

Photo by Russ McCreven

### *'I think mine is closer!*

The weather finally broke this week, with May-like temperatures finally coming to the area. One of the things pedestrians and bikers saw when they were out basking in the sunshine was the city ritual of bocce. The lawn bowl-

ing game is a popular one in these parts, and each day and well into the evening you can see many residents taking part in a friendly game. It looks like green won this round!

## Mercuriano fears state's TOD plan

The State of Connecticut's goal to utilize train stations for "Transit-Oriented Development" has the person most credited with getting a train station in the city worried his community will miss an opportunity.

Michael Mercuriano, who headed a successful petition drive almost two decades ago to get the train station in the city is worried the state Dept. of Transportation is going to force the city into low-cost housing on or near the site, thus depriving West Haven of the economic development promised when the station was envisaged.

Mercuriano has been following the back-and-forth on the issue in Hartford, and takes his cue from a failed attempt by the DOT to claim super-jurisdiction over municipal Planning and Zoning Committees, which failed two years ago, and plans to put large-scale housing in around station property. He believes this is one of the reasons the hoped-for development of the area

around the station on Railroad Avenue has been stunted. City officials, meanwhile say Mercuriano is misled and doesn't have all the information, or continues to believe otherwise after he was given assurances.

"It has been nearly two decades since a petition was presented to the citizens of West Haven, urging them how beneficial a train station in our city could be," Mercuriano said in a statement. "The purpose of this venture was to stimulate economic development in the surrounding areas of the proposed site, while simultaneously making West Haven a better place to live for our citizens and future prospects. More than 7600 signatures later, along with the hard work of several individuals including myself, The West Haven Train Station was brought to fruition."

Mercuriano has worried the lack of development around the station site, including along Wagner Place and the former Ezra Stiles School is part of a

state-run plan.

"The station has now been up and running for 3½ years and several citizens feel that it is being underutilized and not creating any of the economic development we envisioned when we began this journey. In fact, the only thing that has been presented for the surrounding area (and to much objection I might add) is a housing plan, and as we all know housing is not the way to go. Take the Hilton Drive disaster for instance. It was no benefit to the city nor the taxpayers. Apartments need more city services which result in higher taxes. We are already highly populated per our land use and our taxes are one of the highest, if not the highest in the state," he stated.

He said the country is on the verge of a new tech boom and West Haven has the space and resources to be part of that boom. Putting housing on the train station site would harm the city in the long run, he believes.

"As we all know, our country is on the verge of a new Industrial Revolution and several industries will be heading back to our shores, with more to follow. Opportunity is knocking on our front door. (I will be more specific in the next few weeks) Let's not make the same mistakes we have made in the past. Industry is the way to go. The main problem in this state is transportation, and thanks to our efforts as a community, we have that right in our backyard."

Mayor Edward M. O'Brien, meanwhile, believes Mercuriano misunderstands the administration's policies as well as the state's plan for the TODs.

"After reading Mr. Mercuriano's statement dated Feb. 13, 2017, it is very clear that he has not been paying attention to what is happening in a number of successful communities around the country or even right here in West Haven. I know Mr. Mercuriano ultimate-

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### Attention Art Instructors!

The West Haven Voice is in need of late summer and fall weather pictures. Instructors can drop off or email color and black-and-white pictures to: info@whvoice.com.

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Cub Scout Brandon Buccheri of Pack 288 and Boy Scout Alex Potter of Troop 802 join together to fold Old Glory at the beginning of Pack 288's recent Blue and Gold Dinner. Pack 288 is led by Cubmaster Meg Barnes, and sponsored by Our Lady of Victory Church; Troop 802 is led by Scoutmaster Steve Shine and sponsored by First Congregational Church on the Green. Both hold regular meetings, and visitors are welcome.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Finance Committee, of the West Haven City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:50 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, on an Ordinance adopting the 2017-2021 Capital Plan.

Stacie C. Hurley  
 Clerk of the Council

City of West Haven 5 Year Capital Plan

DEPARTMENTS	Mayor Recommended 5 Year Capital Plan Adjusted for WHHS				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Public Works Projects</b>					
Highway & Parks Trucks	695,000	650,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Beach St. Reconstruction Phase I & II	50,000				
Cove River Flood Mitigation	50,000				
Sandford St. Drainage	1,250,000	50,000			
Street Paving	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
Veteran's Field Turf Replacement	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Sidewalk 17 Replacement-LOCIP	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Storm Sewers Decree- MS4	250,000	150,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Storm Sewers-LOCIP	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Special Equip.	580,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
<b>Sub-total Public Works</b>	<b>4,225,000</b>	<b>2,350,000</b>	<b>2,100,000</b>	<b>2,100,000</b>	<b>2,100,000</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>					
Body Ware Camera Program	230,000	156,000	156,000	156,000	156,000
<b>Water Pollution</b>					
Orange Ave Sanitary Sewer	900,000				
Upgrade of Air Pollution Control	3,500,000				
Consent Decree Order-EPA	725,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000
Sewer Pump Station Upgrades	4,079,000	412,000	6,316,000	8,423,500	12,099,000
<b>Sub-total WPC</b>	<b>9,204,000</b>	<b>1,587,000</b>	<b>7,491,000</b>	<b>9,598,500</b>	<b>13,274,000</b>
<b>Recreation Dept.</b>					
Basketball/Tennis Court Repairs	50,000	50,000	50,000	-	-
<b>Board of Education Projects</b>					
WHHS- Renovate as New	20,877,234	38,176,187	32,255,520	26,566,157	7,425,867
District Security Upgrades	200,000	50,000	50,000	-	-
District Boilers/HVAC	250,000	250,000	200,000	100,000	85,000
District Roof Replacement	1,000,000	750,000	750,000	500,000	485,000
Restoration Upgrades at Carrigan	2,400,000	1,500,000	600,000	500,000	235,000
District Wide Paving	300,000	200,000	200,000	100,000	100,000
District Wide Code Compliance & ADA	200,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
District Wide Code Asbestos Abatement	250,000	250,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
District Wide Electrical Upgrades	200,000	160,000	160,000	140,000	80,000
District Wide Elevator Repair	100,000	100,000	100,000	50,000	50,000
District Wide Equipment	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Restoration Ice Rink	500,000	500,000	300,000	50,000	-
District Wide Indoor Air Quality	250,000	100,000	100,000	50,000	50,000
Construct facilities garage	250,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub-total Board of Education</b>	<b>26,877,234</b>	<b>42,236,187</b>	<b>35,115,520</b>	<b>28,456,157</b>	<b>8,810,867</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>40,586,234</b>	<b>46,379,187</b>	<b>44,912,520</b>	<b>40,310,657</b>	<b>24,340,867</b>

**TOD Plan: O'Brien dismisses fears**

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ly wants what is best for West Haven, but it is important to set the record straight when it comes to the future of our city," O'Brien said in a written response.

O'Brien said his plan has been reviewed by his peers from all over the nation, and has been acclaimed as a good one.

"Instead of watching this city going around in circles for another 20, I have sought out advice from industry experts and individuals who have turned around stagnant cities. I was invited to present to the Mayor's Institute on City Design this past year and give an overview of our city to the leading city architects and planners in the nation. In addition to receiving their advice for our plans going forward, I was happy to hear that all of them believe West Haven is on the right track and that is something all West Haven residents should be proud of," he responded.

He continued on the tack that the city is going forward and that any criticism concerning the possibility of housing development may be unfounded.

"In regards to the train station area specifically, West Haven has worked with a consultant and sought advice from a variety of experts and other successful communities and they have all told us the same thing: we need to provide a residential component to projects around the train station if we are going to attract real corporate development. Businesses want to move to areas with a market ready to patronize them, and this is what transit-oriented development and mixed-use projects guarantee. These projects attract commuters that want to live in a vibrant, walkable community with easy access to mass transit. West Haven is ripe for this type of development and constant negativity in the press regarding any projects that include a residential component does nothing but make this process more difficult," he stated.

He said no one is going to allow an overrun of housing in any plan to moves forward.

"There are no city officials, including myself, that want to see the TOD area flooded with housing and nothing else. But the reality is mixed-use development is currently the successful model around the nation and what the majority of developers are looking for in these areas," he stated.

O'Brien said finally he has discussed the matter with Mercuriano and tried to assure him of the administration's intention and the unfounded nature of his fears.

The mayor, meanwhile is hoping this latest assurance that housing is not going to dominate the TOD area once its implemented will have the effect of scotching anymore rumors concerning the plan.

**Registration open for Park-Rec camps**

Registration opened March 21 for residents and nonresidents for the Department of Parks and Recreation's Tiny Tots Camp (ages 3-4), Junior Day Camp (ages 5-6) and Painter Park Day Camp (ages 6-12). Director Bill Slater said the department is offering four two-week sessions this summer, starting June 19.

For locations, dates and fees, go to [www.whparkrec.com](http://www.whparkrec.com) or call (203) 937-3651 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

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# Dear Felicia

Can yew imagine, sweetie pie, after eight days of below-average weather, and four or five days of rain where we got it measured in inches, one o' the local yokels on the boob tube was still talking about "drought." I don't know effen he's been near the Maltby Lakes or even Lake Whitney, but there ain't much more room to have water spill into these places. And with thawing happening up nawth, how can anyone say we're in drought conditions. Sometimes I think the only way these guys and gals git any fun is by scaring the wits outta the public.

Here in God's Li'l Acre, also known as the Asylum by the Sea, we're living up to our name as always. The fall election is still months away, with the various town committees not having to make a decision until July, but things seem to be getting into full swing.

Already we've had inquiries as to advertising, and as yew

can tell by the stories we've been runnin' over the past few weeks, the fencing match betwixt Demmy Edward M. O'Brien and other Demmie Nancy Rossi has been a parry and thrust affair, with Rossi trying to strike a blow, whilst hizzoner is fighting back.

As yew probably saw last week, Rossi sent a letter to the Municipal Finance Assistance Committee – MFAC for short – wherein she wants the city to sign off on a missive where it sez the budget is, in fact, balanced, and that a look-see be given to make sure it is.

This, methinks, is gonna be a big isshew come the fall. Y'see sweets, hizzoner ran on the same isshew when he was lookin' to unseat John Picard. That's where the whole five percent across the board spending cut came about, effen my mem'ry serves.

Well, yew can't but wonder what's gonna happen since with the last audit report – still to be published by the audit-

ing company which is reviewing its findings – the city has gone the last three budgets without balancing the books. To say we are awash in red ink might be calling it a bit too shrill, but some things are now making sense.

Remember when I gave you one or two incidents where the city tried to use credit cards or debit cards and were rejected, or that local businesses doing business were still waiting to git paid. It now makes sense.

What I don't know is how this is gonna affeck our ability to bond as hizzoner wishes to do. He wants to pay off the debt, but as Rossi sez, how can we be sure that this budget will be yet another document of missed guesses. Effen we pay off the \$16-plus million we owe now only to got \$1.5 million in debt, what have we accomplished.

Stay tuned, it'll be interesting to see whot happens.

*Speaking of budgets, the fire districts were to have their meetings last week and I guess they did set their budgets. Things didn't go as badly as some predicted, though don't ask the people in Allingtown about that. It's gonna have the highest fire tax rate in the city. That is gonna give fodder to the people who still wanna keep separate fire districts as we've had here since high-button shoes were the rage.*

*Of course, with the taxes in the other districks being perty much*

*what they've been, the hullaballoo we saw a decade or so ago has been quieted down. Still, knowing how fire districts go, there should be a kerfuffle sooner rather than later.*

*Iva Lootey appeared at both the fire districk meetings and tells me, compared to what they were a while back, the entire proceedings were dull.*

*Still, we ain't seen a brush fire in the districks for a while. It could come any time now.*

Continuing on budgets, Sammy Bluejay sez there is some talk about the berg concerning making a charter revision about budgets. As yew probably read here and elsewhere, the budget was passed not by a majority vote, but by default cuz the City Council couldn't agree on various things. The fail-safe in the charter is effen the council don't pass an ordinance on the first Thursday of May, the mayor's proposal goes in by default. For the second time in three cycles, that's what happened.

Sooooo, there is some talk here and there that maybe the supermajority that the council has to face each time it tries to tweak a budget should be amended. Some are talking a simple majority, some are talking a majority-plus-one.

Right now, nine votes of the 13 are needed to make adjustments or changes. Making it a majority or a majority-plus-one would lower the thresh-

old and allow for changes that might've made it in other years. Cobina can remember when eight votes could be got, but not that elusive nine.

It's an interesting issue, and one that should be discussed in the city. That little matter has cost the city dearly over the last several years, and could've avoided the crash of '91 effen it was a lower vote. We shall see if this "gets legs" as the politicos like to say.

*I didn't mention it last week, but Nelly Nuthatch was here t'other afternoon and wondered effen I'd let yew know about it. "It" is the idea to raise the level of Beach Street from its current layout to 2 to 5 feet higher from Washington Avenue all the way to Second Avenue. It ain't an idea that's gained much traction in the past, but maybe it'll gain it now.*

*Beach Street is prone to flood at least in parts when we get severe storms, and yew remember what happened when part of the roadway was pert near washed out four or five years ago, not to mention the exposed sewer and drain pipes. Well, the idea is to lift up the roadway so that it'll be less likely to flood over, while getting rid of the ups and downs the street seems to have in certain parts.*

*It'll be interesting to see effen this goes any farther than the talking stages.*

The wag was in t'other afternoon, and sez that now the weather is getting warmer – I guess he hasn't noticed the cold – the talk about blighted buildings and noise is on the increase. He's right effen letters to the papyrus and Gripe Vine are any indication, it seems that people are worrying about buildings on their streets that ain't kep' as nicely as theirs, and they are worried about the invasion of motorcycles that seems to happen each summer. The only thing we can hope for on both is that the authorities who're supposed to be in charge of those isshews take them seriously and work to make them less a problem. Even though people don't like to hear it, the WHPD does ticket choppers that have big noise, Cobina has seen 'em in action. Meanwhile, the city officials in charge are doing what they can, but with absentee ownership in this berg, it ain't as easy as it might look.

*Cobina was also alerted to the fact that the Bored of Ed is looking to fill a vacancy for a principal's job. Word is that there is some consternation on the panel cuz there are a few members who don't think it's an open process.*

*I'll close mitt luff und kizzez,*  
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### Youth Leaders

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Planning and Zoning Commissioner Steven Mullins presented the Commissioner Mullins Youth Leadership Award to freshmen Brendan Carew and Niki Patel. Both students received a certificate, Barnes and Noble gift Card, and a copy of book, The Constitution of the United States of America, with the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation. Niki is on the Class of 2020 Council and a leader of the Freshman Honors Study Group. Brendan is also a leader of the Freshman Honors Study Group, a volunteer youth soccer coach, a member of the swim team, and a member of the Jazz, Marching and Concert Bands.



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# MSM's Comey coverage a lesson in phony outrage

The faux outrage that is permeating the main stream media over the firing of James Comey as Director of the FBI, should serve as an abject lesson in fake news for the Fourth Estate. Unfortunately, the breathless coverage and over-the-top analysis will continue because the MSM is, in fact, acting as a branch of the opposition party.

As Peggy Noonan of the *Wall Street Journal* has pointed out, the only places it seems to be big issue is in the Beltway-East Coast-West Coast triangle that believes it speaks for the country. Several polls taken since the controversy broke have indicated what Noonan indicated -- that much of America isn't as apoplectic over the firing as those who cover the news. In fact, Americans see few problems in the firing, and know that the same people raging now, were calling for his ouster days before.

As we enter the second week of coverage, the adjectives used to describe the incident have been a lesson in hyperbole. William Randolph Hearst, who knew a thing or two about fake news, would be proud. On CNN we had Jeffrey Toobin, the resident legal expert, call the firing a "Constitutional crisis," and "something that happens in dictatorships."

However, if Toobin and his colleagues had looked at their own coverage just days or weeks before, they would read or see that they themselves had said that firing Comey would not only not provoke a Constitutional crisis, it would be well within the purview of the President. In fact, the Justice Dept. under which the FBI is located, is part of the Executive Branch. So much for usurping the Constitution.

But the egregious coverage was also pock-marked with blazing headlines about Assistant Attorney General Rod Rosenstein threatening to quit after his memo to President Trump was made public and he was "thrown under the bus." We found out that was a lie. Then there was the story that Trump asked for unquestioned loyalty, which turned out to be untrue. Then there was the coverage that said the entire issue was concocted to end the investigation into Russia's influence in the November election.

It didn't take much to show that investigations in the FBI or elsewhere are not predicated on, nor do they take their day-to-day direction from the head of any given agency. The investigation will continue apace.

What wasn't covered by the MSM was the fact that Senators Grassley and Feinstein, one the Republican Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and the other the Democratic Ranking Member on the same committee, confirmed they were in the meeting wherein Comey indicated the investigation is not looking into President Trump. That seemed to get under the radar, though it was said in open session.

And this all centers on the Trump-Russian connection that the MSM and Democrats have been trying to find for months. Did Russia try to influence the election? Sure. Has the United States tried to interfere with Russian elections? Yes. That is the reason Vladimir Putin hated Hillary Clinton. Does that interference rise to affecting vote counts in the various states? No. Russia would have had to hack into every state's election data bank, and no evidence of that exists so far.

The issue boils down to the inability of the Democratic Party and its allies in the press to come to terms with November's election results. While there have been no crimes committed in the election by Trump or his staff as posited by Democrats, we do know of several crimes committed Clinton and her staff.

She did violate federal law with an illegal home-brewed server. She did use unsecured devices while doing business as Secretary of State, she did print out and receive classified information as did her staff.

We do know of those crimes, among others. But, the MSM and Democrats are more interested in trying to delegitimize the Trump administration. What they are finding out is the public, thus far, is not interested in, nor concerned with, the Comey firing any more than it was with the other controversies.

What we have seen, however, is that the opposition that was supposed to be in power, is so unused to losing and so enraged by its rejection, that it is willing to sacrifice the republic and its institutions in order to get its way.

So far, the public is tuning it all out.



# Lies told about GOP plan

By Rich Lowry  
*Syndicated Columnist*

If you've only followed coverage of the Republican health care bill loosely in the media, you might believe that House Republicans, after much effort, passed legislation to deny people with pre-existing conditions health insurance.

The issue of pre-existing conditions has dominated the debate over the GOP health care bill out of all proportion to the relatively modest provision in the legislation, which is being distorted -- often willfully, sometimes ignorantly -- into a threat to all that is good and true in America.

The perversity of it all is that the legislation is properly understood as doing more to preserve the Obamacare regulation on pre-existing conditions than to undermine it. The legislation maintains a federal baseline of protection in such cases, and says only that states can apply for a waiver from it, provided that they abide by certain conditions meant to ensure that no one is left out in the cold.

Since these provisions only involve the individual insurance market, a small slice of the overall insurance picture (about 18 million are on the individual market), and merely make possible state waivers, they are inherently limited.

You're not affected if you get insurance through your employer (155 million people), or through Medicaid or Medicare. You're not affected if you live in a state that doesn't request the waiver (many won't). Even if you buy insurance on the individual market

and live in a state that gets a waiver, you're not affected if you've maintained insurance coverage continuously and not had a gap in coverage longer than 63 days.

By this point, we're talking about a tiny fraction of the population. If you do have a pre-existing condition in a waiver state and haven't had continuous coverage, you can be charged more by your insurer only the first year. The state will have access to \$8 billion in federal funds explicitly to ease the cost of your insurance, and must further have a high-risk pool or similar program to mitigate insurance costs for the sick.

Clearly, if Republicans set out to recklessly endanger the well-being of people with pre-existing conditions, they

didn't do a very good job of it. The purpose of these provisions isn't to punish the sick, but to create an incentive for people to buy insurance while they are healthy. (The Obamacare exchanges are failing because its tangle of regulations drove up costs and made insurance economically unappealing to the young and healthy.)

It takes all of five minutes to understand the basics of the House bill on pre-existing conditions, yet it has been subject to wildly ill-informed and deceptive attacks. Rep. Frank Pallone of New Jersey said the bill would hurt 129 million people with pre-existing conditions, an exaggerated figure that assumes every single one of them would be harmed by

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# Letters

## Hogfeldt lays out his case against the school system, Cavallaro

Four years ago, schools Superintendent Neil Cavallaro dismissively told the New Haven Register that West Haveners were angry over his plans to gut the tech ed program at the high school because Westies "just like to fight about everything." Ladies and gentlemen, I submit to you that the real reason Westies are angry over their schools is because Mr. Cavallaro, in collusion with a corrupt teachers' union leadership, is systematically destroying our education system.

Folks, there's a brick building on the corner of Campbell Ave. and Brown Street in the heart of our city which has my great-great grandfather's name on it. It was built in 1909 and is still owned by my family. As a homeowner, a taxpayer, a graduate of our school system, and as a teacher at the high school for 12 years, I know exactly why our schools are in such a mess. This mess is not the result of bad teachers, bad kids, or "changing demographics." It is the product of the collusion between a grossly immature, ignorant, and mean-spirited little man and a corrupt teachers' union (WHFT) leadership. It is well past time for Mr. Cavallaro to go.

Right now I am fighting in court for my professional life. Last December I was abruptly

removed from my classroom at the behest of Mr. Cavallaro. After I had filed a lawsuit against the school system and a complaint against my union with the state labor board, Mr. Cavallaro's agents placed me on an "intensive support" program. While out of school on a documented medical absence, Mr. Cavallaro, in a characteristically brave move, used two women in the system to tell me by phone that my job was at risk and that I could be forcibly escorted from the high school if I attempted to return as planned. Having grown up on the corner of First Avenue and Center Street I am not properly accustomed to being threatened by women, so I asked these two ladies to tell Mr. Cavallaro to put his threats in writing, which he did, causing me to wind up on paid administrative leave, where I remain until these issues are resolved in court.

I did not seek out this set of circumstances, I deeply regret the harm done to my students by my removal from the classroom last December, and I am looking forward to returning to the profession I love when these matters are resolved.

Since then, Mr. Cavallaro and his agents have attempted to prevent me from having a termination hearing before the Board of Education. Right

now, they are trying to force me to have an "arbitration hearing" before their hand-

picked "neutral" hearing officer Laurie Cain, a confederate and stooge of Board Attorney

Floyd Dugas. Two years ago Ms. Cain ruled against Wall  
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## Lowry: Lies spread

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the House bill.

There are certainly legitimate criticisms to be made of the House bill, and ample room for the Senate to improve it, especially by boosting its coverage numbers. But it is not an act of heedless cruelty against the sick. As for its critics, their reflex to demagogic dishonesty isn't a pre-existing condition, just an ingrained habit.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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## Historical society seeks World War I artifacts

The West Haven Historical Society is seeking memorabilia and materials related to World War I to be included in its upcoming exhibit on West Haven in World War I. Scheduled to open on Saturday, June 10, the exhibit will feature items from the Society's archives including newspapers published during the Great War, articles from the late Harriet North regarding the war, souvenirs sent back by local soldiers who were fighting at the front in France, posters and materials relating to the Allied efforts to persuade the civilian population to support the war effort. "In an effort to broaden the exhibits appeal, we are asking West Haven citizens to search their attics, closets, and trunks to locate items, letters, diaries, or other materials relating to the war that might be added to the society's display" noted Jon Purmont the Society's President.

The Historical Society's archive Committee has been working diligently to assemble appropriate materials contained in the society's extensive archival collection regarding West Haveners and their role in World War I.

Those documents and items will be an important component of the exhibit which will open on Saturday June 10 at the Historical Society, 686 Savin Ave.

Please contact the West Haven Historical Society, (203) 932-

## Concert series finalized

The city's summer concert series will kick off June 16 on the Green with '60s rock music performed by Sixties Satisfaction, sponsored by West Haven Vietnam Veterans Inc.

The free concerts are scheduled from 7-9 p.m.

The annual Friday night concert series will follow June 23 with the Sounds of Frank Sinatra, sponsored by the Columbus Day Committee of Greater New Haven, and oldies by the Vinnie Carr Band June 30, both on the Green.

New York City Swing Band will play Motown standards July 7, followed by rhythm and blues classics by Latanya Farrell July 14, Top 40 gems by Timmy Maia Experience July 21 and country favorites by Midnight Rodeo Aug. 4, all in Old Grove Park.

The eclectic lineup will continue with '60s, '70s and '80s rock anthems by Cover2Cover Aug. 11 and R&B hits by Shaded Soul Aug. 18, both in the Grove.

Concerts postponed by rain will move to the same time and venue the following Monday, except the Vinnie Carr Band, which has no rain date.



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### Spa Day

More than 30 residents were pampered with manicures and hand massages at John Prete Senior Housing on May 9, compliments of Councilwoman Robbin Hamilton (D-5), who sponsored a Mother's Day Spa afternoon. The date was selected to honor her brother, the late Brent Watt, who served the district as councilman. Helping to coordinate the event was Prete Resident Service Coordinator Yolanda Russel, while Brenda Shuler of Sistas Academy of Cosmetology made sure her students did the manicures properly, along with her assistant, Wendy Claxon-Lugo. Althea Sewell was in charge of the tea and refreshments.

### Hogfeldt: *Rights have been violated*

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ingford municipal workers when she determined that they weren't entitled to be paid for work cancelled during an "emergency" snowstorm, a decision that ignited a firestorm of costly union grievances and appeals to the state labor board. The people who are attempting to destroy my teaching career and to deprive me of my livelihood will not be allowed to hide behind an arbitrator or a "hearing officer." The threats and costly games will stop.

My constitutional rights have been violated and my rights under the law continue to be violated. My Superior Court lawsuit against the school administration is a public document and is available from any Board

member, any WHFT union steward, or any WHFT officer. Those concerned about the future of our kids and of our school system are invited to obtain a copy and to read it carefully. I stand behind every word under oath.

The outward symptoms of our school system's decline -- declining test scores, staff turnover, lawsuits, no-show administrators, out-of-control coordinators, a Board of Ed sometimes focused on protecting and promoting relatives, etc. -- cannot conceal the real sources of the problem at the top of both the system administration and the WHFT. Most Westie teachers remain good teachers and we will not be scapegoated. Local politicians who play footsie with Cavallo need to remember two

words -- John Picard.

This has never been just about me. When I arrived in the school system from Wilbur Cross a dozen years ago, Westie teachers had one of the best contracts in the state. Under Patti Fusco and her successors, it's been downhill all the way. How did this happen?

The simplest and best answer is that a stupid and corrupt union leadership hitched their wagon to the least respected and most personally disliked superintendent in West Haven's history, taking the union and the entire school system into the toilet.

This is why we fight, Mr. Cavallaro.

*Vic Hogfeldt*

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# Parade Committee slates kickoff at Cielo

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice  
The Columbus Day Committee of Greater New Haven will hold a kickoff event from 6-9 p.m. June 28 at the Cielo Banquet Ballroom, 85 Chase Lane, to launch its fundraising campaign for the 2017 Columbus Day parade in West Haven.

The benefit will include a buffet of Italian foods donated by city restaurants, along with beer, wine, soda, coffee and dessert. It will also include entertainment by crooners Earl Bene-

detto and Mike Negretti.  
Tickets, which cost \$25, are on sale in the mayor's office, 355 Main St., and the West Haven Italian-American Civic Association, 85 Chase Lane. Checks are payable to the Columbus Day Committee.

For tickets and reservations or for information, contact Cathy Sherman, executive administrative assistant to Mayor Edward M. O'Brien, at [csherman@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:csherman@westhaven-ct.gov) or (203) 937-3510. Tickets are also available by calling Frank Consorte, former president

of the Italian-American Club, at (203) 676-6379.

Proceeds will go to the Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade, which steps off at 1 p.m. Oct. 8.

O'Brien has tapped residents Natalie Guilliano DeRosa, Grace Iannucci Hendricks and Marie D. Lacobelle to lead the procession as grand marshals.

Guiliano DeRosa and Lacobelle are former recipients of the West Haven Columbus Day Committee's Italian-American of the Year award, with Guilliano DeRosa receiving the civic

honor in 2014 and Lacobelle in 2015. Iannucci Hendricks is a longtime member of the West Haven Italian-American Ladies Auxiliary.

The two-hour parade, which rotates among six municipalities, was previously held in the city in 2011 and 2006.

Those looking for information to march in the parade, download a reservation form at <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/776>.

For parade information, go to [www.columbusdaynewhaven.org](http://www.columbusdaynewhaven.org).



## At a Glance

### Vendors sought for market

The city is seeking craft, farm and food truck vendors to participate in the Tony Inzero Farmers Market, which opens its 18th season July 6 on the Green.

Through Oct. 28, the expanded marketplace at Main Street and Campbell Avenue will feature state farmers selling homegrown fruits and vegetables Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It will include crafters selling their wares and an internet radio station DJ playing hit music.

The Thursday markets will showcase food trucks galore, dishing up baked potatoes, fried dough, Italian ice, kettle corn, lobster rolls and pulled pork.

To download a participation form, go to <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/767>.

Forms are also available in the mayor's office at City Hall, 355 Main St., where they are due June 9.

Forms can also be emailed to [farmersmarket@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:farmersmarket@westhaven-ct.gov)

organizer Erin Sweeney at [esweeney@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:esweeney@westhaven-ct.gov) or faxed to (203) 937-3705.

### Scholarship offered by panel

The city's Breast Cancer Awareness Committee is accepting applications for a scholarship fund it founded in memory of a third-grade Savin Rock Community School teacher who died of breast cancer.

The 15th annual Susan A. Ruickoldt Scholarship Fund will award \$2,000 to a female high school senior from West Haven who plans to continue her education.

Candidates must submit an application form, an official transcript and a class rank, as well as a 250-word essay on achievements and goals and a 250-word essay on the importance of breast cancer screening and education.

Applicants must also submit a letter of acceptance from a postsecondary school and a letter of intent to attend the school.

Applications are available at West Haven High

School, 1 Circle St. They are also available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays in the Department of Human Resources at City Hall, 355 Main St.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. May 22.

### Senior Celebration Day May 18

In recognition of Older Americans Month, the Department of Elderly Services will hold its 28th annual Senior Celebration Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 18 at the Savin Rock Conference Center, 6 Rock St.

The health and resource fair, designed for residents and their caregivers, will include more than 30 elderly service agencies and businesses, refreshments and giveaways, as well as music by Vinnie Carr.

Free box lunches will be provided for 300 people by reservation courtesy of Apple Rehab-West Haven, West Haven Funeral Home, RegalCare at West Haven and Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center.

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## Historian's corner



### Silver's Drug Shop

By Dan Shine  
Voice Columnist

The writer Horatio Algier died in 1899. Many people living today are unaware of his life or his many novels about impoverished boys and their rise from humble backgrounds to lives of middle-class security and comfort, through hard work, determination, courage and honesty. These novels served to teach and inspire generations of American boys to pursue similar goals.

In that same year, 1899, William Silver was born in New Haven; he was the son of Russian peasants. Together with his family, he spent his early years in the attic of a multi-family house in one of New Haven's poor sections.

One day when he was sixteen, William (known as Bill) and his friend Isadore White made up their minds that they should go looking for work, so the boys walked down Chapel

Street until they came upon a haberdashery with a "help wanted" sign in the window. Since Isadore's family had some background in that type of business, he went in and got the job, sweeping the floors and the sidewalk out in front. Eventually, he would become the owner, and the business would carry his name.

For Bill Silver, the road to success was a bit more indirect. He presented himself to the owner of Riker's Drug at the corner of Church and Chapel, where he got a job tending the soda fountain. Part of that job included cleaning the mortars and pestles and the tiles that were used to prepare medications in that era.

About a year later, Bill became aware of an opening for an apprentice at Dotton's Pharmacy in Fair Haven. In those days, there was no formal training for pharmacists: individuals rose instead by way of an apprenticeship pro-

gram with an exam to follow.

Bill's hours were from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., and many today would see this as a terrible burden for a young man; however what Bill saw was an opportunity. Because of the long hours, the owner Mr. Dotton let Bill sleep in his attic in order to forego the long commutes to and from home.

Bill also took his meals with his host family: Having come from peasant stock, Bill was mightily impressed by the Dotton family, who ate at a table with a linen tablecloth, who dressed properly for dinner, and who said grace before they broke bread. Bill made up his mind to model himself after the gentlemanly figure of Mr. Dotton—a decision which would serve him well.

By 1919, Bill had gained a few years of experience in the business, and typically could be seen dressed in suits. One day, Mr. Dotton informed him that there was a drug shop for

sale in West Haven, and suggested that he check out the opportunity.

Bill offered the owner, Mr. Wood a down payment of \$500 which he had borrowed from his sisters; Mr. Wood told him, "You can pay me this much every month and I'll let you know when you own the store." They closed the deal with a handshake and Mr. Wood asked Bill what he would call the drug shop. "I

think I'll call it West Haven Drug Shop," to which Mr. Wood's response was, "Put your own name on it, son." And thus, Silver's Drug Shop was born.

The next morning, twenty-one year old Bill Silver arrived for work, asked for the store manager, and startled him by saying, "I'm Bill Silver; I'm the new owner; can you show me where I can hang up my hat and coat?"



Silver's building, circa 1900



## Around Town

### Lecture on aging at Holy Spirit Church

Whether you're concerned about gaining weight, preventing illness, or keeping your brain "sharp", the key is a healthy lifestyle. Dr. Lisa Walke will discuss how exercising, eating right, reducing stress and relaxing more can make a positive difference in your health and how you feel. Lecture will also include exercise demonstrations; comfortable clothing recommended. June 1, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 28 Church St. Light refreshments provided. To register, call (203) 789-3565.

### 'Shred Event' hosted by Auxiliary

West Haven IA Club; Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a Shred Event fundraiser on Saturday, June 24 from 10-1 at the club's headquarters, 85 Chase Lane. Besides shredding the club is offering Hard Drive Destruction and Computer Recycling for \$20 each. CRT Computer Monitors are \$10 ea. Boxes of "shredding material" will run \$8-\$20 per box depending on size.

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## Westies rebound for CIAC berth

The West Haven boys lacrosse team was hoping to secure a postseason berth when the Shelton Gaels paid a visit to Ken Strong Stadium on Wednesday. The Gaels had other ideas and put this game out of reach when they took an 8-0 lead at halftime on their way to an 11-3 defeat of the Westies. Niko Kyle, Joe Consorte and Dylan Salvatore all scored second half goals while Kevin Moriarty made nine saves in goal for West Haven.

On Friday evening, the Blue Devils hosted the Wilbur Cross Governors and after

taking a 7-6 lead heading into halftime, the boys made sure they would be playing after the regular season, outscoring the Governors 5-1 in the second half for a 12-7 victory.

The girls lacrosse team found itself down 2-0 after the first 37 seconds on Monday evening when the Hamden Green Dragons visited Ken Strong Stadium but, the Westies battled back to even the game at 6-6 by halftime and a dominant second half gave the Blue Devils a 14-10 victory. Gabi Prisco netted five goals while Mary McDaniel added

four goals to power the Westie offense. West Haven also got goals from Annalise Depino, Amani Cayo, Celina Condon, Keegan Riccio and Lexi Burzynski. Madisyn Crotta made four saves in goal for the Westies.

On Thursday evening, the Westies did battle with the Sheehan Titans at Ken Strong Stadium. When the Titans scored with 0.1 seconds left in the half to tie the game at 4-4, everyone in attendance knew this one would go down to the wire. The Blue Devils then found themselves down by

three in the waning moments and a late rally fell just short in a 9-8 loss. Gabi Prisco and Mary McDaniel each recorded hat tricks while Madisyn Crotta scored the other two goals for West Haven. Annalise Depino had two assists and Keegan Riccio and Prisco both picked up a helper in a losing effort. Nicole Gaston recorded nine saves in her return to the crease.

The girls need three wins in their final five games to qualify for postseason play. This week, they played at North Haven on Monday, at Shelton

on Tuesday, host Foran for Senior Night on Friday at 7, play at Amity on Saturday at 10:30 and the conclude their season on Monday at Foran at 6.

The softball team coming into Monday's contest with the Hand Tigers was riding a four-game winning streak but that came to an end when the Westies were held scoreless with only four hits in a 5-0 loss at Biondi Field. Ivy Santos pitched a complete game, allowing only five hits and two earned runs but was hurt by walks and four defensive miscues. Santos also had two of West Haven's four hits. Makenna White had a double and Sadie Roberts picked up the other hit.

On Wednesday evening the Blue Devils hosted the North Haven Indians, who were riding a 13-game winning streak coming into the game. Ivy Santos pitched a complete game 1-0 shutout to get the victory. The Westies got their only run of the game in the fourth inning when Kailey Carrano led off with a single, took second on a wild pitch to put her in scoring position. West Haven had Cassandra Thibodeau pinch run for Carrano and then with two outs Sadie Roberts laced in base hit to left to bring the speedy Thibodeau home for the 1-0 lead. Santos made that stand up going the distance, allowing only two hits while striking out seven.

On Friday night, the Westies hosted the East Haven Yellow Jackets at Biondi Field and the Easties' pitching kept the Westies off the scoreboard, al

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Photo courtesy of Todd Dandelske

### Player of the Week

West Haven senior Mary McDaniel is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. In two games the week of May 11, McDaniel scored 10 goals and added three assists. Read more about Mary at [www.westieblue.com](http://www.westieblue.com).



Photo courtesy of Todd Dandelske

### Player of the Week

West Haven West Haven senior Gabi Prisco (20) is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. In two games this past week, Prisco scored 8 goals and added three assists. Read more about Gabi at [www.westieblue.com](http://www.westieblue.com).

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# Westie Blue In Touch

By Mike Madera

West Haven senior Pete Richetelli is no stranger to the big moment. An All-State hockey player, Richetelli has come up with his share of big plays.

Coming off the bench to pinch-hit in a tie game, Richetelli delivered his senior moment on the baseball field, roping an opposite field run-scoring double to drive in the eventual winning run as West Haven topped rival Hamden, 3-2, in a Southern Connecticut Conference Housatonic

Division contest at Rochford Field in Hamden Monday afternoon.

"I told him his number was going to come up," West Haven coach Ron Luneau said of Richetelli. "He is an All-State hockey player. He knows what it is like to be in big moments. I told him this was going to be his senior moment and it was."

The win, which also saw a complete game effort on the hill from junior Mike Vitolo, allowed West Haven to im-

prove to 8-8 on the season and qualify for the postseason. Vitolo was solid in his return back from a finger injury, allowing two earned runs on seven hits, while walking just one Hamden batter and striking out three.

"I was ready to go," Vitolo said. "I felt very healthy out there. We got timely hitting today and our defense made all the plays. We are excited to get in (postseason)."

Trailing 2-0 after the Green Dragons (11-7) scored twice in the fifth, West Haven came right back to take the lead in the sixth.

Ty Reeves started the rally with a one-out single and John Cambino, who had three hits in the game, followed with a double to left. Brett Gradoia evened the game at two when he ripped a single down the line at third, scoring Reeves and Cambino.

With two outs, Nick Zaino walked to put a pair of runners on for Richetelli. Down 0-2 in the count, Richetelli perfectly took the ball the other way to right, landing on the chalk for a double to plate Gradoia for the 3-2 lead.

"I was just thinking I had to adjust at 0-2," Richetelli said. "I moved up in the box before it could get a good break and I just went with it. I always try

to be ready and be mentally prepared to go in. I'm just glad it worked out for the team."

The rest was up to Vitolo and he delivered, using a perfectly turned double play ball by the middle infield of Gradoia and Mario Kiaunis to end the sixth. Vitolo then set the Green Dragons down in order in the seventh to send the Westies back to the postseason after missing last year's tournament run.

"It is great to be back in," Luneau said of the postseason. "It is all about the seniors and their great senior leadership and hard work. This team has worked very hard."

The loss for the Green Dragons was a disappointing one as Hamden seemed to be in control following the two-run fifth.

The fifth saw a pair of clutch two-out hits get the Green Dragons on the board as Tyler Osborne doubled to score Mark Durwin, and James Santore, who had two hits in the game, singled to score Osborne.

Each team had its chances to score early in the contest, but neither capitalized. Tim McCarthy singled and Reeves walked in the first for the Westies, but both were left stranded. West Haven, which came into the game having lost four

of its last five games, stranded Reeves on third in the third, and John Cambino on third in the fourth.

For the Green Dragons, winners of five of their last six entering the contest, they could not give starting pitcher Mike Ferrett any more run support as they left Santore on second in the second, Durwin on second following a double in the third, and a pair of runners on base in the fifth.

"I do not feel we are always as motivated as we should be," Hamden coach Chris Borelli said. "It bothers me that we are hot and cold right now. When we are ready to play and focused, we can compete with anybody. When we do not focus for seven innings, we can get beat by anybody. That is not to take anything away from West Haven. They played great. Their pitcher (Vitolo) did a nice job on the mound and they made the plays."

Ferrett tossed the first six innings for Hamden, allowing three runs on eight hits, while walking two and striking out three.

"I thought Mike was fantastic today," Borelli said of Ferrett. "He threw a lot more strikes. He might have run out of gas at the end. I thought he did a great job."

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Pirates Age: 11 Pitcher  
Tegan had a career week by maintaining his .500 batting average by belting an RBI double vs. the Dodgers. Tegan's success carried right over to the pitchers mound where hit pitched 3 innings of shut-out ball with 7 strike-outs and giving up only 1 hit and 2 walks. Tegan is a 6th grader at Carrigan Intermediate School who loves watching Aaron Judge play for the NY Yankees and also plays hockey for the Southern Stars

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**Major League Trevor Tompkins**  
Dodgers Age: 12 Infielder  
Trevor has been lighting up the League with his bat. He has hit the ball hard in each game this season. Once on base, Trevor has great speed to move his team into the lead by stealing the show. Trevor can also produce on defense leading his team in put-outs. Trevor is an Honor Roll student at ESUMS and loves to follow his favorite team the N. Y. Mets.

**Major League Ben Carfora**  
Mets Age: 12 Catcher  
Ben is off to a fast start this year with 10 hits so far vs. League pitching. Ben can also get the job done behind the plate as well by throwing out 2 runners for attempting to steal a base. He can play any position on the diamond but prefers catcher. Ben is currently a 6th grader at ESUMS School and loves watching any baseball on TV

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# Rockers take a win in Youth Soccer

The West Haven Youth Soccer League was in full action this Mother's Day weekend despite the constant threat of rain and thunder.

The CDG4 Oyster River Rockers won against CDG3 by a score of 3-2. A well played game with passing and teamwork. First season goal by Janalya Avila, good defensive work by Estrella Hernan-

dez and midfield work by Alsia Ford.

The Snakes, FB5 green, came away with a har fought win over the maroon, FB2 team by a score of 4-2. Goals by Charles [CJ] Sutton, Jr. and Kyle Guarino. Great footwork was on display by Aaron Cabacungan. Excellent overall skills were displayed play by Daimeon (DJ) Griffin.

The Division EG U-10 Girls team Red Flames displayed a solid team effort on a wet field on Saturday despite losing the game to the Elite Soccer Camp Team, 3-0. On offense, the team was supported by Madyson Ortiz, Natalie Reed, Angelina Messina and Madeline McCarthy. Lonia Donovan. Angelina Florio and Wafaa Chibani supported a stellar defense. For the Elite Soccer Camp, Jaelyn Beauvais anchored the defense, helping Molly Gunning and Chloe Whelan got the shut-out in goal. Lea Boguniecki and Adelia Parise showed a lot of hustle, and Ashlynn Trenchard helped create a few scoring chances for the Elite Soccer Pumpkins in the win.

The EG 2 Warriors lost, 3-0, to EG1. Alexandria Cabacungan, Alyssa Fuchs and Camila Suarez-Caporal had outstanding performances in the loss.

Also, the West Haven U-13 Competition team played a hard fought Mother's Day Game against Meriden with a 3-3 tie.

Showing tremendous skills on the field the entire team gave it their all. Wilson Cordova-Cohello along with a strong defense kept Meriden at bay while Mark Conghaga and Donald Yanez assisting their teammates with their goals by Christopher Martinez and Danny Bello.

The U-10 girls developmental travel team hosted Guilford Friday night, and fell

just short in a 3-2 loss. Jaylyn Powell and Aylin Soto scored for West Haven, while Isabella Eyler and Molly Gunning worked hard in the midfield. Kayla Burt played a fantastic game in the goal to give the Westies a chance in the game.

On Thursday the West Haven/New Haven Rush U-19g Girls played on Thursday in Hamden and lost, 4-3, to the Hamden U-19 girls. Thea Ranelli, Kelly Hurd and Nile Lee all scored on great slicing goals.

Jimera Howard was in net to cover keeper duties to record many saves. On defense the play off Abby Lozon and Victoria Arolmolaron were consistent enough to keep Hamden on their heels until a late goal.

## Seadogs U-11 wins, 6-3; U-13 team ties Yankees

The Savin Rock Seadogs 11-U travel baseball team won its only game of the weekend with a 6-3 victory over the CT Royals.

Chase Supan allowed two hits and struck out five in the win for the Seadogs.

Cam Cruz, Haygen Axelrod, Anthony Constantinople, Mikey Madera, Evan Jones and Supan scored for the Seadogs.

KJ Harp, Ray Gilbert, Jesse Buonocore, Chris Miccio and Gabe Santarcangelo all played well in the win.

The Seadogs 13-U travel

## Pirates top Dodgers, 8-6

The Augliera Moving Pirates scored three runs in the top of the 6th to defeat the Leslie Jewelers Dodgers, 8-6. Tegan Grillo was the winning pitcher and helped his own cause with a double, Devin Bernier pitched three strong innings, and Vin Nacca had three stolen bases for the Pirates.

Anthony Peschell, Tenzin Kyaptenpa, and Colby Faughnan combined for five hits including three doubles as the Woodlawn Duckpin Yankees beat the Baseball Card Mania Red Sox, 9-4, to remain undefeated. John Barrington had a pair of doubles for the Red Sox.

The Dodgers defeated the Gunning Law Firm Mets, 7-2, behind the hitting and base running of Jack Aloï, Ishwar Balakumar, Tanner Oliwa, and Trevor Tompkins.

Maurizio Urriola had two hits including a double for the Mets.

The Red Sox scored five runs in the bottom of the 5th to beat the Pirates, 11-6. Nivrih Ananth Iyer scored the winning run from Quinn Eyrych's winning hit with two RBIs.

The Yankees defeated the Mets, 4-2, as Colby Faughnan and Anthony Peschell combined on a four-hitter with 16 strikeouts.

Ryan Bernardi had a double and two RBIs for the Yankees. Jayden Roby pitched a three-hitter and had 11 strikeouts in a losing cause for the Mets.

baseball team played to a 4-4 tie with Hank's Yanks in its only game of the weekend. Tyler Jones, Hunter Axelrod, Joe Santos all scored for the Seadogs. Greg Baker pitched well in the tie.



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# Westies: *Baseball still needs one more win*

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lowing only four hits in a 4-0 shutout. Veronica Lynn got three of the four hits while Ivy Santos picked up the other hit and pitched a complete game allowing four earned runs on

nine hits and striking out 11 Yellow Jackets.

The baseball team needed one win to qualify for the CIAC tournament going into last week. After falling to Notre Dame of West Haven, 4-1, on

Monday night at Piurek Field, the Westies were no-hit, 6-0, on Wednesday by the Cheshire Rams. Ty Reeves started on the mound and took the loss. Pete Richetelli pitched the sixth inning in relief.

On Friday afternoon, the Blue Devils headed to Wallingford with another opportunity to clinch the postseason spot against the Lyman Hall Trojans. The Westies jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first inning when Dom Cambino reached on an error, Tim McCarthy singled, Sean Jefferson grounded out to the right side to advance both runners into scoring position and then Ty Reeves reached on an error to score Cambino and John Cambino singled to plate McCarthy and Reeves. The boys would tack on another run to make it 4-0 in the second when McCarthy single to score Mario Kiaunis.

That would be all the offense. The Trojans were able to chip away at the lead with two runs in the third inning, two in the fourth, one in the fifth and one more in the sixth the grab a 6-4 victory.

The boys tennis team started its tough week by being swept by the Hand Tigers, 7-0, on

Monday afternoon in Madison. The Westies then had to face the Amity Spartans and could only manage one victory in a 6-1 loss on Wednesday afternoon at the Painter Park Courts. Joseph Delgado was victorious, 5-7, 7-5, 10-7 in the second-seeded match for the only win.

On Thursday, the boys suffered a similar result against the Jesuits of Fairfield Prep when they were swept 7-0. James Delgado was engaged in a classic battle before falling, 2-6, 6-4, 4-6 in the top-seeded match.

The Westies closed out their week with a 5-2 loss to the Guilford Indians on Friday afternoon at Painter Park. Joseph Delgado defeated his opponent, 6-4, 6-4 and Oreo Olowe was victorious, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0 in singles action.

The girls tennis team opened its week with a 4-3 loss at Jonathan Law on Monday afternoon. The Westies got wins in singles from Paige Sheridan, 6-0, 7-6 (8-6) and Skylar Serenson, 6-2, 6-2 and in doubles play from Rua Osman/Fatima Al Rashed, 8-5.

On Wednesday afternoon, the girls hosted the Shelton Gaels at the WHHS Courts

and were defeated, 5-2. The Blue Devils got both of their victories in singles play from Evelyn Fabian, 6-3, 7-5 and Hannah Allan, 6-3, 6-0. The Westies did end the week on a high note when they defeated the Career Panthers, 6-1.

The girls track team traveled to Hamden on Monday afternoon and dropped its meet to Sacred Heart Academy, 100-45. Charna Epps won the 200m, Natalia Frazier took the Long Jump and both were on the victorious 4 x 100 relay team with Latyana March and Alana Gambardella.

The boys track team finished its regular season with a 90-58 loss to Notre Dame of West Haven. The Blue Devils did pick up eight victories in the loss. The 4 x 800 relay team of Sebastian Villanueva, Michael Stradowski, Kevin Colon and Willie Colon was victorious along with the 4 x 100 relay team of Maia Wanderson, Abdul Aremu, Talon Butler and Tamarko Oakes. In individual events Kevin Colon won the 110 hurdles, Aremu took the 100, Willie Colon won the 300 hurdles, Oakes was victorious in the high jump and Aaron Vaughn took the shot put and the discus.

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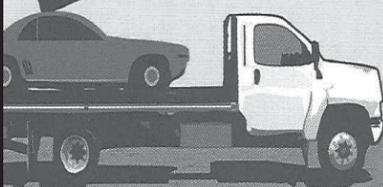
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*Graduate Student*

Dear Graduate Student:

I forwarded your letter of complaint to West Haven's Complaint Officer, Francis Withington. He replied, "I'll send a crew there."

As for a blight ordinance, in a future column I will address your question and publish the city's ordinance on blight as there are a number of blight complaints on my desk. This published ordinance will be helpful to you and others as well.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There is a house on Richmond Avenue that has many blight issues. There is a house with a yard filled with car parts. The property is disgraceful.

*Disgruntled Neighbor*

Dear Disgruntled Neighbor:

Francis Withington, West Haven's Complaint Officer received your complaint. His reply, "I sent someone there recently. They are non-compliant on many tickets that have been issued. The West Haven Police Department and the blight office have turned it over to our corporation counsel for prosecution."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I am inquiring about where do I send a complaint on someone's unkempt property? A neighbor took out a tree stump and it is in the street. The sidewalk is covered in dirt and rocks that is now mud. I walk by there just about ev-



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ery day and cannot walk on the sidewalk. I have seen a car almost run into this stump on the street. It is a dead end street but I don't think that's the point, people still see this stump. In the summer, the high grass is only mowed twice a month. Can you help Eleanore?

*Annoyed Pedestrian*

Dear Annoyed:

I notified City Complaint Officer, Francis Withington about your complaint. Withington followed up. Your reply, "Thank you for your help, Eleanore. The city came and picked up the stump. The sidewalk still has the dirt and small rocks on it. It's not muddy anymore and it's much easier to walk on."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I was delighted to see in your column that there are other residents of West Haven who are fed up with the noise from illegally muffled motorcycles. The only thing good about our cold, wet spring has been the lack of these bikers along the beach roads.

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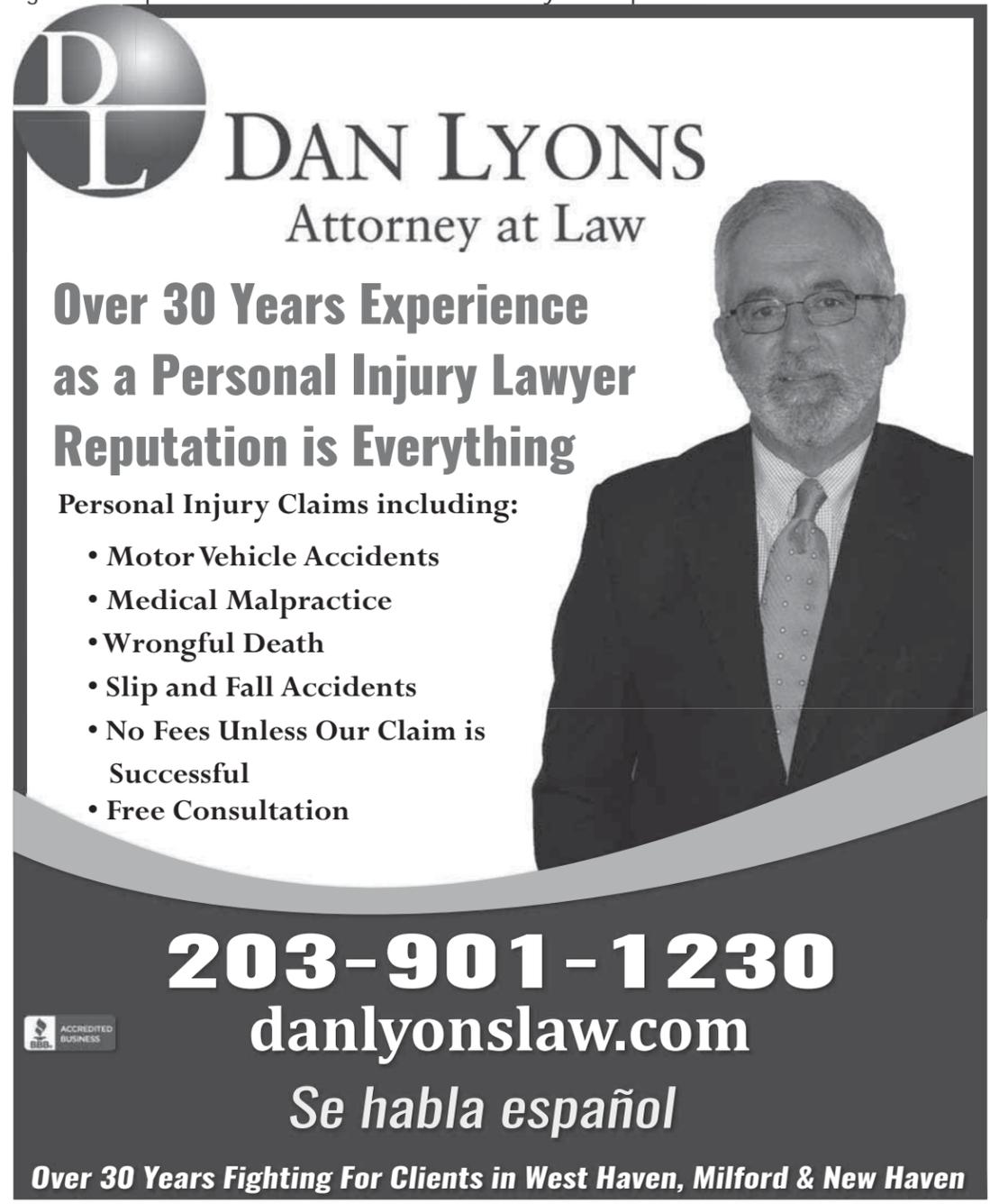
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### Spring Fest at Harugari Club

The Harugari German-American Club will host its Spring Fest on Sunday, May 21, at 1 p.m. at the club, 66 Highland St. A pork roast dinner will be served with mashed potatoes, sauerkraut dessert & coffee. Price is members \$20, non-members \$25. Entertainment provided by Frank Porto Band and the Harugari Schuhplattlers. Call Karin, (203) 375-7050 or the club, (203) 933-9930 for reservations.

### Fireworks Committee dinner, June 8

The Savin Rock Fireworks will hold its annual dinner this year on Thursday, June 8, at the Conference Center from 5:30 till 9. Dinner will be a buffet that includes food from most of West Haven's finest restaurants.

There will be a DJ, dancing and a raffle. The special guest this year is Chaz, from WPLR's Chaz & AJ in the morning show. Tickets are \$20 and kids under 12 are \$5. To purchase tickets please call Natalie at (203) 933-3445.

### Senior trips offered

F. Seniors and Friends offers the following trips to the public. All trips leave First Avenue commuter lot:

Quincy Market and St. Anthony's Feast – Saturday, Aug. 26. Bus leaves at 8 a.m., \$48 per person;

Maine Lobster Dinner and Kennebunkport – Sunday, July 15. at 7:30 a.m. Choice of four dinners, \$98 per person;

Big E – Sunday, Sept. 24. Leaves at 8 a.m. \$56 per person.

To book trips, call Fred Mongillo, (203) 389-5808.

### Musicians and singers needed.

Nutmeg Symphonic Pops Orchestra and Chorale needs musicians and singers. The orchestra rehearses Saturday mornings at 9:15 at Carrigan Middle School and the chorale rehearses Wednesdays at 5:30 at St. Louis Church, classroom wing. The orchestra is seeking string instruments, trombone, trumpet, French Horn, oboe, and the chorale needs all voices, especially men. Please call Dino Ciaburri at (203) 812-0606 or Linda Ciaburri at (203) 812-0607 if you are interested.

### Monthly coin show

The Liberty Coin Show is back at the Elks Club, 265 Main St., on the third Sunday of the month. Buy and sell your coins. The organizers invite hobbyists to be part of the many displays. Food and beverages are on the menu.

For more information, call Parry Carpinella, (203) 248-1053.

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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Fundamental

6 Land

12 Guru

13 Stated openly

14 Chant

15 Take away

16 Bambi, e.g.

17 Symbol of grace

19 Cod piece?

20 Arizona city

22 Hot tub

24 Be behind

27 Leftovers

29 Reverberate

32 Russian czar, 1682-1725

35 Goblet part

36 Missile shelter

37 Banned pesticide

38 Trench

40 Night light?

42 Junior

44 "Dukes of

Hazzard" surname

12 Central

18 Laundry

21 Mess up

23 Apiece

24 Chances, for short

25 Drench

26 Forever

28 Wire

30 Owned

31 Mel of baseball lore

33 Flightless bird

34 Moo — gai pan

39 Macbeth's title

41 Scruffs

42 Cicatrix

43 Solemn promise

45 Individuals

47 Doing

48 Check

49 Joan of —

51 Silent

53 Expert

**DOWN**

1 Nota follower

2 Initial stake

3 Rage

4 Charged bit

5 Oil baskets

6 Poet Teasdale

7 Levels out

8 Male turkey

9 Duplicitous

10 Jeans maker

11 Paradise

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 W V T S Q K D S U P M O S S V  
 J N L K A A I Y A H H A T F E  
 A S I L O G O H C R N P U S R  
 N E U R C O B I Z A U Y J W E  
 N V B U H S R R M N Q T N P S  
 U N M C L I V E D A D N A N T  
 J I H F T E R I G O Q 2 K B D

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Batura Sar	Jannu	Lhotse	Nuptse
Broad Peak	K2 Qogir	Makalu	Rakaposhi
Cho Oyu	Kamet	Manaslu	Tirich Mir
Chogolisa	Kanjut Sar	Nanda Devi	

**CINDY'S CANDLE SCENTER**



**DON'T BE A DRIP** solving this one. Can you correctly count the candles in Cindy's shop window? You have 30 seconds.

Answer: Our count was 60. What about yours?

**IT'S MAGIC!** Use the numbers 24 and 26, and 10 through 17 to fill in this Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 71. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you!

	20	
23		21
	18	
19		25
[ 71 ]		

Our answer: First row: 17, 20, 24, 10. Second row: 23, 11, 16, 21. Third row: 12, 26, 19, 16. Fourth row: 18, 14, 14, 25.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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: ♦♦**

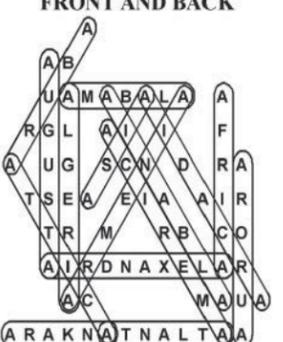
♦♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

## Answers to last week's puzzles

— King Crossword —  
 Answers  
 Solution time: 27 mins.

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

**PLACES WITH AN "A" FRONT AND BACK**



— Weekly SUDOKU —  
 Answer

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



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