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*An in-depth feature*

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opens with tree lighting

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set for Dec. 3  
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# Happy Thanksgiving!



Submitted Photos

### *Holiday tradition!*

Following a tradition that goes back to the 1970s, we honor the warriors of the gridiron on this Thanksgiving Day. West Haven's Blue Devils met Fairfield Prep in a battle that could mean ranking in a CIAC Class LL tournament

game, Tuesday. Meanwhile, Notre Dame's Green Knights has its annual tussle at Hamden High School's Bruno Field, taking on the Green Dragons in the 2023 edition of the Green Bowl.

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Chase S, 3rd Grade Forest School West Haven Community House After School Program., sees sunny, but brisk temperatures for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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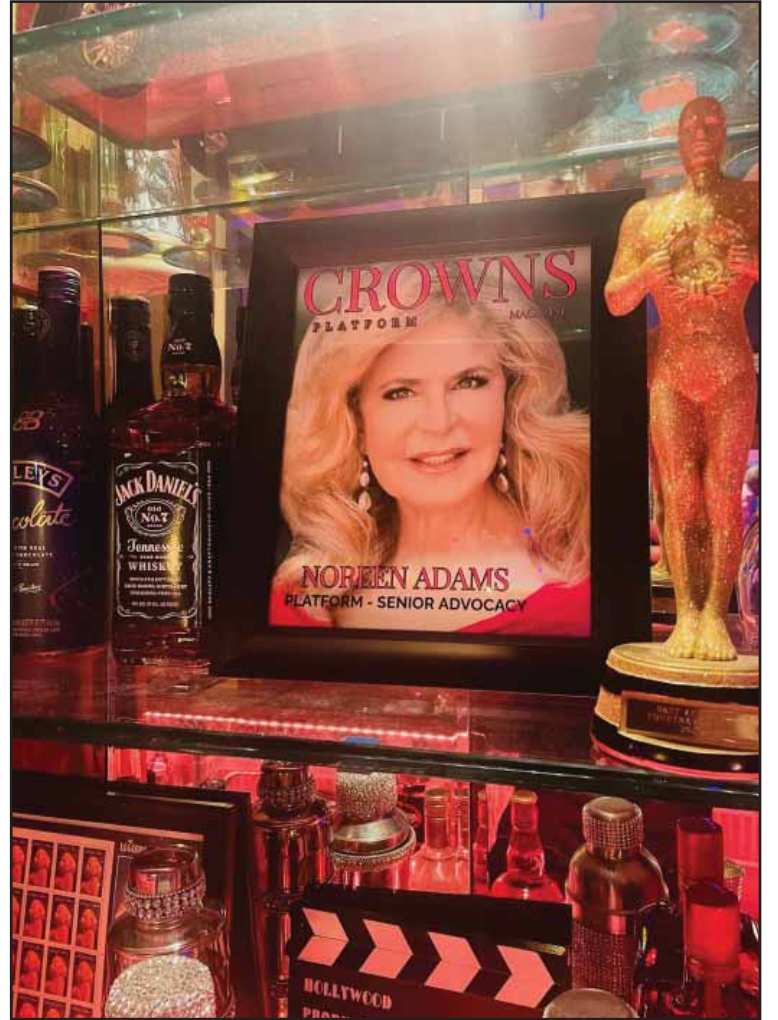
## On this Date

**2009** -- Maguindanao massacre in the Philippines. Considered to be the worst attack on journalists in recorded history, the massacre occurred in the southern Philippines, when 57 citizens and journalists en route to register voters in Esmel Mangudadatu for the upcoming gubernatorial elections, were killed by gunmen and buried. 34 journalists were killed on the day.

**2005** -- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf elected as President of Liberia. The 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner is also the first woman to be elected as head of state in an African country.

**1976** -- First person to dive 100 meters in the sea without breathing equipment. Frenchman Jacques Mayol, who is also sometimes known as Dolphin Man, was 49 years old at the time. He broke his own record 7 years later by diving 105 meters.

**1963** -- Doctor Who debuts on TV. The longest running science fiction TV show first aired with an episode called An Unearthly Child on the British Broadcasting Channel. The show that has had 11 different actors play the lead role, follows the time-traveling adventures of Doctor Who, who uses the Time and Relative Dimension in Space.



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## Now on display

Noreen Adams, Ms. Connecticut Senior World, was chosen to appear in the July issue, Red, White, Blue feature of Crowns Magazine which was taken at an appearance for Veteran's Day at the West Haven Veterans Museum. Arlene DeGrande, director ordered a Magazine to display. The cover was also displayed at the Pub 34 in West Haven.



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# City to mark Pearl Harbor attack, Dec. 7

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

The city and the West Haven Veterans Council will observe Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on the Veterans Walk of Honor in Bradley Point Park at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 7.

All veterans are invited to participate in the solemn ser-

vice, which will commemorate the 82nd anniversary of Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

The public is also invited. The annual ceremony, held in front of the Walk of Honor's William A. Soderman Memorial, will commence with a presentation of the

colors by the West Haven Police Honor Guard and a flag-raising by the West Haven Fire Department Honor Guard.

It will feature remarks by Mayor Dorinda Borer.

West Haven Fire Department Chief James P. O'Brien will read the names of the 18 Connecticut servicemen

who died in the Japanese bombing of the U.S. Navy base on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. A firefighter will toll the department's chrome bell each instant a name is called.

Connecticut's last known Pearl Harbor survivor died in 2020 at age 99.

The Pearl Harbor tribute

will include the Pledge of Allegiance, the national anthem, and opening and closing prayers.

It will also include a wreath-laying by Veterans Council members and taps played by retired West Shore Fire Department Lt. Kevin McKeon.



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Bradley Point will be the location for the annual Pearl Harbor Day remembrance.

## Happy Thanksgiving, neighbors.



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# Dear Felicia

Tempus does fugit, sweets, and here we are, gettin' ready for Turkey Day and the short jog toward the holiday season that's jest around the corner. As is our custom, we offer the politicos and ruling classes of our fair community our own version of turkeys, commenting on the various reasons they were in the news over the past year.

Mayor Nancy Rossi – Her turkey has a “bon voyage” card attached thereon, representing what might have been in her tenure in the Actors Colony. When one thinks of the years she was a firebrand before getting on the council and as Finance Chairman, one wonders what in blazes happened.

Mayor-elect Dorinda Borer – Dorinda won by a goodly margin, and we don't think it was all Demmies. Her turkey will be dressed in a “one-sie” in hopes she realizes that “unity” plank of her platform was something a lotta people were hoping for. Forgit party, do what's right for the city.

Republican candidate Barry Cohen – His turkey has a “Take a Breath” plate underneath. It is very obvious his coming close in 2021 was a vote against, rather than for, something. This time the person they were voting against wasn't on the ballot.

Outgoing City Council – These guys and gals will be getting a turkey with sunglasses and a beverage of choice. All the time they spent in meetings, caucuses and setch, they will be getting their lives back. That's gotta be a good consolation to those who wanted to git re-elected, and those couldn't wait to git out the door.

Incoming City Council – Their turkeys will have a banner on toothpicks simply saying, “Be careful of what you wish for.” They'll find out soon enough.

Treasurer-elect Ron Quagliani – We hear the Ronster is a signer and hates rubber stamps. Now that he's off the council and into another part o' city government, his turkey comes with a dozen fountain pens so he can sign things to his heart's content.

MARB – The Municipal Accountability Review Board will git individual birds with a map of the city attached. Ain't it about time they learn about the city they run financially? Sometimes methinks effen they were asked where Campbell Avenue was they couldn't answer.

Democratic Town Committee – The members will git turkeys with the photo of a cavalry charge. Like the cavalry, Dorinda came in to save

the day for the party, which doesn't exactly have a deep bench. Of course, this group will be gone with the new elections next year, maybe they will deepen said bench.

Republican Town Committee – They get turkeys with dunce caps. That's what happens when you endorse a candidate nobody knows just cuz a personal war chest was available, ignoring people everyone knows. This is the rank stupidity that'll keep the party on the outs for years to come. The elections in 2024 probably won't make much of a difference.

Local Activist Steven R. Mullins – The write-in candidate and all-round member of everything gets a turkey with a daily calendar. How Mullins is able to keep all the meetings, events and activities in his head is amazing.

The Haven Group – The soon-to-be ex-owners of the Haven property (we hope) get turkeys with stopwatches. It's amazing how quickly (by comparison) they tore down the homes on the lots when they figgered they could sell the property. Amazing what one can do when one wants to do it, right? Conversely, when one doesn't want to do it, the city gets nothing for nine years.

New England Brewery

Company – NEBCO owners git turkeys with applause machines. The way they played the politicos in this town was a master class in the carrot-and-stick approach. Kudos. It was a marvel to see how you played one and all.

Beach Street residents – Their turkeys will have noise-cancelling headsets. They've enjoyed no traffic on the road for a few months now. Once it's open, that all stops. At least you got one summer without the motorcyclists roaring through town. Hope you enjoyed it.

Police Chief Joseph Perno – The WHPD head gits a turkey with a copy of “The Invisible Man.” It's a wonder to see him stay outta sight for so long in a town that used to politicize the department when it was convenient.

The Police Commission – Props to the members, who git turkeys with running shoes. The commish played the long game like long-distance runners, getting rid of the retirement package and putting back the pension. It took a couple o' years, but the work paid off.

The Village Improvement Association and FDWH-Allingtown – Their turkeys will be on the same plate and have plans for a new joint venture for a library/fire station. Both groups have been working together for months, and 2024 might be the year it finally happens. Libraries are still important, and Allingtown has been almost four years without one.

The Sandy Point Association – This group gets turkeys with instructions on how to franchise to other parts of the city. A neighborhood group like the SPA should be in very part of town, doing good things to help improve the surroundings, and not expecting the city to do it all.

The Land Trust of West Haven – The members will each get a turkey, organic of course knowing this crowd, with a dose of “reality.” Sometimes, methinks they forget what things are like in favor of the way they want things to be.

Sens. Blumenthal and Murphy – Their turkeys will be adorned with a blush of cranberries. At least the birds can be embarrassed, these two birds aren't ever. Some of the stuff they utter in the press are either an indictment of them or the voters who put them into office. Probably both. They are clowns.

Rosa DeLauro Greenberg – The Third District's contribution to the Geritol brigade that populates the Democratic side of the Hall of Congress gits a turkey doused in purple hair dye...jest like Rosa.

The city's General Assembly delegation – Their turkeys will have parchment attached saying, “Sometimes doing nothing is the way to go.” Politicos like to think that “doing something” is better than doing nothing. Nope, never was. Besides, “doing something” always seems to cost money.

WHFD (Center District) Historian Bill Heffernan – His turkey will have plans for a full-size version of the antique scale model of the pumper he's been showing about town. Why stop at a scale model when you can have a big one for events.

The Community Thanksgiving honcho Bill Ewry and staff – Their turkeys will have blank pages attached with no schedules, events or activities unless they want to go. After the hours they put in, they need the rest. But make no mistake, this group of dedicated people have made a great holiday for hundreds due to their hard work.

City PR guy Mike Walsh – City scribe Mike Walsh gits a turkey with a restaurant guide. Since he's a hockey dad he's gonna need places to eat for all those weekend junkets.

Board of Ed PR guy Mike O'Brien – O'Brien gets a bird with a sorting system. He is probably trying to keep up with all the principals who want stories about their schools. This'll help.

Westie Blue's Mike Madera – The local sportswriter gits a turkey with a fedora so he can look like Graham McNamee. He can look it up.

Local radio personality Coach George DeMaio – His turkey will have a schedule of all high school football games next season...so he can git ready early.

Local guy Patrick Morrissey – Patrick's been mentioned for turkeys each year. This year he gets one to enjoy with his lovely wife and son.

History columnist Dan Shine – Dan gets a parchment on his turkey with the decree of a National Day of Thanksgiving by Pres. Abraham Lincoln. He will like that.

Consumer Advocate Eleonore Turkington – Her turkey will have a list of all the new members of the City Council, getting her ready to tackle problems that will come her way.

Ad Director Alan Olenick – His turkey will bear many contracts for next year, ensuring another good 12 months.

To our readers – The best for a Happy Thanksgiving with friends and family, and the hope for a joyous holiday season.

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Dorinda Borer*



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**David Riccio, Jr.** - Board of Assessment Appeals  
**Meli Garthwait**- City Council At-Large  
**Brian Laucks**- City Council At-Large  
**Nick Pascale** - City Council At-Large

**Anne Heffernan**- City Council: 1st District  
**Michelle Coletti**- City Council: 2nd District  
**Sarah Ackbarali**- City Council: 3rd District  
**Gary Donovan**- City Council: 4th District  
**Mackie McMillian**- City Council: 5th District  
**Dawn Callahan**- City Council: 6th District  
**Katherine Tucker**- City Council: 7th District  
**Christopher Vargo, Jr.** - City Council: 8th District  
**Katie Mueller**- City Council: 9th District  
**Steven Johnstone** - City Council: 10th District

## Thanksgiving 2023

When Puritans left England in May of 1620, they were unsure what lay ahead for them, knowing they had to endure months at sea making the crossing. They were looking to create a "Shining City on a Hill" filled with believers in the Calvinist Christianity they had come to confess. They hoped when they landed in the New World, they would be able to create the type of civil and religious atmosphere that would make them prosper and, as was the case for all Puritans, get a sign they were, indeed, the elect.

Their brand of Calvinism was "covenant" centered. Throughout the Old Testament, God had made a covenant with men. This "Covenant Theology" prompted them to bind themselves into a civil body under a covenant. That document, signed before they landed to form the Plymouth Colony, was given the name, "The Mayflower Compact."

Under this document, the first colony in Massachusetts Bay was established, and was to be the prototype of other covenants and constitutions that were to follow.

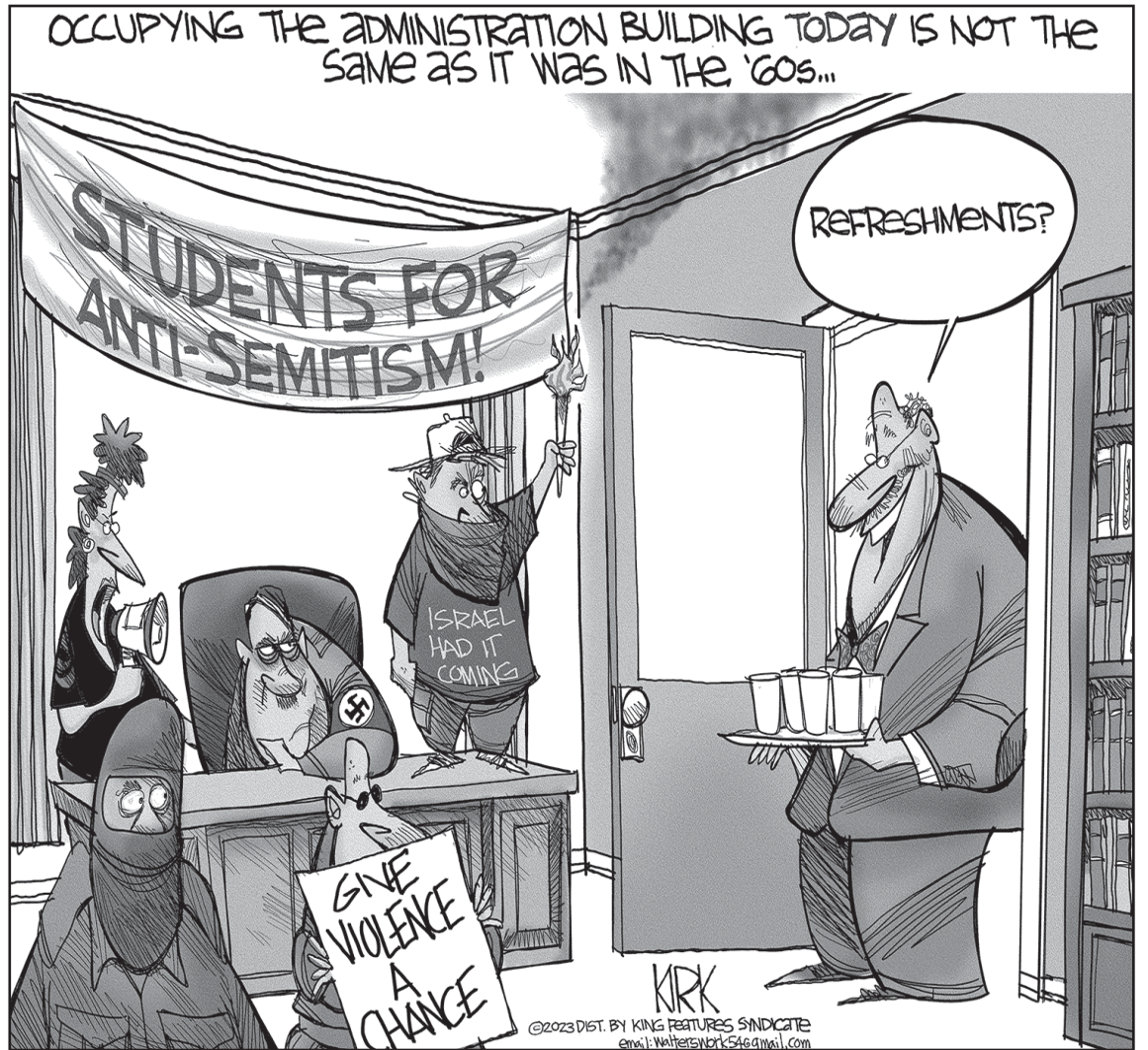
Later, decimated by exposure and famine, many of the signers never made it through the first winter. Those that did declared a day of Thanksgiving, which served as the point of origination for the New England holiday that was to follow well beyond 1620, into the 19th Century.

On this Thanksgiving Day, 2015, we present the Mayflower Compact and list its signers.

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**IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.** We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King *James*, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, *Defender of the Faith*, &c. Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the northern Parts of *Virginia*; Do by these Presents, solemnly and mutually, in the Presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid: And by Virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions, and Officers, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general Good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due Submission and Obedience.

**IN WITNESS** whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at *Cape-Cod* the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *James*, of *England, France, and Ireland*, the eighteenth, and of *Scotland* the fifty-fourth, *Anno Domini*; 1620.

The Voice office  
will be closed Friday, Nov. 24  
in observance of the holiday.



## Author Coates is a moral idiot

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

The celebrated author Ta-Nehisi Coates is not reliable regarding things he's spent considerable time thinking about here in the U.S., so it's presumably a mistake to put much stock in his newly formed opinions about matters he barely knows anything about.

He proved as much in an interview about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict the other day on Democracy Now!

At the outset, Coates announced his opposition to "complexity" and "complication," and left little doubt about his sincerity in that regard with a preposterous depiction of Israel as a direct descendant of the Jim Crow South.

If Coates weren't simply retailing the familiar left-wing critiques of Israel, his belief that there's nothing to learn on the ground in the Middle East that he doesn't already know from reading about the failure of Reconstruction might qualify as a high-handed form of "Orientalism."

Coates makes much of a checkpoint that he encountered on a trip to Israel and the West Bank a few months ago in the West Bank city of Hebron. He says his Palestinian guide couldn't proceed down

a certain street, but Coates was allowed to pass after an Israeli guard ascertained that his grandparents were Christian.

It's hard to say much about this incident without knowing more. It is certainly true, though, that Hebron has more checkpoints than other West Bank cities.

Why?

Well, Coates doesn't mention that Hebron is one of the four holy cities of Judaism. Or, that there was a pogrom there in 1929 that led to the evacuation of the Jewish population. Or, that a small community of Jews has returned to the city.

Without the Israeli security, the community likely wouldn't survive. Is that what Coates wants?

Oh, sorry -- complications. We've been told that they're unnecessary.

Coates is dismissive of Israel's worries about terror attacks. The West Bank is not Gaza, but terrorism, including in Hebron, is still an ongoing concern.

Coates gives no sign of realizing that Israelis themselves are forbidden from traveling to so-called Area A territory in the West Bank. If the various designations of territory with different rules seem arbitrary, they were hashed out in the Oslo Accords between the PLO and Israel in the 1990s.

In a laughable argument, Coates said he was shocked during his trip "when it suddenly dawned on me that I was in a region of the world where some people could vote and some people could not."

It is true that Palestinians can't vote, but this isn't the doing of the Israeli government. There hasn't been an election in the Palestinian territories since 2006. The people who currently run the West Bank fear they would lose -- for good reason. Hamas won the legislative elections last time around, and then waged a brief factional war to eliminate their Fatah rivals in Gaza.

In Israel proper, there are about 2 million Arab citizens who have the right to vote and the other rights of Israel citizens.

But I know, complexity only gets in the way.

Coates directed the balance of his outrage at the Israeli military operation, without mentioning Hamas, October 7 or that fact that terror group uses civilians as human shields.

Finally, he says that the U.S. has "exported" Jim Crow to Israel. Really? Did we eliminate it here, but conclude that it would be the right system for Israel? And bipartisan administrations pursued this policy while hiding it from the

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# Cooking a turkey? Follow some safety tips

By Dr. Eric Walsh  
Hartford Health

Thanksgiving is a time for celebration and togetherness, but the approaching holiday also comes with potential hazards.

“With the risks posed by the COVID-cold-flu season and the typical hazards associated with holiday festivities, ensuring a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving should be your top priority,” says Eric Walsh, M.D., Medical Director, Hartford HealthCare-GoHealth Urgent Care.

Dr. Walsh shared his top tips so you can enjoy your holiday while also staying safe. Here are the top six recommendations:

**Treating a cooking burn:** Cooking-related house fires reach an all-time high on Thanksgiving day. The risk of a fire seems dangerous enough, but the holiday also offers plenty of opportunities to burn *yourself*. So how do you assess and treat a burn?

First, run the burned area under lukewarm or cool water (not icy cold, as this can

cause more damage) for 10 to 15 minutes, and then check the burn for size and color. Most cooking-related burns can be treated with soothing creams like aloe and over-the-counter pain medications. But immediate medical care should be sought for burns larger than 1-2 inches, those in a really sensitive area, or charred skin that’s white, brown, leathery or shiny.

**Don’t rinse a raw turkey:** Many people think rinsing a turkey before they cook it will wash away harmful bacteria that poultry can contain. However, this practice causes bacteria-containing droplets to splash across the sink, cooking surfaces, utensils, and nearby food, contaminating the entire kitchen. Instead, pat your turkey with a paper towel before cooking, and then wash your hands with soap and water.

**Quickly put away your leftovers:** Bacteria like salmonella and *Clostridium perfringens* – the so-called “buffet germ” that grows at room temperature – will give you tummy trouble. Cook your turkey and

stuffing to at least 165° F and keep food at 140° or warmer or 40° or cooler if it’s not being eaten right away. Consider making your stuffing outside the bird for an even safer option. If you suspect food poisoning, drink lots of fluids, including electrolytes.

**Know your knife safety protocols:** More than 1/3 of knife-related injuries happen in the kitchen. Protect your fingers by using sharp knives, as dull blades require more pressure to cut. Curl your fingers and cut away from

your body when trimming or deboning. Keep your knives off counters and out of sinks by washing and storing them immediately.

**Sick-season protocols:** Health professionals expect an uptick in cases of COVID, See Safety, page 8



## Viet Vets seek names; deadline date changed

Current and former city residents who served in the Vietnam War are sought by the West Haven Vietnam Memorial Inc. Committee to have their names inscribed on a new section of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Bradley Point Park.

To qualify for name recognition on the memorial “wall,” Vietnam veterans must apply and meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must live or have lived in West Haven. Veterans living in West Haven must provide proof of residence, such as a utility bill.

- Applicants must have served in-country during the Vietnam War.

- Applicants must have been honorably discharged from military service. A DD214 form (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) is required.

- Applicants must share potential costs, if any.

The committee does not have a formal application. Veterans must mail all documents, which are due **Jan. 1**, to West Haven Vietnam Veterans, City Hall, lower level, 355 Main St., West Haven 06516.

Those with questions can call Bill at (203) 521-2356, Steve at (475) 655-2993 or Paul at (203) 500-2159.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial includes a black granite wall inscribed with the names of those from West Haven who served or gave their lives in Vietnam from 1959 to 1975, along with three white flagpoles draped with the American, Connecticut and prisoner-of-war flags.

The memorial, dedicated Nov. 12, 2003, also includes a black granite map of the four battle districts of Vietnam bearing the inscription “All Gave Some, Some Gave All,” as well as five bronze insignia markers atop black granite posts representing each branch of the U.S. armed forces.

## Lowry: Idiocy on display

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American public?

As a high priest of woke progressivism, Coates was always going to be a fierce critic of Israel. He is a particularly instructive instance, though, of trying to take the Left’s racial categories here at home and apply them to a conflict with its own fraught dynamics established long ago.

“It’s actually not that hard to understand,” Coates maintained of the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. “It’s actually quite familiar to those of us with a familiarity [with] African-American history.”

If Coates has accomplished anything, it is demonstrating that this is wholly untrue.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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- Dec 8 - Tuna (Can or Pouch)
- Dec 9 - Pasta
- Dec 10 - Pasta Sauce
- Dec 11 - Canned Yams
- Dec 12 - Spam or Canned Ham

- Dec 13 - Boxed Milk
- Dec 14 - Tortillas
- Dec 15 - Rice
- Dec 16 - Oatmeal
- Dec 17 - Dish Detergent
- Dec 18 - Canned Stew
- Dec 19 - Laundry Soap
- Dec 20 - Roll of Toilet Paper
- Dec 21 - 3 pk Ramen Noodles
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### WHFD ornaments on sale

The WHFD Historical Library presents its 2023 Pewter Christmas Ornament featuring the Gamewell Alarm Box which graced the poles of West Haven for many years. This is the fifth ornament in the series. The cost of this year's ornament is \$20. There are limited amounts of previous ornaments for sale as well. The cost to purchase the previous ornaments is \$10, with the purchase of our 2023 ornament (while supplies last). The list includes: 2019 – 1911 Badge; 2020 – Sold out; 2021 – Elm Street HQ; 2022 – 1889 Hand Pumper. To order your ornaments please contact Department Historian William Heffernan at our email: [whfdhistory@gmail.com](mailto:whfdhistory@gmail.com).

## Safety: *Cooking tips offered*

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influenza, and the common cold this holiday season. Consider putting protocols in place such as checking COVID and flu vaccine statuses.

You can also request guests take rapid COVID-19 tests in advance of attendance. If your group has any high-risk individuals, you can consider even more rigorous testing protocols like PCR tests available at Hartford HealthCare-GoHealth centers. Ask guests to screen themselves for any cold, flu or COVID symptoms and stay home even if symptoms are mild.

Remind your guests to practice safe hygiene by washing their hands regularly.

The rule always bears repeating: wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after touching your eyes, nose or mouth, prepping food, eating a meal, and

using the restroom.

**Prep before you play:** An afternoon of backyard football is a common Thanksgiving tradition.

As a result, health professionals see an uptick in pulled muscles, sprained ankles, and broken bones. The best defenses are to exercise regularly throughout the year, avoid alcohol before the game, and stretch and warm up your body before engaging in intense play. Strains and sprains are the types of injuries better seen at Hartford HealthCare-GoHealth than at your ER.

"This Thanksgiving, let's come together to celebrate safely and responsibly," said Dr. Walsh. "But unexpected injuries happen, which is why our centers remain open on holidays."

*Dr. Eric Walsh, M.D., is Medical Director, Hartford HealthCare-GoHealth Urgent Care.*

## Letters, we get letters!

### Cohen thanks voters for their support

Although the election is now over, I will cherish the memories for my lifetime.

Should it have been the warm greeting at your doorstep and the thoughtful conversations, or sharing our vision for a better West Haven, I am profoundly grateful to each of you for allowing me into your homes and into my heart.

To my family, friends, volunteers, and supporters: your encouragement and love have been boundless and robust.


Words cannot convey how humbled and appreciative I am for having taken this journey with you.

I wish my friend, Dorinda Borer, success as our next mayor and to ALL candidates for their commitment, sacrifice, and determination to turn West Haven's limitless possibilities into realities.

Change for the Better has now begun. Together, we will WIN for West Haven.

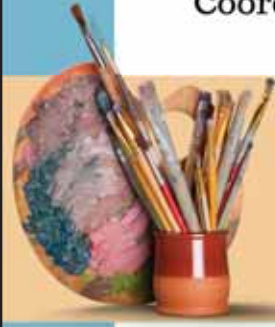
Thank you and God Bless.

Barry Lee Cohen




# CRAFTING & CAREGIVER TALK

**Join Christina Lyas, Social Service Coordinator as she discusses the benefits of adult day programs for adults with mild Alzheimer's and Dementia and available support for caregivers. Jill Taricani, Ahrens Respite Program Coordinator will lead a craft for those in attendance**



**Topics:**

- 10 warning signs of dementia
- Importance of cognitive engagement
- Financial caregiver support
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## Obituaries

### Ruth Tietjen

Ruth Tietjen, age 93, of West Haven passed away peacefully at home on November 6, 2023. She was the wife of the late Henry L. Tietjen. Ruth was born in Terryville, CT, daughter of the late Robert and Emily Jabs Haupt. She is survived by her children, Wendy (Donald) Berning of Indiana and Scott Tietjen of West Haven, her grandchildren Emily (Brandon) Johnson and Eric (Stephanie) Berning, and her great grandchildren, Henry Johnson and Jacob & Elizabeth Berning. In addition to her parents and husband, Ruth was also predeceased by her siblings, her twin brother Richard Haupt, Janet Gluz, Edna Brusick, Eric Haupt and Rev. Robert Haupt.

Ruth was a long-time member of Zion Lutheran Church in Orange (formerly New Haven). Ruth attended and graduated from West Haven High School and New Haven State Teachers College. She worked as a local teacher before starting her family.

Ruth loved her Lord and was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. She was best known for her love of

cooking and baking, hosting countless gatherings in their home.

A Graveside Service was held on Thursday, November 16 at 10:00 in Alder Brook Cemetery, Guilford. Family and friends gathered at the Tietjen home following the graveside ceremony. Arrangements were entrusted to West Haven Funeral Home at the Green. Donations may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, 780 Grassy Hill Rd, Orange 06477.

To leave an online condolence, please visit our website at [www.westhavenfuneral.com](http://www.westhavenfuneral.com).





# Small Business Saturday marked by city

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi has announced the city's participation in the 14th annual Small Business Saturday on Nov. 25.

Nov. 25 also marks the lighting of West Haven's Christmas tree on the Green.

The Yuletide event attracts hundreds of people each year, many of whom Rossi hopes take advantage of sales at downtown specialty shops.

Small Business Saturday falls  
**WHFD accepts old flags for annual rites**

The West Haven Fire Department is now prepared to accept United States Flags that are no longer serviceable for display. Members of the public can now deposit U.S. Flags to be retired in a receptacle located to the left front entrance of the West Haven Fire Headquarters, 366 Elm St. The flags will be retired in periodic ceremonies conducted throughout the year for the express purpose of disposing of such flags in a dignified and honorable manner.

In announcing the new program, Department Chief James P. O'Brien said Members of the Department identified a need for a durable and easily accessible box where community members could dispose of their worn or tattered U.S. flags to ensure that the flags would be disposed of in a respectful manner. Working with members of our community, a box has been obtained and placed in front of the of Department's headquarters on Elm Street. Citizens are encouraged to begin using the collection box to dispose of their worn flags, he continued.

The United States Flag Code establishes advisory rules for display and care of the flag of the United States. Included in these rules is guidance regarding the proper disposal of U.S. flags which are unfit for display. The preferred method for disposal (known as retirement) is burning.

The initial retirement ceremony will take place at West Haven Fire Headquarters, 366 Elm Street starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday Dec. 9

This will be the first ceremony to be conducted by the WHFD with additional ceremonies conducted as needed throughout the year. The formal U.S. flag retirement ceremony will be conducted by Department Chief James P. O'Brien. Dignitaries, veterans, and other guests are invited to witness the ceremony.

between Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It is a day to support the small, independently owned businesses that help create jobs, boost the economy and keep communities thriving across the country.

"Small Business Saturday is one of my favorite traditions, and it is essential to shop local and celebrate our local businesses," Rossi said. "West Haven has seen many new businesses open over the last year, which I hope everyone chooses to support. It is also just as important to continue to frequent businesses that have been open for years or decades, as they are a

cornerstone of West Haven's business community."

Small Business Saturday was established by American Express in 2010 in response to the most pressing need of small-business owners — more customers — and has served as the ceremonial kickoff to the holiday shopping season for the nation's 33 million independent businesses ever since.

According to AmEx, U.S. shoppers reported spending an estimated \$17.9 billion at independent retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday in 2022.

Similar to last year, the Small Business Saturday Coalition, led by Women Impacting Public Policy, a nonpartisan small-business advocate known as WIPP, is rallying mayors nationwide to encourage local consumers to shop small on Nov. 25.

"West Haven is officially open for business, and I encourage each resident to participate in Small Business Saturday," Rossi said.

Merchants and consumers can learn more about Small Business Saturday, including how to participate, at <https://www.americanexpress.com/us/small-business/shop-small/>.

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## Bargain Bingers opens

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, right, cuts the ribbon with Bargain Bingers owners Jordan and Michelle Greenstein, with daughter Eden, 6, and son Zachary, 4, to celebrate the grand opening of the “extreme discount and bargain bin” store at 719 Campbell Ave. on Saturday. Joining them are, from left, Councilman Gary Donovan (D-at large); Mayor-elect Dorinda Borer; and Councilwoman Colleen O’Connor (R-at large). The ceremony was also attended by Simon McDonald, the director of membership and marketing at the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce. The new retailer is located in the upper Campbell Avenue business district near York Street and specializes in new, like new and used. In addition, all profits from selling items received as donations support people in need, Greenstein said. The ribbon-cutting included giveaways for veterans.



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## Firm hired to check city sewers

CDM Smith of East Hartford and Martinez Couch & Associates LLC of Rocky Hill have been contracted by West Haven to conduct a sewer system study for locating sources of stormwater inflow to the city’s sanitary sewer system.

The three-week study, overseen by CDM in designated Allingtown neighborhoods only, will attempt to locate direct and indirect connections from sources, including catch basins, roof drains and broken sewer pipes. One of the methods used is smoke testing, performed by Martinez Couch.

During testing, white smoke is introduced into the sanitary sewer system via a smoke-generating machine at an existing maintenance hole. White smoke is vented from holes in maintenance hole covers on the street and plumbing vent pipes on or near the roof surface.

The procedure is normal and not cause for alarm.

For full details, read the informational flyer: <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/5729/West-Haven-Smoke-Testing-Notice-Flyer-PDF>.

For the affected Allingtown neighborhoods, see the project maps: <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/5730/West-Haven-Smoke-Testing-Area-PDF> and <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/5731/West-Haven-Supplementary-Smoke-Testing-Area-PDF>.

In addition, CDM Smith is conducting a mapping of the city’s storm drain system over the next nine months in the following neighborhoods:

# Vertical Church cited for new Help Center

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and chief of staff Tom J. McCarthy presented a citation to Vertical Church Senior Pastor Ken Vance on Nov. 8 to celebrate the recent grand opening of the church's Dream Center at 263 Center St.

On Oct. 28, Vance, who leads the Meloy Road-based nondenominational Christian church, held a ribbon-cutting with city, state and federal officials, along with congregants, business leaders and volunteers, to mark the opening of the new center in the heart of downtown.

The 3,000-square-foot center includes a clothing closet, a food pantry, services for employment counseling and financial education, and resources for emergency support needs, such as medical services and education assistance.

The bodega-style food pantry is open every Saturday from 9-11 a.m.

According to its mission

statement, the Dream Center aims to aid people in need, including those without homes or jobs or with low incomes, "to restore hope and allow them to dream again."

"Vertical Church has a proud history of serving those in the greatest of need, and this center will help ensure that the doors of opportunity continue to open wide for all who are willing to dream big," said Rossi, reading the citation. "Your center will inspire individuals and families to be the best version of themselves by giving them hope and help through hunger relief, clothing support, job training, recovery support ministry, medical care and education."

The ribbon-cutting opened with remarks by Vance, who thanked the city and the Rossi administration for their "tremendous partnership in serving the people of West Haven."

Republican Rep. Charles J. Ferraro and Democratic Reps. Dorinda Borer and Treneé McGee, all of West Haven, pre-

sented a General Assembly citation to Vertical Church on behalf of the city's delegation.

The ceremony also featured remarks by church Outreach Pastor Paul Bronson, U.S. Sen.

Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., and U.S. Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro, D-3.

"In America, people should never go homeless, they should never go food inse-

cure," Blumenthal said.

"Their children should never go without a great education. In the United States of America, we need hope, we need dreams."



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi on Nov. 8 presents a citation to Vertical Church Senior Pastor Ken Vance to celebrate the recent grand opening of the church's Dream Center, including its food pantry, at 263 Center St. Rossi was joined by chief of staff Tom J. McCarthy, not pictured.

## Final senior bus trip of year set

The West Haven Senior Center is offering a bus trip to Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts on Dec. 8.

The cost is \$145 and includes transportation, driver gratuity, admission to the village and a "holiday" buffet lunch at Wight Farm. Payment is due Nov. 10.

The bus departs at 10:30 a.m. from the Veterans Memorial Park parking lot at 91 Bull Hill Lane, the former Nike site, and leaves around 4:30 p.m. from Sturbridge.

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# Holiday season ushered in with Saturday gala

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

The annual lighting of West Haven's Christmas tree on the Green will herald an evening of merriment Saturday.

The holiday festival will commence at 4 p.m. with the national anthem sung by a West Haven High School student.

DJ Dan will play holiday-themed music while costumed Christmas characters and Victorian-clad carolers entertain families around the downtown park.

WOW Radio personality Brian Smith will serve as the master of ceremonies for the event, which is presented by the city, ArtsWestCT, the First Congregational Church and West Haven United, an organization aimed at bringing the city's volunteer groups together.

The sponsors are Affordable Waste Systems LLC, All Purpose Contractors LLC, Baybrook Remodelers Inc., Cordone & Son, EarthLoop LLC, Frankson Fence Co., Herrington & Sons Tree Specialists LLC and Winkle Bus Co.

The four-hour festival will feature an inflatable Santa's village and craft stations on the 5-acre Green, where children can decorate wooden ornaments, write letters to Santa, and make cards for U.S. troops overseas and those at the West Haven VA Medical Center.

The Yuletide festivities will continue with performances by Top Hat Dance Academy at 4:05 p.m., the West Haven High dance team at 4:30 p.m. and the Mulkerin School of Irish Dance at 5 p.m.

A half-hour later, West Haven's own Judy Pancoast, a Grammy-nominated recording artist, will sing holiday classics, including her popular original song, "The House on Christmas Street."

At 6 p.m., Mayor Nancy R. Rossi will greet revelers from a portable stage on the Main Street side of the Green. The West Haven High cheerleading team will then escort Santa and Mrs. Claus to the stage, where they will join Rossi and her special guests, members of West Haven Vietnam Veterans Inc., to set the tree aglow.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive in the West Haven Fire Department's 1935 Mack pump firetruck.

Rossi said the lighting will mark the "50th Anniversary of Freedom."

In 1973, President Richard Nixon held a White House reception for U.S. prisoners of war from Vietnam. On May 24, the Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda, California, observed the homecoming's golden anniversary — 50 years to the day of the then-president hosting the largest dinner in White House history in honor of the 591 POWs released by the North Vietnamese.

To mark the anniversary locally, the city and West Haven See Green, page 21



Contributed Photo

With West Haven's Christmas tree aglow in the background, The John C. Ireland Bandstand on the snow-covered Green is bedecked with huge electric snowflakes as Victorian lampposts decorated with angels blowing on trumpets illuminate the walkways during a Yuletide celebration from yesteryear.



City of West Haven Health Department  
355 Main Street  
West Haven, CT 06516

Nancy R. Rossi  
Mayor

Maureen B. Lillis, MPH  
Director of Health

November 1, 2023

To : Food Establishment Owners  
From: West Haven Health Department  
Re: FDA Food Code training

Dear Food Establishment Owners:

As you know the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Food Code went into full effect in Connecticut on February 17, 2023. The FDA food code is a national food code and is used in almost all 50 states. This code is based on scientific data gathered during field inspections and is updated every 4 years. The goal of the new food code is to reduce the risks of foodborne illness through active managerial control of foodborne illness risk factors.

On March 27th, the West Haven Health Department offered a virtual overview and training of the new food code, but unfortunately the session was poorly attended. We would like to offer another virtual training opportunity of the code, so that all food businesses are comfortable with the new laws. You will be receiving an email inviting you to the training scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th at 10:00 am. Please respond back to us with your decision to attend. Once you respond, you will receive a link to the meeting along with a packet of educational materials to bring to the training.

We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. It is a great chance to ask the sanitarian staff any questions you may have regarding the new code as well as questions about temporary food events and itinerant vending.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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# Borer Administration inaugural set, Dec. 3



Mayor-Elect Dorinda Borer is set to be sworn in Dec. 3.

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

Dorinda Borer will serve as West Haven's second female mayor when she and the rest of the city's elected officials are administered the oath of office at 11 a.m. Dec. 3.

State Attorney General William Tong will swear in Borer, a three-term state representative, during a ceremony in the West Haven High School auditorium, 1 McDonough Plaza, where the mayor-elect will formally begin her inaugural two-year term at the helm of Connecticut's youngest city.

The public is invited.

State Rep. Treneé McGee,

D-West Haven, will serve as the master of ceremonies, and interim University of New Haven President Sheahon Zenger will serve as the keynote speaker.

Borer, a Democrat, defeated Republican candidate Barry Lee Cohen and write-in candidate Steven R. Mullins in the Nov. 7 general election, earning one of the highest vote totals for mayor in decades.

She will succeed Democratic Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, who did not seek a fourth term, to become West Haven's 13th mayor since the city's incorporation in 1961.

Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz

will administer the oath of office to elected Democratic City Clerk John W. Lewis, elected Democratic Treasurer Ronald M. Quagliani and elected Democratic Tax Collector Eric Murillo.

Probate Judge Mark J. DeGennaro will swear in the five incumbents and eight newcomers on the City Council.

Returning council members are Sarah J. Ackbarali, D-3; Gary Donovan, D-4; Katherine Tucker, D-7; Steven J. Johnstone, R-10; and Meli Garthwait, R-at large.

New to the council are Anne Heffernan, D-1; Michelle Coletti, D-2; Edward McMillian, D-5; Dawn Callahan, D-6; Christopher E. Vargo Jr., D-8; Kathleen Mueller, D-9; Brian Laucks, D-at large; and Nicholas A. Pascale, D-at large.

DeGennaro will administer the oath of office to members of the Board of Education, including incumbent Democrat Caryl "Cebi" Waterfield, incumbent Republicans Robert J. Guthrie and Patricia B. Libero, and elected Democrats Heather Shea and Jonathan E. Jones.

DeGennaro will also swear in incumbent Democrat Joseph W. Harvey III, incumbent Republican David Riccio Jr. and elected Democrat Suzanne Mink to the Board of Assessment Appeals.

The West Haven Charter mandates that all elected officials take the oath of office on the first Sunday in December.

The inauguration will commence with a procession led by the West Haven Police Honor Guard and a musical selection performed by the West Haven High School Band.

The ceremony will feature Borer's inaugural address.

West Haven Veterans Council President Dave Ricci will lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Bailey Middle School chorus under the direction of Paul Scanlon will perform "The Star-Spangled Banner."

First Congregational Church Senior Pastor E. Carl Howard and Vertical Church Outreach Pastor Paul Bronson will give opening and closing prayers, respectfully, and Hannah and Olivia Coppola will sing "God Bless America."

Borer, a lifelong Westie, has devoted much of her life to public service.

She was elected to represent West Haven's 115th General Assembly District in a special election in February 2017.

She is a deputy speaker of the House of Representatives and the chairwoman of the

See Borer, page 21

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# Bereavement group sets meeting, Dec. 6

A second gathering of a bereavement group for widows, widowers and partners is scheduled from 6-7:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at the West Haven Senior Center on the upper floor of the Johnson Community Center, 201 Noble St.

To preregister or for more information about the bereavement group, call facilitator

Cate Saxton at (203) 535-1163. The preregistration deadline is Nov. 27.

Sensing a need in West Haven and the surrounding communities, the group's formulation was established in 2021 by West Haven residents with support from the city Department of Youth and Family Services.

The group is offered to individuals who have experienced the loss of a spouse or partner so they can come together locally and support one another during the life-altering period.

The group's mission is to provide a confidential, safe, supportive grief-sharing environment for widows, widowers and partners.

Gatherings are held monthly on the first and third Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the senior center.

Visit the group's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/whbereavement-support>.

# WHPD lists results of tobacco checks

The West Haven Police Dept. recently conducted a compliance check of businesses that sell tobacco and related products. The following are the results:

Out of 11 West Haven businesses that currently sell tobacco, four were cited for illegally selling tobacco products to someone under the age of 21 during recent unannounced compliance checks, according to West Haven Police Department.

The department worked along with the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Tobacco Prevention and Enforcement Program (TPEP) and West Haven Prevention Council (WHPC), conducted the compliance inspections of establishments that sell tobacco products and electronic cigarettes on Oct. 11.

What was expected was compliance with checking the IDs of those who asked to purchase tobacco products, in accord with state law.

"The inspections were performed in an effort to determine compliance with state laws concerning the prohibition of the sale of e-cigarettes and/or tobacco products to youth under the age of 21," Connecticut Department of Mental Health explained. "Retailers are required by state law to inspect the photo ID of anyone who appears under the age of 30 before selling a tobacco product or electronic cigarette."

The following retailers were found to be non-compliant:

1. Smokers Variety; 912 Boston Post Road
2. Smovers Convenience; 1065 Boston Post Road
3. Krauzers Food Store; 544 Derby Ave
4. West Side Vape Shop; 785 Campbell Ave

The following retailers were found to be compliant:

1. Puff City; 293 Elm St
2. Xtra Fuel; 750 1st Ave
3. Smokers; 596 1st Ave
4. Best Fuel; 161 Boston Post Road
5. Ailingtown; 193 Boston Post Road
6. Cigarette Express; 307 Captain Thomas Boulevard
7. Krauzers; 10 Jones Hill Road

Of the four establishments who were found non-compliant with Connecticut General Statutes Section 53-344 (Sale of tobacco to a person under 21) or Section 53-344b (Sale of an e-cigarette to a person under 21). The offending clerks at these establishments were issued a first time infraction in the amount of \$300.



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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I read they will soon be doing some work at the Grove. What has it been, a couple of years? What they should do is put hedges where the wooden fence is and give it class! Also instead of concrete, how about a board walk It sounds better instead of concrete walk. Does the fountain also get walked on? It's been off more than it sprinkles!

Maybe they can put some of those push carts that they have on Coney Island? Just an idea.

*Ralph Ferrucci, Jr.*

*Good to hear from West Haven Citizens who offer their city improvement suggestions .Let's hear some more!!*

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

Recently, Gripe Vine ran a gripe from a reader living on Leete Street who complained of a neighbor who regularly maintained his car on his driveway and the street facing his home. The letter writer wrote to Gripe Vine complaining he and another neighbor had to regularly pour sand on the oil spills.

After receiving this letter and publishing it in a recent Gripe Vine, I contacted the City's Council person, Meli Garthwait for assistance. Councilwoman Garthwait followed through and provided my readers with the following response: "I did not get an answer from the department head, which means I had to go stand in front of them. I will be out all day tomorrow so I will go to city hall on Wednesday (November 8) and get back to you. Thanks for your patience."

As of this date, I have not heard from Councilwoman Garthwait with a response to this complaint. It will appear in Gripe Fine when that hap-



**ELEANORE TURKINGTON** pens.

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

Recently I received a complaint regarding the poor condition at Donald and Jeffrey Street citing n a broken pavement and open manhole cover. According to the reader, "I called the city three times and nothing was done."

I notified Councilwoman Katherine Tucker of this condition. Her reply, "Thank you for reaching out to regarding the pavement. I will report your concerns to public works."

Readers, if you send a complaint to Gripe Vine and your gripe is ignored by the city, there is no way I can continue to resolve it unless I hear from you. If there is an imminent danger because of your gripe, and it h's being ignored by the city, let me know. My email is [gripevineatwh@yahoo.com](mailto:gripevineatwh@yahoo.com) I check my mail daily and I will either notify the city's department head or the police department.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Cars park all the way down Highland Avenue and once you come over the hill there is no parking signs all the way down. So, moms with kids as well as adults have to walk far into the street . This is very dangerous.

*Bassett Street Resident*

**Dear Resident:**

I will contact the West Haven Police Department and ask them to look into this complaint. The reply will appear

in the next Gripe Vine.

Readers, if you have a complaint, suggestion or issue, send them to Gripe Vine 840 Boston Post Road, West Haven

06516 or email them to me at [gripevineatwh@yahoo.com](mailto:gripevineatwh@yahoo.com)

Meanwhile, I hope you and your family enjoy a *Happy Thanksgiving!*

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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

Cranberries: "The Rubies of the Pines"

It has been 402 years since the autumn of 1621, when that struggling band of English Puritans sat down with their Indian friends to celebrate their friendship, their survival, and to enjoy their first Thanksgiving meal together. Now, while we are fairly certain that their dinner included wild turkeys, it is not known if on that day, they enjoyed another Thanksgiving staple of long-standing: the American Cranberry.

American Indians made use of the cranberry long before the first white settlers arrived in New England. They called it "ibimi," meaning "bitter berry," and they considered it a symbol of peace, so perhaps it would have been appropriate for them to bring cranberries to that first special meal so long ago. The Indians ate the cranberries raw, cooked, or mashed together with dried venison to make a long-lasting pressed cake known as "pemmican." In addition, they used cranberries to create medicinal salves and dyes for their clothing.

At first, the Puritans called the fruit "crane-berries," since their flower resembled the head and neck of the sandhill crane; ultimately, the name

was changed to become the name that we today are familiar with.

As the story goes, in the early days of the New England Colonies, the bane of the existence of Colonial sailors was scurvy, which resulted from a lack of vitamin C in the diet. Those sailors made im-

mediate use of the cranberry to correct this deficiency, and eliminate the suffering that it caused. They discovered that barrels filled with cranberries and water could be stored on board ship for months without spoiling.

The Indians taught the Pilgrims how to harvest the cran-

berries by hand. This was soon improved upon with the invention of a rake-toothed wooden tool known as a cranberry scoop. In the beginning, the cranberries grew wild, but in 1816, the practice of growing cranberries in man-made bogs began to take over.

The purposes of the bogs are several: since the berries float, the presence of water makes them much easier to harvest than if they were to be lying on the ground; in addition, the water controls insects, and in winter it creates a layer of ice which protects the cranberry vines.

Today, the biggest cranberry-producing states are (in order): Wisconsin, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. One fifth of the annual cranberry production is consumed on Thanksgiving, when nine out of ten Americans look forward to seeing cranberries on the dinner table. On Thanksgiving, you may find them prepared in a multitude of delightful ways, but these historic, and truly American berries are sure to be part of your Thanksgiving, in one form or another.

Happy Thanksgiving! On this day, let us not forget to give humble thanks to our Maker, for all of the blessings that He has bestowed upon us, by His Grace.

Left -- Harvesting cranberries from the bogs is tedious work, and requires many man hours. Right -- The flower of the cranberry was originally thought to resemble that of the crane. "Crane-berry" became "cranberry."



Dan Shine is a columnist for West Haven Voice and a local history buff.



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## Westies eye tournament; netters out

The West Haven football team improved to 8-1 with a convincing 46-6 victory over cross-town rival Notre Dame on Senior Night at Ken Strong Stadium.

Quarterback Nick Conlan hit on 8-of-9 passes for 140 yards and three touchdowns, while Demarco Eady and Camren Kemp each scored twice, and Rui DaSilva scored on a 99-yard interception return.

The Westies took control of the game with 27 points in the first quarter. Kemp gave the Westies a 6-0 lead on a 1-yard touchdown run, before Conlan hit Eady with a 29-yard scoring strike to increase the margin to 12-0.

A 10-yard run by Kemp followed by Conlan's run on the conversion increased the lead to 20-0, before Armani Reid gave West Haven a 27-0 lead with a 72-yard punt return for a score.

The Westies increased the lead to 46-0 with 19 more points coming in the second quarter. Conlan hit Aedan Coe with a 6-yard scoring pass and followed with a 40-yard scoring strike to Eady, before DaSilva's 99-yard interception return just before halftime gave West Haven a 46-0 advantage.

West Haven continued on its path to a postseason bid and home game to start the playoffs when the Westies traveled to defeat Cheshire 25-14 Friday evening.

The win for West Haven was its fourth on the road this season against Top 10 teams, and helped the Westies improve to 8-1 on the year.

West Haven got on the board first and took a 7-0 lead on a 5-yard touchdown run by Kemp. After Cheshire closed the opening quarter by using a 5-yard fumble return for a score to even the contest, the Westies took the lead for good with the next two touchdowns.

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Photo by Mike O'Brien

## Quinnipiac-bound

Mia Rubirosa, a senior outfielder on the WHHS softball team, signed her National Letter of Intent (NLI) to continue her playing career at NCAA Division I Quinnipiac University. Mia signed her NLI on National Signing Day, Nov. 8, in front of her family, teammates, coaches, and WHHS staff.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

## Class of '23

The WHHS Athletic Hall of Fame inducted its class for 2023 at the annual banquet, Saturday night. The group then took the traditional "class photo." Seated (L-R) -- Jackie Coyle, Shannon Connor Lang, Monica Yanez, George Hines. Standing -- Fred DeDomenico, Rich Boshea, Mark Anquillare, Mike SanGiovanni.



# Westies: *Play Prep*

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Coe capped a West Haven drive with a 5-yard score for a 13-7 halftime lead, and Eady took a short pass from Conlan and raced 68 yards for a 19-7 advantage in the third quarter.

Leading 19-14 in the fourth quarter, the Westies put the game away with special teams and defense.

Reid was the difference maker as he picked up a punt deep in West Haven territory and raced 92 yards for the score and a 25-14 lead.

The West Haven defense forced six fumbles in the game, recovering five of those.

West Haven can secure a CIAC Class LL Tournament seeding with a win over Fairfield Prep, played Wednesday night. Prep is 3-6 going into the game, but is still a tough football team.

Should the Westies win, the 9-1 record should put them in the top four seeds in the LL Division.

The tournament opens Tuesday night with pairings to be determined after the Thanksgiving games this week. Ending up in the first four of the eight-team tournament will give the Westies a home game.

The run in the Southern Connecticut Conference tournament ended for the eighth-seeded West Haven volleyball team. Traveling to play top-seeded Amity, the Westies fell, 25-19, 25-13, 25-17 at Amity.

"Amity is a tough team," West Haven coach Kate Coldren said. "They have some big hitters and we worked hard to slow them down, but we couldn't stop them all. We struggled a bit on serve receive at times, so we weren't always able to get our offense going. When we did, we were solid."

Alison Frazer led the West Haven defense with nine digs, Bianka Portugal Morales added eight digs, two kills and two aces, and Maddie Scillia had six digs. Sarah Davey added nine assists, Olivia McDonnell had nine kills, four aces and three digs, and Avery Criscio had three digs.

"Bianka (Portugal Morales) and Alison (Frazer) played well in the back row, and Olivia was strong in the middle. Now, we get ready for states."

The season ended for the West Haven volleyball team. Facing a tough challenge on the road, No. 21 West Haven fell to No. 12 Westhill, 13-25 12-25 12-25 in the opening round of the Class LL state tournament. The 3-0 loss completed West Haven's season at 11-12.

"Westhill is a tough team that plays in a tough conference," Coldren said. "We put up a decent fight, but we were a little sloppy at times and really struggled to run our offense."



Photo by Todd Deandelske

Above -- Camren Kemp looks for the hole on the way to the endzone in the Westies' 25-14 victory. Below -- Aedan Coe sprints into the endzone for the Blue Devils.

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# Mite teams continue scoring barrage

The West Haven Mite A hockey team hosted a tough Wonderland Mite A1 team. The Westies had a lot of offense with goals from JP Beebe, Maddy Bruder, Brayden Gagliardi, Gabriella Jenei, Austin Picard and Jack Weiss. Ava Healy, Quinn Uscilla, Jenei and Picard assisted on the scoring, and Landon Alling played hard on both ends of the ice. Finn McLaughlin was clutch in goal.

The Westies continued their scoring, traveling to Northford Ice Pavilion against Greater New Haven Mite A. Gagliardi contributed multiple goals and Alling, Bruder, Jenei, and Picard also got on the scoreboard. Uscilla and Alling had multiple assists and Weiss had an assist and multiple shots on goal.

Beebe was clutch on both ends of the ice. Healy made a great defensive showing in front of McLaughlin, who was on fire in goal.

West Haven kicked off this weekend at home facing the New Canaan Winter Club A team. Jenei and Picard handled the scoring for the Westies.

McLaughlin faced a lot of shots in net. Alling, Gagliardi and Uscilla played hard on both ends. Weiss, Bruder, Beebe, and Healy had great backchecking.

The Westies finished the weekend playing a strong Mid Fairfield Stars 2015 team. McLaughlin had another busy game in net and Beebe led the scoring for West Haven.

Alling, Gagliardi, Jenei, Picard, Uscilla and Weiss had multiple shots on goal, and Bruder and Healy played tough on defense.

West Haven visited a challenging New Canaan A team. The Westies put up a strong fight with multiple shots on net by Alling, Gagliardi, Jenei, Uscilla and Weiss with Beebe, Picard and Bruder sneaking the puck by New Canaan's goalie. Healy played solid defense in front of McLaughlin, who was in the net for the Westies.

The Westies continued their schedule against the Wonderland A team. Healy was in goal for West Haven and proved a tough challenge for Wonderland, making many impressive saves between the

posts. Weiss also made a solid showing for West Haven.

The Westies then played host to the Wonderland A1 team. Helping the Mite A team on offense and putting the puck in the net were Weiss, Gagliardi, Uscilla, and Beebe. Alling, Jenei, Picard and Healy did a good job stopping multiple attacks in front of McLaughlin in goal.

The West Haven Mite B hockey team's hot streak continued as the entire roster provided key contributions over the weekend.

The Westies hosted the Shelton Riverhawks 8U B at Bennett Rink. In front of Darcy Jacob in net, the Westies clicked on all cylinders. Chase Liston, Dean Azano, Blake Bova, Parker Vitelli, and Luke Salkins each scored multiple goals.

The Westies then traveled to the Wonderland of Ice in Bridgeport to take on the Wonderland Wizards Blue. In what was a tight game, Bova stepped up in net and made clutch save after clutch save, including an impressive glove save to shut down a breakaway.

Offensively, the Westies

were led by Azano and Salkins, who each scored multiple goals. Callen Tagliatela and Liston also contributed goals. Defensively, Maddie Demayo played a strong game and contributed multiple shots on net.

West Haven Mite B took on Mid Fairfield White at Bennett Rink. In a closely played game, Rylan Jacob made many crucial saves in net.

Maddie Demayo played strong defense in front of Jacob, helping turn away the Mid Fairfield attack throughout the game. Salkins, Bova, Liston, and Azano each contributed goals for the Westies.

West Haven Mite B traveled to South Norwalk to take on Mid Fairfield Black on Sunday. In a rematch of a close game from earlier in the season, the Westies played one of their strongest games of the year.

Rylan Jacob again proved to be too tough for the Mid Fairfield offense, stopping shots the entire game. Vitelli, Bova, Liston, Azano, and Salkins each found the back of the net multiple times. Tagliatela and Darcy Jacob played with great energy on both ends of the ice,

helping set up several Westie goals.

The West Haven Mite C Blue team traveled to Norwich to take on Southeastern Mite C. Kaden Kendall was in goal and made many saves during the matchup.

Multiple shots on goal were made by Joseph Gaul, Connor Gaul, Chloe Kendall and Mena Paredes. Zander Cianciullo also had a shot on net, and excellent defense was played by Marco Camera and Nico Camera.

West Haven Mite C Blue traveled to South Windsor to take on South Windsor Mite C on Sunday. In net for the Blue Devils was Kaden Kendall, who made several outstanding saves during the matchup.

Multiple goals were scored by Mena Paredes, while Joseph Gaul recorded an assist. Multiple shots on net were made by Chloe Kendall, Paredes, Connor Gaul and Joseph Gaul, with Zander Cianciullo also contributing a shot on goal.

Excellent defense was played by Marco Camera, Nico Camera and Paredes.

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## Hockey: *Midgets split 4 in Marlborough tourney*

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West Haven hosted Wallingford Mite C at Bennett Rink. Kaden Kendall was in net for the Blue Devils, making many amazing saves during the matchup. Multiple goals were scored by Paredes, with additional goals scored by Chloe Kendall, Connor Gaul and Joseph Gaul.

Cianciullo also had shots on net and great defense was displayed by Marco Camera.

The West Haven 18U Midget hockey team split four games in Marlborough, Massachusetts. After dropping the first two games, the Westies rallied back to take the final two contests.

In the opener, West Haven fell 4-1, with Yousaf Ullah scoring the only goal. West Haven then fell 2-1 in the second contest as Haygen Axelrod tallied the lone West Haven goal off an assist from Jayden Spreyer.

West Haven won the third game against Buffalo by a score of 5-1. Mike Madera led the Westies with two goals, Tyler Bernardi played well offensively, and the defense of Axelrod, Jason Alling, Will Delvecchio, T.J. Levenduski, and Connor Bunnell was solid throughout.

Cam Delvecchio gave the Westies a 1-0 lead off an assist from Dante Hardt, Will Delvecchio made it 2-0 1:48 into the second, before Madera gave West Haven a 3-1 lead off assists from Ullah and Spreyer.

Hardt gave West Haven some cushion off an assist from Alling with 9:19 to go, and Madera iced the contest off assists from Ullah and Cody Rocchio with 3:11 remaining.

The Westies closed the tournament with an 8-1 victory over Buffalo as Madera scored twice, and Spreyer had a goal and an assist.

Madera started the scoring 2:50 into the game, Bunnell made it 2-0, and Madera scored off an assist from Spreyer with 2:44 left in the first for a 3-0 advantage. Owen Zaharawicz ended West Haven's first period scoring for a 4-0 advantage.

Leading 4-1, Ullah and Spreyer scored 23 seconds apart late in the second for a 6-1 lead. Cam Delvecchio and Eli Gregory capped the scoring in the final period.

Jayson Gherlone and Javed Ullah played well in all four games for the Westies.

West Haven won a pair of games this weekend, topping the Riverhawks and Hamden.

The Westies opened the weekend with a 10-1 victory over the Riverhawks. Spreyer led the way with three goals, Cam Delvecchio scored twice, and Gregory and Madera each finished with a goal and an assist.

Madera gave the Westies a 1-0 lead with an unassisted tally with 9:19 remaining in the first period, and Spreyer scored off assists from Will Delvecchio and Levenduski for a 2-0 advantage after one.

The Westies scored four times in each of the final two periods to pull away. Hardt, Cam Delvecchio, Rocchio and Spreyer all scored in the second, with Yousaf Ullah, Gregory, Zaharawicz and Axelrod picking up assists.

Spreyer, Gregory, and Cam Delvecchio scored in the third, with Madera and Will Delvecchio picking up assists in the period.

West Haven capped the weekend with a 6-2 victory at Hamden. Ullah, Spreyer, and Alling scored in the first period, Zack Fonda scored in the second, and Cam Delvecchio and Rocchio scored in the third.

Javed Ullah and Gherlone played well in goal all weekend for the Westies.

West Haven ended its half season with a 5-5 tie against Hamden. Trailing 1-0, West Haven evened the game at one when Madera scored off an assist from Axelrod with eight minutes left in the first period.

Cam Delvecchio gave the Westies a 2-1 lead off assists from Gregory and Spreyer, before Gregory scored 1:10 later off an assist from Spreyer for a 3-1 advantage.

With the game even at three in the second period, Yousaf Ullah scored for a 4-3 lead. Alling scored the final West Haven goal off an assist from Axelrod.

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## Borer: *Inaugural set for WHHS on Dec. 3*

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Borer is also the chairwoman of the Veterans Affairs Committee and a member of the Environment and Public Health committees.

In 2009-13, she served on the city's Board of Education. She also served a stint as Bailey's PTA president.

Her work in the thriving Irish American community includes serving as the grand marshal of the 2003 Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade and West Haven's Irishwoman of the Year in 2014.

Borer has also been honored by the West Haven Black Coalition and the West Haven Hispanic Society for her contributions to build better communities through diversity.

For 10 years, she worked in municipal government as the personnel director of the town of Stratford and the city of Bridgeport.

She also worked in banking as an auditing manager and a branch administrator for seven years.

Borer, a 1981 graduate of West Haven High, earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration and management from Southern Connecticut State University and a Master of Business Administration from UNH.

A longtime resident of the 8th District, she is the former wife of former seven-term West Haven Democratic Mayor H. Richard Borer Jr., who served from 1991 to 2005. They have a son, Drew, 22.

## Green: *Tree lighting set*

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Vietnam Veterans are sponsoring an educational poster series, "A Learning Experience," to recognize the unwavering courage and selfless sacrifice of the approximately 766 American service members held captive during the Vietnam War, said Dave Ricci, the veterans group's president.

The 19-month series, which began in September, will also chronicle nearly every aspect of the war, said Kevin Sullivan, a member of West Haven Vietnam Veterans.

The city's official Christmas tree is flanked by a smaller evergreen tree that will glow with fluorescent-colored lights.

The trees are being decorated by West Haven Boy Scout Troop 821, the first all-girl Boy Scouts of America troop established in the United States. The troop's charter sponsor is the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown.

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The activities are free, but people are asked to bring nonperishable items for the West Haven Emergency Assistance Task Force, which provides food for residents in need.



Photo by Todd Deandelske

### *Swarming tackle, blazing run*

Right -- The West Haven defense swarms for a tackle of a Cheshire rusher in West Haven's 25-14 win over the Rams at Cheshire. The Westies were scheduled to play Fairfield Prep at Ken Strong Stadium Wednesday night, and could end the season with a 9-1 record, and berth in the CIAC Class LL playoffs. Pairings will be published on Friday, with games beginning Tuesday night. Below -- Armani Reid returns a Cheshire punt for 92 yards and a touchdown.

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4 Memorized  
5 Historic period  
6 Off-torn knee part, for short  
7 Yard tool  
8 Had a hunch  
9 Carte lead-in  
10 Roman 1002  
11 Corn spike  
17 Sphere  
19 Klutz  
22 Campus VIP  
23 Towel material  
25 Vicinity  
26 Niger's neighbor  
27 Swizzle  
28 Staffer  
29 Frozen deserts  
30 Abrades  
31 Goblet feature  
35 Prom dates  
38 Snarl  
40 Owns  
42 One of us  
45 Trace  
47 Rubik's baffler  
48 "Dream on!"  
49 Monopoly payment  
50 Bonfire residue  
51 Debtor's note  
52 Bad hairpiece  
53 Overly  
54 Illustrations

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**MAGIC MAZE • WORDS WITH THREE D'S**

E J H E B Y V D T Q O L I G D  
B P A D D E N D U M Y W D T R  
P M A K E E E I F D B E Y W U  
S Q O D D D T M K I D F D B Z  
X W U I D S D A Q O A O N L J  
H F V E D E E O C D E C Y A D  
Y I W W G A D E N I H V D E T  
D S Q D D E D I C E D P D N L  
K I O H F E I O V C A E A B Z  
Y D W V U S K R O I E Q D P N  
M L J I H F S D A D D N A R G

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: MOMMY'S HUSBAND

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|----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Addendum | Dedicated | Dodged   | Padded  |
| Deadhead | Deeded    | Doodad   | Skidded |
| Decided  | Divided   | Granddad | Wedded  |
| Decoded  | Dividend  | Nodded   |         |

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦**

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

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Answers to this week's puzzles

**King Crossword**

**Answers**

**Weekly SUDOKU**

**Answers**

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

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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Who starred in the drama "Knight Rider"?

2. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Washington state?

3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How long does the average housefly live?

4. LITERATURE: Which mid-20th century novel about animals has the subtitle, "A Fairy Story"?

5. SCIENCE: What is the softest mineral in the world?

6. GEOGRAPHY: Which major river flows through London, England?

7. MEDICAL: What is a common name for the condition veisalgia?

8. MOVIES: In which movie did the actress Gal Gadot make her debut?

9. HISTORY: Where was the first Disney park built?

10. LANGUAGE: What is the British term for a flashlight?

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh

### UNH police officer sworn in

New University of New Haven police Officer Thomas Minar pauses with Mayor Nancy R. Rossi after being sworn in by Rossi at City Hall on Friday. Minar is a former Bridgeport police lieutenant who recently retired after a 30-year career. The ceremony was attended by Minar's wife, Joyce, and stepson, Andrew Drake, along with UNH Deputy Police Chief Brett Mahoney.

PICTURES WITH SANTA  
11 AM - 1 PM



## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST HAVEN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

CRAFTS AND HOLIDAY GIFTS, PICTURES  
WITH SANTA AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

SATURDAY, DEC. 2ND,  
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# HOLIDAY CHEER BEGINS HERE!



## High School Choruses and Toy & Coat Drive

- Saturday, December 9, 12:00-3:00pm  
Donate NEW toys (ages 0-3) and NEW coats (all ages) to the United Way of Greater New Haven to benefit those in need this holiday season while enjoying seasonal melodies. Free parking is available at the 150 York Street Garage. Visit our website for details.

## Ice Carving Competition & Yale University A Cappella Concert

- Sunday, December 10, 12:00-4:00pm  
5 professional ice carvers will each create a spectacular ice sculpture in only 4 hours. Vote on your favorites to win gift cards. Plus, enjoy performances by accomplished Yale University a cappella groups. Free parking is available at the 150 York Street Garage. Visit our website for details.

## Free Hot Cocoa & Free 2-Hour Parking

- November 24 - December 24  
Present a same-day receipt from a participating retailer for \$50 or more at Claire's Corner Copia or Common Grounds for a free hot cocoa. Visit our website for details.

## Storytelling & Selfies with Santa & Mrs Claus

- Saturdays, November 25, December 2, 9, 16 & 23 1:00-3:00pm  
B Natural Kitchen, 260 College Street
- Sundays, November 26, December 3, 10 & 17, 1:00-3:00pm  
Barnes & Noble/The Yale Bookstore, 77 Broadway (lower level)

## Chapel Street Ice Carving Demonstrations

- Saturdays, November 25, December 2, 9, 16 & 23, 1:00-3:00pm  
On the sidewalk in front of Üni-Home Life, 1046 Chapel Street

## Small Business Saturday Pop-Up

- Saturday, November 25, 12:00-4:00pm at 1042 Chapel Street  
Free craft activities, giveaways and fresh popcorn

## Strolling Yuletide Carolers

- Chapel Street, Saturdays, November 25, December 2, 9, 16 & 23, 12:00-3:00pm
- Broadway District, Sundays, November 26, December 3, 10 & 17, 12:00-3:00pm

## Andy Wolf Holiday Tubulation Series

- Friday, November 24, 1:00-4:00pm  
Chapel Street, in front of Union League Café, and Broadway Island
- Saturdays, November 25, December 2, 16 & 23, 1:00-4:00pm  
Broadway Island, across from J.Crew/Apple/lululemon
- Sundays, November 27, December 3, 10 & 17, 1:00-4:00pm  
Chapel Street, in front of Union League Café

## Free Cupcake or Hot Cocoa and Strolling Carolers

- Saturdays, November 25, December 2, 9, 16 & 23, 1:00-3:00pm  
in the Whitney-Audubon District  
Present a same-day receipt from a participating retailer for \$25 or more for a free cupcake at Katalina's or hot cocoa at Willoughby's Coffee & Tea. Visit our website for a list of participating retailers [TheShopsatYale.com/WhitneyAudubon](http://TheShopsatYale.com/WhitneyAudubon).

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