

Rossi wins in upset

The said it couldn't be done – but she did it!

An admittedly shocked Nancy Rossi emerged from the mixed bag that was Tuesday night's Democratic Primary and beat incumbent Mayor Edward M. O'Brien. Preliminary totals had Rossi eking out a 2383-2247 win.

She is set to meet Republican candidate David Riccio on Nov. 7 in the general election.

In the process, the candidate who pushed the fact she was a certified public accountant and able to right the city's longstanding financial woes, she took a possible five of 10 council seats in close voting. Some of those tallies may have to go to recount.

The win was the culmination of months of preparatory work by the Rossi campaign, headed up by for-

mer councilman Michael Last. Put on the front burner was the city's fading financial picture, which has an operating deficit of somewhere around \$16 million. That campaign geared up right after the first of the year, taking a page out of O'Brien's 2012 playbook when he defeated incumbent John Picard.

Rossi used that as the cornerstone of her campaign, accusing the O'Brien administration of failing to balance the budget during its four-year occupancy of City Hall, and, in fact, leading to its doubling.

The City Council earlier this year approved a bond issue to pay off the deficit, but the results of that bond sale have not been made public.

While not a total victory, Rossi's campaign seems to have picked off five council seats, the first, fourth, fifth,

sixth and seventh. She was also expected to get one Board of Education slot away from the erstwhile endorsed slate and possibly took the Tax Collector and City Treasurer positions.

The campaign was contentious and sometimes nasty between Rossi and O'Brien, with both candidates exchanging barbs.

Meanwhile, O'Brien touted his administration's economic development successes, including the Haven, the Atwood, Yale-New Haven's new facility on the former Sursum Corda property off Route 34, and others. He maintained the city's economic success is contingent upon increasing the tax base through development.

Going into Tuesday's vote, some candidates did express their surprise as the "anger" of some voters while

they were walking the streets of the individual districts.

The reasons for the anger ranged from the increase of the city's property tax in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget, to the bonding for the deficit and the new West Haven High School, to use of eminent domain in order to purchase the property to build the Haven.

The primary pitted the former Picard faction of the Democrats against the Morrissey-Borer factions, an intramural fight that has split the party for decades. This time, the Picard faction won.

Rossi stayed on message following the victory. Happy but stunned as she stood with supporters at her Savin Rock Parkade headquarters, she promised to begin balancing the city's books straightway.

Growing up in Allingtown: Great!

By Barbara Howe Santoro
Special to the Voice

I was born and bred in Allingtown, in West Haven, the little village, if you will, between New Haven city lines and West Haven proper. And it was a great place to grow up. We had it all, we weren't aware of that, but in retrospect, we Allingtowners lacked for nothing.

Just on the strip of Campbell Avenue from Forest Road to Gilbert Street, we had restaurants, two drug stores, a shoe repair shop, a barber shop, a beauty parlor, a bakery, a variety store, a meat market, neighborhood bars, an Italian store and restaurant, and our very own fire house and volunteer fire department. There was a factory fronting Campbell Avenue, soon to become apartments, that made beauty products and many women worked there. There was a full service gas station, maybe two if my memory serves, and an automotive store.

We had our own K-8 school, and library. We had our own theatre, and one that had burned up before we were born, but was still there. There were two factories on Front Avenue, both of which made necessary items for the war, the big one, WW2. They also provided work for the many immigrants who made their homes in that area, bought their houses, and raised their children. My own Italian grandfather worked in the "Web Shop" and bought the house the family owned for years afterward, on Admiral Street.

We knew nothing about stereotypes, everybody was a different nationality, everybody was just one more kid in the neighborhood. On my short dead end street, Taft Avenue alone, my memory can come up with 8 different ethnic names and there might be some I have forgotten. But they were just the neighbors, judged simply by how they interacted with everyone else. We knew not that they were a different nationality than we were, now did we care.

Our school, Forest School, was a combination of two buildings, the "new" building built before 1940 sometime, and the "old" building, which had been there for perhaps 50 years before my time. My parents both attended that school. It was

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The Forest Theater and the Allingtown Fire House were two landmark locations for kids growing up in the Borough of Allingtown. The theater was demolished three years ago to help make way for realigning traffic. The firehouse is no longer the headquarters of the Allingtown Fire Dept. The department came under city auspices six years ago by vote of the borough's residents. The building is still an important meeting place, however.

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Allingtown: *A true 'melting pot' in city*

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small, and the new building made the school larger, but it was forever defined as the new and the old buildings. The library, governed by the same lady for years, was a place we all gathered, to read, study, do research, and borrow books. She knew us all, our parents, our reading habits, and how to keep the peace. In Forest School, if you drive by it today, you can see two doors, one marked Boys Entrance and one Girls Entrance. And we entered thru the correct doors at all times, no exceptions...ever. I chuckle at it today, but it made perfect sense then, boys were rowdy, we girls were expected to NOT be.

The Allingtown Fire Department was all-volunteer, and most able-bodied men be-

longed, as did my Dad and my uncle. My mother had many relatives in Allingtown, and no doubt they all belonged to the volunteer group. There was a chart on the back of our pantry door, indicating which street or area corresponded to the number of blasts from the fire horn. Two longs and 1 short might be Orlando Street, for example, but all volunteers had this chart.

My dad would be awakened, as we all were, by the horn, and my job while he hurried to dress, would be to count the blasts and tell him where to go. It was an important job, let me tell you, and I was happy to be roused out of sleep to do this. The guys assembled at the firehouse or drove their own cars to the location and helped put out all fires. To this day, I am proud of my Dad

and all those who did this to keep our little corner of West Haven safe. I am betting that Allingtown Fire Department is more than equally proud of its history in this regard.

In addition to there being a true melting pot of nationalities in Allingtown, there were, as you would expect, numerous religious groups among us. The Catholic kids went to St. Paul's Church, not IN Allingtown, but close enough for a hike; and on Wednesday's the nuns came to Forest School for catechism, and nobody but nobody got out of that! We had a Protestant Church opposite The Forest Theatre; our Jewish friends had to go into New Haven for shul, also my Greek and Russian friends, but worshiping was something we all did, giving thanks and just being good God loving people,

nationalities notwithstanding. Who knew we were supposed to be judging each other?

Both the trolley cars and later the buses, ran thru the center street and one could get transportation to anywhere by boarding in front of Fater's or Torello's across the street. The tracks are paved over now, but they are still under there!

At the end of Taft Avenue and fronting Front Avenue, was "the lot," an empty field where we did pretty much all the things kids did then. But it was too tempting to the adults and they went and built a ball park there, complete with fence all around it! Took away our lot! Undaunted, that fence only kept out the faint of heart, but the ball park ended up being a good thing, many the summer nights my folks and I walked down there, and

sat in the stands to watch the fledgling Yankee hopefuls playing the local lads. Baseball was always big in my family, Dad loved it and my uncles played it.

There was an empty lot next to my house, however, not as large, but just as inviting. Hilly enough for sledding, flat enough for all those other games. And we were outside ALL the time, in all kinds of temperatures mind you, never too hot nor too cold, we had to be outside, that was the norm. Trees were for climbing, and hiding behind in Hide and Go Seek, the street traffic was such that we could play out there, Rover Cross Over, Simon Says, come to mind, and a few others. We roller skated up and down the sidewalk, cracks and all, and we ice skated in the street, as the snow plows did Allingtown last. The cars tamped the snow down enough for us to skate on. We rode our bikes everywhere, cars were few, both my parents drove and had a car, but they were unusual in this regard. My first 'bought' bike, the others were second hand, was a boy's bike because my kid brother was going to inherit it when he was old enough. It made perfect economic sense to buy one bike for both of us, and I doubt that I could ever ride a girl's bike because of it. I was the only girl kid to be able to give somebody a ride on my bike bar...HAH.

The news speaks of closing up Cellini Place and I want to go on record as reminding people that that little stretch of black top wasn't always Cellini Place. John Cellini was only 18 when he joined the Army for WW2 and was sent overseas. Very shortly thereafter, he was also the first Allingtown boy to be killed in this war and thus, the street was named in his honor.

There was a ceremony and everything. I remember hearing my mother saying that, poor Mrs. Cellini never saw her boy again after he put on that uniform and went off to war. I think of that with deep sadness now that I have sons, she said goodbye, God bless, and never expected him to NOT come home again. He was buried in France with hundreds of other boys like him. So when they remove this street, I hope somebody remembers why it bore this name, it isn't just a street but a memorial to a mother's grief and to an honorable young boy from our little neighborhood who went off to serve his country.

Allingtown is a real place; its was a wonderful place to grow up; a true melting-pot.

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Dear Felicia

Howdy do, honey bunch. There's a lot to talk about this week, whot with the primary held this past Tuesday and other setch stuff. This past week saw some interesting developments, and developments that might cost our beloved taxpayers some serious kopecks.

As yew know, we go to press and whilst we will have a story on the primary, Cobina's letter to yew each week must be done early. As we headed into the final hours of the primary campaign, there was one thing that was missing: allegations of absentee ballot problems. Over the past few years, yew can almost set yore watch to the fack that somebody is going to come up with something that has to do with absentee ballots. This year, nary a word.

Could it be that our politicos are getting scruples and folying the letter of the law on these things? I know, I find it hard to believe, too. Usually

there are all kinds of things going on or allegedly going on and there are arguments back and forth betwixt the candidates. So, that might happen after it's all done. My money is still on the possibility that something is gonna come out. Just call it a hunch.

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Sammy Bluejay came in and reported that the consensus even amongst the endorsed candidates is that there might be a mixed-bag result when the dust settles after Tuesday's vote. We'll know by the time yew git this letter. According to what Sammy sez, he's talked to one or two people from both campaigns and in their more telling moments, there was general agreement that a few districk seats might be up for grabs.

That means that Nancy Rossi's people could end up on the endorsed slate and maybe even on her A Better Choice line effen she decides to go that route. That's the next big question, depending on the results. Effen some o' her candidates git the nod, they might

be on two lines.

Some are still wondering whether she is gonna go through as a thoid-party nominee since she started ABC. Those in in the know are figgering that it'll be a three-way race, and that could throw the whole thing into a tail-spin. With three candidates, yew never know how things are gonna work out.

We know one person who is hoping for setch an outcome, and that is Davey Riccio, the Republican candidate. Whilst the Dems have been duking it out over the last several weeks, he's been calmly walking door-to-door introducing himself and schmoozing with the voters.

A three-way race definitely is a win for Riccio and his line effen it comes about. I said to yew a week or so ago, the entire thing looks like a repeat of 1981 in some ways. We shall see effen it continues to unfold that way.

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Meanwhile, the way came in and told yores truly that some of the candidates have been very up-front about the fact that there are angry voters out there. Some are angry about the taxes going up in the foist year of the term, some are upset that eminent domain has been used to advance the Haven, and some are just unhappy with the way things are going in the city.

Effen that anger translated to votes Tuesday or will translate to votes come November, it could make things a bit

more than interesting in these parts. We shall see...

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Speaking of the Haven, not a whole lot has happened around there. Windows in the various properties have been boarded up for weeks, but last time I hoid, there was nothing being done about beginning to clear the area. A fence was put up a couple weeks ago around one block, but nothing else. Meanwhile, the businesses that remain over there are still on a month-to-month operation. The ax hasn't fallen jest yet.

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As expected, the Bored of Ed decided to go with the recommendation of the arbitrator that wasn't supposed to arbitrate and fired Vic Hogfeldt. Now, yew know how Cobina feels about this case. This has been going on for about two-plus years, and a teacher that had perty good evaluations from staff and administrators up to that pernt all of a sudden became "incompetent." Maybe he is, but how did he fool soooo many people for soooo long?

Nope, this smells to high heaven, and it follys the pattern that was set a long time ago. Effen yew are trying to git rid of someone, don't jest put up a case against 'em, try to destroy them by harming their good name. It is the modus operandi of the school system and has been for years. And we have two situations where that is becoming obvious.

In Vic's case, they not only broke the law by not giving him the forum he requested – a full hearing before the board – they pushed the arbitration and he didn't show up. So, there weren't two sides given. When they moved the hearing up last week to make sure they voted to fire him, they wouldn't even let him speak before the panel, thus ensuring that nothing they didn't wanna hear got uttered. So, we're printing his statement.

This is all going to Superior Court and it will determine effen the high-handed tactics of the powers that be are OK, or should cost the system a few bucks. Effen that happens, there should be some smart resignations coming down the pike. Failing that some firings.

Meanwhile, even those who didn't support Hogfeldt are struck by the unfairness of the entire proceeding and realized – rather late, as usual – that the same thing could happen to them. And now two staff members who are teaching but got caught up in the Save Our Shops campaign a few years ago, are now being put through the bureaucratic wringer.

The entire episode has sent a chill through McDonough Plaza we are told, and we have no reason to doubt it. Everyone remembers the character assassination that was done on Garry Grant a few years ago – and that ended up in a settlement after all the "collusion" that was alleged came up empty from several enforcement agencies. But the damage was done, like the guy asked, "Who's going to give me my reputation back?"

The school system is outta control and the Bored better stop listening to high-priced barristers and start listening to the people in the system. Like I said, effen this costs the taxpayers one cent, the next sound heard would be the professional heads of those in charge.

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Whilst out in the gassamobuggy last week, Cobina noticed that there is a screen surrounding the former Captains Galley. It seems some prep work is being done over there. Word is that a request for demolition has been approved and a new edifice is supposed to be built. It is gonna be a little farther back on the property than it currently is situated and that has a few of the neighbors concerned.

Mother Nature has begun to take over the place and in a short while what is now standing could be a pile of rubble without benefit of wrecking ball.

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

*Cobina*

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# Feinstein's comments show a long-standing intolerance

"Why is it that so many of us on this side have this very uncomfortable feeling that — you know, dogma and law are two different things. And I think whatever a religion is, it has its own dogma. The law is totally different. And I think in your case, professor, when you read your speeches, the conclusion one draws is that the dogma lives loudly within you, and that's of concern when you come to big issues that large numbers of people have fought for years in this country."

■ Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA)

With that incendiary quote, Sen. Diane Feinstein of California along with several of her Democratic counterparts have crossed a line they would not dare approach if the religion of the person questions had been something other than what it is. Catholic jurist Amy Barrett was in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee, being questioned as she is considered for a judgeship. Feinstein and Illinois Senator Richard Durbin brought Barrett's Catholicism up during questioning.

The topic, of course, was the Democratic dogma of abortion on demand. Barrett has written about Roe v. Wade as well as being a faithful Catholic and a jurist. Her views on Roe v. Wade conform to the opinions of many scholars, both left and right, that believe the 1973 decision giving abortion rights as Constitutional was based on bad law and faulty logic.

Democrats, who have shifted from a left-center party to one that has become more radical in its leftwing approach to national issues, are now doing what they said they would never do: making a religious litmus test for judicial approval. Feinstein talked of "dogma" and Durbin, who calls himself a Catholic, took issue with Barrett's use of the word "orthodox" in her writings on religion and the law.

It was as if we'd gone back 170 years — or even back to 1960 — when Catholics, including John F. Kennedy, were thought to be unfit for office. The reason: they would take their marching orders from the dome over St. Peter's in Rome, and bring them under the Capitol dome.

The only Catholics, we guess, who should be heard are those like House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, who offers her own version of Catholic dogma, only to be corrected by several bishops and theologians on a regular basis. The effrontery of Feinstein and Durbin is remarkable, but it brings up a self-answering question.

Would either of the esteemed legislators asked the same about dogma from an Orthodox Jew or practicing Muslim? As we said, the question answers itself. The outrage from various left-wing quarters would be sure and bitter. Why then do both believe they have license with a Catholic?

Conservatives and Catholic writers have condemned the line of inquiry as have some fair-minded people on the left. The reaction from the media? Cue crickets.

The role of a judge is to interpret the law in the light of what is written, what was discussed during the law's passage and the precedents concerning that law. The problem is even Feinstein and Durbin know that the legal foundation of Roe is shaky at best. As the nation's voters increasingly desire to seem limits on abortion, Democrats and left-wingers are just as increasingly horrified by the prospect Roe may be overturned — and on good legal grounds.

This attack on Barrett was reminiscent of the days of the Know-Nothings, Ku Klux Klan, and other Nativist organizations. It is beneath the dignity of people who sit in the United States Senate. Both should be roundly condemned and even censured for their line of questioning, but we won't hold our breath waiting for that to happen.

## A welcome addition

This week the Voice adds a new feature to its sports pages. Steve Kirck II, publicity man at Notre Dame High School has become a contributor to our sports pages. This is the culmination of many months of thought regarding giving the city's "other school" a presence that has been lacking for a few years.

Kirck brings a wealth of experience to the task as he has written for the New Haven Register and for Coach George DeMaio during the WELI/WAVZ weekly football broadcasts.

Much like Todd Dandelske of WHHS, his contributions will be a weekly wrap-up of sports. We welcome him.



# Hogfeldt responds to B of E

*Ed. Note: At his hearing Sept. 5, Vic Hogfeldt was not allowed to make a statement. He requested it be published.*

Ladies and gentlemen, today is the first day of my life in which I am ashamed to say that I am a Westie. Please make no mistake about this. What has been done to me over the past two years is the product of the collaboration of a corrupt teachers' union and an unaccountable and vindictive schools' superintendent, Mr. Neil C. Cavallaro. True to his mentor, late West Haven political boss Harold Allen, Cavallaro has attempted to run our school system with lies, fear, ignorance, and intimidation. With all sincerity, I ask each of you reading this: Is there anyone left in West Haven who honestly believes that Mr. Cavallaro should be allowed to continue in his job as superintendent?

Most sadly for me personally, over the past eight months, has been the realization that West Haven Democratic Party and Board of Education Chairman James Morrissey, a man I have long considered a friend, has fallen in with Mr. Cavallaro and conspired with him to purposely deny me my right to a public board termination hearing.

Instead, a phony arbitration was contrived and foisted upon me by Mr. Cavallaro and the Board. Chairman Morrissey was informed by me at least as far back as Jan. 15 of this year, and on numerous other subsequent occasions, of my desire to have a public board termination hearing. Likewise, members of

the Board were similarly informed, both personally and by US mail, of my desire for a board hearing. On Monday June 12 I met with Mayor Ed O'Brien. We discussed this issue in his office, he agreed to support my request for a board hearing, we reviewed my written notes of this meeting, we shook hands, and these notes were sent to Chairman Morrissey the next day. Every single contact I made with West Haven officials and Board members concerning this matter can be documented, produced, and will be sworn to by me under oath.

I also published several letters written by me to the Board concerning this matter in the West Haven Voice. This was necessary because of Mr. Cavallaro's long history of deception and concealment

of information from the Board of Education. Several Board members had told me personally that they only knew what was going on in the school system when they were privately informed by individual teachers. That's why I had to utilize the Voice. Without being facetious, I could not have been more explicit and emphatic in my rejection of an arbitration to all concerned had I hired an airplane to fly over West Haven every day for the past eight months with this banner streaming from its tail — "VIC HOGFELDT WANTS A PUBLIC BOARD TERMINATION HEARING!!!"

At a May 3 meeting in City Hall, my original attorney made clear to Board Attorney Floyd Dugas that we were objecting to an arbitration. There

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was some initial confusion on my part with regard to the purpose of that meeting, because it was described to me by my original attorney only as "some kind of meeting" no more than an hour or so from start time.

A lady who I later found out was Arbitrator Laurie Cain was also present at this meeting. Board Attorney Dugas claimed at this meeting that "the Board had selected a hearing officer" [for me]. My original attorney made clear that he was retiring for "medical reasons."

The nature of his illness had required me to engage a new attorney, which we were in the process of "bringing up to speed" on my case.

This was a sensitive issue because my original attorney appeared to be suffering from some form of dementia, which both he and his family acknowledged as they scrambled to turn his cases over to other lawyers.

As someone whose own father had passed away from Alzheimer's Disease only a few years earlier, I struggled to handle this situation in a way which would retain the dignity of Leon and his wonderful family while maintaining my own legal prerogatives.

It appeared to me that others were attempting to take advantage of this tragic situation. Early in June I asked Chairman Morrissey for a face-to-face sit-down so I could explain Leon's situation and my concerns to him.

On Saturday July 1 I described my quandary in detail to Chairman Morrissey and asked him if I could speak with the Board in executive session about this situation without speaking about the merits of my case. Chairman Morrissey's lack of response to my pleas was deafening. The fix was in.

All of these communications are documented.

While I was attempting to inform the Board about what was going on, I received a threatening letter from Mr. Cavallaro on June 14 ordering me to "cease and desist" from contacting Board members under penalty of an additional charge of insubordination being added to my original termination notice. Cavallaro soon made good on his threat. What appears to have been going on here all along is that the superintendent was trying to finagle an arbitration past the Board without arousing my attention.

On July 12 I sent a letter to Arbitrator Laurie Cain respectfully outlining my objections to the upcoming arbitration and her designation as a

hearing officer. I told her that I believed this to be an illegitimate process to which I had never consented. I attempted to delicately explain the issue of my original attorney's oncoming dementia, and its nullifying impact on the issue of consent.

This letter was also sent to each Board member, again arousing Mr. Cavallaro's ire. When I told Ms. Cain in a July 19 e-mail that I would not be participating in her arbitration, I received a threat, "failing to participate in the process will be done at your peril," accompanied by a schedule of fees for her services.

Apparently, I was being asked to give her a bank check for at least \$5000 for the privilege of defending myself. Ladies and gentlemen, there's a name for this.

Jim, I have known your family for many years as you have known mine, and I believed I could trust you.

Back in the old neighborhood, all of us were a little rough around the edges growing up, but we were never mean and we didn't tolerate bullies.

We never took advantage of those who could not defend themselves and we didn't stab our friends in the back. We were not Cavallaro. What happened? This is not the West Haven any of us grew up in.

Let me be very clear to all West Haven taxpayers reading this:

The reason this process of my termination has dragged on for so long and has been so costly to all concerned is because of the devious behavior of Mr. Cavallaro and his helpers, activities which will be shown to have been in violation of my rights under the US Constitution and as a teacher under state law. This entire matter could have been wrapped up months ago if my right to a board hearing under the statute had been honored. I am requesting that Mr. Bill Riccio of the West Haven Voice and Mr. Mark Zaretsky of the New Haven Register demand a public accounting from Superintendent Cavallaro of the financial costs incurred by the school system thus far in attempting to railroad a teacher out of his job.

Let me also be clear about another issue: In any civil action going forward, the activities of WHHS Principal Pam Gardner and of Assistant Principal John DellaCamera will necessarily receive particular scrutiny.

Those who bear false witness against others in an attempt to create harmful narratives must be held accountable. Also, Board member Pat Libero must not be permitted

to vote on my termination, since her niece is specifically named in my ongoing harassment and retaliation lawsuit filed in Superior Court last year.

Finally, we are prepared to demonstrate in court with documented evidence that the West Haven Board of Education knew for several years that Superintendent Cavallaro was using administrators in the school system to illegally harass and attack teachers who disagreed with him on policy issues.

And they did absolutely nothing to stop it.

Allow me to draw everyone's attention to the Aug. 16 New Haven Register article attached to this statement. Please read it carefully.

This is the sort of stuff that has been going on in the school system under Cavallaro for the past five years, especially since a coordinated assault began against the Tech Ed Department at the high school.

Both Principal Gardner and Assistant Principal John DellaCamera had a heavy hand in harassing and attacking the department head and the teachers in Tech Ed, illegal activities aided and abetted by the union.

Two teachers were forced to resign under duress after outrageous claims were made against them. At the Highway Department, Mr. Harwood was accused of washing his truck at a city facility. As a teacher in the high school, I was accused of stealing a cup of tea from the cafeteria and escorted to Principal Gardner's office by the police. Then, union VP Lynn Bonaldo arranged for this tea-stealing accusation to be put in the newspaper to make me look like a thief.

After a campaign of harassment, which intensified after I stopped the imposition of block scheduling (BS) in the high school, Principal Gardner and her managers decided to attack my integrity as a teacher by putting me on a "support program," with predictable results.

This was done with the full cooperation of the teachers' union, as we are prepared to demonstrate in court. Other teachers resigned before getting this far. I stood and fought. So here we are.

Please allow me to say a few words about Alzheimer's Disease as it applies to our current situation.

My late father was a man who grew up on Brown Street in our city. He was a graduate of our high school, a World War II combat veteran, and a graduate of Yale University with a master's degree. Like many dying from this illness,

he had moments of clarity followed by days and weeks of confusion and silence.

A few years ago, as he languished in a Bridgeport hospital bed suffering the final stages of that illness, he said a few words to me which I will never forget: He told me, "It's not just the things you do in your life that are important. It's the things you WOULDNT do." A few weeks later he uttered his last words to me: "I want to go home." And then he passed. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, some people WILL do anything to get what they want.

At this point in any statement by a teacher about to be fired, the teacher is

supposed to say a few words about how much he "loves the kids" and "loves his job," etc. You're not gonna get that crap from me. This isn't a retirement dinner and I'm not resigning.

In a week or two I will be setting up a "GoFundMe" site to help pay my legal bills. The teachers I work with are scared but they're not stupid. They know that my case will go a long way towards removing Mr. Cavallaro, the least respected and most personally disliked superintendent in the history of our troubled school system.

See you in court.

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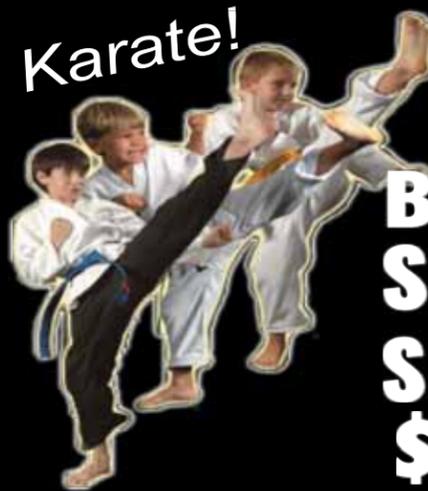
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### Board to hear appeals on vehicle assessments

The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet 6-8 p.m. Monday in the assessor's office on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St., to hear appeals of motor vehicle assessments on the 2016 grand list.

Any owner of a city-registered vehicle can appeal the assessment.

### Senior Center celebrating 49th year Wednesday

The West Haven/Allingtown Senior Center will celebrate its 49th anniversary with a luncheon from noon-4 p.m. Wednesday at the Cielo Banquet Ballroom, 85 Chase Lane.

The event, catered by Cusano's Catering by Maria, will feature entertainment by Vinnie Carr.

Entree choices are stuffed filet, prime rib or half chicken.

The cost is \$24 for members and \$26 for nonmembers.

Tickets are available at the senior center, 201 Noble St., or by calling (203) 937-3507.

### City collecting recyclable electronics Sept. 30

Residents can drop off electronic recyclables — typically anything that contains a circuit board or needs a battery — from 8 a.m.-noon Sept. 30 at the highway maintenance garage, 1 Collis St.

Anything that has refrigerant, including air conditioners and dehumidifiers, is not accepted. Those items are considered white goods, and residents are asked to put them out for pickup on their weekly curbside collection days.

For more details, go to the Department of Public Works page at [www.cityofwesthaven.com](http://www.cityofwesthaven.com).

The city is partnering with Take 2 Inc. of Waterbury, a recycler and collector of universal e-waste devices, to collect residential electronic items on a quarterly basis.

The collection is free for residents who have such items as TVs, hand-held video games, computers, monitors, copiers, scanners, microwaves, toaster ovens and other small appliances.

### Elm Cafe Golf Tournament tees off Sept. 18

Longtime West Haven businessman Frank Cuomo, owner of Elm Cafe at 124 Elm St., will hold the 19th annual Elm Cafe Golf Tournament Sept. 18 at Alling Memorial Golf Club, 35 Eastern St., New Haven.

The tournament proceeds will benefit blood cancer research for the Stamford-based Connecticut Westchester Hudson Valley chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

The \$135 fee includes a post-tournament lunch at the Polish-American Club, 194 Spring St., West Haven. Anyone wishing to attend the outing but not play in the event can buy a lunch ticket for \$35.

For information, call Cuomo at (203) 937-6521.



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# Around Town

## St. Jude benefit

The 5th Annual Walk-a-thon to benefit St. Jude's Children Hospital will be held this Saturday, Sept 16 starting at 9:30 a.m. Walkers will gather at St. Mary's Church, 70 Gulf St., Milford, to walk to Gulf Beach and back - approximately 3 miles. All ages are welcome. Donations accepted and all proceeds will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For any questions, contact Terry Swan at (203) 874-5070.

## Vendors needed

ROCKin' the Holidays Festival at Savin Rock Community School is looking for vendors, crafters and artist for their fair! Savin Rock Community School is located on 50 Park St. The festival will held on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rent six feet of space for \$25. It is a juried selection, if you are interested in obtaining an application, or have questions please contact - Taryn Driend at (203) 931-6850 or email Taryn at Taryn.Driend@whschools.org. All applications must be in by Oct. 6.

## Octoberfest set

The Harugari Singing Society has scheduled its annual Octoberfest for Sunday, Sept. 24, from 1-6 p.m. on the club grounds, 33 Highland St. German food will be featured for purchase.along with

the Vagabonds for listening and dancing. The Harugari Schuhplattlers will also perform traditional German folk dances. Admission is \$5 for Adults, under 18 free. CT Beer Trail "Trailblazer" card holders receive free admission and \$1 off each Connecticut Beer purchase. For information, contact: www.harugari.org or (203) 933-9930.

The club is sponsoring a Community Tag Sale on the grounds, Sunday, Sept. 17 from 1-4 p.m. Six-foot tables under the pavilion are available for \$20. More space is available if you bring you own tent. Call Sun Lanziero, (203) 623-9093.

## 'Matter of Balance'

Sept. 22-28 is Fall Prevention Awareness Week. Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH) CareCard Program, YNHH Auxiliary and the Connecticut Older Adult Collaboration for Health (COACH), a project of the Yale School of Medicine is sponsoring A Matter of Balance, Saturday, Sept. 23. This event is designed to teach seniors and their loved ones how to lower the risk of debilitating falls. This free program runs from 9-2 in the Cronin Auditorium on the St. Raphael Campus. Free screenings (by appointment) that can help reduce the risk of falling include blood pressure, balance, medication review, hear-

ing and vision, information, refreshments ,giveaways and free parking.. Reservations are required: call (203) 789-3275 to sign up.

## Church tag sale

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 38 Church St., will host its indoor/outdoor Tag Sale on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9-2, during the Apple Festival on the Green. In addition to items for sale, there will

be mums and baked goods for purchase.

## BP Garden Club

The Bradley Point Garden Club will hold a potluck luncheon followed by Garden Exchange, at noon Sept. 19, West Haven City Hall, 355 Main St. to start the 2017-18 year. New members are welcome. Call Marie at (203) 878-8428.

## WH Garden Club

The West Haven Garden Club will have its first meeting of this year on Thursday, Sept. 14 at the St. Louis Church meeting room at 11:30 a.m. It will be a pot-luck dish luncheon and meeting to follow. New-comers are welcome to join us. For further information call (203) 937-1674.

East Farm Village Apartments is now accepting applications for the property waiting list for households who meet the property and HUD Project Based Section 8 eligibility guidelines.

Application packets can be picked up at the rental office located at: 55 Messina Drive East Haven Ct.06512, Phone: 203-468-7224;

Applications will be given out Monday September 18, 2017 and will end when the first 75 completed applications are returned.

No additional applications will be given out or accepted after we receive the 75 completed applications.

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PUBLIC HEARING: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Harriet North Room, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven.

A Complete copy of this application and supporting documents available for review in the office of Planning & Development, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT.  
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## Budget Car Wash grand opening

Mayor Edward M. O'Brien, center, cuts the ceremonial ribbon Saturday with Budget Car Wash owner Sammy Rivera to mark the grand opening of the 24-hour car wash at 936 Boston Post Road, formerly Brothers Four Car Wash. From left, Rivera's business partner, Joseph B. Connolly; Fred A. Messore, senior vice president of Colonial Properties Inc. of Orange; Rivera's wife, Mallery, and 14-month-old daughter, Madeline; Chaz of WPLR-FM's "Chaz & A.J. in the Morning" show; and state Rep. Michael A. DiMassa, D-116.

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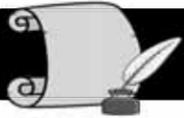
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## Historian's corner

By Dan Shlne

### Edgar Stiles

November, 1958

It was just a few days before the long Thanksgiving weekend.

The boy sat in the first grade classroom at Stiles School, looking out the window in the direction of the Armstrong factory, and wondering what it must be like to make tires all day in a factory.

His father had told him that it was hot and dangerous work, and that the factory never closed—it ran both day and night.

The boy wondered why the people were made to stay in that factory around the clock, working and working, and never getting a chance to sleep. Didn't they get tired? Did their families miss them?

In the distance, he could hear Miss Oppertshauser's voice droning on and on about numbers, or spelling, or something.

He had liked kindergarten, with Miss Skinner and Mrs. Jorgensen, but his first grade teacher was just plain mean. Maybe she didn't like boys. Or maybe she just didn't like daydreamers, which was too bad, because the boy had always been a dreamer, and thus he would always be.

He couldn't yet tell time by the clock on the wall, but he could see the shadows moving across the parking lot behind the school, and so he knew that class would be letting out soon.

In fact, there was his bus—number 87—just now pulling up beneath the classroom window.

Stiles School was operating on something his mother called "double session" and for now the boy only went to school in the afternoons. When he got home, it would almost be supertime.

He would get off the bus, go into the house, change into his play clothes and play with his baby brother while he waited for his father to come home. After that, he would--

"Daniel, just what are you looking at out there?!"

Abruptly, the dream snapped shut; The Dreamer was in trouble once again.

It is a fact that the boy had always wondered who this man Stiles was, and what someone had to do in order to get their name on the front of a school. Well, the story goes like this...

In 1863, a son was born to a Hartford couple, Frances Thresher Stiles and Levi Stiles. Young Edgar Stiles, whose

father was a harness maker, grew up in Hartford and graduated second in his class from Hartford Public High School in 1882.

He then continued his education at Yale, graduating in 1886.

Stiles immediately began his career in education, as a school principal in Norwalk from 1886-1887.

From 1887-1889, he served as a principal in Litchfield; then from 1889-1898, he served as the principal of Seymour High

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Finally, in 1898 Edgar C. Stiles took the position of Superintendent of Schools in West Haven, a position he would hold until his death in 1933.

To be continued

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For the record, the City Council of West Haven has adopted ordinances relating to graffiti and its subsequent

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Those individuals responsible for this offense will note the following information:

A-129-7 Graffiti; No person shall write, paint or place any paint chalk or any other substance or substances or otherwise mark, scratch, place, carve or etch graffiti on the real or personal property of another, whether the real or personal property be publicly or privately owned, unless the owner of the property has specifically consented to the same, prior to the commission of the act or acts.

B- The owner or occupant of the property, or both, shall not permit graffiti to remain on any residential, commercial or industrial property for a period more than five business days after it is first discovered or should have been discovered.

C- Notwithstanding the foregoing, any graffiti which comprises a desecration of property as defined otherwise in C.G.S.46a-56 or otherwise violates such statute, shall be removed immediately by the owner or occupant of the property.

Now readers, the penalties: Each violation will be considered a separate offense, each day any violation continues, shall constitute a separate of-



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**Coming up:** Ocean Ave speeding cars, graffiti on Ocean Avenue and Sawmill Road, garbage on the beach on Ocean Avenue..Severe erosion on the beach on Ocean Avenue, illegal parking on the even side of Washington Avenue, Morse Park Ball Fields lighting late at night... damaged tree at Anderson and Thomas Street, left lane traffic light at Campbell Avenue..street repaving needed at North Forest Circle, Beach Street road repair. You can submit your gripes, comments and complaints to gripevine-4wh@aol.com or write to me c/o The West Haven Voice, 666 Savin Ave. Please include your name, address and phone number kept in strict confidence with me. However, if I receive a gripe that I would really like to give my attention to, if you don't include an address or specific location. it can't be solved.

fense and each separate offense under this chapter, shall be punishable by a civil penalty of \$100.

So, readers, as I see it, if an individual thinks it's a big joke to spray paint obscenities on someone's property, from what I have read from the city's graffiti law, it is absolutely not humorous at all. There are legal proceedings in the Superior Court, remedial costs and attorney fees, just to name a few financial expenses. From what I have learned, police investigators have methods in which they can discover particular writing styles, etc., enabling the law to assist in arresting violators.

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## Westies outlast North Haven

The West Haven football team opened its season at Vanacore Field in North Haven on Friday night with a SCC battle against the North Haven Indians. After the Indians struck for a 27-yard touchdown pass to take a 7-0 lead 6:27 into the game, it looked like the Blue Devils would get even on the ensuing kickoff when Kyle Godfrey scooped up the kick and went coast-to-coast but a penalty erased the score and the Westies would have to settle for a midfield start. With 57 seconds left in the first quarter, Chris Chance would take a handoff, find the hole and race 30 yards to tie the game at 7-7.

After Kyle Godfrey picked off an Indian pass and weave his way down to the North Haven 5-yard line, Jake Conlan scrambled and found Nikolas Camara in the back of the end zone with a 4-yard TD pass. The extra point was blocked and the Blue Devils held a 13-7 lead with 4:34 left in the 1st half. As the half was winding down, the Indians tried to forced their way down the field but Joe Steinman intercepted a pass and returned it 37 yards to make it 19-7 with 59 seconds left in the half.

The Westies increased the lead to 25-7 four minutes into the third quarter when Kyle Godfrey finished a drive with a 3-yard TD run. North Haven

responded late in the quarter with a 1-yard touchdown run with 1:29 left to cut the lead to 25-13.

The Blue Devil defense came up big again when Doug Johnson scooped up an Indian fumble at midfield and raced for the TD and after a Conlan to Godfrey two-point conversion, West Haven was up 33-13. The Indians would make this one interesting though. About a minute and a half later, North Haven would strike on a 57-yard touchdown run to make it 33-20 and again on a 10-yard touchdown pass with 40 seconds left to cut the lead to 33-27.

That is where the Indians' comeback hopes would come to an end. With the Westies anticipating an onside kick, the North Haven kick would bounce out of bounds and after a kneel-down, the Blue Devils secured their opening night victory.

The Westies will travel to New Haven for their second game of the season against the Wilbur Cross Governors on Friday at 3:30.

The girls soccer team entertained the Sacred Heart Academy Sharks on Saturday afternoon at Ken Strong Stadium. After a scoreless first half, which saw the Westies dominate the game territorially, the girls were finally able to get on the board when

Kelsey Gilmore struck with a goal from the right side that found the back of the net for a 1-0 lead with 18:20 left in the game. That would be all the Blue Devils would need with Betsy Magana and Alycia Morales splitting time between the pipes for the shutout and a strong defensive effort from Madison Barbieri, keeping the Sharks at bay.

The boys soccer team hosted cross-town rival Notre Dame in front of a boisterous open-

ing night crowd at Ken Strong Stadium. Both teams battled all night with bodies flying all over the pitch. Notre Dame had quality chances in the first half, only to be denied by several, acrobatic saves by Saul Novoa. The Blue Devils had a chance with 15:53 left in the first half when Wanderson Maia had an opportunity on a breakaway but the Notre Dame keeper was able to sprint out and stop the attempt.

The Green Knights drew first blood with 18:52 left in the game on a penalty kick to make it 1-0. But the Westies continued to pressure Notre Dame and had an opportunity with 11:04 left in the contest. Daniel Morales drilled a direct kick from 20 yards out that went through the Knights' keeper's hands and into the top left corner to even the game at 1-1. That is the way this one would end.

See Westies, page 17



Photo by Russ McCreven

### Getting there first

West Haven's Taylor Nowak beats Sacred Heart Academy's Tiatiana Jones to the ball in last week's SCC game at Ken Strong Stadium. West Haven won the match, 1-0.



Photo courtesy of Todd Dandelske

### Player of the Week

West Haven senior Kyle Godfrey is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. Godfrey was a key component in West Haven's opening day victory over North Haven as he recorded an interception and fumble recovery on defense, and scored a touchdown on offense. Read about Kyle on the Player of the Week page at [www.westieblue.com](http://www.westieblue.com).

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## WestieBlue in touch

By Mike Madera

West Haven coach Rich Boshea was worried about his team as the season opener approached.

Facing a talented North Haven team, Boshea knew his defense would have to be the key if the Westies were going to come away with a victory.

Boshea got his wish.

Forcing five turnovers, and using four of those turnovers to lead to scores, West Haven topped North Haven 33-27 in a Southern Connecticut Con-

ference Division I contest at Vanacore Field in North Haven Friday evening.

"It has been a long time since we can say the West Haven defense won us a game," Boshea said. "We can say that tonight. Coach (Tom) Unger put together a great game plan. They (North Haven) have a very good offense. We work on a lot of turnover drills and they paid off tonight."

The Westies forced five fumbles and also picked off a pair

of North Haven passes, with Joe Steinman returning an interception 37 yards for a score, and Douglas Johnson scooping up a fumble and racing 50 yards for another score.

"Our defense played excellent tonight," Kyle Godfrey said after finishing with a fumble recovery, interception, touchdown run, and two-point conversion. "We knew if we were going to win this game, we were going to have to step up our defense. We practiced that offense for three weeks. We knew if everyone read their keys, we would be okay. We did a great job of that."

Leading 19-7 to start the third quarter, West Haven saw Godfrey strip a ball loose from North Haven, then turned the turnover into a 3-yard touchdown run by Godfrey for a 25-7 lead four minutes into the second half. After Zack Orth scored to get the Indians within 25-13, North Haven had momentum and was driving again.

Johnson turned the game around when he took advantage of a poor North Haven exchange and picked up a loose ball for a 50-yard fumble recovery and touchdown.

"You can't make that many

mistakes against a good football team like that," North Haven coach Tony Sagnella said after his team held a 293-153 advantage in yards.

"One of our goals tonight with an inexperienced team was to see them play hard all night. I thought we did that. We just made too many mistakes."

The Indians used a 57-yard touchdown run by Mark Montano, and a 10-yard touchdown pass from Shamus Meehan to Montano in the final minute, but it was not enough.

"I thought our defense played exceptional tonight, but the score does not show that," Sagnella said. "We can repair those mistakes."

After a slow start to the contest, which saw the Indians score on their first possession of the game when Montano hit Korbin Pecora with a 26-yard touchdown pass, the Westies rolled off the next 19 points in the opening half.

Needing a spark, the Westies turned to some familiar faces and its defense to turn the tide of the contest.

On his first carry of the game, senior Chris Chance dodged a tackle, then scampered 30 yards for the game-tying touchdown with 57 seconds

left in the opening quarter.

The West Haven defense did the rest in the next 13 minutes. The Indians, who gained 62 yards on their opening drive, were held to just 12 yards of total offense the rest of the opening half.

In the process, West Haven turned two interceptions and a fumble recovery into 12 more points and a 19-7 lead in the final five minutes of the half.

Godfrey intercepted Montano and returned the pick inside the Indians five-yard line.

Three plays later, quarterback Jake Conlan found Nikolas Camara for a 4-yard touchdown and a 13-7 lead on fourth down as the extra point was blocked.

"We told the kids, no matter what, we needed to come out of here 1-0," Boshea said. "We did that. I don't care how it was done. We were able to come out of here with the win."

After stopping the Indians with a fumble recovery, West Haven capitalized again in the final two minutes when Steinman picked off Montano at the North Haven 37-yard line. Following his blocks, Steinman raced for the score and a 19-7 advantage with 59 seconds left in the opening half.

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# ND fall teams open season

The Notre Dame sports season got underway with a trio of events as fall sports finally got to ply their trade after a pre-season of getting ready to compete.

## Cross-Country

The very first team to compete on the varsity level in the 2017-18 academic year was the cross-country team.

Under second-year head coach Rich Andreozzi, the team opened its season placing 14th in the Blue Dragon Invitational in Middletown on Friday, Sept. 8.

Thomas Minar led the way for Notre Dame, taking 31st place, finishing the 5k race in 19:14.5. Rory O'Connor and David Albright were the next two ND runners to cross the finish line.

O'Connor finished in a time of 20:21.3 while Albright crossed the finish line in a time of 20:23.5. Mark Crotta '18 and Liam Nuttall '18 rounded out Notre Dame's runners in this event.

## Football

The football team made its debut under first-year head coach Joe DeCaprio when they faced off against Fairfield Prep in the season opener.

Despite out-gaining the Je-

suits, Notre Dame fell, 29-12.

The game turned on a pair of 14-point swings. Leading 6-0, Chris Elias' third-down scoring pass was negated due to an illegal forward pass. Fairfield Prep held on fourth down and two plays later took a 7-6 lead on the first of two Doug Harrison touchdown runs.

Later in the game, trailing 23-12 and looking to make it a one-score game, the Green Knights fumbled on the one-yard line and Fairfield Prep's Anthony Mastroni scooped and scored, returning it 97 yards for a backbreaking score.

Leading the way for Notre Dame were Elias, who completed 17 of 26 passes for 173 yards and a scoring strike to Zach Hochman. Isaiah Kane and Kalieb Cadet led the ND ground attack with 68 and 64 yards respectively.

Notre Dame returns to action when they travel to Groton for a non-league matchup with Fitch on Friday, Sept. 15. Kick-off is at 6:30 p.m. The game will be streamed live on GoGreenKnights.com starting at 6.

## Soccer

You wouldn't expect anything different when cross-

town rivals Notre Dame and West Haven opened their season against each other on the soccer pitch in prime time at Ken Strong Stadium this past Saturday night.

Teams very familiar with each other entertained the fans with some fine play and when the final whistle blew, the two teams met and shook hands following a 1-1 tie.

After a scoreless first half, the Blue Devils were whistled

for tripping Notre Dame's Joe Antonucci inside the box resulting in a penalty kick. Shane Mufarinya calmly drilled a chest high shot to the right beating Saul Novoa for a 1-0 Notre Dame lead with 18:52 left in the game.

However, the lead was short lived as West Haven tied the game less than 10 minutes later.

Off a free kick following a foul called against Notre

Dame, Daniel Morales blasted a shot that got through Notre Dame netminder Rory Schreck to even the game.

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Notre Dame announced four Athletic Department related social media accounts in late August of 2017.

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Head coach Joe DeCaprio congratulates Isaiah Kane following his first quarter touchdown in Friday's 29-12 loss to Fairfield Prep.



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Westies top Hamden in hockey opener

The West Haven Youth Hockey opened the season with a Winter Classic as all teams faced Hamden at the Bennett Rink on Sunday.

In West Haven Squirt A action on Opening Faceoff weekend against Hamden, West Haven posted a 5-3 victory. The Westies fell behind 2-0 after the first period, but Zach Goetze scored an unassisted goal 1:24 into the second period to get the Blue Devils on the scoreboard. Two minutes later, Thomas Porto scored on a power play to the the game at two and Goetze gave the Westies the lead at 7:37 of the period with Porto getting the assist.

West Haven goaltender Jacob Silva made a nice pad save and then a sparkling glove save to keep the home team in front at the second intermission. Hamden eventually evened the score at three 4:05 into the final period on a breakaway. Goetze gave the Westies the lead again with a nifty backhand goal on a power play with Brady Price assisting. Porto helped round out the scoring when he fed Goetze for a breakaway goal with just over one minute to play to seal the 5-3 victory for West Haven.

The West Haven Peewee A hockey team opened its season with a 9-1 victory over

Hamden. Ten different players got into the scoring column in the win, Brendan Smith made 10 saves in goal, and the defense of Bruno Martone, Sean Bosworth, Jason Alling, Haygen Axelrod and Dave Brown kept the Green Dragons off the scoreboard.

Jayden Spreyer led the offense with four goals, Nolan Cole had two goals and an assist, Colin Deane had three assists, Cade Simone had a goal and two assists, and Bosworth and Michael Madera each had a goal and an assist.

Hamden opened the scoring with a power play goal six minutes into the game, but West Haven scored the next

two in the period and nine overall. Spreyer started his big day with a goal off assists from Cole and Deane with 3:32 left in the first, before Bosworth scored a power play goal off assists from Axelrod and Shane Repetto.

The Westies increased the lead to 7-1 with five more goals in the second. Madera made it 4-1 with a goal off assists from Simone and Mickey Dowd, Cole scored an unassisted goal 3:30 later, and Simone made it 6-1 off assists from Madera and Bosworth. Just 12 seconds later, Spreyer scored an unassisted goal for a 7-1 lead.

Simone set up Spreyer for a shorthanded goal, and Cole

scored his second of the game off assists from Dante Hardt and Deane.

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Youth Soccer teams open '17 season

The Elite Soccer Camps West Haven girls U-12 travel team lost to a tough Milford team on opening weekend, 5-3. Milford jumped to an early lead before the Westies settled down and tried to climb back into the game.

Ariana Izzo opened the scoring for West Haven with a goal from a free kick. Camryn Beauvais also scored for West Haven. Camryn and Brooke Flaherty both played a strong

game, and Sophia DeRosa made some key stops in the goal.

The two West Haven U-11 girls travel teams, West Haven Thunder and West Haven Lightning, opened the fall season against each other. It was an even match as all of the Westies battled hard.

The Lightning came out on top, 4-3. Aylin Soto scored a nice goal for the Lightning, and Amanda Fagnani an-

swered for the Thunder. Ashlynn Trenchard, Molly Gunning, and Adelicia Parise all played well for the Lightning, while Lea Boguniecki, Amyah Kelly, Jayden Braacker, and Andrey Bridges all put in a solid effort for the Thunder.

The West Haven U-15 team played a great game at home at Duffy Fields, winning by a score of 2-1.

Scoring came from Donald Yanez and John Portillo. Ex-

cellent soccer skills were on display by Jason Ardito, Brian Rivas. Goaltending was covered by the tandem of Holden Axelrod and Brian Carew.

In the CDB Division on Saturday, the CDB4 Red Team was defeated by the CDB1 Green Knights, 8-1.

The Green Knights had two goals and two assists by Myles Ligon, two goals and an assist by Joseph Lakaj, two goals by Edward Perez, one goal by Chauncey Best and one by Andrew Bello.

Alexander Alfonso also had two assists. The Knights played an excellent defensive game led by goalie Quinn Eyrich.

Meanwhile in the CD Girls Division, the Oyster River Energy Soccer Rockers lost, 3-1, to Connecticut Pest Elimination.

The defense was led by

Magaly, Lillianay, and Yamilette Romero.

The entire team played well together in their first game of the fall season.

In the EG Girls Division action, the Cappetta's Italian Imports Red Fireballs, by a score of 3-2 in their season opener to the Baybrook Remodelers Maroon team in the last minute of the game. Natalie Reed and Madden Evangeliste each scored a goal, assisted by Mariella Cappetta and Sarahi Cruz-Cruz.

Madison and Mackenzie Jackcics supported well on defense with the solid tandem goaltending of Melissa Valtierra and Alexandria Lindsay.

In G Boys Division, GB3 won, 10-8, in a shoot-out. GB3 was led in scoring by Bastian Tandazo with 7 goals and Adam Lennon chipped in with a goal and on defense.

'Hawks' JV team goes 2-0

The West Haven Seahawks Junior Varsity team (2-0) shutout the Trumbull Rangers on Saturday, 26-0. Quarterback RJ Whitlow threw two touchdown passes to Pearson Hill and Konya Taylor, who both had rushing touchdowns as well.

The offensive line played tough all day anchored by David Dougherty, Hunter Messina, Nate Osborne and Kani Wright. The stingy defense was led by Patrick Wargo, Robert Torres and Donte Salvatore.

The Peeewe Seahawks (2-0) beat Trumbull 32-7 with scoring from Trysten Dos, Javer Smith, Jayzhim Massey, and Carson Hill. Connor Holy ran the ball tough in the fourth quarter to run the clock out.

The Junior Peeewe team (1-1) lost a heart-breaker to Trumbull, 7-0, in a defensive battle.

The Seahawks were inside the 20 yard line on the first drive but were held at bay.

Avian Evans and Nick Conlan ran the ball well. Ethan Blackwell and Ethan Holy led a physical defense.

The Mighty Mite team played very well against Trumbull. TJ Nixon accounted for two rushing touchdowns and Kiandre Lyman, Mason Wright added scores. Cyle Gore, Ezra Vereen and Caden Stanley led the defense each sacking the quarterback.

The Seahawks will at home this Saturday at Veterans Field on Bull Hill Lane. The flag football teams will begin at noon and the day will end with the Junior Varsity team kicking off against Trumbull at 7.

For more information, please visit www.westhavenseahawk.com.

Westies: Netters lose to Law

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The boys will travel to Shelton on Saturday for a 2:30 game against the Gaels and will then host the Sheehan Titans on Monday at 6:30.

The volleyball team opened its season against a tough Jonathan Law squad that jumped on the Westies for a straight-set victory, 25-7, 25-20, 27-25. After being dominated in the first set, the Blue Devils battled for the remaining two sets but came up short.

Irene Ronan led the offense

with 10 kills and three blocks while Megan Paterson had 14 assists. Also contributing for West Haven were Lexi Burzynski with five kills and three aces, Nancy Tapia with three kills and two digs while C.C. Condon and Danna Tortal each had four digs.

The Westies hosted Hamden on Monday and will then take on the Mercy Tigers on Friday at 5:15 in the WHHS Gym.

The rest of the fall sports teams will get under way this week. The girls swim team

hosted Branford on Tuesday and then host North Haven on Friday at 3:45. The boys and girls cross-country teams got started with a trip to Sheehan to take on the Titans, the Hamden Green Dragons and the Shelton Gaels.

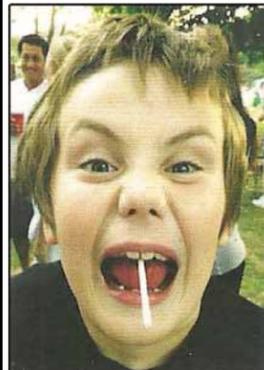
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Springing the runner

Seahawks' runner Malachai Mercer breaks up-field behind the block of teammate Dontae Salvatore. The Hawks bounced Trumbull, 26-0.



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The team has partnered with the West Haven Youth Soccer League to stage the event. The Blue Devils are inviting players to come show their support in their team uniforms as they face off against Career/Hillhouse. All players in attendance will join the team on the field during the National Anthem. Scrimmages are planned during halftime to entertain the crowd as well as a Gift Card and 50/50 Raffle.

Any questions please contact Katy at (203) 889-6047 or katy.sharog@gmail.com.

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Gold Bat Honorees are Ryan Cimino, Pete DePaola, Andy Riccio, John Roche, and Pat Shannon.

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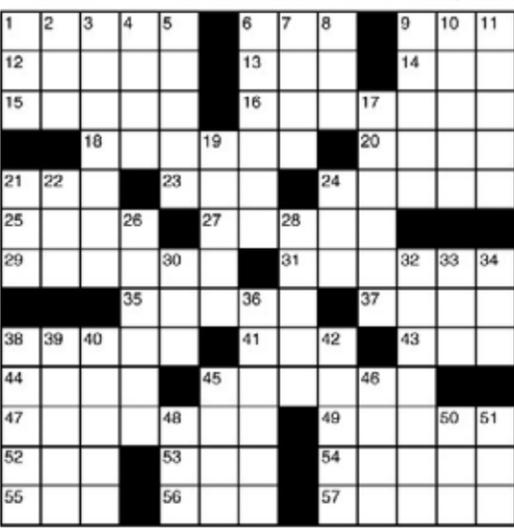
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ARE YOU A SHOE-IN TO SOLVE THIS ONE?
Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

A SENSITIVE STUMPER! Replace the letters on our sun worshiper's chest with the digits 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you will have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. Try to get the highest total possible.

PUZZLES IN PARADISE! Pictured below are two puzzle grids to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid B.

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| P | A | Y | M | A |
| A | L | R | E | |
| L | M | E | | |

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| 1 | Beats out another. |
| 2 | What the desert is. |
| 3 | Gave false testimony. |
| 4 | Produced by constructing. |

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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.

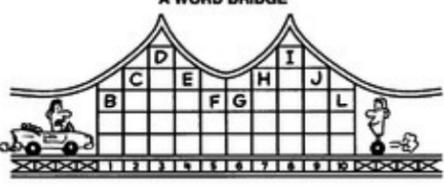
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A WORD BRIDGE



The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

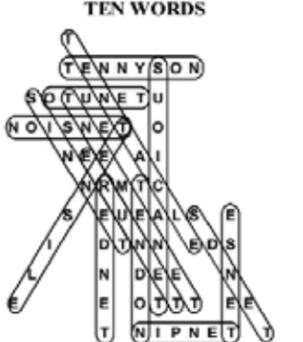
1. Sleeps in the daytime.
2. To persuade by pleading.
3. Beverage for a nervous person.
4. End-of-term ordeal.
5. A wind mover.
6. Slang for sailor.
7. To pay attention to.
8. Extremely angry.
9. Triangular sails.
10. Smoked salmon.

Answers to last week's puzzles

— King Crossword —
Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S | T | A | G | P | H | D | O | P | E | N | |
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| L | A | M | B | R | N | A | E | M | I | R | |
| E | Y | E | L | E | T | Y | E | L | P | E | |
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| R | O | B | T | G | A | U | N | T | L | E | |
| A | I | R | A | W | N | E | R | E | | | |
| P | L | A | T | E | L | E | T | C | T | R | L |
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| C | T | A | | H | U | A | | | | | |
| C | H | E | R | U | S | A | P | P | L | E | T |
| H | U | L | A | R | O | W | L | O | G | O | |
| A | G | E | D | E | V | E | E | R | G | O | |
| P | E | T | E | D | A | D | T | E | S | T | |

TEN WORDS



— Weekly SUDOKU —
Answer

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



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