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Happy Thanksgiving!



Holiday tradition

Thanksgiving Day means a lot of things: giving thanks for the many blessings we have, enjoying family and friends, and, of course, football. And longtime readers know the two teams grace our front page as they have for the better part of 50 years. For the local teams the holiday means the end of the regular

season, and the possibility of more competition in the state tournament, set to begin Tuesday. West Haven played Fairfield Prep at Prep last night, while Notre Dame heads to Hamden for the annual Green Bowl to do battle with rival Hamden High.

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A student from the West Haven Community House Forest After School program is looking for rainbows after our recent rain storms.

On this Date

1991 -- South Ossetia declares independence. The disputed region of the country of Georgia calls itself the Republic of South Ossetia. The declaration of independence was not recognized by Georgia and was followed by the South Ossetia War. Only a few countries, including Russia and Venezuela, recognize it as a sovereign country.

1967 -- First pulsar observed. Graduate student Jocelyn Bell and her advisor Antony Hewish at Cambridge University were the first people to observe and discover pulsars. Pulsars are rapidly spinning neutron magnetized stars that emit radiation.

1964 -- NASA launches Mariner 4. The first spacecraft to make a flyby of Mars, the spacecraft was the first one to send images of a planet back to Earth.

1943 -- Tehran Conference begins. The Tehran Conference between the US, the UK and the Soviet Union began at the Soviet Embassy in Tehran. The conference dealt with the Axis powers in Europe and Asia and made plans to open up a second front against the Germans in France.



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Westies Nutrition donation

From left, West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program Chairwoman Beth A. Sabo receives a \$332 check for the program's Susan A. Ruickoldt Scholarship Fund from co-owners Amanda Forst, holding 3-month-old son Neo, and Mandy Hutchinson of Westies Nutrition at 153 Sawmill Road on Nov. 11. The fund was founded in March 2003 to raise breast cancer awareness in honor of Ruickoldt, who taught third grade at Savin Rock Community School before dying of breast cancer in 1997. Each spring since 2003, scholarship organizers have awarded \$2,000 in Ruickoldt's memory to a female high school senior from West Haven who plans to continue her education.

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Tree lighting begins holiday festivities

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The lighting of the West Haven Green Christmas Tree will signal the start of the holiday season Saturday, complete with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The annual event will commence at 4:30 p.m. with a greeting by Mayor Dorinda Borer, followed by the singing of the national anthem.

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

The Yuletide festivities will include free children's activities, live entertainment and appearances by costumed Christmas characters, including Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman.

Perhaps the Grinch will make an appearance as well,

according to organizers.

Along with train rides and hayrides, kids can also ride in a vintage West Shore firetruck provided by Baybrook Remodelers.

While the rides are free, people are asked to bring non-perishable items for the West Haven Emergency Assistance Task Force, which provides food for residents in need.

The evening of merriment will also include five stations on the 5-acre Green, where children can decorate ornaments, write letters to Santa, and make cards for U.S. troops overseas and those at the West Haven VA Medical Center.

Kids can also help decorate a holiday banner that will hang on the third floor of City Hall, organizers said.

At each station, volunteers from West Haven United will stamp children's holiday "passports." Passports are available for pickup at the West Haven United tent next to the gazebo. Kids must com-

plete all five activities and return their stamped passports to the tent for a chance to win the prize basket.

Just steps from Santa's workshop, boys and girls can drop off wish lists at St. Nick's official U.S. Postal Service mailbox.

The festivities will continue with performances by the West Haven High School dance team at 4:35 p.m., followed by keyboardist Thomas Ice, the Mulkerin School of Irish Dance and Top Hat Dance Academy.

At 5:45 p.m., West Haven's own Judy Pancoast, a Grammy-nominated recording artist, will lead a holiday sing-along.

At 6 p.m., Borer will welcome revelers from a portable stage on the Main Street side of the Green. Santa and Mrs. Claus will then arrive via an escort by the West Haven High cheerleading team to the stage, where they will join the mayor and her special guests

to set the tree aglow.

Before returning to the North Pole, Santa and Mrs. Claus will meet children and pose for free photos taken by Good Vibes Photography until 7:30 p.m.

West Haven United will sell hot chocolate and snacks.

The city's official Christmas

tree is also flanked by a smaller evergreen tree. Both conifers are adorned with light strands with multicolored LED bulbs.

For the first time in decades, new decorations and lights will bedeck and illuminate the downtown park, including The John C. Ireland Bandstand and the Victorian lampposts.

Library offers seminar on stress relief

Stress happens to all of us. Up to 90% of all visits to the doctor's office are stress-related, according to Harvard. Stress can be considered as much a risk factor for disease as smoking. The West Haven Library, 300 Elm St., is

offering "10 Tips to Manage Stress," on Saturday, Dec. 7 from noon to 1 p.m. at the main library. The cost is free.

Dr. Wendy Hurwitz will answer the questions, "Why can two people be in the same situation and respond to stress

differently?" or "Can going through stressful times without stress be a learned skill?"

For more information or to register: please call the library at: (203) 937-4233, ext 3, or e-mail: reference@westhavenlibrary.org.

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Dear Felicia

Here we are, sweets, another Thanksgiving Day to check off. The Mystick Maidens of the Marsh are having their annual Turkey Day festivities in a different place this year, gathering at the head of the Cove River for a traditional dinner. The MMMs are lookin' for a new leader, as we ain't been meeting as often as we used, and it's time to put new blood into the ranks. We'll talk more about that after the foist of the year, but know that the city's oldest sorority organization is till alive and kickin'.

Meanwhile, cuz it's Thanksgiving, that means that Cobina gives out her annual Turkey Awards to the members of the political class who've made strides, and stumbles during the last 12 months since last we gave them out...sorta our Oscars and Emmys all rolled into one.

Mayor Dorinda Borer - Her turkey is gonna be one with some sweet rolls on the side. Things have been goin' perty smoothly over the last little while as she finishes her first year as mayor. Before yew know it, she'll be campaigning. Tennyrate, her term has - been better than some we can remember.

City Council Chairman Nick Pascale - Nick is on his second go-round with the council.

He had a seat many years ago when he was young and foolish - he ain't young anymore! He turkey is gonna be a large one with some extra stuffing and riding crop jest in case he needs it to keep the councilors in line. So far, there's been not much to keep in line, but yew never know...

City Treasurer Ron Quagliani - His turkey is gonna be a bit on the lean side only cuz it represents the schedule the guy has to keep. You hafta be in shape to do what he does, and he signs every check that goes through the Actors Colony. That's tough on the old wrist and hand. We'll put a blotter with the turkey so he can keep his digits ink-free.

City Clerk John Lewis - John is no newcomer to the land of City Hall. He has had more than a few go-rounds in our seat of power. His turkey is gonna be one with a list of all the jobs he's either had or ran for during his tenure. No this ain't a criticism in case yore wonderin'.

Democratic Town Chairman Mike Last - Mike's turkey will be a big one and have a valise attached to one drumstick. The guy has been trying to downsize himself outta the chairmanship, but has stayed on when asked. It can't be easy trying to keep 60 people, and 60 personalities, in line when

talking about those involved in politics. But he's kind o' level-headed and probably is a good foil for the hotter heads that are seated thereon.

Republican Town Chairman Dave Riccio - Speakin' of keeping people in line, Dave's turkey will be a large one, and have a whip and chair attached. Whilst the Republican Town Committee hasn't been the directors of anything for more decades than one can count, there are still egos thereon who seem to think they have some kind of power - or want it. What a mess!

Chief of Police Joseph Perno - Chief Joe is a newcomer to this list. His turkey will be large and fully stuffed as he has done a perty good job of staying under the radar and still doing a bang-up job under difficult circumstances. Let's hope he'll be able to maintain and add to the numbers of the constabulary in the next little while. He's been working under the strain of a short staff for too long.

Superintendent of Schools Neil Cavallaro - Neil's turkey will be wrapped in wax paper. Neil has been able to stay outta the public eye perty much for a couple o' years, just tooling along doing his job. In this berg that is quite an accomplishment.

Rep. Bill Heffernan - The

Willster seems to be settlin' into his new role as rep for the 115th Assembly District, and jest won his first outright term in the last election. His turkey will have a megaphone nearby as we're told that said rep has quite the oratorical skills.

116th District Rep. Trenee McGee - McGee has made a name for herself as being not in lock step with the party line in certain matters. Her turkey will have a drum next to it, cuz she marches to her own beat, and will go her own way effen she thinks it's right.

Ray Collins III - Ray III as he's called didn't win the 117th District seat this last election, as he was beaten out by early voting, whilst winning on the machine count. The Republican's turkey will have a "Get 'em next time" banner on it as well as a directive on how to git GOP voters to get to the polls or poll early cuz that's the way they're doing things now. Don't hafta like it, but hafta work with it.

Former State Rep. Steve Dargan - Steve is in treatment and we wish him the best as the holidays roll around. His turkey will be filled with all the best wishes from his many friends on both sides of the political aisle.

The MARB - The Municipal Accountability Review Board members will each git a turkey with a rearview mirror. We of our fair city can't wait until they are outta here and let us take care of our own business. Whilst things have been calmer since the new administration took over, the imperiousness of the membership made for a very difficult time.

The Haven Group - This group of erstwhile developers, who still own the property where the ill-fated shopping center was supposed to go will get turkeys that will be impossible to know whether they are cooked or not. This is cuz we still don't know what they are up to and what they are planning to do with the bare landscape down there on Elm Street. Effen they keep us in the dark, their turkeys will be a mystery as well.

Neighbors of the Haven property - These homeowners will have turkeys with extra fixings, more sides and a chocolate crème pie for dessert. For years they have had to put up with the silence of the developers and should be rewarded for their patience.

Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro Greenberg - The Grand Dame of the majority party, thankfully in the minority in Washington gets a turkey trimmed in purple grape sauce. It's only fitting that the purple-haired politico who never had a real job in her life should be mirrored in her

bird.

Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy - The Rosencrantz and Gildenstern of the Senate will have their turkeys dressed in a harlequin hat to show jest what silly individuals they are and an embarrassment to our state. Effen this last election cycle didn't prove that in the eyes of clearer heads, nothing will. Yew jest hafta remember that it's (D)ifferent for them.

The Village Improvement Association - The city's board for running the libraries will have each member with a large turkey and a copy of a tome of their choosing on the side. It looks like the plan to put a library into the former Blake Building in Allingtown is moving along. For the first time in four years it looks like an Allingtown library branch will become a reality. Let's hope by this time next year it will be so.

Former School PR man Mike O'Brien - Mike is leaving his post with the school system and taking on a new job. His turkey will have a "Good Luck" banner and a few extra fixings for the work he's done with the system over the last four years.

City PR man Mike Walsh - Mike's family turkey will have a tinted visor for the city's reporter. He toils long hours under some difficult situations, and gets the stuff done. We appreciate it here in the papyrus.

City good guy Patrick Morrissey - Pat has been mentioned in the turkey column for more than 20 years. His turkey will have some comfortable shoes on the side for his continued daily walks along the shore.

Steve Mullins - The ubiquitous Mullins has more hats in his collection than Delmonico's in New Haven. As such, his turley will be festooned with some of the chapeaus he wears, including that of the Allingtown Volunteer FD, the Masonic Order, complete with fez, and jest a green fedora for special occasions. No, nope, he ain't getting a biretta.

Members of the Constabulary and Fire Brigades that have to work on the holiday - The hope for a big turkey and dressing and s quiet, peaceful day with no big surprises.

Our columnists, writers, and photographers - Big, beautiful turkeys with all the fixin's for all of them. They have put in a great year as it winds to a close.

Our Readers - The best for a Happy Thanksgiving and joyful holiday season.

With that bit o' chatter, I'll will close this time till next, mitt luff und kizzez,

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Gripe Vine Readers:

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Curious Joe

Dear Curious Joe:

You pose an interesting question: because an individual who's putting out the money for this form of privacy, and if so, what are the ongoing rules as a guide to meet the law for such a project.

Well, first I attempted to seek some answers for you and my readers. Not an easy task as one would think. I sought out the state regulations and began to wade through the various responses to your questions. State and local regulations may differ and I want to offer both of these to you, which will include West Haven's regulations as well.

Watch Gripe Vine soon for how high must a wooden fence be to meet conformity and state laws and which side



ELEANORE TURKINGTON of the fence should face the owner.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There are problematic weeds all around the overpass on Washington Avenue near the West Haven Lumber Company making it difficult to see.

I called the Blight Line three times and each time they responded within a day. They did an excellent job, not so much for the public

CD

Dear CD:

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Leaf bag pickup ends week of Dec. 9

Leaf bag pickup will end the week of Dec. 9 on residents' regular trash pickup days.

City residents are asked to put leaves and grass clippings in separate biodegradable paper bags for curbside pickup. Plastic bags are prohibited.

Crews will not pick up leaf/grass bags after the week of Dec. 9. After that, residents must bring all bags — paper, no plastic — to the city's compost site, 1 Kimberly Ave., from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Proof of residence is required.

Leaf bag pickup will resume in mid-April 2025.

Also, per city ordinance, blowing leaves into city streets is prohibited, and violators are subject to a \$60 fine for each offense.

Energy assistance available

The city is accepting applications for the federally funded Connecticut Energy Assistance Program.

Appointments for all heating sources can be made by calling (203) 937-3572.

Applications will be processed via phone by appointment Monday through Thursday. No walk-ins will be accepted.

Applicants who have difficulty speaking English are asked to have a translator.

Eligibility for assistance is based on the income of an applicant's household. To qualify, applicants must provide pay stubs, including monthly Social Security benefits and pension incomes, for all household members 18 and older.

Applicants must also provide SNAP benefits, Social Security numbers and birthdates for all household members, as well as current utility bills for the household.

UI resumes tree pruning program

United Illuminating has begun the latest phase of its Utility Protection Zone program to reduce the amount of vegetation that UI says threatens power lines during storms. Over the next month, UI's tree service contractor will increase the distance between trees and power lines in the West Shore area, said city Tree Warden Leo Kelly, who has reviewed and approved the project. Kelly said UI job planners may contact city homeowners about permitting tree pruning and removals on their properties.

The contractor, Lewis Tree Service, will focus on UI's Utility Protection Zone, which extends 15 feet above, 10 feet below and 8 feet to the side of power lines, he said.

People can direct questions or concerns to Kelly at lkelly@westhaven-ct.gov.



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Thanksgiving, 2024

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.

~*~*~
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.

Mr. John Carver,
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Mr Edward Winslow,
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Francis Eaton,
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Joses Fletcher,
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Mr. Samuel Fuller,
Mr. Christopher Martin,
Mr. William Mullins,
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Edward Doten,
Edward Liester.



Trans moralism kills Dems

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist
Trans moralism is killing the Democrats

"How dare you say that" isn't a persuasive political argument.

Yet the side that has believed it can bully its way to victory on cultural issues by policing the debate in its favor continues to act as if it is one, even after getting soundly beaten in the election.

The Left's game has been to insist that everyone adopt its tendentious vocabulary, to call opponents bigots and to use moral blackmail -- and the threat of punishment -- to keep any left-of-center doubters in line.

This model, which has been quite successful over the years, has a flaw, though. If a given cause is exotic and unpopular enough, and if it becomes subject to a political debate where the broader public can weigh in, the attempt to define common sense as a thought crime is doomed to fail.

This is what happened on trans issues in the election. Donald Trump's "she's for they/them" attack ad was the most effective and consequential political spot of this century.

How is the Left taking it? By clinging to the old rules.

In an exchange on CNN that's gotten attention, the Republican strategist Shermichael Singleton said a lot of

families don't think that boys should play girls' sports, eliciting an outraged reaction from progressive panelist Jay Michaelson.

Interrupting, Michaelson said heatedly that he wasn't going to listen to such "transphobia" and maintained with great vehemence that it is "a slur" to describe "trans girls" as "boys."

Notably, the anchor Abby Phillip --the moderator on what is supposed to be a straight-down-the-line news network -- intervened, not to say that Singleton was free to use whatever term he thinks is most appropriate, but to rebuke him and ask him "to try to talk about this in a way that is respectful."

The Left's attitude on this issue is not, "You may disagree, but I believe trans girls are indeed girls," but rather, "They are girls and you have absolutely no moral right to say or think otherwise."

It adds a spirit of hectoring intolerance to the underlying absurdity of the position on the merits -- making it all even more off-putting.

The problem is that progressives consider whatever new boutique obsession they've come up with at any given moment to be the great moral issue of our time, indeed always to be the moral equivalent of the fight for civil rights.

So, someone who doesn't want to see boys competing in

girls' sports, and simply rejects the fashionable terminology, is viewed as a modern-day Bull Connor.

This means no compromise is acceptable, even on the most pragmatic political grounds.

The longtime chairman of the Texas Democratic Party, Gilberto Hinojosa, just got defenestrated, at least in part for daring to say the obvious on the trans issues.

"You can support transgender rights up and down all the categories where the issue comes up, or you can understand that there's certain things that we just go too far on, that a big bulk of our population does not support," he said in an election postmortem.

He'd have been better off saying that the party should in the future call for the official end of the gender binary, by violence if necessary.

After getting slammed by his own side, Hinojosa groveled: "I extend my sincerest apologies to those I hurt with my comments today." And now he's gone anyway.

A top aide to Democratic representative Seth Moulton resigned after the congressman had the temerity to say that he doesn't want his daughters "getting run over on a playing field by a male or formerly male athlete, but as a Democrat, I'm supposed to be afraid to say that."

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh

NHSO Concert Benefits music

Mayor Dorinda Borer gives a thumbs-up to first and second graders of Washington Elementary School as violinist Stephan Tieszen of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra plays his instrument while telling a story, "Mole Music," on Monday. The literacy and music event was part of the orchestra's "Creating Musical Readers" program, in which musicians bring musical stories to life as they read to students and their instruments become part of the story. The NHSO is performing a special "Holiday Extravaganza: Joy to the World!" concert at West Haven High School on Dec. 13. Tickets cost \$20 for orchestra seating and \$15 for mezzanine seating. Tickets are sold only in advance on the GoFan website at <https://gofan.com/event/1728128>.

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Turkey Drive

From left, Mayor Dorinda Borer helps Vertical Church Outreach Pastor Paul Bronson and Senior Pastor Ken Vance unload boxes of turkeys for West Haven residents in need as part of the church's annual turkey drive at the former Molloy Elementary School at 255 Meloy Road on Monday. In all, 800 turkeys, along with fresh produce, were delivered to needy families across the city. Borer, Bronson and Vance were assisted by West Haven police Capt. Joseph Romano, not pictured.

Lowry: Toxicity of 'Woke'

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Well, he's supposed to be afraid for a reason. He, too, was fiercely denounced by left-wing groups.

The Left's moralistic browbeating may succeed in reinforcing the trans-orthodoxy among its own. As we learned on Nov. 5, though, the rest of the country won't play by these poisonously stupid and illiberal rules.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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'Lend Me A Tenor'

The cast and crew of West Haven High School Theater Workshop's recently completed its weekend presentation of "Lend Me A Tenor." Voice photog Todd Dandelske was on hand to take some shotS.

S&P boosts city's credit rating

For the second time in 10 months, S&P Global on Thursday, Nov. 7, raised its long-term credit rating for West Haven, sending the city from BBB+ to A- while assigning a "positive" outlook, Mayor Dorinda Borer announced.

Borer said she's thrilled about the A-rating upgrade, the highest in recent memory for West Haven.

"This is really positive news for West Haven and puts a stamp on the work everyone has been putting in to help move our city in the right direction," Borer said. "This global effort to help West Haven has included the members of the state Municipal Accountability Review Board, the state of Connecticut, and the dedication of our employees who understood the need to up our game and provide the good governance that our residents expect and deserve."

City Finance Director Michael Gorman said: "The upgrade reflects the work the Borer administration has done in a short amount of time. The upgrade and financial outlook demonstrates the positive strides in financial management, reporting and governance, including internal controls the city has made in a short period of time."

In addition to the rating upgrade in its analysis, the New York agency said the positive outlook "reflects the city's strong performance resulting in increases in available reserves and improved financial management practices.

The outlook also reflects what we believe is a one-in-three chance that we could raise the rating if the city can continue its positive performance and fully address its internal control defi-

ciencies and produce timely financial statements with no findings, while adhering to its management practices and policies."

In its eight-page report, S&P touted the leadership of the Borer administration, saying the city has taken positive steps to address the issues that have led to an increase in state oversight, including internal control issues, staffing shortages in the Finance Department and audit delays.

S&P said the city expects to complete fiscal year 2024 timely, which is a change to the challenge of completing audits on time in recent years.

"With a new administration as of January 2024, the city has taken several steps to cure the deficiencies highlighted in the fiscal 2023 audit and improve its internal control functions," S&P said. "This includes the hiring of several key financial management positions that were previously vacant, including a finance director, internal auditor, payroll manager, risk manager, and senior and junior accountants. It also hired two third-party consulting firms to help identify and address its internal control issues, which has led the city to make various changes in its procedures and institute new policies including bank reconciliation, audit trail reporting, and payroll segregation of duties.

"We understand management has also implemented formal weekly meetings with department heads (including the school department), filled positions in various board and commissions, improved employee training, and strengthened its IT protections."

Borer said she believes the latter comment reflects her delivering on a promise to improve both internal and

external communications for smoother performance and transparency.

S&P also noted in its analysis that the city has ended fiscal 2024 with an estimated general fund surplus of about \$5.9 million due to higher-than-estimated revenues and lower-than-budgeted expenditures in similar areas as fiscal 2023.

To boost the local economy, S&P said the city is seeking to generate economic activity "through opportunity zones and transit-oriented planning and zoning regulations" while leveraging renewed participation in the South Central Regional Council of Governments.

The city is also seeking to streamline and speed up the building permitting process while allowing for online permitting.

It continues to look for grant opportunities and is "actively looking to fill economic and grant writing employees to assist in this endeavor," the report said.

The new credit rating could bring the city a step closer to exiting financial oversight by the Municipal Accountability Review Board. Since 2018, the MARB has overseen West Haven, a financially distressed city. The board escalated its oversight in 2022 to Tier IV, the MARB's highest level of oversight.

"The rating reflects our view of West Haven's adoption and implementation of stronger financial management practices, coupled with improvement in internal controls placed on Tier IV designation under the state's Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) in 2022. These changes continue to have a direct effect on the city's improved financial position and budgeting practices."

While S&P credits the work of MARB

as a contributing factor through the years, the agency acknowledges that being in a state review program weakens its overall rating.

"While we view the state's involvement in the city's finances as a stabilizing factor that should aid in producing positive financial results, this oversight, along with previous dependence on state funds to achieve balanced operations over the past few years, weakens our view of West Haven's management conditions."

S&P's view aligns with Borer's recent assertion that eventually leaving the MARB will assist West Haven in the long run with the overall perception and potential investments in West Haven.

In addition to financial, management and governance, another aspect of criteria that West Haven was rated on was environmental.

"Although rising sea levels and extreme weather events pose long-term risks for the city, we believe management continues to plan and implement resiliency efforts to help minimize them," the report said.

"I am pleased to see that the criteria includes the preparedness to addressing long-term risks related to climate and environmental challenges," Borer said.

"The work that a municipality performs in this area demonstrates thoughtful planning and preparedness to protect residents and property. I'm very confident that this is an area where West Haven really shines, as we have been putting significant work to mitigating the risk of climate change and implementing adaptation measures, and it seems this was recognized."



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Allingtown FD receives grant

City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown Chief Michael R. Terenzio and Mayor Dorinda Borer, left, receive an oversize \$2,000 check for new firefighter gear from Government and Community Affairs Manager Nicoletta Blevins, fourth from left, and Operations Director James M. Hill of the Regional Water Authority on Nov. 19 at City Hall.

With them for the check presentation are, from left, city assistant grant writer Vanessa Hruszko, who obtained the RWA grant for the city, and grant writer Olivia Bissanti.

Terenzio said the department will use the funding, part of the RWA's First Responder Grant Program, to buy protective suits for cold water rescues in the Maltby Lakes on Route 34 and other areas of Allingtown in West Haven.

"This grant is a well-deserved recognition of the city's commitment to public safety and ensuring the well-being of both residents and the brave men and women who serve as firefighters," Blevins said.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Diane Dietman honored

During a reception attended by dozens of City Hall co-workers on Friday, Mayor Dorinda Borer, left, congratulates West Haven Youth and Family Services Director Diane Dietman and Parks and Recreation Director Mark E. Paine Jr. for winning an award from the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association.

Dietman, who was nominated by Paine, received the Program of Merit Award for the "Westie V.I.P." program at CRPA's 64th annual Conference & Tradeshow at the Mohegan Sun Hotel & Convention Center in Uncasville on Tuesday.

For the past three years, Park-Rec program coordinator Brian Hayden has assisted Dietman with the Westie V.I.P. program, a positive youth development collaboration that provides enrichment activities for the city's young people.

CRPA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization created in 1949, provides a support network for its members through professional development and resources to enhance the quality of recreation and parks services statewide.

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Masons dedicate school cornerstone



Photos by Steven R. Mullins

Mayor Dorinda Borer poses next to the newly dedicated cornerstone with Annawon Lodge Worshipful Master Joseph F. McVety, Jr. at her right and Connecticut State Most Worshipful Grand Master Edward Page to her left as Board of Education member Patricia Libero and Lodge members look on.

Members of Annawon Lodge 115 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of West Haven, led by Worshipful Master Joseph F. McVety, Jr., joined with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut, AF&AM, led by Most Worshipful Grand Master Edward Page at Washington Elementary School on Washington Avenue to formally lay the building's cornerstone recently.

The ceremony began with remarks from Mayor Dorinda Borer, who praised the Building Committee for keeping the project on time and under budget. She also thanked building architect Antoniazzi Associates for designing the structure to reflect the architecture and spirit of the surrounding neighborhood and its aesthetics.

In addition to Borer, other dignitaries included Board of Education members Patricia Libero and Robert Guthrie, Washington School Principal Alicia Limosani and Town and City Clerk John Lewis.

The laying of the cornerstone to a new structure is an ancient ceremony performed by Freemasons. President George Washington, as Master of his Lodge laid the cornerstone of the United States Capitol Building in Washington, DC in September 1793. Mayor Dorinda Borer poses next to the newly dedicated cornerstone with Annawon Lodge Worshipful Master Joseph F. McVety, Jr. at her right and Connecticut State Most Worshipful Grand Master Edward Page to her left as Board of Education member Patricia Libero and Lodge members look on.

"It is most appropriate for this ceremony to take place at a school bearing Washington's name," said Annawon Past Master Steven R. Mullins.

Mullins and McVety worked with Washington School Building Committee Chairman Ken Carney and the staff of the Gilbane Building Company in designing the cornerstone, which encompasses the West Haven City Seal and the Masonic Square and Compass.

The cornerstone, which is located in the exterior northwest corner of the building was donated by Gilbane.

Washington Elementary School is scheduled to open in time for the 2025-2026 school year. Washington students are attending the former Anna V. Molloy Elementary School on Meloy Road during construction.

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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

Pilgrim or Puritan?

We today often use the words Puritan and Pilgrim interchangeably, and yet the difference in the two is quite significant: those who came on the Mayflower to found the starving colony of Plymouth in 1620 were the Pilgrims; the story of the first Thanksgiving is their story. The Puritans were those who later fled the religious constraints of England and established the Massachusetts Bay Colony—today's Boston—and other colonies in the years following 1629. Within the next ten years, over twenty-one thousand Puritans would flood across the hills and valleys of New England.

For those Plymouth Pilgrims enduring their first New England winter and spring, starvation was always near at hand.

They had brought too little food; their crops grew poorly in the weak soil and their system of communal farming did not work efficiently. By 1623, Governor Bradford would turn portions of the common land over to each family in the colony; the families would plant and farm that land, and they would be allowed to keep whatever they grew. This new policy would bring about a change in attitude, and farming at Plymouth would suddenly become much more successful. Thus, the Pilgrims would stumble upon the principle of capitalism and discover that it worked! But these events were still far off in the future, and more than half of their number would die during that first dreadful winter.

They had landed at Plymouth in December 1620. They

were weak and sickly, entering this barren new world hungry, and with little food to sustain them. The deep and abiding courage that carried them through this bleakest of times, came from their unshakeable faith in God.

By the next September or October (records are unclear), the Pilgrims met with the friendly Pokanoket Indians for a feast. This feast was something new to the Pilgrims, but to their secular English counterparts at Plymouth, it was a pleasant reminder of the Harvest Home celebrations back in England. The feast must have taken place shortly after the Pilgrims harvested their first modest crop of corn, squash, beans, barley and peas. Coincidentally at the harvest-time, Plymouth Harbor also played host to a tremendous number

of migrating birds, particularly ducks and geese. Governor Bradford therefore ordered a number of men to go out "fowling." It took only a few hours for the hunting party to kill enough ducks and geese to feed the settlement for a week.

The Pilgrims clasped hands together and gave thanks to God at a long table covered with a white linen cloth. Shortly thereafter, they were joined by over one hundred Pokanokets, led by their sachem Massasoit. The Indians had brought along five deer to add to the feast. There wasn't enough furniture to go around, so most had to stand or squat in happy anticipation, as the deer and birds turned on wooden spits over open fires.

It was a time of plenty, a time of harmony and rejoicing, and a brief time of brotherhood between the English and the Native Americans. The name "Thanksgiving" would not be applied to this great feast until the 19th Century—but



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

whatever the name, the warm memory of that day lives on today in our most American of holidays!

Happy Thanksgiving-

FD issues new ornament for 2024 holiday season

The WHFD Historical Library presents its 2024 Pewter Christmas Ornament featuring our Firemen's Memorial Monument which has graced the West Haven Green since 1960. This is our sixth ornament in the series. The cost of this year's ornament is \$20. The library still have a limited amount of our previous ornaments for sale as well. The cost to purchase the previous ornaments is only \$10 each with the purchase of our 2024 ornament (while supplies last).

They include: 2019 – 1911 Badge; 2020 – Sold out; 2021 – Elm Street HQ; 2022 – 1889 Hand Pumper; 2023 – Gamewell Alarm Box

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Depictions of the first Thanksgiving came into the popular culture as the holiday, which was just a New England affair, gained popularity in other parts of the growing United States. Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving during the Civil War.



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Westies eye CIAC playoff run

It is coming down to crunch time in the 2024 high school football season. For West Haven, the games only get bigger.

With a Thanksgiving Eve showdown with Fairfield Prep looming and a berth in the Class LL postseason at large, the Westies knew they could not look ahead. Putting forth one of its best efforts of the season, West Haven won its eighth straight contest with a 30-3 Senior Night victory over Cheshire at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven.

With the victory, West Haven improved to 8-1 and remained in the fourth slot in the Class LL standings, where a home game in the opening round of the

postseason is at stake.

West Haven senior quarterback Nick Conlan continued his stellar season as he threw for 194 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and also ran for a score.

Defensively, West Haven continued to shine, allowing just 81 yards of offense to Cheshire in the contest.

Offensively, West Haven used a 1-yard touchdown run by Conlan with 59 seconds left in the first quarter to take a lead it would never relinquish.

Conlan then took to the air to give West Haven a 13-0 lead when he connected with Tahmayn Thompson for a 49-yard scoring strike with 7:46 left in the

half.

Cheshire got within 13-3 on a field goal with 4:45 left in the second quarter, but Justin Chacon nailed a 33-yard field goal as time expired to send the game to the half with West Haven holding a 16-3 lead.

As the Rams struggled to get anything going offensively, West Haven increased its lead to 23-3 when Conlan hit Tamarion Lafortune with an 8-yard scoring pass with 6:20 to go in the third quarter.

Coryon Harris capped the scoring 16 seconds into the fourth quarter with a 24-yard touchdown run. Harris ran for 155 yards in the win.

Playoff pairings will be announced Friday.



Perfection! Photos by Todd Dandelske
West Haven's Freshman Football team defeated Fairfield Prep, 16-14, to finish their season a perfect 10-0. CJ Sutton celebrates his touchdown. Ja'kyi Wright (5) breaks his touchdown run.



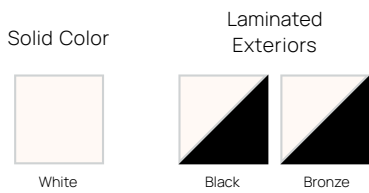
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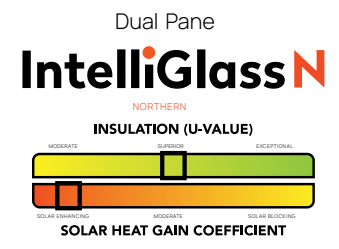
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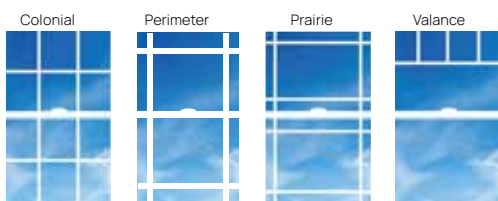
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Wizards win opening meets of season

By Ariana Fine
Special to the Voice

In their first meet of the season, West Haven Swim Club Wizards brought in a 375-270 win over the Oxford Otters Nov. 16. The team swam another win against Newtown on Nov. 23.

West Haven v. Oxford

For the boys 8 & under medley relay, Theodore Burgess, Emerson Finlayson, Jack Holthaus and Alain Ayala came in first. In 9-10 200-yard medley relay, West Haven came in first for both girls (Alessia Caggiano, Aylin Romero Lopez, Madelyn Lisi and Julianna Beers) and boys (Michael Meglio, Cayden Joseph, Blaise Shubin and Grayson McCarthy). The team continued its winning stretch in the 200-yard medley relay with the boys 11-12 (Jesus Torres, Gabriel Gyurkovics, Marvin Castillo and Clayton Moore), girls 13 & over (Olivia DeLauri, Naomi Shubin, Sophia DeLauri and Emily Falanga).

In the 100-yard freestyle, Mad-

elyn Lisi came in first for girls 9-10, Michael Meglio for boys 9-10, Morgan Beers for girls 11-12, Jesus Torres for boys 11-12, and Emily Falanga for girls 15 & over. In the butterfly for the 8 & unders, Mackenzie Vargas led for girls and Jack Holthaus for the boys for the 25-yard butterfly. In the 50-yard butterfly, Madelyn Lisi, Cayden Joseph and Marvin Castillo came in first for their respective age groups, followed by Naomi Shubin in the girls 13-14 and Olivia DeLauri in the girls 15 & over 100-yard butterfly.

Sophia DeLauri was first in the girls 13-14 and Emily Falanga in the 15 & over 200-yard freestyle. Other first-place finishes included Alessia Caggiano for girls 9-10, Michael Meglio for boys 9-10, Sophia Egan for girls 11-12, and Marvin Castillo for boys 11-12 for 50-yard backstroke. In the 100-yard backstroke, Natalia Lowe and Olivia DeLauri beat out the competition for their age groups.

In the individual medleys (IM),

Mackenzie Vargas started out the wins for the girls 8 & under 100-yard IM, followed by Emerson Finlayson for the boys, and Blaise Shubin for the 9-10 boys. Marvin Castillo won in the 200-yard IM for the 11-12 boys, Sophia DeLauri for the girls 13-14, Amy Lahav for the girls 15 & over.

In the breaststroke, Alexa Collins and Jack Holthaus came in first in the 25-yard races. In the 50-yard breaststroke, it was Julianna Beers (girls 9-10) and Blaise Shubin (9-10 boys), followed by the 100-yard breaststroke with Naomi Shubin (girls 13-14) and Olivia DeLauri (girls 15 & over). With meet beginning the final individual races with the 50-yard freestyle, Alexa Collins (girls) Emerson Finlayson (boys) started the wins for 8 & under, Madelyn Lisi (girls) and Blaise Shubin (boys) for 9-10, Jesus Torres for boys 11-12, Naomi Shubin for girls 13-14, and Emily Falanga for 15 & over.

The freestyle relays saw the

firsts continued to pile up with Alexa Collins, Peyton Edo, Emma Prutting and Mackenzie Vargas in the girls 8 & under 100-yard freestyle relay. In the boys 9-10 200-yard freestyle relay, Nathan Ruzbarsky, Logan McCauley, Esai Ortiz and John Guilmette won. Natalia Lowe, Emily Guthrie, Ivanka Ortiz Rolon and Aubrey Holthaus finished out the meet's final wins for West Haven in the girls 13 & over 200-yard freestyle relay.

Win Against Newtown

West Haven took home many firsts at this home meet, including Emma Prutting, Alexa Collins, Mackenzie Vargas and Peyton Edo for girls 8 & under 100-yard medley relay; Theodore Burgess, Emerson Finlayson, Jack Holthaus and Alain Ayala for boys 8 & under 100-yard medley relay; Alessia Caggiano, Julianna Beers, Madelyn Lisi and Aylin Romero Lopez for girls 9-10 200-yard medley relay; and Michael Meglio, Cayden Joseph, Blaise Shubin

and Grayson McCarthy for boys 9-10 200-yard medley relay. For the girls 11-12 200-yard medley relay, Sophia Egan, Alyssa Gere-mia, Gwyneth Faoro and Morgan Beers led, followed by Clayton Moore, Gabriel Gyurkovics, Marvin Castillo and Jesus Torres for the boys. In girls 13 & over, West Haven's Olivia DeLauri, Aubrey Holthaus, Sophia DeLauri and Emily Falanga edged in a first, and then the boys 13 & over with Mario De Leon, Esteban Chavez, Ayman Elaziz and Xander Estes.

In the individual freestyle events, Emerson Finlayson won for boys 8 & under 25-yard, followed by other West Haven team members in the 100-yard; Madelyn Lisi (girls 9-10), Michael Meglio (boys 9-10), Gwyneth Faoro (girls 11-12), Jesus Torres (boys 11-12), Naomi Shubin (girls 13-14), Xander Estes (boys 13 & over).

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For their respective age

Photo by Todd Dandelske

Class of '24

The West Haven High School Athletic Hall of Fame inducted its Class of 2024 last week during the annual dinner. Shown are: Sitting -- Diana Pimer Ross, Kelly McLaughlin, Nicole Pacapelli, and Kelly Stratton. Standing -- Tom Lawrence, Joe Morrell (accepting for Joe Morrell, Sr.), Todd Williams, and Tom DeMorro.



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City marks Pearl Harbor Day

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 service, which will commemorate the 83rd 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 and Rick Spreyer, Borer's chief of staff and the master of ceremonies. 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.

Ferraro roast set, Jan 11

The West Haven Republican Town Committee is hosting a "Roast of State Rep. Charlie Ferraro (R-117) on Saturday, Jan. 11 at the West Haven Elks Hall, 265 Main St. Ferraro is retiring from the General Assembly with the beginning of the new term. Cost is \$100 per person with catering by Cappetta's. Doors open at 6:30.

To purchase tickets, call RTC Chairman David Riccio at (475) 254-2361.

Wizards: Take openers

groups, the following swimmers won for butterfly: Mackenzie Vargas, Jack Holthaus, Blaise Shubin, Marvin Castillo, Naomi Shubin and Ivanka Ortiz Rolon. In the longer 220-yard freestyle events, Gwyneth Faoro, Clayton Moore, Sophia DeLauri, Xander Estes and Emily Falanga won. For backstroke, firsts were pulled in by Emerson Finlayson, Alessia Caggiano, Blaise Shubin, Sophia Egan, Marvin Castillo, Vanessa Chen, Ayman Elaziz and Olivia DeLauri.

In the IMs, Alexa Collins, Jack Holthaus, Blaise Shubin, Marvin Castillo, Sophia DeLauri and Olivia DeLauri won. Aniela Blaszcak, Emerson Finlayson, Cayden Joseph, Morgan Beers, Gabriel Gyurkovics, Aubrey Holthaus, Esteban Chavez and Olivia DeLauri followed with first in the breaststroke races. Mackenzie Vargas, Jack Holthaus, Madelyn Lisi, Grayson McCarthy, Jesus Torres, Brooklyn Loehfelm, Esteban Chavez and Emily Falanga rounded out the wins for West Haven in their individual freestyle events. For the last relay races, West Haven pulled in wins for nearly all of the freestyle races.

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-Each pet will come home with a welcome home basket with toys, food, etc.

Can't Adopt?

Donations of baskets and new toys for welcome home baskets will be collected at event!



TEACH KIDS MUSIC

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FREE MUSIC CLASSES -

Teach Kids Music is offering free children's music classes.

These classes will be held at **Rock House School of Music**, 52 Collis Street, West Haven. Interested? Call 203-934-2501 for more information and to sign up.

The following classes are available:

- **TKM Little Rockers Classes:** (Children aged 4 - 7)

Our Teach Kids Music "Little Rockers" program is one of our groundbreaking programs that gets children started in music at a young age (4 - 7) and plants a musical seed that continues to grow for a lifetime. It is proven that children that get started with music at a young age excel musically and academically. Children today need this more than ever.

The classes utilize percussion instruments playing rhythm patterns to help children learn about rhythm and timing. This is the foundation for all instruments. Once children understand rhythm and timing, they can learn instruments easily. The classes also give children their first lessons on real instruments piano, guitar, drums, ukulele and singing. This way they can sample instruments to see which is the perfect fit for them.

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-must be able to speak fluent English;
-must be able to work well with others;
-needs a minimum of three references (not family);
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King Crossword

ACROSS

1	Newt	50	Spiced tea	21	"Kidnapped" monogram
4	Former Delta rival	55	Bangkok cuisine	23	Play part
7	Very dry	56	Hayloft site	25	Aspiration
11	Bjorn of tennis fame	57	Whatever	26	Mimic
13	Documentarian Burns	58	Christmas problem	27	Prefix with conference
14	Portrayal	59	Unforeseen problem	28	Fly high
15	Afrikaner	60	Skilllet	29	Incite
16	Fire sign?	61	Chart-topping song	30	Tide type
17	Pinnacle			31	Small barrel
18	Lieu			35	Hosp. workers
20	Trumpet			38	Football's Manning
22	Actress Vardalos			40	Boom times
24	Trite			42	Discard
28	Basking venue			45	- St. Vincent Millay
32	Skiing spot			47	"Nopel!"
33	Twistable treat			48	Algeria's neighbor
34	TV's Danson			49	Artist Mondrian
36	Autobahn auto			50	"CSI" airtel
37	Open-mouthed			51	Solo in space
39	Swiss cheese			52	Altar constellation
41	Wards off			54	Novelist Rand
43	Resort				
44	Pleasing				
46	Batter's dry spell				

DOWN

1	Recedes
2	Shoe insert
3	Shade provider
4	- -la-la
5	Desire
6	Sneeze sound
7	Basis for repeat purchases
8	Sinbad's bird
9	City on the Danube
10	Golf peg
12	Banner at a new store
19	Conk out

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: WILD CANINES

Black bears	Elk	Mud pots	Waterfalls
Buffalo	Geysers	Old Faithful	Wildfires
Canyons	Lakes	Pronghorn	Wyoming
Earthquakes	Moose	Rangers	

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

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Answers

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

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: In which country would you find the Angkor Wat temple?
- SCIENCE: Which vitamin aids in blood clotting?
- MUSIC: Which pop music icon has a Pantone color named after him?
- TELEVISION: Which 1990s TV comedy series features the theme song "Cleveland Rocks"?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is last alphabetically?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is an adult female turkey called?
- MOVIES: Which popular 1994 movie

features a character named Red?

- AD SLOGANS: Which company's advertising slogan is "Like a Good Neighbor"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How long is the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade route?
- ANATOMY: What are beta cells?
- "The Drew Carey Show"
- Wyoming.
- A hen.
- "The Shawshank Redemption."
- State Farm.
- 2.5 miles.
- Specialized cells in the pancreas that produce insulin.

Answers

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Photos by Todd Dandelske

Seniors honored

West Haven's final home game two weeks ago v. Cheshire was also senior night for various teams and organizations. From top - The WHHS senior Blue Devils were honored with their families, along with the cheerleaders, members of the dance team and instrumentalists of the Blue Devils Band.



Small Business Holiday Market

Saturday, November 30 • 11AM-4PM

Experience the festive spirit at the inaugural Small Business Saturday Outdoor Holiday Market! Bring your friends and family for a day of fun, shopping, and holiday cheer. Located in Sherman's Alley and Hyperion Court at 1022-1044 Chapel Street, New Haven. Brought to you in collaboration with The Shops at Yale, Soulful Threads, and Market New Haven. Rain date is 12/1.

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- ▶ Nuzzo's Tree Farm
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- ▶ Complimentary Kettle Corn
- ▶ Vintage Clothing & Collectables
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