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5,000 early ballots cast in city


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As midterm Election Day looms, around 5,000 people have already voted early in New Haven — a figure more than three times higher than that of last year's municipal election.

Early voting began on Oct. 19 and closed Sunday evening after 14 days. According to Kevin Arnold, the city's top elections moderator, 4,701 people voted early across the city's two polling locations, and 298 more people voted through same-day registration during that window.

In a Sunday interview, Arnold called the early turnout "tremendous."

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Federal monitors sent to polls

BY NELLIE KENNEY
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The Department of Justice plans to send monitors to New Haven elections on Tuesday, a move that has sparked concerns among local leaders.

Justice Department Attorney James Tucker notified the city clerk of the plans in an Oct. 21 email that the city clerk's office shared with the News. On Thursday, New Haven Democratic Registrar of Voters Shannel Evans and Republican Registrar of Voters Lisa Milone wrote in a joint letter to Tucker that election monitors would not be allowed inside New Haven polling places.

In that letter, Evans and Milone described a "current climate in our nation

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Practices unsafe at golf course, staff say

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More than a year after a worker was fatally electrocuted at the Yale Golf Course, Yale employees said subcontractors working at the course still lack adequate safety training while working long hours. Employees said they believe the worker's death was preventable.

In 2023, following years of deteriorating conditions, Yale began a restoration of the Yale Golf Course at an estimated cost of $25 million. In the time since, and before subcontractor Luis Alberto Morocho Marcatoma was killed on the golf course's exit road last August, a raft of unusual workplace practices created a hazardous work environment, according to a union steward and three current and former Yale Golf Course workers. They said subcontractors like Marcatoma, who were hired by landscaping company Eastern Land Management — or ELM — were not given basic protection and worked unusual hours.

"This situation they got with ELM is just unheard of. I don't know how it happened and I don't know how that's even allowed," a former employee at the Yale Golf Course, who retired in April and requested anonymity for fear of retaliation, said in a phone interview.

The retiree and one current employee, both of whom spent over a decade working at Yale, said that workplace issues at the golf course were unlike anything they had experienced previously.

Six Yale employees are responsible for maintaining the Yale Golf Course, according to the workers. Yale spokesperson Tina Posterli wrote in a statement to the News that ELM provides an additional two foremen and 14 landscape gardeners through its current contract.

"It was stuff that I've never seen in my life, the way it was being operated out there," Leonard Malonis, a master gardener at the School of Medicine and a Local 35 steward, said in a phone interview last month. Local 35 is the union that represents Yale's service and maintenance staff. The employees interviewed by the News contacted Malonis as their representative when issues arose, he said.

Malonis and a golf course employee said a language barrier between Yale employees and the primarily Spanish-speaking subcontractors impedes communication.

The employees said that several of these issues, including the subcontractors' lack of adequate training and unusual hours, may have been factors in Marcatoma's death.

Marcatoma's family has filed a lawsuit against Yale, alleging that it failed to maintain a tree along the golf course's exit road that took down the power line, resulting in Marcatoma's electrocution. Yale has filed an apportionment complaint against ELM, alleging that if any negligence harmed Marcatoma, such negligence was "wholly caused" by ELM's actions.

"The safety of everyone who works on Yale's grounds is a priority. We take concerns raised by employees seriously and remain committed to addressing them through the

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Rally protests sexual assaults on campus

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Around 150 students gathered on Cross Campus as part of the nationwide Take Back the Night rally on Sunday night and to take a stance against sexual violence.

At the event, attendees called for students and administrators to challenge what organizers described as a nationwide culture of sexual violence on college campuses, including Yale. The protest arrives in the aftermath of a September lawsuit filed by a former Cornell student, referred to as Jane Doe, over an alleged gang rape and drugging in 2024.

At the Sunday rally, students gathered on Cross Campus, marched around Old Campus and ended the rally at the Wom-

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WILLIAM NORDHAUS, 1941-2026

Nobel laureate tied climate to economy

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William Nordhaus '63, a Yale economics professor and Nobel laureate known for his work on climate change's monetary impacts, died on Friday. He was 85.

Nordhaus, who taught at Yale for over 50 years, won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2018 for his pioneering research on the effects of climate change on the economy and his proposal for a tax on carbon emissions. At Yale, Nordhaus taught a range of courses — including intermediate macroeconomics — and served as the University's provost, vice president for finance and administration and faculty senate chair. He died of brain cancer, according to a Saturday Yale News press release.

"He had a great imagination and a sense of what was important, and an incredible intellectual rigor with which he pursued these problems," Richard Levin, a longtime economics professor and former Yale president, said in a Sunday phone interview.


Courtesy of Yale News

"Just an admirable economist in every way."

As an undergraduate, Nordhaus was in Calhoun College — now Grace Hopper — and graduated from Yale in 1963 with a degree in economics. Four years later, after completing a doctoral degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Nordhaus joined Yale's faculty as an assistant economics professor. As a graduate student in 1971, Levin took Nordhaus' course on public finance.

"The two things I know best about him are his love of Yale and his love of economics," John Geanakoplos '75, a colleague in the economics department, said in a Sunday phone inter-

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Bulldogs snap Big Red streak

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The Yale men's soccer team (4–6–4, 2–1–3 Ivy) secured a 1-1 draw against No. 18 Cornell (10–3–1, 5–0–1 Ivy) on Saturday, snapping the Ivy League regular season champion's perfect 5-0 record in conference play.

Yale entered Saturday's matchup, its Senior Day game, on the heels of two straight Ivy League victories over Harvard (4–7–3, 2–3–1 Ivy) and Columbia (5–4–5, 0–3–3 Ivy) and sought to send the seniors out on a high note in their final home game at Reese Stadium. With the draw, the Bulldogs sent the Big Red, which were ranked No. 11 before the game, on a long five-hour drive back to Ithaca with their first tie of the season.

"I thought we executed our defensive gameplan about as good as it could be done and I'm really proud of our performance," head coach Kylie Stannard wrote in an email to

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Alyssa Chang / Staff Photographer

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