

P&Z hearing conservation ideas June 22

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing June 22 for residents and other stakeholders to comment on the proposed update of the city's master Plan of Conservation and Development, Mayor Edward M. O'Brien and commission Chairwoman Kathleen Hendricks announced.

The meeting is slated for 7 p.m. in the Carrigan Intermediate School auditorium, 2 Tetlow St.

O'Brien said the Plan of Conservation and Development, or POCD, will steer the development of West Haven and the protection of its open space and conservation areas for the next decade.

State law requires municipalities to update conservation and development plans, which set out goals for the future, every 10 years.

West Haven's current POCD was adopted in 2004.

People can review the proposed plan, which requires P&Z approval, on the city's website at <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/785>.

Paper copies of the plan are also available for review in the city clerk's and planning and development offices at City Hall, 355 Main St., as well as at the Main Library, 300 Elm St.

The POCD update was developed under the guidance of the Plan of Conservation and Development Steering Committee, an 11-member panel appointed by O'Brien a year ago, said Hendricks, who serves on the committee with "residents of different neighborhoods, local businesspeople, government leaders and local university representatives."

The other committee members are University of New Haven representative Louis Annino, West Haven Black Coalition President Carroll E. Brown, attorney Aaron Charney, Yale University representative Justin Freiberg, Hamden Hall teacher Karl Gasteyer, mayoral Executive Assistant John W. Lewis, Board of Education Chairman James W. Morrissey, West Haven Chamber of Commerce Director Alan R. Olenick, engineer Christopher Philip Onofrio and Councilman Sean P. Ronan, D-9.

During the yearlong development of the POCD, the city encouraged the public to participate in the process through in-person events and workshops and via the plan's website at www.planwesthaven.com.

"To be effective, the POCD needed to reflect the highest-priority issues and concerns of the public," O'Brien said. "I am pleased with the hard work of the Steering Committee over the past year, and I am grateful to the residents and other stakeholders who participated in the planning process."

Hendricks said: "I would like to thank everyone who came out and participated in the workshops and public meetings. I feel the proposed plan is responsive to the opportunities and challenges residents raised during those sessions."

Hendricks added that "Residents want to see some development along parts of the waterfront, but only if our beaches and natural areas are protected."

"We also heard that people want to see the continued development of Allingtown, the revitalization of downtown, new development around the train station, and improved transit routing and connections," she said.

Through a competitive request for proposal process, the city hired a consulting team led by The RBA Group of Norwalk, now See P&Z on page



Photos by Russ McCreven

Grand Opera visits

Children throughout West Haven were given a taste of opera as a former WHHS alumnus and colleagues visited the city's elementary schools a part of the "Opera in Our Schools" program. Alum Mark Hanke has sponsored the program for the past three years, bringing the world of opera to city students. This year's production was "Why the Moon is Free," and featured Nicole Weigelt (top photo) and Hanke (lower photo).

Eliezer Chulco, age 4, a preschool student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., sees fair, sunny weather in the forecast.



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School bands honoring veterans with concert

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The city's summer concert series will kick off a week earlier than expected, on Friday night, with a salute to America's veterans by a trio of school bands, Mayor Edward M. O'Brien announced.

The tribute concert will feature selections played by the West Haven High School, Bailey Middle School and Carrigan Intermediate School bands at 7 p.m. on the Green, followed by Simply Swing, a 10-piece orchestra that includes members of the 102nd Army Band of the Connecticut National Guard, at 7:30 p.m.

Simply Swing's one-hour "Celebrates America" show will include such patriotic standards as "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "St. Louis Blues," "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "The Yankee Doodle Boy."

"It's going to be a great night to honor our veterans," O'Brien said. "At the same time, we can see our student musicians from all across West Haven. We have a very talented group of kids, and it's a great time to highlight their talents."

At 6:30 p.m., the school bands will line up in front of 313 Campbell Ave., formerly Christopher John Michael's

Restaurant, before marching a half-mile up to The John C. Ireland Bandstand on the Green for their performance.

The bands will be escorted by members of the West Haven Veterans Council, the governing body of the city's veterans organizations, which include AMVETS Post 1, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9422 and West Haven Vietnam Veterans.

The bands will also be accompanied by the West Haven Police Color Guard and the West Haven Fire Department Honor Guard, which is composed of members of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown and the First Taxation and West Shore fire districts.

The high school's Bel Canto and Camerata choirs, under the direction of Phyllis Silver, will also perform, singing the national anthem and "God Bless America." Simply Swing's trumpeter will play taps.

The high school, Bailey and Carrigan bands are directed by Cassandra K. Marcella, Rachel Mekeel and Angelo Vesichio, respectively.

School music teacher Paul Scanlon, a member of the West Haven Council on the Arts, will serve as the master of ceremonies.

The event will also include food trucks.

Ferraro bill passes muster

On Saturday, Senate Bill 246, which ensures that the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services (DDS) provides accurate and up-to-date information on family needs regarding the residential waiting list and other services, was unanimously approved by the House.

Rep. Ferraro, a co-sponsor of the legislation, said, "This is a great bill that helps all of our DDS families, who will finally get a real waiting list for placements. These families have been asking for transparency and accountability for a long time."

The bill requires DDS to provide accurate and up-to-date information on family needs regarding the Residential Waiting List and other services by requiring a yearly census conducted when families meet with DDS for their annual review. By July 2018, DDS must develop a five and ten-year plan for each individual with an intellectual disability who is eligible and who has an individual plan from DDS.

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Dear Felicia

As Iyam writing this week's missive sweets, we are between rain storms. Whilst the mavens of the boob tube were tellin' us this morning was gonna be sunny and bright with rain later, Cobina woke up to see rain falling - yet again. The begonias can't take much more. The only thing that's gonna be sprouting in our garden is gonna be mushrooms - and not the good kind. Needless to say, trying to air out the house has been a lost cause cuz we can't git enuff sunny weather. Let's hope it gits better cuz May was not so much to brag about.

Yew gotta hurt for the guys and gals in the Actors Colony who had to make the call concerning last week's aborted Memorial Day parade. Y'see last year, they had to postpone the parade from Memorial Day to the follying weekend only to have the rains come again, and it canceled. This year the committee made a pernt to say the procession was gonna take

place rain or shine. But things ain't ever that cut and dried as yew know.

When the day came and the weather was rainy and cold, the decision was made to folly the directive and have the parade. However, the weather folks weren't quite so helpful. They determined that the conditions were right for lightning. That put a whole new complexion on the matter, and the people in charge did not wanna take the responsibility.

As it toined out, the lightning never showed up, and the committee took a bit o' heat for making the decision to cancel.

Puttin' these things together ain't as easy as once upon a time. There was a time only West Haven had a parade on the day, with other towns having theirs during the weekend leading up to the holiday. Then a bunch o' towns started parades. Bands that used to sign up every year - particularly high school bands

- had to commit to their home towns. So what once had nine or ten bands was whittled down to two or three.

Tennyrate, the decision to cancel this year's parade was because of the lightning forecast by various outlets. Of course, if the parade went on and the lightning came, there would be hell to pay that way. Ya can say it's a lose-lose matter.

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*Of course, Sammy Bluejay came by with another situation wherein the Actors Colony is taking a big hit. As yew probably hoid, the ShopRite on Campbell Avenue has decided to close after nearly 20 years over there. Some people thought that might be the case when the Orange store opened on Bull Hill Lane, but it wasn't until the pharmacy got moved that the real rumors started, according to Sammy.*

*Well, the announcement was made and about 142 people are gonna be lookin' for work, with the owner saying he's gonna try to help 'em get new situations.*

*What is really irking a few in the Actors Colony is the usual suspects on what is called "social media" are blaming hizzoner and others for the lose of the store. Evidently, the various websites have been exploding with finger-pointing and playing the blame game.*

*Lissen, Cobina is the foist to blame City Hall effen the leadership does something wrong, but yew can't blame 'em on this*

*one. These decisions are made by corporations and corporate attorneys. Once the decision is made an act of Congress wouldn't change them. Nope. This is all on the corporation. And, needless to say, once they opened the Orange store, one had to wonder what was gonna happen.*

*Still, the store seemed to be busy, so one wonders why the decision was made in the foist place. I gave up trying to figger out corporate minds a long time ago. They build new branches cuz there's a tax write-off, and then once the benefits are no longer, many of the stores git closed. And yew can guess why.*

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And as we trundle on through June, yew can expect that tax bills will be going out sometime soon. As we git closer to the July 1 date, tax bills go out so that people can pay them through the month. Nelly Nuthatch was talking to some people from outside the berg, and the angst that we hear is being felt in the Actors Colony is being felt elsewhere.

Y'see sez Nelly, jest as people in city government are worried about what aid they're gonna git from Hartford, that fear has run through most of the state's 169 municipalities. Even though the suggested state aid was sent out when budgets were being formulated, now that the state has to redo its own spending plan and try to close a \$5 billion well of red ink, the woid is

for everyone to hold onto their horses.

Whilst our own city decided to only count two-thirds of what was promised, even that is up in the air. Towns in the regions are jest as worried as our own leaders, and this summer could be a very hot one when the decisions to try to close city spending gaps are to be made. Nobody knows how this is gonna play out, and Nelly sez the sweat under the collar is beginning to be seen in other places.

Stay tuned for this one cuz it could get very ugly before it is all over.

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*I jest seen that Vic Hogfeldt sent another missive to the papyrus, and has sent a copy to each and every board of ed member. He wants and open hearing before the bored, and is of the opinion that certain legal opinionators are of the belief that the situation is too technical for the elected officials to understand and is trying to abort that possibility. Iva Lootey tells me that under the terms of law and the contrack Vic can ask for a hearing before the bored, and those of opposing opinions can pound sand, fry ice, or generally jump off a short bridge.*

*It would seem to li'l ole me that effen Vic has an option of a hearing before the bored he should git one. The only reason not to have it is that certain inconvenient truths might come out hurting one or t'other administrator. Look, I've been saying all along up until the whole matter started about 18 months ago, Hogfeldt was considered an OK teacher and he sez he has the evaluations to back him up. If it goes to court, a jury might see the evidence of things before the trouble and after. That could cost the taxpayers of this community big.*

*There was other ways of handling this matter, but as usual, the powers that be, both in the union and school system chose to use strong-arm tactics rather than play nice. This thing ain't over, that's for sure.*

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As we head into June the next big thing in town is the Fireworks on July 3. We see that a couple of events are planned to get some extra kopecks for the event, which runs about \$20,000-\$25,000 per year. Normally, they have money donated and the costs are perty well taken care of, but it's always nice to have a few more pennies in the till. It's a big night around here as yew know, with more than 100,000 usually packing in town to see the display. This year should be no different.

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

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### Familiar sight

Weather forecasters are telling us what we've suspected since about the middle of April – the drought is over throughout Connecticut. Since January, the state, and particularly the coastline, has experienced higher-than-normal precipitation. Last week was a good example, as below-average temperatures kept jackets at the ready, and people walked around with a bumbershoot in case of rain. This was taken over the weekend.



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# Paris accord is worthless, Trump was right to vacate

To paraphrase Winston Churchill: Never have so many been so angry about so little. Last week, President Donald J. Trump withdrew the United States from participation from the Paris accords concerning climate change.

**So Many:** The usual left-wing cabal of environmental groups, alternative energy parasites (they want taxpayer money) and the malcontents that have protested, rioted and been a general pain the public backside decried the move as – wait for it – apocalyptic. Of course, the apocalypse has been ongoing since the results of the election were made official around 2:40 a.m. Eastern Time November 9. The same is true for the national left-wing media, which has the same agenda as the above mentioned groups and would scream if President Trump looked out his window and declared it a sunny day. They would find some place somewhere that had rain.

**So angry:** Added to the cabal of the usual suspects, we had the European leadership, not known for being defenders of individual rights or the lessening of governmental interference into personal lives. They also decried the decision, and caused one leader, Angela Merkel to say that Europe can no longer expect the United States -- or Great Britain (because of Brexit) to be leaders in the world stage. Mrs. Merkel is free to try it, but we doubt she, or the German people, have the stomach for being the top dogs in the world. When push comes to shove, she and the other leaders will look to the United States for military and financial backing should something happen – as it will inevitably.

**So little:** The Paris Accords, signed in 2015 was a giant publicity stunt with little or no actual teeth – with one or two exceptions. Nations were asked to hit specific goals in carbon emissions. Actually we should say *some* nations were asked to hit specific goals. All were in the Northern Hemisphere, and all were successful economies. Other signatories were allowed to belch as much carbon as they wanted with little or no problem.

Meanwhile, the successful nations were to fork over billions of dollars to other nations in a transfer of wealth that had little to do with the environment, but was seen by the United Nations and others as a good pretext to let it happen. The United States was on the hook for \$3 billion.

Besides this, the signatories were making what amounted to “voluntary” promises on goals with no actual enforcement mechanism. So the question may be posed: what were we actually exiting?

The reality is if it was a treaty, it was not ratified by the Senate; therefore, it had no legal force in US law. It was, in fact, put into force by executive action under Barack Obama, and many believed that action ceased when Trump was sworn in. Obama knew the accords would never pass the Senate as a treaty, and used a go-round in order to make it look as if the nation agreed with the terms of the document.

The United States is working toward lower carbon emissions and probably will hit the targets under the accords on its own and by use of competitive capitalism rather than international socialism. Those parts of the agreement which were to have the force of law were those Obama-era executive orders and actions that were energy and economic poison to our nation, such as closing the coal industry.

The *sturm und drang* that we've seen over the last few days are just more Trump Derangement Syndrome by the usual lefties, and the resentment of East and West Coast elites and their counterparts overseas who wish a globalist, one-world government.

Trump did the nation a big favor by getting out of this agreement. He saw that even the signatory nations were acting in bad faith, not intending to live up to its tenets – including China – but letting the enviros believe they got something to combat whatever climate catastrophe they believe is coming this time.

The Paris Accord is a toothless, feel-good document signed onto by a former President who believed only in its broader government controls.

Environmentalism like much else supported by the left wing of this country, is a pretext for those who believe in bringing this country into the European socialism model, where elites rule over the great unwashed.

We are better without it.



# Embrace the robots, people

**By Rich Lowry**  
*Syndicated Columnist*

We have seen the enemy, and it is the robot.

A wave of fear over automation is driving dire predictions about robots rendering swaths of Americans unemployable and has created a vogue for outlandishly stupid policy proposals. A popular idea in Silicon Valley is for a so-called universal basic income -- the government would write everyone a monthly check -- to cushion the unemployment effect of automation (never mind that such a policy would itself have an unemployment effect). Bill Gates wants to tax robots, which makes about as much sense as taxing personal computers back in 1991.

The rising tide of hysteria about our technological future has to count as one of the most pernicious features of the current intellectual climate. The only way to raise our standard of living is to increase productivity, which is impossible without innovation. This process always destroys some jobs but, by raising wages and cutting prices, makes it possible for new jobs to spring up in their place.

This, in a nutshell, is the story of the American economy, as Robert Atkinson and John Wu describe in a new study for the Information Technology & Innovation Foundation. It's not a tale of stasis but of gales of technological change constantly making the economic landscape anew. It's hard to see how anyone would want it any other way.

Do we really want to recover the tens of thousands of

pinsetter jobs that used to be filled by boys and young men at bowling alleys prior to the adoption of the automatic pin-setting machine in the 1940s? Or return to 1950, when there were more than 100,000 elevator operators, an occupation that essentially disappeared after the widespread adoption of self-service elevators? Or rekindle the glory days of motion-picture projectionists, who numbered more than 30,000 in 1940 and now, in the age of multiplexes, fewer than 5,000?

This sort of occupational churn is inevitable when an economy is becoming more productive, and indeed, the average American worker -- equipped with once-unimaginable technological tools -- now produces in an hour what

his predecessor 100 years ago produced in a day.

The key finding in the Atkinson and Wu study is that, despite the alarm about automation, the American labor market in recent decades has had its lowest rate of occupational churn since 1850. Instead of being overrun by robots, the American economy is lagging in terms of a technological change.

Tellingly, productivity growth has increased at just a 1.2 percent annual rate from 2008 to 2015, a sharp drop from the 2.8 percent annual rate from 1947 to 1973.

Atkinson and Wu believe that another wave of technology is coming, but perhaps not for decades.

We can argue about the best  
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## Letters

### Hogfeldt requests hearing before Board of Ed

*Ed. Note: The following letter was sent to each member of the Board of Education, with a request that it be published in the Voice.*

Dear WH Board of Education Member,

As most of you know, I am a life-long resident of West Haven. I have been an educator at the high school level for more than 20 years, and I have spent 12 of those years teaching at West Haven High School. In the last few years my publi-

c discussion of corruption in my union and my opposition to the school district's poorly conceived plans for block scheduling have earned me

### Lowry: *Robots here*

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ways to train higher-skilled workers or to cushion the blow to workers of economic change, but technophobia is a formula for stagnation.

If we survived the advent of cars, the telephone and electric lighting -- truly revolutionary changes around the turn of the 20th century -- surely we can endure whatever the transformative innovations that will, once again, make our economy and workers more productive than ever.

Don't fear the robot.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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a reputation as someone who will ask questions and challenge authority when necessary.

Sadly, my outspokenness resulted in Superintendent Cavallaro serving me with a termination notice claiming that I am not capable of being an effective classroom teacher. I am now in the position of having to defend my good name and reputation as an educator.

Connecticut law says that when a teacher is given a notice of termination, he is entitled to a public hearing before the Board of Education.

Although I made a request for a hearing before you, the members of the Board, Superintendent Cavallaro

is railroading me into what amounts to a private arbitration.

I don't think it's an accident that he doesn't want you to hear my case yourselves.

An arbitration means that a person with no connection to or knowledge of our school district and our town will decide whether I should continue to teach our students.

I think that's unfair and a denial of my rights.

I am writing you this letter because I think you — and the students and families of West Haven High and the members of the community — should be aware of how their tax money is being used by Superintendent Cavallaro: to try to persecute and terminate a dedicated educator.

I am requesting that you, the members of the Board of Education, honor my original request and reverse the process begun by Superintendent Cavallaro: provide me with an opportunity to present my case to you directly and in a public forum, so that you can decide whether I should continue to teach our students.

Vic Hogfeldt

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The Finance Committee of the West Haven City Council will hold a Public Hearing on June 12, 2017 at 6:50 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven for the purpose of implementing provisions of P.A. 86-469 entitled "Neighborhood Assistance Act" in order to prepare and submit to the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services a program list defined by the department regulations.

Stacie C. Hurley  
Clerk of the Council

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The Finance Committee of the West Haven City Council will hold a Public Hearing on June 12, 2017 at 6:55 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven for the purpose of providing the Public with an opportunity to address the Community Development Administration Program Year 43 Budget.

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The West Haven Historical Society will open an exhibit on World War I on Saturday June 10 and Sunday June 11 from 11- 4. The exhibit will showcase local memorabilia, photographs, medals, and other artifacts related to West Haven's participation in World War

I. Admission is free on both days.

The display, "Over, Over There: West Haven in World War I," will be highlighted by a local soldier's diary relating events in his service in the American Army in France, a book written by a woman from

the area who volunteered as a nurse in France during the Great War, a helmet worn by a young man in the World War and a U.S. Navy serviceman's uniform.

"These wonderful examples of family memorabilia from the First World War, have

been loaned to the Society by local families for the society's special exhibition," noted Jon Purmont, president of the Historical Society.

Also on view will be photographs of local West Haven soldiers who served in World War I, newspapers from the war years, letters and post cards from local West Haven residents who served in the armed forces of the U.S. from 1917-1918. Many of the items come from the archival collection of the city's historical society.

Among the interesting materials on display for the first time is a ledger book from 1917-1918 kept by West Haven officials concerning various local patriotic organiza-

tions rental of the Community Room of the Old Town Hall. The entry for all those groups notes "no charge" levied for those particular groups.

For example, the West Haven Liberty Chorus often used the facility at the Town Hall for rehearsals and public concerts in order to urge support for the war effort.

Other local groups such as the West Haven Defense Council, the Home Guard, and the Liberty Bond Committee are also listed in the official town register from the last century.

The exhibit opens Saturday 11-4 and Sunday June 11 from 11-4 at the Historical Society 686 Savin Ave., opposite the Green. Admission is free.

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# Nursery on the Green closing after 53 years

This Friday's commencement ceremony at the West Haven Green Nursery School will mark the school's closure after 53 years outstanding of service to the children and parents of West Haven and the surrounding area.

Founded by Mrs. Lorrain Standish and the late Jean Kaas in 1964 as a non-denominational mission outreach of the First Congregational Church of West Haven, it has for many years since her retirement been directed by Jean M. Palmer.

Tough economic times have reduces the school's enrollment so drastically that it can no longer afford to operate.

The West Haven Green Nursery School is very proud of the excellent educational foundation that it has provided to so many young people from West Haven and other communities over the last five decades and our teachers will miss shaping their young minds for the future." said Nursery School Board of Directors President Steven R. Mullins in a letter to the Congregational Church Board.

At Friday's commencement, Mayoral Chief of Staff John Lewis will present official citations from Mayor Edward M. O'Brien to Palmer, who has worked at the school for 35 year, teacher Lynda Bennett, who has worked at the school for 21 years and Ann Marie Sullivan, who has worked there 13 years. Founder Lorrain Standish, age 96 will also receive a citation for her pioneering innovation.

## P&Z: Plan review set

**Continued from page 1** known as NV5, to help prepare the plan.

Neil Desai, NV5's senior city planner who directed the West Haven POCD planning process, said: "The POCD presents a strategic approach to stimulating economic development in West Haven. Residents recognize the potential that the city has, and this plan aims to put together all the right pieces to guide the city toward reaching its full potential."

City Planning and Development Commissioner Joseph A. Riccio, Jr. and Assistant City Planner David W. Killen served as resources for the Steering Committee and the plan update process.

For information, visit [www.planwesthaven.com](http://www.planwesthaven.com) or call the planning and development office at (203) 937-3580.

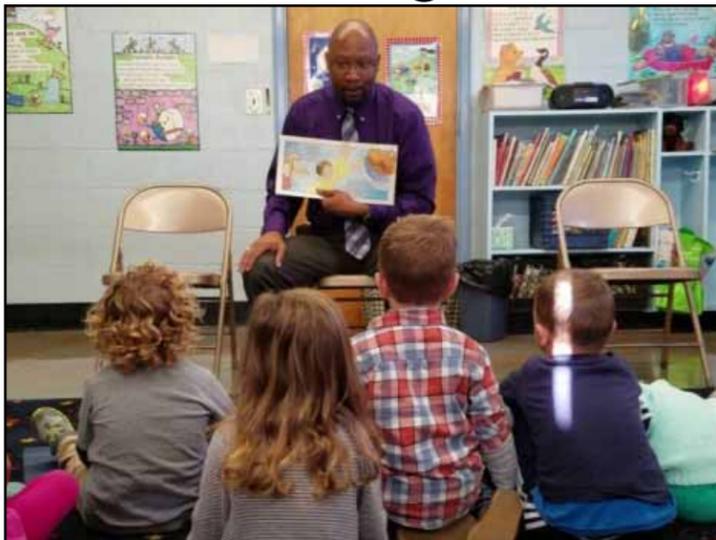


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West Haven Green Nursery School Board of Directors Steven R. Mullins reads to three year old pupils last November.

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#### Profile of Attorney Mark A. Healey

Attorney Mark A. Healey has been practicing law in West Haven, CT for more than 25 years.



Mark received his education at Hopkins School in New Haven graduating with the Class of 1979. He went on to study Economics at Hamilton College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree. He then attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and received his Law Degree in 1986.

Mark began his career in law working with a small, general practice firm that specialized in plaintiff's personal injury cases. In 1992, he opened his own law practice on Savin Avenue, on the West Haven Green, and has been there ever since.

Attorney Healey has represented hundreds of clients with regard to plaintiff's personal injury matters and has secured millions of dollars in recoveries for accident victims. He also devotes a substantial part of his practice to Worker's Compensation claims, Real Estate Closings, and Probate, Wills, and Estates.

Currently, Attorney Healey is the President of the West Haven Bar Association, a member of the New Haven Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Association, Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, and the American Association for Justice. He has been accredited by the Better Business Bureau and is rated as "Highly Ethical and Highly Professional" by Martindale Hubbell.

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### From the archives

If there was one facade that served as an iconic reminder of Savin Rock Amusement Park for those of a certain age, it had to be the clown face that bedecked the Laff in the Dark that stood on Beach Street. The “horror” ride was a popular stop during a trip to the old park. The ride was torn down with urban renewal in the 1960s, but remains a memory for many.

## Rossi issues caveat on WHHS bonding

Nancy Rossi, Democratic candidate for mayor, has serious concerns regarding the West Haven High School renovation project’s financing and demolition schedule. Mayor Ed O’Brien has stated publically that the demolition of the G-wing, which houses the shop classes, is scheduled to begin this summer, before the project is formally put out to bid. The City Council will consider a bonding ordinance on Monday, June 12, which will authorize \$133 million for the project. Approximately 72 percent of the cost will be reimbursed by the state.

“The problem is that the high school renovation project has not been advertised for a formal bid, and this administration is going to start tearing down the existing building. It is like gutting your kitchen before you get prices from a contractor to renovate it. It is irresponsible, and doesn’t make any sense. What will happen if the bids come in at \$150 million? We are already living a financial nightmare,” Rossi said.

“The high school project cost was \$124 million two years ago, and Mayor O’Brien stalled the project so he could appoint his own building com-

mittee—and now here we are with a project that will cost the taxpayers \$9 million more, and will have 14 fewer classrooms which are worth at least another \$6 million. I have not seen anything saying we will receive a credit for those lost classrooms, which begs the question ‘What are we really getting for an extra \$15 million?’ The bottom line is we are paying much more and getting much less” Rossi explained.

“Let me be clear, I am completely in favor of the high school project, and believe it is necessary in order to provide our students with a quality education

to compete in today’s world. However, I am concerned we are putting the cart before the horse. We were better prepared two years ago, but now we are hastily starting a project without a contract. What are Mayor O’Brien and our City Council going to do if we knock down the shop wing and then can’t afford the price tag? What is the rush for demolition? Follow normal procedures -- complete the drawings and put the project out to bid before you start demolition—we need to interject some common sense here” Rossi concluded.

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## At a Glance

### Howard ordination set Sunday

The First Congregational Church of West Haven will celebrate the ordination of the Rev. E. Carl Howard on Sunday, June 11, at 3 p.m. at the Church on the Green, 464 Campbell Ave. Members and friends of Pastor Carl are cordially invited to the service and light refreshments thereafter.

Howard, who has been Bridge Pastor, Supply Pastor, and Pastor in Discernment for over three and a half years at the First Congregational Church will assume the Associate Pastor's position at the Dunbar Church in Hamden

His Ordination takes place under the auspices of the New Haven Association of the United Church of Christ. The Rev. Kathryn King of the First Congregational Church will be participating. Those attending the reception after the service are kindly requested to RSVP the Church Office at (203) 933-6291.

### Professor speaks at society meeting

The regular June meeting of the West Haven Historical Society will be highlighted by a presentation on World War I by Professor Thomas Colby, adjunct professor of history at UNH and Quinnipiac University.

Professor Colby's talk is in conjunction with the Historical Society's exhibit on West Haven in World War I will open to the public on Saturday June 10 from 11-4 and on Sunday June 11 from 11- 4. The exhibit entitled "Over, Over There: West Haven in World War I" will present a focus on local soldiers participation in the Great War complete with memorabilia from the Society's Archives and from various local families collections of photographs, servicemen's uniforms, and a diary kept by a local soldier of his time in the U.S. Army while in France.

The Thursday evening meeting will begin at 7 at the Poli House 686 Savin Ave. The public is invited.

### Registration open for Rec camps

Registration has opened 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.

Tiny Tots Camp meets 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. weekdays, starting June 26, in Pagels Elementary School, 26 Benham Hill Road; Junior Day Camp meets 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays, starting June 26, in Mackrille Elementary School, 806 Jones Hill Road; and Painter Park Day Camp meets 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, starting June 19, in the park, 190 Kelsey Ave. For details, go to [www.whparkrec.com](http://www.whparkrec.com) or (203) 937-3651.

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# Historian's corner

## Silver's Drug Shop Part IV

By Dan Shine  
Voice Columnist

Over the years, Silver's employed dozens and scores of West Haveners. According to Dave Silver, "Many of the part time positions were held by high school students who remained with us through their college years. Academics were a priority and we were flexible with our scheduling their needs. Many of them make a point of keeping in touch today. We tried to be role models and set a good example for them to follow."

And there was an older

group: Edward Silver called them "Silver's Belles," and together they had spent over three hundred years in service to Silver's customers. They were:

Sophie Young, who worked in the pharmacy.

Yola Livi, who ran the lunch counter.

Dot Manning, who ran the cosmetics department.

Irene McGrail, the bookkeeper.

Olive Domingos, who ran the greeting card department and the front end.

Jessie Terrasi, who assisted Dot Manning in the cosmetics department.

According to surviving Silver's Bells Olive Domingos and Jessie Terrasi, it felt like they were part of a close-knit family: the Silver family looked after the customers and the employees and treated them with respect. The employees went to the Silvers to discuss their personal problems and they also invited their bosses to family functions, sporting events and the like.

"And the parties," says Olive Domingos, "We had so many parties! The Christmas parties were very wonderful. The Silvers brought in special foods, music and entertainment, and the parties lasted well into the night. It was marvelous. We looked forward to the Christmas parties every year."

Says Jessie Terrasi, "We cried when the lunch counter closed, and we cried again when it was announced that the store would be closing. Those were special years that we all had together. I was happy to be part of i



The Silver's Fountain was a city landmark for 62 years before the decision was made to close it. It was missed by many.



"Silver's Belle's" met for a reunion following the closure of the store. They were familiar faces to longtime patrons.

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## Softball, baseball bumped out

The West Haven baseball team traveled to Southington on Tuesday afternoon to take on the #9 seeded Blue Knights. After the Knights took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning, the Westies were looking to get even in the top of the second and it looked like they would when, with a runner on Nick Flammia launched a long drive to left but it was hauled in at the base of the wall for a long out to end the inning.

The Blue Devils pulled within one run in the fourth inning when Sean Jefferson reached on an error, Ty Reeves singled and then John Cambino singled to score Jefferson to make it 2-1. The Knights reestablished their two-run lead in the bottom of the inning for a 3-1 lead.

The Westies stranded two runners in the top of the fifth inning but then came up with a huge rally in the sixth inning. Nick Flammia doubled with one out and then John Cambino singled to bring in Flammia to cut the lead to 3-2. Brett Gradoia and Mike Vitolo followed with singles to load the bases. Mario Kiaunis then singled to score Cambino and knot the game at 3-3 before an infield single by Dom Cambino gave the Westies a 4-3 lead.

The Knights responded quickly in the bottom of the sixth. Southington loaded the bases with no outs before the Westies were able to turn a double play but a run scored to even the game 4-4. Unfortunately for the Blue Devils, the Knights were not done. Southington would score three, more runs to grab a 7-4 lead.

Heading to the last inning, the boys needed another rally to keep their season going. When Ty Reeves led off the inning slicing a drive past a diving Knights' right-fielder, Reeves legged out a triple to give the Westies hope. Reeves would score when Nick Flammia grounded out to second but that would be as close as the Devils would get in a 7-5 loss, ending their season.

The softball team opened its CIAC playoffs with a trip to visit the Norwalk Bears on Tuesday afternoon. The Westies took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Kristal Rivas singled to score Veronica Lynn. The Blue Devils tacked on three, more runs in the third inning when Kailey Carrano doubled, Makenna White walked and Ivy Santos singled to load the bases. Rivas singled to score Carrano and Dianne Rodriguez singled to score two runs for a 4-0 lead.

The Bears chipped away at the lead, scoring one in the bottom of the third and another in the fifth inning to make it 4-2. The Blue Devils got a run back in the top of the sixth with a Makenna White double to score Kailey Carrano, who reached on a singled. Then the Westies sealed the game with another run in the seventh when Ivy Santos doubled and Sadie Roberts tripled to score Santos and give the girls a 6-3 victory and send them to Norwich on Wednesday. Santos pitched a complete game, allowing three runs on eight hits to get the win.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Westies ran into the No.

1-seeded Norwich Free Academy Wildcats. After the Wildcats jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning, Ivy Santos settled down to get through the next two innings. The fourth inning was a different story though as the Wildcats got seven runs to open up a 9-0 lead.

That was more than enough for the top-seeded Wildcats as their pitcher was tossing a perfect game into the fifth inning and finished just giving up three hits. Kristal Rivas broke up the perfect game with a single in the fifth and then Sadie Roberts singled but that is where the rally ended. Kailey Carrano would get the Westies' other hit in the seventh inning. Santos pitched 5 1/3 innings taking the loss while Kasey Marron pitched the final 1 2/3 allowing one hit. The young Westies finished their season with a 15-8 record.

Photo courtesy of WHHS

### Greenwood Award winner

Pictured above is WHHS Athletic Director, Jon Capone, presenting the Rotary Club's Bob Greenwood (Service Above Self) Award to Lauren Lewis for her volunteer service at WHHS in the past four years. Lauren will be attending the University of Connecticut in the fall.



Photo courtesy of WHHS

### Division II Player of the Year

Pictured above is WHHS Lacrosse coach, Chrystal Fanelli, presenting the Southern Connecticut Conference's Division II Player of the Year to Gabby Prisco. Prisco will be attending Endicott College in the fall.



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# Westie Blue In Touch

By Mike Madera

Much is to be said about the way a team ends the regular season. Just ask the West Haven softball team. Winners of their last four regular season games, and five of their last six, the Westies went into the Class LL state tournament as the 17th seed. With 14 wins, one would think the Westies would get a home game.

Such was not the case as West Haven had to travel to face No. 16 Norwalk in the opening round of the state tournament in Norwalk.

Behind the hitting of Kailey Carrano, who finished with three hits and two runs scored, West Haven posted a 6-3 victory over host Norwalk and

advanced to the Class LL second round against top-seeded Norwich Free Academy.

"This is a big win for us," West Haven coach Joe Morrell said. "When you win 14 games, you do not expect to go on the road and face another 14-win team. But, that is exactly what we did. Last year, we lost a lot of kids from a team which we thought we had a good team with. These kids have just filled those spots and done a great job."

While Carrano led the way with three hits, freshman Ivy Santos chipped in two hits and scored twice, while Kristal Rivas also had two hits and drove in two runs.

Santos went the distance

in the pitching circle. She allowed three earned runs on eight hits, while walking four and striking out three.

For the Westies (15-7), the first-round game was all about getting on the board first and just building on that lead. West Haven had runners on base in just about every inning and opened up the game with three runs in the third inning.

Leading 1-0 after Rivas singled to score Veronica Lynn in the first inning, West Haven extended the lead to 4-0 in the third inning.

Carrano led off with a double to right, Makenna White walked to put runners on first and second, and Santos singled to right to load the bases. Rivas followed with a single to center to score Carrano for a 2-0 lead, and Dianesse Rodriguez singled to center to score a pair to extend the margin to 4-0.

"This one is really important for us," Carrano said. "We proved ourselves today. We did what we had to do. Tomorrow is another day. We will play our game. Getting off to an early lead was really big. We got the lead and just had to keep it going."

The three runs in the third were big for West Haven as Norwalk (14-7) came back with a run in the bottom half

of the inning. Brenda Garcia let off with a single, moved to second on a ground out, and scored on Katie Scigliompaglia's single to right with two outs.

After both teams squandered scoring opportunities in the fourth, the Bears got within 4-2 in the fifth with one run. Samantha Troetti started the rally with a one-out walk, moved to second on a grounder, and scored on Dina DiBlasio's double to left. Santos got out of the inning when she got Jessica Otto to pop out for the final out.

West Haven got that run back in the sixth as Carrano singled to center with one out, and scored on White's double to right for a 5-2 lead.

"I thought that run was big," Morrell said. "They had just scored a run, and we were able to get that run back. We were worried because we were giving up too many runs. We got a couple with the late rallies, and they help. That is a situation you don't want to go into the seventh up by just one run." The Westies tacked on an insurance run in the seventh when Santos led off with a double and scored when Sadie Roberts tripled to right.

Norwalk did not go down without a fight as Skyler Suda opened the seventh with a

single, went to second on a ground out, and scored on a single by DiBlasio to get Norwalk within three.

Santos did the rest for West Haven as she recorded a strikeout and a grounder to end the game and send West Haven to the second round.

DiBlasio led Norwalk with two hits and two RBIs.

The season came to a close for the West Haven girls softball team. A day after defeating Norwalk in the opening round of the state tournament, the Westies traveled to face top-seeded Norwich Free Academy last Wednesday afternoon and fell 11-0.

The Westies (15-8) saw firsthand why NFA is the top seed as the Wildcats jumped out of the gates quickly with two runs in the first inning, then blew the game open with seven more runs in the fourth for a 9-0 advantage.

Senior Elizabeth Fleming did the rest for the Wildcats as she tossed a complete game, allowing just three hits. Fleming also struck out 12 in the win for the Wildcats.

Carrano, Rivas, and Sadielee Roberts had the hits for West Haven in the loss.

Santos took the loss as she went 4.1 innings, allowing seven earned runs on 10 hits, while striking out four.

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# Youth Baseball Roundup

## Shore Haven

The Gunning Law Firm Mets broke into the win column at the expense of the Leslie Jewelers Dodgers with a 6-0 win. Jayden Roby pitched a one-hitter and had 16 strikeouts, he also had a double and a triple with 4 RBI. Brian Oliver had two hits for the Mets including a double. Alex Pope had the Dodgers hit.

The Woodlawn Duckpin Bowling Yankees suffered its first loss at the hands of the Baseball Card Mania Red Sox, 10-5. Zach Goetze pitched a complete game for the Red Sox and Mikey Alfano went the distance for the Yankees. John Barrington had an inside the park homerun. Camden Larka had an unassisted double play for the Red Sox. Tenzin Kyaptenpa had two hits and four RBIs for the Yankees.

Anthony Peschell and Colby Faughnan combined for six hits and five RBIs as the Yankees defeated the Dodgers, 11-3. Robert Foley pitched a complete game with 12 strikeouts for the win.

The Red Sox beat the Augliera Movers Pirates, 8-7, after the rally in the 6th fell short. Marcus Burrows had a triple for the Pirates.

Anthony Peschell pitched a four-hitter with 16 strikeouts and had three hits as the Yankees defeated the Mets, 8-2. Matt Cavallaro had 2 hits and Colby Faughnan scored 3 runs for the Yankees. Jacob D'Avignon had 2 hits for the Mets.

The Red Sox beat the Dodgers, 8-0, as Zach Goetze pitched the complete game. Camden Larka and Bobby Severino combined for six hits for the Red Sox.

The Pirates, with a late rally, defeated the Mets, 7-5. Tegan Grillo shut down the Mets to preserve the win for Marcus Burrows. David Quiroz had a double and two RBIs and Giovanni Diaz scored the winning run.

Tenzin Kyaptenpa, Anthony Peschell, and Mikey Alfano combined for nine hits and seven RBIs as the Yankees beat the Dodgers, 11-5. Mike Miller and Colin Fennell had doubles for the Dodgers.

John Barrington and Zach Goetze pitched a two-hitter for the Red Sox defeating the Pirates, 8-1. Quinn Eyrich had an inside-the-park homerun for the Red Sox. Vin Nacca scored the only Pirates run.

West Haven Little League Minors

In West Haven Little League Minors action this past Saturday, the Brewers topped the Cubs 11-9 in a high-scoring affair.

Pitchers Dylan Agvent, Christian Bavaro, and Brady Price came through to close

out against the Cubs in a close game as the got the Cubs to leave the tying run at third late in the contest.

The Brewers hit two inside the park home runs, one coming from Price and the other from Agvent. Sean Watley Jr. was 2-for-2 with a run batted in. Josh Trager hit a bases-clearing triple for the Brewers to get the win.

## Majors

In Majors action, the Dodgers won a pair of games, topping the Marlins 10-8 Tuesday evening and the Cubs 9-3 Sunday morning. Against the Marlins, Anthony Peschell was 3-for-4 with a home run and a triple, while K.J. Harp doubled and picked up the save on the mound. Abe Sipos, who picked up the win, also doubled.

In Saturday's win against the Cubs, Peschell picked up the

win with six strikeouts. Mikey Alfano and Abe Sipos each had a pair of hits. The A's improved to 11-1 with two wins this week. In the first game of the week, the A's defeated the Cubs 11-1 as Mattaeo Petruzzello got the win on the mound. The A's also defeated the Marlins 7-2 as Dylan Supan pitched a complete game for the win. Supan also lead the offense with a home run. Nick Hunkele led the Marlins with a two-run double, and also pitched well in relief.

## Savin Rock Sea Dogs

The 10-U Seadogs win their first game this season On Saturday May 27., the Savin Rock Seadogs 10-U travel baseball team played against the Technique Tigers and posted its first win of the season by a margin of 8-1.

Defensively, every player played well, with no errors

being committed. Pitcher Hudson Axelrod pitched a complete game one-hitter, not walking a batter. Axelrod was part of 13 of the game's 18 outs. He recorded four strikeouts and nine putouts. Offensively, Nick Conlan was the star for the Sea Dogs, going 3-for-3 with two runs scored. Zachary Bouteiller had a single and also drove in a run. The Seadogs lost the first game of the doubleheader 3-2.

The 13-U Savin Rock Seadogs went 3-1 this weekend to even their overall record at 8-8.

The Seadogs swept two games on Saturday against the Connecticut Blue Jays and split a two game series against the Long Meadow (Mass.) Barons on Sunday. Greg Baker pitched a complete game in a 10-3 win against the Blue Jays. Hunter Axelrod got the win in the second game, a 6-3 Sea

Dogs decision. Anthony Velez and Mattaeo Petruzzello led the way with key hits. Baker had the complete game win against Long Meadow (Mass.) in a 13-0 win. Joe Santos and Gianni Gambardella led the offense. The Barons won the second game, 7-3.

## Notice of thanks

The West Haven Little League Board of Directors would like to thank one of the sponsors, East Coast Overhead Doors, for coming out to fix the badly damaged security window at the concession stand. John Lutters and his company not only fixed the window very quickly, but they are taking care of the costs as they want us to put the mo. Thanks to the WHLL community for supporting all of our recent fund raisers such as Chipotle's, Savers, and sales from the candy apples.



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*Announces:*

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| <b>Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> &amp;<br/>Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>CHECK IN at 6:00-6:20pm</b><br><b>Tryouts run from 6:30-8:00pm</b> | <b>Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> &amp;<br/>Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>CHECK IN at 6:00-6:20pm</b><br><b>Tryouts run from 6:30-8:00pm</b> |

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In addition, depending on the skill level, teams will take part in the Connecticut Cup Championship and tournaments, both in and out of state.



**For information concerning tryouts, please call Matt Petrie 203.980.3022**

# Green Machine wins over Maroons, 5-1

In the EB Boys Division, the EB 2 Maroon Bulls took a hard 4-1 defeat with the lone goal being scored by Jack Aloï assisted by great field coverage by Andrew Valderame, Nathan Santiago, Alex Saucedo and

Aaron Abraham. In another EB Boys Division game, the Green Machine defeated the EB2 Maroon team this past Saturday morning by a score of 5-1. Antonio Brown led the Green Machine with

three goals. Christian Reyes scored off an assist from Dylan Petrie. The other goal came from Ethan Masoperth as he showed his foot skills by dribbling through the defense. Strong defensive play by Christian Ashong and Erik Ji-ang helped the Green Machine to only allow one goal.

The Elite Soccer Camps Orange Pumpkins won a tough game Saturday morning, 2-1, against EG4 which is having great season in itself. The Elite Pumpkins fell behind, but rallied for two goals late in the game. Sophie Mazeroski netted the winning goal, with support from Molly Gunning and Ashlynn Trenchard. Katelynn Salgado showed a lot of hustle, and Leah Bogunicki kept the other team under pressure and just missed the goal a couple of times. Adelia Parise played a solid second half in goal for the Elite Soccer Pumpkins. While on EG U-10 girls team, great play was supported by Madyson Ortiz who led all scorers. She was supported by Fatima Magana, Angelina Messina and Madeline McCarthy. Led defensively by Natalie Reed, Sarahi Cruz-Cruz, Lania Donovan and Angelina Florio.

Net duties were covered by Kera Chiong.

The West Haven U-10 girls developmental travel team fell in a hard fought game to a skilled Shelton side Saturday afternoon, 2-1. Aylin Soto and Isabella Eyler combined well for the Westies, while being supported in the mid-field by Chloe Whelan, Jaylyn Powell and Etta Funke. Kayla Burt and Molly Gunning both made some great saves in the net, and Annabelle Pasacreta played well on defense.

The Elite Soccer Camps U-11 girls travel team went to Shelton Saturday afternoon, and came home with a 3-2 win. The Westies fell behind 2-0 in the first half, despite some great saves made by Alyvia Ginsberg. The girls rallied in the second half behind a Brooke Flaherty hat trick, with assists from Ava Murphy and Abigail Phelan. Ariana Izzo put forth a solid effort in the center of midfield, supported on the flanks by Josephina Lakaj, Isabella Nage and Cindy Burns.

Meanwhile at the Cheshire CQVIT Tournament, the West Haven Rush U-19 girls team competed Saturday and Sunday. In the first game they

battled to a 1-1 tie with a good Guilford squad with a goal by Madison Barbieri. While on defense they were supported by Sophia Wilson, Winnie Chiong, and Nile Lee. Rayanne covered the net duties for Rush. In the second game they played the Guilford Extreme, losing 2-0, despite several good scoring chances. The defense was supported by Sierra Tarantino, Sinead Connelly, Angela Borelli and Betsy Magano in net.

On Sunday, rival Cheshire Redwon a 1-0, contest, despite many chances. Abby Lozon, Jimera Butler, Micaela Owen and Grace Oxyck played well on defense. Thea Ranelli have quite a few good chances to keep the defense rolling backwards. In the second game on Sunday, Rush played a good team in Fairfield United, ending in a tie 2-2. Fairfield tied game up near the end of the contest. Betsy Magano had several key saves while Madison Barbieri scored twice to keep the game even. Support came from Angela Borelli, Maya Murarka, Emily Golding, Micaela Owen and Grace Oxyck. Gabi Karlan played well up front to keep the offensive attack moving.

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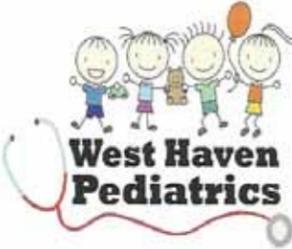
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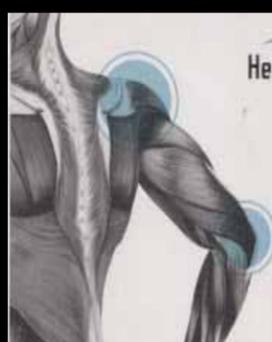
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### Gripe Vine Readers:

Last week a reader wrote and complained of rats in her backyard as well as her neighbors, across from Colonial Boulevard Brook. The individual who complained, indicated she couldn't see why they have to pay for an exterminator. "After all, the town cleaned the brook and sewers because of the backing up into people's homes. I counted at least six rats."

Well, Gripe Vine reached out to the city's complaint officer, Francis Withington who responded with, "A group cleaned up the creek on Colonial, disturbing the habitat. They are water rats, not city rats. They are wild critters who were disrupted. The Public Works will set some traps. If it were who would be responsible? They are critters of nature."

### Dear Eleanore Turkington:

The ugly skate park has become a haven for graffiti, much of it gang related. If the graffiti is left in place, it will only attract more and in other places. Why has nothing been done here?"

*Disgruntled*

### Dear Disgruntled:

Francis Withington, West



TURKINGTON

Haven Complaint Officer, received this gripe and he said, "I have spoken to Joseph Montagna, Park Supervisor and he is calling a company that specializes in graffiti cleaning. Some of the items are Savin Rock related and I think that will remain, but miscellaneous graffiti will be tended to. I will watch this to completion."

Readers, if you have been a follower of Gripe Vine over the years, you will remember that I always ask you to let me know when your gripe is completed or if it is not. My same reminder is extended to this complaint as well. Give it a week or so and if this graffiti isn't gone, let me know. gripevine4wh@aol.com

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If you need more writing space, complete your gripe on a separate piece of paper and submit with this form. Your identity will be kept confidential with Eleanore Turkington, Gripe Vine Columnist. You can also email your gripe to gripevine4wh@aol.com

### Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Truckers have left litter at the Sears Warehouse on Railroad Avenue. It is unbelievable!

*I Care*

### Dear I Care:

The area is now clean. Dear Eleanore Turkington: I have submitted, along with a photo of a sidewalk between 106 and 112 Lakeview Avenue in Allingtown. This sidewalk has been an issue for pedestrians, children on bikes and scooters. Mothers walking their babies in strollers, etc. Please let me know how this

hazard can be fixed

*Fearful*

### Dear Fearful:

Your complaint was investigated by Francis Withington, West Haven's Complaint Officer, who is looking into possibly correcting this dangerous sidewalk. Watch Gripe Vine for a solution. Meanwhile, please let me know gripevine4wh@aol.com when you see an improvement. If nothing has been corrected within a week or two, email or write to Gripe Vine.

Gripe Vine Readers as I promised, each week in Gripe

Vine, I will continue to remind local authorities to correspond with the state on installing speed limit signs in West Haven. I am also going to continue to remind our West Haven Police Department to enforce violators of illegal mufflers and speeding of motorcycles. West Haven Residents have continued to put up with these violators. When you have to close your windows in the summer because of deafening motorcycle roars, it's time the riders take responsibility. As I have said before, I have ridden "bikes" and have enjoyed the ride, but let's think of keeping the noise and speeding down to legal limits.

Coming up: hazardous crosswalk at Veteran's Hospital at Campbell Avenue... auto parking in West Haven... traffic light gripe at Campbell Avenue and Route 1...Beach Street pot hole..empty buildings on Beach Street..Captain Thomas Blvd. lights...children's swings at Morse Park.. and much more.

You can submit your gripes, complaints and comments to gripevine4wh@aol.com. Please include your name, address and phone number, kept strictly confidential with me. You can also mail your complaints to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice, 666 Savin Ave.



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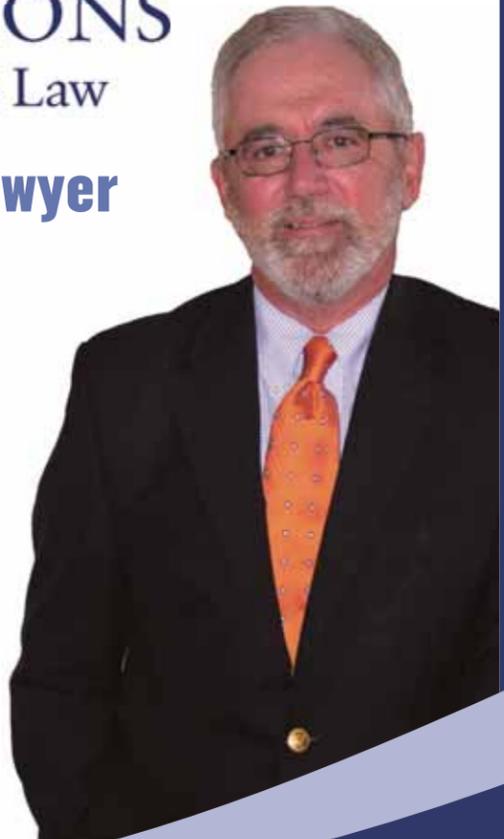
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### Casino bus trip

The West Haven I-A Seniors will conduct a Bus Trip to Foxwoods Casino on Wednesday, June 14. Cost \$25 per person, gratuity included. Casino vouchers are buffet and slot plays. Bus leaves club grounds at 85 Chase Lane at 8 a.m. and returns approximately 5:30. Call Mickey at (203) 606-8929 or Terri at (203) 934-3188.

### Used book sale

The First Congregational Church, 464 Campbell Ave., will host its monthly Used Book Sale, White Elephant Sale, SERRV Shop sale and Clothes Closet sale on Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. As always we will have a large selection of wonderful

books of all kinds, including many children's books, -at low prices, used household items, greatly reduced, handmade articles from refugees around the world and gently used clothing of all sizes. For more information, call (203) 933-6291.

### Ziti dinner

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 71 will be hosting a fundraiser ziti dinner at St. John Vianney Church hall, 300 Capt. Thomas Boulevard on June 10, at 5.30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. All proceeds to help the organization purchase flags to put on graves of veterans at local cemeteries. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Contact Ruth Morgan at (203) 387-2305.

### Fest and dinner

The Harugari Singing Society has scheduled two events for June. The first is the annual SommerFest on Sunday June 11, at 1 p.m. on the club grounds, 66 Highland St. Admission is \$5 and includes food and drink available for purchase.

The second is the monthly dinner June 23, at 7. Dinner includes Swedish meatballs served with noodles, veggies, salad, dessert, & coffee. Price is \$10 members, \$12 non-members \$5 kids.

For both events, contact Stan, (203) 843-2244 or spokorajr@aol.com or the club (203) 933-9930 for reservations or further information.

### Armstrong reunion

Former workers of the Armstrong Rubber Company are planning their annual reunion for Saturday, July 15 at the Orange Plains Community Center, Orange Center Road in Orange beginning at noon. The price is \$22 per person in advance, \$27 at the door. Those wishing to make reservations should call John Langrieger, (203) 795-1611 or (203) 430-9907, or send their reservations to 264 Sylvan Valley Road, Orange, 06477.

### Youth Theater

West Haven Summer Youth Theater is still accepting applications for its summer program. The program is open to youths 10-18 years old. Details are available at artswesthaven.org or by phoning (203) 654-0756.

### Shred event

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. The club is offering Hard Drive Destruction and Computer Recycling for \$20 each.

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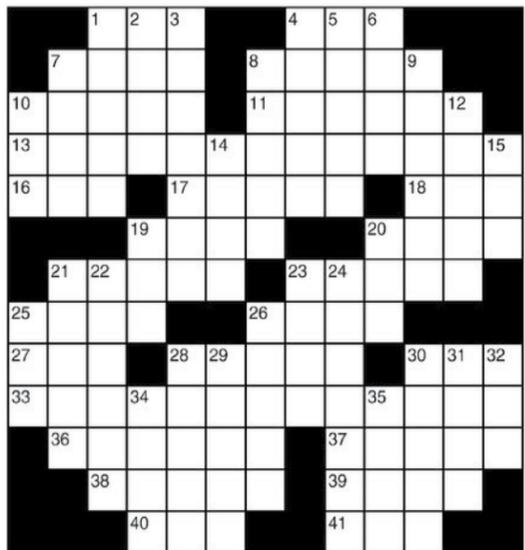
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- ACROSS**
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  - 4 Recipe meas.
  - 7 Lass
  - 8 Luster
  - 10 Calcutta's land
  - 11 High, wispy cloud
  - 13 Orphan Annie's benefactor
  - 16 Really messy place
  - 17 Frogs' hang-outs
  - 18 Whopper
  - 19 Crooked
  - 20 Witnessed
  - 21 Representative
  - 23 Dervish
  - 25 "Two and a Half Men" role
  - 26 Oodles
  - 27 Cacophony
  - 28 Colorado tribe
  - 30 Chum
  - 33 Spider's
- DOWN**
- 1 Lightheartedly silly
  - 2 Dry
  - 3 Nursery item
  - 4 Bronze medalist's place
  - 5 Belgrade natives
  - 6 Lima's land
  - 7 Summertime pest
  - 8 Meager
  - 9 Centers
  - 10 Egos' counterparts
  - 12 Downhill
  - 14 athlete
  - 15 D.C. fig.
  - 19 Stiller or Affleck
  - 20 Firmament
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Antenna Birds Chimney Dish  
 Dormer Fiddler Flags Flashing  
 Gutters Saint Nick Shingles Solar panels  
 Thatch Vents Weather vane

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**A BETCHA PUZZLE!** Place an odd-shaped piece of paper (fig. 1) on the table and challenge your friends to cut it into four equal pieces, all the same size and shape. The solution is shown in figure 2.

**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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| 8 | 3 |   | 7 | 4 |   |   |
| 7 |   | 4 | 9 |   |   |   |

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

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Hidden in the diagram above are names and words associated with horses. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the words you're looking for.

ARABIAN GRASS QUARTER  
 BELGIAN HARNESS SHETLAND  
 CARRIAGE ICELANDIC STALLION  
 CIRCUS MUSTANG TROTTER  
 DONKEY PASTURE WALKING  
 GAIT PERCHERON

## Answers to last week's puzzles

— King Crossword —  
 Answers  
 Solution time: 21 mins.

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— Weekly SUDOKU —  
 Answer

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



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