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Despite February storms, city still within budget on removal

February is finally over. What was a mild winter did a complete about-face within a three-week span. Arctic air, combined with a dip in the jet stream accounted for several major storms, with three dumping significant snowfalls on the region. Though the city had to deal with those storms, Mayor Nancy Rossi said the city is still within its budget.

While the city saw three significant storms, two of which dumped up to a foot of snow in a short period, Rossi said things are still on track for this winter season.

"We have \$255,000 allocated in two budget accounts for all storms. If we continue in the current weather pattern, the budget could be close," she said.

March is always an unpredictable month, with fluctuating weather patterns. This week alone calls for a bit of a thaw, mixed in with temperatures that will drop into the 20s due to Arctic cold. With a storm before Christmas on the books as well as those of the last three weeks, the city can still withstand another bout with Ole Man Winter.

"We anticipated 5-6 major storms during the winter," Rossi said. "We have sufficient funds in the accounts referenced above to cover them. Should there be more storms than anticipated and our allocated funds be depleted, we can transfer funds intra-departmentally to cover the costs. In the unlikely event that we need funds beyond that, we can access the unallocated contingency funds the City Council prudently funded as a reserve."

In an average storm, the city allocates a total of 43 city workers toward snow removal.

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Photo by Todd Dandelske

Scenes like this might be a thing of the past, but March is always a wild card month when it comes to weather. February proved to be a difficult month for snow, but the city seems to be within its expectations, budget-wise.

Cove River tidal gates get upgrade

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

A New York contractor began construction last week on the new Cove River tide gate system and pedestrian bridge, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced.

City Engineer Abdul Quadir said the project, funded with a \$3.9 million state grant, includes replacing the river's deteriorated wooden tide gates on Captain Thomas Boulevard with new steel gates installed by Terry Contracting & Materials Inc. of Riverhead, New

York. The grant money was secured by state Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115).

The Cove River flows into Long Island Sound through the tide-regulated gates, which abut the Charlotte Bacon "Where Angels Play" playground at Sea Bluff Beach, just off the boulevard near Ocean Avenue.

In high tide, the existing flap gates close to prevent the Sound from flooding the salt marsh on both sides of the river; in low tide, they open to allow the river to flow into the Sound, according to city officials.

Plans for the new tide gate system include installing two flap gates and two self-regulating gates that will enable the city to control the tidal height within an inch to keep the marsh healthy and prevent flooding, Quadir said.

The project also calls for Terry to demolish and replace the river's concrete footbridge, which has been closed for more than 20 years, with a new prefabricated aluminum truss bridge that will connect Bradley Point Park to Sea Bluff Beach, Quadir said. The 88-foot-long, white powder-coated bridge,

manufactured by GatorBridge of Sanford, Florida, will allow pedestrian access over the river.

The project, part of the city's Coastal Resilience Plan, should take at least four months to complete, officials said, and will reduce the westbound traffic lanes on Captain Thomas Boulevard to one lane for a few weeks.

Officials said the gates are vital to preserving and restoring the river's tidal wetlands. When functioning, they are designed to protect the surround-

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Anna Howery age 4, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. hopes to see rainbows after the rain.

On this Date

2007 -- The world's first national internet election is held. Estonia was the first country to allow its citizens to vote in a parliamentary election through the world wide web.

1980 -- Robert Mugabe becomes Zimbabwe's first black prime minister. A hero of the black struggle against the white minority rule in his country, Mugabe won a landslide victory. More recently, his oppressive style of leadership has been condemned domestically and internationally.

1977 -- The Vrancea earthquake claims over 1500 lives. Most of the victims were residents of Romania's capital Bucharest.

1918 -- The first documented cases of the Spanish flu herald a deadly worldwide pandemic. The disease quickly spread around the world, causing over 25 million deaths.

1789 -- The U.S. Constitution is put into effect. The law is one of the world's oldest constitutions still in use. The oldest is the Constitution of San Marino, which was issued in 1600.

Births

1968 -- Graham Westley, English footballer, manager.

1951 -- Chris Rea, English singer-songwriter, guitarist.

1950 -- Rick Perry, American politician, 47th Governor of Texas.

1932 -- Ryszard Kapuściński, Polish journalist.

1678 -- Antonio Vivaldi, Italian violinist, composer.

Deaths

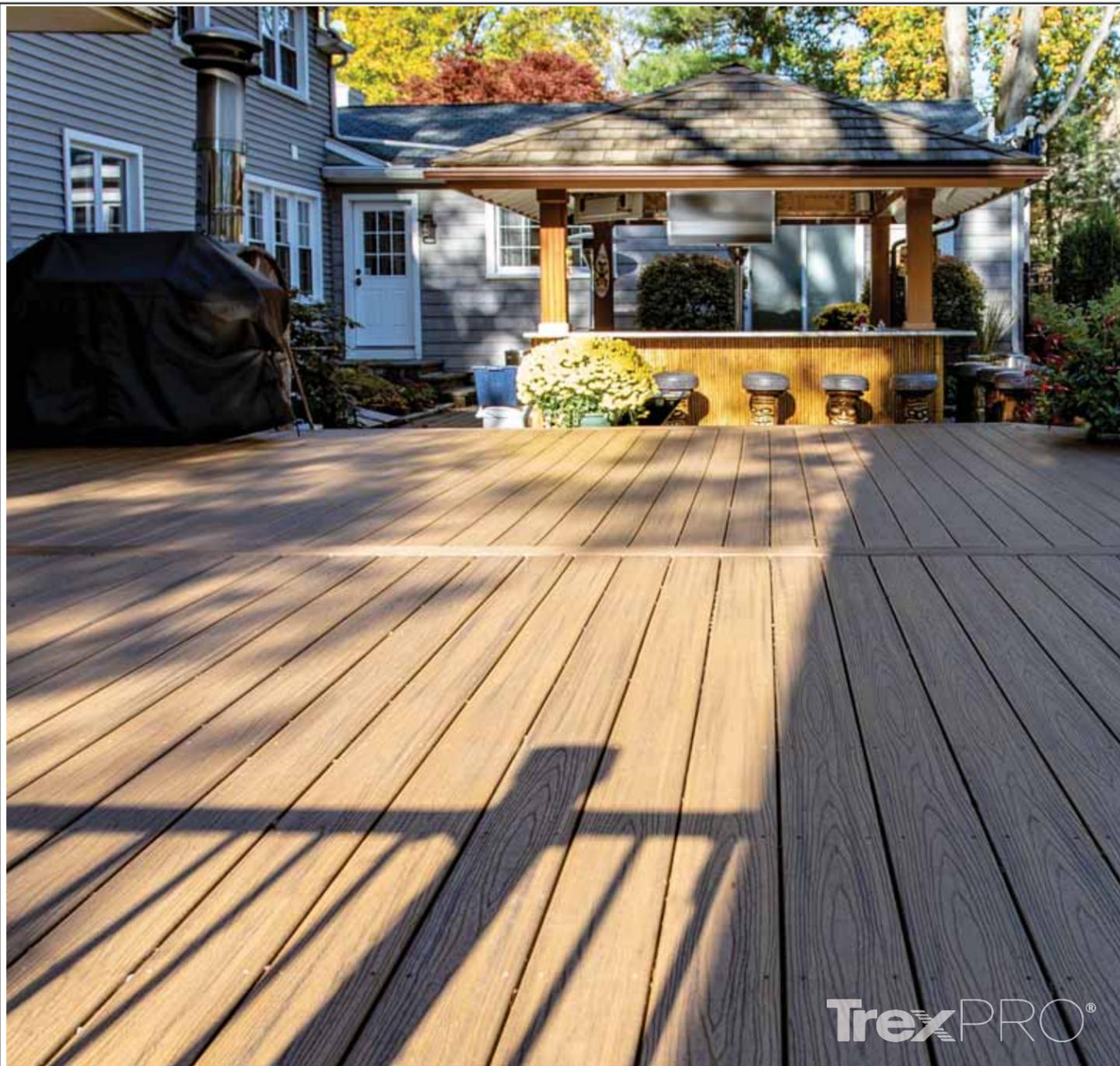
2008 -- Gary Gygax, American game designer, writer, co-created Dungeons & Dragons.

1977 -- Anatol E. Baconsky, Romanian poet, author, critic.

1888 -- Amos Bronson Alcott, American educator, philosopher.

1852 -- Nikolai Gogol, Ukrainian/Russian author, playwright.

1811 -- Mariano Moreno, Argentinian lawyer, journalist, politician.



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Centenarian marks birthday

Susan Dupee receives a mayoral citation in honor of her 100th birthday from Louis P. Esposito Jr., the executive assistant to Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, left, and Councilman Robert Bruneau, D-9, during a celebration at the Hillside Avenue home of her daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Mike Pniewski, on Feb. 17. Dupee, who has lived most of her 100 years in West Haven, was recognized for "leading a remarkable life that is great in years and great in accomplishments."

First grader wins award in national poetry contest

Ayyan Choudhury, the son of Hasan Choudhury, recently submitted a poem in a contest for students, nationwide. Ayyan is a first-grader at Alm E. Pagels.

His poem, "What I Am Grateful For?" was selected among thousands of entries sent from all over the country.

The top 10 entries in grades K-9 will be entered into an anthology, *A Celebration of Poets*. Each winning entry will get a complimentary copy and an award of \$25. Poems were selected on literary merit, creativity, and social significance.



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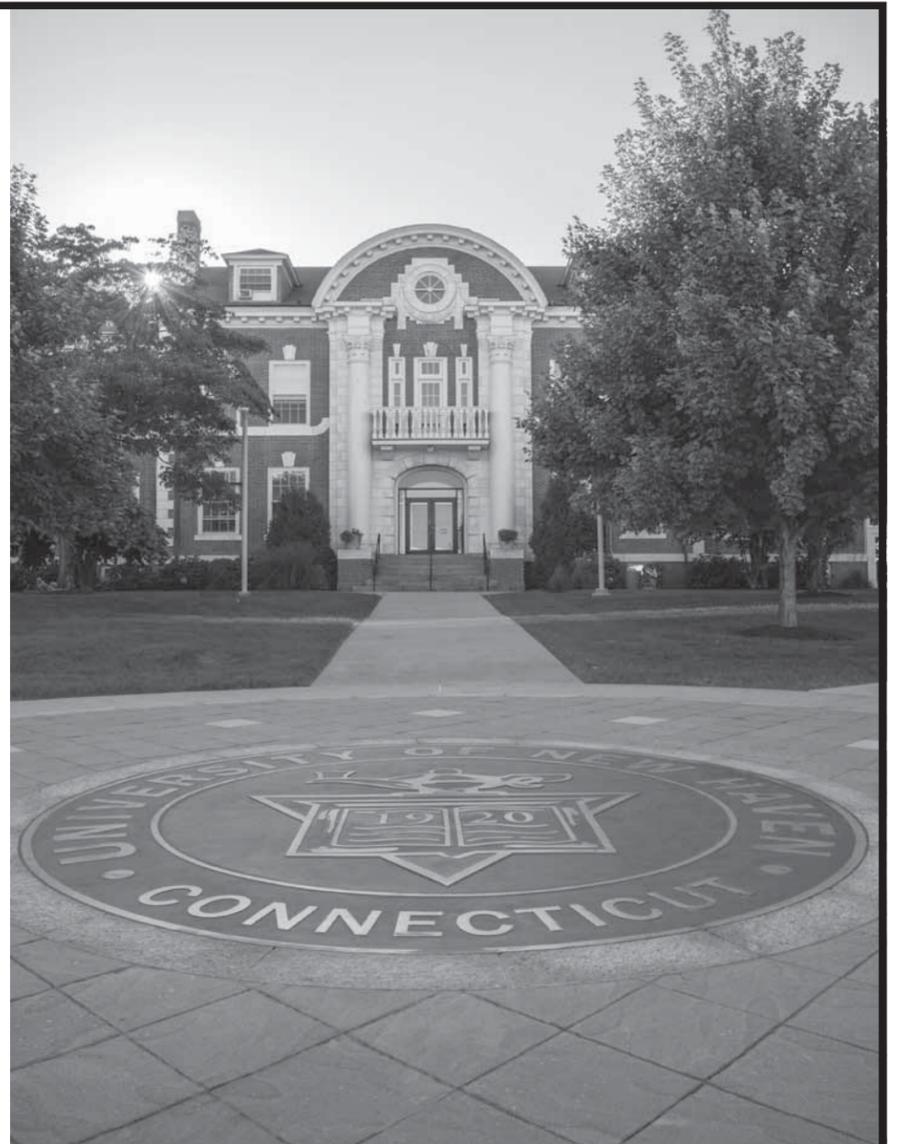
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Dear Felicia

Whattsup, honeybunch? Here we are at the beginning of March already, and, judgin' by the forecasts given by the people who do setch things for a living, March is coming in like a lamb, not that ferocious feline we have seen. That don't mean that winter is gone. Nope. For the next little while we're still in winter, and the chances of some "arctic blast" coming down from the nawth are perty good. In other words, Cobina ain't puttin' away the galoshes and fake-fur lining anytime soon. Heck, it don't git warm around here until May, anyway.

With that said, we've had more snow since the last time we spoke, and lotsa rain. But, the snow is where we git in trouble around here. The costs to the city in removal are perty steep, and the fack that one or two of the storms have been

on the weekend don't help the municipal pocketbook, either. Sooooo, effen we have another "snow event" as it's called nowadays, there might be some very smart checkin' of the finances to see what might need to be moved, or what might need to be borrowed from. Stay tuned, it could be interesting. We didn't really have major storms for a couple o' years, and we were due. Well, we've paid in spades.

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*Speakin' o' budgets, Sammy Bluejay reminded Cobina that herroner is due to release her annual budget statement, and will probably do it in another virtual confab with the City Council. Whilst most places have started to open up jest a tad, City Hall is still open only to workers, and still only four days a week, with Fridays being for "deep cleaning," no doubt.*

*Tennyrate, the City Charter – the old one as the new one was voted down – calls for the proposed budget to be made public this month, and then the entire "budget cycle" gits underway until a budget is finalized and voted in as an ordinance by the City Council by the foist Thursday in May. Soooo, we'll be interested to see what herroner is proposing, and jest how much the increase in levies will be this year. Also, the amount o' state aid we git, via the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) will be decreased rather significantly this year, methinks, which means the city won't be able to count on as much cash as it has in the last three budgets.*

*We all know there is gonna be a mill increase cuz the MARB has mandated that the city's mill rate has to be 40 by the end of the five-year plan imposed a bit more than three years ago. They still have the final say on things until setch time as they don't, and taxpayers in the berg don't have thing one to say about it.*

*Sammy sez he'll be perched outside the spot where the mayor gives her address to the council, and will report back to Cobina what, if anything is of interest.*

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 Nelly Nuthatch happened to around Savin Rock a few days ago, and fluttered here for tea

afterwards. As yew know, the city is lookin' to lease out the Savin Rock Conference Center to a vendor. The plans that have been bandied about concern a couple o' restaurants and big improvements to the building. Also, the Savin Rock Museum will continue to be in the basement.

Some people have even noted the building should be taken down with a new one put up in its place. Well, Nelly was peering around and noted that effen something ain't done soon, Mother Nature might help the building take itself down. A couple years ago, the city – in lieu of putting a new roof on the structure – opted to cover it in tarp.

Given the weather and the wind that is associated with Long Island Sound, long-term use of tarp on a roof is an iffy thing at best. Well, it wasn't so iffy. The tarp has been peeling away from the roof and some of the shingles underneath are looking rather poorly. Effen something ain't done and decisions made, there might not be any reason to worry about the building. Nelly admitted she ain't a structural engineer, but things don't look good up there, not by a long shot. If water starts gittin' inside, there'll be a lotta other decisions that will hafta be made besides who gets a lease.

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*As has been Cobina's custom over the last few weeks, when I've been able to git the gassamobuggy out, I've been traversing the city to see what things are like. One of the places we go is the Haven location to see what is happening over there. As yew know – cuz I've told yew – there are three or so buildings down over there now, and things seem to be getting steadier in that regard. The snow can't be makin' it any easier.*

*That said, one wonders what the timetable is like. One would think over the next four or five weeks the weather will improve, and the demolitions get more on-going. We're watching the progress, sweetie, cuz remember the announcement more than a year ago: You will be able to shop at the Haven in Christmas 2022!*

*The way things are going over there, I wouldn't bet the mortgage on it. Nope.*

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 Iva Lootey stopped by and we got to talkin' about the sturm und drang that is in other venues concerning the opening of schools. Say what yew want about Gov. Ned Lamont – and there is plenty to say – the schools opening has been one of the successes of this almost-yearlong purgatory that we've all been through.

Here in our lit'le corner of the world, Superintendent Neil Cavallaro damned the

torpedoes and went full speed ahead in opening the schools back in September. He had a few hiccups, and there was a bit of a hue and cry, but overall it's been a success. Our kiddies are not gonna be as far behind as some communitie in the state – and certainly not as much as some states and regions of the country.

Whilst we might have distance learning on an irregular basis, one would think the daily use of it has held the kids back more than it's helped them. We'll find out soon enuff, and then the political ramifications of many decisions will be seen.

Just be happy we ain't down the road apiece in the Empire State. Things down there are getting curiouser and curiouser by the day. It's amazing how hubris comes back to bite politicos in the posterior. For it was hubris that had the Luv Guv's assistant make that admission of holding back evidence – and then expect that it wouldn't git out.

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*What's this "Connecticut Strain" of the China Virus we're hearin' about. Cobina was talking to the Wag and he mentioned a "Connecticut Strain." Effen there is one thing this state don't need is another virus named for it. Lyme Disease was certainly enough for anyone.*

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 Finally, it seems that some people like to use social media to make untoward comments. What is it about these venues that people seem to lose all sense of propriety and common sense? It ain't anything specific, but it jest seems like people lose their minds on these sites.

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*Got this via the post, thought it was interesting, yet a bit inaccurate. It was just an observation, not a theory. We've seen these things before.*

*"After reading Sammy Blue-Jay's theory regarding a "coordinated effort" to catapult Councilman Barry Lee Cohen's profile for a possible mayoral run, it seems as though Sammy took the bait from some Rossi operatives.*

*"It's very apparent that the Rossites allies are a bit defensive. They always seem to converge on a Cohen posting should the slightest syllable suggest the smallest affront to this administration and the supposed "transparency" that they constantly preach. As a matter of fact, many have noticed that Rossi herself is attempting to take a few pages from Cohen's playbook and up her social media game. Now that's "transparent."*

*"We're sorry to disappoint, but there is no "there, there."*

*With that bit o' chatter, I'll close mitt luff und kizzez,*

*Cobina*

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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I love your paper and I love West Haven. The people on Farm Hill Road have a flag-pole. They have an American flag and beneath it another American flag but at the bottom is another American flag but at the bottom it says Trump 2020. Are you able to keep an election flag up forever? I do not believe this is right. If its legal, so be it but if it is not, I want it down. Please advise. Sorry you don't publish weekly anymore.

*No Election Flags*

**Dear No Election Flags:**

According to U.S.History.org it is never acceptable to fly a company, corporate or other forms of branding/flash advertising under the same pole as any United States flags. You will need to have a separate flagpole to display both flags at onetime.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

The litter on the property owned by Metro North near First Avenue needs to be removed from the property. It was there since the beginning of this year. I would like to have a gathering to landscape

the area, paint the bridge with a mural of something about our city and install pollinator plants on both sides of the fence. This area belongs to MetroNorth.

*A Caring Resident*

**Dear Caring Resident:**

I have contacted a representative from Metro North to see if there is a possibility of having this area cleaned up. As soon as I hear from them, I will publish this information.

**Dear Councilman Robert Bruneau:**

In a recent Gripe Vine column, I had sought a solution through your office, to investigate a dying tree on Central Avenue. You had responded that the problem had been resolved but you would take a ride by there and confirm with public works immediately along with the contractor Bob Harrington from Harrington Trees. I have not heard from you to date, confirming as to the disposition of this tree.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

The Veteran's Walk at the Bradley Point Memorial bricks area needs to be cleaned up. The weeds are sprouting up



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

and the bush growth is covering over the bricks.

*P.R. Irritated*

**Dear P.R. Irritated:**

I have written to Councilman William X. Conlon for help with your complaint of an unkempt area at the Bradley Point Memorial. My inquiry was dated Jan. 17. To date, I have not heard from Councilman Conlon. I am anticipating a reply soon and it will be published in Gripe Vine.

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

Following a complaint of a 24-foot broken sidewalk at Painter's Drive, I notified

Councilman William X. Conlon of this condition back in October and again Jan. 17 of this year. To date, Gripe Vine has received no reply. Councilman's response will appear in Gripe Vine when it arrives.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I went to the town hall in 2007 to report the sidewalks in front of my house at 318 Noble as well as my neighbor's house. I was told my name would be put on a waiting list. I have been very patient. It is now 8 years later. I was told to try and repair it myself. I have a handicap space in front of my house. Does that not get some sort of priority? The sidewalk has been worse than it has ever been. Can I get someone who will let me know when it will be fixed?

*Noble Street Resident*

**Dear Resident:**

On Jan. 17 I forwarded your complaint to Councilman William X. Conlon. As soon as I hear from the councilman, it will appear in Gripe Vine.

Meantime, please keep in touch with me so I can follow your sidewalk's progress.

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

Back in Jan. 17, I forwarded a complaint relating to the lack of illumination at a store on Capt. Thomas Boulevard to Councilman William X. Conlon. I'm waiting for a reply and I'm sure Councilman Conlon will contact me relating to this gripe. Needed lighting is required at this site.

**Coming up...**Dee Street potholes...Loud music on Knox Street...potholes on Meloy Road...overgrown bushes on Leete Street...potholes on Plainfield Avenue....Tree removal on Central Avenue and much more.

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Rossi encourages residents to sign-up for COVID vaccine

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi is kicking off a citywide campaign to encourage eligible residents to sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine.

"The key to ending the pandemic and getting back to a sense of normality is for our residents to get vaccinated as soon as possible when they are eligible," Rossi said.

West Haven is taking an aggressive approach and is working closely with the state to vaccinate as many people as possible as quickly as possible, Rossi said.

"The availability of vaccine has been a challenge, but we expect the number of doses will increase in the weeks ahead, giving the city and our private partners the opportunity to vaccinate more residents," Rossi said.

While Connecticut remains among the nation's top four states for vaccine distribution, Rossi said: "I have real concern about the disparities that are being seen in Connecticut and across the country regarding vaccination across racial lines. Data shows that Black populations are lagging behind white and Hispanic populations.

"We must make sure that all of our communities in West Haven are given equal access to COVID-19 information and vaccination, and this will be my top priority until all of our residents are vaccinated and

protected from this deadly virus."

West Haven has set up a vaccination clinic at the Johnson Community Center, 201 Noble St., and is working with area health providers to set up temporary pop-up or mobile vaccination clinics as needed across the city.

Private partners in West Haven include the Walmart pharmacy and Walgreens, along with the neighboring Cornell Scott Hill Health Center on Columbus Avenue in New Haven. The Stop & Shop pharmacy in West Haven should be up and operational soon, Rossi said.

Appointments for those locations are done through the Vaccine Administration Management System, known as VAMS.

Individuals who are eligible and want to register for the vaccine can use the contact in-

formation below:

~~VAMS: Go to <https://vams.cdc.gov>.

~~Phone: Call 211.

~~ Yale New Haven Health's vaccination clinic at the Yale University West Campus: Call 1-833-275-9644 or go to <https://covidvaccine.ynhh.org>.

Rossi added: "Please help your family and neighbors register for the vaccine when it is their turn. West Haven has always come together to help others in the community, and we are asking for your help once again. The city website has all the current COVID-19 information at <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/>.

Connecticut is currently in Phase 1b, which includes health care professionals, medical first responders, and individuals 65 and older. The state had vaccinated 61% of its population over age 75 and 13% between ages 65 and 74.



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Who endows our rights?

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The above quotation from the Declaration of Independence is enshrined – or at least has been up to this point – in our nation's understanding of law, and the relationship between government and people governed. To be sure, the United States in its short history has not always lived up to these values, but that does not make them invalid, and it certainly does not make them unattainable.

In the current societal upheaval, we are seeing, with the "woke," the anarchistic and the Marxist elements looking to overturn cultural norms, we see a very dangerous trend in the rhetoric – and actions – of the perpetrators: the rise of a statist/fascist ideology that, taken to its logical extreme, would deny the truths the Founding Fathers enshrined in our founding documents.

The rights established by our founding documents were given to us by Nature and Nature's God. In other words, the rights we enjoy are given to any human being, and cannot be abrogated by a government. That was the principle of the Declaration and one that has been followed throughout our nation's history. There are those who would dispute that, saying our founding was racist or some other bumper sticker anathema without real thought.

But, we are not here to take up that argument. What we are fearful of is the rising ideology of the ultra-left-wing that seeks to use the power of the state to eradicate those ideas, and, presumably, those people, with whom they disagree. The so-called "Cancel Culture" is nothing more than censorship. And politicians, being the power seekers they are, increasingly are latching onto this ideology. But the question stands, from whom or what are our rights derived.

Even taking out the theological language, the founders would accept that Nature itself endows those rights on man. It was a radical idea for its time, and still is. Until that point, most would say the state, in the person of the reigning monarch, would deign to endow rights onto individuals and groups.

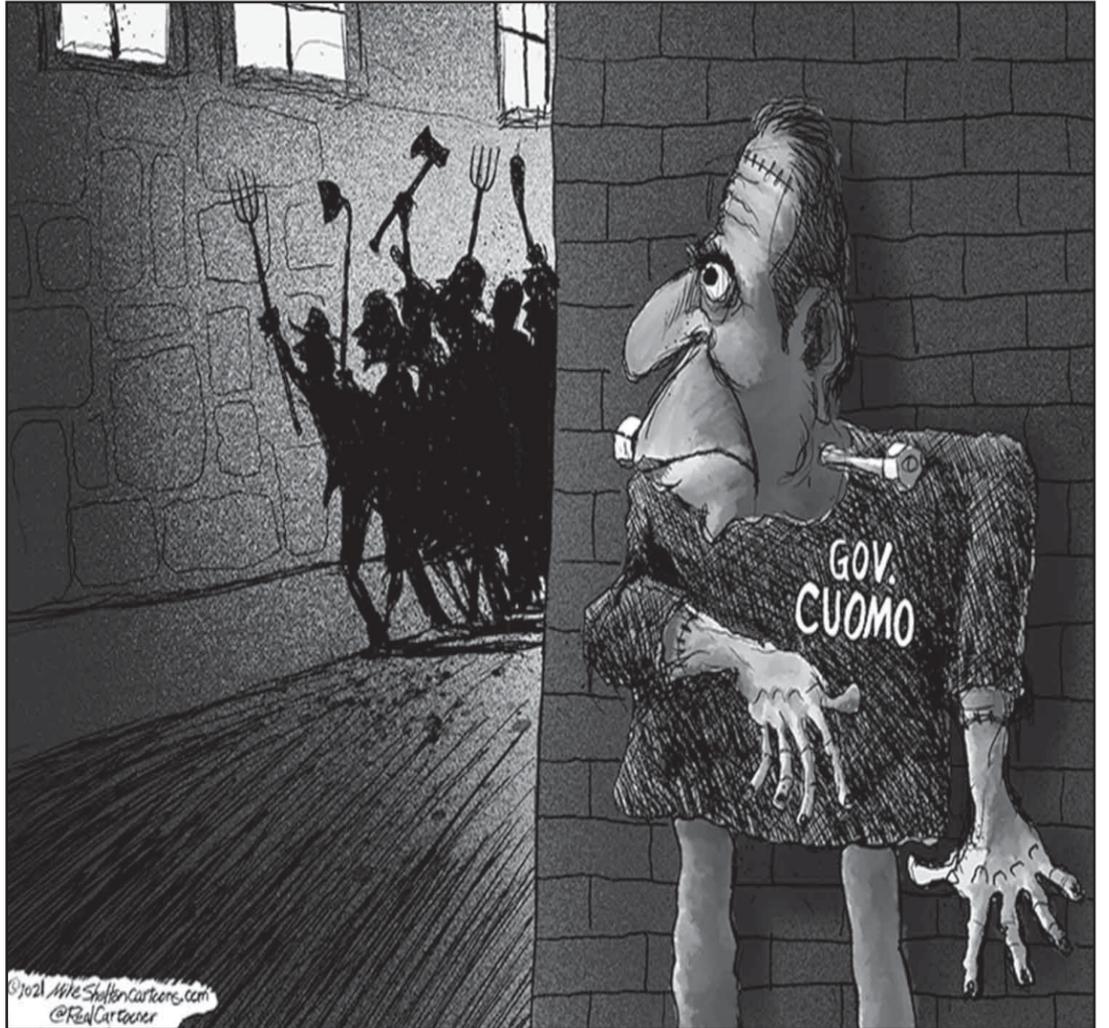
We see in the left-wing radicals a return to that type of understanding. The state would be the font of rights, divvied to groups, classes or individuals as it sees fit. This is the essence of socialist thought and governance. The state determines what is to be allowed, what is to be taught, what is to be read, what is to be shown. One need only look at the continued imposition of dictatorship on the once prosperous city of Hong Kong by the Communist Chinese to understand this is the same type of ideology that drives our (non) Progressive radicals.

That means discussion of ideas or policies that go against the current orthodoxy (take transgenderism, for example) are to be canceled, shunned and the people with these counter ideas excommunicated from society – only to be allowed back in after a period of re-education. Only this week a student at a university took on this pernicious transgender issue, and was suspended until he undergoes "training." His sin? Saying a man is a man and woman is a woman. No discussion – off to the camps with him.

The same is true now for other bumper sticker issues: white supremacy, anti-abortion, gun rights. Radicals are looking for the state to segregate and shun those who espouse something different. It is the 1950s all over again, only in reverse.

The nation must go back to the idea of rights endowed outside the purview of the state, or we are headed in a direction we thought was brought down in Eastern Europe three decades ago.

We have a choice.



A tale of two governors

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

Throughout the pandemic, the press has been excoriatingly harsh on a governor who was slow to act, unnecessarily endangered the lives of the elderly, alienated experts and cooked the numbers.

It just thought the governor in question was Florida's Ron DeSantis rather than New York's Andrew Cuomo.

After it has become clear that Cuomo's handling of the pandemic was not just criminal in the metaphorical sense, but perhaps in the literal sense, the press has begun, only reluctantly and belatedly, to abandon its long-running Cuomo hagiography.

It never made any sense to lionize Andrew Cuomo at the expense of Ron DeSantis, except that one had a "D" after his name and the other didn't, and one hated Trump and the other didn't. The national media also labors under the assumption that New York must be competent while the Sunshine State is the preserve of the embarrassingly boorish "Florida Man."

Finally, the media loved the way Cuomo talked about the pandemic at his take-charge press conferences. This was taken as the opposite of

Trump's approach, which it was -- Cuomo talked a good game, while utterly botching the substance of the response, while Trump talked irresponsibly about the pandemic, while handling the substance pretty well (or, certainly, not as badly as advertised).

All this meant that the press made both Cuomo and DeSantis into something they were not -- a hero and a villain, respectively -- when it should have been obvious all along that this wasn't remotely justified.

From the outset of the pandemic, New York state has had the highest number of deaths of any state and still does (47,000), and the second highest deaths-per-million of anywhere in the country. In contrast, Florida is right around the national average for deaths-per-million. Journalists brushed right by these top-line numbers in the interest of their tendentious narrative-building.

They erupted in outrage when DeSantis was allegedly slow to close the beaches last March, but didn't dwell much on Cuomo saying, when the virus was already spreading throughout his state: "The facts defeat fear. Because the reality is reassuring."

They accused DeSantis of unnecessarily endangering seniors when the Florida governor took steps to protect the nursing homes, and Andrew Cuomo, infamously, ordered nursing homes to accept COVID-19 patients.

They claimed DeSantis was rejecting the "science" by, among other things, pushing to reopen the schools, an approach that has proved out. Meanwhile, experts have fled the New York public health bureaucracy in response to Cuomo's highhandedness.

They bought the bogus story of a Florida data manager who was supposedly persecuted for blowing the whistle on the state's manipulation of its COVID numbers, when, of course, this is exactly what Cuomo was doing.

And so, the media's anointed hero of the pandemic -- who wrote a book on his own exemplary pandemic response, who won a Grammy, who was elevated to an authority with the standing to comment on how the country was handling COVID-19 -- is facing calls to resign or face impeachment and is the subject of multiple investigations, while his routine bullying of critics is now out in the open.

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Lowry: *Taking sides*

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Not only are none of these things happening to Ron DeSantis, his policy of avoiding strict lockdowns, which occasioned so much criticism, has avoided the educational and economic downsides of Cuomo's policies. According to Florida data, the state offers more in-person education than any other state and it has a lower unemployment rate than the national average and other populous states. This matters greatly to the well-being of Floridians.

All of this said, the virus has presented enormous challenges and excruciating choices to policymakers around the country. It's not healthy to be overly invested in red state versus blue state comparisons. But the media gleefully went all-in on this game -- and managed to pump up the wrong governor and run down the wrong one, in a failure for the ages.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Westies sought for recognition

As part of the community's 100th anniversary festivities later this year, the City of West Haven Centennial Celebration Committee is honoring residents 100 and older and is looking for centenarians to recognize.

All centenarians who live in West Haven are invited to participate by calling committee member Beth A. Sabo at 203-937-3558.

The committee is planning a series of commemorative events, starting in late June, to celebrate the 1921 birth of Connecticut's youngest town.

Clinic resumes counseling services

The West Haven Youth and Family Services Clinic has resumed counseling services for couples, families, individuals and youths using a confidential virtual platform.

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HS' McCauley re-ups UConn program

By **Miguelina Felix**
WH Schools Publicist

A well-rounded high school education prepares students for rigorous college courses and encourages them to take advantage of a variety of opportunities in sports, academics, and extracurricular activities. Strong teachers who also serve as mentors, help empower students to become successful and advocate for their aspirations beyond the high school classrooms.

Today we are highlighting a special program offered at West Haven High School. Mrs. Erin McCauley is West Haven High School's University of Connecticut Early College Experience program instructor. This program thrived under another teacher until 2010, but took a hiatus until 2019 when McCauley applied and was approved by UConn, making it possible to reintroduce this program.

UConn Early College Experience (ECE) allows students to take UConn courses in a high school classroom while earning high school and college credit. The full-year writing seminar helps students earn four UConn credits, which are transferrable to many other colleges and universities as well.

This academic year, West

Haven High School was named top 10 high schools for the highest percent enrollment increase in the program. The school the seventh-ranked high school in the program this year with an 86% increase in enrollment. These numbers truly highlight that despite all the difficulties and uncertainties, students and staff continue to be dedicated and hard-working, school officials state.

We took a peak in McCauley's classroom to learn what students thought about this course. Just a few minutes in, it was evident to see why these students chose to take the course.

"With dual enrollment, students not only receive college credit but also advanced placement credit, so it's a no-brainer that this is a step for students to reach higher academic achievement," McCauley said.

Madison Hobart, a senior currently taking this course, said UConn is her top college choice.

"This is a stepping-stone for me," she said.

Intending to major in either education or occupational therapy, Hobart believes this program provides her with the skills needed for her future. Distance learning students chimed in with

Madison expressing that this is an opportunity to get a head start.

With college admissions coming in right around the corner, West Haven High School seniors are prepared to take the necessary steps to excel beyond high school. Mrs. McCauley has made this program possible once more.

Ed. Note: Miguelina Felix is the public relations/social media writer for West Haven Schools.

Photo by Miguelina Felix

West Haven High School teacher Erin McCauley re-instituted a program that was on hiatus for a decade. The UConn program offers college credit to students, while studying locally. She is shown during the class, which is offered not only to in-person students, but also those who are opting to continue distance learning.



CSX awards grant to CWHFD-Allingtown

The City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown has received a \$3,427 grant to buy and install vital laundry equipment at its Minor Park Station on Fairfax Street, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Chief Michael R. Terenzio announced.

The first responder grant was awarded by CSX Corp., a rail transportation company based in Jacksonville, FL "to support the health, safety and welfare of the department's firefighters."

CSX conducts freight rail operations in the department's Allingtown response area and "is committed to supporting the first responders that make their operations possible."

Terenzio said the funding will pay for a commercial washer and dryer that a crew of 20 firefighters will use to clean uniforms and gear to help avoid

the spread of contamination when responding to emergency medical calls related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grant was prepared and submitted by acting city grants writer Doug Colter and Deputy Chief Michael T. Esposito.

The laundry machines are part of an overall response protocol that requires the department's men and women to change uniforms and shower after each coronavirus-related call and to wash all clothing before returning to their homes and families.

"This grant directly supports the first responders and addresses the health, safety and welfare of the crew and their families during a time when they are called upon for this extra hazard duty," Terenzio said. "Due to overtime and sickout backfill requirements,

some firefighters work back-to-back shifts, sometimes for days on end before returning home."

As details of the coronavirus and how it is transmitted are learned, Terenzio said it has become apparent that the virus attaches to bacteria that help the viral particles survive for some time on soft surfaces, clothing and frequent touch points.

The protocol for helping to stop the spread of the viral infection includes using personal protective equipment, sanitizing the ambulance and fire-trucks after each coronavirus-related run, cleaning and sanitizing the fire-house's frequent touch points, and cleaning uniforms and personal gear, he said.

Beyond the immediate emergency posed by the pandemic, firefighter

clothing is often contaminated with fine particles of carcinogenic and hazardous materials that firefighters should not bring home, Terenzio said.

The wellness portion of the project grant extends to protecting firefighters' families by not exposing them to a lifetime of dangerous respirable contaminants, he said.

"All of these operations leave the crew and their families exposed to picking up chemical hazards and viral contamination on their uniforms and personal clothing," Terenzio said. "The health and safety protocol for COVID-19 response and workplace safety includes the washing of all clothing before returning home to their families."

Thanks to CSX, Allingtown firefighters are able to keep themselves and their families safe, said Terenzio.

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Vendrella 'kicks it' on field, in classroom

The Connecticut High School Coaches Association All-State Academic Team was recently selected, acknowledging top performance in the classroom as well as the field. Among those chosen was West Haven High School senior soccer player Anthony Vendrella.

Association President Deb Petruzzello and Executive Director Joe Canzanella emphasized that it is an honor to be part of this list, and every member should be proud of this accomplishment. Students receiving this distinguished honor must not simply possess athletic ability and leadership, but also academic rigor and dedication.

For Anthony, the road to this honor has been a challenging one. He described countless late nights and many sacrifices. Anthony refers to himself as a "night owl," finishing his soccer games late into the night, getting home afterward to reflect on how he played that day, and finally completing his homework assignments. At times, staying up and not getting to bed until 1 or 2 a.m.

Between his junior year and senior year, Anthony has taken nine advanced placement courses including AP Psychology, AP Human Geography, AP Statistics, and others. Balance has been crucial for Anthony. He described it as a scientific experiment where he transfers between energy and focus. Teetering between both is something he has truly mastered.

"Playing a beautiful game of soccer with my friends and transferring into a school mindset, that will build my future, has been challenging," he said.

Anthony is not only exceeding his academic goals, but he is also managing several extracurricular activities. At the high school, he is a Student Representative for the School Board of Education, Vice-President of the Class Council, and Vice-President of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, Anthony is the captain of a Robotics Team and a participant of the Yale Model United Nations Conference.

Anthony said that his success in athletics and academics has been possible due to his teachers and coaches' support.

"I was able to prioritize with my teachers being flexible and my coaches allowing me to be late to practice at times... coach always says academics come first," he said.

Vendrella extends particular gratitude to his parents and sister Stefania as well as to the staff members of West Haven High School. Athletic Director Joseph Morell, Soccer Coach Chris Cap, and Guidance

Counselor Holly Benedetti, he said, have been supportive.

Looking toward a college career, his current admittance list includes Villanova University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, University of Rhode Island, and he is waiting to hear from the University of Connecticut, John Hopkins, and Yale. Anthony intends to pursue a degree in Civil Engineering with a minor in Management. He is looking forward to a full college experience and an opportunity to study abroad.

With his achievement in sports and academics, Anthony has been awarded Presidential and Merit scholarships. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute awarded him with The Rensselaer Medal scholarship. This award goes to high school students with outstanding academic achievement in math and science.

Anthony Vendrella's future looks bright and promising.

"My mentality is this: the world is advancing more and more, and education is important to stay ahead of the curve," he said finally.

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West Haven soccer player Anthony Vendrella takes his on-field actions seriously, but is just as goal-oriented when it comes to his performance in the classroom. The Westie was named to the Connecticut High School Coaches Association All-State Academic Team.



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La Catrina, opens in Plaza

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, center, cuts the ceremonial ribbon with city leaders and the owners of La Catrina Restaurant and Cantina on Feb. 24 to celebrate the Mexican restaurant's grand opening at 240 Captain Thomas Blvd. Top --Marking the event are, from left, Councilman William X. Conlon, D-2; owners Karen Sanchez Benitez and brothers Nicolas and Alberto Altamirano Escobedo; Councilman Gary Donovan, D-at large; City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath; city Treasurer Michael P. Last; and owner Carlos Perez, the brother-in-law of Nicolas and Alberto Altamirano Escobedo. Nicolas Altamirano Escobedo and Sanchez Benitez, who hail from Puebla, Mexico, and now live together in Hamden, chose the West Haven location, housed in the Savin Rock Plaza near the beach, because they "love the city." Bottom -- The newly remodeled restaurant and bar is decorated with Spanish furnishings, knickknacks and murals and is accentuated by bright hues of the owners' native Mexico. The striking theme of La Catrina is "Dia de los Muertos," or "Day of the Dead," the popular Mexican holiday that commemorates loved ones who have died. "La Catrina," a female skeleton donning a dress hat with feathers, is the referential image of death in Mexico and is the symbol of Dia de los Muertos, observed Nov. 1-2.



Snow: *City within budget goals*

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For a typical storm, Rossi said the staffing is allocated with the City Garage (6 people) responsible for keeping the fleet operational; City Hall building maintenance (seven people) is responsible for city-owned properties, parking lots, and sidewalks; while Highway/Park Maintenance (30 people) are responsible for maintenance and clearing of the city roads and city-owned parks.

Of course, winter doesn't react according to the city's budget or its worker schedule. Overtime is paid on Saturdays at time-and-a-half; while overtime on Sundays and holidays is at double-time. That type of payment can eat into allocated funds pretty quickly.

Rossi explained the logistics of getting the city ready for a "snow event."

"For a typical storm, the city's public information officer disseminates watches, warnings, delays/closings, and updates. The administration, public works, fire department, police department, and the emergency operations director meet to determine the best course of action, and remain in contact throughout the storm," she said.

When more dangerous storms hit the region, other measures are put into action.

"Very few storms warrant the opening of our Emergency Operations Center (EOC). For those that do, coordination meetings begin 48 hours prior to the estimated start of the storm. These meetings include fire, police, administration, press, public works, and the West Haven Health Department. Opening the EOC triggers representatives of the utility companies being onsite, along with representatives of Dept of

Public works, police and fire departments," she said.

Clean up for a typical storm will extend up to 36 hours after the declared end of the storm.

While the Jet Stream has altered its pattern in the last week or so, March in New England is always a wild card. Currently, March is coming in "like a lamb" with 40-plus degree temperatures, mixed in with some Arctic cold. But things can change fast and city officials try to keep up with the daily forecasts.

"Public Works actively follows National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration updates, receives regular DESPP/DEMHS (Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security) updates, and also consults local and regional sources for weather," Rossi said.

The mayor took the time to thank those first responders who have worked hard over the last several weeks to keep things running.

"I'd be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank the men and women of Public Works, fire departments and police, who jump into action regardless of the time of day or day of week," she said.

She also asked people to understand that storms mean taking some personal actions as well.

"I encourage people to be patient, take a bit of extra time to get where you're going, stay off the roads if possible, obey snow emergency protocols, and give PW time to get the snow off the roads," she said.

She encouraged people to sign up for alerts at www.cityofwesthaven.com.

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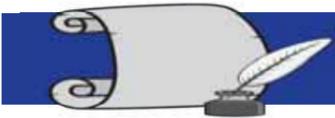
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

West Haven's Centennial Part I

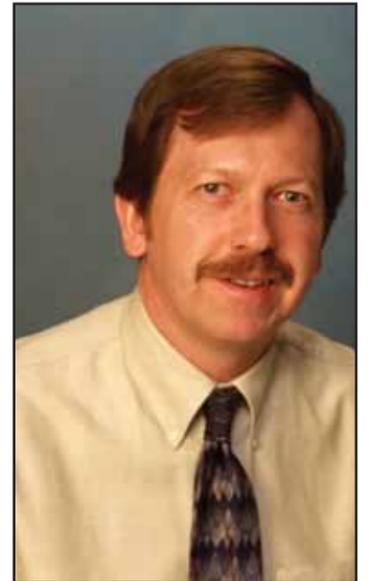
This year 2021, West Haven celebrates one hundred years since it became Connecticut's youngest town. In observance therefore, we will take a look back at West Haven, from its first days to the present time:

During the 1950s, the acclaimed author Eleanor Estes (1906-1988) wrote several books describing a child's life in West Haven (although she changed the town's name to Cranbury in her books). In her own words, she described what a child's life was like while West Haven was transitioning from borough to town: "The town of West Haven, Connecticut, where I was born

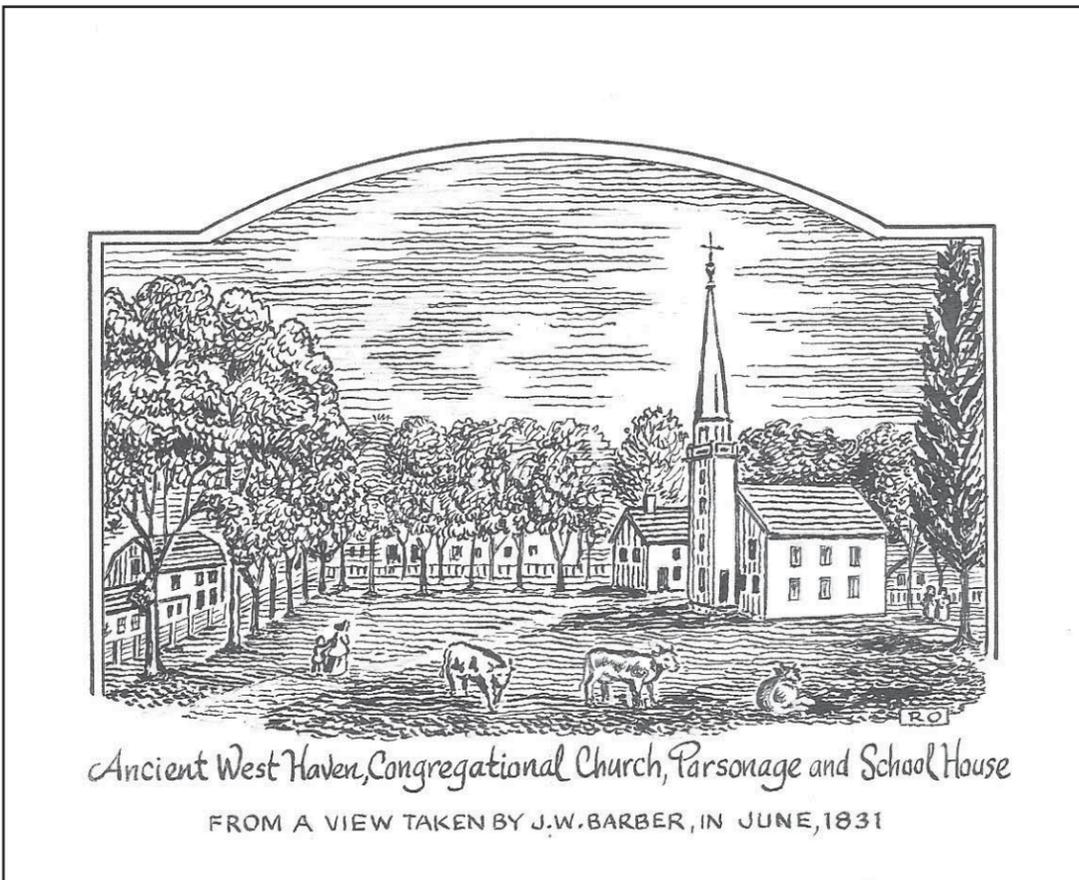
is in a hollow with a hill behind it, the New Haven Harbor and Long Island Sound lapping against two sides and a small river meandering along its eastern margin. It was a perfect town to grow up in. It had everything a child could want, great vacant fields with daisies and buttercups, an occasional peaceful cow and even a team of oxen with whose help cellars for new houses were dug. "There were marvelous trees to climb, woods where there were brooks and springs and wild flowers growing. There was swimming, and building in the sand and fishing and clamming in the summertime and ice and snow and sliding downhill in the wintertime with rowboat exploration of

the small river for eels and killies in the between time." Estes tells of the trolleys of that period, and the Savin Rock amusement park, but calls the streets, bridges and the park by different names. Savin Rock is called Plumb Beach, but its description is accurate for that period, including mention of rides galore, White City and a long pier reaching far out into New Haven Harbor. She tells of times and things that existed one hundred years ago—times that few of us living today can remember or ever knew. Today, outside of West Haven City Hall there stands a plaque stating: "West Farms (West Haven) recorded its first household in

1648. Part of the original New Haven Colony, West Farms became the separate parish of West Haven in 1719 when the Connecticut General Assembly granted a petition submitted in 1712. "West Haven and North Milford joined in 1822 to form the Town of Orange. The rural and residential sections of Orange separated in 1921 when the residential part, West Haven, became Connecticut's youngest town. "In 1961 West Haven was incorporated as a city and adopted a mayor-council form of government. By this action, one of the oldest settlements became the newest Municipality in Connecticut." Erected 1971



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Tidal Gate: *Work begun*

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ing infrastructure and restore the tidal flushing of the 90-acre marsh without flooding upstream properties, including homes, businesses and the campus of West Haven High School. On Oct. 29, 2012, the surge of Superstorm Sandy overwhelmed the tide gates and flooded the school's ballfields and track, prompting city officials to seek state funding to safeguard the area from a similar flooding event. For the past decade, Mark E. Paine Jr., formerly of the Department of Public Works and now the director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, has led the city's efforts to rehabilitate the marsh by eliminating much of the invasive species, such as phragmites, and restoring the natural salt grasses. The area has also seen a resurgence in shorebirds and waterfowl, thanks to the restoration. Rossi said the new gates will continue the marsh's rehabilitation by enabling proper tidal flow to ensure the area is replenished with the salt, sulfur and nutrients it needs to stay healthy. According to Paine, the first system to restrict tidal flow on the Cove River was built in 1912, primarily for salt hay mowing and drying. The concrete footbridge and tide gate system were constructed in 1938. Those gates were removed in 1971 and replaced with the existing wooden flap gates, which were installed on the then-new bridge on Captain Thomas Boulevard. The original structure was used as a pedestrian bridge until the late '90s, when it was fenced off and abandoned because of structural deficiencies, Paine said.



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Devils blank Indians

While it is early in the season, the West Haven boys hockey team sure felt like it needed a big win. After losing a pair of lop-sided contests, West Haven traveled to Northford to play North Haven on Senior Night for the Indians.

Scoring once in the first period and two more in the third, West Haven rebounded with a 3-0 victory over the Indians. Goalie Charlie Miller was the star of the show as he turned aside all 41 North Haven shots in posting his first career shutout as West Haven improved to 2-2.

Leading 1-0 in the third, the Westies gave Miller some insurance. After Miller made a point blank save on North Haven's Jake Hines freshman Jayden Spreyer used a backhand in front to beat North Haven goaltender Andrew Sacco with 11:51 remaining in the game.

With the Indians outshooting West Haven by a large margin in the game, Ben Carfora iced the contest with a backhand.

The Westies then opened the scoring in the first period, when Nico Bruneau re-directed in a pass from D.J. Carfora just 3:40 into the contest for a 1-0 advantage.

The team lost, 7-2 to Notre Dame-Fairfield, but, behind a goal and an assist each from Ben Carfora, Boanno and Bruneau, and 18 saves from Miller, West Haven topped Immaculate-Danbury, 5-1, in a Southern Connecticut Conference Division I contest at home.

A more physical and faster West Haven team scored once in the opening period and added three more in the second for a commanding 4-1 lead.

Leading by three goals, West Haven took control of the game 12 seconds into the third period when Bruneau scored in front off an assist from Michael Kelly for a 5-1 lead.

West Haven needed just 42 seconds of the middle period to take a 2-0 lead when Bruneau fed D.J. Carfora, who circled around and ripped a shot to the top corner for a two-goal advantage.

West Haven built a 3-0 lead 1:35 later when Alfano found an open Madera on the left wing. Madera skated in the Immaculate zone and beat

goaltender Harrison Palmer low to the blocker side for the freshman's first career goal.

The game remained 3-1 after an Immaculate goal, until the Westies went on the power play late in the second. This time. It was perfect passing from Ryan Bernardi to Boanno to Ben Carfora, which set up a one-timer by Ben Carfora past Palmer with 1:15 remaining in the second for a 4-1 advantage.

The West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy girls hockey team improved to 2-0 with a 4-1 victory over the Amity/North Haven/Cheshire Blades Tuesday evening at the Bennett Rink.

Grace Nowak followed her shutout in the season opener with another solid performance, making 19 saves in the win.

The Westie Sharks never trailed in the contest and took a 1-0 lead 5 minutes, 52 seconds into the second period when Mackenzie Gardner. They increased the lead to 2-0 with 4:54 remaining in the middle period as Mia Celentano scored off an assist from Maya Boyhen.

DeGrand scored to make it 3-0 just 2:20 into the third with an unassisted tally, before the Blades got on the board with 2:27 remaining to get within 3-1.

That was as close as the game would get as Anne Plunkett scored off assists from Jenna Hunt and Geena Montano 40 seconds later.

The Westie Sharks improved to 3-0 with a dominant 7-0 victory over Hand/Coginchaug. The Westies controlled play from the start, leading 4-0 after one period of play and never looking back. The Westie Sharks held a 67-4 shot advantage in the contest as Hailey Alfano made four saves in the shutout win. Megan Hart made an amazing 60 saves in goal for Hand/Coginchaug.

Hunt led the Westie Sharks with two goals, while Juliana Montano and Gardner each finished with a goal and an assist.

Behind two goals from Cohrs, a goal and three assists from Boyhen, two assists from Celentano, and 34 saves from Nowak, the Westie Sharks defeated Guilford, 5-3, in an away game at the Edward L. Bennett Rink.

The Westie Sharks trailed

early in the game as Madison Epke went the length of the ice before her shot was turned aside by Nowak. The rebound went to Sofia Cuzzo to give Guilford a 1-0 lead 3:02 into the game.

WH/SHA needed just 1:44 to respond and scored the next four goals for a 4-1 lead. Cohrs got things started off a scramble in front to even the game at one, with assists going to Boyhen and Celentano.

The same trio was at it again 2:19 into the second period as Cohrs gave the Westie Sharks a 2-1 advantage off assists from Boyhen and Celentano.

Plunkett needed just 1:33 to extend the lead to 3-1 off assists from Boyhen and Meghan Dupre, before Boyhen closed the second period scoring with 2:11 remaining off an assist from Dupre.

Guilford cut the WH/SHA lead to 4-3, but Hunt came through in a big way with an unassisted goal with four minutes to go for a 5-3 advantage. Nowak finished with 34 saves in the victory.

The West Haven girls basketball team is in a very good spot. Despite it being early in the season, the Westies won their third straight contest to open the campaign.

Even with the win, West Haven coach Jessica Moriarty was not completely satisfied with the play. At 3-0 after a 58-32 victory over Career Tuesday afternoon, Moriarty still sees room for improvement with her team.

The Westies had seven players in the scoring column and were led by freshman Isabella Fiorillo with 19 points. Sophomore Amani Abuhatab had 15 points and 19 rebounds, while Cassidy Carrano had 14 points.

The Westies led by three points after the first quarter and 28-21 at the half, before going on a 17-6 run in the third quarter to take a 45-27 lead.

Fiorillo drained a pair of 3-pointers in the opening quarter, and Abuhatab and Carrano each scored four points in the opening eight minutes for West Haven. Abuhatab added seven points in the second quarter, and Fiorillo added another 3-pointer and scored four points as West Haven took a seven-point lead.

Fiorillo and Carrano were at it again in the third quarter



Photo by Todd Dandelske

Eli Blackwell drives gainst Amity in in a 67-41win.

when West Haven went on its decisive run as Fiorillo scored seven points and Carrano added four. Carrano scored six of West Haven's 13 fourth quarter points.

West Haven was 14-of-22 from the free throw line in the win.

The Westies continue to roll. Despite having to wait an extra day because of inclement weather, West Haven improved to 4-0 with a 58-50 victory over East Haven Saturday afternoon at Neil Cavallaro Court at West Haven High.

Abuhatab led the Westies with 25 points, 17 rebounds and four steals. Carrano added 14 points, eight rebounds and two steals, while Davina Mendez had 6 points, 6 rebounds, one steal and one block in the win. West Haven finished the contest just 17-of-33 from the foul line.

After opening the season with four straight victories, West Haven team was looking to make it five straight. Unfortunately, Law did not cooperate.

Going on a 21-8 run to start the second half, Law pulled away in a 58-49 victory in Milford Monday evening. With the loss, West Haven fell to 4-1 on the year.

The West Haven boys basketball team returned from quarantine with a 67-40 victory over Amity in Woodbridge

Saturday evening. The Westies had seven players in the scoring column, including three in double digits, to improve to 2-0 on the year.

Eli Blackwell led West Haven with 21 points, including three 3-pointers, while Malcolm Duncanson had 15 points and Kairon Hooks added 13 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Manny Belcher also connected on two 3-pointers for six points. Javaun Calhoun had eight points.

The game was even to start as the contest was tied at 12 through eight minutes of play. Calhoun led the way with six points in the opening quarter.

West Haven pulled away for good in the next 16 minutes. The Westies went on a 37-15 run in that time frame, including 19-8 in the second quarter, for a 31-20 halftime lead.

Blackwell started to heat up with 12 points and Hooks added seven.

In the 18-7 third quarter run, Duncanson was the key as he scored nine of his 15 points. Duncanson scored 13 points in the second half as West Haven rolled in its opening game back.

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# Youth Hockey Mite teams show their grit

The West Haven Mite B travel hockey team played a home-and-away series with Ridgefield. On Saturday, Logan Minio and Anthony Parise both picked up hat tricks. Ethan McGrath scored a great goal.

Evan Harrison came up big in goal a few times, especially late in the game with a big kick save.

Sunday morning, Harrison was even stronger in-between the pipes, only allowing three goals.

Connor Owens scored a hat trick, with Minio and Salkins getting assists. Minio and Salkins both scored as well. D'Agostino, Schempp and Guarino would also find goals.

The West Haven Mite B trav-

el team hosted the Wonderland of Ice Wizards on Saturday. The Westies jumped out to an early lead behind two goals from Minio, and they never looked back.

Minio picked up his third goal from a beautiful pass from McGrath.

The West Haven Mite C team faced off against the East Haven Hornets Mite B team in what turned out to be a nail-biter.

The Devils gained some ground off the bat with an unassisted goal by Tyler Gyllensten 25 seconds in. His goal was answered right back by East Haven. Henry Seslar was the next Blue Devil to get one on the board, followed by Seslar's. The first period was

wrapped up, with yet another Tyler Gyllensten goal assisted by Mason MacDonald.

MacDonald managed to get one of his own on the board with an unassisted goal at 12:33 in the second. Keegan Jackson was short to follow McDonald's lead by getting his second unassisted goal of the day at 16:18. Seslar capped off the day with a touch to the back of the net on an assist from Matteo Kenworthy at 21:07.

The West Haven Mite C team played against the Wallingford Hawks on Saturday. The game began with a goal by Landon Silverman followed by two goals from Tyler Gyllensten, another by Seslar and another by Gyllensten.

The period continued with a goal by Trevor Gyllensten, with another goal from Tyler Gyllensten and more goals from Seslar. The first half ended with a second goal from Silverman. The second half started off with two goals from Seslar, a goal by Noah Silverman and two more goals from Seslar. Tyler Gyllensten, and a goal by Jones. Silverman then scored twice, followed by another goal from Tyler Gyllensten and a goal by Jackson. Lastly, Noah Silverman ended the game with a final goal for the Mite C team.

The West Haven Peewee A hockey team played four in playing their fourth game in roughly 28 hours, the Westies took the ice at the SoNo

Ice House on Sunday afternoon for a rematch with the Jr. Whalers A1. The Whalers had topped the Blue Devils, 6-4, earlier in the day in a hard-fought contest. Fighting back from a 3-0 deficit, Eddie Thomas got the Westies on the scoreboard with an unassisted tally to make it 3-1 after one period. Cameren Lipford made it 3-2 early in the second period with assists from Sean Studley and Zach Melchior. Kai Lupa made several outstanding saves in net for the Westies, but a Whalers goal made it 4-2 at the end of the second period.

Studley then began the Westies' third period comeback with an unassisted goal. Less  
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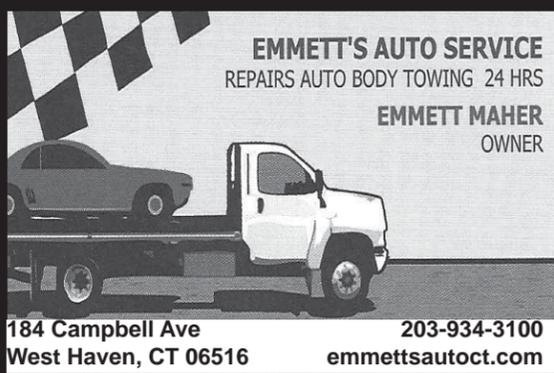
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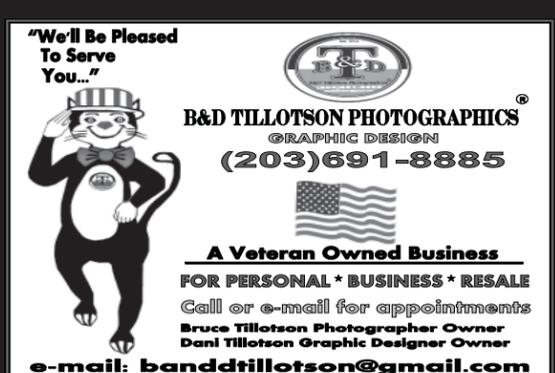
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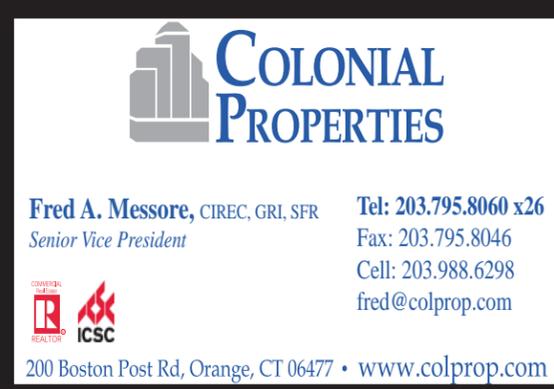
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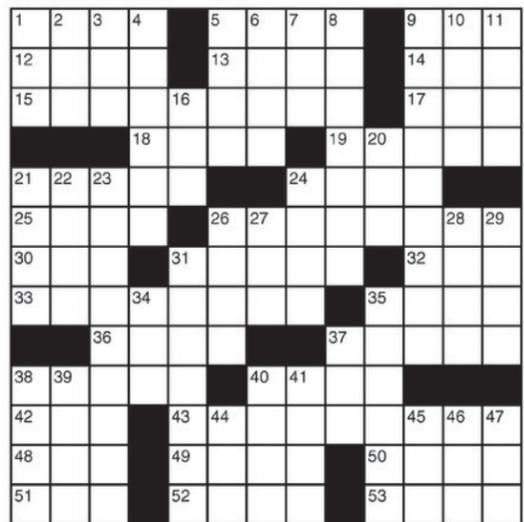
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**King Crossword**

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|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                              | 40 Coffee, slangily         | 16 White wine cocktail               |
| 1 Seize                                    | 42 Mess up                  | 20 Mornings (Abbr.)                  |
| 5 Butte's kin                              | 43 Temporary letters        | 21 Piece of lettuce                  |
| 9 Cardinal cap                             | 48 GPS sugges- tion         | 22 Exotic berry                      |
| 12 "Othello" villain                       | 49 Last write-up            | 23 Elm, for one                      |
| 13 In -- (lined up)                        | 50 Despot                   | 24 Low digits                        |
| 14 Weeding tool                            | 51 British verb ending      | 26 Union payment                     |
| 15 Reality show for aspiring entrepreneurs | 52 Zilch                    | 27 Bruins legend                     |
| 17 PC key                                  | 53 Bigfoot's cousinl        | 28 Portent                           |
| 18 Minor quibbles                          |                             | 29 Canape spread                     |
| 19 Hospital sec- tions                     | <b>DOWN</b>                 | 31 South Carolina university         |
| 21 Type of beam                            | 1 USO audience              | 34 Decorate Easter eggs              |
| 24 Pack (down)                             | 2 Fan's cry                 | 35 Actor Warren rank (Abbr.)         |
| 25 Reverberate                             | 3 Khan title                | 37 Beetle Bailey's Garr of "Tootsie" |
| 26 Rubber wedge, say                       | 4 Third-largest island      | 39 Scraps                            |
| 30 Small battery                           | 5 "The Martian" actor Damon | 40 Unite                             |
| 31 All better                              | 6 Historic peri- ods        | 41 Museo display                     |
| 32 Actress Thurman                         | 7 Junior                    | 44 Showtime rival feature            |
| 33 Hoedown musicians                       | 8 Clumsy                    | 45 Jargon suffix                     |
| 35 Author Harte                            | 9 Mountain road             | 46 Squealer                          |
| 36 Seeing things                           | 10 Snitched                 | 47 Hosp. scan                        |
| 37 Tubular pasta                           | 11 Reply to "Shall we?"     |                                      |
| 38 Tribal emblem                           |                             |                                      |



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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: ENGLISH PUBLIC HOUSE

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**Riddle Card**

- What did the big rose say to the little rose?
- What has five eyes but cannot see?
- What is the biggest jewel in the world?
- What is the best name for a lady engineer?
- Why are playing cards like wolves?

Answers: 1. Heya, bud 2. The Mississippi River 3. A base ball diamond 4. Bridgit 5. Because they come in packs.

**ODD MAN OUT!**  
To the right is a list of five words. Can you figure out which word doesn't belong on the list?

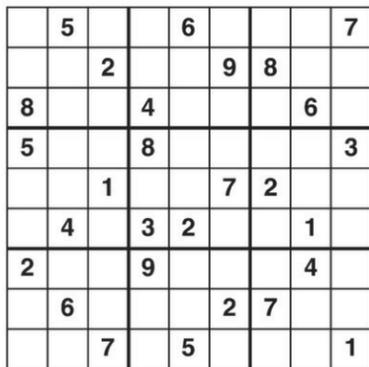
1. GREYED  
2. DANGER  
3. CARIBOU  
4. RISKING

**FIND THE SEVEN WORDS!** In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "DEPART." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. Time limit: 60 seconds.

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**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.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

**Junior Whirl**  
by Charles Barry Townsend

**ARE YOU IN SHAPE FOR THIS PUZZLE?**



You're a winner if you can finish this puzzle in under five minutes. In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed MILE to POST in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

- COWS to BARN
- GALA to FETE
- DARE to RISK
- SINE to MATH
- NAIL to BOLT

Answers: (Across): 1. Nail, Ball, Bolt, 2. Bolt, 3. Bolt, 4. Bolt, 5. Bolt. (Down): 1. Nail, Ball, Bolt, 2. Bolt, 3. Bolt, 4. Bolt, 5. Bolt.

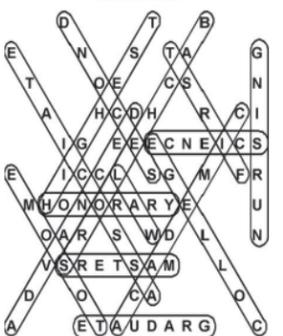
**Answers to last week's puzzles**

**King Crossword**  
Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.



**DEGREE**



**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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# Youth Hockey: *Teams continue ice play*

Continued from page 13

Lupa finished with 23 saves in the 7-4 comeback victory. Leo Mazuroski, Johnny Charbonneau, Ryan Pniewski and Aedan Guarino, who switched from forward to defense earlier in the day, shut down the Whalers offense in the third period.

On Saturday morning at the Edward L. Bennett Rink, the team hosted Hamden A1. The Green Dragons took a 2-0 lead after one period. Melchiore got the Westies on the scoreboard 11 seconds into the second when he jammed home Thomas' feed from behind the net.

Hamden then scored a power play goal, but Studley got the goal right back when he took the ensuing faceoff straight to the net and fired in a wrist shot. Hamden scored another power play goal and added another score to lead 5-2 after two periods. Studley scored to make it 5-3, and then scored the next to make it 5-4. Less than a minute later, Lipford picked the puck from a defender and dropped a pass to Studley who dropped it to Melchiore for the tying goal with a wrist shot. Lupa made 15 saves in net for the Westies in the 5-5 tie.

On Saturday afternoon at The Rinks at Shelton, the Blue Devils faced the Mid-Fairfield

Stars Girls 12U-1 team. Melchiore banged home a rebound and the Westies led 1-0 just 30 seconds into the game. The Stars tied the game only 21 seconds later.

Studley found the net when his wrist shot sailed over the goalie's shoulder for a 2-1 lead.

The Stars tied the game at 2-2 early in the third period and then gradually pulled away with three more goals in taking a 5-2 win. Lupa had 22 saves in goal.

Sunday morning, the Westies kept coming hard but ultimately yielded a late power play tally and lost, 6-4. Lupa stopped 20 shots in goal for West Haven.

The West Haven Peeewe A faced Mid-Fairfield Girls 12U-2 and dominated the action. Twelve different players scored at least one point in a 12-1 rout.

Zach Melchiore led the team with a goal and six assists, Cameren Lipford scored a hat trick and chipped in three assists, Sean Studley scored four goals and had an assist, Ryan Pniewski had three assists, while Eddie Thomas scored a pair of goals. Rafi Treat scored a goal and Johnny Charbonneau had a goal and an assist. Kai Lupa had 11 saves for the Westies.

On Sunday morning, the

Westies hosted Whalers A at Bennett Rink. West Haven broke open a 2-2 game with eight unanswered goals in a 10-2 win.

D'Aiuto and Studley scored three times, and Coady capped the scoring. Melchiore had nine assists. Lupa made 19 saves in a solid performance in between the pipes for West Haven.

The West Haven Bantam AA team suffered a loss and posted a tie in two contests this weekend.

They opened with a 3-2 loss at Bridgeport against the Wonderland Wizards.

West Haven trailed 1-0 after one period, but evened the game in the second when Ben Gilbert scored off an assist from Jack Aloï. The Westies trailed 2-1 entering the third and were down a pair when Brady Price scored off an assist from Nikolas Allan with 6:46 remaining. West Haven never got closer and fell in the weekend opener to Wonderland.

The Westies were then in good position to get back on the winning track as they hosted the Northwest Icecats A team Sunday afternoon at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven.

West Haven led 3-0 entering the third period, but could not hold on in a 3-3 tie. The Icecats

scored three times in a span of 2:04 of the third period, including twice on the power play, to tie the game in the final period.

The West Haven Bantam AA team won a pair of games this weekend, topping the Connecticut Jr. Whalers, 9-1, Friday evening, before defeating Darien AA at home Sunday afternoon.

Porto led the way with three goals and two assists, Zach Goetze and Dowd each had three assists, Stevens had two goals, and Price had a goal and an assist. Aloï and Schroeder also had assists in the contest. Tyler Donroe and Jacob Silva combined in goal for the win.

In a hard-fought game at the Edward L. Bennett Rink Sunday afternoon, West Haven topped Darien AA, 3-1.

Trailing 1-0, Allan evened the contest when he scored from the right faceoff circle off an assist from Gilbert at the 6:55 mark of the second.

The score remained even until Porto score a short-handed goal with 5:15 left in the third. Goetze added an empty-net tally in the final seconds to seal the win.

Hong played well in goal, making several key saves behind the defense of Aloï, Goodmaster, Allan and Schroeder. Ursini and Nick Eberhart played well in the win.

The West Haven Youth Hockey Bantam A team won its only contest of the weekend, beating the Wonderland Wizards, 4-1, at the Bennett Rink Saturday morning.

The Westies jumped out to an early lead off a tip-in goal in front by Connor Moriarty, deflecting in a perfectly placed shot by defenseman Joe DiGioia from the blue line. Later in the first period, DiGioia dumped the puck into the offensive zone from center ice, where the Wizards goaltender had trouble containing the rebound, leaving Alex Bowery a wide open portion of the net to bury the rebound to give the Blue Devils a 2-0 lead.

Midway into the second period, Wonderland was able to get on the board. Shortly after, Theo Diakomis was able to pick up the loose puck and bring it into the Wizards zone, where he used a Wonderland defenseman as a screen to score an unassisted goal and give West Haven a 3-1 lead.

The score would remain the same until five minutes left in the 3rd period, where Alex Kurowski was able to pick up a Wonderland turnover and snipe bar down to make it 4-1.

John Kennedy played a full game for the Westies in goal, where he was able to make some key saves to help preserve the victory.

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