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Recycle carts delivery done; collection next

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

The city's recycling cart rollout was a success, and Mayor Dorinda Borer is thanking residents for their patience.

Despite some minor adjustments along the way, Borer said the rollout went well.

The mayor credited members of the Department of Public Works for overseeing the undertaking and thanked them for their hard work.

The department's work will continue from July 8-12, when crews will pick up residents' old recycling bins on their curbside collection day.

Residents are asked to empty the bins before putting them at the curb for pickup.

The city's recycling program no longer accepts the old bins, but residents can keep them for home use.

Moving forward, residents must use the new 65-gallon carts for all recyclables.

Borer said the new carts have wheels for easy maneuvering and attached lids to keep recyclables dry and secure. They will also keep city streets safer and cleaner, she said.

The new carts are for recyclables only. Many residents have been putting trash in them, which is prohibited. The city's recycling contractor will not pick up carts containing trash.

Residents are asked to continue doing their part by placing only recyclable materials in their carts, including glass bottles and jars, aluminum and steel cans, food and beverage cartons, paper products, such as newspapers and flattened cardboard, and empty plastic bottles and containers.

Residents are not required to separate cardboard and bottles.

To help limit contamination, give food and drink containers a quick rinse and place them directly into the recycling cart. No sorting is needed.

Residents can find their recycling day and answers to other frequently asked questions by visiting <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/266/Recycling-Info-Carts> or calling West Haven DPW at (203) 937-3585.



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**What: Your old blue recycling bins;
When: July 8-12;
How: Empty of debris;
Where: On your curb**

Musical solstice

Make Music Day was sponsored by ArtsWest on June 21, the summer solstice. A wide range of musical talents performed in several locations at Old Grove Park. A drum circle (above) was part of the fun, while tap dancing was another learning site. See more on page 15.

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Neveah Dolan, Age 2 and 1/2, is a West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. student. She predicts that there will be lots of sun and flowers blooming.



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One-year anniversary

Michelle Carmody is an advocate for reading in the city. She currently stewards her own Little Free Library and has worked closely with schools and libraries to make access to books. She accepts donations and regularly stocks all of the LFL's in town and has made flyers for schools to hand out that maps them all out. To celebrate the one-year anniversary of her Little Free Library, there will be a book exchange event on Alexander Drive on July 13 from 1-3 p.m. (rain date July 14). It will feature raffle prizes (those who donate books received raffle tickets), activities for kids, and a special appearance from the West Haven Bookmobile. She is shown with daughter, Cora.

On this Date

2012 -- Discovery of Higgs boson particle is announced by scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN). The Higgs boson, which is named after Nobel laureate, Peter Higgs, was finally detected by scientists working at the Large Hadron Collider.

1966 -- Freedom of Information Act in the US is signed into law. The 36th President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson signed the law, which allows for the disclosure of government information to the public.

1946 -- Philippines gains independence from the United States. The South East Asian country had been ruled for almost 381 years by various colonial powers.

starting with the Spanish in the early 16th century.

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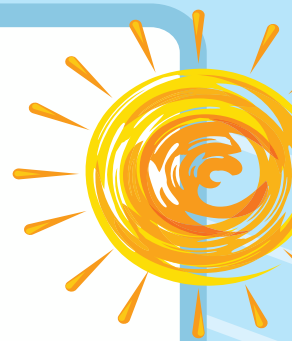
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Deadline for signups: July 12th, 2024



Edibolic Kitchen offer new 'grab and go'

A meal delivery and catering business that is now nine years old, located in the Woodlawn Plaza, helps residents and visitors beat the summer heat with fresh, tasty food they can grab on the go, near the beach.

Edibolic Kitchen held a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, June 26 867 Jones Hill Road. The event was organized by the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce.

Members of West Haven and Milford business communities along with City of West Haven officials.

Festivities included: free samples of ginger juice shots, cold brew coffee, and gluten-free cookie bites; cooking demonstrations with Executive Chef Erica Pierre; meeting the team, including CEO and founder, Josh Wechsler; small-group demos of how the

self-serve fridge works; and special offers for the first 100 people to use the new Grab & Go service.

Edibolic Kitchen is a gourmet meal delivery service, specializing in ready-to-heat-and-eat meals that fit into busy lives. Catering to dietary needs like gluten-free and high-protein is no problem. In addition to home delivery, Edibolic Kitchen

offers catering services. For those always on the move, the Grab & Go is a self-serve fridge stocked many options.

"We are really excited to be moving ahead with Grab & Go. It's something our customers and others have been asking for, and now the

moment is exactly right, Said Wechsler. "People can come by, swipe their card, and pick up our delicious, nutritious food to take away for dinner or summer outings. It's that simple."

Edibolic's Grab & Go fridge
See Eatery, page 8



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Greater New Haven Chamber representatives Gary Ciarlegio and MacKenzie Vinci flank CEO Josh Wechsler and wife Jordan along with Executive Chef Erica Puerre during the ribbon-cutting.

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Dear Felicia

Happy Fourth of July, Felicia! The year keeps rolling by and here we are in the midst of the summer. In fact, summer started last week, and we can begin to see the days getting a bit shorter as we roll along. The Mystick Maydens of the Marsh have planned a big do in the Woodmont Road area for the holiday. We ain't been there in quite some time. Madame Olga is presiding over the shindig, and it should be a good time had by all.

Of course, there are signs all over that summer is upon us. Signs and banners have been put up in various locales, the summer concert series has begun, and things are planned for the Old Grove Park and sundry other places to git people outside.

The recent Make Music Day was sponsored once again by ArtsWest and it seems to have been a nice way to celebrate the Summer Solstice.

It looks like quite a few people ventured out and did what the event required: made music. So, things are happening on a high note.

We would be remiss effen we didn't sent a shout out to the first responders of all stripes, including the members of the WHPD who assisted in that horrid thing that happened on the beach.

Young lives were saved, and we found out that when called upon, our first responders are top shelf.

It also was a sad reminder that while we like to think heinous crime only happens elsewhere, it could happen anywhere anytime. This time and happily, nefarious plans were not carried out.

Here in the Asylum by the Sea, otherwise, the news from the DOT is making more than a few wonder just what new hell will be happening in these parts over the next few years – traffic-wise. Sammy Bluejay has been keeping his beak in places where people talk, and there is a general concern rush hours around here, never easy things, will be just hellacious in the next lit'le while.

In case you missed it, the state is looking to replace the I-95 bridges over the West River estuary. This is the second phase of the reconstruction plan. Effen yew remember, about a decade ago, the clover leaf exit that once brought traffic in and over the Kimberly Avenue Bridge was taken out, and replaced by the current set up, which no one is really happy with.

Tennyrate, there has been talk that the bridges that make up the viaduct over the estuary spilling out into

the Sound by the City Point Yacht Club are in need of replacement. The highway was opened around 1958, and the bridges are showing the wear-and-tear of more than 60 years of use in one of the most highly trafficked places in the country.

Sooooo, the time has come to replace them. That means that getting into and outta the city over the next few years is gonna be more difficult than usual.

The way they have done other bridges is either build a replacement next to the old one, like the Yankee Doodle Bridge linking Milford and Stratford, or doing a piecemeal replacement, doing one half, whilst leaving the other half to traffic. That means fewer lanes and more backup.

Sammy made mention of the fack that maybe it was Providence that determined the Haven Project never got offen the ground. Could you imagine for jest a sec what would've happened effen it was opened.

It might hafta close right after with people avoiding coming into town. As it was we were wondering how in blazes the shopping center was going to affeck traffic. Effen the bride reconstruction happened with the shopping center, it could have been a

daylong traffic jam into the city Cobina shudders to think about it.

And whilst we're on the subject, the Kimberly Avenue bridge itself is well past its sell-by date. Effen yew remember, the bridge was open about 1970 and only had a projected lifespan of 20 years. We're 34 years beyond that, and the deterioration of the underside of the span was talked about more than a decade ago.

Putting a new bridge across the spill into the Sound might be in the offing, which will further make traffic in the city problematic. Whilst I don't think the thing will collapse, they are looking at it, I do think that there should be some concern here.

Nelly Nuthatch pernted this little tidbit out, and in the bustle of getting Beach Street open, and other things going on in town, it kind of got lost. In the takeaway after the opening of Beach Street, something was said about the New England Brewing Company project.

Now remember, the NEBCO project has been slated for a replacement or rehab of the former Savin Rock Conference Center. Originally, it was a bigger project, and legal battles with the Land Trust of West Haven and Jimmies, Inc., forced a relook and paring down. Thanks to some fancy footwork by some officials, the project was outright canceled.

It now is being said that the NEBCO project might be looking for another venue within the city. We find that interesting. Y'see, Nelly mentioned that more than a year ago to Cobina and I hafta admit I sloughed it off as just a wild idea. Nope!

It seems an alternative site is being considered cuz the company might want to get out from under the current legal entanglements that have kep' it held up. One wonders where that site might be? Could the former Haven property be one of the sites considered.

That might be a good possibility. Heck, we're just speculatin' here, but the company obviously wants a shore setting or they would not have attempted to get the Conference Center. The owners would have a good shot at prime land, and nobody would sue them. It might be a win-win. Again, it's jest Cobina waxing her poetry.

It all depends on whether the shore was a major reason for the site in the first place. I think so, but Cobina never thinks she's infallible. There are other sites in town, and I would love to be a fly on the wall when negotiations are going on.

It'll be very interesting, no doubt.

Iva Lootey sez that there

are some movements concerning the Debonair Motel site, too, but those are kind of snagged, he's hoid. The story is that a project was proposed, and there was some haggling. A revised projeck was then looked over and, again, there were some problems.

Last Iva heard effen the city and the developer can't come to an agreement, the site might jest be left alone and the taxes will be paid. That's not the way this should end. Iyam sure Herroner wants to get something over there cuz there is real movement in that part o' town right now. It'll be a real feather in the administration's cap effen it could get the albatross off someone's neck.

The rehab of Beach Street is a real booster shot for that area, which, effen yew remember, was quite forlorn for so long.

In fack, we did a count on the number of weeks things went unsold and lying fallow. We've since moved to the aforementioned Haven, cuz that thing doesn't seem like it's ever gonna be sold in lots or otherwise.

Getting a new project at the Debonair has to be high on the priority list cuz it'll get that part of the city off the developmental plate – after years of uncertainty.

The Wag came in t'other afternoon and he and I had our usual confab about things in the burg. We talk and talk about blight and rebuilding the city to make it look nice. Well, one of his and my pet peeves is the parking of cars on front lawns.

The Wag was out in his roust-about and Cobina was out in her gassamobuggy, and it jest seems like more and more lots, particularly in the more rented parts of town, have cars positioned on the front lawn Adj. Campbell, for example, would be appalled by the number of cars that are parked on the lawns of homes on his namesake avenue. It really is an eyesore, and is to coin a phrase, "low rent."

Nice to hear that some movement is being made toward finding a home for the Piantino Library – otherwise known as the Allingtown Branch.

Let's hope in the next little while some plans will be presented and the people of the borough will get something that was taken away from them.

And with the beginning of the new fiscal year this week, what better time than to announce some plan or projeck now that the funds are available...at least they will be when people make their tax payments.

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

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 RFP# 2024-27
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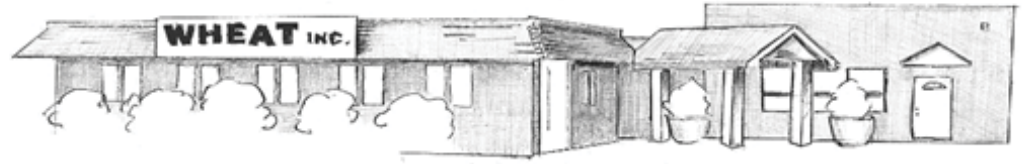
The City of West Haven, hereafter referred to as the "City" is requesting proposals for a symphony orchestra to provide the following services:

- Holiday Extravaganza Concert on Friday, December 13, 2024, at 7:00pm at the West Haven High School.
- Coaching high school band students – 2024 (1) session, 2025 (2) sessions, 2026 (2) sessions.
- Creating musical readers (Kindergarten-2nd grade) – 2024 (1) session, 2025 (2) sessions, 2026 (2) sessions.

Responses to this RFP shall be submitted to Tammy O'Connell, Procurement Specialist, City of West Haven, 355 Main Street, 3rd Fl. Purchasing Dept., West Haven, CT 06516. Proposals are due not later than Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 2:00pm. Respondents are required to submit their original proposal with two (2) copies. All proposals must be sealed together and clearly marked RFP# 2024-27 Symphony Orchestra. No oral, telephonic, emailed, or faxed responses shall be considered. No oral, telephonic, emailed, or faxed corrections, deletions, or additions to any response shall be accepted. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any or all formalities in connection with this request. Any responses received after the above scheduled due date and time will be rejected. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, if it deems such to be in the best interest of the City of West Haven.

All questions regarding this Request for Proposals should be directed to Tammy O'Connell, Procurement Specialist, by e-mail at toconnell@westhaven-ct.gov. The RFI (Request For Information) deadline is Friday, July 12, 2024 at 2:00pm. The complete RFP can be found on our city website: www.cityofwesthaven.com.

- RFI DEADLINE: 07/12/2024 AT 2:00PM
- BID CLOSING DATE: 07/16/2024 AT 2:00PM



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A Representative Republic

With the coming of the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we find it puerile that citizens of this nation are arguing over the type of government the Founders determined. The Declaration of Independence was signed during conflict that had begun with Great Britain on the fields of Lexington and Concord Massachusetts, and were themselves preceded by various events, the Stamp Act, and the Boston Tea Party among them. Massachusetts was declared an open rebellion, and the First Continental Congress was called in 1775.

When the 13 American colonies met in Philadelphia during that sizzling summer of 1776 as the Second Continental Congress, the representatives were split as to the course of action that should be taken. After much debate independence was decided, and the lengthy process of drafting the declaration took place with Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and John Adams as the key drafters. Much of the writing was from the hand of Jefferson.

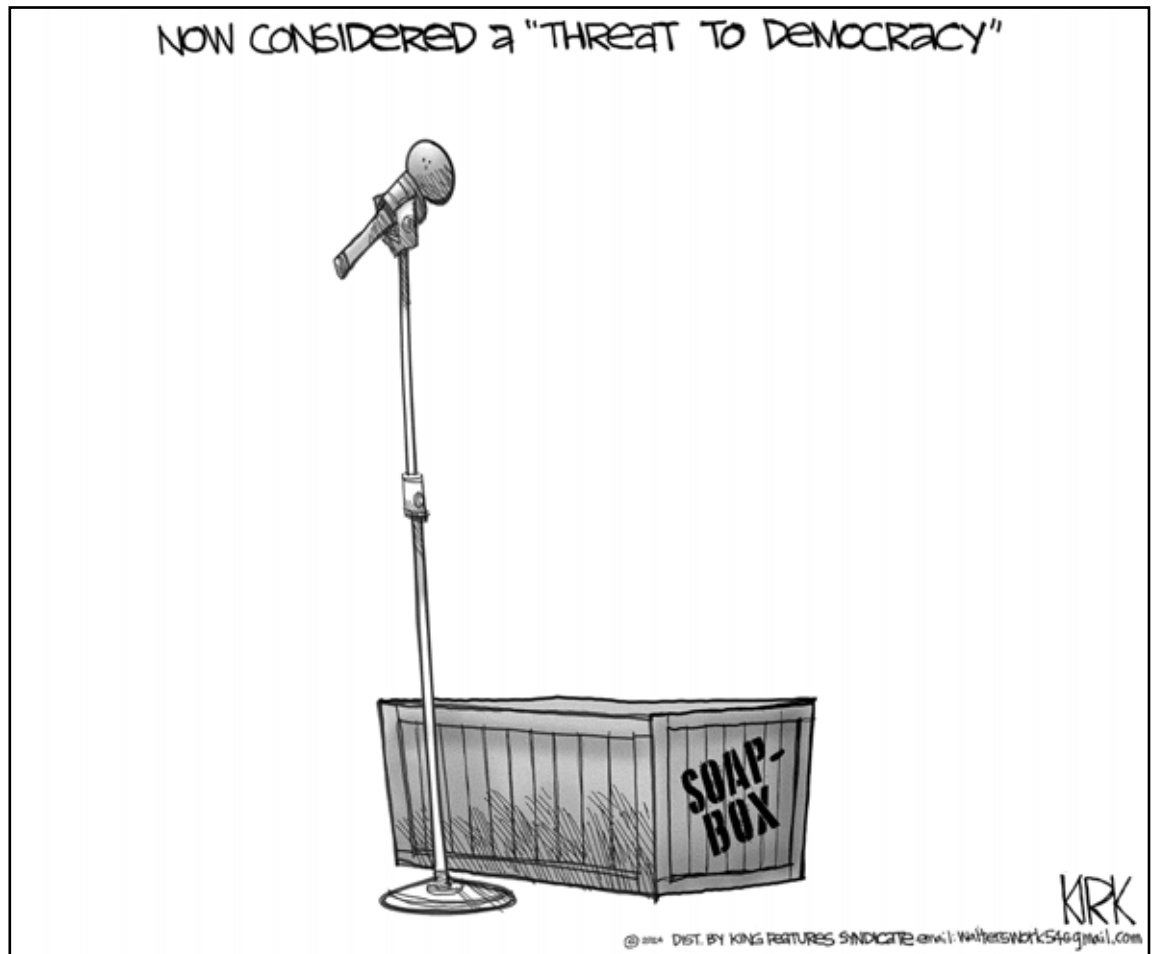
Signed on July 2 and only published on July 4, the American Revolution already a skirmish between Britain and the colonies became an all-out war. It took five more years, much negotiating, and the help of the Kingdom of France to finally defeat the British, the decisive battle was the siege of Yorktown. When the Treaty of Paris was finally signed in 1783 the thirteen "independent states" formed themselves into a loose alliance under the Articles of Confederation. Very soon this arrangement was seen as unsatisfactory with states coining their own money, alliances formed, and a weak central government that had no actual power. It was determined a new agreement should be hammered out by a Constitutional Convention. What resulted was the resilient document that is still active today. It formed a representative republic, not a democracy. The men at the convention sought to promote a balance between the interests of the citizens, the rights of the various states (large v. small states), and the needs of a central government to govern. Articles that included a bicameral legislative branch and the Electoral College were two of the safeguards for smaller states.

What was feared the most by the Founders was what some, including John Adams, called the "Tyranny of the Majority." Balancing the rights of the majority v. the rights of the minority was a critical point of contention throughout. Pure "democracy" had inherent problems. Putting together a Representative Republic meant checking each branch of government, checking, and balancing those who determined who was in power, and giving the task of selection of those representatives not only to the people, but to the states as well.

Just two weeks ago, CNN talking heads decried the fact check correspondents were given when talking about which candidate is a "threat to democracy." When questioned, several people pointed out we were not, in fact, a democracy, but a representative republic. This is Civic 101 stuff and should not have been a surprise.

James McHenry (1753-1816) while he was a Maryland delegate to the Constitutional Convention, kept a log of the proceedings. On the page where McHenry records the events of the last day of the convention, September 18, 1787, he wrote: "A lady asked Dr. Franklin Well Doctor what have we got a republic or a monarchy - A republic replied the Doctor if you can keep it."

People on CNN, and everyone, should better.



Can a nation rescue hostages?

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

Is it OK to rescue hostages?

Israel pulled off a hostage rescue that deserves to go down in the annals of extraordinarily daring, highly successful military operations, yet it is being condemned for it.

The secretary-general of the Gulf Cooperation Council denounced the "heinous and terrorist crime that targeted defenseless innocents with brutality," while Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon have decried Israel's alleged criminal tactics. U.N. special rapporteurs have weighed in with typically fulsome denunciations of the Jewish state.

The media coverage in the U.S. has taken a skeptical or negative tone, emphasizing the civilian casualties. According to the laughably unreliable Gaza Health Ministry, the operations killed 274 Palestinian civilians. It stands to reason, then, that it was almost certainly fewer than that. The Israel Defense Forces says the toll was less than 100. While everyone would prefer that every military operation were completely antiseptic, that's not how the world works.

The Israeli forces weren't in the Nuseirat refugee camp because they wanted to conquer it or despoil it. They came on a mission so basic to human nature that it's been a part of conflicts since time memorial, and until now has been universally

regarded as a righteous one -- recovering one's own from captivity by the enemy.

Decent societies aren't just tireless in seeking the return of their countrymen, but even of the bodies of the fallen. The most moving scene in "The Iliad" is Priam petitioning the Greek champion Achilles to return the body of his fallen son Hector.

The moral equation in Gaza is not complicated. One side wants to free non-combatants from their nightmarish imprisonment to live again at home with their families as they please. The other side grabbed innocent people in a bloodthirsty pogrom, hideously abused them and refused to release them.

The sensible and very easy way to avoid exposing your civilian population to potential harm during hostage rescues is not to take hostages in the first place, and, failing that, not to secrete hostages among civilians. The final fail-safe is not to violently resist hostage rescues, creating a massive battle in a heavily populated area. Needless to say, Hamas hasn't honored these rules or any other norm of civilized society.

It's not as though the Israeli raid was indiscriminate; it was the opposite. Dressed in disguise in broad daylight, special forces targeted two apartment buildings where four hostages were being held

in two civilian homes. The element of surprise was essential, since the hostages likely would have been killed with any warning.

The forces smoothly extracted one hostage -- Noa Argamani, the young woman infamously kidnapped on the back of a motorbike from the Israel music festival on Oct. 7 -- from one building. The team that rescued three male hostages from the other building came under heavy fire.

Once Israel forces encountered military resistance in dire circumstances, what were they supposed to do? Give the hostages back? Surrender? Apologize and ask to come back at some other time? The Israeli military used the force necessary to get their operators and the hostages out alive, as any other country would have done (one commando was killed in the raid).

In a society in its right mind, this contemporary equivalent of the Entebbe raid would one day be made into a movie about the ingenuity and bravery of those men who pulled off a near-miracle, getting out four innocents held by terrorists. The deaths of the civilians in the Nuseirat refugee camp are tragic, but so were the estimated 50,000 French civilians killed by Allied bombing in World War II. Confronting evil sometimes comes with terrible downsides.

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Eatery: *New 'grab and go' service opens*

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will be stocked with salads, wraps, bowls, and bites to support active lifestyles. Specialty beverages will include protein shakes, prebiotic sodas and fresh, cold

brew coffee. Regular summer hours for Grab & Go will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-7 p.m. and Sundays from 1-5 p.m.
Free and ample parking is available on site.

According to his bio, at a young age, Josh Wechsler was passionate about making the people around him happy and healthy. With a vision of becoming an entrepreneur, he started working towards this

goal at just 16.
Recognizing the power of good food to unite people and enhance their wellbeing, he began crafting gourmet meals for friends and family, blending exceptional taste with balanced nutrition.

we're here for everybody."

This passion led him to found Edibolic Kitchen, a gourmet meal prep and delivery service.

Based in West Haven, Edibolic Kitchen has expanded along the I-95 corridor and up to Hartford, serving busy professionals and families who seek convenience without compromising on quality. With a customer-focused approach, Josh continues to see his business as a dream that keeps coming true.

"In the beginning, it was the gyms," Wechsler recalls, referring to the company's launch in fall 2014 with support from local businesses catering to active lifestyles. "Now,

Edibolic Kitchen is committed to providing gourmet, nutritious meals that fit seamlessly into the lives of its clients, helping them feel their best every day.

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Edibolic Kitchen's new "Grab and Go" service allows those on the move to have a nutritious meal with several varieties of offerings on the menu.

City trio going to GOP confab

Fair Rent Commission Chairman and former Republican Mayoral candidate Steven R. Mullins and former Republican Mayoral candidate Paige Weinstein and her husband Andy will attend the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin later this month as guests of the Connecticut Republican Party.

"This is a wonderful honor to attend the convention and work towards bringing our country back to greatness," Mullins said.

Former President Donald J. Trump, who beat out all other Republican candidates for President is expected to receive the Republican nod. Delegates will also nominate a candidate for Vice President.

The Convention will be held from July 15-18 at the Fiserv Forum Arena in downtown Milwaukee.

Lowry: *Are rescues OK?*

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Either out of profound moral confusion, enmity toward Israel, self-loathing of the West, or all of the above, many people since Oct. 7 have confused victim with victimizer, hostage-rescuers with hostage-takers, and the forces of civilization with the forces of barbarism.

If Israel can't even bring home its own, the world is truly upside down, just the way Hamas wants it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Grammy winner Zuraitis honored by city

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Grammy-winning resident Nicole Zuraitis received a citation from Mayor Dorinda Borer recognizing Zuraitis' "exceptionally meritorious musical excellence" and her contributions to the arts community during a reception at City Hall on June 26.

Borer was joined by City Council Chairman Nicholas A. Pascale, D-at large, Councilwoman Michelle Coletti, D-2, and Councilman Gary Donovan (D-4) in the City Council chambers to bestow the citation on Zuraitis, who won best jazz vocal album for "How Love Begins" at the 66th annual Grammy Awards on Feb. 4 in Los Angeles.

The album, released in July 2023, was written and arranged by Zuraitis, a native of Litchfield who now lives on the West Haven shoreline.

She dedicated the album to "preservation and conservation of my backyard, Long Island Sound and proceeds of

the record are donated to Save the Sound.Org."

Zuraitis' infectious smile lit up the room as Borer and the council members honored the award-winning vocalist/pianist, whose arrangement of Dolly Parton's "Jolene," co-written with drummer and bandleader Dan Pugach, was nominated for a Grammy in 2019.

The mayor praised the "talented" Zuraitis before presenting the citation.

"We are so proud of calling Nicole a resident of West Haven," Borer said. "You represent what's not only creative and good in West Haven, but your cool vibe gives us all an uplift."

The reception was attended by a number of city employees and officials and included a cake with "Congratulations" and musical notes in blue frosting, along with cookies, fresh fruit and lemonade.

Reading the citation to Zuraitis, Borer said, "I applaud your commitment to

setting an example for aspiring young artists to follow and to supporting others in the music industry and in our thriving arts community."

Zuraitis, holding back tears, was overwhelmed by West Haven's goodwill gesture, thanking the mayor and the city she's called home for five years and counting.

"I speak about the beauty of West Haven wherever I go," she said. "This is the best-kept secret in all of the East Coast."

Zuraitis was accompanied by her parents, Brett and Jeanette Zuraitis, of Litchfield, and members of the arts community, including Elinor Slomba, the director of Arts-WestCT.

"Nicole's an incredibly generous spirit, and to see her honored this way warms my heart," Slomba said.

Zuraitis expressed optimism about West Haven's burgeoning arts and music scene, and she and Borer hinted at the potential of bringing a world-class jazz festival to the city's shoreline next summer.



Photo by Tianna Greene

Mayor Dorinda Borer, second from left, congratulates Grammy-winning jazz artist Nicole Zuraitis, center, before presenting a citation recognizing Zuraitis' "exceptionally meritorious musical excellence" during a reception at City Hall on June 26. With them are, from left, Councilman Gary Donovan, D-4, Councilwoman Michelle Coletti, D-2, and City Council Chairman Nicholas A. Pascale, D-at large. Zuraitis, who lives on the West Haven shoreline, won best jazz vocal album for "How Love Begins" at the 66th annual Grammy Awards on Feb. 4 in Los Angeles.



Submitted Photo

John Merola plays Old Grove

Westie John Merola will perform from 9:30-11 a.m. July 7 at the Oak Street deck, off Captain Thomas Boulevard, as part of the city's Acoustic Sunday Morning Concert Series. Grab a coffee and a beach chair and chill out to smooth-sailing ditties from one of West Haven's favorite troubadours. No rain date. July 19, the city's Summer Concert Series will continue at 7 p.m. in Old Grove Park, 1 Palace St., with a mix of modern country hits and '90s pop rock favorites performed by American Honey. The two-hour concert is free and presented by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The rain date is July 22. To check if a concert has been rescheduled because of rain, go to Park-Rec's website at <https://westhavenct.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>.

Class of '64 plans reunion

The West Haven High Class of 1964 is planning its 60th reunion for Sept. 7, noon to 4 p.m. at Biagetti's Restaurant, 77 Campbell Ave., on the patio. It will include a buffet dinner with music and dancing. A formal invitation will be sent to all classmates via email. Please RSVP by June 3 to Judy Oberempt at nana2446@aol.com or (203) 934-9504.



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'Way to Go!

"Bowlin" Bob Nugent, the owner of Woodlawn Duckpin Bowling Alley at 240 Platt Ave., center, receives the "Way to Go!" award from West Haven's Youth and Family Services and Interagency Network for Children on June 26. WHINC Parent Support Group members and families presented the framed

award to Nugent for "providing duckpin bowling fun to families of children, youth and young adults with disabilities. Congratulations on your 20th anniversary serving West Haven." The presentation took place during a pizza party marking the culmination of WHINC's five-week duckpin bowling league.

Photo by Chris Randall

Open-Air service

The Rev. Thomas C. Jackson, Vicar of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit celebrated Mass at the parish's annual open-air mass at Bradley Point on June 23, assisted by Eucharistic Minister Steven R. Mullins. During the liturgy prayers were said for the recovery of the twin toddlers that were nearly drowned by their father in Dawson Beach early the previous day, as well as the first responders involved in their rescue.



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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

The Malley Murder Mystery Part II

As the hot August sun continued to rise, a small crowd began to form around the

body on the beach. Among those in the group was Deputy Sheriff James Peck, who recognized the girl immediately. In fact, he had seen her in the Railroad Grove at about

8:00 the previous evening, sitting on a bench with another woman and a young man with a black moustache.

To Peck, she had looked bored and detached.

Now others recognized her and said that she was Jennie Cramer, the daughter of Jacob Cramer, who had a cigar making business in New Haven.

Jennie's beauty was well known; indeed she was known as "the Belle of New Haven," which angered and aroused jealousy in her contemporaries. It was clear to everyone that Jennie Cramer turned young men's heads wherever she went.

The body was wrapped in a flannel blanket and taken to a nearby boathouse, and a telegram was sent to New Haven, summoning Jacob Cramer to the scene, to identify his daughter's remains.

George Kelsey was sent for as well, on the idea that maybe the girl had fallen from his steamship pier and drowned.

By the time that Jacob Cramer had arrived on the scene along with his friend, Undertaker Stahl, two doctors were in attendance at the boathouse: they were Dr. Henry Painter and Dr. Durell Shepard. Dr. Painter suggested that there were enough indications that the girl hadn't drowned, and that therefore it would be prudent to examine her. Cramer, overcome with emotion at the sight of his daughter's body, agreed to their request.

Subsequently, Dr. Shepard performed the examination with Dr. Painter assisting. The most prominent discovery was that within 24-48 hours of Jennie's death, someone had had their way with her, in a cruelly violent and very painful manner.

At this point, Jacob Cramer produced two letters that brought suspicion on three



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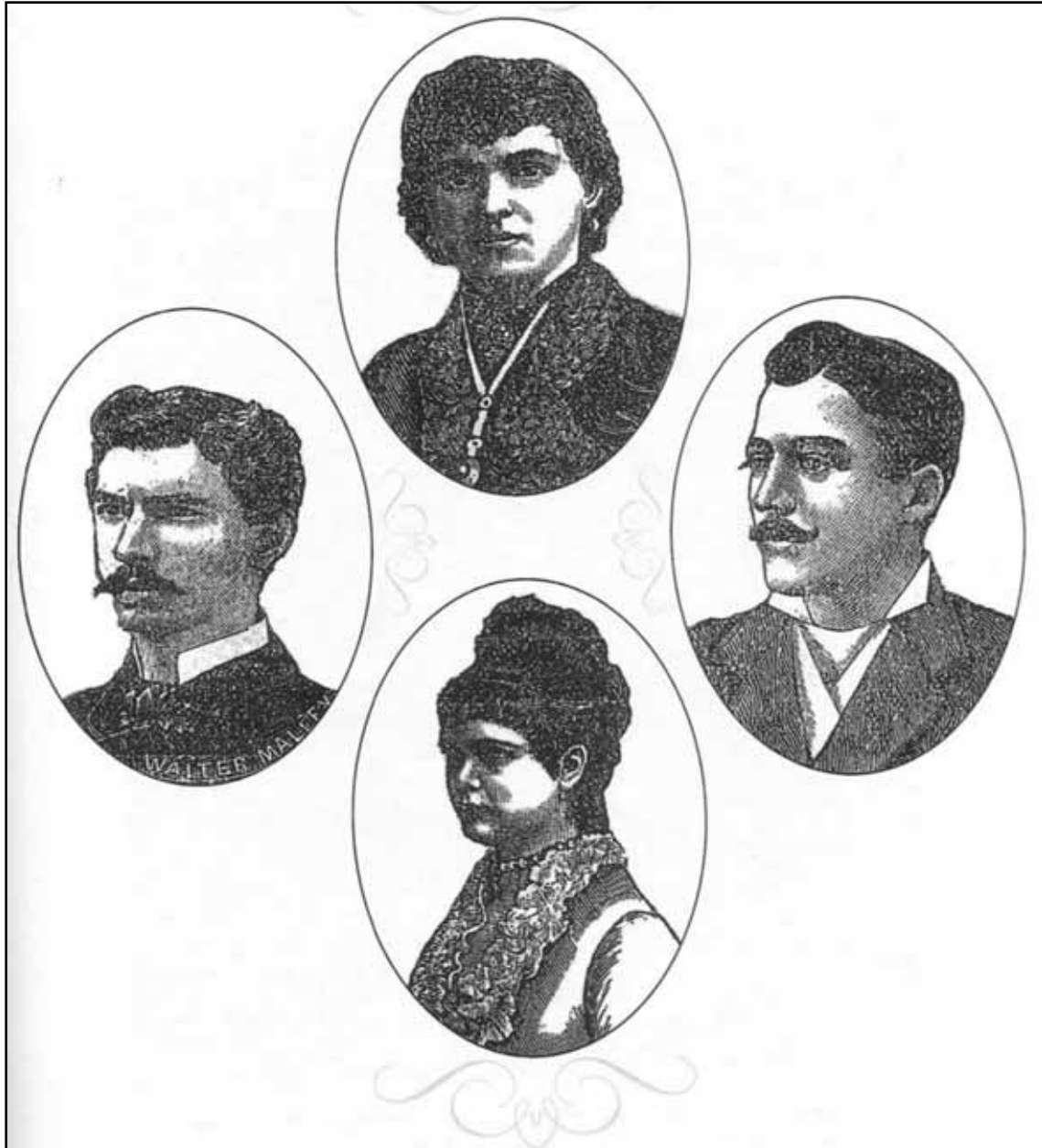
people, James Malley, Walter Malley, and their associate, Blanche Douglass, a "shady lady" from New York City. James and Walter Malley were two spoiled young men, and were part of the wealthy Malley family who owned New Haven's Malley Department Store, which also happened to be New Haven's largest taxpayer.

And it was known that James had been paying great attention to Jennie Cramer for some time now.

Furthermore, James and Blanche matched Deputy Sheriff Peck's description of the last people with whom Jennie Cramer was seen on the night of Friday, August 5.

An inquest was scheduled for the following Monday, for now it was time to conduct interviews with the threesome.

To be continued



The fatal foursome. Clockwise from left: Walter Malley, Anna Kearns (a.k.a. Blanche Douglass), James Malley, and Jennie Cramer. Reproduced from the "Beautiful Victim" pamphlet. Courtesy New Haven Colony Historical Society.

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Declaration of Independence

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their



Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. --

Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his assent to laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his governors to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved representative houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the legislative powers, incapable of annihilation, have returned to the people at large for their exercise; the state remaining in the meantime exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these states; for that purpose obstructing the laws for naturalization of foreigners; refusing to

pass others to encourage their migration hither, and raising the conditions of new appropriations of lands.

He has obstructed the administration of justice, by refusing his assent to laws for establishing judiciary powers.

He has made judges dependent on his will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies without the consent of our legislature.

He has affected to render the military independent of and superior to civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation: For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us: For protecting them, by mock trial, from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these states: For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world: For imposing taxes on us without our consent: For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury: For transporting us beyond seas to be tried for pretended offenses: For abolishing the free system of English laws in a neighboring province, establishing therein an arbitrary government, and enlarging its boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule in these colonies: For taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our governments: For suspending our own legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated government here, by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burned our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow citizens taken captive on the high seas to bear arms against their country, to become the executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian savages, whose known rule of warfare, is undistinguished destruction of all ages,

sexes and conditions. In Jefferson's draft there is a part on slavery here

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms: our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have we been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an

unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends.

We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by the authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these united colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.



Scout creates new walking trail at park

By Steven R. Mullins
Special to the Voice

Led by Boy Scout Aadi Neujahr, members of Troop 899, along with about 20 other volunteers built a new walking trail at the West River Memorial Park on Marginal Drive in Allingtown this past Saturday. The trail goes from the closed road gate at Westfield Street down to the West River.

Neujahr, 15, who also lives in the neighborhood has been working with the West River Watershed Coalition and many volunteers to clean up the site for the trail. The compost mulch for the trail was provided by the City of New Haven Parks Department.

"The goal is to get the mulch all the way down to the West River," Neujahr said. He said that he has been working with organizations to obtain grants to build a dock for fishing at the trail's end.

The group of volunteers that included parents, teachers and Scout Troop 633 from Branford also built two picnic tables for the site to welcome citizens to enjoy the open space.

Neujahr has been in Boy Scout for 10 years. He is organizing this neighborhood project to earn his Eagle Scout degree.

Boy Scout Troop 899 meets at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit.

Photo by Steven R. Mullins



Troop 899 Boy Scouts Aadi Neujahr (left) and Lucia Maier (right) rake and shovel mulch to make a walking trail on Marginal Drive in Allingtown. Neujahr organized the neighborhood project to earn his Eagle Scout degree.

Myth-busting summer skin problems

By Dr. Ana Stankovic
UnitedHealthcare of New England

Summer vacation often means more time outdoors in the sunshine, which leads many of us to consider how best to protect our skin against the increased sun exposure.

More people in the U.S. are diagnosed with skin cancer each year than all other cancers combined, and most skin cancer is associated with sun exposure. Knowing how to help protect your skin from the sun may have a lasting impact.

Here is a breakdown of the facts and myths of skin protection:

Fact: Your sunscreen should have UVA and UVB protection.

The Skin Cancer Foundation says that ultraviolet A rays are present all day and can cause skin-aging and wrinkling while ultraviolet B rays are strongest during peak hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and can cause sunburns. Both types have been linked to skin cancer.

Myth: One application of sunscreen lasts all day.

Sunscreen should be reapplied throughout the day and SPF, or sun protection factor, can help you know

how often. If you typically burn after 10 minutes in the sun, multiply that number by the SPF. Reapply often, at least every two hours. Sunscreens should also be reapplied immediately after swimming, towel-drying off, or excessive sweating.

Myth: You should use the highest SPF possible.

You may be surprised to learn that higher SPF does not always mean better protection. You may not need anything higher than SPF 30 if you're applying generously and often. This is because, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation, SPF 30 protects against 97% of the sun's rays, while SPF 50 increases that just a bit – to 98%.

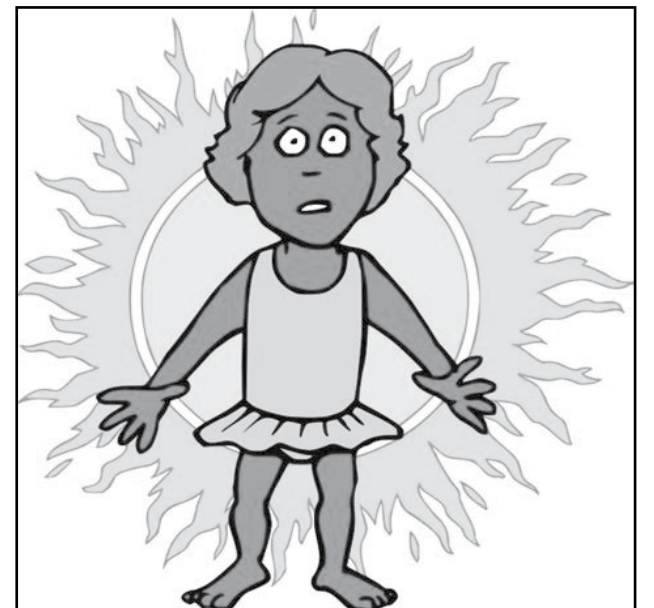
Fact: You can get sun damage on a cloudy day.

One of the most common mistakes people make is forgetting about incidental sun exposure. Your skin is still soaking up UV rays even on cloudy days or while driving with the windows down. To help protect skin in such situations put sunscreen on first thing in the morning, even if you aren't thinking about going outside. Be consistent.

Myth: Sunscreen is better than covering up.

While sunscreen is vital and should be

used, it's important to stress the value of staying covered up. Wear lightweight, tightly woven hats, shirts, and pants. Combine sunscreen and sun-protective clothing for your strongest protection.





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4	Football team
5	Sandbox toy
6	"Let me think ..."
7	Female hare
8	Twine fiber
9	Anonymous
10	Flair
11	Life story?
12	Website contact no.
13	Talk on and on
14	Artist Matisse
15	Eden evictee
16	Beer barrel
17	Mineral suffix
18	Politico with limited power
19	Lady of the haus
20	Speck
21	Sound from a hot wok
22	NBC show since 1975
23	Yogurt variety
24	Violin parts
25	"Don't - stranger!"
26	"Citizen Kane" prop
27	Greek vowel
28	Accomplishment
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **Fried and Folded Beaten Eggs**

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Answers to this week's puzzles

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

SPANISH

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


Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

1. A wind instrument used by Australians
2. A cygnet
3. The Treaty of Paris
4. Barcelona, Spain
5. Frequency
6. Pink
7. Fear of clowns
8. The @ symbol (2004)
9. An epithet
10. Gerald Ford

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez



1. MUSIC: What is a didgeridoo?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby swan called?
3. HISTORY: What is the name of the treaty that ended the Revolutionary War?
4. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia located?
5. SCIENCE: What does a hertz measure?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is most of the toilet paper in France?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What irrational fear is represented by coulrophobia?
8. LANGUAGE: What is the first character to be added to Morse Code since WWII?

9. LITERATURE: What is the term for a section at the end of a book that concludes what has happened?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president turned down offers to play professional football after college graduation?

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St. John's Day

The First Congregational Church of West Haven and the Rev. Vance Taylor, standing in for church Pastor the Rev. Carl Howard, welcomed the brothers of Annawon Lodge 115, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of West Haven on Sunday, June 23 to the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. Freemasonry venerates two saints, Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist, whose feast day is Dec. 27. They are collectively known as "The Holy Saints John of

Jerusalem. Pictured with Pastor Taylor (center) are from l-r Branford Widow Son Lodge, 66 Entered Apprentice Leo Calancio, Past Master William C. Lang, Past Master Steven R. Mullins, who represented current Worshipful Master Joseph F. McVety, Jr., Senior Warden Douglas Turcotte, III, past Master David Fletcher, current Widow Son Lodge 66 Master and Annawon Past Master Richard C. Memmott, Jr. and Brother Stephen Hildridge.

Make Music Day at Old Grove



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to

The Leslie Jewelers Dodgers

The 2024 Champions of Shore Haven Junior Baseball

With playoff wins of 10-0 vs Red Sox, 9-1 vs Pirates and 14-0 vs Mets

Head Coach:

Jim O'Brien

Coaches:

*Derek Amato, Dom Avallone, Keith Flood,
Bob McDermott, Gene Sullivan*

Players:

*Santino Amato, Michael Finnegan, Gianni Glen, Giovanni Guarnieri,
Trevor Gyllensten, Tyler Gyllensten, Ayaan Harp, Ethan McGrath,
Jeremiah McGrath, Ismael Orozco, Anthony Pascale, Owen Santos,
Jaxon Taylor, Max Taylor*