Colony leaders who recognized the value of the extended shoreline, unadulterated forests and potential farmland. The historic crossing into West

Farms was by horse bridge over the West River near New Haven Harbor.

The West River Crossing is an event commemorated to this day, both in ceremony and in a master mural in the post office on Campbell Avenue.

Soon after, according to information on the society's website, guilds built six large

post-medieval houses within a short distance of the community's central Green, a common grazing and meeting site. The earliest settlers shared the lands with three major Native American tribes that historically summered in West Farms, using the resources of forests, three tributaries and a shoreline abundant with freshwater and saltwater life.



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Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and her executive assistant, Louis P. Esposito Jr., reveal the logo Dec. 3 for West Haven's centennial celebration in 2021.

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# 'Dr. D' calls it a career after 12 years

By **Miguelina Felix**  
*Special to the Voice*

West Haven Public School District Assistant Superintendent Dr. Ann Druzolowski has retired after 12 impactful years. Comfortable in her last days before retirement, Dr. Anne Druzolowski (Dr.D) took time to reflect on her 12 years working for the West Haven Public School District.

Druzolowski's work concentrated on school reform. She utilized research to guide all instructional decisions and professional development activities. For example, she had to put together a big plan for professional development.

Superintendent Neil Cavallaro, who worked alongside her, referred to her plan as a huge undertaking. She said to him, "Neil, be patient, this takes time. We were fortunate enough to have patient teachers and patient board of education members."

The district can agree that growth was very much needed, and agreed all students required equitable opportunities to learn. Dr. Druzolowski helped teachers to create a curriculum that was rigorous, yet left room for creativity. She led teachers, along with the state, to develop a teacher and administrator evaluation process that truly fostered growth and consistency for all constituents.

Reflecting on her greatest accomplishments during her time here, Dr. D honed in on

student success.

"When the students started believing in themselves, I saw what I have always wanted to see...kids being successful and proud of their successes," she said. "I never hear anyone say 'Those kids can't.' We all have high expectations and it's a wonderful feeling."

Whether it was adjusting budgets to make sure kids received what they needed such as books, technology, games, and manipulatives, or learning equally to reach highest scores, Dr. D focused on elevating the urban district.

Her ability to see the bigger picture brought staff members together to not only write their own curriculum, but also to own it. During the intense five years of reform, the curriculum became a roadmap for success here in the district.

The curriculum was consistently reviewed, modified, and resources obtained for teachers to become school leaders. Dr. Nicole Danishevsky, math and Professional Development coordinator, described Dr. Druzolowski as a visionary.

"She was thoughtful and purposeful about everything she did during her time here. Her expertise in curriculum strengthened our district tremendously," she said.

Druzolowski believed in problem solving and support. Even when teachers came to her with problems, she would encourage them to find solutions while being compassionate. She pushed

for learning opportunities that everyone could truly benefit from. No one was ever left behind.

Seth Haley's current principal AmyJo Palermo met Dr. Druzolowski when she was the K-12 Coordinator of Math and Professional Development. She said that this was one of Dr. D's best qualities.

"She knows that every staff member is important, that everyone deserves the same and equal training," she said.

Druzolowski taught everyone around her to have patience when always looking at the big picture. Judith B. Drenzek, who worked with her as the first preschool coordinator and then principal, described her work in the district as that of a train.

"It is like a train on a mission rushing out of a tunnel into the light of day," Drenzek said.

Dr. D could have been having a stressful day and still managed to show up every single morning refreshed and radiant, ready to visit her "babies" as she would refer to the students. Drenzek specifically loved this about her.

"She loved being with the children and never refused an invite to the school to visit or read to a class," she said. Sometimes Dr. D would even show up in costumes and props, truly mastering the art of storytelling.

Dr. Druzolowski may no longer be in her office, but she has left a legacy to which

others aspire. AmyJo Palermo described how proud she is to have had her as a friend and assistant superintendent all these years. For others, her patience and perseverance has rubbed off on them.

She had an idea, created a plan, and let every part of herself invest in that idea. Dr. Danishevsky talked about how Dr. D has inspired her to become a better educator and leader.

"She has taught me to be passionate and use that passion to make a change. I have learned a lot, and hopefully, someday I make an impact like the one she has left in West Haven."

During her retirement, Dr. Druzolowski looks forward to having more free time to enjoy the activities she loves doing.

Those activities include gardening, decorating, cooking, and walking her dog. She exclaimed, "Who knows,

I might get three more dogs!"

Currently, Superintendent Neil Cavallaro does not emphasize a dire need in filling the open position.

"Anne is difficult to replace," he said. "She knows how to advocate for instruction, and to find someone who is energetic and not afraid to make brave decisions is hard to come by. The district wants to be sure to find the right person but at the right time. As of now, there is no rush."

Dr. Druzolowski's work here in the district is just that, a true living document.

When asked what she sees in the future of the district, she stated that "Everything we've done is sustainable without me. This success continues without me. I have had a great run here and a lot of support from Superintendent Cavallaro and the Board. It hasn't been easy but man, has it been gratifying!"



Dr. ANN DRUZOLOWSKI

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I would also like to thank the West Haven Voice for its fair reporting. When the pandemic is over, we will be having a party with free food and drink. We will let you know when and where it will be. We will give plenty of notice as to the place and time. Thanks!

Jonathan Bober

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Fighting cancer

Dubel's Cafe owner Fred Hugendubel presents a \$1,645 check for the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program to committee member Beth A. Sabo outside City Hall on Nov. 25. The money was raised at a small benefit in October in lieu of the annual Dubel's Golf Tournament, which was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Since its inception in 2000, the Breast Cancer Awareness Program has collected more than \$700,000 for breast cancer research and education.

DiMassa gets leadership post on committee

House Speaker-designate Matt Ritter and House Majority Leader Jason Rojas announced the appointment of Rep. Michael DiMassa (D-116) as the Democratic leader of the bipartisan Legislative Regulation Review Committee.

"The Regulation Review committee needs leaders who will take the time to analyze and understand how regulations affect residents and businesses in Connecticut," said Speaker designate Ritter.

"Rep. DiMassa displayed his detail-oriented approach as vice chair(man) of the Appropriations committee during the last session, and I am confident that this approach will serve him well as the Democratic head of this important committee," said Majority Leader Rojas.

"I want to thank Speaker-designate Ritter and Majority Leader Rojas for choosing me to lead House Democrats on this committee," said Rep. DiMassa. "This committee can work equally towards the goals of simplifying regulations in our state while simultaneously ensuring regulations which are in place or are under consideration protect our state's residents."

Rep. DiMassa was first elected in 2016.



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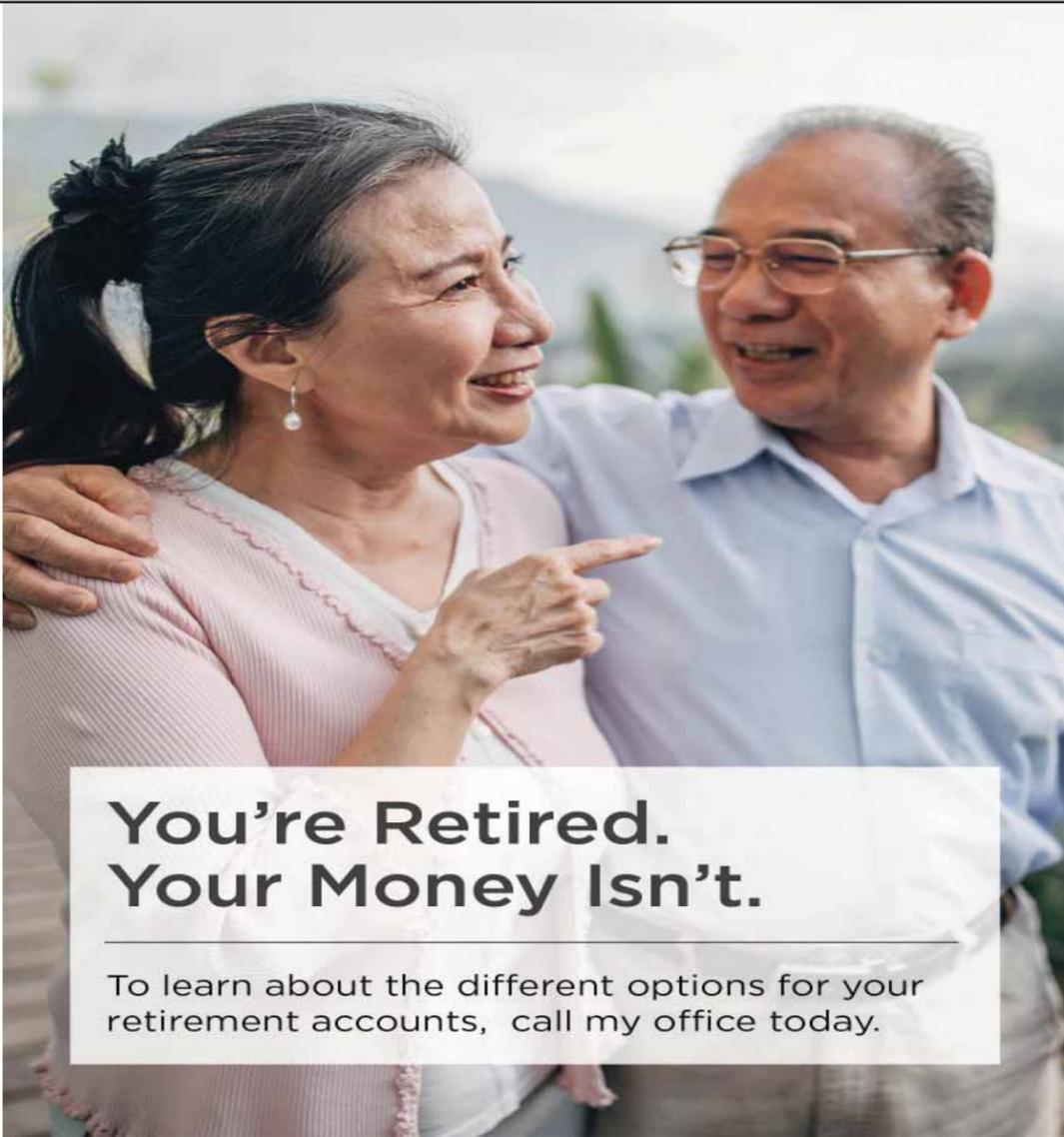
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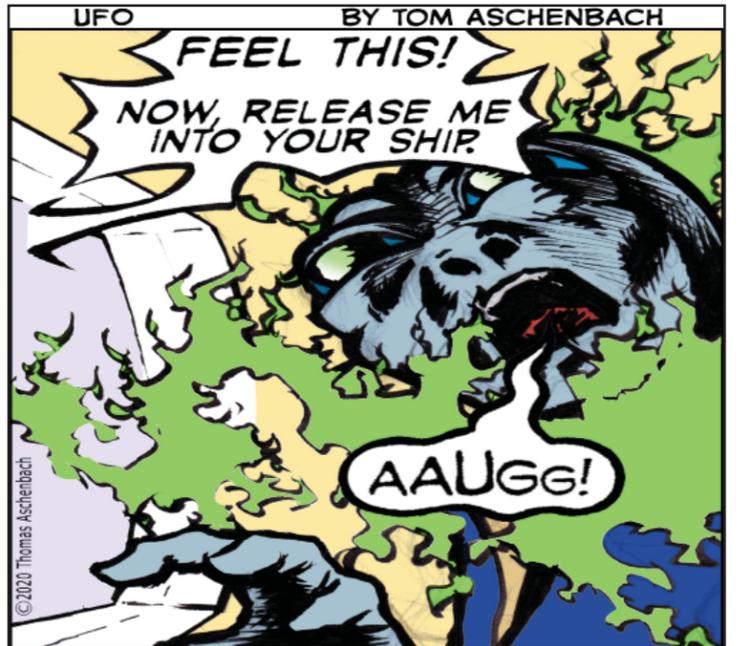
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Never Forget

Representing the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Florence Stoeber, the wife of the late Jack Stoeber, a Navy veteran of Pearl Harbor and Iwo Jima, reads the names of the 18 Connecticut servicemen who died at Pearl Harbor in 1941 as master of ceremonies Louis P. Esposito Jr., Rossi's executive assistant, looks on. See page 15 for more details.



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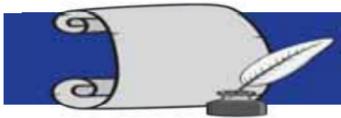
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shlne

Pauline Lang

"Few are left who know how much I have done."

When Pauline and Otto Lang moved from the Midwest to the young town of West Haven in 1936, they found that their new community had a great many needs for activities and social programs for its residents—especially for its young people. So, while Otto spent his days as Chief Chemist at the Armstrong Rubber factory, Pauline threw herself into a great many volunteer activities for the good of the community. Pauline had earned her master's degree in social work in 1933; this education made her well prepared to confront West Haven's many social needs.

Street corner gangs were a growing problem in West Haven. Juvenile delinquency was rampant—in one eight month period, 420 cases were reported to the town's one and only probation officer, who also ran a trucking business on the side, and held a paid job as a mail clerk at the state House of Representatives in Hartford! The town had established a

"boys club" in a red light district near Savin Rock; on either side of the club house was a tavern—not exactly a wholesome environment for impressionable youths. Everywhere there were boys and girls who did not belong to Scouts, Hi-Y or church groups, and who needed to belong to constructive recreation programs.

Thus, in 1941, Pauline Lang set herself to the task of founding the Group Work Council of West Haven, which today is known as the West Haven Community House Association. At a meeting to determine the recreational needs of West Haven's youth, she recommended that a survey be taken of West Haven families, to carefully define just what was needed—but no one was available to administer the survey. In the end, Pauline Lang single-handedly interviewed 1700 families and produced a great deal of useful information which helped identify the problems that existed.

She recognized the need for volunteer support for this program; the support of ten volunteers was offered on

the condition that the program should be headed by a professionally trained social worker—Pauline Lang saw to it that this prerequisite was met. Within a few months, the Group Work Council had grown from ten members to over sixty, and Pauline Lang was elected as its president.

But as her reputation grew, it was clear that certain elements and groups in West Haven distrusted Pauline Lang's motives; the anonymous telephone calls and mudslinging then began. The underlying fact was that many West Haveners and many in political office were naturally suspicious of outsiders who came to town with new ideas that would upset the *status quo*.

And, so it was a brave Pauline Lang who accepted an invitation to speak about her program at a town meeting. Well she knew of the epithets and catcalls that would greet her when she spoke—and she was right. As Pauline Lang went to the podium in the old Town Hall, she was greeted with shouts of "communist," "carpetbagger," and "Who

do you think you are?" They would not let her speak; and then Rev. Hall of the Methodist Church stood up. "I don't know Mrs. Lang, but I want to hear her speak." And then he too was shouted down. Somehow, by the end of the evening, Pauline Lang had addressed the biggest town hall meeting in years—and she had convinced many of the taxpayers of the soundness and the worthiness of the program.

Some of the newspapers praised Pauline Lang's speech; others distrusted and criticized her. But the program that she envisioned moved forward. A ten-room building on Elm Street was rented with an option to buy; it was on a streetcar line, and occupied a 135 x 500-foot lot, which presented many opportunities for activities for West Haven's youth. Ultimately, the house was purchased in 1943 for \$8000. The organization finally had a home, and has remained there to this day.

Today, the West Haven Community House offers a multitude of programs for West Haveners of all ages. But

this would not be so if it was not for the vision, the bravery and the hard work of Pauline Lang.

Later on in life, she became a professor and still later the Social Work Director at what is today known as Southern Connecticut State University, and upon her retirement she was named Director Emeritus of Social Work at the university, but that's another story for another day.



PAULINE LANGE

Financial Focus

Consider these year-end financial moves

We're nearing the end of 2020 – and for many of us, it will be a relief to turn the calendar page on this challenging year. However, we've still got a few weeks left, which means you have time to make some year-end financial moves that may work in your favor.

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Add to your IRA.** For the 2020 tax year, you can put in up to \$6,000 to your traditional or Roth IRA, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or older. If you haven't reached this limit, consider adding some money. You actually have until April 15, 2021, to contribute to your IRA for 2020, but the sooner you put the money in, the quicker it can go to work for you. Plus, if you have to pay taxes in April, you'll be less likely to contribute to your IRA then.

- **Make an extra 401(k) payment.** If it's allowed by your employer, put in a little extra to your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. And if your salary goes up next year, increase your regular contributions.

- **See your tax advisor.** It's possible that you could improve your tax situation by making some investment-related moves. For example, if you sold some investments whose value has increased, you could incur capital gains taxes. To offset these gains,

you could sell other investments that have lost value, assuming these investments are no longer essential to your financial strategy. Your tax advisor can evaluate this type of move, along with others, to determine those that may be appropriate for your situation.

- **Review your investment mix.** As you consider your portfolio, think about the events of these past 12 months and how you responded to them. When COVID-19 hit early in the year, and the financial markets plunged, did you find yourself worrying constantly about the losses you were taking, even though they were just on "paper" at that point? Did you even sell investments to "cut your losses" without waiting for a market recovery? If so, you might want to consult with a financial professional to determine if your investment mix is still appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance, or if you need to make some changes.

- **Evaluate your need for retirement plan withdrawals.** If you are 72 or older, you must start taking withdrawals – technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Typically, you must take these RMDs by December 31 every year. How-

ever, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act suspended, or waived, all RMDs due in 2020. If you're in this age group, but you don't need the money, you can let your retirement accounts continue growing on a tax-deferred basis.

- **Think about the future.** Are you saving enough for your

children's college education? Are you still on track toward the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned? Or have your retirement plans changed as a result of the pandemic? All of these issues can affect your investment strategies, so you'll want to think carefully about what decisions you may need to make.

Looking back – and ahead – can help you make the moves to end 2020 on a positive note and start 2021 on the right foot.

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# AD Morrell has had to navigate more than sports in brief term

Joe Morrell, West Haven High School's latest Athletic Director, is a familiar face around the sports venues of the city, and has been all his life. In fact, Morrell is the quintessential "local boy makes good" story, with the "making good" part being in his hometown.

"I grew up in West Haven where I played many youth sports in town through the years. During my high school years, I played three sports: soccer, I was coached by Elliott Marnell, hockey- Art Crouse and baseball, George Hanchette," he said. "All three of those coaches and former Athletic Director Tom Hunt have played a huge roll in my life. During my senior year, I was fortunate enough to be elected captain on all three teams my senior year."

What Morrell didn't say in his usual soft-spoken way was his leadership qualities were picked up by the coaches, and those qualities demanded he be captain.

Upon graduation from SCSU, and marriage to his high school sweetheart, Jackie Violano Morrell, the couple stayed in their hometown and made a life for themselves. Jackie worked in the city school system as a clerk/secretary, while her husband was able to get hired as a physical education instructor.

After that is was a series of coaching jobs, both in youth sports and later high school assistant jobs, and then taking over the reins of the Blue Devils' hockey program, something he aspired to accomplishing.

Longtime Athletic Director Jon Capone had planned on retirement, and it was always a known secret Morrell – who had since become the school's softball coach as well, would be the heir-apparent. What was needed was the state certification and administrative degrees the job required, and Morrell left his hockey job in order to pursue those requirements.

He took over the job in March – just before something called COVID-19 hit pandemic stage. Within days of taking



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**Since Joe Morrell has taken over the reins of West Haven High School's Athletic Dept., he has had to cope less with schedules, school bus transport and venues, and more with adapting to COVID-19 restrictions and how it affects his coaches and athletes.**

over, the world turned upside down.

"I took the job over in March and two weeks later I got COVID, which made things very difficult," he said. "Many people have been helpful in my transition to AD -- Superintendent of School, Neil Cavallaro, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Anne Druzolowski, Principal Dana Paredes, former AD Jon Capone, Supervisor of Facilities Chris Everone, PE coordinator Mike Anquillare, (Southern Connecticut Conference Chairman) Al Carbone and all SCC ADs, as we all the coaches, and a special appreciation to my secretary Mary-Lou Li-mauro for all her support."

Despite the setbacks and the reality of a pandemic, Morrell has set up some short-term goals in his new role.

"My short-term goal at this point, obviously, I would keep

improving the program which is already an outstanding program and to bring more technology into the athletic program. We have implemented a few changes, such as the way the athletes submit athletic forms and physicals, it is all done online now, he said. "Also the athletic trainer, Megan Taylor, and I, have revised the emergency action plan."

Long-term, Morrell wants more kids taking part in Blue Devils athletics.

"As for long-term goals; I would like to get more students participating in high school sports. We currently have a brand new facility which is state of the art. I believe these facilities give our students opportunities they may not have had in the past," he said.

The year 2020, however, has been the year of coronavirus,

and that has played a role in how Morrell has adapted into the job, and has overridden many of the obligations.

"COVID has definitely played a huge part of this job. I haven't experienced what the job really is because of it. It seems like everything I do has a COVID piece to it, from fan policies to equipment sign off sheets," he said.

He said the pandemic has expanded his horizons in ways he never thought possible.

"I never knew what the word 'Zoom' was and now it seems I am on Zoom every other day, with league administrators, school administrators, coaches, parent and students," he said.

The athletic director has his new responsibilities, but COVID has played a role in how his coaching staff operate as

well.

"Everything that the coaches do there is a COVID piece: monitoring their health, wiping the equipment down, wearing masks, and documenting everything. I am sure in the future some of this stuff are not going to go away," Morrell said.

And, the pandemic has added a new responsibility has far as what the coaches have to know over and above state coaching certification requirements.

"Probably the biggest part of my job is making sure the coaches are up to date on the latest COVID recommendations as well as their certifications," he said. "Another part of my job is that I am in charge of the Bennett Rink scheduling which has been very difficult this year due to COVID."

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# Morell: *New AD gets on-the-job training*

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But there are some responsibilities Morrell looks forward to after all other tasks.

"I also teach one Phys. Ed class, which is something I really look forward to each time. I also will continue to coach softball," Morrell said.

There are some voices around the state and elsewhere who are saying the role of high schools in youth sports might be reset after the pandemic. Indeed, those sponsoring programs in various sports under many banners say theirs is the way of the future. Morrell isn't quite so sure.

"I believe high school athletics will be stronger than ever when this pandemic is finally over. I think students miss it so much and can't wait to get back and to play for their school and play in front of the fans," he said. "When I played

and coached at West Haven, there was no better feeling than stepping onto the ice with a packed

house at the Bennett Rink. High school sports across the country gives students an opportunity to be part of something more than just the team, gives them a chance to become part of the community."

With the New Year beckoning, the winter sports season has been moved due to the rise in COVID cases, and the possibility of a March football season and even spring sports has some doubt surrounding it. Morrell is hoping for the best.

"At this point all we know is that there is a possible starting date of Jan.

**'I will be part of every agonizing defeat and part of the thrill of every victory.'**

19. I am sure we will be getting more information as that gets closer. As far as football in March, as of

right now it is still as planned. As far as spring sports go they are trying to get a full season in the start time may have to be adjusted," he said.

His new role won't change Morrell's love for Blue Devils athletics, its teams and its players.

"As a coach of a team you are responsible for just your players. As an AD I now feel responsible for coaches and players on every team in WHHS, he said. "I will be part of every agonizing defeat and part of the thrill of every victory."

In looking back over the past year

leading up to his taking over, Morrell did what he's always done, made sure the family was on board.

"Becoming the AD was certainly a family decision. My wife Jackie has definitely supported me in all athletic endeavors. Also my daughters, Jocey and Jolie, who both played sports at West Haven High where they got a tremendous educational experience and have both gone on to play softball at very good schools, they both have also been a huge part of my career in coaching and now as the AD," he said.

Morrell's new position as athletic director is in its beginning phase, and it has been hampered by issues beyond his control. But there is a sense that the man who led three sports, and is a successful coach and family man, has the stuff necessary for success at WHHS.



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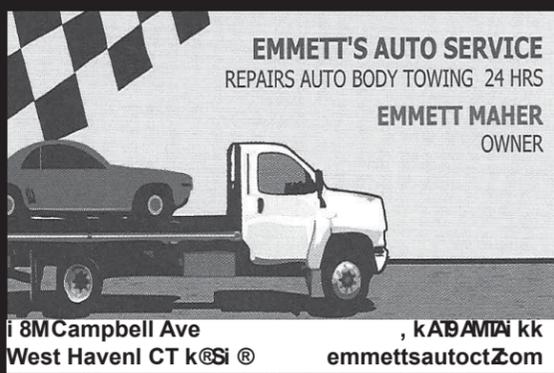
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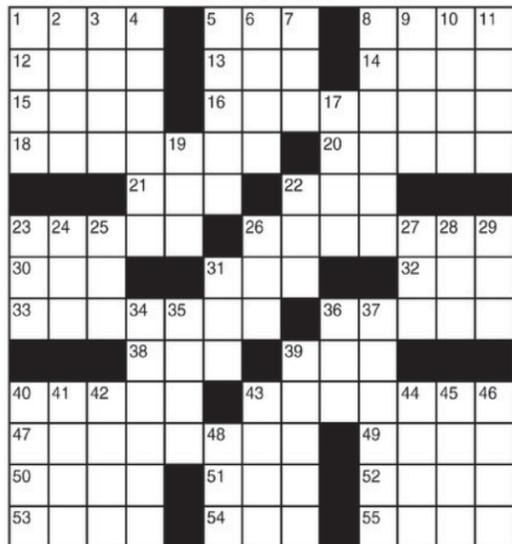
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  - 8 Out of control
  - 12 Suspend
  - 13 Weeding tool
  - 14 Wise one
  - 15 Killer whale
  - 16 Lineage
  - 18 Astronauts' descent to Earth
  - 20 Locations
  - 21 Comic DeLuise
  - 22 Satchel
  - 23 "Forget it!"
  - 26 Nation
  - 30 Lawyers' org.
  - 31 Sly one
  - 32 Nay opponent
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  - 36 Aden's land
  - 38 Bill and —
  - 39 Adams or Ameche
  - 40 Clean software
  - 43 Turducken, e.g.
  - 47 Immoderate devotion
  - 49 Met melody
  - 50 Taj Mahal city
  - 51 Trouble
  - 52 Ring up
  - 53 Lecherous look
  - 54 Possess
  - 55 Duel tool
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  - 4 Landlocked
  - 5 Amulet
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  - 7 Moment
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  - 10 Shrek, for one
  - 11 Jailer's janglers
  - 17 Jacob's brother
  - 19 Plaything
  - 22 Carton
  - 23 Apprehend
  - 24 Japanese sash
  - 25 Witty one
  - 26 Coquettish
  - 27 Scot's hat
  - 28 Deli bread
  - 29 Longing
  - 31 To and —
  - 34 Eye-related
  - 35 Forum garment
  - 36 Second person
  - 37 Intertwine
  - 39 Senior member
  - 40 Soap brand
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  - 44 Snare
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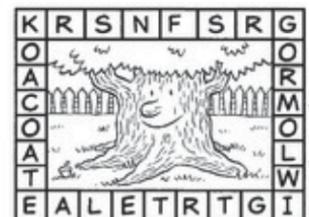


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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: HEAD OF A SKELETON

- Arrowheads
- Artifacts
- Bones
- Buttons
- Chambers
- Coins
- Diamonds
- Fossils
- Gold
- Money
- Mummy
- Pottery
- Rings
- Time capsule
- Treasure



**THIS PUZZLE WILL GROW ON YOU!** Hidden in the above frame is a famous proverb. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

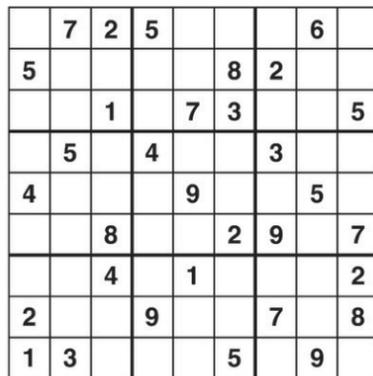
Answer: Starting with 'D', in the bottom left, 'ONE'

**THE ONE IN A MILLION PROBLEM!** Professor Flunkem challenges you to create a mathematical expression that is equal to 1,000,000 using eight digits. However, the digits can only be 3's and 1's.

**HERE'S AN EEEEEASY PUZZLE FOR YOU!** Each of the five words needed to fill in our "word power grid" contain the same five letters. We give you one letter and plenty of hints below.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



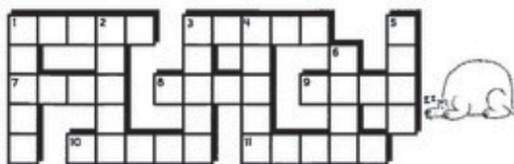
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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- ◆ Moderate
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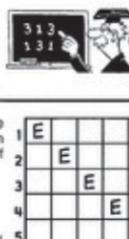
**Junior Whirl**  
by Charles Barry Townsend

DON'T FALL ASLEEP SOLVING THIS ONE!



Below are words pertaining to winter, animals and hibernation that you will need to complete the puzzle grid above. Use the trial-and-error method. Try to finish before the first snow arrives!

- 4-letter words:**  
DOZE  
NAPS  
SAFE  
SNOW  
WOLF
- 5-letter words:**  
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BEAST  
BIRDS  
BISON  
FROST  
FAWER  
RESTS  
SLEEP



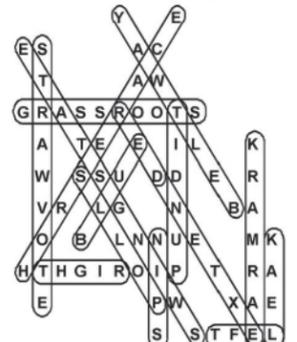
Answers: (Across) 1. Bears; 2. Snow; 3. Birds; 4. Rests; 5. Safe; 6. Doze; 7. Frost; 8. Naps; 9. Wolf; 10. Beaver; 11. Sleep.

**Answers to last week's puzzles**

**King Crossword — Answers**



**POLITICAL JARGON**



**Weekly SUDOKU — Answer**

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# Pearl Harbor attack remembered

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 commemorated Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on Monday with a virtual ceremony now airing on the city's YouTube channel.

Rossi delivered poignant remarks honoring the American patriots who made the ultimate sacrifice 79 years ago during Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

Watch the 19-minute video on West Haven YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5cM1trmHe-999FXNJ56X\\_Jg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5cM1trmHe-999FXNJ56X_Jg).

On Dec. 7, 1941, just before 8 a.m. Hawaii Standard Time, a swarm of 360 Japanese warplanes descended on the island of Oahu and bombed the U.S. Navy base at Pearl Harbor, killing an estimated 2,335 service members and 68 civilians.

"This event would launch the neutral United States into action during World War II to protect the democratic freedoms enjoyed by Americans, our Allies and many others around the world," said Rossi, speaking from a World War

II exhibit in the West Haven Veterans Museum at 30 Hood Terrace.

"The men and women who lived during this tumultuous time would become known as the greatest generation," said Rossi, flanked by a wingtip from a Japanese Zero fighter that was shot down by a Bridgeport anti-aircraft unit. "If we do not take the time to remember (Pearl Harbor), we risk a sense of disconnection that dishonors the memory of those who died."

The solemn service also featured remarks by U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., and Veterans Council President Dave Ricci. Louis P. Esposito Jr., Rossi's executive assistant, served as the master of ceremonies.

Representing the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Florence Stoeber, the wife of the late Jack Stoeber, a Navy veteran of Pearl Harbor and Iwo Jima who was a regular at West Haven's Pearl Harbor rites for many years, read the names of the 18 Connecticut servicemen who died at Pearl Harbor. Capt. William S. Johnson IV, joined by members of the West Haven Fire Department Honor Guard, tolled the department's chrome bell each

instant a name was 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.

In her remarks, Rossi noted that Floyd Welch, Connecticut's last known Pearl Harbor survivor, died Aug. 17 at age 99. Welch, of East Lyme, served aboard the battleship USS Maryland and helped save many lives aboard the bombarded battleship USS Oklahoma.

"West Haven is fortunate to have created places, such as Bradley Point, the Soderman Memorial Flagpole and our Veterans Walk of Honor, where we can gather to remember our military and honor heroes like Floyd Welch," Rossi said.

In observance of Pearl Harbor Day, West Haven Vietnam Veterans member William "Bill" Benson lowered the museum's American flag to half-staff.

The tribute 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 Vietnam Veterans chaplain Elliott Hastings.

It also included a wreath-

laying by Rossi and taps played by former West Shore Fire Department Lt. Kevin McKeon.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Nancy R. Rossi lays a wreath at the base of the granite William A. Soderman Memorial on the Veterans Walk of Honor in Bradley Point Park during the city's virtual observance of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on Monday.



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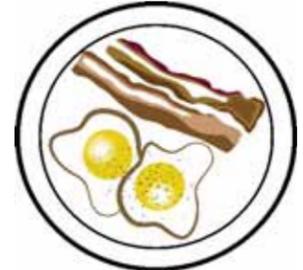
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