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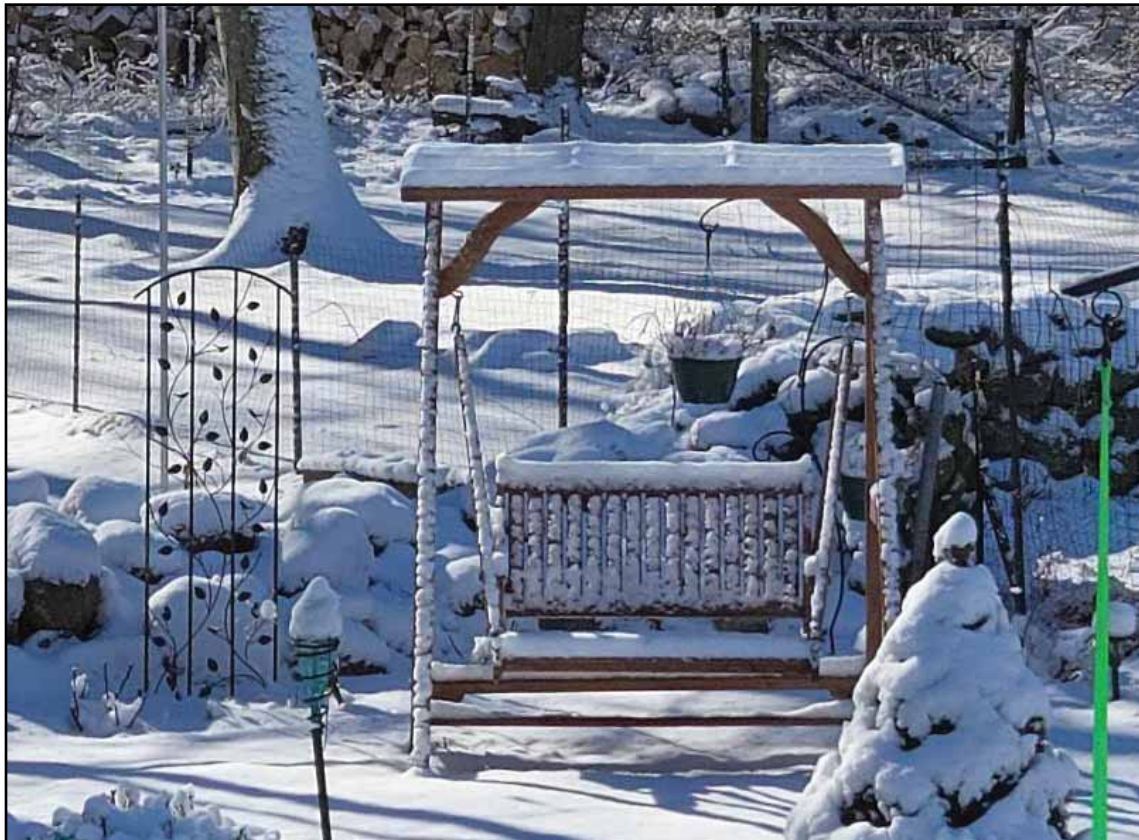
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First snowstorm

The season's first major snowstorm hit the area Sunday night with a polar vortex following. Voice readers sent in their snow pictures to our various social media sites, enjoying what the weather had to offer. Thanks to Elinor Slomba, Councilwoman Dawn Callahan, Amanda Robinson, Dawn Gerise, and Heather Scutti for their contributions.



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Melody Gurr, age 5, a West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. student, is forecasting more snow and ice.

On this Date

1994 -- Organized crime boss Whitey Bulger goes into hiding after being tipped off by his FBI handler about an impending arrest. The convicted murderer stayed out of sight for 16 years causing great embarrassment to the American Federal Bureau of Investigations. He was finally arrested in 2011.

1990 -- Slovenian referendum on independence from Yugoslavia. The Eastern European country had joined the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as a socialist republic state in 1945. Actual independence for the country did not occur until June of 1991, when the Slovenians rejected Yugoslavian interference in the form of a 10-day war that ended on July 7, 1991. A new constitution for the country came into force on Dec. 23, 1991.

1975 -- Metric Conversion Act signed by U.S. President Gerald Ford. The act made the metric system the preferred system of weights and measures in the United States. Today, the metric system is predominantly only used by scientists and academics.



Photo by Beth Sabo

Dubel's Cafe tees off for scholarship fund

Dubel's Cafe owner Fred Hugendubel, a co-chairman of the annual Dubel's Golf Tournament, presents a \$6,300 check to the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program at City Hall on Jan. 6. The money raised at the October tournament will benefit the program's Susan A. Ruickoldt Scholarship Fund. 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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City resident winner of statewide award

The Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) is pleased to announce the selection of the 2025 Assistant Principals of the Year. Laura Dixon, a West Haven resident, is among the three winners this year.

An assistant principal of John Barry Elementary School in Meriden, Dixon was nominated for the award by her superintendent, Dr. Mark Benigni, and chosen for "her exceptional leadership, ... and commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive, and high-achieving school community."

"I am continually impressed with her strong leadership, collaborative style, and clear focus on improving academic outcomes for her students," says Benigni. "I have learned much from Laura and Meriden is a better district because of her."

"I am deeply honored and humbled to be named Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year," said Dixon upon hear-

ing the news of her selection for the award. "This recognition belongs to Meriden's parents, students, colleagues, and all those whose lives I've had the privilege to impact and who, in turn, have inspired me every day."

Dixon's has been touted for her "balanced approach—firm yet fair—has earned her the respect of students, staff, and families alike." CAS said in the announcement, her tireless work ethic and a "how can I serve you" philosophy, she has made a lasting impact on the John Barry community and has helped the school achieve recognition as a School of Distinction, ranking in the top 10% of schools in the state for performance growth.

Dixon was cited for helping to "build a welcoming and nurturing environment at John Barry, which provides much-needed social and emotional supports while also ensuring academic success for

her students.

"She is insistent that instructional practices are rigorous and aligned with state standards but allows flexibility for each child's unique needs and challenges," the CAS announcement stated.

She summarized her holistic approach.

"By setting a bar of excellence and providing the social-emotional tools needed to reach it, we can transform not just the academic outcomes for our students but their entire perspective on what is possible for their future," says Dixon.

CAS said, one of Dixon's hallmark accomplishments has been reducing chronic absenteeism at John Barry. By prioritizing attendance and collaborating with her attendance team, Dixon led targeted efforts that resulted in a remarkable 10% reduction in chronic absenteeism over two years.

Described by colleagues as a "ray of sunshine" and a "cheerleader who always has a smile on her face," Dixon displays a radiant excitement about John Barry School and her role as its assistant principal. Infusing a spirit of fun

and joy into the school culture, she has introduced initiatives such as morning jokes through "Funny Fridays," which have boosted morale and created a welcoming atmosphere. Her

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Fair Rent Commission fielding residents' complaints

The City of West Haven Fair Rent Commission is receiving complaints from city tenants regarding what they believe to be unfair or unreasonable rent increases or unacceptable accommodations.

"In 2022, the Connecticut General Assembly passed legislation requiring each municipality with a population of at least 25,000 residents enact a Fair Rent Commission," said Fair Rent Commission Chairman Steven R. Mullins.

"West Haven's Commission was formally reinstated by Mayor Dorinda Borer in April of last year, after a 32 year hiatus," Mullins said.

Applications can be obtained from the Mayor Borer's office or Corporation Counsel Paul Dorsi's Office.

Both offices are located on the third floor of West Haven City Hall.

The Commission meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

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Dear Felicia

It's been quite somethin' this month here in the Asylum by the Sea, at least weather-wise, hon. When they said we were gonna have a cold January, the weather guys and gals weren't kidding. Getting the ole gas-samobuggy to start on any morning – heck, trying to get Cobina to start on any given morning – has been quite a task. Whilst we ain't had any significant snow an inch here, a couple there, we had our first tetch of the white stuff Christmas Even, and a couple times after that, including this past weekend.

Tennyrate, things in the burg, while on the chilly side are still moving along as yew'd expeck them to do at this time o' the year. Once the lights were down and the tinsel was put away for another year, things got back to normal PDQ.

As we told yew last time, Herronner has a plan for the city's center section and we see that a new request went out over the Masonic Temple on Center Street. Now I don't hafta tell you that it's been almost 20 years since the idea of an arts center was put forward, and whilst some work was done, not much really happened after the Masons sold it, and moved down the block.

But the move on the city

website – yep they do everything electronically nowadays – shows that a new request went out for proposal an "RFP" oddly enuff. So, the idea of moving from an arts space to a meeting space seems to be in the works. And when yew think about it, a lotta towns our size have old buildings that serve as public meeting spaces that can be used by locals by appointment.

So, we shall see what happens with this idea. One hopes it gets off the ground soon enough. We don't need any new snags or stalls. Over the years "Snags and Stalls" has been like a recurring comedy team in this burg.

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Sammy Bluejay came by t'other day and wondered what was going on with the bridge reconstruction on the highway that was announced last summer. As yew might remember, we tetched on that in our last missive, and we still ain't heard exactly what is going on schedule-wise.. The Dept. of Transportation in charge of the projeck made it sound like things were gonna be started toot sweet. But, as Sammy sez, when it comes to state or federal projects, it's like the army, "Hurry up and wait."

The reason Sammy was wondering was the accident that happened with the pedestrian on the roadway that was, unfortu-

nately, fatal. Cobina had to get herself outta the city and it took 25 minutes cuz of the traffic being rerouted off the road and through town around the accident. Luckily, I was going south, rather than north, and didn't git stuck in all that, but it extended all the way back to the Milford Mall.

Tennyrate, Sammy was wondering if that was what we had to look forward to in the coming couple o' years if and when that start the reconstruction. Remember, the estimated time of completion is 27 months – two years, three months. That's a lotta backed-up traffic, and yew know it's gonna make travel in and about the city a recurring nightmare.

And, in case yew have forgotten, it's not only one bridge, but two. The Foist Avenue Bridge is up for reconstruction and the long stretch of bridge just a few hundred feet from that spanning the railroad tracks is also up for reconstruction. Sammy seems to think the traffic snarl we saw with that accident might be an inkling of what will be experienced in the next little while. Or the little while that starts when the DOT starts the projeck!

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So, the city got a lit'le Christmas present we are told with the hacking of the municipal computers. One only knows what shenanigans are gonna be the fall out of that! We had almost forgotten about the

time the city had to pay a ransom to get its computers back about six or seven years ago, but it all come floatding back with this latest revelation. Iyam sure that things are gonna be done through the computer gurus that work in and about City Hall, but let's face it, the bad people seem to be ahead of the good ones. Cobina has had to pay for service to protect her own meager stuff on the web jest to make sure new accounts aren't opened in her name. Yup, identity theft., and it ain't nice and it ain't an easy fix.

We know what we hafta do, so one wonders how in blazes all these big corporations and governments are able to do it, and even they get hacked. Wasn't the Treasury Department invaded jest before Christmas?

The fact is the bad guys, whoever they are, seem to be a couple steps ahead of the good guys. Let's hope the damage done to the city's intel is minimal. There's a lotta info on those servers and we probably won't know the effect of it, if there is any, for a while.

It almost makes paper and pencil sound like the way to go to protect yoreself from the people who wanna get your info. We can hope this was a little blip on the radar.

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Here we have another missive and another two weeks have gone by since the Haven property was cleared and nothing has been accomplished. And in October of this year it will be 11 years since the project was announced as an "upscale shopping mall" with not a whole lot done since.

The Wag mentioned it when he was in t'other afternoon, and wondered if the city has any way to force the isshe. Cobina said to him effen there was a way, one would think it would be attempted by now. Still, here we are, about two years since the demolition of that area started and, whilst we have a grat view of the harbor, there's not much else.

It's gotta be frustrating for those in the Actors Colony to see it like that with no word from the developers on any...developments! Still, I guess as long as they pay the taxes on the land, there ain't much that can be done. What a mess.

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Nelly Nuthatch visited and reminded Cobina that with the turn of the calendar, the annual rite of budget making is underway. With all the festivities around the holidays, we almost forgot. Yup, January is the month that the department heads put out their wish lists, or as Nelly likes to call them "their creative writing assignments."

This means that they put

together a request list for all the things they'd like to see included in the budget. Every department does it – including the Board of Education. The wish list is usually millions of kopecks over what the final product will be when presented in March, but the boys and girls in the offices are able to get creative, knowing full well much of what they want ain't gonna be in the final document.

Once that is done the Board of Finance is supposed to look over the wish list and question some of the department heads if there is a query or two. But this has been eschewed a few times in the last decade with the Finance Board given minimal roles in some of the discussions.

Then the work of cobbling together the document goes ahead with weeks of looking over things and seeing what was spent the years before, and then come late March, Herronner will hafta propose a new budget as per the charter.

The City Council then takes the entire Month of April to look over the proposal, and can make changes effen a supermajority of nine (outta 13) can be mustered.

Come the foist Thursday in May, the budget is finalized and voted on by simple majority. There is talke the MARB (Municipal Accountability Review Board) is getting ready to fully exit the city, so one wonders how much they will take part in this year's process. They may or may not have veto power as they have had in the past. So, we shall see how that goes. It's always a fun time effen yew like that sort of low-level anxiety.

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We see the city is looking to get some upgrades on the choo-choo station and seeing that put Cobina in a nostalgic mood. Hard to believe that we are so many years out since the train station was opened, and it's proven to be one of the best things for local travelers.

One remembers the Train Station Committee begun by Michael Mercuriano and others. Mike took the yeoman's part o' the issue, fighting with state and city officials, who determined to refuse the project. Then came the groundswell o' support, and the petitions for the station that took city officials and state brahmans by surprise.

Needless to say, that work was successful, and now we want upgrades. Not a bad thing, all in all.

The train station the politicos didn't wan has become a mainstay in the life of the city.

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

*Cobina*

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Dear Gripe Vine readers,

I received a number of questions relating to the structure of a wooden fence on private property. According to Stephen Hotchkiss, a representative from the West Haven Planning and Zoning office, he was kind enough to provide my readers with the following information:



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

52 FENCES

52.1 General Requirements. As used in this subsection, fences shall include all non-retaining walls, hedges, berms or other barriers intended to provide privacy, security or separation of properties. In all districts, the following shall regulate the construction and/or use of fences:

1. The finished side, if any, of all fences shall be placed facing out from the property on which it is erected.

2. No fence, wall, hedge or barrier located within the front yard setback or within thirty (30) feet of a street shall be taller than four (4) feet.

52.2 Use of Dangerous Fence Material. No fence shall be electrified or constructed of or include barbed wire or simi-

larly dangerous material in any district.

Coming up: Overgrowth of weeds around the overpass on Washington Avenue.....

Senior Center Location gripe and reader's assessment increase issue..... and more!

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If you have any issue, gripe, or comment, you can email me at gripevineatwh@yahoo.com or send it to me at 840 Boston Post Road, West Haven 06516

Tax relief offered to elderly, disabled

The assessor's office is accepting applications by appointment for tax relief programs for elderly and disabled homeowners.

West Haven residents can apply for the programs, based on their 2024 taxable and untaxable incomes, weekdays from Feb. 18-May 15 in the assessor's office on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St. For an appointment, call 203-937-3515. No walk-ins.

The state offers a tax reduction benefit depending on income and marital status through the circuit breaker program. To qualify, the applicant or spouse must be 65 or older by Dec. 31, 2024, or permanently and totally disabled as defined by Social Security.

Income limits, including Social Security, are \$55,100 for married applicants and \$45,200 for a single applicant. Those eligible for the program must reapply every two years.

To qualify for the West Haven tax freeze program, the applicant must be age 70 by Dec. 31, 2024, and have lived in the city for at least 20 consecutive years with nobody under age 25 living in the home. The program will freeze the city portion of the resident's taxes only for the upcoming year.

Income limits, excluding Social Security, are \$50,000 for married applicants and \$35,000 for a single applicant. Those eligible for the program must reapply annually.

The assessor's office is also accepting applications until Oct. 1 for additional veterans exemptions. The maximum income is \$55,100 for married applicants and \$45,200 for a single applicant.

For veterans who are 100% service connected, income limits are \$24,000 for married applicants and \$21,000 for a single applicant. Social Security and veterans disability payments do not count for 100% disabled veterans only. All other ratings must include veterans disability payments and Social Security.

Radon testing kits available

January is National Radon Action Month, and the city Health Department is encouraging residents to protect their health by testing their homes for radon. Radon, the second-leading cause of lung cancer, is a colorless, odorless and naturally occurring radioactive gas formed from the natural decay of uranium. It is found in rock, water and soil.

Testing for radon is recommended every two years, officials said.

A limited number of free radon test kits have been made available to West Haven residents by the state Department of Public Health. To receive a test kit, call the city Health Department at (203) 937-3660.

Learn more about radon at <https://portal.ct.gov/dph/Environmental-Health/Radon/Radon-Program>.

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National issues for '25

With the beginning of a new administration, and the end of what will be seen as one of the worst administrations in the nation's history, there are things we hope will be accomplished in the next few years that will restore the confidence taxpayers have lost during the Biden-Harris administration.

NIH and other health-related bodies – A full investigation into the dealings of the National Institutes of Health and other bodies is desperately needed in the wake of revelations the public was lied to during the Covid pandemic. Dr. Anthony Fauci's office did, indeed, fund illegal activities such as "gain of function" experimentation and the Covid virus did come from a lab in China. It is no longer a doubt.

Yet, the public was told otherwise, and the full force of the federal government was brought to bear on those who did not toe the party line. Dr. Deborah Birx and others in the health sector now admit that most of the remedies and procedures were constructed out of whole cloth, including the six-foot spacing, and the wearing of masks. Include in that list the 14 days to flatten the curve.

The damage done to children in the closing of schools, and the damage to the working man with the closure of businesses is irreparable. Students are still behind in their educational development, and people are still recovering from the financial losses of those years.

The entire exercise was one of control and manipulation and those responsible must be brought to justice.

Who was leading the country – There is no doubt Joseph Biden was mentally incompetent from the outset to run the nation. His mental decline was covered up by a compliant media, and politicians more interested in power than the nation. They did, in fact, put party before country.

This includes Congressional leaders, cabinet members and his inner circle.

During these four years decisions were made, including those that added trillions to the national debt, which weakened the nation, and created the runaway inflation we have endured for four years. Again, these individuals must be exposed, and where possible punished. There must be consequences for lying to the nation and weakening our position in an ever more dangerous world. Who made these decisions? Who was pulling the strings?

Pardon the political prisoners – Law and justice have taken a big hit in the last four years, beginning with the January 6 defendants. Some are still in jails awaiting trial some four years after the fact. That is not equal justice or due process. We hope most of them have been pardoned by the time this publication hits the streets. There is no doubt those who have been convicted for a riot have been persecuted under the former regime. The punishment did not fit the crime. Most of those convicted did nothing except be on site.

That list includes those who were prosecuted and jailed for praying in front of abortion facilities. This was a sop to the former administration's donor class and ultra leftwing base. These political prisoners should be released.

These are only three things that must happen to restore justice and balance to our nation. The last four years have been an exercise in growing totalitarianism and one-party rule.

We are thankful Nov. 5, 2024, ended the siege against our freedoms.



Trump knows about real estate

By Rich Lowry
Synidcated Columnist

Trump the expansionist knows real estate matters

In business, Donald Trump was a real estate guy. In the presidency, he might be one, too. The prospective foreign policy of his second term has taken an unexpected turn, with his recent talk of annexing Canada, buying Greenland and taking back the Panama Canal. Rather than the neo-isolationist that he's often accused of being, Trump is talking like a neo-imperialist, at least in our own hemisphere.

Even if President Trump does none of these things -- he's largely joking about the Great White North -- his musings are a reminder of the crucial importance of geography and the control of territory.

The first thing you need to do to understand the world, and to a large extent the behavior of nations, is to look at a map.

"Geography is the most fundamental factor in the foreign policy of states because it is the most permanent," the 20th-century strategist Nicholas Spykman observed. "Ministers come and go, even dictators die, but mountain ranges stand unperturbed."

The world was never "flat," in the formulation of New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman that became the catchphrase of a complacent globalism.

No, the world is full of mountains and steppes; rivers and coastlines; temperate, tropical and dry zones. Some nations, by virtue of their location, are secure, others vulnerable; some naturally rich, others resource-starved.

The first thing you need to know about Britain, for instance, is that it is an island, "this precious stone set in the silver sea," as Shakespeare had it. This basic, ineluctable fact has crucially shaped Britain's strategic orientation and national character. It is why it became a naval power committed to global trade, and why it considered far-flung places -- courtesy of the waves -- relatively nearby.

The English Channel has been an indispensable buffer between it and continental Europe. There's a reason Nazi Germany invaded Poland, France, the Soviet Union, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Greece, Yugoslavia and Italy -- but not Britain.

As for Germany, Robert Kaplan writes in his illuminating book "The Revenge of Geography" that it "faces both east and west with no mountain ranges to protect it, providing it with pathologies from militarism to nascent pacifism, so as to cope with its dangerous location."

The United States is uniquely blessed by its geography. It is of immeasurable importance

that we are both a continental and island nation, combining the massive resources that come with the former, with the protection from hostile European and Asian powers that comes with the latter. We have abundant natural resources, ample coastlines, a massive river system and a disproportionate share of the world's best soil, among other advantages.

That we ended up stretching from sea to shining sea wasn't an accident. Our forefathers supported continental expansion as a matter of geopolitics, whether it was the Louisiana Purchase or the Mexican-American War. They believed that it would make us stronger and more secure, and -- although their methods weren't always admirable -- they were correct.

Control of territory matters, sometimes even relatively small pieces of territory. Consider Hawaii. It is of enormous consequence that the island archipelago sits in the middle of the Pacific athwart key sea lanes. Other powers circled it in the 19th century, while the great naval strategist Alfred Thayer Mahan urged us to acquire it. We all know the role of Pearl Harbor in World War II, and as the "Crossroads of the Pacific," Hawaii remains a major economic and military asset.

As for Greenland, the idea
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AMR offers tips against cold and frostbite

American Medical Response has important safety suggestions for avoiding, recognizing and treating two deadly, cold-related illnesses: hypothermia and frostbite. Both conditions occur even in areas known for warm weather and can be caused by wind chill and exposure to snow or wet conditions. As the temperatures begin to drop, it is important to remember that exposure can be a threat to life and limb – especially for older adults, small children, the chronically ill and people who are required to be out in the cold for long periods. Deaths related to cold weather have doubled since 1999, according to US News and World Report.

While staying warm is important, it is also vital to stay safe while heating your home. Generators and propane and kerosene heaters can be a great way to stay warm, but only when used properly. Keep them outside, monitor them frequently, and be aware of the signs and dangers of carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide poisoning.

“To avoid hypothermia and frostbite, wear several layers of clothing – even indoors,” said Mike Turcio, New Haven Operations Manager, from American Medical Response. “Layers of clothes provide more insulation than one thick garment. When you’re outdoors, the top layer should resist rain, sleet or snow and have zippers for venting body heat if you become too warm. Additionally, if you’re using generators or heaters, make sure to use them responsibly – checking on them regularly and operating them only

as intended.”

Turcio also suggests:

- Wear a hat – 40 percent of body heat escapes through the scalp
- Wear mittens – they keep hands warmer than gloves
- Remove any clothing that gets wet as soon as possible
- Check on older adults frequently because age and some medications alter the body’s ability to sense and adapt to temperature changes

Hypothermia

Hypothermia is a general cooling of the body’s internal temperature. Hypothermia victims go through stages of shivering, numbness, confusion, drowsiness and can eventually lose consciousness. Unless emergency aid is provided, death can soon follow.

First aid for hypothermia includes removing the person from the cold setting. Remove any wet clothes, wrap the person in warm materials and, if the victim is alert, give warm, non-alcoholic fluids. Never give anything by mouth to someone who is less than fully alert.

Frostbite

Frostbite is the actual freezing of a body part, most often the fingers, toes, ears or nose, making it feel hard, waxy and discolored.

First aid for frostbite includes removing the person from the cold setting. Handle the affected part gently to protect it from further injury. Do not rub the frost-

bitten part or allow the victim to try to use the part, such as walking on frostbitten toes. Wrap the part in a dry, clean dressing – never put ice on frostbite. Re-warm the frostbitten body part only if emergency care is remote or unavailable. After re-warming, never let the part re-freeze.

If you suspect hypothermia or frostbite, call 911 for help immediately.

For more information, please visit the National Safety Council at nsc.org.



Prepare for the tax changes ahead of you

By Bill Conlan

Tax Preparer

It seems like President Trump will make some changes in the future that should assist all of us as far as investments and taxes are concerned.

There appears to be some changes in store after 2025 when the 2017 tax reform act expires that will give us a higher standard deduction, a lower tax rate, lower taxes on capital gains, and also eliminates the \$10,000 cap on state and local taxes, and also brings back certain tax credits. Of course, we will still have to find a way to pay for these cuts, but I guess time will tell.

Some of President Trump’s cabinet picks appear to be propelling the stock market to higher gains, and remember our no fee annuities from Brighthouse Financial can help you to achieve these gains.

Congress recently passed, and the President has signed, the Social Security Fairness Act that has repealed the Windfall Elimination Provision, and the Government Pension Offset, which had reduced the Social Security benefits for persons on a civil service pension.

This change affects per-

sons who are receiving a civil service pension often from teachers, police officers and firemen. This is an important benefit that could increase your Social Security benefits by as much as \$6,000 per year. This change will be retroactive for all of 2024, and not sure at this time how these changes will be implemented.

If your involved in a dispute with an x wife or husband, where one or the other takes a dependent first on a tax return before you have a chance to file, make sure you obtain an IRS PIN to prevent your return from being rejected when you file, and the IRS states with a PIN they will not reject any returns like in the past. You may obtain an IRS Pin at this time by going to www.irs.gov

Remember the new BOI requirements for any company registered under the “LLC” name, that requires you to register with FinCEN by the end of the year, however this requirement is now under review in the courts, and there have been many changes to the law over the past few months, so please check with FinCEN for the latest on the reporting requirements.

The standard deduction rates for all classes have increased to \$29,200 for MFJ, \$21,900 for HOH, and \$14,600 for single.

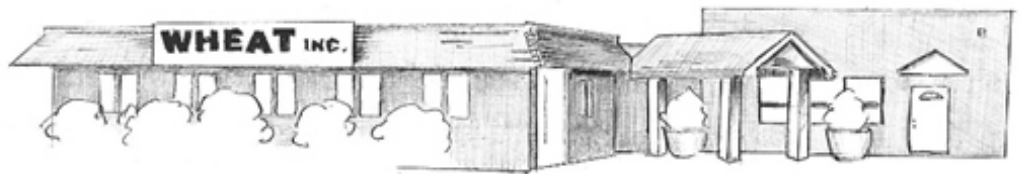
Many other changes occurred in the Acts which were

enacted during the 2015 -2025 time period and many of those changes will be addressed again in 2025.

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## Lowry: Real Estate deals

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of buying it from Denmark is no more ridiculous than any other land purchase we’ve ever made, including of the U.S. Virgin Islands in 1917 ... from Denmark.

Greenland has attracted the interest of such estimable American statesmen as Harry Truman and William Seward. Given its strategic location in the Arctic Circle and its wealth of mineral deposits, it’s an alluring proposition.

Geography isn’t everything, but often when it comes to geopolitics, there’s no substitute for cold, hard real estate.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# ATAX grand opening

Mayor Dorinda Borer, center left, cuts the ribbon with ATAX CEO Mellessia Wright to celebrate the tax preparer's grand opening at 334 Main St. on Jan. 16.

Marking the event with them are, from left, Wright's daughter Deanne, ATAX Marketing Director Nicole Bellenfant, ATAX the Eagle and Wright's daughter Kayla.

ATAX is located in downtown's historic Falcone Law Firm building.



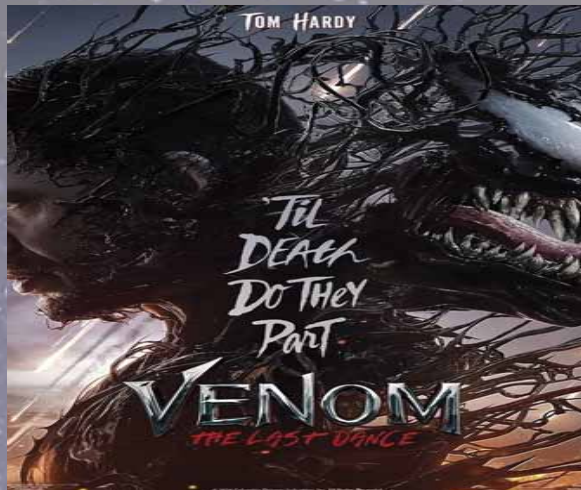
## Dixon

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ability to connect with students, encourage them to use their voices, and believe in their potential has inspired countless young learners to succeed.

Dixon, along with fellow elementary assistant principals of the year from throughout the country, will be honored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) at the 2025 National Conference on School Leader-

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# City rolls out salt-sprayer for snowstorms

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

Mayor Dorinda Borer on Jan. 14 unveiled the city's new anti-icing sprayer for pretreating roads during storms.

The 1,000-gallon sprayer, which contains magnesium chloride, an anti-icing agent, is mounted on a Department of Public Works mason dump truck and applies a regulated amount of magnesium chloride liquid per roadway mile compared to many more pounds of granulated salt per roadway mile.

"Magnesium chloride is better for the environment and much more cost-effective than salt," Emergency Management Director Rick Fontana said. "Most importantly, the liquid will increase roadway safety, reducing motor vehicle accidents during slippery conditions."

West Haven's EMD added that the same liquid is used by the state Department of Transportation to pretreat highways.

"We are integrating a more modern, safer, environmentally friendly and cost-effective approach toward road safety in snowstorms," Borer said.

Magnesium chloride is typically applied to roadways 24-48 hours before a storm. When snow reacts with the liquid, the snow becomes water.

West Haven's product also contains an anti-rust inhibitor.

The city stores the magnesium chloride liquid in two 3,000-gallon tanks at the DPW garage on Collis Street.

According to Fontana, West Haven has 130 miles of roadway surface, 561 roadways and 102 dead ends, but mostly roads on hills and around schools will receive the magnesium chloride treatment, he said.

Borer said the city plans to equip more DPW trucks with anti-icing sprayers.

West Haven has seven snow emergency routes.

When an official snow emergency is declared by Borer, usually in a major storm of at

least 6 inches, a parking ban will run from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. on both sides of Campbell and Savin avenues, Morgan Lane, Elm Street, Meloy Road,

Second Avenue from Elm to Beach streets, and Main Street from Savin to Washington avenues.

Otherwise, once snow be-

gins to fall, a parking ban is in effect on the even-numbered side of most roads, unless one is posted with a "No Parking" sign on the odd side.



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Mayor Dorinda Borer and Emergency Management Director Rick Fontana on Jan. 14 unveil the city's new anti-icing sprayer for pretreating roads during storms. The 1,000-gallon sprayer, which contains magnesium chloride, an anti-icing agent, is mounted on a Department of Public Works mason dump truck and applies a regulated amount of magnesium chloride liquid per roadway mile compared to many more pounds of granulated salt per roadway mile.

## Registration opens for '25 Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration for the 2025 - 2026 school year is now open!

As required by the Connecticut Department of Education, students must be five years of age on or before Sept. 1 of that school year to be eligible to register for kindergarten. For students that do not meet the entry age, parents may request the school district to consider entering their child early.

To start the enrollment process for a student that meets the Connecticut Department of Education's age requirement, please call (203) 937-4300 x7118 to make your appointment at your student's home school (for Spanish, please call (203) 479-1495). Each home school will have a designated night of registration, appointments are required.

- ~ Tuesday, Feb. 4: Edith E. Mackrille School
- ~ Thursday, Feb. 6: Seth G. Haley Elementary School
- ~ Tuesday, Feb. 11: Alma E. Pagels Elementary School
- ~ Thursday, Feb. 13: Washington Elementary School

These registrations will be held at West Haven Elks Lodge, 265 Main St.

- ~ Thursday, Feb. 20: Forest Elementary School
- ~ Thursday, Feb. 27: Savin Rock Community School

If you do not know your student's home school, listings by address are available on the WHPS website.

To start an Early Entrance Request for students that do not meet the Connecticut Department of Education's age requirement, parents can submit a written letter to Melanie.Deninger@whschools.org, West Haven Public Schools' Early Childhood Coordinator, requesting consideration for their child to enter kindergarten for the 2025-2026 academic year. Parents must provide two current proofs of residency (current lease/mortgage and utility bill) and their child's birth certificate. This process will continue as follows:


~ Kindergarten stakeholders will administer the Kindergarten Screening Assessment which will consist of the following domains to assess if the student is developmentally appropriate for kindergarten: Academic, Personal/Social, Adaptive, Communication, Motor, School Readiness.


~ The Early Childhood Director will communicate a decision shortly after the screening is complete. All decisions are final.

~ Non-eligible students will be provided with community resources and engagement activities that they can participate in prior to kindergarten.

~ Eligible students will be provided with next steps regarding registration requirements.

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Photo courtesy of: Major Mark S. Reynolds

### Inaugural Ball

City of West Haven Fair Rent Commissioner Steven R. Mullins attended Inaugural festivities in Washington, DC, celebrating the re-election of President Donald J. Trump last weekend. Mullins, a previous Republican nominee for mayor is pictured with former Trump White House spokesman Sean Spicer at the All-American Inaugural Ball at Washington's Hyatt Regency Hotel. The All-American Ball honored military personnel and first responders.

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### Turcotte cited as worshipful master

Douglas Turcotte receives a citation from Mayor Dorinda Borer recognizing his installation as the worshipful master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Annawon Lodge 115 during a ceremony at 263 Center St. on Jan. 13.



BRIAN D. NUGENT

# 'Campership' memorializes Brian Nugent

Brian D. Nugent was a lifelong Westie who loved his city and his family, and, unfortunately, lost his life to cancer in 2014.

Nugent was the youngest of five children. From a young age his time was divided between family, "school and church" activities and sports.

Those things continued to define him in his adult years.

Nugent was diagnosed with cancer in June of 2014 and passed away Oct. 4 of that year. Throughout his illness he was courageous and as best he could, continued to put others first. He touched many lives, making the world a better place, according to those who knew him.

Nugent graduated from UNH and opened Nugent's Pot Belly Luncheonette. With his first child on the way, he chose to embark on a career as a West Haven police officer.

When an injury forced him to retire from the force, he began a long and successful career with the former United Technologies Corp. At the time of his passing, he held the position of corporate ombudsman.

Always with a smile on his face, a kind word to share and a song in his heart, he led by example. Mr. Nugent's deep love for God and his unshakable faith, guided him throughout his life and comforted him throughout his illness, his friends and family said.

"Brian was a dedicated father to his 5 older boys, and to our two children, Timothy and Mary Margaret. He was over the moon when he became a grandfather," said wife Kiki. "Family was his No. 1 priority. When not at work, he was supporting our family and community through church, school, coaching and scouting activities. It is what he did best. This campership allows me, along with family and friends, to honor Brian's legacy and continue to touch the lives of children"

To honor his legacy and continue to touch the lives of children in the city in which he grew up, Brian's family and friends set up The Brian D. Nugent Campership, a fund that awards \$400 to a student in each grade category (K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, and 9th-12th) to attend a camp or take lessons of their choosing in an effort to better themselves and ultimately better the world.

For the chance to be a Campership award recipient, students/residents in West Haven and Cheshire are invited to submit essays for the chance to be chosen for the award. Prompt options for essay submissions are as follows:

~~ An event or experience in which you appreciate the importance of family

See Nugent, page 12



## Black History in Connecticut

In this program, we'll take you on a tour of items from our collection representing a spectrum of the Black experience in CT. You'll learn about a Harlem Renaissance writer, Ann Petry, who carefully preserved artifacts chronicling the black community of Saybrook. Examine daguerreotypes by Augustus Washington, who abandoned a successful Hartford photography business to build a new nation in Africa. Browse through the photo album of a Hollywood actress who became a champion of labor rights for black entertainers. Marvel at the gorgeous costumes created by CT's West Indian community for their annual MAS celebration and see artifacts documenting the Civil Rights movement in our state.

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## Mulkerin School opens

Back center, Mayor Dorinda Borer and state Rep. Bill Heffernan join owner Kathy Carew of the Mulkerin School of Irish Dance to celebrate the grand opening of the school's studio at 263 Center St. on Jan. 10 as members of the Carew family and students and assistants of the school look on. The late-afternoon ceremony recognized Mulkerin's first-ever studio while also marking the school's 85th anniversary. The studio is based in the lower level of the West Haven Masonic Building. In addition to celebrating the occasion with an ensemble of loved ones and friends, Carew received a mayoral citation from Borer and a General Assembly citation from Heffernan, D-West Haven, on behalf of the city's delegation. Borer, who read her citation before presenting it to

Carew, said, "The residents of West Haven join me in honoring this school and the culture it represents to our vibrant downtown and community."

The Mulkerin school, founded in 1939 by Carew's mother, Kathleen Mulkerin, is recognized as "one of the first Irish dancing schools in Connecticut and has inspired generations of talented performers," the mayor said.

Now led by Carew, the school continues to share its passion for Irish dance and music by offering traditional and modern Irish dance classes for all ages and skill levels.

"The Mulkerin family has represented our city with class, dignity and pride," Borer said.

### Leaf bag pickups suspended until spring

The city is reminding residents leaf bag pickup ended in December, and will not be continued until the spring, when they will be renewed on regular trash pick-up days..

Crews will not pick up leaf/grass bags while the program is suspended. 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..

## Nugent: *Family secures legacy*

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~~ An event or a sacrament you received, that brought you closer to God

~~ An event or experience that gave you a better understanding of the role of a police officer

~~ A teacher or coach that you are certain changed you as a person

~~ An event in your commu-

nity in which you and other residents came together for a greater good

Students must reside, or attend school, in Cheshire or West Haven to be eligible to apply. Those who have submitted essays in the past, but have not won, may write again.

Essays are to be submitted individually and include

name, school, grade and prompt chosen. Kindergartners & 1st graders are welcome to submit illustrations with their essay.

The deadline to submit is 3/17/25 or when 50 essays are received, whichever comes first.

Final masterpieces can be emailed to: [briandnugentcampership@gmail.com](mailto:briandnugentcampership@gmail.com).



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# Historian's corner By Dan Shine

**Boy Scout Troop 16**  
 (As written by Bob Shine in 2002. Since that time, the troop has been disbanded and no longer exists.)

Troop 16 of the Boy Scouts of America was founded in West Haven, at First Congregational Church.

Troop 16 was the third in Connecticut.

People from the Yale Divinity School, working together with members of the Men's Club of the church were re-

sponsible for the organization of what became Troop 16. At the present time the troop is the third oldest in the state. The earliest Scout records in the possession of the Congregational Church are dated January 1916 when the troop had a total membership of 29 boys. Activities that year included putting the playground at the foot of Shingle Hill into shape for the Village Improvement Association, assisting the Red Cross in the sale of seals for tuberculosis work and sending two volunteers to assist the University at the Yale-Harvard football game.



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

From its beginnings to the present, camping has been an important part of Troop 16's history and each year several of the membership have attended

Camp Sequassen in Winsted or other private camp sites in this area for one or two weeks.

Since 1946 the troop has had a total of sixty Eagle Scouts, the highest rank in Scouting. Through the years great emphasis has been placed on advancement in scouting skills such as hiking, first aid, survival and nature lore. Progress through the steps of Scouting from Tenderfoot to Eagle is the gauge of a boy's interest and ability and this in turn reflects on the troop as a mark of its standing. It is interesting to note that 5000 boys can claim membership in Troop 16 since 1946.

Thorough the years the troop has been fortunate to have good leadership from both Scoutmasters such as Arnold Johnson, James Dixon, Stuart Boyd, Conroy Taylor (who has been involved in the troop for seventy years), Joe Assunto and Committee Chairmen Seth Taylor, Carleton Byers, Robert Heller, and Conroy Taylor. All of these men were from the Congregational Church which continues to provide support for the troop. In return, the troop has donated funds and services to the church.



Troop 16 of what was then the Boy Scouts of America was sponsored for decades by First Congregational Church, and well known in public events such as the city's Memorial Day Parade. Right -- The shoulder patch shows a 1960s membership. Below is longtime BSA leader Conroy Taylor, shown as the grand marshal in the 2007 parade. A crack photographer who graced the pages of many publications, including this one, Taylor was known for his work with civic organizations.



## Probus sponsors shoe drive

The Greater New Haven Probus Club is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser through March 11. The shoes will be donated to community members in need. Anyone can take part by donating gently worn, used or new shoes and sending them to: [gnhavenprobus@gmail.com](mailto:gnhavenprobus@gmail.com).



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## Westie squads inch toward tourney berths



Photos by Todd Dandelske

Above -- Daniel Goldsmith grapples with a New Haven wrestler in the Westies' 66-24 victory. Right --K'naan Morris takes a jump shot in the Westies' 72-54 win over Career. Austin Carr swims the butterfly leg of the 200 IM versus Milford. Several West Haven teams are vying for playoff berths, as they get past the midpoint of the winter season.



The West Haven hockey team got back on the winning track and improved to 3-3-1 with a 5-2 road victory over Westhill/Stamford.

Junior Sean Bush led the way with a pair of goals, Josh Rodrigue had a goal and an assist, and Thomas Porto finished with two assists.

West Haven took a 1-0 lead less than four minutes into the game when Bush scored off an assist from Rodrigue. The Westies increased the lead to 2-0 with 7:09 remaining in the opening period when Leo Mazuroski scored off an assist from Porto.

Leading 2-1, West Haven scored twice in a span of 2:11 for a 4-1 second period lead. Cam Lipford scored an unassisted goal for a 3-1 advantage 2:11 into the second, and Bush followed with an unassisted goal 4:22 into the middle period.

West Haven scored the lone goal of the third period as Rodrigue scored off an assist from Porto with 3:16 to go.

Leading by a pair of goals early, West Haven watched as East Haven scored nine of the game's last ten goals, including the final six in a 9-3 Southern Connecticut Conference victory at Patsy DiLungo Rink in East Haven.

After spotting the Westies a 2-0 lead 5 minutes, 29 seconds into the contest, East Haven flipped the script. The Yellow Jackets scored three straight goals for a 3-2 lead, then added two in the second and four more in the third.

Senior Tanner Walsh was one of 11 East Haven players recording points as he finished with a pair of goals and an assist. Walsh had one of the biggest goals of the contest when he scored just 21 seconds after a Ryan Bunnell tally for a 3-2 East Haven lead with 4:42 remaining in the opening period.

West Haven inched closer to a postseason bid with a hard-fought 3-3 tie against Guilford. With the tie, West Haven moved to 3-4-2 on the year.

Despite outshooting Guilford, 34-28, West Haven was unable to pick up the victory. The Westies needed a goal by Brady Price with 3:42 gone by in the third to even the game at three.

Trailing 1-0, West Haven evened the game at one with 5:22 left in the first period when Porto fired in a shot from the left wing. Price gave West Haven a 2-1 lead by putting in a loose puck off a Porto shot 3:46 into the second, before Guilford used a pair of power play goals in the second to take a 3-2 lead.

Rasile made 25 saves in the tie for West Haven.

In a storied rivalry between Hamden and West Haven, there have been many classic contests. The latest version between the two teams proved to be all Hamden.

Behind 15 saves from Gavin Pepe, two assists from Edin Memisevich, and a lock-down defensive effort, Hamden blanked West Haven, 3-0 in a Southern Connecticut Conference contest at the Edward L. Bennett Rink.

The Green Dragons scored a goal in each period and limited the West Haven scoring opportunities. When the Westies did have their opportunities, Pepe had a clear vision of the stops and came up big throughout the game.

It was a lock-down effort by the Green Dragons, and Pepe made his biggest save of the game with 7:10 remaining in the contest when he denied Porto on a breakaway with a pad save.

Pepe only had to make four saves in the final period, but came up big in the middle period when he denied Justin Bruno in front with a pad save with 6:03 to go, stuffed Brady Price in front with another pad save in front less than a minute later, than denied a Porto deflection with 4:29 to go.

West Haven never got the spark it was looking for, and that was mainly due to Hamden winning the battles. Any time West Haven looked to create, a loose puck was picked up by the Green Dragons or a shot attempt was blocked.

Rasile finished with 19 saves in the loss for West Haven.

The West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy girls hockey team fell to 3-3 with a 6-3 loss at Amity/North Haven/Cheshire. Evelyn Twarowski made 16 saves in the loss for the Westie Sharks

WHSHA was in a battle from the start, trailing 3-1 after one period and 5-2 after two periods.

Down 2-1 in the first, the Westies Sharks cut the deficit in half when Olivia Twarowski scored off an assist from Alina Lipinsky. West Haven / Sacred Heart Academy got within 3-2 early in the second when Alessandra Picard scored off an assist from

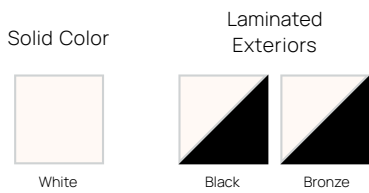
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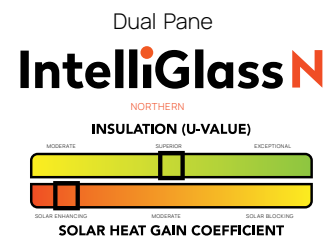
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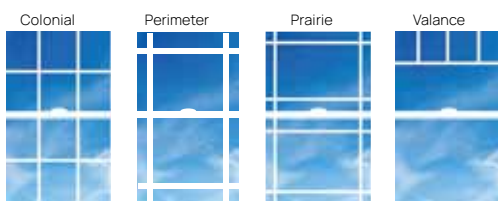
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**Westie action!**

Clockwise from top right -- Justin Bruno puts a body on an East Haven player. West Haven scored the first two goals but absorbed a 9-3 defeat at the hands of the Yellow Jackets. Alesandra Picard pokes the puck over the goal line in the Westie Sharks 8-2 win over Greenwich. Noelle Lawrence takes a jumper versus North Haven Aniah Glover dribbles up court in the Westies' game against the Nighthawks.

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# Westies: Devils rebound after hoops loss

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Heather Fonda just 1:03 in.

Olivia Twarowski scored an unassisted goal in the third period to close the scoring in the loss.

WHSHA improved to 4-3 with a 3-0 road victory over Simsbury. Evelyn Twarowski picked up the shutout with 25 saves, including 10 in the final period.

The Westie Sharks scored twice in the first period and iced the game with a third period goal to get back on the winning track.

Ella Williams got the Westie Sharks going just 2:02 into the contest off an assist from Cara Milrad.

The one-goal lead held until 3:41 remained in the opening period when Picard scored off an assist from Paige Welch.

Evelyn Twarowski made the lead stand up with seven saves in the first period and eight more in the second.

Milrad iced the game for the Westie Sharks with 2:19 remaining off an assist from Olivia Twarowski.

The Westie Sharks won their second straight contest and improved to 5-3 with an 8-2 victory over Greenwich.

Hailey Azzarone led the Westie Sharks with three goals and one assist, Picard finished with two goals and two assists, and Heather Fonda and Olivia Twarowski each had a goal and an assist. Megan Losito made 16 saves in the win.

The two-game winning streak came to an end as they were defeated 5-0 on the road by New Canaan.

The Rams scored three times in the first and twice in the second to put the game out of reach for the Westie Sharks.

Evelyn Twarowski made 20 saves in the loss.

They improved to 6-4 with a 5-2 home victory over Guilford. Evelyn Twarowski made 17 saves in the victory.

The Westie Sharks put on an offensive display with 54 shots in the contest, including 24 in the opening period. Taryn Lattanzi scored twice, and Azzarone and Williams each had a goal and two assists.

With the game even at two in the third, the Westie Sharks pulled away. Milrad scored off assists from Williams and Picard, Lattanzi scored off assists from Azzarone and Williams, and Lattanzi scored an unassisted goal in the final minute.

The girls basketball team inched closer to a state tournament bid with a 45-41 road victory over Foran. The win pushed the Westies to 6-3 on the season, needing just a pair of wins to qualify.

Noelle Lawrence again led the way for the Westies on both sides of the ball as she finished with 24 points and also added 10 rebounds. D'Lyana Dixon popped in 10 points in the win for West Haven.

West Haven improved to 7-3 with a 60-40 road victory over Career. With the win, the Westies need just one more victory to qualify for postseason play.

Lawrence drained seven 3-pointers and finished with 27 points, while Dixon had 15 points in the win.

The bid to the postseason had to wait as the Devils fell at home to North Haven, 66-49, dropping to 7-4 on the year.

Lawrence led the Westies with 23 points, while Ella Morgan added 11 points in the loss.

North Haven took command of this contest in the opening quarter with a 30-11 start.

While the Westies settled down the rest of the way, outscoring the Night-hawks 38-36, the damage was already done.

Lawrence had six of West Haven's 11 first quarter points, then led a 19-15 second quarter advantage with nine points. Morgan was five-of-six from the free throw line in the third quarter and added a pair of baskets in the fourth.

Lawrence and Morgan combined for 17 of West Haven's 19 second half points.

West Haven fell to 7-5 with a 39-34 home loss to fifth-ranked Sheehan. Lawrence led the Westies with 12 points, five steals, and seven rebounds. Dixon added nine points and 10 rebounds in the loss.

The boys basketball team suffered its first loss of the season with a 64-48 road defeat at the hands of Hillhouse in New Haven. After opening the season with six straight victories, West Haven fell to 6-1.

West Haven led by five points after one quarter but trailed 26-24 at the half. Down 39-37 after three quarters, West Haven looked for a spark in the fourth quarter, but Hillhouse won the small battles and closed the game on a 25-11 run to pull away from what was a tight contest.

Aaron Johnson led West Haven with 13 points, Loshon Roman scored eight, and Brian Tillman and Ja' Kha Little each scored six. West Haven struggled at the free throw line, draining just 13-of-21 attempts in the loss.

The Westies rebounded with a 72-54

home win over Career.

The Westies had eight players in the scoring column and were led by Roman with 21 points. Kannan Morris and Johnson each added 15 points in the win.

West Haven held a two-point lead after one quarter, but the game was even at 29 at the half. The Westies took over in the third quarter with a 21-8 run in the third quarter and a 43-25 second half advantage.

Johnson led the third quarter run with seven points, while Roman and Morris each scored six in the third quarter. Roman led the Westies with nine fourth quarter points.

An uncharacteristically off night shooting had the Westies fall to Guilford, 59-49, going 7-2 on the season.

West Haven was outscored 18-8 in the opening quarter, but the Westies only trailed just 31-29 at the half. Guilford took control of the game in the second half with a 28-20 run, which was aided by West Haven's struggles from the free throw line.

West Haven was just 7-of-17 from the free throw line in the contest, and 1-of-6 in the third quarter. Guilford, on the other hand, was 16-for-20 in the game.

Johnson led the Westies with 18 points, including 11 in the second quarter, while Tillman and Morris each had 10 points in the contest. Morris scored eight of his points in the second quarter.

The West Haven boys swim team fell to Haddam-Killingworth/Valley co-op, 88-77. Austin Carr won the 200 freestyle in 1 minute, 58.99 seconds and Nathan Charron won the 100 backstroke in 1:02.04. The 400 freestyle relay team was also victorious in 4:25.23.



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Right -- Bank Tighe runs the anchor leg of the medley relay at the SCC Developmental meet at the Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven. Above -- Cadence Powell goes through her routine during the shotput competition.



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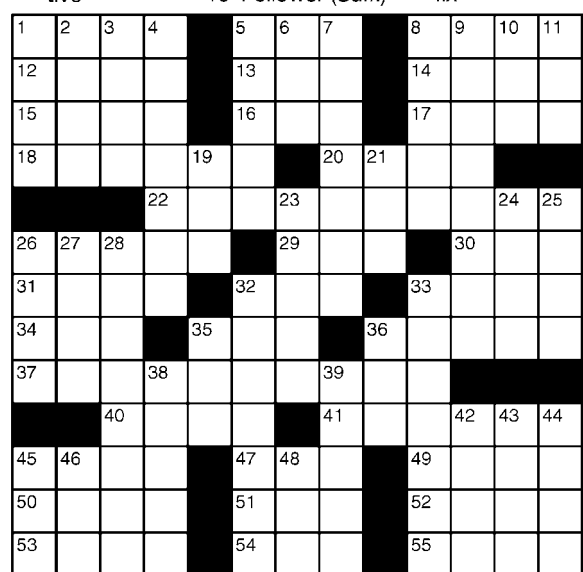
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| 1 Pickle holders     | 35 Notable time  | 11 Service charge         |
| 5 Klutz              | 37 Trig terms    | 19 Squealer               |
| 8 Pre-weekend yell   | 40 Puerto —      | 21 Soup cooker            |
| 12 Layered cookie    | 41 Small apes    | 23 Skewered entree        |
| 13 School org.       | 45 Help a hood   | 24 Assess                 |
| 14 Nozzle site       | 47 Fanatic       | 25 Smooch                 |
| 15 Complaint         | 49 Aswan's river | 26 Chicago paper, briefly |
| 16 Mahal predecessor | 50 Roster        | 27 Actress Farmiga        |
| 17 Memory method     | 51 Compass dir.  | 28 "American Idol" host   |
|                      | 52 Radiate       | Ryan                      |
|                      | 53 — -bitty      | 32 Sang softly            |
|                      | 54 Carried out   | 33 Minnesota footballers  |
|                      | 55 Lushes        | 35 Catchall abbr.         |

**DOWN**

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|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 18 Jungle trek            | 1 Want-ad listings  | 35 Catchall abbr.   |
| 20 Apple product          | 2 Region            | 36 Learning ctr.    |
| 22 "Lunch break is over!" | 3 Coral formation   | 38 Poker pot        |
| 26 Sports bar fixture     | 4 Sleeper           | 39 Played a part    |
| 29 "Mangia!"              | 5 Eye-related       | 42 Actor O'Shea     |
| 30 Avril follower         | 6 One-time link     | 43 Conspiracy       |
| 31 Marsh plant            | 7 Tex-Mex wraps     | 44 Stitches         |
| 32 "Blue Bloods" ailer    | 8 Toss              | 45 Boxing legend    |
| 33 Nov. honorees          | 9 Favorable sign    | 46 Morsel           |
| 34 401(k) alternative     | 10 Follower (Suff.) | 48 Numerical prefix |



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### Answers to this week's puzzles

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Answers

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### Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez



- TELEVISION: Who created the retro TV series "Stranger Things"?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is the home of Yellowstone National Park?
- ASTRONOMY: Which is the only planet in our solar system to rotate on its side?
- MOVIES: What is the given name of the large bird in the animated movie "Up"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which three zodiac signs are considered earth signs?
- LITERATURE: What is the name of Hagrid's half-brother in the "Harry Potter" book series?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital city of Australia?
- FOOD & DRINK: What type of nut is used in the chocolate spread Nutella?
- SPORTS: What kind of sports match is divided into 7-minute periods called chukkas?
- ADVERTISEMENTS: What type of horses often are used in Budweiser beer ads?

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Rotary Club of West Haven Submitted Photos

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The Rotary Club of West Haven sent students from West Haven High School and Notre Dame High School on a tour of the United Nations in New York City in early December. The tour, part of Rotary's Opus for Peace, gave the students the opportunity to learn about the UN's mission to maintain international peace and security, promote human rights, and promote the well-being of people around the world. Rotary International was influential in the founding of the UN after World War II. Rotary International has a seat in the General Assembly and holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies. The Rotary Representative Network maintains and furthers its relationship with several UN bodies, programs, commissions, and agencies. This network consists of Rotary International representatives to the United Nations and other organizations.



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