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An in-depth feature

Theater Workshop set for opening of one-act play, Friday.

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Parade celebrates the nation



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Grand Marshals

Grand Marshals Frank J. Corso and Eric Pimer sit by the reviewing stand after leading the city's Memorial Day Parade up Campbell Avenue. After a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the parade made it back on schedule now that the state is moving toward lifting most of the restrictions imposed during the pandemic. A large crowd lined the 1.5-mile parade route, and some late-season cold and rain left the area just before the march stepped off. See a story and more pictures on page 15.

Photo courtesy of NDWH

Class of 2021

The Notre Dame Class of 2021 participates in the traditional throwing of the mortarboards, marking the end of graduation exercises. The class was able to have a traditional ceremony with family and friends on the Tom Marcucci Practice Field adjacent to the school. The graduation season is now in full swing with colleges and private schools leading the way, and public schools scheduled for the next two weeks.




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Joshua Velez, age 3, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., sees all the colors of spring as he goes for walks with his classmates.

On this Date

2013 -- The trial against whistleblower Bradley Manning begins. The American soldier, a trans woman now called Chelsea Manning, was responsible for leaking classified videos documenting U.S. war atrocities during the Iraq War. She was sentenced to 35 years confinement.

1998 -- 101 people die in the Eschede train disaster. Traveling at 200 km/h (120 mph), a high-speed ICE train derailed and crashed into a bridge. The accident was caused by a fatigue crack in one of the train's wheels. It was the deadliest high-speed train disaster in history.

1982 -- The Israeli ambassador to the U.K. is shot. Shlomo Argov survived the assassination attempt by a Palestinian terrorist group, but he was permanently paralyzed. The event triggered the 1982 Lebanon War.

1973 -- The world's first supersonic airliner crashes. The Soviet Tupolev Tu-144, sometimes referred to as Concorde, disintegrated in mid-air during the 1973 Paris Air Show. 14 people died.

1492 -- Martin Behaim presents the world's first globe. The German geographer called his terrestrial globe Erdapfel, or Earth Apple. It is kept in a darkened room at the Germanisches Nationalmuseum in Nuremberg, Germany.

Births

1986 -- Rafael Nadal, Spanish tennis player.

1931 -- Raúl Castro, Cuban politician, 17th Prime Minister of Cuba.

1926 -- Allen Ginsberg, American poet.

1808 -- Jefferson Davis, American colonel, politician, President of the Confederate States of America.

1770 -- Manuel Belgrano, Argentinian economist, lawyer, politician.

Deaths

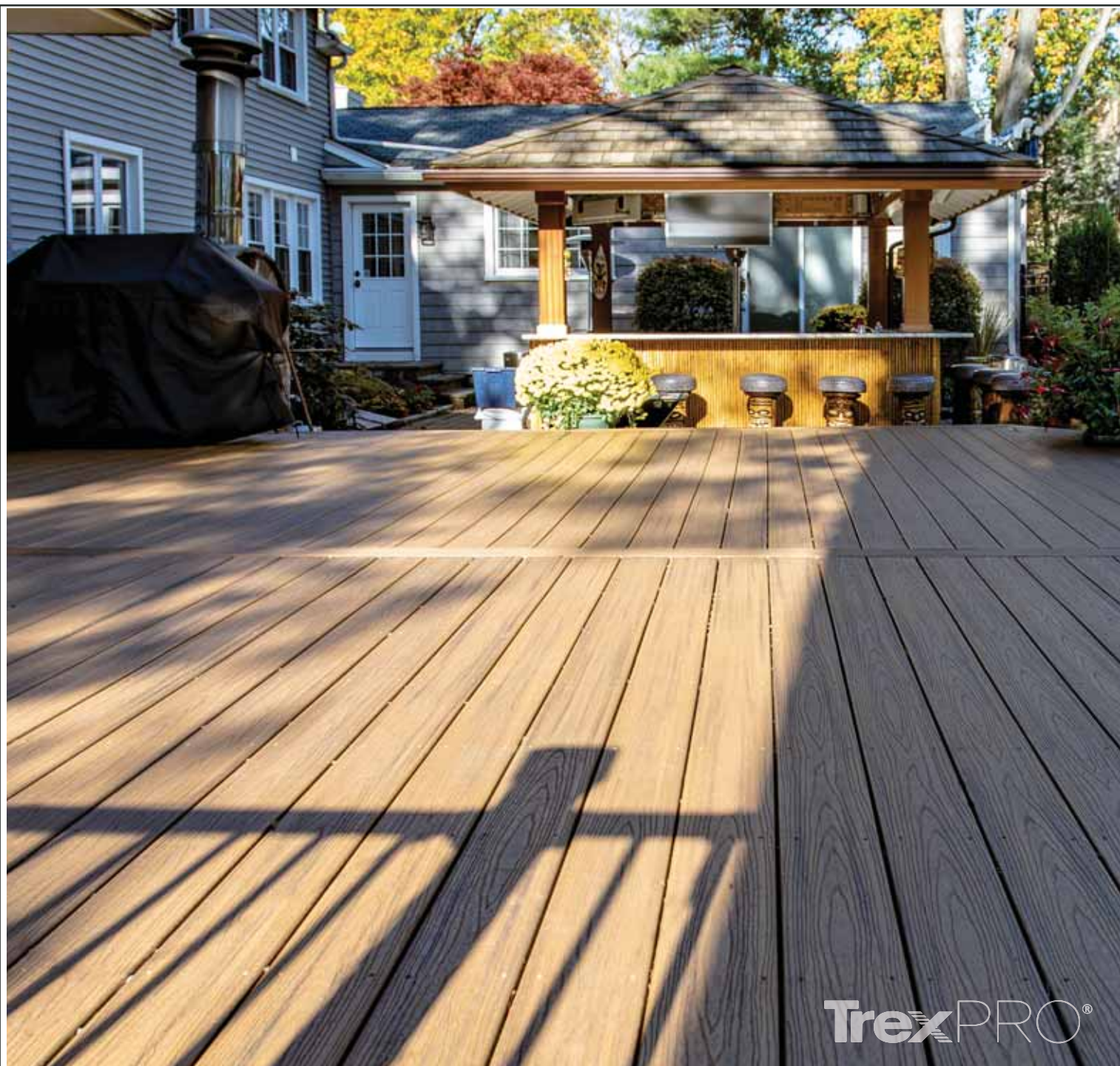
2016 -- Muhammad Ali, American boxer.

2001 -- Anthony Quinn, Mexican/American actor, producer.

1989 -- Ruhollah Khomeini, Iranian religious leader, politician, 1st Supreme Leader of Iran.

1924 -- Franz Kafka, Czech/German writer.

1875 -- Georges Bizet, French composer.



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Society plans Centennial Open House

The West Haven Historical Society will host an Open House Exhibit "From Village to Town" as part of the city's Centennial Celebration on Saturday, June 12, and Sunday, June 13. The display, at the Poli House 686 Savin Ave., will be open to the public from 10-4 both days. Admission is free. A free will offering will be appreciated.

"We are delighted to share with the public many artifacts, photographs, and archi-

val material that explain why West Haven became a separate town," commented Jon Purmont, president of the Historical Society. Included in the exhibit are maps which detail the growth and development of West Haven (West Farms) from a colonial settlement in 1648 to its evolution as a separate town in 1921.

One part of the exhibit will display information and advertisements regarding West Haven businesses and indus-

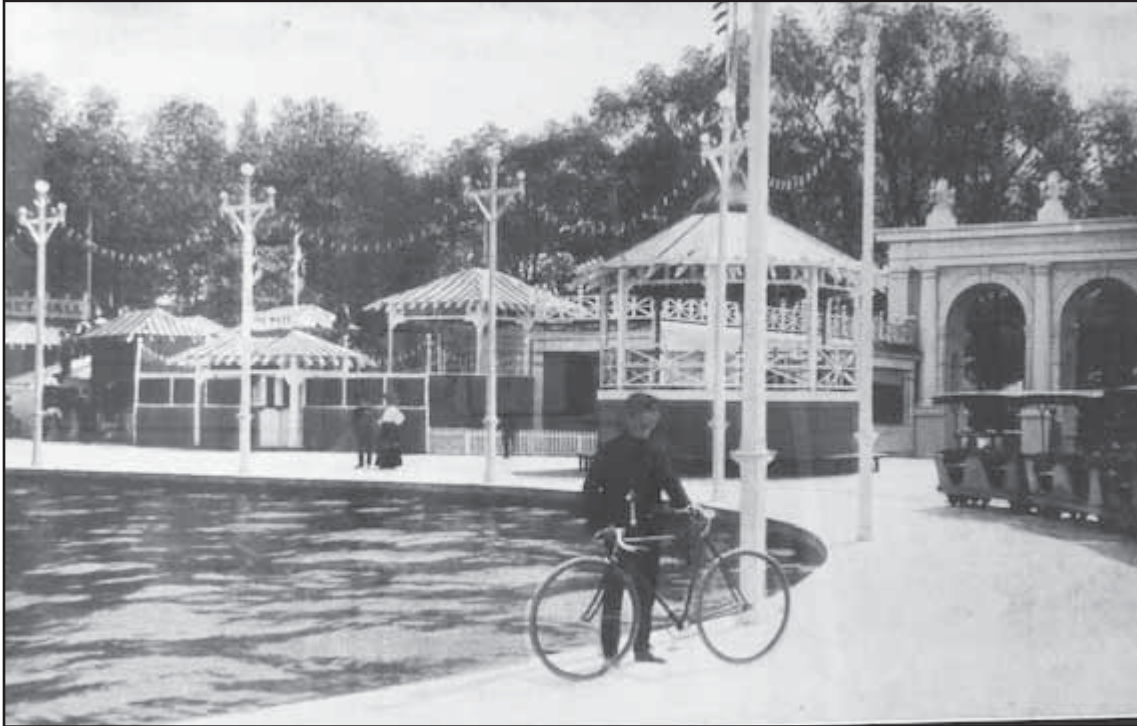
tries that found a receptive home in the shoreline community prior to 1921. Located on Water Street, the shipbuilding and lumber businesses were followed by the development of diverse industries on Wood Street, Washington Avenue, and Elm Street and in Allington on or near the Post Road. Several business owners established factories on Elm Street near the West River.

Another section of the exhibit will focus on photographs of

Savin Rock recently acquired by the local society. These unique and special photos of restaurants, hotels, rides, and picnic areas are from the Joseph Holt Collection given to the West Haven group by the Woodmont Historical Society. They add an important dimen-

sion to West Haven's decision to separate from Orange in 1921.

The display will demonstrate West Haven was well on its way to becoming an "urbanized suburb" no longer tied to the small farm-based community in Orange.



No history of the city would be complete without pictures and discussion of Savin Rock in its heyday. The amusement park and other industries will be part of the Open House.



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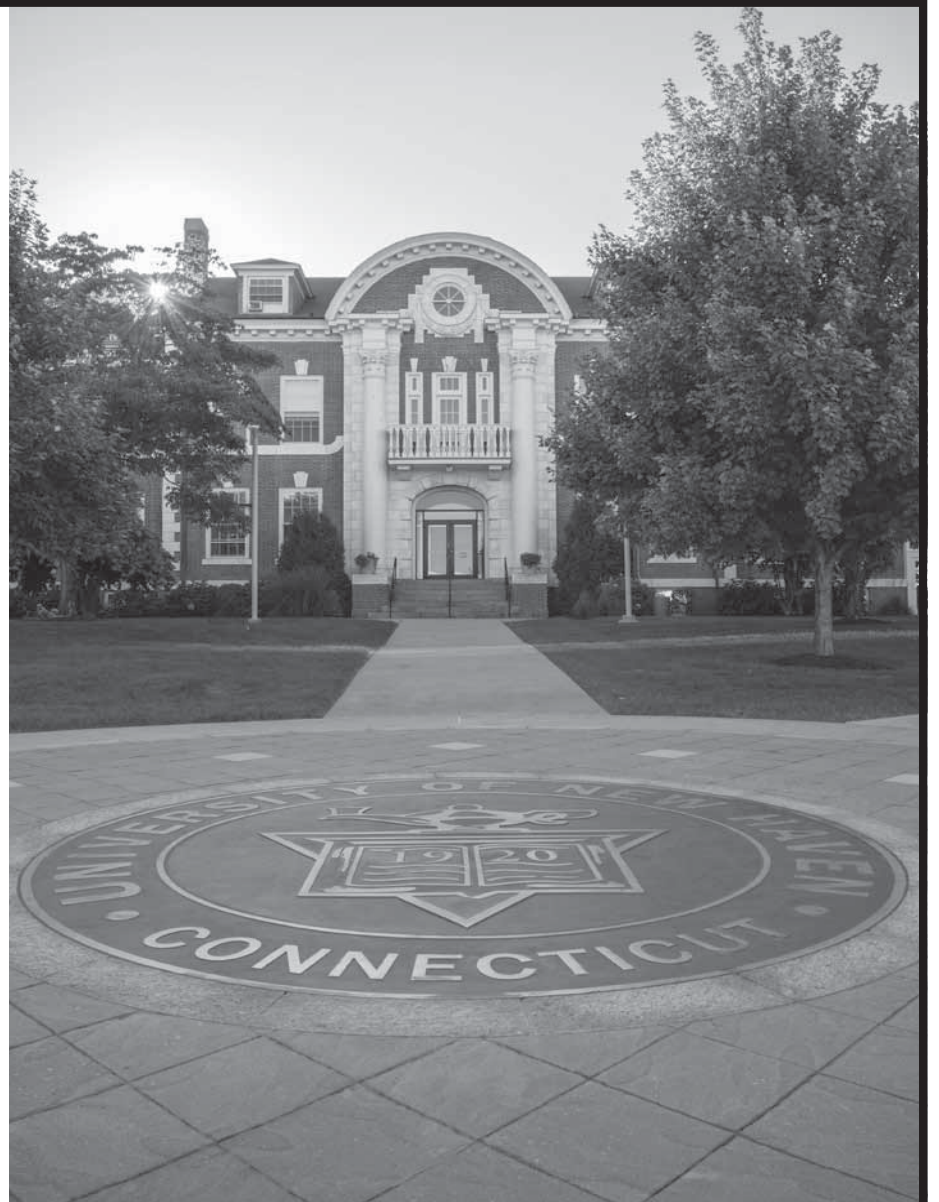
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Dear Felicia

Howdy-do sweets! Things around the berg are now starting to get a bit more active as we get outta the purgatory that was the state shutdown. I ain't gonna get into it again as to what Cobina's feelings on the matter are. She's made it perfectly clear. Let's jest say that things are starting to percolate and maybe, jest maybe, by the time we reach the Fourth of July, things will be back to normal, whether one is vaccinated or not, and no, I ain't.

Of course, the Memorial Day holiday weekend here and throughout the state was a replay of the way it used to be. Effen people were thinkin' of staying home, it was probably a passin' thought. The traffic around these parts was brutal with bumper-to-bumper traffic all over the place, including here at times. Add to that the milling and paving that started in April is now goin' full

bore again. Streets all over the city are being shaved down to the bedrock and new asphalt put down. Witch brings me to this lit'le item.

Last time we exchanged notes, I told yew I thought the Beach Street corridor would probably not be up for repaving until the reconstruction of the roadbed takes place. As yew might remember, two or three years ago an announcement was made that the road would be heightened seven feet to aid in flood management. The pipes underneath the road were exposed a few years back after several major storms.

Well, out with the gassamobuggy one day, and sure as shootin', Beach Street had been milled and is awaiting paving. Sooooo, methinks that a couple things might be gleaned from this. It could be that the road was seen as

too far gone to let it stay; or, it could be that maybe some buyers are mulling over the vacant properties there, and this is a bit of an enticement to get them to move on it.

As I said to you last time, Sammy Bluejay mentioned that people in the city are saying the former Chick's property might be in contract talks, and one of the concerns was the roadwork. The restaurant has been closed for more than five years, and it is starting to go to seed. Wouldn't it be a fine election year coup to have an announcement of a new buyer.

I hafta admit, I never knew the will that Chick Celentano left precluded the place from reopening as a restaurant. That's what Sammy sez. That would explain the lack of buyers as it was a nifty place for an eatery.

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With the coming of Memorial Day comes the beginning of the long line of graduation ceremonies that won't stop until the middle o' June. Notre Dame High School had its graduation, and the University of New Haven was set for its. Meanwhile, effen you tried to get through the Elm City last week, you'd get in the middle of Yale's farewell to the Class of 2021.

It's all very bittersweet, ain't

it? One part of one's life ends, with the possibilities of sooo much more. We hope the boys and girls who are moving on from college or high school well in the coming weeks. Hell's Bells, they're already doing better with the fack that last year's class had to make do with virtual ceremonies and drive-by diplomas. It's gonna be interesting to see how history treats these past 16 months.

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Nelly Nuthatch pernted out to Cobina a few days ago that the Memorial Day holiday kind o' begins the long road toward the fall elections. The caucuses aren't until July, but things start to simmer about now, with people making or trying to make deals on the two town committees, or, knowing they don't have a snowball's chance in the hot place, begin the fund-raising for the primaries.

We already know that two Demmies have announced: John Lewis and former Mayor Ed O'Brien. They are planning for a primary, and may or may not, go through the Kabuki that usually accompanies the caucuses. Even though heronner hasn't given an inkling as to what she plans to do. The fack that she's got some fund-raising going on, and methinks there is a reelection committee in place, it's perty certain what's gonna happen.

Nelly thinks she's gonna wait until late June or maybe around the Fourth to make a formal announcement. Meanwhile, the two challengers are trying to get their campaigns in order and squeeze out funding where possible. I still would like to know how Lewis and O'Brien running against each other is playing amongst the faithful. Lewis was O'Brien's executive assistant. It'll be interesting to see how they campaign against each other, that's for sure.

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Of course, in this calm before the storm that starts to rumble as we get further into the summer, the GOP has already announced one candidate: Barry Cohen. The tenth districk councilman has been a perty active guy and ain't an establishment politico – something that is very attractive to some in the Republican camp. He's also been a bit of a rabble rouser because of it. That makes him not so special in the eyes of the more established party members. That's become clear.

Still, there is talk of some candidate in the shadows who will make an announcement as we get closer. In a town like ours Iyam shocked that whomever it is has been able to stay in the shadows this long! Around here, the old expression about a secret being something you tell one person at a time is lived out on a daily ba-

sis. So, we will have to wait like everyone else. Somebody is said to be out there, and when he or she determines the time is right, I guess we'll hafta wait.

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Iva Loothey noticed that in our last edition, the two remaining independent fire districks had legal notices about the referendums for their budget. The things were perty calm affairs from what I can gather, and not at all like what they were about two decades or so ago. I can remember perty clearly how the West Shore Fire Districk budget meetings and the referendum hat usually followed were surrogate wars for the city's politics. That ain't the case anymore.

A lotta people cut their political teeth on the fire districk level. The Center Districk used to have a budget meeting that resembled a papal election sometimes, with people being checked at the door to make sure they had property in the districk and setch – it was all perty interesting.

Here we are years later and the districks don't seem to be the political hotbeds they once were. And they don't seem to be the grooming spots for future politics. That was one of the things some liked about it. O well, things change. Even the idea of consolidation under the city seems to have been disappearing. The biggest proponent – Allingtown – is under the city since it dissolved about a decade ago, and the other two are just going along as usual, thank yew very much. Ah, but the memories of things past.

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One of the things we hope kicks off with some purpose now that the unofficial beginning of summer has arrived is the Centennial Celebration of our becoming our own municipality. Right now, the only thing that seems to be planned besides the historic game they got on some app or t'other is a boat parade set for next month. That sounds nice, but what else is on the docket?

For that matter, what's happening with the Third of July Fireworks, and the Savin Rock Festival. We ain't heard much about it one way or t'other. The fireworks haven't been around for a couple years besides the pandemic, and the festival has been off thee boards for pert near four years now. It was supposed to make a comeback last year, but, obviously, didn't. Soooo, we're all looking for it to make a return. Let's hope that happens and an announcement is made asap.

It should be a good summer – at least compared to last year, and it has all kinds o' possibilities. With that bit o' chatter, I'll close mitt luff und kizzes,

*Cobina*

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**Dear Gripe Vine Readers:**

Some of my readers have been complaining of streets that need repaving. I was able to obtain a partial list of streets that are planned to be repaved. A recent news release beginning May 21st Crews will begin milling and paving Harold Street to Fairfax Street from Swampscott Street, Fairfax Street to Ogden to Orfrod Streets; West Main Street to Shingle Hill Road to Morgan Lane. Campbell Avenue to King Street, King Street from Abner, West Spring Street; West Spring Street from Campbell Avenue to Greta Street, Elm Street from Savin to Campbell Avenue. Church Street from Savin to Kelsey Avenue, Center Street from Campbell to Candee, Washington Avenue from Brown to Beach Street, Washington Avenue from Elm to Main Street, Washington Avenue from Elm to Wood Street, Washington Avenue from Richard to Hall Street, Beach from Washington Avenue to the former Chick's Drive-in. and Prindle Road to the railroad underpass.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

There are some houses on Prospect Avenue that are desperately in need of repair, paint or demolition. There are a few that look abandoned for the past few years and are bringing down the property value of the neighborhood.

*Hopeful Neighbor ON*

**Dear Hopeful Neighbor:**

Councilwoman Chrystal Fanelli was asked to look into these conditions on Prospect Avenue. Gripe Vine will publish the results of her investigation.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Someone dumped piles of

wood on West Spring Street by the back entrance to the Veteran's Hospital.

They are currently dumping there because it's open and no streetlights in that area at all. Looks like they took down a fence and decided hey, let's make this someone else's headache. So inconsiderate. When will people stop this nonsense.

*Fed Up*

**Dear Fed, Up:**

"When will people stop this nonsense?"

The Voice has many, many readers and within this group are environmentalists, police and local and state authorities who will be and are on the lookout for these offenders. I am hoping these dedicated enforcers will be on the lookout for those who are creating these violations. dumping offenders. Meanwhile, I am asking my readers to be on the lookout and to notify the police so this offensive activity will end.

I have included a photo of this dumping submitted by the letter writer in today's column."

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

I have been told that there are some important traffic signs missing. One of them is on Forest Road and Route 1 and the other that there is no sign for the two-lane merge at Campbell Avenue going south.

I have written to Councilman Peter Massaro who informed Gripe Vine that Forest Road, and Route 1 are maintained by the state. Councilman Massaro indicated he will look into these complaints.

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

A month or so ago, Gripe



**ELEANORE TURKINGTON**

Vine published speeding concerns on Beach Street. to quote, "Speeding is rampant here. The problem here is there is too little enforcement of the speed limit. Whether going east to west, or west to east people are using Beach Street as a high-speed bypass through the city to avoid other parallel routes that have stop signs and lights. Beach Street has neither for the entire stretch. Because it has long straight sections it's an invitation in the absence of police presence as a deterrent to floor it and that's exactly why those of us witness the driving on this street."

Well, readers, I wrote to Councilwoman Elizabeth Johnston who responded, "I reached out to Sgt. D'Amato

to discuss this problem and potential solutions."

However, I was not completely satisfied with this response, so I went to the Councilwoman again for an update on April 29 and to date have not heard from her as to a possible safety solution for this neighborhood. Perhaps Councilwoman Johnston will read my column this week, talk to Sgt. D'Amato once again and offer my readers a n explanation as to the possibility of stronger safety measures in this neighborhood.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

A motorcyclist rides his motorcycle for hours on end on 4th Avenue on a one-way

street. It's impossible to sit outside due to the noise.

He rides his motorcycle on 4th Avenue that has a curve with a car coming the right way could hit his motorcycle. I have been reporting wrong way drivers for ten years now. The police should get on this before someone gets hurt.

*PZ Let's Get With It!*

**Dear PZ:**

I have written to Councilman Michael Gallignano twice concerning your complaint. I am hoping that he will support safety precaution measures immediately. As soon as I hear from the Councilman, you will read his solution in Gripe Vine.



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## Hate tainted the media

So, the mainstream media is attempting to do a stealth about-face concerning the origins of the corona virus. More and more evidence – circumstantial and otherwise – has forced the self-styled elites in the media to look at, possibly for the first time for some, the virus was not the result of bats being sold in a wet market in Wuhan, China, but came out of a virology lab only blocks away. Remember, just days ago, this was a topic not only sneered at, but censored by the likes of Facebook, Twitter, and other social media outlets.

Remember also, the possibility the virus came from the laboratory was posited by former President Donald Trump and his Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo. The media scoffed. It was only an attempt by the administration to deflect from what the elites saw as the failure of the administration to fight the pandemic.

Within days, however, the same media outlets that saw tinfoil hats on those who even uttered such possibilities now are changing direction – and trying to soft-pedal their own role in misinforming the public, and the marginalization of those who veered from the chosen narrative.

There was information about this for weeks, but it was only until news of the laboratory's own researchers becoming sick and being hospitalized that things changed. The New York Times, CNN, MSNBC, NBC, and the other networks had to admit there is strong evidence the virus was leaked out of the Wuhan facility.

Journalists are now wondering how things could have gone so wrong. How could this part of the story be potentially true? The proof the issue could not longer be marginalized came from Master of the Universe Facebook. It is now allowing stories to put on its newsfeeds and those of its members that call the origins into question. Don't believe us, go to <https://spectator.us/topic/media-u-turn-lab-leak-corona-virus-theory/>, or <https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1397334751774658562.html> to see the change in tone – and coverage.

There need not be any navel-gazing about how it got so wrong – we all know. Donald Trump. The pandemic was weaponized by the media and its political friends in the Democratic Party in the run-up to last year's election. Anything – anything – that could be seen as a positive for the Trump administration was immediately nixed by the narrative-makers. That narrative – that things were being botched badly – had to prevail.

Also, Trump's insistence China play by the same rules as everyone else in matters of trade and copyright law was a threat to the inroads multi-national corporations, which own the networks, were trying to make. While it is true China was stealing our intellectual property, it was a small thing compared to the sneakers, TVs, computers, and other commodities that could be made so much cheaper over there. There is too much money to be made.

Therefore, any iota of evidence that would veer from the narrative had to be marginalized: the virus came from a wet market, Trump saying otherwise is disinformation and further evidence of his racist animus against China, and his handling of the virus shows he is anti-science and callous.

Trump said it, the Democrats and the acolytes in the media were against it. It was Trump Derangement Syndrome writ large to the detriment of hundreds of thousands of people.



## Apartheid is blood libel

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

The charge of apartheid is the new blood libel.

As Hamas rains rockets down on Israel, members of the Squad in Congress and other left-wing enemies are using the occasion to amplify their accusation that Israel is an "apartheid state."

This is a transparent attempt to delegitimize – and isolate and ultimately destroy – the Jewish state by associating it with a racist regime that the world united to squeeze out of existence.

Rashida Tlaib, the Democratic congresswoman from Michigan, says that Israel is "promoting racism and dehumanization" under an "apartheid system," and Rep. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota refers to "Israel's apartheid government."

The charge is given a patina of legitimacy by Human Rights Watch, which recently issued a 213-page report devoted to the allegation, and other anti-Israel organizations that understand the accusation's potential power to define Israel out of the circle of advanced democracies.

It doesn't take much moral discernment to understand, even if one takes a harshly

critical view of how Israel conducts itself, that it is nothing like an apartheid regime in South Africa that depended on a rigorously enforced system of racial repression.

The Arab minority in Israel (about 20% of the population) may face obstacles, but it is not treated like black South Africans.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York and her ideological compatriots tweeted the other day, "Apartheid states aren't democracies," which nailed the point, just not the way they intended.

Israel is a democracy that affords its Arab citizens full rights. They vote in elections and Arab parties sit in parliament. These parties obviously have a profoundly different worldview than the Zionist parties, which has been a barrier preventing cooperation between them. But this year, in a first, Arab parties were part of the negotiations over forming a new government before they broke down.

Arab Israelis are full participants in Israeli society. There are Arab justices on the Supreme Court. About 20% of doctors in Israel and about half of pharmacists are Arab. Roughly 17% of students seeking an undergraduate de-

gree are Arab, a number has roughly doubled over the last decade.

As Steve Kramer of The Times of Israel puts it, "They arguably are the most free Arabs in the Middle East."

Then, there are the Palestinian territories, where there is a marked lack of democracy courtesy of the Palestinians themselves.

Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas, who is still serving a four-year term that began about 15 years ago, cancelled new elections scheduled for May 22. He found a way to blame Israel for this move, of course, but the bottom line is that his party, Fatah, feared Hamas would win, as it did in the last Palestinian election back in 2006.

The Palestinians have made postponing elections into a high political art, in keeping with the lack of democratic accountability in other neighboring Arab states.

How Israel should handle the threat of another terror state devoted to its destruction arising on its borders is, any fair-minded person should concede, an inherently difficult question.

It has offered the Palestinians a state twice, in 2000 and

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# Lowry: *A new twist*

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2008, to no avail.

Israel evacuated the Gaza Strip entirely in 2005. It can't be blamed for Hamas winning the elections in 2006, taking over Gaza in a coup against Fatah a year later, and misgoverning the territory ever since, with an emphasis on using it as a base from which to wage war against Israel.

Much is made of its border controls in Gaza and the West Bank, but a border isn't a denial of citizenship rights, rather a demarcation between two societies.

If the Palestinians would ever accept the right of Israel to exist and embrace a program of peaceful development, they'd get their own sovereign state.

Instead, they want to wipe Israel from the map, and are getting an assist from purveyors of the malicious lie that Israel is morally indistinguishable from the old, racist South Africa.

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*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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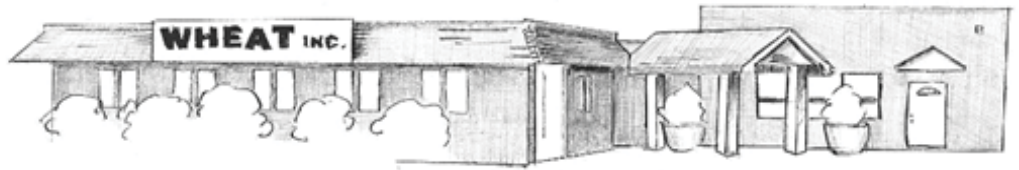
Museum seeking to list vets as part of Centennial exhibit

As part of its celebration of West Haven's Centennial, the West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center is collecting the names of local veterans from the past 100 years to include in a display honoring their service.

The museum is asking West Haven residents to help honor family members who served between 1921 and 2021 by providing the veteran's name and service branch for inclusion in the display. West Haven veterans will also be honored with an event in November.

Names can be submitted by leaving a voicemail at (203) 934-1111 or by email to whmilmuseum@snet.net.

The West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center, 30 Hood Terrace, is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 10-2. Visitors can learn more at the museum's website, <https://www.whmilmuseum.org>.



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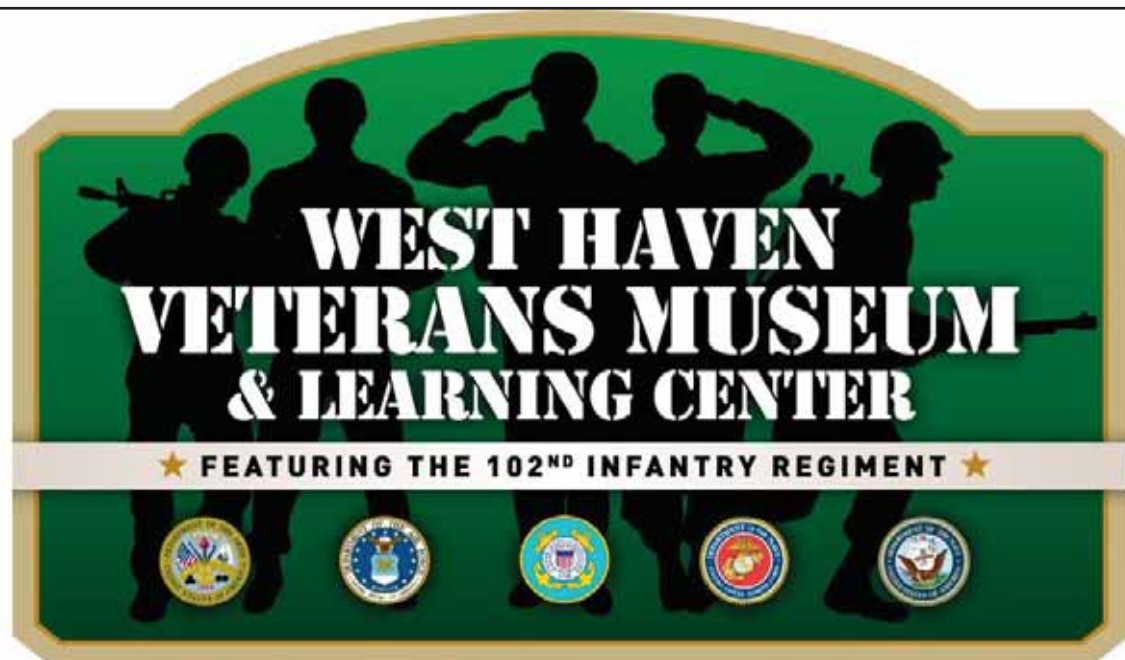
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By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Because of inclement weather last weekend, members of the West Haven Veterans Council and city officials will now dedicate the 13th phase of the brick Veterans Walk of Honor in Bradley Point Park at 5 p.m. Saturday.

All veterans are invited to participate in the seaside ceremony, which will feature a presentation of the colors, an invocation and taps, as well as remarks by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Veterans Council President Dave Ricci.

The public is also invited.

Rossi's executive assistant, Louis P. Esposito Jr., will serve as the master of ceremonies.

In November 2006, the Veterans Council began the first of 13 campaigns selling bricks to memorialize vets on the 100-yard Walk of Honor between the William A. Soderman and Vietnam Veterans memorials.

The bricks, which cost \$75, have charcoal lettering for personalized messages.

About 2,850 bricks have been installed so far, including 130 for the 13th phase and 51 for the 12th phase, which was dedicated May 25, 2019. Last year's ceremony was postponed because of the coronavirus.

In May 2015, the dedication of the eighth phase included the dedication of a granite stone in memory of Veterans Council President Lorelee "Lori" Grenfell, who died Feb. 19, 2015, at age 60. The memorial was crafted by Giordano Bros. Monuments of West Haven.

The Walk of Honor's first phase and the city's Korean War Memorial were dedicated in May 2007.

In May 2008, the walkway's second phase and a memorial in honor of World War II Army Pfc. William A. Soderman were dedicated.

Soderman received the Medal of Honor after he distinguished himself in December 1944 while defending an important road junction near Rocherath, Belgium.

Four years after his death, on July 1, 1984, the flagpole in Bradley Point Park was dedicated in Soderman's memory.

City Human Resources Commissioner Beth A. Sabo has overseen the construction of all phases of the walkway, which was built by City Point Construction Co. of West Haven.

City Hall reopen, but....

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi rolled out phase two of City Hall's reopening May 24 in accordance with state and local COVID-19 guidelines.

Phase two calls for the expanded reopening of City Hall for in-person appointments on the first and second floors to better serve residents, Rossi said.

Under phase two, City Hall will be open for business Monday through Friday by appointment only and limited to those floors.

For a first-floor appointment from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, residents can contact the Building Department, assessor's office, tax office and city clerk's office at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/directory.aspx>. For the first-floor registrar of voters office, which operates part time, residents can make an appointment from 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday and Friday and from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday by contacting the office at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/directory.aspx>.

For a second-floor appointment from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, residents can contact the Health Department, Department of Human Resources and Personnel Department and the West Haven Community Development Administration, Probate Court and Youth and Family Services at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/directory.aspx>. Appointments should be made by 3 p.m. the previous day. Those unable to make an appointment inside City Hall can do business at the service windows outside the assessor's and tax offices on the Campbell Avenue side of the building and the window outside the city clerk's office on the Savin Avenue side.

To enter City Hall for an appointment, visitors must use the west entrance on the Savin Avenue side, wear face masks and show ID to the security guard, Health Director Maureen B. Lillis said.

Visitors must sign in with the guard, noting the time and location of the appointment, and sign out when business is done. They must also maintain social distancing, including staying 6 feet away from others, Lillis said. Residents are encouraged to continue using online payments and the drop box at the 355 Main St. entrance of City Hall.

Boat parade set June 12

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

A fleet of more than 100 boats are expected to set sail and parade across the West Haven seaboard at 1 p.m. June 12 to christen the community's 100th anniversary.

The West Haven Centennial Boat Parade, presented by the City of West Haven Centennial Celebration Committee, will pay homage to the community's nautical heritage and 3 miles of publicly accessible beaches on Long Island Sound — the crown jewels of West Haven, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi said.

The parade will follow the city's coastline from the jetty off Sandy Point in New Haven Harbor to the Oyster River in Baybrook, said West Haven Harbor Master Robert Pimer, who has charted the course for the committee and will help steer the procession.

Rossi is encouraging city residents to descend on the beaches along Beach Street, Captain Thomas Boulevard and Ocean Avenue for a front-row view of the boating spectacle.

"I cannot wait for our residents to witness this one-of-a-kind boat parade along our very shore," said Rossi, who will join Pimer at the helm aboard his harbor master boat. "This event is a tribute to the enduring history and legacy of West Haven as a true maritime community."

Organizer and committee member John Biancur said he expects over 100 boats of varying sizes to participate in the free parade, including motorboats, personal watercraft, and sailboats from the Prospect Beach Fish & Game Club and the City Point, Pequonnock, Waucoma and West Haven yacht clubs.

The procession will also include rescue boats from the West Haven, West Shore and City of West Haven Allingtown fire departments.

Biancur pointed out that the parade is not limited to just yacht club members. It is open to all watercraft operators, provided they meet at the West Haven jetty at 1 p.m. and follow the Police Department's patrol boat throughout the route.

Skippers are asked to decorate their boats in patriotic colors, including displaying American, Connecticut or West Haven flags.

The rain date is June 13 at 2 p.m.

Although the parade will celebrate West Haven's 100th anniversary, the official centennial kickoff ceremony is June 24.



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Drive aids shelter

The West Haven BARKS and Meows Animal Shelter Food and Supplies Drive, held on May 22, at the Off-Shore Restaurant, 852 Jones Hill Road, hauled in thousands of pounds of food and supplies to benefit shelter animals. Sponsored by West Haven businesses, Apple Oil and Star Distributors, Councilman Barry Lee Cohen (R-10) organized the event which also collected over \$2300 in monetary donations. Left -- Sgt. Mark Gado accepts monetary donations from Cohen. Above -- Donations spill over into the parking lot.



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Leadership winners

West Haven Planning and Zoning Commissioner Steven R. Mullins presented his annual "Commissioner Mullins Youth Leadership Award" to two outstanding young leaders. West Haven High School Freshmen Myles Cortes and Dana Davis were selected by Principal Dana Paredes for demonstrating leadership and civic-mindedness at the high school and the wider West Haven community. The students received a framed certificate, a copy of the United States Constitution and Declaration of Independence and a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble. The two are shown with Mullins and Paredes.



Around Town

Liberty Coin Club

The Liberty Coin Club of West Haven is relocating its coin shows previously held at the West Haven Elks Club to the Hilton Garden Inn, Milford, as of its next scheduled show on June 6. The remainder of the scheduled shows for this year will be at the new location. There will be no show in July this year. Liberty Coin Club schedule: Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12.

Stamp Club meets

The New Haven Stamp Club meets every Tuesday at 62 Clark Road in North Haven. The club is part of a stamp show every fourth Sunday of the month from 93 at the Annex Hall, 554 Woodward Ave., in New Haven.

Stamp Club meets

The West Haven Veterans Museum, 30 Hood Terrace is now open Wednesday through Saturday, 10-2. For more information, call (203) 934-1111 or email, whmilmuseum@snet.net.

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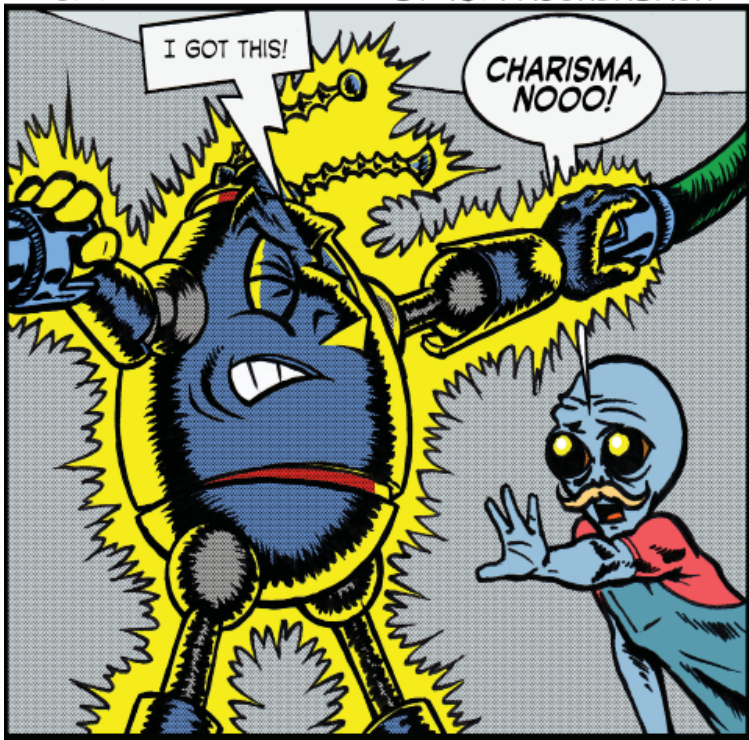
Workshop production Friday

West Haven High School Theatre Workshop proudly presents "13 Ways to Screw Up Your College Interview" a one-act comedy by Ian McWethy. The performances take place on Friday, June 4, at 6 and 7:30 pm in the auditorium. Admission is free. Donations will be happily accepted for the Senior Activities Fund. The production is directed by Margi Maher and Tracy Stratton.



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Fun Facts continue

The City of West Haven Centennial Celebration Committee has launched a new series called #FunFactFriday to promote the community's 100th anniversary this year.

It's fun, and an informative way to learn about the city and its long history.

Every Friday, the committee will post tidbits celebrating historical events, people and places in West Haven from the past 100 years on its official Facebook page, City of West Haven Centennial Celebration - 1921-2021.

The page is administered by the city and edited by Dan Shine, one of the foremost authorities on West Haven history. Like the page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofWestHavenCentennialCelebrationCommittee>.

Historian's corner **By Dan Shine**

Ora Mason
Why on earth would a librarian be vacationing on a tramp steamer??

Well, it's like this:
Born in 1904, Ora Mason began work at the West Haven Public Library in 1924 as the children's librarian; she directed the children's reading program and was their storyteller. By 1936 she had been made the director of the libraries, a position she held for decades. Almost immediately she received a petition by the Colonial Park School PTA requesting a badly-needed library in the West Shore district. In turn, Ora Mason approached the Village Improvement Association with a proposal for funding to establish such a branch library. Funding was secured and the library opened in the basement of Colonial Park School. However, due to the damp conditions in that location, the library was soon moved to another location on Hawthorne Street "near the trolley tracks." In 1942, the library

moved again to a location in a house on Prospect Avenue, also next to the trolley tracks: and there it would remain for the next twenty-five years.

By 1967, Ora Mason was in the twilight of her career: The West Shore library that she had pioneered had grown from 275 books to over fourteen thousand.

Thus, circumstances made it necessary to build a brand new, larger, more modern library to serve the needs of that district's growing community. Once again funding was secured and the library was built on Benham Hill Road next to the firehouse. To Ora Mason's surprise, the library would be named in her honor. And so it was that on December 10, 1967 Ora Mason gave the welcoming speech to those attending the opening of a library that was to be her own memorial.

In her retrospective words, "Library work has been my life." Librarians share a common thread, and so it was for Ora Mason: they enjoy the "thrill of the hunt," research-

ing information for those who come to them for assistance. Digging, helping, finding: that is the essence of their work.

Ora Mason was very forward thinking, to the extent that she arranged for all five of her department heads to attend library science courses at Southern Connecticut State College at no cost to themselves. The department heads, the library program and the public benefitted greatly from her efforts. In her words, "That light which has been given to me I desire to pass on, undimmed to others."

Ora Mason retired in 1971; she died in 1996.

She will be remembered for her lifelong dedicated service to her community, for her love of children and her family.

But what about those tramp steamers? It's a little-known fact that this was Ora Mason's favorite mode of travel, useful for seeing the world "on the cheap." It wasn't glamorous, but small, "tramp" steamers had a certain mystique about them: they would transport

the freight, the crew, and a few paying passengers to places rarely served by larger ships and hardly ever seen by the outside world.

It was amusing, and somewhat ironic for this writer to learn that when traveling, if Ora Mason was asked what she did for a living, she generally told people that she was a telephone operator, because to her that sounded more exciting than being a librarian.

Our thanks to Connie Sacco, Colleen Bailie, Joy Beringer, Angela Invernale, Debbie Beauvais, Valerie Vitali and Steve Hildrich for their assistance with this story.



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



The tramp steamer Ora Mason traveled on is shown above. The popular and dedicated librarian was a bit of a character.



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Westie squads end '21 season

As the spring sports season wound down to its final two weeks, West Haven's teams sought to position themselves for postseason play.

Down to its last three outs, the West Haven baseball team had one last rally in it. Scoring three times in the seventh inning, West Haven rallied to top cross-town rival Notre Dame 6-4 at Quigley.

With the victory, West Haven improved to 11-4 on the season.

Trailing 4-3 entering the seventh inning, Mike Boni beat out a grounder in the hole to second for an infield hit and Dylan Supan followed with a double to the gap in right-center to put a pair of runners in scoring position.

Freshman Ray Gilbert followed with a single to left to score Boni and even the game at 4, before Supan scored on a passed ball with two outs for a 5-4 advantage. Tyler DeSanty followed with a run-scoring single for a 6-4 lead.

Supan relieved starter Hunter Axelrod to start the seventh and needed just nine pitches, eight of which were strikes, to preserve the win.

Gilbert led the West Haven offense with three hits, two runs scored, and a run batted in. Supan had two hits and two runs scored, DeSanty added two hits, a run batted in, and a run scored, while Izzo and Jones also had two hits and a run batted in each.

Axelrod tossed six innings of six-hit ball, allowing four earned runs. The West Haven pitcher walked two and struck out one.

Junior Gianni Gambardella had four hits, including a triple and a home run, as West Haven topped Platt Tech, 12-8, on Senior Night at Piurek Field in West Haven Tuesday evening. Gambardella drove in four runs and scored three times as the Westies improved to 12-4 on the season.

Senior Dan Izzo added three hits and scored three times, while DeSanty and Axelrod also scored twice each in West Haven's sixth straight victory.

The Panthers jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning off West Haven's Bryan Barrington, who was making his first start of the season, but the Westies battled back to take a 5-4 lead after two innings and never looked back.

Supan picked up his fourth victory of the season and Gambardella knocked in the game-winning run as West Haven improved to 13-4 with a 3-2 walk-off victory over Law in eight innings at Piurek. The victory was West Haven's seventh in a row.

Supan (4-1) went the distance for West Haven, allow-

ing two fourth inning runs by Law. The West Haven junior, who threw 72 of his 97 pitches for strikes, walked one and struck out four.

Trailing 2-0, West Haven rallied to even the game with a pair of runs in the sixth and the winner in the eighth.

In the sixth, DeSanty led off with a single, and Jones walked with two outs. Gambardella singled to left to load the bases, before Boni's grounder to first was misplayed, allowing both DeSanty and Jones to score and even the game at two.

Supan got a double play ball to get out of the seventh, and West Haven stranded a runner at third in the bottom of the seventh to force extra innings.

After Supan retired Law in order in the top of the eighth, West Haven turned to the top of its order in the bottom of the inning to pull out the victory.

Izzo and Jones reached on bunt singles to start the frame, and Gambardella lined a single to center to plate Izzo with the winning run.

The late rally helped a West Haven team which did nothing offensively over the first five innings, getting just a single by Hunter Axelrod in the third and a walk by Gam-

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Photo by Todd Dandelske

Dan Izzo pitches in relief in the SCC Championship vs Prep. The Westies lost their first game in 11 tries in the SCC championship, won by Fairfield Prep, 8-3. Below -- Carson Kershner defends against Fairfield Warde in their loss in the CIAC playoffs on Friday.





Photos by Todd Dandelske

Tyler Jones singles against Fairfield Prep in West Haven's 8-3 loss in the SCC Championship. Below -- Charlie Miller rushes the ball in the CIAC playoffs against Fairfield Warde.



Westies: *Teams finish seasons*

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bardella in the fourth.

When Hamden and West Haven renew the rivalry on the baseball diamond, it is always a big deal. Coming into a Thursday evening contest, Hamden was riding a 10-game winning streak and West Haven owned a seven-game hot streak of its own.

With all that, plus the fact each team will be playing in the Southern Connecticut Conference and state tournaments in the coming weeks, one had to imagine all the hype would be between the lines.

While that was true, one factor unseated this huge SCC match-up. In a game which pitted a pair of SCC powers, it was only fitting a man who has meant so much to both towns had his day as the Green Dragons and Westies clashed in the inaugural Ray Guarino Baseball Series.

The 45-year-old Guarino played for West Haven High under George Hanchette, and also coached the Hamden American Legion Post 88 team for seven seasons. In the skipper's last season, his team moved on to the Southern Super Regionals in the Legion tournament in 2019.

Guarino was on hand to present West Haven with the first victory in the series as the Westies took advantage of an uncharacteristically sloppy Hamden team in a 7-2 SCC interdivision victory at Piurek Field in West Haven.

"Ron Luneau came up with this idea," Guarino said. "I can't think of a greater honor by these two schools in a sport that is so near and dear to my heart. This means more than anything to me. I appreciate the people from Hamden and West Haven for what they have done for me over the last few years."

The much-anticipated battle between Hamden, ranked fifth in the GameTimeCT Top 10 poll, and the Westies came down to West Haven taking advantage of its opportunities and capitalizing on three Hamden errors.

A clutch two-out rally in the sixth inning gave Gambardella all the run support he needed. Leading by a run, West Haven scored four times to put the game away.

"This is big for us, especially coming off a six-win season two years ago," Gambardella said. "This is big going into the playoffs."

Gambardella finished with a three-hitter. The junior pitcher struck out six and walked three in the win. Boni led the Westies with a pair of hits.

The formula for success for the West Haven baseball team this season has been stellar pitching, solid defense, and timely hitting. West Haven is not about to change what is not broken.

Behind the five-hit pitching of Axelrod, No. 4 West Haven nipped fifth-seeded Xavier, 2-1, in the quarterfinals of the Southern Connecticut Conference tournament at Piurek Field in West Haven Monday afternoon. West Haven avenged a pair of losses to the Falcons this season and advances to the semifinals Tuesday afternoon against No. 8 North Haven, a 3-1 upset winner over top-seeded Hand.

The Falcons scored once on two hits in the first inning off Axelrod, before the senior was in control, allowing three hits the rest of the way. Axelrod walked one and struck out five in the win.

West Haven is headed to the Southern Connecticut Conference finals. Behind the 3-hit pitching of Gambardella, fourth-seeded West Haven cruised to a 7-1 victory over No. 8 North Haven in the SCC semifinals Tuesday afternoon at Piurek Field in West Haven.

West Haven (16-5) was making its first SCC title game appearance since 2003 and picked the wrong time to play its worst defensive game of the year. The Westies committed four errors in the game, leading to three unearned runs and a 4-2 Jesuit lead through four innings.

"The difference is this," Luneau said. "We made a couple of costly errors and they capitalized. I tip my cap to them. They played solid defense, especially in the infield. They are a very good baseball team."

Leading 4-2, the Jesuits scored three much-needed runs in the fifth with two outs as Strazza delivered Fairfield Prep's second triple of the inning to clear the bases. James Aselta started the fifth inning rally with a one-out triple and was followed by a walk to Mike Iannazzo and Pierce Cowles getting hit by a pitch.

"It was not one of our better games," Luneau said. "We can't make the mistakes we made tonight and expect to win."

Supan was the hard-luck loser for the Westies as his defense let him down with four errors. Supan tossed five innings, allowing seven hits and seven runs, four of which were earned. The West Haven junior walked four and struck out three.

"I thought he pitched well, maybe one of his better games

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Photo by Todd Dandelske

Big Win!

The West Haven Blue Devils celebrated winning the first Ray Guarino game with a 7-2 win over arch-rival Hamden at Piurek Field. The Westies closed out the regular season with the win, and went to the finals of the Southern Connecticut Conference Championship, before losing to Fairfield Prep, 8-3. At presstime the team was gearing up for a trip to the CIAC Baseball Tournament, which began with playdowns Tuesday.

Westies: Teams close out regular season

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of the year," Luneau said. "We didn't make some plays and they capitalized. That's the difference. That is one of the better hitting teams we have faced all year."

On the cusp of falling to .500, the West Haven softball team showed the heart it has played with all season.

Scoring twice in the bottom of the seventh inning, West Haven rallied to defeat Guilford, 5-4, at Biondi Field in West Haven.

With the victory, West Haven improved to 9-7 on the year.

Mia Rubirosa and Juliana Petruzzello set the tone of the contest from the top of the order with three hits apiece. Rubirosa also scored three times, and Petruzzello drove in a pair.

Neve Krajcir picked up her fourth victory of the year, allowing two earned runs, while walking one and striking out eight.

The West Haven softball

team concluded its regular season with a split of a doubleheader in North Haven Wednesday evening.

The Westies saw North Haven post a 4-3 walk-off victory in the opener, before West Haven jumped out to an early lead to win the nightcap 7-4.

Beurer led the offense with three hits, one run batted in, and one run scored, while Rubirosa, Krajcir, and Brianna Miller all had two hits apiece.

Miller led the offense with three hits, three runs scored, and a run batted in, while Rubirosa had three hits, one run batted in, and one run scored. Krajcir and Shyanne Raccio each had two hits in the win.

The West Haven boys tennis team picked up its first victory of the year and improved to 1-13 with a 4-3 victory over Wilbur Cross.

West Haven won all three doubles matches to take home the victory. Top-seeded Mur-taza Amjad and Ahmed Mohamednour defeated Adam Shargawe and Paulette Jara,

6-2, 7-6, Second-seeded Chris Leum and Robert Vets topped Natalie Quiroz Duran and Edison Contreras, 6-2, 6-2, and third-seeded Valentin Diaz and Driton Imerukaj defeated Karen Jan and Jacqueline Hernandez, 6-0, 6-1.

In singles play, top-seeded Jacob Martin defeated West Haven's Punarvasan Garani, 6-0, 6-1.

West Haven's Ben Sager picked up his team's lone singles victory by topping Jayden Rivera, 6-1, 6-0, while Lily Goren of Wilbur Cross defeated Yousef Mohame,d 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, and Tresar Mkambilwa of Wilbur Cross topped Mustangir Jamalee, 6-1, 6-1.

West Haven fell to 1-15 as it was swept in a rare doubleheader match with Career in New Haven. The Westies lost both matches, 4-3.

In the first match at Edgewood Park, Career's Marcus Duff defeated Garani Martin Duff topped West Haven's Sage,r 8-1, Sam Padilla defeated Abdul Mohamednour, 8-1,

and West Haven won by forfeit in the fourth slot.

In doubles action, Career's Terry Giles and Osania Brown defeated West Haven's Leum and Vets, 8-0, and West Haven took home the next match by forfeit.

Career also topped the Westies in the other match between the two teams on the day.

In singles action, Marcus Duff again defeated Garani, 8-1, Giles topped Sager, 8-3, Brown defeated Hayat Khan, 8-6, and West Haven won the fourth singles match by forfeit.

In doubles play, Career's Sam Padilla and Martin Duff defeated Diaz and Imerukaj 8-0. West Haven also had forfeit victories in doubles play as well.

The West Haven girls lacrosse team fell to 0-11-2 with a 9-3 loss at Hamden Tuesday evening. The loss was West Haven's fourth in a row,

Olivia O'Mara scored all three goals in defeat for the Westies. Ryan Twohill and Kaitlyn Nutchter each scored

three goals for Hamden.

It took until the final game of the regular season, but the West Haven girls lacrosse team is in the win column. Behind three goals and one assist apiece from Madison Lentine and Mackenzie Gardner, West Haven topped Shelton, 11-10, at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven.

West Haven trailed 6-5 at the half, before rallying for the victory.

Goalie Amber Militrano made four saves for the Westies.

Olivia O'Mara scored twice and added an assist, Caitlin Welch had a goal and an assist, and Melissa Tsakonias and Julia Tsakonias each had a goal and an assist in the win.

West Haven had a 21-12 shot advantage in the game.

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# Lightning falls to Cheshire in lax action

In this week's West Haven Youth Lacrosse action, The 3/4 West Haven Lightning took on Cheshire in the rain on Saturday, falling to the Rams in overtime 5-3. Rocco Kelly picked up two goals, and Ethane McGrath picked up the third. Dante Antonucci, Shawn Gilbert, and Andrew Hogan all picked up assists as they worked the ball up the field.

Ben Trenchard and Emmett Hemming were strong on defensive, with a plethora of defensive stops and fight-

ing for every ground ball. Ethan Dion had double digit saves in between the pipes as he kept his team in the game and gave them a chance through the overtime period.

May 22, the 3/4 Lightning took on Cheshire, falling 9-2. Anthony Parise was solid in goal, making double-digit saves in a rare loss for the Lightning. Jeremiah McGrath and Charlie Gunning each had a goal, with Dante Antonucci and Cody Young getting assists.

The Lightning bounced back to their

usual form on Sunday, traveling to Hamden and getting the 8-2 win. Shea Outhavoung's goal sealed the win, as he added on to the goals scored by Rocco Kelly, Charlie Gunning, Cody Young and Jeremiah McGrath. Ethan McGrath and Andrew Hogan played well on defense, and Ethan Dion came up big in the net.

The West Haven K-2 team traveled to Milford Sunday morning to take on a tough Milford team in a close battle. Ethan McGrath made some key passes,

and Jax Guarino and Jadey Hill scored. Emmett Hemming won a few face-offs. Brady Salkins had a pair of goals and assists, as he worked hard up and down the field, contributing on both sides of the ball. Ben Trenchard played well defensively and just missed adding a goal, but he did pick up an assist on one of Salkins goals.

Aron Guichard worked hard marking his man on defense, and Benjamin Peretz was aggressive in the offensive zone.



# U11 girls pick up 3-1 victory over Oxford

Wet weather curtailed West Haven Youth Soccer action over the weekend, but the action the previous weekend was intense.

The Vio's Sports Plus West Haven U11 girls travel team hosted Oxford on Saturday, May 22, picking up a 5-1 win. Ariana Throm, and Kylie Gibbons each picked up two goals, and Sophia Empric added one as well. The Westies kept possession of the ball for most of the game with a lot of help from midfield players Sophia Locker, Hailey Dargon, Braelynn Elliot, and Sammy Zuk. The defense stepped up, with the Avery Congacha, Jayda Ciliberti and Alivia Reilly all playing well. Lulu Sebas and Lynnise Chesson were excellent in goal.

A stellar team effort by the Porto Funeral Home U10 team against Prospect, gave West Haven a 4-2 win at home. Kylee McCoart and Olivia Petrie made some amazing saves in goal with Josylyn DaVila defending the ball. Stella Porto, Celeste DiNallo, and Luciana Cappetta scored for West Haven.

On Sunday, the Top Hat Dance Academy West Haven U19 girls team went on the road to play New Haven, coming away with solid a 3-0 victory. Arianna Izzo, Madison Lentine and Cori Severino all notched goals for West Haven, with Izzo and Lentine launching long range shots from 25 yards out while Severino scored up close with a nice point-blank shot. Abigail Phelan played well up top, while on defense Grace Nowak, Riley Severino and Bianca Davila were solid to support Alyvia Ginsberg in the goal, helping her pick up second shutout of the season.

An E Division matchup saw the R. Mark Pappas D.C. Blue Lightning take on the Cappetta's Italian Imports, with the Blue Lightning coming out on top by a score of 6-5. Stella Porto scored the game winner with one second on the clock. The offense was supported by Allyson Hernandez, Arce and Ava Boykin. On defense the strong play of Anne Charles kept the team in the game. Destinee Epps and Phoebe Dinuzzo shared duties in the net to get the win. For the Cappetta's Italian Imports, Olivia Petrie, Celeste DiNallo, and Luciana Cappetta scored.

Also in E Division, the WH Italian-American Civic Assn tied Stars Ice Cream, 4-4. The First Congregational Church of West Haven won against #DAVILATRIBE, 7-3. Dayanna Vasco made several key saves in net, while Sophia Mazuroski and Jolie Bellamy scored. For #DAVILATRIBE, Taylor Boanna used her foot skills during the game to get the ball. Jada Turner scored her first goal of the season. Hudanur Sahin scored goals and assisted on defense to keep her team in the game.

Sports Sanitizing of CT-Doritos played P & B Express, winning 3-2. The Doritos played great, coming from behind for the win. Jackson Schoeman led the way with a hat trick. Abraham Marmol showed off his speed on offense and passed the ball well. Alex Johnson played well in goal and on the field. The Rock House School of Music played Stars Ice Cream, with the Rock House picking up the 9-7 win. Sarah Alasadi played aggressively to get possession of the ball. Hnan Kassar scored for her team with a header.

Cornell Scott Hill Health Center Gold Ninjas and the Elite Soccer Camps Red Rangers played Saturday morning. For the Ninjas, Julian Concepcion played tough and kept on hustling, while Julian Esposito played with power and held down the

defense. Sami Vahora played with heart and scored his first career goal. For the Red Rangers, Brandon Rylski hustled up and down the field. Nathan D'Aurio scored to cap off a nice passing play involving a few Rangers players, while Elias Padilla and Taylor Bell worked hard to create opportunities for their teammates.

Baybrook Remodelers defeated Seacrest Retirement Center, 5-0, in a hard-fought battle. Two goals were scored by Jacob Smalls, one goal and excellent field play was displayed by Justin Chacon, with excellent field play and defense being held down by Isaiah Boyd, Joe Sperry, Donald and Joshua Moore, and Jose Rangel. The UNH Warriors

defeated Milano & Wanat, 3-2, and Shoreline Wellness drew Gunning Law Firm, 4-4.

The West Haven Police Local 895 Maroon Wolf's played Nick's Luncheonette on Saturday. The two teams had enough players to split into two separate games with the teams splitting the results, Nick's Luncheonette coming out on top in one of the games and the Wolves in the other.

The Nick's Luncheonette team played very well as a team with connecting passes and attacking when the time was right. The Wolves' Zaid Ramirez and Roland Green scored in key moments of the game, while Gavin Lenihan and Lincoln Bertolini played well on defense.

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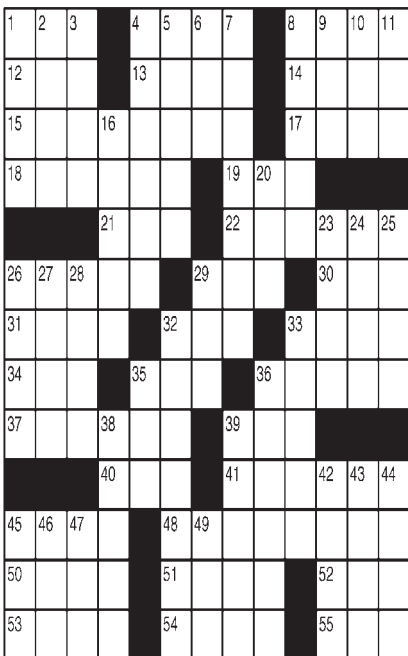
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- 4 Competent
- 8 Pretzel topper
- 12 Fib
- 13 Work hard
- 14 Spiced tea
- 15 In toto
- 17 Frees (of)
- 18 Bug barrier
- 19 "Goshi"
- 21 Reply (Abbr.)
- 22 Also
- 26 "It's a  
Wonderful  
Life" director
- 29 French article
- 30 "-hawl"  
(rodeo cry)
- 31 "Hi, sailor!"
- 32 Follower  
(Suff.)
- 33 Nota --
- 34 Airline to  
Sweden
- 35 "Today" rival,  
briefly
- 36 Fragrant  
wood
- 37 Typically
- 39 X-ray's cousin
- 40 -- -de-France
- 41 Oregon city
- 45 Apple com-  
puter
- 48 Prescription  
phrase
- 50 Opulent
- 51 Attic buildup
- 52 Historic time



- 53 Needing lini-  
ment
- 54 Pro votes
- 55 -- de plume
- DOWN**
- 1 "Sad to say  
..."
- 2 Platter
- 3 Char
- 4 Goddess of  
wisdom
- 5 Benefits
- 6 Dogpatch  
adjective
- 7 Graceful
- 8 Threaded  
hardware
- 9 Sashimi fish
- 10 Young bloke
- 11 Frank
- 12 -- de plume  
memoir
- 16 Tired
- 20 Language  
suffix
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- 24 Sultry Horne
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- 26 Juan's home
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- 28 Stance
- 29 G8 member
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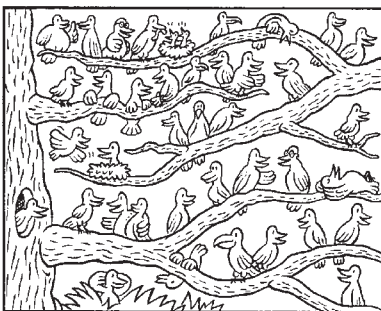
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- Aaron
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- Oolite
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- Oops
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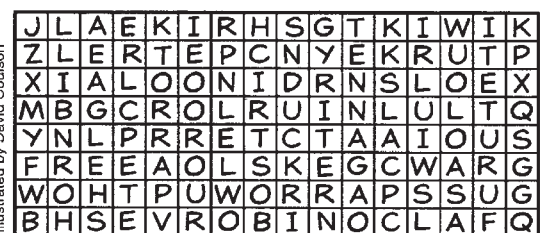
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how many birds will be needed to eat 100 worms in 100  
minutes at the same rate? Answer: 100 birds

**ANOTHER STARLING**

Starting with the word STARLING, try dropping  
one letter so that the remaining letters, in their  
original order, spell out a new word. Continue in this  
manner, dropping one letter at a time, until you reach  
the bottom of our word pyramid. As an example, if we  
started with the word FIRST we could get FIRST, FIST,  
FIT, IT, I. You have two minutes to solve this one.

**Junior Whirl**

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**BIRDS OF A FEATHER!** Hidden in the diagram above  
are the common names of 25 birds or families of birds.  
They can be found by reading up or down, left to right,  
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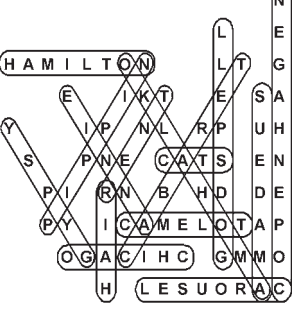
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- Parrot
- Pelican
- Petrel
- Quail
- Robin
- Shrike
- Sparrow
- Starling
- Stork
- Swan
- Tern
- Turkey
- Vulture

**Answers  
to last week's  
puzzles**

**King Crossword**

Answers  
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S O R T E R I S A B E L  
H O O D I E L E N O R E  
A T V S C A L D A G A  
C H E R T R A A R E S  
K E S H A F R E D D I E  
I N C S A D  
B L O N D I E R E T R O  
R O P E N O R D R E A  
I L E L E N I N U L T  
M I R I A M F O O D I E  
S T A D I A L A R G E R  
A S S T S E M B E D

**ONE-WORD MUSICALS**



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



# Parade returns

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

Grand Marshals Frank J. Corso and Mike Pimer steered West Haven's Memorial Day parade Monday morning from a golf cart driven by city Human Resources Commissioner Beth A. Sabo.

Corso, an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II in 1942-45, and Pimer, a Navy veteran who served stateside in 1955-61 and again in 1962-68, led the 40-unit procession of veterans, bands and dignitaries, including Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and other city officials, along Campbell Avenue.

The parade stepped from Captain Thomas Boulevard north to Center Street, where throngs of people lined the 1.5-mile course, American flags waving, for the annual patriotic march.

Corso, who turns 100 in July, and Pimer, 83, were tapped by the West Haven Veterans Council, which helps the city organize the parade, for their years of service to the military, their fellow vets and their community.

The hourlong parade featured a dramatic flyover by a C-130 Hercules, a four-engine turboprop military transport aircraft operated by the Connecticut Air National Guard.

The event, in memory of the deceased members of the U.S. armed forces of all wars, is the oldest parade of its kind in southern Connecticut.

In addition to marching bands and veterans groups, the procession showcased the traditional contingent of youth organizations and sports leagues, dance and Scout troupes, fraternal organizations and service clubs, local and state leaders, police officers and firefighters.



Photo by Andrew Kosarko

Grand Marshals Mike Pimer, wearing sunglasses, and Frank J. Corso steer West Haven's Memorial Day parade up Campbell Avenue on Monday morning from a golf cart driven by city Human Resources Commissioner Beth A. Sabo.



Photo courtesy of Patricia Horvalth

Though a bit chilly, the locals seemed to be enjoying it.



Photo by Andrew Kosarko

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and grandson Arthur Rossi, 11, hold American flags while waving to parade-goers along Campbell Avenue in the heart of downtown.

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