

## Budget deal is latest flap in campaign

As voters get ready to go to the polls Tuesday, the endorsed Democrat and the incumbent mayor hoping to keep his job exchanged more verbal blows over a bail-out package offered state municipalities under the just-passed state budget for Fiscal Year 2018.

Endorsed Democratic mayoral candidate Nancy Rossi is “concerned” with the latest developments regarding the state budget passed by the General Assembly passed by the General Assembly last week. Her concerns have been met with a joint statement by the city’s assembly delegation, promising continued action to aid the city with necessary funding.

In a statement released this week, Rossi, says the plan to give the city necessary aid under a four-tier plan included in the just-passed budget is a déjà vu moment for the city.

“The budget makes ‘bail out’ funding available for towns like Hartford and West Haven. It is my understanding that West Haven would be considered a Tier III distressed municipality and eligible to apply for up to \$8 million in temporary state funding under the plan,” she said. “There are Tiers I through IV for distressed municipalities with the latter being the worst off financially. If West Haven applies and receives the funding, it would come under the newly created Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB). The newly created MARB would have similarities to the board that was brought in to oversee the city during the early 1990’s.”

The MARB would be comprised of eleven members including the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the State Treasurer. The other members would be appointments of the governor and legislature. The review board’s authority would include the oversight of West Haven’s budgets, bonding, contracts and collective bargaining agreements. The board would be in place for at least three years, or until the city can balance three consecutive budgets. This is similar to the situation the city had in 1991-1194.

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### Fall Festival

Hundreds came out to the WHHS campus to watch, learn and be entertained by the various clubs and activities offered by the school. The fourth annual Fall Festival had something for everyone. Left -- Julia Ballard and Tory Torvee find time for each other as they try out costumes in the WHHS courtyard during the school’s annual.

## Plan puts solar panels at city landfill

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

The City Council heard a proposal Oct. 23 from the founder of a Branford-based manufacturer, distributor and developer of solar products to build an array of solar panels atop West Haven’s former landfill.

The proposal, presented by SolarUS Inc. CEO Steven Elkin, aims to construct a ground-mounted solar generating facility on two privately owned properties on Spring Street.

Joseph A. Riccio Jr., the city’s commissioner of planning and development, confirmed that SolarUS has an option on 8 Spring St., 29.13 acres, and 2 Spring St., 12.94 acres, which are owned by Solid Waste Disposal Inc. of Connecticut.

According to Elkin’s written proposal, which he handed out to each council member, the city would off-take the energy generated by the solar panels and purchase the electricity they produce at a per-kilowatt-hour cost.

“The term of the Net-Metering Allocation will be 20 years with a starting Net-Meter Allocation agreement discount of 10 percent,” the proposal said.

Elkin estimated that the city would save \$1.46 million in electrical costs over the 20 years.

During his 20-minute presentation, Elkin touted the benefits of solar energy in West Haven, including the revival of a “dead” site, generation of electrical savings and creation of jobs, as well as the ability to produce electricity locally.

He also praised solar energy’s positive impact on the environment by reducing the city’s greenhouse gases and contribution to global warming.

“The partnership we are trying to form with SolarUS will be a huge benefit to West Haven in both lowering our energy costs long term and reducing our carbon footprint,” Mayor Edward M. O’Brien said. “We want to transform a former landfill into something very positive that will not only save us money but work to modernize our infrastructure.”

Elkin’s 13-page proposal, which contained a layout rendering of the facility, said SolarUS would finance the design, engineering, permitting, procurement, construction, interconnection, operation and maintenance of the solar

photovoltaic system.

Photovoltaic is the conversion of light into electricity using semiconducting materials.

The proposal also said SolarUS would generate revenue from the energy produced on-site through the net meter allocation structure and the state Zero Emissions Renewable Energy Credit Program.

Riccio said the city and SolarUs are negotiating a memorandum of understanding that will outline the terms of an agreement between the two parties.

A due diligence period will follow, “during which time environmental and geo-technical issues will be studied,” according to Elkin’s proposal.

The council is expected to consider the MOU once it is finalized.

Vincent Cook, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, age 3, sees falling leaves for this week.



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# Campaign: *State aid package questioned*

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"This is not simply an 'advisory board' as Mayor O'Brien claimed earlier," asserted Rossi. "This is a board that will have oversight and a say in the governing of West Haven."

She said the mayor was told to be conservative in his budgeting estimates, but did not heed those admonitions.

"Mayor O'Brien was warned by me and others not to over-inflate his budget revenue by adding in an additional \$8 million that we all knew were unlikely to materialize. The state is having its own financial problems. Where did Ed O'Brien think the state was going to get the extra money?" she asked. "His budget included state revenue of \$62,008,951. The budget passed by the legislature allots \$53,540,457 in state aid to West Haven. That leaves us more than \$8 million short this year. It was Mayor O'Brien's action and bad decisions that have led us to the brink of insolvency and now the possibility of an outside review board. This is not permanent funding. You still have to address the problem that West Haven spends more money than it has. You still have an \$8 million budget gap to fill."

She said the city has been here before, and it was not a

good time for taxpayers.

"The last time the state sent a review board to West Haven our property taxes nearly doubled. We already have long-time residents fleeing the city. We cannot afford any more tax increases. Mayor O'Brien's actions and inability to lead will haunt this city for years to come," she said.

In response, the mayor's campaign did not address the concerns directly, but sent a statement from the city's assembly delegation. The following statement was signed by Sens. Gail Slossberg (D-14) and Gary Winfield (D-10), and Reps. Dorinda Borer (D-115) and Michael DiMassa (D-116) as well as Mayor O'Brien:

"In response to both chambers of the Connecticut General Assembly passing a bipartisan state budget with veto-proof majorities, Mayor O'Brien and members of West Haven's state delegation have issued the following joint statement: "While this has been a long and difficult process, the Connecticut General Assembly has passed a state budget which will make West Haven's municipal budget whole. West Haven residents can rest assured that there will not be a shortfall in the current budget and our public education system will operate fully

funded.

"Mayor O'Brien and our entire state delegation fought hard to ensure West Haven's needs were considered throughout the budget deliberation process and that hard work has paid off. The amount of state aid allocated to West Haven in this budget matches the state aid West Haven received in the previous fiscal year. Considering the state's current fiscal situation and the fact that many towns and cities are facing cuts in state aid, this is a win for West Haven.

"Additionally, West Haven will likely see an increase in state aid for education in the next fiscal year due to a change in the Education Cost Sharing formula. Additional funding that West Haven needs for the current fiscal year will be made available through the Office of Policy and Management and the newly formed Municipal Accountability Review Board which is comprised of state and local stakeholders as well as municipal finance experts. This board would have the ability to review and offer advice on the city's finances after providing West Haven with the additional funding.

"Mayor O'Brien and our state delegation fought for this to be included in the final state budget. The city's budget be-

ing made whole and having more input from experienced professionals are very positive developments for West Haven. We are all looking forward to continuing to fight for West Haven going forward."

For his part, Mayor O'Brien took a final shot at his opponent, saying it was just more negativity without any real solutions.

"Once again we see a press

release that is full of negative comments and not a single solution. I am working with our state delegation on a daily basis to fight for West Haven and make sure we get the best deal possible. Many cities and towns are facing cuts due to the situation the state is in and we avoided that through our hard work and advocacy for our students and residents," he said.

## Disaster readiness is topic of hearing

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

The public is invited to participate in a meeting for the development of the South Central Region Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

West Haven, together with the South Central Regional Council of Governments and its municipalities, is helping to prepare an update to the plan, which aims to identify and assess natural hazard risks, such as flooding, hurricanes and winter storms, and to determine how to best minimize or manage those risks.

The public meeting is set for 7 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Harriet C. North Community Room on the second floor of City Hall, 355 Main St.

Mayor Edward M. O'Brien, who serves as treasurer of SCRCOG's Executive Committee and sits on its Transportation and Emergency Management and Hazard Mitigation committees, said the plan is essential to the city's efforts in identifying ways to lessen the impacts of natural hazards.

As an officer and Executive Committee member, O'Brien helps steer planning initiatives for the region's 15 municipalities: Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison,

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# 8th Small Business Saturday, Nov. 25

**By Michael P. Walsh**  
*Special to the Voice*  
Mayor Edward M. O'Brien has announced the city's participation in the eighth annual Small Business Saturday on Nov. 25.

Falling between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Small Business Saturday is a day to celebrate and patronize the small, independently owned businesses that help stimulate local economies across the country.

"I am once again proud to acknowledge the many quality and vital small businesses in every corner of our city and the invaluable contributions they make to our economy and the life of our community," said O'Brien, a former downtown merchant. "I urge

both residents and visitors to make every attempt to support West Haven's small businesses on Nov. 25."

Before taking office in 2013, O'Brien was the founder and owner of GoldWorks at 499 Campbell Ave., a jewelry repair and retail shop that has operated in the heart of the downtown business district since 1988.

Small Business Saturday was established by American Express in 2010 in response to the most pressing need of small-business owners — more customers — and has served as the ceremonial kickoff to the holiday shopping season for small businesses ever since.

According to AmEx, an estimated 112 million consumers shopped at small businesses

on Small Business Saturday last year.

Similar to last year, the Small Business Saturday Coalition, led by Women Impacting Public Policy, a nonpartisan small-business advocate known as WIPP, is rallying mayors nationwide to show their support and encourage their communities to shop small on Nov. 25.

In recognizing the importance of supporting independent businesses, O'Brien has issued a Small Business Saturday proclamation declaring the special observance in West Haven.

"The City of West Haven, Connecticut, supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our neighborhoods,"

the proclamation reads.

Nov. 25 also marks the lighting of the city's Christmas tree on the Green. The Yuletide event attracts hundreds of people each year, many of whom O'Brien hopes take ad-

vantage of sales at downtown specialty shops.

Merchants and consumers can learn more about Small Business Saturday, including how to participate, at [www.shopsmall.com](http://www.shopsmall.com).

## Meeting

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Meriden, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven and Woodbridge.

During the public meeting, City Engineer Abdul Quadir will introduce the plan's contents through a PowerPoint presentation. Residents will then have the opportunity to discuss ideas regarding risk reduction.

To help increase public participation, SCRCOG has launched the South Central Connecticut Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey, which gives everyone in the planning area a chance to share their opinions and participate in the mitigation planning process, said its executive director, Carl J. Amento.

Amento said the information gathered from the survey will help the planning team to better understand local concerns and issues as expressed by the region's residents. The information can also lead to mitigation activities that should help lessen the impacts of future disasters, he said.

The online survey, which takes about five minutes to complete, is available in English and Spanish at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTMitigation>.

To learn more about the regional disaster planning project, visit <http://scrcog.org/regional-planning/regional-hazard-mitigation/>.

SCRCOG, based at 127 Washington Ave. in North Haven, provides a platform for inter-municipal coordination, cooperation and decision-making. Since its inception in 1985, the planning organization, whose region covers about 570,000 people, has addressed numerous issues, including those related to housing, transportation, land use planning and economic development.

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- ✓ Improving Our Quality of Life

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# Dear Felicia

Well sweetie pie, we had a big storm blow through these parts over Sundee night into Monday, and it was quite somethin'. A few times during the night Cobina's domicile was shaking with the wind and the howling through the trees gave it a "Hitchcock" feeling, effen yew know what I mean. I dunno how much rain we got, but effen we ain't outta the drought the weather people were warning us about, we ain't ever gonna git outta it.

Cobina went out Monday morning to git some things and drove by the Green. Most of the trees withstood the wind, but there was one old oak that gave up the ghost during the night. Like these ole bones I guess it knew when it had had enough. There was no loss o' power methinks, at least not around here, but I guess there was in other parts.

Whilst that Big Wind was the topic of the conversation all around during the weekend, the other Big Wind that

everyone is hoping will pass quickly is the one that ends on Nov. 7 with the municipal elections. As yew know we don't have a lotta money in this berg, but we are blessed with a wealth of candidates this time around.

Hizzoner, who lost the primary in September, thinks he should be given another term and is running by way of the write-in route – the same way his predecessor wanted another term some four years back. Nobody knows how that is gonna turn out, but people are interested.

His opponents are Nancy Rossi and David Riccio (as we've said before, no relation to our esteemed editor). Rossi and hizzoner have been going at it tooth and nail for the last several weeks and things have not gotten any nicer. The hammer and tongs are out, and any which way they can land a blow they are both trying – to the ultimate exclusion of Riccio.

Rossi and hizzoner are parrying about the possibility the city will git \$8 million from the state, following the fack the General Assembly passed the budget almost 120 days beyond the legally required date. Cities can git the money they were supposed to get, but with strings attached. Hizzoner is saying it's no more than the advisory bored that the state has with MFAC, but this new thing the legislature has come up with seems to have more teeth.

Those of us who were around when the city was under state control see a large – make that very large – relationship betwixt the two. The state ain't gonna give up \$8 million it really don't have and just say, "By the way, do you think you can maybe possibly pare down your costs a bit – if you want to – just to make ends meet?"

Nah, they're gonna say, "Our money -- our rules." Hizzoner still has to make the final decision on that deal. Once he does, no matter who wins Tuesday will be saddled with the results.

Whom do I think will win? Honey, at this pernt I ain't makin' any predictions. If it's a rainy day, though, anything can happen...and probably will.

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Sammy Bluejay went to the two forums last week and came away saying most people were

impressed that it went perty much the way they thought. Of course, hizzoner was in for the brunt of the night as he was the only one with the record. When you have a record, it's easy to pick.

Tennyrate, Sammy sez that when it came time for the candidates to speak – and in both cases there seemed to be an equal number of supporters – it went perty much the way everyone thought. Each candidate said what they were expected to say. There was not gotcha questions and no gotcha answers.

Sammy did say that the snipping betwixt Rossi and O'Brien was something to watch. They took every opportunity to put the digs in when they could.

Meanwhile, Davey did perty much as he was expected to do. In the words of one GOP-er, "Dave was being Dave." Now, that's a good thing one would think. Effen yew can't be yoreself, who in blazes can you be? So, Riccio did the "We should all work together" schtick, and did well with the crowd.

I guess the biggest take-away was the Haven demolition that's going on. Nobody, but nobody is buying that this was all a planned exercise and "just happened" around election time. We've read this short story before.

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Nelly Nuthatch was in t'other afternoon, and she said that the dreaded words, "Absentee Ballot" was coming into the conversation. She didn't git very specific, but there is

talk – ain't there always – that one or t'other campaign did something untoward with absentee ballots. Already we've had one situation that caught the attention of the local press, but Nelly seems to think that there is more to come in that regard.

We got to talking about previous elections and we all think this is really looking like those years where the GOP has a good shot at getting the nod from the voters, who are showing signs of being tired of the same-old same-old from the majority party. Now, that may or may not happen, but it's got more than a few people in the majority worried.

Nelly sez that behind the scenes they Demmies know that Rossi and O'Brien are fishing outta the same pond and might be splitting the vote to the pernt that a couple hundred one way or t'other could decide the race. That can't be setting well with the powers that be nor those looking to be the powers that be.

The GOP hasn't held office in this berg in almost 30 years, but this is a strong showing. There are a bunch of lawn signs indicating that people are looking for a change, and maybe "The time IS now" and people will be looking for newer faces. We shall see.

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Speaking of the Haven, just in case you're keepin' score, there are two houses down now, and I hear-tell the total number of permits is for three demolitions. I don't know effen that's enuff to sway people to vote for the incumbent but I guess it's worth a shot.

But the wag was in last week and he still wants to know what is going on with the shopping center. As we've been saying and he reiterated: over-the counter sales are down, stores are closing all over the place, with the loss of the Kimberly Avenue exit getting to this location is harder than ever, and there is no guarantee this thing is gonna look the way it was advertised. As I said above, we shall see.

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Meanwhile over at the high school, I've been tellin' yew about the new attempts to get at a couple o' instructors that have been in the cross-hairs of the administration for a while. This is being looked at very carefully by the rank-and-file over there, not only as to the way it is handled by the powers that be, but also the union local. There is a lotta distrust amongst the staffers. There are a lotta eyes looking at what has transpired, and a lotta eyes wondering what is gonna happen next.

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### Committee gives \$29K for cancer programs

From front left, Eileen Hansen, administrative manager of women's oncology services at the Smilow Breast Center at Yale New Haven Hospital, Linda Penn, manager of integrative medicine and the Cingari Family Boutique at the Smilow Cancer Hospital, and Camille Servodidio, program manager of women's oncology services at the Smilow Cancer Hospital, receive a \$29,500 check from, from left, West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Committee members Jennifer Cavallaro and Beth A. Sabo and Mayor Edward M. O'Brien on Friday at City Hall. The money, raised at the committee's 17th annual Icy Plunge for the Cure in January, will maintain funding for patient information binders, which are given to each person diagnosed with breast cancer at Smilow, and for a hospitality cart, which provides snacks and other amenities for patients at the Smilow Breast Center. The donation will also support funding for mastectomy specialty bras for uninsured patients through Looking Forward, an education and wellness program for cancer patients at Smilow. Since its inception in 2001, the committee has collected more than \$780,000 for breast cancer research and education. The 2018 plunge is tapped for 9 a.m. Jan. 13 at Savin Rock Beach.



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# Election Day 2017 offers many variables, unknowns

Tuesday the voters of the city will be asked to take part in the biennial ritual that is called Election Day for the purposes of selecting new leadership for the coming two years. This election is a pivotal one in the life of the city in a way not seen for some time.

To say the city is in desperate straits is in no way an understatement. Burdened by a tax base that has stagnated for the better part of three decades, homeowners and small businesses now make up the lion's share of the levies collected, with large businesses and mercantile outlets no longer dominating the economic scene.

Add to that mix a poorer and less educated population than was here in the 1980s, as well as absentee ownership of much of the housing property; thus, you have a recipe for financial problems that never seem to get better.

That is the situation the city and its potential leaders have going into next week balloting. An operating deficit discovered in 2005-2006 has wavered from its original \$10-plus million to a low of about \$4 million, only to balloon to more than \$16 million due to budgetary figures that never did – and probably were never intended – to balance out. Indeed, the city has seen budget deficits in every year Mayor Edward M. O'Brien has been in office.

It was in this backdrop that former Seventh District Councilwoman Nancy Rossi announced her candidacy earlier this year. Rossi, who fashions herself a financial expert due to her status as a certified public accountant, has been highly critical of O'Brien's handling of city finances from the outset of his administration some four years ago.

Rossi, originally a supporter of O'Brien who made balancing the budget the keystone of his run for the mayoralty when running against former Mayor John M. Picard, soon became O'Brien's biggest critic and has continued that criticism into her campaign for mayor.

Rossi has been a bit of a political gadfly over the last decade or so, coalescing with one or the other of the three factions that make up the city's Democratic majority party. Siding with the warring factions has made her the object of suspicion to many, who see her as a political opportunist.

Meanwhile, Republican David Riccio took a page out of his party's playbook from the 1980s and began a run for the mayoralty almost two years ago. His campaign, which hopes to put a Republican in City Hall for the first time in 28 years, has been one of "the other."

While the factions within the Democratic Party continue their internecine bickering and backbiting, Riccio is campaigning as a reformer, who will bring the residents of the city together to solve problems, rather than worry about which group is in power.

Mayor O'Brien, who was upset by Rossi in the September primary, is hoping a write-in candidacy will allow him two more years to complete some economic development plans, particularly the Haven along Water Street. Write-in candidates are seldom winners, though Picard almost picked off O'Brien four years ago, losing by a handful of votes.

Whatever the outcome of Tuesday's balloting, the winner will have serious problems to address, none of them solved without pain. The state is offering an \$8 million bailout, giving the city the grants-in-aid it was promised before the budget battle, just ended.

With the dollars come a review board with supernumerary powers still not fully announced, but sounding more and more like the review board the city had in 1991-1994. It is unclear whether the mayor will sign off on the deal, but if he does, his successor is wedded to it, regardless.

Interestingly, the state's General Assembly delegation offered a joint statement on the possible bail out, while soft-pedaling the powers or responsibilities of the review board. It is that lack of specificity that should make everyone wary of what comes next. We've been here before, and it is not a fun place.

Voters have to make an important decision, one that will come with many variables and many unknowns. It can stay the course and re-elect the incumbent, hope a financial expert can use that knowledge to change the course, or chart a new course with a party that hasn't seen political power in most voters' lifetimes.

It will be an interesting – and important – vote on Tuesday.



## Letters

### Attacks continue

As the attack-mail continues to arrive at our homes, and my opponents trade jabs over who's responsible for the poor fiscal condition of West Haven, I wonder where is their vision for our future success?

It is true that West Haven is one of nine Connecticut municipalities that Standard & Poor's Financial Services put on a "Credit Watch List" and an outlook downgrade. O'Brien says that Rossi has given no answers, and Rossi says O'Brien is at fault and back and forth they go. The truth is they both share responsibility for the mess we find ourselves in.

We can't just cut our way out of this mess as Rossi would advocate. Cuts will have to be made, but that won't solve all of our problems. The solution is not over-reliance on State aid, where future state hand-outs are still uncertain. The solution is certainly not the building of more housing. The solution is successful ongoing commercial economic development.

A word on transparency. I find it odd that a developer who is ready to start building a project like The Haven would hold information about potential stores so close to the vest. I would have expected a press release by now detailing the anchor store for the project or a listing of companies who will be locating there, if for no other reason than to convince other businesses of the viability of the project. What's the big secret?

With the expectation that

online shopping will, for the first time outperform box store sales, one would think it important that more progress be shown in addition to just knocking down a few houses.

You can't put all your eggs in one basket called The Haven and fall flat everywhere else. We must have a vision, create a theme for the areas in West Haven that need to be developed and then actively go out a sell this concept to companies and bring them to West Haven. A biotech corridor, a recreation theme for our shoreline and revitalization of our city center can happen if we create a vision and pursue opportunities.

The Riccio Team has studied successful municipal economic recovery plans throughout the Northeast, and they all

have one thing in common. Those communities all went out and sold their concept, the benefits of doing business in their respective locations. That vision has been lacking both in the O'Brien administration and by Nancy Rossi.

*David Riccio*

**Republican candidate**

### Rossio sets vision

First, I would like to thank everyone who took the time out of their busy schedules to speak with me and my team during this election season. We are truly blessed to live in such a wonderful city, where the residents care so deeply about their community! I would also like to thank my team for their dedicated support and help. I would like to

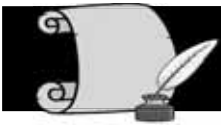
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correct the misinformation, spread by the O'Brien camp. There was an offer of a debate, not a question-and-answer, prior to the primary, which my opponent states were untrue. The fact is Greg Little, the News Director of WQUN 1220 AM, extended an invitation to both campaigns for a debate. Mr. Little states that the invitation was always in the form of a debate. Please see the New Haven Register article from Sept. 6. The General Fund deficit did double during the last four (4) years. In December, 2013, the Unassigned General Fund deficit was \$7.8 million, as of June 30, 2016 the Unassigned General Fund deficit of \$16.8 million. (June 30, 2016 municipal financial audit). The truth is that Mayor O'Brien has yet to balance a budget with the deficits getting larger each year. The mayor does not understand governmental accounting and has been distorting the facts by picking and choosing different numbers from audit reports trying to confuse voters. During the last four years a new ordinance entitled the "Balanced Budget Ordinance" was passed as a way to stop deficits from growing. Under the Ordinance, the administration is tasked with delivering to the City Council, by Oct. 30, a budget status report. The administration was also to include in the FY2018 budget, per the Ordinance, an increase to deficit reduction in the amount of \$250,000. Neither has happened. The Balanced Budget Ordinance is meaningless if not followed! Recently, it was stated a \$24,000 raise was given to a Director of Finance when I sat as Finance Committee chairman of the City Council. The truth is 4.5 percent of the raise was contractual and, I presented a motion for a \$5,000 reduction, which passed the City Council. The mayor was a City Council member at that time, and he seconded the motion to approve the raise, and voted in favor of it with his vote to pass the budget. This is reflected in the City Council minutes of May 1, 2008. The purchase of the new Allingtown Fire Department apparatus followed the City of West Haven's Purchasing Ordinance. The mayor, on the other hand, urged the City Council to approve a bid waiver for the replacement of security cameras in the high school. This bid waiver was given to a long-time political supporter of the mayor, and many questions arose out of how the project was completed. See the New

Haven Register articles of April 6, April 18, and May 3.

I still strongly believe that denying the debt refunding proposed by the mayor was the right decision. The "benefit" and "savings" they speak about came in the form of skipping principal payments and adding years onto the term of the bonds. Skipping payments would have cost the taxpayers much more in the long term! Had we approved the debt refunding in 2014, we would still have a deficit today and the taxpayers would have paid thousands of dollars more in interest costs because of this debt refunding. Please don't be fooled by the unsubstantiated allegations of my opponents. Please do your own homework to research the candidates before you vote. I believe I am the best candidate to lead West Haven out of its financial crisis, because I have the financial expertise and background to balance a budget and to create a much needed culture of fiscal responsibility.

*Nancy Rossi*

### City needs Rossi

As a former councilman, and someone who has been involved in West Haven for a number of years, let me give you some of the reasons why I am supporting Democratic Candidate Nancy Rossi 100 percent. First, she is a person of integrity. The current Mayor has made light of the fact

the she is a Certified Public Accountant, which not only has a rigorous course load and very difficult final testing but it also requires a code of ethics. The reason I am saying this is because being ethical always counts. Why don't we talk about his record before he become mayor for a minute? He is a business owner that went bankrupt, changed the name of is LLC many times to avoid paying vendors, owed state sales taxes (meaning he collected the money from his customers but didn't pay the state), and owed back Personal Property Taxes to the City of West Haven. There should be no surprise at how poorly O'Brien is running the city; the only difference is that the taxpayers are paying for his lack of ability. I will take a Certified Public Accountant over a repeated failed business owner any day of the week.

Nancy is not here to give jobs away to her friends and family, like the current administration. And let's be clear, the current mayor has given jobs to his friends, family members and neighbors, at City Hall, the Housing Authority, the Waste Water Treatment Plant, and the Board of Education to people who are not the most qualified by any stretch of imagination, a number of them came off of the unemployment line. Democratic Candidate Rossi understands the value of hiring the most qualified candidates and not ones who are politically con-

nected.

O'Brien criticized Rossi for a raise that was handed out by former Mayor Picard. While that Finance Director who received the raise was here there were balanced budgets, which is something O'Brien has yet to do, the debt and deficit were reduced drastically and controls and procedures were upgraded. Incidentally, that Finance Director went to another city for considerable more money and has been there ever since and is Now President of GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association). O'Brien, who is being hypocritical, is pointing to a raise of eight years ago in an effort to deflect from his complete fiscal mismanagement instead of accepting responsibility. Remember, O'Brien campaigned in 2013 on cutting the budget 10 percent; instead he grew it by almost \$20 million. Nancy is a leader that will accept responsibility and not assign blame. Unlike the current leader, Nancy will work hard for the tax payers instead of political cronies, and she will always put the best interest of the city first. To sum it up, Democratic Candidate Nancy Rossi has integrity, intelligence, and a backbone which are three things our current mayor is completely lacking

*Thomas McCarthy*

### Re-elect O'Brien

Let me start by saying I've had the privilege of knowing the Riccio family for 50

years. Mr. Peter Riccio, who sadly passed away, was my football coach in the Ray Teller Football League. In high school, I played both football and baseball with Pete Jr. and Dave. As many people know I am strongly supporting Ed O'Brien for mayor. Personally, I like Dave, but politically we have our differences. Dave's education platform leaves me with many questions. The main point that concerns me is his plan to "improve student performance by extending the school day". This is taken directly from his platform on his website. First and foremost, in order to extend the school day negotiations with the union would have to take place and contracts would have to change. Presently, we have 24 administrators, 530 teachers, 129 paraprofessionals, 34 clerical staff, and 16 nurses. All of these workers need to be compensated. My research shows that to extend the school day by just a half hour it would cost approximately \$3.6 MILLION every year! Ed O'Brien has proven himself to be a champion of education. The shops at the high school are flourishing, all-day kindergarten is entering its third year and is here to stay, construction of a new high school has begun, and test scores have risen. The arts are thriving and sports are available to all students. On Nov. 7, write in Ed O'Brien.

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[copdfoundation.org](http://copdfoundation.org) or call 866.731.COPD (2673).



#### COPD FACTS



[COPDfoundation.org](http://COPDfoundation.org)

- ◆ COPD affects an estimated 30 million individuals in the U.S., and over half of them have symptoms of COPD and do not know it. Early screening can identify COPD before major loss of lung function occurs
- ◆ COPD is the 3rd leading cause of death in the U.S. A person with COPD dies every 4 minutes.
- ◆ COPD is also one of the leading causes of disability in the U.S.
- ◆ COPD usually occurs in people who are at least 40 years of age.
- ◆ COPD is treatable. The symptoms usually improve with treatment.



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# WHCH program boosts trust with PD

Law enforcement officers put their life on the line every day for their communities. The West Haven Police Department's mission is "to provide professional, knowledgeable, and thorough law enforcement services to ensure the safety and well being of all people, with constant awareness of the diverse needs of the individuals and community".

In an effort to develop a connection between local police personnel and individuals with intellectual disabilities, West Haven Police officers and staff were invited to visit Community Connections, a program of the West Haven Community House.

The Community Connections program is designed to provide community integration, skill building and personal support to adults with intellectual disabilities.

Between their Campbell Ave facility and another location on Boston Post Road, more than 55 individuals participate in the 30-hour-a-week day program. The program also provides services to an additional 34 adults in an individualized day program, as well as 22 clients in residential sites in West Haven.

"We were happy to have members of the police department see our program in action, and to show our appreciation for all that they do," said Marie Watson, Director of Community Connections. "The goal was not only to bring awareness about our program, but also to give our clients the opportunity to begin to build a relationship with the officers."

Program Manager, Keri McLaughlin, gave the police personnel a tour of the facility where they had the opportunity to speak with some of the clients in the program.

The event, which took place on Oct. 25, was coordinated by police officer and Community House board of directors' member, Audrey Jefferson.

Police officers are very interested and caring about the people in their community. We are always eager to participate and to learn about the people we serve in our community", she continued. We are always eager to participate and to learn about the people we serve. The more we learn, the more comfortable we can be in any given setting," she continued.

Police department attendees included Det. Sgt. Brian Reilly, Sergeant Debra D'Amato, School Resource Officers, Kim DeMayo and Kim Simone, Officer's Audrey Jefferson,

Ryan Matakaetis and Rheanna Behuniak, as well as Wanda Jofre, clinical social worker from CT Mental Health.

"We look forward to collaborating with WHPD again in the near future," said Watson. Upon leaving, they all received a "goody bag" filled with items that the clients made, including homemade dog biscuits for the K-9 units.

Photo courtesy of WHCH WHPD School Resource Officers Kim DeMayo and Kim Simone have a chat with Community Connections Program Manager, Keri McLaughlin and one of the clients.



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# UNH, Fox61 partnership gives experience

The University of New Haven and FOX61, the Connecticut Fox affiliate, announced today that the television station will open a news bureau on the University's main campus at 300 Boston Post Road.

The partnership between the University and FOX61 provides unprecedented opportunities for University of New Haven students, particularly in the Communications, Film, and Media Studies

Department, and strengthens FOX61's long-term commitment to New Haven and the surrounding cities and towns.

"We are excited about the advantages this relationship brings to our students, especially those majoring in communications," said Steven H. Kaplan, president of the University of New Haven. "It will provide all of our students with an opportunity to observe closely -- right on their

own campus -- how the news is gathered, edited, and broadcast."

The FOX61 news bureau at the University of New Haven will offer easy access to the I-95 corridor, Southern Connecticut, and the Shoreline and reinforce the station's commitment to statewide coverage.

The FOX61 news team, including one of Connecticut's most senior reporters and life-long resident, Tony Terzi, will report daily from the bureau.

"FOX61 is very proud to be partnering with the University of New Haven," said Jon Hitchcock, vice president and general manager of FOX61 and WCCT/CW Television. "Our partnership reinforces our commitment to our viewers in the southern tier of the state and provides an authentic learning experience for students pursuing an education in the field of journalism and communications."

The partnership is especially advantageous for students in the University's growing media studies department, which includes on its faculty Pulitzer-prize winning journalist Susan Campbell, longtime Connecticut broadcast media personalities Bruce Barber and Diane Smith, FOX61 Meteorologist Matt Scott, and ESPN vet-

eran broadcaster Wayne Edwards. FOX61 and WTIC-TV, are multi-platform statewide news organizations owned by Tribune Media. FOX61 features more than nine and a half hours of news coverage each weekday and more than four and a half hours of news coverage on the weekends.

"The more exposure our students have to the real world of 24-7 news, the better their preparation, said Thomas Gar-

rett, associate professor and head of the Communications, Film, and Media Studies Department.

"The FOX61 partnership will offer many advantages not only to journalism students and students interested in the technical aspects of television and film but also to students in majors which rely on communications, such as political science, music, business, and more."



## 62nd anniversary

Roberta and Moses Douglas recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary with family and friends. The city couple marked the milestone on Oct. 22.



## Celebrates 98!

Submitted Photo

Family, friends and well-wishers were on hand recently for the celebration of Santo (Tino) Piersanta's 98th birthday at the bocce courts along the bike/walk path at the Old Grove Park. On hand to offer his congratulations was Mayor Edward M.





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# Around Town

## Fall Festival at 1st Lutheran

First Lutheran Church, 52 George St, will host its annual fall festival on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9-2. There will be vendors, baked goods, white elephant, raffles and refreshments.

## Used Book Sale, Nov 11

The First Congregational Church, 464 Campbell Ave., will host its monthly used book sale, SERRV Shop and Clothes Closet on Saturday, Nov. 11 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. There are always some interesting books to be found, including many children's books, gifts made by refugees from around the world and gently used clothing at very low prices.

## Trees of West Haven, Dec, 2-3

The Ward-Heitmann House Museum will hold its annual Trees of West Haven event at St. John Vianney Church Hall on Saturday Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3 from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will be many raffle prizes and we are looking for a few vendors or crafters to attend either one or two days. Please call (203) 934-6921 or e mail dgbeckwith@sbcglobal.net for more information if you are interested.

## Country Fair at Methodist Church

First and Wesley United Methodist Church, 89 Center St., is sponsoring its annual Country Fair, on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, crafts, bake sale, huge Tag Sale and much more much is featured..

## Savin Rock School Festival

Savin Rock Community School is sponsoring the Rockin' the Holidays Festival on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gym, 50 Park St. Great shopping for the holidays. Items supplied by local vendors and artists. Raffles, entertainment,

bake sale, food court, and more.

## OLOV School promotion

Our Lady of Victory School is participating in an incredible program that allows it to earn free classroom equipment and supplies. The community is asked to help: Sign up your ShopRite Price Plus Club card to our school code (17958) by visiting www.shopriteforeducation.com; or call the school at (203) 932-6457 and you will be enrolled. Shop at a participating ShopRite from today through April 26 with your enrolled card and OLOV School will earn points towards free classroom equipment, all donated by the store. Cards must be re-enrolled every school year.

## NARFE confab Nov. 6

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, November 6, 1 p.m., at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Debbie Herget from Blue Cross/Blue Shield Federal Employees Program, who will discuss the 2018 health benefits plan and provide 2018 brochures. The meeting will include the nomination and election of Chapter Officers for 2018.

## 'Back to the Oldies,' Nov. 11

"Back to the Oldies" makes a return to Cielo, 85 Chase Lane, on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Charles F. Rosenay the "Original Boppers DJ is set to spin the discs, while Carla Gemma Caccavale performs. Tickets are \$20 per person and include door prizes, coffee and dessert. The raffle benefits the MDA. For tickets, call (203) 795-5473 or (203) 468-2528.

## Vendors sought at OLOV

Our Lady of Victory School is looking for crafters for our annual OLOV Christmas Fair. It will be held

Nov. 18 and 19. If you are interested in obtaining an application please call the school at (203) 932-6457 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., or you can e-mail Cecelia Castillon at ccastillon@olovk8.org.

## Senior trips by city group

F. Seniors and Friends offers the following trips to the public. All trips leave First Avenue commuter lot: Atlantic City Resorts Casino - Jan 2-4, four meals, two shows, two nights' accommodation. \$219 per person, \$50 deposit. Leaves First Avenue lot Jan 2.

To book trips, call Fred Mongillo, (203) 389-5808 or (203) 927-4249.

## 3rd Sunday Coin Show

The Liberty Coin Show is back at the Elks Club, 265 Main St., on the third Sunday of the month. Buy and sell your coins.

The organizers invite hobbyists to be part of the many displays. Food and beverages are on the menu. For more information, call Parry Carpinella, (203) 248-1053.

## Loans offered city students

The Seth Haley Memorial Loan Fund of West Haven provides eligible college students with loans of up to \$2500 to help students finish their post high school education.

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\*Source: CT Mirror 08/30/2017 https://ctmirror.org/2017/08/30/how-many-ct-towns-face-insolvency-malloy-begins-counting/

\*\*Source: General Assembly Bill No. 1502

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## **Ed O'Brien has run for Mayor 3 times. His reckless spending and poor judgement have cost the taxpayers of West Haven millions!**

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**Historian's corner** **By Dan Shine**

**The Hurricane of 1950**  
*Note: This week, your Historian defers to a past First Church Historian, Marjorie Phelps, and part of a narrative she gave to the Vacation Bible School in August, 1960:*

Now, the front of the church where the steeple is looks very much as it did a hundred years ago; but the front of the church isn't exactly as it was a hundred years ago, because something happened here ten years ago. On Nov. 25, 1950, I happened to be at a wedding at the church here. It was the wedding of someone whom some of you children had for a first grade teacher up in the old gymnasium. Do any of you remember Mrs. Jones? Well, it was her wedding day. And such a rainy, windy day it was. In fact, it was a day when we had a real hurricane here in West Haven. Now, I only live two blocks from the church,

but I took a bus to get to the church, because it was raining so very, very hard—I knew I would be soaked if I didn't. And I couldn't drive my car. Well, after the wedding was over, we all went into the parlor for a lovely reception. And we were having a nice pleasant time visiting around when the sexton, whose name was Mr. Duncan, came in; and he said, "Anybody who has his car parked outside the church better move it. The shutters are beginning to blow off." And we looked out, and it was raining harder than ever, and sure enough the trees were bending down, almost touching the ground, and shutters had blown off the church. Well, you never saw a building empty as fast as that parish house did. Soon, everyone was gone from the wedding reception. And I couldn't get a bus back to my home—I

walked; and it was so windy it was just like pushing against a wall to get up the street; but I finally got home. I turned on the radio and they were telling about trees coming down and different things happening during the storm; and then all of a sudden came a News Flash! And it said "The steeple on the First Congregational Church on West Haven Green has just blown over".


Well, the next morning, it was sun-shiney and quiet and calm and all the people went to church. And the steeple lay in ruins on the steps and to the side—but there was a sign on the front of the church which said, "Church as usual". But we had to go in through the parish house doors. And the people had a meeting right after the church service that morning and they decided they would rebuild the steeple. They would raise the money and they would put up another steeple just like the old one. And so they did and they made the church a little bit larger while they were doing it, so there would be room for even more people.

And the bell that was in the old steeple was not broken so it was put in the new steeple and that's the bell that you hear sometimes on Sunday mornings calling the people to church.



The bell and steeple shown following the 1950 storm.

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Applicants must also provide documentation of assets — recent bank account statements for all accounts for all household members — along with a current electric bill for all heating sources and a current gas bill for those who heat with gas, as well as Social Security numbers.

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# Gaels outlast Westies, 38-28

The West Haven football team came into Friday night's matchup with the Shelton Gaels with an undefeated 6-0 record and hadn't lost in the regular season for the last two seasons. On The Gaels' opening drive, they coughed up the ball on the West Haven 42-yardline, setting up the Westies with a short field to work with. The Blue Devils made sure to make the Gaels pay for that mistake when, Zach Conlan took a handoff and weaved his way through the Shelton defenders for a 26-yard touchdown run and after a Chris Chance extra point, West Haven had a 7-0 lead just 2:42 into the contest.

The Gaels responded with a long drive finished off on a 1-yard touchdown run on fourth and goal to tie the game up at 7-7 with 4:25 left in the first quarter. Then they were the beneficiaries of a West Haven fumble that they returned 60 yards for a touchdown giv-

ing Shelton a 14-7 lead with 1:44 left in the quarter.

The Westies had a quick response when Kyle Godfrey capped a drive with a 7-yard TD run but the extra point was blocked and the Blue Devils trailed 14-13 just seven seconds into the second quarter. Shelton had another quick strike when the Gaels hooked up on a 42-yard touchdown pass 1:18 later to increase their lead to 21-13.

On the next West Haven drive, the fans were treated to a display by running back Kyle Godfrey. Godfrey took a handoff at his own 35-yardline, bobbed and weaved his way through the Shelton defense for 51 yards and setting up the Westies on the Shelton 14. Several players later, it was Godfrey punching it in from 2 yards out for the touchdown. Jake Conlan's pass to Godfrey for a two-point conversion tied the game 21-21.

Godfrey was not done. On

the next Shelton drive, Godfrey stepped up on defense and intercepted a Gaels' pass, returning it 67 yards for a touchdown, giving the Westies a 28-21 lead with 5:25 left in the first half. As time was winding down in the first half, the Gaels were driving deep into West Haven territory again but the Blue Devil defense came up with a huge stop as time expired, sending the teams to the locker rooms with the Westies in front 28-21.

Unfortunately for West Haven, they would not see the end zone again and the Gaels would put up the next 17 points to defeat the Westies 38-28, knocking the boys from the ranks of the unbeaten. Shelton scored on a 2-yard TD run on fourth and goal with 5:30 left in the third quarter to tie the game 28-28. The Gaels would then take the lead 35-28 with 4:36 left in the game on a 3-yard TD run.

After the Gaels intercepted a

pass at midfield, the West Haven defense forced Shelton to punt, giving the Westies some hope. The Gaels recovered the ensuing punt setting them up on the West Haven 9-yardline and with 57 seconds left, they sealed the victory with a field goal for the 38-28 final.

The Blue Devils will look to get back on track with a trip to play the Hillhouse Academics at Bowen Field on Friday at 7.

The girls soccer team was looking to end its regular season on a positive note as it headed into the postseason. On Monday evening, the Westies hosted the Lyman Hall Trojans. The teams were deadlocked in a 0-0 game until 15 minutes left in the game. Jessica Robinson took a pass from Taylor Nowak and found the back of the net to give the Blue Devils a 1-0 lead with 14:21 left in the contest. Two minutes and thirty-one seconds later, Keegan Riccio converted a rebound of a Jessica Robinson

shot and it was 2-0 Westies. Lyman Hall would not go quietly though. The Trojans cut the lead to 2-1 with 4:49 left in the game but Kelsey Gilmore put an end to any comeback hopes with a goal with 3:29 left assisted by Mackenzie Holy for the 3-1 final. Alycia Morales made three saves in net for West Haven. The girls will now wait for the CIAC pairings to be announced on Friday to see who they will draw in the tournament.

The boys soccer team finished up its season with losses to Hamden and Xavier last week. On Monday evening, the Blue Devils fell behind 3-0 in the first half before Ty Reeves scored at 23:39 and Alsaddik Alfazzani at 30:14 to cut the lead to 3-2. Unfortunately for West Haven, that would be its only offense and the Green Dragons would tack on another goal in the second half to defeat the Westies, 4-2.

See Westies, page 18

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## Gold Bat Awards

The West Haven Twilight League recently conducted its annual Gold Bat dinner at the Cielo Hall at the West Haven Italian-American Civic Association. The dinner honors league champions and leaders in various categories as well as those who have worked to promote the league and amateur baseball in the area. Shown are: Jon Capone (Master of Ceremonies), Vin DiLauro (League President), Mike Madera (Community Award), John Roche (Gold Bat Award), Pat Shannon (Gold Bat Award), Peter DePaola (Gold Bat Award), Ryan Cimino (Gold Bat Award), Roland Depew (Dinner Chairman), and Dan Goolley (League Commissioner).



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# WestieBlue in touch

By Mike Madera

It had all the makings of an instant classic. By all means, the showdown between then tenth-ranked Shelton and third-ranked West Haven lived up to expectations.

Unfortunately for the Westies, Shelton stifled the West Haven offense in the second half, holding the Westies to just 83 total yards, as the Gaels knocked the Westies from the ranks of the unbeaten with a 38-28 victory at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven Friday

evening.

After going to the half with a 28-21 advantage, thanks in part to three Kyle Godfrey touchdowns, the Westies never got on track in the second half. On the flip side, the Gaels gained 170 yards in the final 24 minutes to finish with 409 in the game, and scored the only 17 points of the second half to take home the victory.

The key series came to start the second half as the Westies led by seven points and

opened the half with possession of the ball. On fourth-and-one from its own 43, West Haven decided to go for a first down.

That decision backfired as Shelton stuffed West Haven quarterback Jake Conlan for a two-yard loss, setting the Gaels up in prime real estate. Eleven plays later, Shelton tied the game on a 2-yard touchdown run by quarterback Jake Roberts, stealing the momentum from the Westies.

After the two teams traded possessions, West Haven looked as if it had a scoring drive in motion. Shelton ended any thoughts of that, forcing a fumble by Conlan, and recovering at the Shelton 48.

Ten plays later, and just three plays after Shelton took a field goal off the board when West Haven was called for roughing the kicker, Roberts scored from three yards out with 4:36 left in the game for a 35-28 Shelton lead.

The Westies had two final opportunities to even the contest, but could not do so as Latrell Best had his halfback option pass intercepted one play later, before West Haven muffed a punt with 3:12 remaining, giving the Gaels possession at the West Haven 9-yard line.

When Nick Andrade buried a 21-yard field goal with 57 seconds remaining, Shelton ended any thoughts of an un-

defeated season for the Westies.

The second half was quite a contrast for the Westies as they overcame a 14-7 deficit in the opening half by scoring 21 of the next 28 points.

After forcing a Shelton fumble two plays into the game, West Haven took a 7-0 lead in the contest on a 23-yard touchdown run by Zach Conlan on West Haven's first possession of the game.

The Gaels took a 14-7 lead in the opening quarter when Roberts scored from one yard out and Jaryd Witkowski returned a fumble 60 yards for a score with 1:44 left in the opening quarter.

The Westies needed just four

plays on their next possession to go 78 yards and get within 14-13 when Godfrey scored from 11 yards out just seven seconds into the second quarter.

Shelton took a 21-13 lead 1:18 later, but Godfrey's 1-yard touchdown run, coupled with a Jake Conlan to Godfrey conversion pass evened the game at 21 with 7 minutes left in the first half.

Godfrey then intercepted a pass by Roberts and returned the interception 67 yards for a touchdown and a 28-21 lead with 5:25 to go in the half.

Godfrey finished with 200 yards rushing and a pair of touchdowns on 19 carries. Zach Conlan ran for 44 yards.

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**Player of the Week**

West Haven senior football player Kyle Godfrey (7) is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. Godfrey ran for 200 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and also returned an interception 67 yards for a score in a 38-28 loss to Shelton this past week. Read about Kyle on the Player of the Week page at [www.westieblue.com](http://www.westieblue.com).

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- If you must use extension cords, use only the kind that have a built in circuit breaker



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- Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers

### Smoking Materials & Candles

- Never leave cigarettes or candles unattended**
- Purchase and use ashtrays that have the center support feature
- Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers only
- Never smoke in bed**
- We recommend against the use of candles
- If you must use candles, place them in sturdy holders

### Smoke and CO Detectors

- Install SMOKE & CO detectors inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home**
- Test smoke, CO detectors once a month (use a broom handle to reach)
- Replace smoke, CO detector batteries twice a year(replace when changing time on clocks-Spring and Fall)**
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- Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher
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- Practice escape plan with every member**
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## Mite A takes loss

The West Haven Mite A travel team hosted West Hartford at the Edward L. Bennet Rink on Saturday. The team fought hard to the very end of the game, but was unable to come out with the win. Riley Crowley moved the puck up to his teammates, while Aedan Guarino led the team in scoring with four goals.

On Sunday, the team played another home game against South Windsor. Matthew Ciccocanti put the Westies on the scoreboard with three goals. Jake Newkirk made some key passes and scored a goal as well.

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team increased its winning streak to nine in a row with two commanding victories this weekend. The Blue Devils defeated Central Capitals A1

See Youth Hockey, page 22

## Mite 11 ends year

The West Haven Seahawk Mighty Mite Team concluded their season on Saturday with a contest against the New Haven Steelers. The Mighty Mite division is a fundamental level made up of mostly 7- and 8-year-olds. Quarterback TJ Nixon led the Seahawk offensive attack and scored a rushing touchdown.

Caden Stanley stripped the ball from a Steeler running back in the second quarter and returned it 60 yards for a score. He also had two quarterback sacks for the Hawk defense. Jey Scanlon, Anthony Iannotti and Trey Plumber also played well for the Seahawks.

The competitive level teams had a bye week and will enter the Southern Connecticut Pop Warner semi-final playoffs this coming week at Bunnell High School in Stratford.

The Junior Peewees (4-4) will take on the one-seed Stratford Redskins (8-0) at 10 a.m. The Pee wee team (7-1) will take on the Manchester Sentinels (5-3) at noon. The Junior Varsity team (7-1) will play the Trumbull Rangers (5-3) at 2.

The Southern Connecticut Pop Warner championship games will be played at West Haven's Veterans Memorial Park the weekend of Nov. 11.

## Westies: *Wrap-up*

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Saul Novoa made six saves and Nash Noble made four saves, splitting time between the pipes.

Ty Reeves scored again on Wednesday but it was not enough in a 4-2 loss to the Xavier Falcons in Middletown.

Already eliminated from postseason play, the volleyball team was playing for pride when it finished its season last week. On Monday, the Blue Devils swept the Platt Tech

Panthers 3-0 in Milford. Megan Paterson had 21 assists and ten aces while Kara Erickson had ten kills, three aces and two digs to lead the Westies. Also contributing for the Westies were Veronica Lynn with seven kills and two digs and Lexi Burzynski with six kills and two aces.

On Tuesday evening, the girls paid tribute to their seniors and then went out and took an exciting 3-2 victory over the Lyman Hall Trojans. The Blue Devils took the first, two games and looked like they were on their way to an easy victory but, the Trojans took the next, two games to force a decisive fifth game, which the Westies were victorious. Megan Paterson once again led the offense with 23 assists and three kills while picking up nine digs. Nancy Tapia had 14 digs and seven kills while Lexi Burzynski had six kills and three aces in the win. C.C. Condon led the defense with 14 digs, Veronica Lynn had eight kills, three aces and two digs and Irene Ronan had ten kills and three blocks.

The Blue Devils wrapped up their season with a trip to Hamden to take on the Sacred Heart Academy Sharks on Wednesday evening and were defeated 3-0. Leading the Westies were Megan Paterson (12 kills and eight digs), Nancy Tapia (nine digs and four kills) and Danna Tortal (six digs). The girls finish their season with a record of 6-14.

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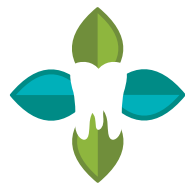
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# Soccer teams end '17 regular season

It was a great final week in the West Haven Youth Soccer League fall season with several great games for parents and players to enjoy.

In the CD Girls division, the Soccer Rockers/Oyster River Energy had a tough loss against Connecticut Pest Elimination girls, 5-3.

Keeper Emily Pruitt had several outstanding saves as she played her final game with the soccer rockers.

Joyce Delgado scored her first goal, with an assist coming from Yamilette Romero. The defense line played strong and included Asia Ford and Sofia Lora, who were able to block multiple shots.

In the EG Girls division, the Cappetta's Imports Red Fireballs completed an exciting fall season of soccer with an impressive victory over the Top Hat Dance Studio Maroon team.

Madden Evangeliste led the offense with outstanding assists from Katerina Olivegia and Sarahi Cruz-Cruz. Natalie Reed provided great defensive play with support from Madison Jacksics and Melissa Valiterra while Mariella Cappetta was outstanding in goal with many saves.

In the final weekend play in the FG Girls division play, the Cappetta's Italian Imports Red Emojis played a tough game against the Milano & Wanat Green team, taking a 6-3 loss.

Great play by the Red Emojis, led by Leila Lancaster and Giada Jimenez, who scored for the for the team, while Abby Forsyth, Jocelyn Kenny, and Luciana Cappetta were fierce in defensive play.

In the EB Boys Division, the Stars Ice Cream boys defeated the Baybrook Remodelers EB3 team, 4-0.

Nicholas Westphal led the scoring with a hat trick while Victor Magana Preciado and Urijah Silva played an exceptionally skilled game on both sides of the ball.

In the Girls Travel Division, the Elite Soccer Camps U-12 girls travel team traveled to Meriden Saturday afternoon, and lost 1-0 in a hard fought battle.

Ava Murphy did a stellar job in goal, while Camryn Flaherty, Isabelle Nagle and Cynthia Burns played well on defense.


Summer Krajcir, Olivia Trenchard, Ariana Izzo and Abigail Phelan worked hard in the midfield, and Brooke Throm and Brooke Flaherty created a few chances that challenged the Meriden keeper.

In another girls travel game, the State Farm Insurance U-11 girls travel Team Lightning, hosted Naugatuck early Saturday afternoon, winning, 5-0.

Alexandria Nunes and Molly Gunning scored in the first half, Gunning's goal coming from an Ashlynn Trenchard assist.

Trenchard picked up a second assist in the second half, feeding Jaylyn Powell. Chloe Whelan and Aylin Soto both played well, and Annabel Pasacreta had a strong game in midfield in the win for the Lightning.

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# Cadet heroics can't stop Cheshire, 27-23

**Kaileb Cadet runs wild in loss** -- The Notre Dame football team won every statistical battle in their SCC Division I football contest vs Cheshire Friday night at Veterans Field except the most important one, the scoreboard. The Green Knights had more yards, plays, first downs, and time of possession but in the only numbers that mattered, the scoreboard at the end of the game said Cheshire held on for a 27-23 win.

The Green Knights, who trailed at one point 27-23, had the ball inside the Cheshire 15-yard line with a minute left but couldn't get the go-ahead touchdown. Notre Dame out-gained Cheshire 436 yards to 321 yards. Notre Dame had

68 offensive plays to the Rams 49. The Green Knights had a 27:00-21:00 minute time of possession edge and had two more first downs (21-19) on the night. Kaileb Cadet paved the way for the Green Knights running for 207 yards on 20 carries and a pair of touchdowns.

**Soccer Plays to Scoreless Tie with Sheehan** -- The senior soccer players in Notre Dame's Class of 2018 didn't walk off Veterans Field for the last time as winners. But, they didn't lose either. Instead, the regular season came to a close for the 11 seniors in a scoreless tie with Sheehan on Oct. 23. After a scoreless first half, the Green Knights second half scoring chances came early

and late. In fact, the late chances may have been some of Notre Dame's best. Sean Mufarinya had two chances in the game's final minutes, including a shot from just outside the box with less than 30 seconds left that hit the crossbar preventing what would be the equivalent of a walk-off win on senior night. Notre Dame finished the season with a 5-5-6 record and await their seeding and opponent in the CIAC Class L tournament which starts on Monday, November 6. The Green Knights will definitely play on the road in their first-round contest.

**Tommy Minar Runs 29th in Class L meet** -- Thomas Minar concluded a breakout campaign by being the Green

Knights first runner to cross the finish line as the ND cross-country team ran 17th at the 2017 CIAC Class L Championship Meet. Minar ran the 3.2-mile course in 18:03 to place 29th out of the 175 entries in the race. Oliver Shannon '20 was Notre Dame's other runner to break the 20-minute mark.

Shannon placed second for the Green Knights, and 83rd overall, finishing in a time of 19:04. The next three Notre Dame runners all finished in a pack with only 11 seconds separating them.

Rory O'Connor was the first senior and third Green Knight to cross the finish line in a time of 20:12. A pair of juniors rounded out Notre Dame's

five counting runners as Jonathan Katz and Anthony Bruno ran in 20:17 and 20:23 respectively.

**Harlem Wizards Entertain Huge Crowd at UNH** -- Those who attended the Harlem Wizards Benefit basketball game on October 28 at UNH were treated to not only basketball wizardry but also a fun-filled night of skits involving the crowd.

High-flying dunks and crafty dribbling combined with some excellent play by the ND and Friends team left everyone who left the event with a smile on their face.

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# Gripe Vine

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

The response in the Sept. 26, Gripe Vine, regarding the night-time lighting around two ballfields in Morse Park was inaccurate. I live near Morse Park and witness on a nearly nightly basis, along with my neighbors, when the lights are on and when they're turned off. A few clarifying points must be made.

First, the reader's question was specifically about the lighting around the two ball fields, not the other lighting in the park that is there and on for safety reasons. Surrounding the two ball fields in question are 40 lamps, 21 around one, 16 the other. If they're anything like the lamps used to light ball fields elsewhere, these are metal-halide lamps, which burn at either 1,000 watts or 1500 watts each. So when both fields are lit and it seems it is always both, not one or the other, somewhere between 40,000 and 60,000 watts of electricity are being used.

Second, it is sometimes, but not often, the case that the lights are turned off or once play has ended and everyone is off the fields; apparently this happens when someone with WHLL uses a phone app that remotely controls the lights. This should be the case all the time. Unfortunately, it is more often that the lights—the 40 lights around these two ballfields are indeed left on for significant periods of time after play has ended and long after the last car has left the park; in these instances, the lights are clearly on a timer, which at least, lately has been shutting the lights off not at 8:30 p.m. as Ms. Melangone stated, but rather at 9 p.m. sharp. More than a few times, I have seen the fields and park empty by 8:15 p.m. and the lamps, all 40-60,000 watts of them, remaining on for those 45 minutes. This is not a safety issue, but it is a costly one. It's worth noting that the softball field, the one closest to Beach Street, is also lit for night play, but those lights are only ever on during play and never stay on after play has ended.

Third, the lights are not just used for fall ball. In the summer time, my neighbors and I have noticed that many nights when the lights, obviously on a timer, came on before dusk and stayed on until 10 p.m. sharp, even when there was no ball being played. And, even when the fields were used, and play ended early, the lights still remained on until 10 p.m., long after the park emptied. I have also seen instances when a meeting at the clubhouse (the two-story building that conjoins the two

ball fields), with no ball being played, would be accompanied by both fields' lights coming on and staying on.

Fourth, Ms. Melangone's statement that "We try our best to lock everything to keep people out of the park after hours, but if there is a will, there is a way" is baffling and I wonder if we're talking about the same park. Morse Park has three fully functional gates with newly purchased locks for each, and yet, as happens year after year after year, the park remains open 24/7, these gates have not been closed, let alone locked, since last winter. The results are predictable; the park's driveways and grassy areas are a favorite destination, day and night for hot-rodging and "donuting," to



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which the extensive number of deep ruts and potholes bear witness. Also, enabled by this

inability to manage the complex challenge of locking three gates, are illegal dumping and other acts of expensive and fully preventable vandalism. This past summer, someone drove a vehicle overnight into one of the ballfields, plowing over two wooden posts and chain link fence, then crossing 3rd baseline, home plate and 1st baseline, to stop at the opposite dugout. By morning the vehicle and driver were gone but the damage had been done. A police report was filed, but, no surprise here; the expensive damage elicited absolutely no change in behavior on the part of Public Works or the WHLL.

Yes, "where there's a will, there's a way," but a corollary relevant in this case "where

no effort is made to protect and secure public resources, there's an even "easier way."

Robert Marra


Dear Robert Marra:

Gripe Vine is inviting comments from readers who feel as you do on this issue as well as comments from Ms. Melangone. Gripe Vine welcomes questions, comments and suggestions from readers. Submit your complaints and issues as well, to gripevine-4wh@aol.com or mail them to Gripe Vine c/o The West Haven Voice, 666 Savin Ave. Please include your name, address and phone number, kept strictly confidential with me.

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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.

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# Youth Hockey: *Bantam team sweeps weekend play*

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team, 8-1, on Saturday, and CT Northern Lights Girls 10U 11-0 on Sunday.

Nine different players recorded points on the weekend, led by Zach Goetze (12) and Thomas Porto (8). The Westies overall record is now 12-4-1.

At the Newington Arena on Saturday morning, West Haven jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first period. Goetze scored the first three goals and Ethan Kelly added the fourth. Goetze scored again in the second period and Porto scored one minute into the third period to give the Westies a 6-0 lead.

Porto (2), Price (2), Dylan Bosworth, Sean Studley and Goetze all had assists in the game. Jacob Silva had nine

saves in goal for West Haven.

On Sunday morning, the Blue Devils headed to the International Skating Center of CT in Simsbury to face the Northern Lights Girls squad. Goetze opened the scoring with a rebound goal off Price's initial shot. Dylan Link lit the lamp from the right point before Ryan Pniewski scored off a rebound of a Studley shot to make the score 3-0 at the end of one period.

In the second period, Porto (from Goetze and Matthew Kelly) scored in the opening minute, and Studley roofed a tough-angle shot for a 6-0 lead.

Connor Moriarty skated hard and was solid on defense, while Silva made two saves in net to record the shutout.

The West Haven Peeeweewee A travel hockey team struggled to score this weekend and dropped a pair of contests. West Haven opened the weekend with a 4-2 loss in Simsbury. In a game filled with penalties, West Haven never got on track in the loss.

Sean Bosworth scored on a shot from the circle off an assist from Dante Hardt. Simsbury scored the next two goals for a 3-1 lead before Nolan Cole scored short-handed to get West Haven within a goal. West Haven played host to Central on Sunday. Trailing 2-0 in the third, Colin Deane picked up a rebound in front to cut the deficit in half. Dave Brown and Cole assisted on West Haven's lone goal as

Central put the game away with the final two goals.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team started their weekend early with a Friday Night win over Greater New Haven, then completed the weekend sweep by pounding West Hartford 9-0 on Saturday, and traveling to the Gunnery and defeating Northwestern 8-1 on Sunday.

On Friday night, the Westies started off quickly as Anthony Peschell redirected a shot from defenseman Rocco Plano to give the Devils the early lead. New Haven hung tough for a while and tied the game after one period.

That was as close as the game would get as the Westies scored three goals in the sec-

ond period. First, it was Nick Boanno unassisted, then Michael Kelly scored.

Ben Carfora scored the next goal off a feed from Ryan Smith.

In the third period, Kelly scored another goal, and D.J. Carfora closed out the scoring.

Joe Crisci was solid in the net, recording 23 saves. Joe D'Aurio and Justin Pniewski helped stabilize a solid defensive effort throughout the contest.

Saturday morning, Boanno had another big game with four goals. Plano, Adrian Fielosh and Luca Ubaldi all contributed with goals.

Nick Link recorded the shutout stopping all 15 shots he faced.

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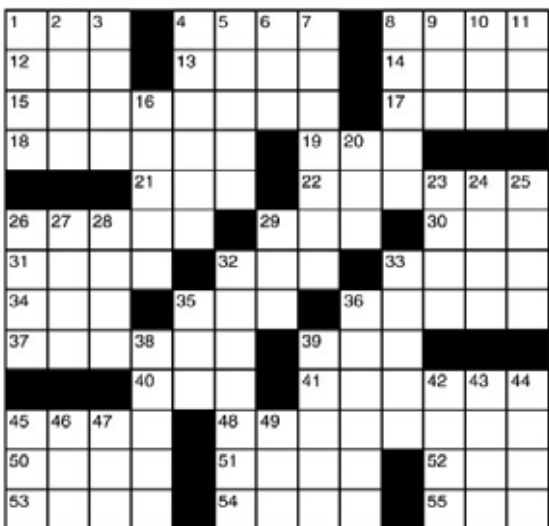
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- ACROSS**
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  - 4 The enemy
  - 8 Pharmaceutical
  - 12 Corroded
  - 13 Wise one
  - 14 Simple
  - 15 Guard of a sort
  - 17 Leading man?
  - 18 Unlikely loser
  - 19 Every crumb
  - 21 Illustrations
  - 22 Frank
  - 26 Pamphlet
  - 29 Peruke
  - 30 Regret
  - 31 Kind of mark or tag
  - 32 A welcome sight?
  - 33 Bouquet holder
  - 34 Guitar's cousin
  - 35 "Monkey suit"
  - 36 Feelings, informally
  - 37 Old salt
  - 39 Shell game need
  - 40 Affirmative
  - 41 Yellow-flowered herb
  - 45 New Zealand-er, informally
  - 48 Elvis hit
  - 50 Green land
  - 51 Approximately
  - 52 Ostrich's cousin
  - 53 Rumble faction
  - 54 Adolescent
  - 55 Witness
- DOWN**
- 1 Cutting tools
  - 2 Hexagonal state
  - 3 Kill a bill
  - 4 Unisex garment
  - 5 "I — Anyone Till You"
  - 6 Id counterpart
  - 7 Billion-dollar seller
  - 8 Handed out hands
  - 9 "Awesome, dude!"
  - 10 "Born in the —"
  - 11 Workout site
  - 16 Trainer
  - 20 Journal
  - 23 Colorless
  - 24 English river
  - 25 The Bee —
  - 26 So
  - 27 Croupier's tool
  - 28 On the briny
  - 29 Candle matter
  - 32 Suspect's pic
  - 33 Article of food
  - 35 Placekicker's pride
  - 36 Lillian of mail-order fame
  - 38 Losing power, like a battery
  - 39 Obey a comma
  - 42 Mid-month date
  - 43 Arrive
  - 44 Chills and fever
  - 45 Small barrel
  - 46 George's brother
  - 47 Be victorious
  - 49 Raw rock



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

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- Longhand
- Longhorn
- Longing
- Longshore
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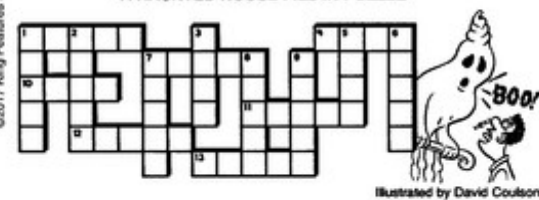
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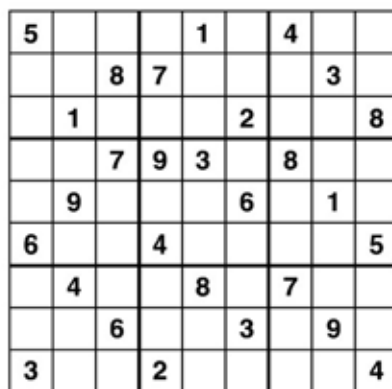


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- CRASH
- CROSS
- CRYPT
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- GLOOM
- HOWL
- MOANS
- MUMMY
- OWLS
- RATS
- YELLS

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by Linda Thistle



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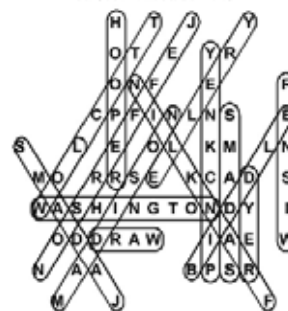
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