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New Eagle Scouts Dan Lanziero, Chris Sandor and Ian Cooke stand behind the cake marking their combined acheivement. The trio attained Eagle Scout rank in the same year.

City trio raised to rank of Eagle Scout June 12

Special to the Voice

Only four percent of Boy Scouts ever reach the rank of Eagle Scout, so it's a rare day when any Boy Scout troop holds an Eagle Scout Court of

It is even more rare for three Scouts to rise to Eagle at the same time, but such was the case recently for West Haven's Troop 802.

On June 12, three close friends, Dan Lanziero, Ian Cooke and Chris Sandor were awarded the highest rank in Boy Scouting by Scoutmaster Steve Shine, himself an Eagle Scout.

The well-attended ceremony was held at the Harugari German-American Club on Highland Street in West Haven.

All three young men graduated from high

school this month: Ian Cooke and Dan Lanziero are graduated from West Haven High School; Chris Sandor is graduated from Sound School. All three will be going to college in the

Lanziero will be attending Bentley University, in Waltham Massachusetts, and plans to study economics and finance

Cooke will attend UCONN-Storrs and will pursue a degree in mechanical engineering; he hopes to join the Army ROTC while he is there. Sandor will attend SUNY Maritime College in the Bronx, majoring in naval architecture.

Over the years, these three young men-now Eagle Scouts--have formed a close friendship through Scouting; they are, and will always be, a credit to their families and to their community.

Khondker gets primary ballot for GOP 116th

Roman Khondker, 18, of West Haven has filed petition signatures with Republican Registrar of Voters Jo Anne Callegari to force a primary between him and Republican City Councilmanat-Large Richard DePalma for the 116th State House of Representatives seat, currently held by Democrat State Rep. Michael DiMassa. The 116th District covers the north end of West Haven and a small portion of New Haven's Hill Section. Khondker was required to get 37 in-district Republican signatures to qualify for a primary. On Monday, the day before the deadline, Khondker handed in 70 signatures. Callegari has one week to officially certify the signatures.

Khondker, a junior at New Haven's Sound School has lived in West Haven since the age of 10 when he and his parents escaped Bangladesh as refugees. He is the youngest political candidate in Connecticut this year

"The Republican Party gave me the perfect vision of the American Dream. When I moved from Bangladesh, I didn't have knowledge of what freedom felt like," he said recently.

His campaign manager is Planning & Zoning Commissioner Steven R. Mullins, who praised the candidate.

"Roman brings a great deal of energy and new ideas and a new vision to West Haven." Mullins said. "He has an amazing story about his American journey.

DePalma, a businessman and first term city councilor received the Republican endorsement at last month's nominating convention. Khondker has pledged an honest, issue-oriented campaign. He is currently collecting donations to qualify for a grant from the Connecticut State Elections Enforcement Commission to fund his campaign.

The winner of the Aug. 14 Republican primary will face Di-Massa in the November general election. DiMassa, is a secretary in the City Council Office is serving his first term in the State



Republican Registrar of Voters Jo Anne Callegari and campaign manager Steven R. Mullins examine petition forms as candidate Roman Khondker looks on.

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City Hall closed for furlough Friday Move to save city \$73,000

City Hall will be closed tomorrow, and all city business, except for essential personnel have the day off Friday.

Working with the unions that represent city employees, police, Allingtown firefighters and wastewater treatment workers, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi has instituted a furlough day for all union and nonunion personnel, including the mayor and her staff, on June 29

The furlough day means that City Hall and other municipal buildings are closed for business tomorrow. All affected buildings will reopen July 2.

All union and nonunion em-

ployees of the city, Police Department, City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown and Water Pollution Control Plant will give up a day's pay, Rossi said.

The one-day move will save the city \$73,000, she said.

Only employees of the city and non-sworn employees of the police and fire departments will not report to work, Rossi said.

Members of the Police Department, Allingtown fire department and wastewater treatment plant departments that operate 24/7 - will give up a day's pay instead of the furlough day, she said.

Rossi pointed out that the city's two independent fire districts, the West Haven and West Shore fire departments, are not affected by the furlough day.

The West Haven Fire Department serves the First Fire Taxation District, also known as the Center District.

The Board of Education is also not affected by the day, but it will close for business because board offices are in City Hall. The city's three public libraries are not affected as well.

Rossi said the furlough day of June 29 was discussed with union stewards and Personnel Director Beth A. Sabo.

"I appreciate the financial sacrifice our employees are making," Rossi said. "I know this is not easy for anyone, but I also know our taxpayers expect everyone to share the

burden of budget cuts."

The mayor is informing residents ahead of the furlough day to give them ample time to plan accordingly

The furlough day will affect the following city programs and services:

- Senior activities, including the senior fitness class at 9:30 a.m., and the senior shuttle service are suspended
- The West Haven Child Development Center, based in the Robert A. Johnson Community Center at 201 Noble St., is closed.
- ~ The compost site and all public restrooms, including those at the beach, are closed.
- ~~ Day camp programs are suspended: Jr. C.I.T., Painter Park; Summer Camp, Painter Park; Jr. Day Camp, Mackrille Elementary School; and Tiny-Tot Camp, Pagels Elementary School. Refunds will be given.
- ~~ Aquatic programs at the West Haven High School pool are suspended: Sunrise Swim, 6:15 a.m.; Aqua Zumba, 7:15 a.m.; Afternoon Swim/Laps, noon; and Public Swim, 7:30 p.m. Refunds will be given.
- Beach lifeguard service and athletic field maintenance are suspended.



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Scholarship recipientSamantha Dodge was presented with the Ward-Heitmann House Museum Foundation, Inc. Scholarship by Board Member and former Social Studies teacher Elaine Goodson. Samantha recently graduated from West Haven High School with highest honors, and will be attending Western New England University as a pre-pharmacy major.



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WE'RE PROUD TO HELP LIGHT UP THE SKIES OF WEST HAVEN THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY!



The West Haven Fireworks Committee are all smiles at their annual dinner fundraiser this past week. The University of New Haven is pleased to once again be a part of this wonderful West Haven tradition. We look forward to seeing you at this year's display on July 3rd at Bradley Point.

Pictured are Savin Rock Fireworks Committee Chairwoman Saundra McCauley and Vice-Chairwoman Maryanne Drapeau along with University of New Haven Associate Vice President of Public Safety and Administrative Services Ronald Quagliani.

Dear Felicia

Well sweetie, the kiddies are outta school, and summer is in full swing with the solstice. Believe it or not in another couple o' weeks we're gonna realize that the days are getting shorter and that means the long slog toward winteragain. And jest to put a cherry on top o' this lit'le parfait, as of Monday it's only a half a year's shopping days until Christmas. Effen that don't put the fear o' somethin' in you, nothing will.

Speakin' o' fear and tremblin' is it me or are the politicos all over the place jest goin' a bit over the top, especially those who wear a Demmie pin on their lapels? I don't know how they do it, but they're constantly angry and constantly in a tizzy. For the past year and a half it has been just a continual temper tantrum. I jest wonder when the citizenry is gonna have enuff of the foolishness. Of course, this being "blue" country, we see the nonsense more and more

especially with Rosa DeLauro Greenberg as our local yokel in Congress.

Rosa and Cobina ain't got along in many a decade – and for good reason. The lady is a good example o' the shallowness of most of the people in Congress.

Meanwhile, here in our Asylum by the Sea, things seem to be ramping up for the November elections effen yew can imagine it. Of course, before that – again, believe it or not—there'll be a primary in August of this year to determine yet to be determined candidates for various state posts.

Remember, cuz this is a year when national-type elections are gonna be held – Congress and setch – the primary is moved to August. Normally, these things are in September, but it was thought that even winning candidates needed a couple extra weeks after long, hard primaries.

On the local front, the incumbents are starting to talk about state isshews, but, of course, national isshews are involved in the state isshews. We see that the local GOP has put up candidates in the 115th and 116th Assembly Districts. and there is one GOP incumbent in Charlie Ferraro in the 117th. Interestingly, Cindy Boynton, who used to work with two of the owners of this papyrus when they worked for the old Milford Citizen, is running for the 117 seat as a Demmie. It's interesting how things change and people meet up. Regardless, we're glad to see there will be candidates in all the districts. There were years setch wasn't the

Of course, the big news this week is the run up to the July 3 fireworks next Wednesday. As yew are aware, about 100,000 people come into the berg for that event each year, and the beaches and thoroughfares are tied up most of the day because of it. Cobina puts away the gassamobuggy and makes sure that her feline happily ensconced inside on that night. The booms and blasts do not set well with felines, and our little friend is no exception. Soooo, we put up with the meowing of her wanting to go outside. In a few hours, she'll be glad we didn't.

Cobina remembers getting stranded on one night where she had to go out on July 3. Jest trying to git around was bad enuff, and she came back a couple hours before the fireworks. It took nearly an hour jest to get from the town line to home, that's how snarled the traffic was.

Of course, our editor, who likes to take a jog now and again, runs around Bradley Pernt on his route. Effen he don't hit it quite right, he and others hafta detour cuz the Pernt is sealed off for the fireworks display. Still, it's a big night in town, and is fun for many thousands o' people. Thank Goodness we didn't hafta cancel that even the way we canceled the Savin Rock Festival cuz of the city's financial difficulties.

Sammy Bluejay was in t'other afternoon and brought up the fack that the Municipal Accountability Review Board - MARB for short - rejected herroner's Five-Year Plan. Politicos around the berg were expecting all or part of it to be reiected -- and that included herroner herself. This is a plan to see how and when the city will get itself picked up and solvent again. Of course, as far as the people on MARB are concerned just keep raising taxes or go into bond debt to fix things

As I told yew last week, whilst they might see themselves as dispassionate and being totally analytical, the truth is they don't live here and don't see that people can't afford what they're peddling.

Tennyrate, many politicians hereabouts said that the plan presented by herroner was dead on arrival cuz it kind of zeroed out any types of increases over the next five years. That was seen by them, and probably seen by MARB, as not being too realistic. There are gonna be increases in things. Prices go up, expenses go up, and one must plan for those increases.

Methinks we are, once again, in the realm of "political cover." Herroner doesn't wanna make decisions that will come back to bite her unless she can claim "MARB made me do it." It's a defense that certainly has worked in the past.

Effen she came up with a plan that was more "realistic," it would mean that she owns whatever happens. Effen MARB gives its guidance or, better yet, gives "directives" as to how it wants things put together, once the fall of 2019 rolls around, she can put the blame on outside forces and be perfeckly truthful in doing it

It'll be interesting to see how this all plays out over the next few weeks or months. But don't be surprised effen there is a bit of stark political calculation in the entire process.

Jest a note: We ain't heard much about Merlie Mae and how she's doing. Yew remember she got injured in a house fire about a month ago, and was put in a burn unit. Well, she's outta the burn unit, but there were other compli-

We hear-tell that she's doing better, and that her family and friends are keepin' her upbeat as far as they can. We hope so. Cobina's been thinkin' a lot about her lately.

We ain't mentioned it in a few weeks, but Beach Street is still laying fallow as far as any movement o' properties on that stretch. The former Chick's is still closed and still lookin' for a buyer.

The former Debonair Motel is still fenced off and looks the worse for wear with boarded up windows and a generally rundown appearance, and the former location of the Captain's Galley, which supposedly had a plan for a new restaurant is now up for sale again. So, the plan must've fallen flat.

Effen there is a stretch that bespeaks the travails of this berg it is Beach Street. Nobody seems interested in making that entranceway to the shore more inviting.

I know we have financial problems, but it seems that area might be ripe for a fix, no?

With that bit o' chatter, we'll close this time till next, mitt luff und kizzez,

Cobina

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Gripevine

By Eleanore Turkington

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Several weeks ago, Gripe Vine had a story in it describing a group of kids on bikes carelessly riding in and out of cars and blocking traffic on West Haven streets. Activity like this could really cause fright and tragedy on a public road.

You wrote in your Gripe Vine column that you were going to investigate this unsafe practice. I may have missed the edition with updated information on West Haven youngsters breaking bicycle laws. Just what are the bike laws in Connecticut? Can you enlighten your readers?

Safety Conscious Dear Safety Conscious:

Thank you for calling attention to the importance of following bicycle safety regulations.

Here is what I discovered about Connecticut State Bicvcle Laws: Children under the age of 16 must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle; Parents may not authorize their children to violate statutes related to bicycle travel. In other words, by state law, children under 16 must wear a helmet while riding a bicycle whether their parents them to or not.

During nighttime and times of low visibility, bicyclists must utilize a front light from 500 feet, a rear red reflector or light visible from 600 feet and reflective material on the bike visible from 600 feet on each

Bicyclists traveling on roadways have the same rights and responsibilities as for motor-

Bicyclists must stop at red

Bicyclists must make a full stop at stop signs.

Bicyclists cannot ride on the right side of the road into oncoming traffic.



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Bicyclists must usehand or mechanical signals to communicate with other travelers, but signals need not be given continuously.

Connecticut State law allows cyclist to ride two abreast but no more than two abreast.

Motorists must allow a minimum of 3 feet of separation when passing a bicycle.

Motorists must provide a minimum of 3 feet of passing area around a cyclist when emerging from driveways and allevs.

Bicyclists can ride on sidewalks and in crosswalks but when doing so have the same responsibilities and rights as pedestrian. For example, they need to wait for the proper cross walk signal.

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Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I have written Gripe Vine complaining of the truck traffic (A No Thru Truck) area, but there are still trucks coming through Voss Road. I haven't seen any police presence yet.

Dear RD:

I have been working with

the Mayor's Administrative Assistant, Louis Esposito on your complaint. Keep reading Gripe Vine. I will get a solu-

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information to me at Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice, 666 Savin Ave.

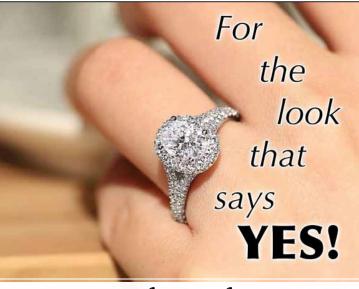
Coming up: Cars parked on Connecticut Avenue gripe... trash on Colonial Blvd. on Honor Road side Veteran's Walk gripe..overgrown grass and weeds along sidewalk at train station...no lighting

Apartments on Ellis Street... leaf pickup questions..beachside lots opening time complaint..broken down vehicle on Winslow Avenue.. pot hole on Derby Avenue..Dogwood Road pot holes..Bocce Court complaints...loud music at Allentown Flats...iunk car parked on Roosevelt Avenue.. broken clock on Alingtown Green.

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The Declaration of Independence

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to

pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

habitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our Brittish brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

A Happy Fourth of July



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BipartisanshipThe Democratic and Republican Town Committees got together for a joint city clean-up on Saturday June 16. More than 30 people volunteered their time cleaning problem areas throughout the city. Democratic Chairman Mike Last and Republican Chairwoman Pat Libero are discussing more joint clean- ups and hosting fundraisers to assist city non-profit organizations that serve city residents.

Mary Lou Tibbets Venedetti

Mary Lou Tibbetts Vendetti passed peacefully from this earth on June 8, 2018. Born April 17, 1933 in West Haven to Marion Savage Tibbetts and Millard Tibbetts, she was predeceased by her brother, Millard Tibbets. She attended St. Lawrence School and West Haven High School.

She was the loving mother of Thomas Venditti (Alice) and Michael Vendetti. She was adoring grandmother of Denielle Nall (Justin), Jordan Simon (Lee), and Gregory Vendetti (Claire). She was blessed with four great-grandchildren: Oliver and Roman Nall, and Jacob and Thomas Simon. She is also survived by her lifelong friend Justine D'Attoma Riccio.

Mary Lou always had a smile and kind word for everyone. She will be greatly missed. Graveside service was held June 25, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Lawrence Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to VNA Community Healthcare, 735 Boston Post Road, Guilford, CT 06437.



Letters

Scouts thanked

The Harugari German-American Club sends out a hearty thanks to the Troop 802 Boy Scouts of the First Congregational Church for helping to get our grounds cleaned up for our upcoming Sommerfest and other summer outdoor events. Scout leader Steve Shine and his boys did the leaf raking and a thorough sprucing up around the pavilion. The Club members were saved a lot of aching muscles and time. As a former scout leader in West Haven, it was my pleasure to grill up some hotdogs as part of lunch. Troop 802 truly lived up to it's oath of leadership

Make pets safe

With the Fourth of July rapidly approaching, Phantom Fireworks would like to remind our friends and customers that some pets adversely react to the lights and noise of the fireworks. With a little extra effort, our pets can be spared the trauma they sometimes experience from fireworks.

Phantom Fireworks asks that you please be mindful of the fol-

Keep your pets indoors during fireworks displays;

Turn on the TV or radio and air conditioning to help mask the noise of the fireworks, Keep pets in a soothing, dark room with light jazz or classical music playing. The idea is to muffle the fireworks noise with something soothing. Close draperies to help soundproof the residence:

Many suggest walking or exercising the pet prior to the fireworks in an effort tire out the pet in hopes the pet will sleep through the fireworks:

Close all windows and doors and block pet doors to prevent escape:

You could try distracting the pet as soon as the fireworks begin by involving the pet in something enjoyable, like "fetch;"

Prepare a safe area where the pet can burrow in to feel safe: maybe some blankets under a bed or a blanket draped over a small table. Play a radio near that area. Feeding the pet in the area will help the pet associate the area with other good things;

Do not take your animal to a fireworks show or let the pet outdoors while the fireworks are being used;

You might consider consulting with your veterinarian before the fireworks season. Some pets may require sedation. The veterinarian could suggest some behavior modification techniques.

Many of these suggestions have come from Press-Enterprise, Riverside, CA; Blue Cross for Pets (UK); Pet MD, Humane Society of US, and The Telegraph (UK).

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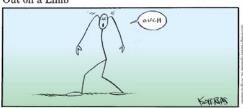


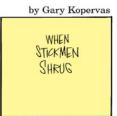






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By Dan Shine

The Twilight League Part II

With thanks to Harry Noyes

As the forming and early years of the West Haven Twilight League drew to a close, the league entered the next phase of its marvelous history. This era covers the middle years of the league.

Continual strong, dedicated leadership from the league officers rubbed off to the next generation, which resulted in a very high caliber of amateur baseball.

However, a major problem surfaced during this period. The Korean War and the conflict in Southeast Asia, which became the Vietnam Conflict put a drain on player personnel, as many young men were called to military service to strengthen our armed forces that were needed to protect the Free World from

Photo by Michael P. Walsh

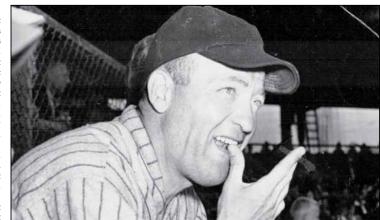
Communist aggression.

The West Haven Twilight League in the past used players strictly from Wet Haven. This long, successful policy needed to change in order for it to exist as a viable league. To offset this problem, teams were now allowed to add non-West Haven players to their roster. This rule change proved successful as the league now moved forward and continued to excel.

The league made and continues to make changes in our ever-changing society, but is still a West Haven-based product.

Being able to bend a bit implement different approaches to problems is the principal reason the league has been successful for so many years.

The West Haven Twilight League has been a dream league: a definite showcase



Harry Noyes, Sr. is shown in his years as a West Haven Sailor, when the semi-professional team called Donovan Field home at Savin Rock. Painter Park's diamond was named for him.

for amateur baseball. officers who operate the all of baseball as well. league and the players who perform continue to provide

The excellence to the league and

These intangibles and its wonderful heritage, are reasons to be proud and offer continual excellence in future years.

To Be Continued-

High-end showroom opens

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, center, cuts the ceremonial ribbon Friday to mark the grand opening of Your Lighting Source, "Connecticut's premier lighting and home accessory showroom," 51 Railroad Ave. From left, Your Lighting Source manager Jill McKearney, state Reps. Dorinda Borer, D-115, and Charles J. Ferraro, R-117, and owners Joe Trerotola, Mike Bertona, with wife Lisa and daughters Mia, 5, and Tessa, 1, and Karen Muller Trerotola. In recognition of the special occasion, Ferraro presented the owners with a General Assembly citation on behalf of the city's delegation. The new 2.000-squarefoot showroom, housed in a rear, brick building across the street from the train station. displays the highest-quality brands in the lighting indus-





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Cubs defeat A's for Little League championship

The Full Circle Pizza Cubs beat the Emmett's Auto A's 5-2 to take home the West Haven Little League Majors Division title Sunday evening at Morse Park. The two teams played eight times this year, with each team winning four games.

Jesse Buonocore was solid on the mound for the Cubs as was Will Panza for the A's. The Cubs' offense was sparked by Haygen Axelrod, Fabrizio Nunez, Braeden Izzo and Hunter Chancio, who all came up with key hits.

Evan Jones and Jeremiah Kavanah led the way defensively. Buonocore went five innings and Haygen Axelrod pitched out of a jam in the sixth to seal the win. Both teams played a tremendous game from top to bottom.

Panza pitched well in defeat, while Mike Madera scored both runs for the A's. Chase Supan and Ray Gilbert hit well for the A's

The A's beat the Cubs 5-4 Saturday evening to force a winner take all championship game Sunday. Supan was superb on the mound, shutting down the Cubs for most of the game, with Thomas Porto getting the save by getting out of a sixth inning jam.

With the A's leading 4-1 in the bottom of the sixth inning, Chancio connected for a three-run triple to tie the game, forcing extra innings. The A's came back in the seventh inning to score one run on hits by Madera and Panza.

The A's opened the playoffs with a win over the Brewers. Madera was the winning pitcher, and Nate Pipeling and JJ Hall led a balanced hitting attack.

The A's lost the second playoff game 6-2 to the Cubs. Buonocore led the way on the mound for the Cubs and at the plate with two hits. Connor Hume made several key plays at second base, while Hudson Axelrod was solid behind the plate again.

Panza pitched well in the loss for the A's, while Supan, Josh Osbourne and Hall had hits for the A's.

The A's bounced back in the win column with an 11-1 victory over the White Sox to advance to the championship round. Madera was the winning pitcher, while Gilbert and Josh Mongillo had key hits in the win.

The Executive Protection and Transport Brewers ended its season with a playoff loss to the Malangone Mechanical White Sox 4-1.

Zach Boutieller came to play for the White Sox, with two hits, including a nice double to score two runs. K.J. Harp pitched five innings for the White Sox with nine strikeouts, only giving up one run. Nico Ruocco came through with a solo homerun.

Cameron Cruz pitched a complete game with nine strikeouts for the Brewers, and Thomas Rolfe had two hits. Jason Alling made some nice plays at third base to keep the team in it. Owen Fletcher and Kevin Jason were solid at the plate.



The Full Circle Pizza Cubs, above, beat the Emmett's Auto A's 5-2, below to take home the West Haven Little League Majors Division title Sunday evening at Morse Park.



Orange takes pair over West Haven Post 71

While most teams in Zone II already had three games under their belts, the Orange Post 127 baseball team was eager to get on the field to play for real.

Despite coming into Thursday evening's game against West Haven Post 71 with three wins, all came by forfeit against a New Haven team which has folded because it was not able to field enough players.

With an extra four days to prepare, Orange did not squander its opportunity. Behind the pitching of Jake Skolnick, and an opportunistic offense, Post 127 topped West Haven 3-1 in the first game of a doubleheader at Brinley Field in Orange.

"I think we were just eager to get on the field," Orange coach Joe Pisano said. "We had some extra days and we were able to get some scrimmages in since the end of the Amity season."

Skolnick was in command from the start, allowing just one run on a balk, and scattering four hits. The Orange pitcher struck out eight and walked two in a performance which never saw him get in any real trouble.

"It is all part of my pregame preparations," Skolnick said about being ready to play after extra time

off. "That's what is important for me. I just went out there and attacked them. I was able to pound the strike zone and keep the ball in the zone."

West Haven (0-5) scored its only run of the game in the second inning when Austin Ormrod singled to left just under the glove of Orange third baseman Jon McNelis, moved to second on a balk by Skolnick, third on a single by Steven Byrd, and scored on another Skolnick balk.

That was all the difficulty Skolnick saw the rest of the way as he allowed a one-out single to Ormrod in the fourth and a two-out double to Nick Flammia in the sixth, but Flammia was left stranded as Skolnick got Ormrod to ground out for the final out of the inning.

"His slider was outstanding tonight," Pisano said of Skolnick. "He struggled early, but he settled down to pitch a good game."

Orange, which also won the nightcap 6-1 to improve to 5-0, scored once in each of the first three innings for all the offense it would need in the contest. Post 127 managed only three hits in the game, but made the most of its opportunities.

Marc Chodos walked to open the bottom of the first, moved to second on Jared Smith's grounder to first, went to third on a passed ball, and scored on a wild pitch by West Haven pitcher Justin Uribe.

With the game even at one in the second, Chris Parkin led off with a double, stole third, and scored on a sacrifice fly to right by Logan Corris.

"We will manufacture runs this year," Pisano said.
"I think that is going to be the formula for us with pitching and defense. We may have to score runs different ways this year."

Orange again used a walk to score in the third inning as Chodos was issued a free pass by Uribe, went to second on a passed ball, third on Smith's fly ball to right, and scored when Pete Minore reached on an error.

"I thought he pitched okay," West Haven coach Gary Donovan said of Uribe. "I thought he settled in and did a nice job. We were not sure he could go the whole game, but he settled in nicely. He only gave up a few hits."

Uribe retired seven in a row until Smith led off the Continued on page 12

Marinelli ends career with a 12th

When Andrew Marinelli trained well for this competicrossed the finish line in the 1500-meter event at the CIAC Decathlon competition on June 13, at Manchester High School, it marked the end of several things. For Marinelli, it marked both the end of a two-day grueling 10-event competition as well as the end of his Notre Dame athletic career, where he he ran track and played soccer for four years. It also was the final athletic competition in the 2017-18 school year for any Notre Dame student-athlete.

It was the second straight year Marinelli competed in this event. While his goal was to finish in the top 10, a 12th place showing and beating his result from 2017 are great accomplishments. Marinelli placed 24th in 2017.

"I am extremely proud of Andrew," said head track and field coach Glenn Xavier. "He

tion and to finish 12th among the 62 who entered is a testament to his God-given athletic ability, hard work, training, and dedication to his craft. It was a great two days for ND

Marinelli saved his best event for last as he placed second in the 1500-meter run finishing in 4:39.75. He had three other places in the top 15. He placed 12th in the pole vault clearing 8-06.25.

He also ran 13th in both the 110 high hurdles (18.23) and the 400-meter run (54.33) and placed 16th in both the 100-meter dash (12.12) and the high jump (clearing 5-04.25).

You can view a video compilation of Marinelli's exploits at the competition on the NDWHAthletics YouTube Channel.

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Mets defeat Pirates in Shore Haven

The Gunning Law Firm Mets defeated the Augliera Movers Pirates 10-4. Robert Foley, Maurizio Urriola, Danny Potter, Ryan Malone, and Jacob D'Avignon combined for 10 hits and 8 RBI. Tyler Bassett , Tegan Grillo, and Matt Cavallaro accounted for the Pirates hits.

The Duffy's Tavern Red Sox beat the Leslie Jewelers Dodgers 8-7. Sean Studley had a triple, Ethan Kelly had a double, and Zach Goetze had a key hit for the Red Sox. Bobby Severino made an excellent throw to pick off an attempted steal by the Dodgers.

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Notre Dame's Andrew Marinelli is shown during the Broad Jump segment of the State Decathlon. He ended his career with a 12th-place finish in the event.

Legion: Orange takes pair

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sixth with a single, but he used a double play and a fly out to keep the Westies within striking distance.

"We are improving every game," Donovan said. "We are getting more hits. We will keep plugging along. We can't get down on ourselves."

Ormrod led West Haven with two hits, while Uribe tossed six innings of three-hit ball, walking three and striking out two.

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West Haven join Sustainable

On May 29, the West Haven CT," Mayor Nancy R. Rossi City Council voted to join Sustainable CT, an exciting new initiative to support Connecticut's cities and towns.

The statewide initiative, created by towns for towns, includes a detailed menu of sustainability best practices, tools and resources, peer learning, and recognition.

"On behalf of the members of the City Council and the people of West Haven, I am delighted to announce our participation in Sustainable

said. "My administration is committed to working with Sustainable CT to develop and implement renewable energy initiatives, such as solar, wind or water power, in our community. These initiatives will enhance our quality of life while improving the environment and will strengthen our goal of becoming a green city."

The Sustainable CT platform supports a broad range of actions, such as improving watershed management, sup-

porting arts and creative culture, reducing energy use and increasing renewable energy, and implementing "complete streets" - streets that meet the needs of walkers and bikers as well as cars - along with improving recycling programs, assessing climate vulnerability, supporting local businesses, and providing efficient and diverse housing options.

The initiative was developed under the leadership of the Institute for Sustainable Energy

University, in partnership with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. Three Connecticut philanthropies

— The Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation, the Hampshire Foundation and the Common Sense Fund — have supported the program's development and launch.

"We are thrilled that West Haven has passed a resolution to join Sustainable CT," said

at Eastern Connecticut State Lynn Stoddard, director of the Institute for Sustainable Energy. "The program builds on many current success stories in our communities to create and support more great places to live, work and play. We are looking forward to working with the city as it pursues Sustainable CT certification."

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