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Scout project cleans sanctuary



Submitted Photos

Area Boy Scouts and volunteers helped complete an Eagle Scout project around the Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary. The group helped rid the area of invasive plants, replacing them with native plants more helpful to wildlife. Aiden and Conner Lynch planned and executed the clean-up and planting.



Eagle Scout projects typically provide an opportunity for a mature scout to make a contribution to the community in which they live. But this year, in West Haven, something unique occurred. Two brothers, Connor and Aidan Lynch, both 16, each chose and completed independent Eagle Scout projects that were directly connected to each other and that helped to significantly improve the Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary as a place, where shorebirds, marsh birds and migratory songbirds can thrive. Both Scouts, members of Troop 899, worked closely with their project Leader David Driver and with Audubon Connecticut, the stewards of the viewing area habitat at Sandy Point, to organize, plan, and accomplish this amazing feat!

The problem Aidan and Connor wanted to address was simple: Over the years, a number of "invasive" plants were overtaking existing native plants (bayberries, beach plums, etc.) near a viewing platform at the bird sanctuary. The native plants provide greater benefit to birds and other wildlife in the area by offering shelter, berries and proper habitat. The invasive plants (including Autumn Olive, Tree of Heaven, Multiflora Rose, Rosa Rugosa, and Mugwort) had spread through the sanctuary and had surrounded the viewing platform overlooking the marsh, making it hard for the native plants to survive and difficult for the public to enjoy views of the marsh.

Connor's project focused on organizing a group of volunteers to remove these invasive plants and to create more space for existing native plants to flourish near the viewing area.

About the same time, Aidan was planning his own project. He decided to build on his brother's work by designing a project to plant native species of plants where the invasive plants were removed in order to help restore a healthy and natural habitat at the Sanctuary.

"When the Scouts approached us about helping out with the work around the viewing platform, we were thrilled. Removing invasives and replanting native plants is hard work, but it gets a lot easier when more people are involved" said Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe, Bird Conservation Programs Manager for Audubon

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West Shore District marks 100th

By Kevin R. McKeon and Jacquelyn A. Donovan

On the weekend of Oct. 13-14 the West Shore Fire Department will be celebrating and commemorating a milestone. The district will mark its 100th Anniversary with a celebration that will feature many events that weekend and everyone in the city is encouraged to attend.

Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10-3 at the Seth Haley School grounds on South Street will feature an antique fire Apparatus show and photo shoot. There will be a display of fire apparatus from surrounding towns, food trucks, a smoke trailer, a State Police Dog, souvenirs, and many more activities. There is a celebratory banquet on Saturday night as well, which is now sold out.

On Sunday, Oct. 14 the Department will host its annual memorial service, which is being combined with the commemoration of this once-in-a-lifetime event.

A new memorial bell will be dedicated, speeches, and closing ceremonies followed by a luncheon. All three Fire Districts will be in attendance and is open to the public. All events will take place rain or shine.

Right -- The West Shore Fire Department 100th Anniversary is being led by current and former officials: Chief Steven Scafariello, Honorary Chairman and Director; Retired Lt. Kevin R. McKeon, Founder and Executive Committee Chairman; and Retired Chief William Kelly, Historical Committee Chairman and Apparatus Show Judge.



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

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Connecticut.

On July 28 and 29, Connor implemented the project he had organized and led a team of 27 volunteers to remove the invasive plants and to clear the area around the viewing platform. In addition to assistance from his own troop and some additional volunteers he recruited, a team of Audubon Wildlife Guards showed up to help.

The Wildlife Guards, all local high school students working for Audubon Connecticut, had already begun the important work of removing invasive vegetation earlier in the summer – and they showed up to join Connor’s volunteer team on July 28 to complete the job.

Connor coordinated his removal plans with Audubon Connecticut and the Sandy Point Recovery Subcommittee

of the Watershed Restoration Committee to make sure that valuable native vegetation was not damaged.

Aidan came back to the Bird Sanctuary with his volunteer Eagle Scout Project team on Sept. 15 and 16, with a mission of replenishing natural plants to support native wildlife in the area.

Aidan had organized a group of more than Scouts and community volunteers to plant and water more than 45 native plants that had been donated by Audubon Connecticut and the Sandy Point Recovery Subcommittee. These native plants included Black and Red Chokeberry, Arrowwood Viburnum, Meadowsweet, and Beach Plum.

As a crowning touch, Aidan and his team erected three cedar posts in an adjacent natural garden on top of which the Sandy Point Recovery effort

leaders will place a replica of a full-scale snowy egret, a symbol of this important area.

According to Georgianna Jette, who oversees the Sandy Point Recovery effort, “The Eagle Scout project has been instrumental in the ongoing restoration of Sandy Point. We commend the scouts and their leaders for the hard work and dedication they have shown toward making a difference in our community.”

Over the last few years, Sandy Point has become a significant destination for ‘birders’ who come to see threatened birds like the Piping Plover and other coastal species such as Snowy Egrets, Least Terns, and Great Blue Herons. In recent years, Osprey families have also begun to nest in the vicinity of the sanctuary at Old Field Creek and use the water off of Sandy Point as fishing territory.

These Eagle Scout projects helped to reshape the natural environment at Sandy Point, by bringing together over fifty volunteers to ultimately create a well-balanced habitat to support bird and wildlife populations for many generations to come.

The assistance of the Eagle Scouts and Boy Scouts was vital to the realization of Audubon Connecticut’s goal of improving habitat around

the viewing area, and a great example of how local organizations can partner on community projects.

The viewing platform area now has a clear view of the marsh and a native plant garden that is no longer blocked by the presence of abundant invasive species. There was benefit for the community,

for wildlife, for Audubon Connecticut – and a lasting memory for the two Scouts themselves – all because two brothers decided they wanted to make a meaningful difference in their community.

This project was supported by funds awarded to Audubon Connecticut by the Long Island Sound Futures Fund.

Energy assistance offered in West Haven

The city will begin accepting applications Oct. 15 for the federally financed Connecticut Energy Assistance Program in the Department of Human Resources on the second floor of City Hall, 355 Main St. Appointments for all heating sources can be made, starting Oct. 1, by calling (203) 937-3572. Applications will be processed by appointment Mondays through Thursdays. No walk-ins will be accepted. Applicants who have difficulty speaking English are asked to bring a translator. Eligibility for assistance is based on the income and assets of an applicant’s household. To qualify, applicants must provide pay stubs, including monthly Social Security benefits and pension checks, for the last four weeks for all household members 18 and older.



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Dear Felicia

Well honeybunch, here we are in October already! It doesn't seem possible, but the year is fast passing away. Before yew know it, the decorations on the Green will be out, and the plans for the holiday season will be well underway. This past weekend the First Congregational Church sponsored the annual Apple Festival, and despite some early rain, the weather cooperated and it looked as if thousands came out during the three-day event. Cobina always marvels at how quickly the amusement rides are located on the Green, and how fast they are taken down. As we came into the office in our gassamobuggy on Mondee morning, the Green didn't look any the worse for wear, and all the rides were gone.

Here in the Asylum by the Sea, there are people who're kind of scratchin' their noggins over the letter in last week's papyrus concerning commints made about the

high school rebuild. Now, over the years, Cobina has been from Missouri when it comes the projeck, and wasn't gonna be satisfied until things started percolating.

Well, they have. But I guess commints made by Louise Martone, city council member, at a recent confabulations had some people jest scowling, wondering what or where she got her info. She claimed the projeck was about 7 million smackers in the hole, but did nothing to back that up --- there's a lot o' that going around these days, as witness Washington, DC.

Tennyrate, as fast as she made the statement, she bolted the meeting and was not able to offer any corroboration. Of course, in this era of social media and things being said on various "platforms," as Churchill said, "A lie goes halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to put its boots on." And, setch was the case.

Soooooo, the committee sent a missive here and we published it. It's jest a question of whether as many people read the answer and heard the allegation. We shall see. Still, one wonders where the info got collected and from whom. In this berg when things like this happen, it's generally a political tactic. We shall see.

Speakin' of the high school, Iva Lootey was around t'other day, and made mention that the superstructure of at least part o' the new building seems to be in place. According to the report given recently about 15 percent o' the total is completed. Iva sez that getting around that area in the early ayem is not the easiest thing in the world, and people who have normally used the Educational Way as a bypass of other areas, go elsewhere. Buses, parents dropping off their offspring, and construction vehicles seem to vie for space jest before the morning bell rings. Lesson to be learned: don't go that way!

Election-wise, things seem to be picking up concerning the state and fed'ral elections, but with the matters as they are happening in the nation's capital, the headlines and the news cycles are congested with "other stuff." That means that the messages of the various candidates - including the down-ticket candidates - are being stepped on by current events.

We got about four weeks before

the voters go to the polls, and I know that some candidates are worried that the state tickets are gonna get lost in the rage on both sides of the political aisle. We shall see.

Sammy Bluejay told me this afternoon that there are whispers the Charter Revision Commish would like to have a confabulation, on or off the record, with members of the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB). I think I made mention o' this a couple weeks back.

The commish, which has been working for months on revising the city's charter - the operating document used to govern - would like to git some input on ideas concerning departmental structure and ways of streamlining and cost savings. With the MARB giving a large look at the way the city is spending, it is thought the members - or the chairman - would have ideas on ways to revise he charter.

It's an interesting idea, but one wonders effen state officials setch as them would want to git involved in the local political structure. They might think it looks bad, or something. From one perspective it ain't a bad idea. They have the bird's eye view of what's going on finance-wise, and are probably offering departments some suggestions anyway.

The commish has until July

to finish its work, but as I have told yew in the past, we are hearing that the panel would like to finish its work ahead of schedule, offering its recommendations to the City Council before the deadline. Either way, the recommendations will be reviewed by the council and then put to the voters next November (2019) for approval.

Some new members of the community, speaking of the charter, seem to want to talk about consolidation. It's a topic that's come up several times in the last 40 or so years. Let's review. For the two remaining fire districts to consolidate into a city department, the charters of those districts have to be abandoned by vote of the electors in the districts. Remember, those are taxation districks under state law, and they come under "home rule." It's not jest a case of the city taking over. The districts themselves are quasi-municipal in nature. There is a big legal process that would have to be follied.

Allingtown went through its own process about six years ago. It had to dissolve as an entity and then vote to be taken over by the city. That is why we have the department organized as it is under the City Council.

The topic has come up, and newer members of the community have to be schooled in the ins and outs of the process.

Getting back to the MARB for a minute or two, Nelly Nuthatch tells me that she's been talking with some average people hereabouts and the possibility of being dropped to Tier IV by the MARB has more than a few concerned. The fack the MARB would be able to set new tax rates, force assessments, and open city contracts, are jest some of the reasons people are concerned. Whilst yew might think residents have other worries, they are paying attention to this problem. Soooo, the next time somebody tells yew the residents of the berg are not in tune to what's goin' on concerning the city's financial problems, yew can tell 'em from me that setch is not the case. They see that this will have a direck affect on how they live their lives, and how it will affect them financially. They are plenty concerned, and plenty engaged.

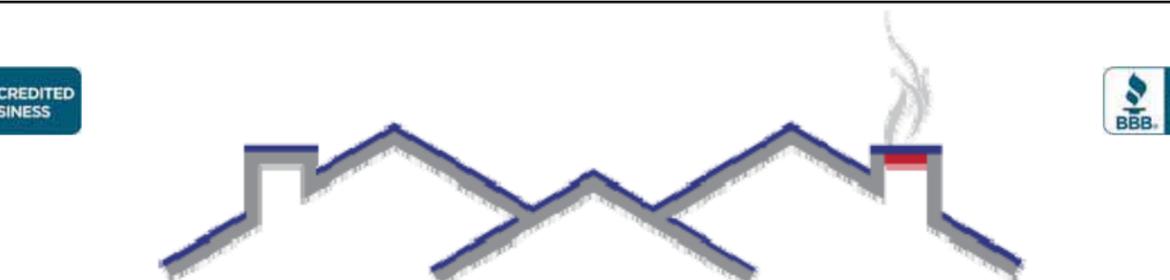
One final note about things happening in Washington. Could we have two more embarrassing individuals than the senior senator for the Nutmeg State, Richard Blumenthal, and his junior counterpart, Chris Murphy. The term "hack" doesn't even scratch the surface of how partisan and nasty .Mitt luff und kizzez,

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Gripevine

By Eleanore Turkington

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Thank you for printing my original letter relating to removing litter at bus stops throughout the city and for your responses. I will definitely be willing to compile a list of bus stops that need trash barrels. Adding more trash cans is a step in the right direction, also having them decorated helps. They should be CLEAN and decent looking. Otherwise, we have the "ick factor" where people don't want to use the can because it is so dirty. Many bus stops do not have them, and people need to be at those locations. I am not sure about the differences in state and city roads, but I am willing to learn. Trash cans are only a small part, but it's a step in the right direction and it will hopefully bring more discussions and action!

I do have a Litter Educational Program that I have created. Being a teacher in town, my hope is to teach the children and families in West Haven. Again, as I mention in my original letter, it has to be residents and city employees working together to make permanent changes.

The mayor mentions the trash cans that are included along the CT. Transit bus stops in one of her responses. I am in the process of surveying how many bus stops have trash cans and I haven't come across one yet. Now, I still need to do more research, but my initial findings show no cans and lots of litter. Also, Malloy Road, Railroad Avenue, West Spring Street, Water Street, Fairfax Street and underneath the train tracks are to name only a few of the areas that I drive by and see heavy litter accumulation. The problem with organizing clean ups



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in these areas is that I would be concerned for the safety of the volunteers. It would be wonderful to have a town initiative. I will continue to work on this.

Stacey Giaquinto
Litterawareness.org

Dear Stacey Giaquinto:

West Haven is a city often visited for its beautiful beaches and attractive Green. However, it is imperative that all of us work at keeping the City clean and attractive. The other day, as I left the city of Milford and entered West Haven at the roundabout, I was disappointed at the number of weeds and dried flowers that greeted me from the flower bed atop the site. I had heard that a West Haven resident had volunteered his skills and time to maintaining this site, however, presently, it is in need of upkeep and attention.

Thank you, Stacey, for meeting the challenge of beautifying West Haven. Perhaps after a resident reads your letter today and my comments about the condition of the flower garden at the roundabout, other residents who care about West Haven will contact you at the email address at the end of your letter today.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

No matter where you go in

town it is very shabby looking. The beach at the boardwalk was well pointed out eight weeks ago and remains neglected. I am soured but this is not sour grapes. I live here and care about this city. It has no curb appeal. There is a dumping ground on Heffernan Drive.

This condition was reported the early part of July. It, at this writing, is still a mess and slobes are adding to it because they think it is OK. The mayor's team has responded to some of my complaints, but it takes 6-8 weeks. Eleanore, keep pushing. Residents are very upset.

F. of Heffernan Drive

Dear Gripe Vine Readers:

Here are a few complaints that Gripe Vine forwarded to Louis Esposito when he was investigating problems for the city:

Trucks driving illegally on Voss Road. The police said

they would monitor this road and obtain license plate numbers. Did they?

Coleman Street- readers are complaining this road has become a main road and accidents have occurred here. Can we put speed bumps here? Esposito's reply, "I don't believe we can put speed bumps on city roads, but I will check on it. I gave this problem to traffic and they will monitor it."

Did they monitor Voss Road?

Gripe Vine Readers:

The following gripes have not been solved:

Is there a list available of residents who have piled up trash? Who received fines for this ordinance?

Has a final solution been provided for the water pumped onto private property from Washington School onto private property?

What is the city's ordinance for noise or music after 9 p.m.

in the evening?

Has the hazard red cone placement on the corner of Ruden, Riardo and Zegmont been reported and removed and the problem solved?

Washington Manor pear trees were cut down with stumps left and huge branches blocking the sidewalk. Can the tree be reshaped or cut down?

Dear Mayor Nancy Rossi:

Can taxpayers and residents receive answers on the above complaints?

Gripe Vine Readers with comments, complaints and questions can email them to gripevine4wh@aol.com or write to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice, 666 Savin Ave. Please include your name, address and phone number, kept in strict confidence with me. If you prefer to remain anonymous to the public, you can also include your first initial and the neighborhood where your complaint is occurring.

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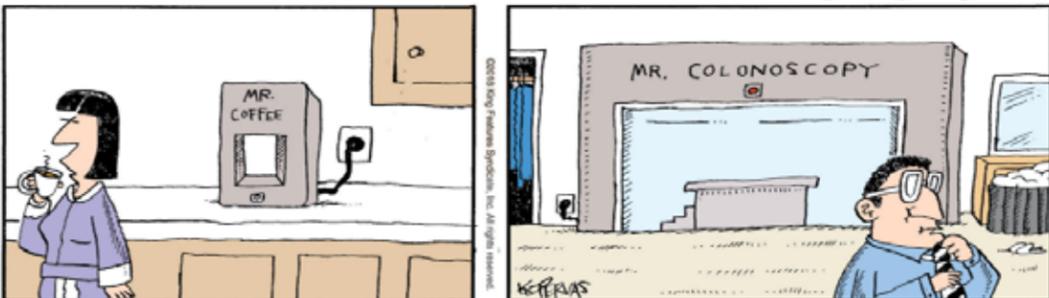
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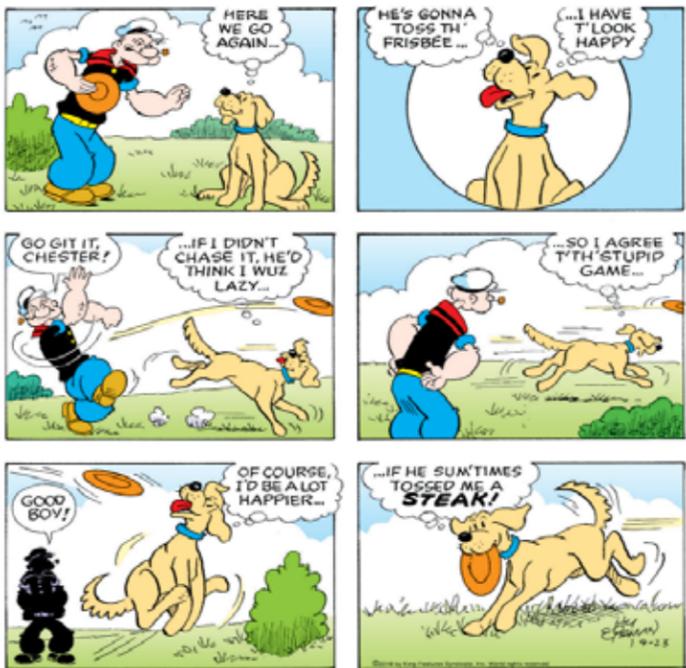
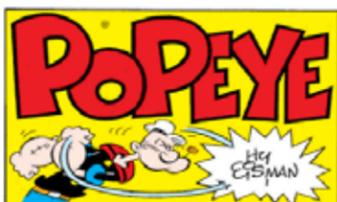
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Coppolas Italian 'Couple of Year'

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The West Haven Columbus Day Committee will honor its Italian Couple of the Year at the city's 20th annual Columbus Day Celebration.

Mario G. Coppola, who owned and operated Mario & Joseph Men's Shop on Campbell Avenue for 30 years, and Francine Iannotti Coppola, former director of West Haven Adult Education, will receive the committee's Italian-American of the Year award Friday at City Hall.

The award is bestowed annually on an Italian resident, or couple, who personifies service in West Haven's close-knit Italian-American community.

"It is a privilege and an honor to be recognized for this award," said Francine Coppola, speaking on the couple's behalf. "West Haven has been our home for 45 years, and we are happy to support the city and its Italian community."

The Coppolas, who have been married for 45 years, will fete the Italian navigator and observe their ancestry with scores of their closest friends and loved ones, along with an array of dignitaries and descendants of folks from the old country clad in red, white and green.

Accompanied by Italian music, members of the West Haven Italian-American Civic Association will escort the couple to the steps of City Hall at 11:30 a.m. for their special recognition.

A lunch will follow in the First Congregational Church of West Haven's Fellowship Hall, at 1 Church St. opposite City Hall on the Green.

In the indomitable spirit of Christopher Columbus, the Coppolas are a testament to the promise and greatness of America.

"I am pleased to recognize Mario and Francine as West Haven's Italian Couple of the Year," Mayor Nancy R. Rossi said. "Mario's personal narrative is the essence of the American dream. He immigrated to the United States as a young man. With drive and determination, he established himself as a successful business owner. Francine is a dedicated public servant who committed herself to education. Through a different path, she expressed her commitment to the community by supporting adults who sought to improve their lives through educational advancements."

Rossi added, "The Coppolas represent all the positive contributions that Italian-Americans make to our economy,

our society and to our collective American culture."

Columbus, a son of Genoa and an experienced seaman, set sail aboard three Spanish ships across the Atlantic Ocean in the summer of 1492, a bold expedition that pushed back the boundaries of the known world and opened up a new continent for future generations.

Mario Coppola, born in the town of San Salvatore Telesino in the province of Benevento, Italy, immigrated to the United States at age 16 with his father, Francesco, in 1961.

After settling in West Haven, they opened Coppola Tailor Shop at Elm Street and First Avenue in 1963.

Three years later, Coppola was drafted in the Vietnam War. He served stateside for several years in the Army Reserve and trained at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Fort Lee, Virginia.

In March 1972, Coppola and his longtime friend and business partner, Joseph DeFrancesco, established the first Mario & Joseph Men's Shop in Branford. Four years later, they opened the West Haven shop, at 495 Campbell Ave., with both locations thriving for many years.

Coppola, a respected business owner, closed the West



Francine and Mario Coppola

Haven store in 2006 after DeFrancesco retired. He closed the Branford store when he retired in 2015.

Coppola said he met DeFrancesco while taking an English class at West Haven Adult Education, the same program Francine Coppola led years later for two decades.

Along with the Adult Education program, which is mostly based at West Haven High

School, she was the English as a second language bilingual director and the fine arts coordinator for the Board of Education. She retired last year.

She also served as president and vice president of the Connecticut Association for Adult and Continuing Education, or CAACE.

Rossi will present the Coppolas with a citation recognizing

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Readers' complaints real

The ongoing kerfuffle concerning this newspaper's weekly column, The Gripe Vine, and members of the Rossi administration have made – in a certain sense – good copy. Gripe Vine writer Eleanore Turkington, who has written the column for 16 years, has defended herself and her column admirably against what has become a somewhat nasty allegation.

Put simply, Turkington has been accused either by innuendo or implication of making up some of the complaints that are printed. Those allegations, heard before during various administrations, seem to arise because Turkington withholds the names of those who send issues into the paper.

Let us be perfectly frank. Most of the complaints that come to Voice office come via the US Postal Service. Readers take time to write out their complaints, using either the coupon provided in the column on a regular basis, or by typing their complaints on a separate sheet of paper. The letters are filtered back to Turkington, again by mail, so that she can investigate them.

We said "most" complaints are via snail mail. Some come from the West Haven Voice's website, and are sent to Turkington and the editor. Again, those complaints are then reviewed and investigated. In most cases the reader puts his or her name, address and phone number. Some are left blank. Those are discarded.

Yet, given these precautions, some members of the political establishment in town have complained that certain issues brought up in the column have been red herrings. In a few cases the issues have been on private property, or there has been an errant address, sending officials on a wild goose chase. While there may have been errors in transcription or reporting, we can say without hesitation that this has happened in only a minimum number of instances.

A few weeks ago, we attempted to get city politicians to understand the frustration of some residents when it comes to complaints aired in the column. Are some complaints petty? Yes. Are some complaints wrong-headed? Sure. Are some complaints without merit? Here we can say, no!

Over the last several years, the residents of West Haven have seen their city whittle away services while increasing taxes and other levies in order to make ends meet. It is fully understood by the vast majority of people in town that city government is running on a subsistence level. There is little money to do things that we would all like done, let alone doing those that are necessary.

However, knowing the city is in dire straits doesn't absolve city officials or city departments from responding to those issues brought up by their constituents or taxpayers. Many of the issues brought up in Gripe Vine are of the nuisance variety. A hedge blocking a stop sign needs trimming, or a crack in a city-maintained sidewalk poses a problem to pedestrians. These or similar complaints are the things that most of the letters address. Also, we get questions concerning blight ordinances or the "Boot Program," or other issue.

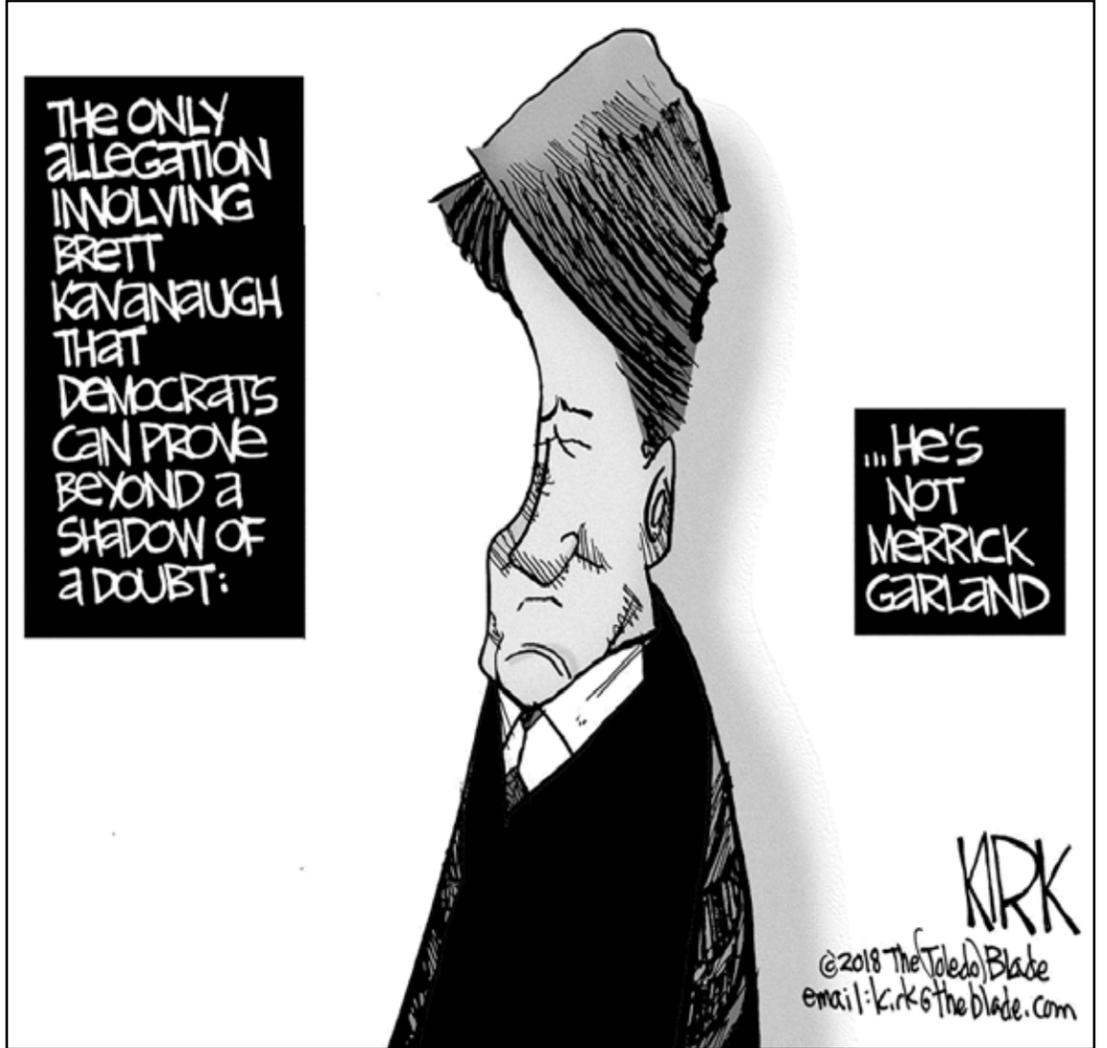
In all cases Turkington attempts to give quick responses. It is only recently that there has been a backlog, and rather than address it, some city officials would rather complain themselves. They should get over it. It comes with the territory.

In a city where taxpayers are having less and less to say as to what goes on with city finances, and are asked to pay more and more taxes, the minor issues that are brought up in the Gripe Vine become magnified. These are the few issues residents know can be addressed – and should be in a timely fashion.

As to the allegation, implied or otherwise, that some complaints are manufactured by the columnist, we give a loud and resounding, no. People are afraid of retribution if their names get out. Given the history of political power in town, those fears are well founded.

In order to further show the letters are original and authentic, the paper has asked Turkington to use the first name or first initial of the writer and the street on which they live. This allows politicians some assurances, while providing anonymity to those who wish to withhold their names.

The Gripe Vine has proven to be an effective voice for the residents of the city. We stand by our columnist and the work she has done, the body of which has been stellar over a 16-year period. We have no plans to ax the column, which is good news to readers, and bad news to some politicians, who seem to forget for whom they work.



Dems prove Trump's right

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

The attempted political assassination of Brett Kavanaugh is bad for the country, but good for a Trumpian attitude toward American politics.

The last-minute ambush validates key assumptions of Donald Trump's supporters that fueled his rise and buttress him in office, no matter how rocky the ride has been or will become. At least three premises have been underlined by tawdry events of the past weeks.

First, that good character is no defense. If you are John McCain, who genuinely tried to do the right thing and carefully cultivated a relationship with the media over decades, they will still call you a racist when you run against Barack Obama.

If you are Mitt Romney, an exceptionally earnest and decent man, they will make you into a heartless and despicable vulture capitalist, also for the offense of campaigning against Obama.

If you are Brett Kavanaugh, a respected member of the legal establishment who doesn't have a flyspeck on his record across decades of public service in Washington, they will come up with dubious accusations of wrongdoing from decades ago when you were a teenager.

Second, that the media is an unremitting political and cultural adversary. In the Kavanaugh controversy, the press has been wholly on the other side, presuming his guilt and valorizing his accusers and

their supporters, including Hawaii Sen. Mazie Hirono, whose most famous contribution to the debate was telling men to "shut up."

Third, that politics isn't just rough-and-tumble; it's red in tooth and claw. Process and norms are nice, but they go out the window as soon as something important is at stake, like a potential fifth vote on the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Senate Democrats may delicately talk about the importance of norms and civility on Sunday shows, but watch how they act. They sat on an accusation throughout an extensive process of vetting and questioning a nominee, then declared it dispositive evidence against his confirma-

tion when it leaked at the 11th hour. They delayed a hearing with Christine Blasey Ford long enough to allow time for the second accuser to be persuaded to come forward.

All of this plays into Trump's support. Surely, a reason that the president appealed to many Republicans in the first place, despite his extravagant personal failings, was that they had decided that virtuous men would get smeared and chewed up by the opposition's meat grinder, so why be a stickler for standards?

If Trump's attacks against the media are over-the-top and sometimes disgraceful, at least he understands the score.

He may not be a constitutionalist, but he will be faithful

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UNH-mayor's commission, Watson aid WHEAT

Rose Majestic, executive director of the West Haven Emergency Assistance Task Force, second from right, receives an oversize check for \$4,120 from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, left, on Sept. 26 at WHEAT. Joining the presentation are, from left, Westies Care Chairman Phil Liscio; Chris Haynes, adviser to the University of New Haven Mayor's Advisory Commission; MAC Chairman Marcin Stankevitch; Moira Watson, vice president of marketing and communications at Watson Inc.; mayoral Executive Assistant Lou Esposito; and Christina Cole, marketing and communications assistant at Watson. The money, raised by the UNH commission and Westies Care at the fourth annual WestFest celebration Sept. 8 on the Green, will benefit WHEAT's food pantry at 674 Washington Ave.,

Couple: *Coppolas made their mark in city*

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ing their civic-minded contributions and good works — noble qualities that epitomize the city's top "paisano" and "paisana" of the year.

The couple will receive an Italian flag from Paul M. Frosolone, president of the Italian-American Civic Association, and Josephine Matera, former president of the Italian-American Ladies Auxiliary, as well as a jacket embroidered with their new title, Italian-American of the Year, from Rossi.

The cultural event will include remarks from mayoral Executive Assistant Lou Esposito, the master of ceremonies, and Italian musical selections by Vinnie Carr.

Before an Italian blessing, West Haven High School sophomore Nora E. Mullins will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner," followed by a rendition of the Italian national anthem by Liz Levy and a greet-

ing from Rossi.

Francine Coppola, born in New Haven and raised in Hamden, is the daughter of an immigrant father and the granddaughter of immigrant paternal grandparents from the province of Caserta, Italy.

In 1907, overcoming hardship and strife through the everlasting values of strength and sacrifice, faith and family, her father, Mario Iannotti, then a child, and his parents left their home in the town of Piedimonte Matese seeking a better life in America, settling in New Haven before later migrating to Hamden.

The Italian parents of her New Haven-born mother, Rose Onofrio, hailed from the village of Faicchio in the province of Benevento.

After graduating from Hamden High School in 1968, Francine Coppola earned bachelor's and master's degrees in special education from Southern Connecticut State University. She also received a

sixth-year diploma in administration and supervision from SCSU.

Her degrees and skills propelled her to a lengthy and rewarding career that began in 1973 teaching special education in West Haven.

Her unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds became a hallmark for her success as an educator and administrator in the years that followed.

Mario and Francine Coppola's propensity for community service includes serving as ambassadors of their proud heritage.

They are long-standing members of the San Leucio Society of New Haven. He served a stint as vice president and she as secretary-treasurer.

He was grand marshal of the 2011 Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade in West Haven and is a member of the Italian-American Civic Association.

He is also a longtime mem-

ber of the West Haven Rotary Club, having served on its board of directors, and is a former recipient of the Jimmy Fund award.

She served on the board of directors of the West Haven Community House.

The Coppolas live on Botte Drive in West Shore and have two children and four grand-

children.

Their son, Mario F. Coppola, of Orange, is a junior partner at the law firm Berchem, Moses & Devlin and serves as Norwalk's corporation counsel. Their daughter, Christina Coppola DeCrescenzo, of West Haven, is a special education teacher at Carrigan Intermediate School.



Museum looks for vets

The West Haven Veterans Museum will honor men and women who served in Korea in the "Forgotten War" on Nov. 11 from 1:30-3:30. As the museum's annual Special Event, the special program will include military and civic leaders, commemorative gifts and a reception sponsored by the University of New Haven. To date, 265 former military have been identified, but the Board of Directors believes there are many more to be identified.

Anyone having contact information for Korean War and DMZ veterans, living or deceased, is asked to send that information to WHVM, 30 Hood Terrace, West Haven, 06516 as soon as possible. Invitations will be sent to the veteran, or to the family of those who are deceased.

Lowry: *Trump right*

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to his own side, and fiercely battle it out with his political opponents.

The logic of this dynamic is risky. It can be self-defeating, and lead down the road of supporting, say, a Roy Moore, a kooky candidate doomed even in red Alabama. It can be corrupting, if character and standards are no longer considered important. But the dark view of our politics that has driven the Trump phenomenon for three years now is impossible to gainsay. Who can watch the frenzied assault on Brett Kavanaugh and say that it's wrong?

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Historian's corner By Dan Shine

West Haven's Earliest Days Part I

We acknowledge the efforts of Lorraine Wood Rockefeller, who originally set these words down in about 1960.

Our town, now thickly settled, thriving and busy, centers around the Green in traditional Yankee style. The Green is a heritage for future generations, a reminder of the forbears who built West Haven, once just "common land."

Early West Haven's history is intermingled with that of New Haven, a part of that town until 1822. Then, with North Milford it was incorporated as the Town of Orange.

Not until 1921 was West Haven established as a separate town.

New Haven was settled in 1638 by a company of some 300 English emigrants led by the Rev. John Davenport and Theophilus Eaton with the intention of "founding a commercial colony to be governed by the laws of the Bible."

Leaving England in April of 1637, they landed in Boston and investigated the advantages of Quinnipiac (the Indian name for the territory of which New Haven is now the center). A committee was sent to confer with its Indian owners. Finding the lands quite satisfactory, they settled in Quinnipiac, the price paid English and French cutlery, hatchets, knives, scissors and 13 coats. The Indians were few in number and were glad the English had come as they would protect them from their enemies, the Pequots and the Mohawks.

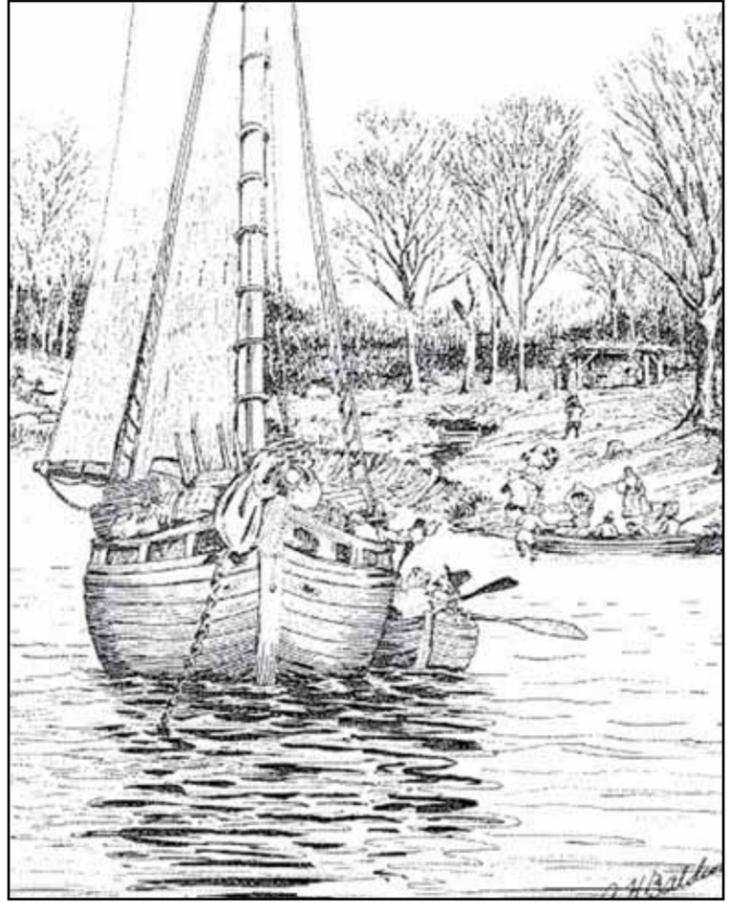
The treaties were made, purchasing their land in and around the place, leaving them reservations for raising corn, beans, pumpkins, squashes and the right to hunt, fish and go oystering and clamming to their hearts' content.

Davenport preached his first sermon Aug. 22, 1639, under a large oak tree near what is now the corner of George and

College Streets, New Haven. Seven men were chosen and called "the seven pillars of the church." Davenport's Company, which had come from London in the Hector and her consort, had as their object to found, untrammelled, a Christian Commonwealth.

John Beecher, one of the seven men who spent the first winter, died. They spent the winter in a hut near West Creek.

Some of the first settlers dwelt in halfway caves as temporary lodgings. The Rev. Michael Wigglesworth who came to Quinnipiac with his parents in October 1638, when he was about seven years old, wrote "Winter approaching we dwelt in a cellar, partly underground, covered with earth, the first Winter. But I remember that one great rain brake in upon us and drench me so in my bed, being asleep, that I fell sick upon it, but ye Lord in mercy spar'd my life and restored my health."y health."



The landing at Quinnipiac, 1638

Photo by Michael P. Walsh

New sidewalks for Arts Center

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, her executive assistant, Lou Esposito, and Public Works Commissioner Tom McCarthy look on as a concrete mixing truck prepares to pour concrete to lock in the newly installed precast concrete curbs for a sidewalk replacement in front of the long-planned arts center, the West Haven Center for the Arts, at 304 Center St. on Sept. 24. The work, which will include a horizontal inset of stamped concrete that resembles red brick pavers, is being done by West Haven's sidewalk contractor, Elm City Materials Inc. of Spring Street, and supervised by city sidewalk inspector Ernie Chiarelli. The new sidewalks are being financed with unused state Local Capital Improvement Program funds from previous years.



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Last bulk trash days this week

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The final bulk trash pickup week of 2018 is Oct. 8-12.

Residents are reminded to separate metals and recyclables from regular trash and to put out trash no more than 24 hours before pickup. Violations carry a \$100 fine per daily offense, Public Works Commissioner Tom McCarthy said.

Bulk items include couches, chairs, tables, carpeting, padding, fencing and small amounts of bundled lumber, which may not exceed 6 feet in length. No building materials, mattresses or tires are accepted.

McCarthy said that although mattresses were formerly considered bulk trash, the city is no longer picking them up.

Most mattress retailers, however, will remove and recycle mattresses when a new mattress is purchased. Mattresses of any amount can also be dropped off for free from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays at Park City Green, 459 Iranistan Ave., Bridgeport.

The city is also no longer picking up tires on residents' curbside collection days because of rising disposal costs, McCarthy said.

According to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, there are no statutes that require tire retailers to take waste tires, but most will when a new tire is purchased.

The amount of bulk trash per collection is limited to 6 cubic yards, which is equal to a pile of trash about 6 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4.5 feet high.

Homeowners are required to rent a dumpster or hire a junk removal service at their expense if trash exceeds 6 cubic yards. Otherwise, trash exceeding 6 cubic yards will be left at the curb, and a \$100 fine per daily offense will be imposed, McCarthy said.

To prevent a potential fine, property owners should familiarize themselves with the city's trash guidelines, which are posted on the Department of Public Works page at www.cityofwesthaven.com.

For the latest news and information, subscribe to the city's Facebook page at www.facebook.com

Cross '61

Wilbur Cross High School, Class of 1961, is holding a 75th Birthday Party Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 14, 1-5 at Seasons (formerly Country House), Rt. 80, East Haven. Cost is \$50. Invitations with details and RSVP have been mailed. Email Angie at aadv511@aol.com.



Photo by Russ McCreven

Pumpkin Decorating

The West Haven Apple Festival, sponsored by the First Congregational Church, brought hundreds of city residents to the Green over the weekend. Bands, rides and activities of all sorts were offered to attendees. These youngsters took part in a pumpkin decorating event, getting ready for Halloween, no doubt.

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Profile of Attorney Mark A. Healey

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



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

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

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

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

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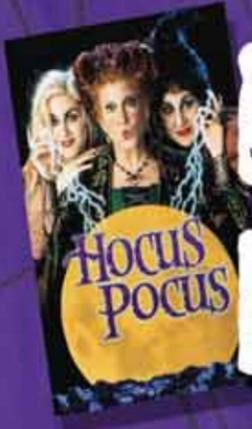




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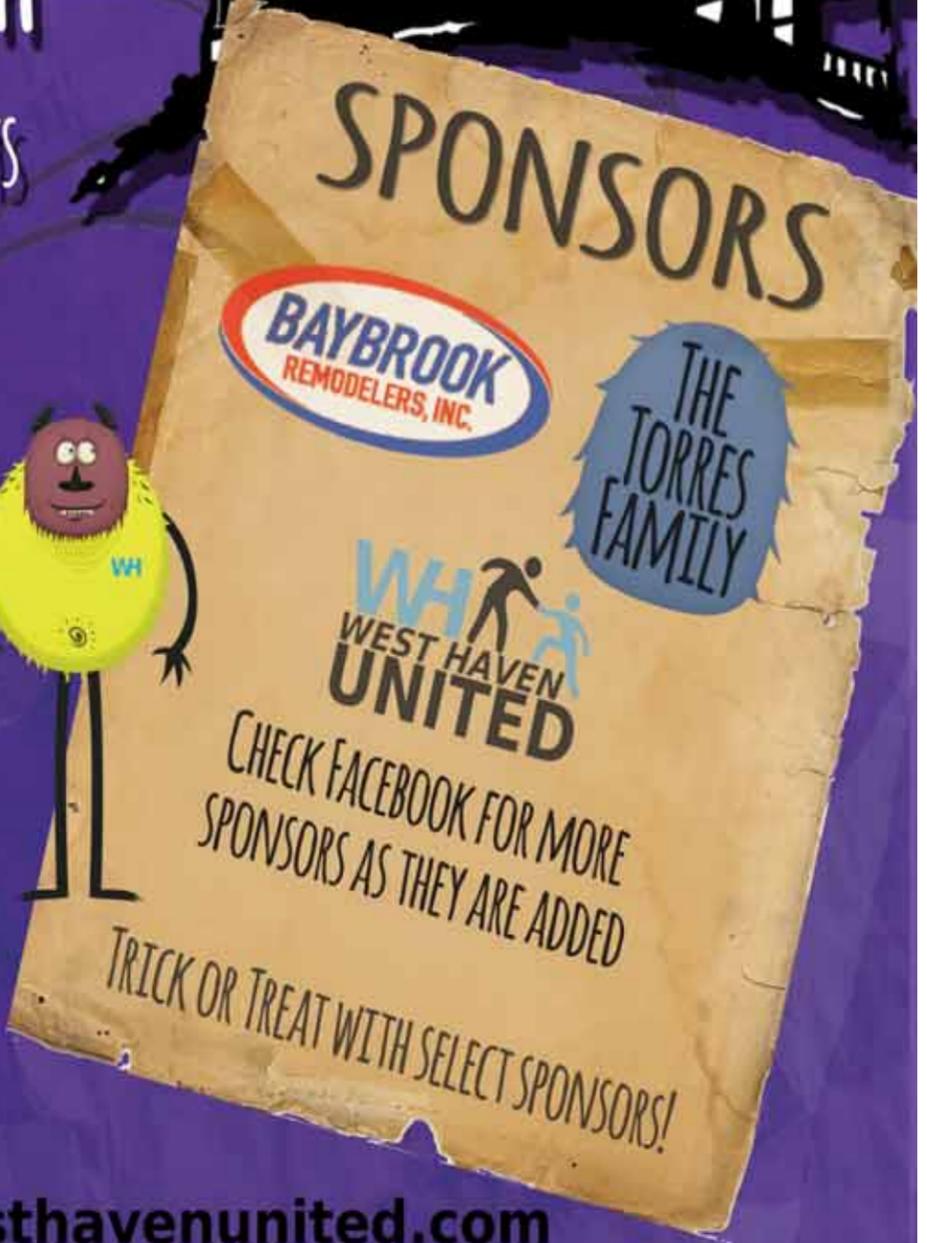
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Lady booters notch 2 big wins

The West Haven girls soccer team coming off a shutout over Lyman Hall, came up with two, more big shutout wins behind Mackenzie Gardner and the Westie defense last week. On Wednesday evening, the Blue Devils hosted the East Haven Yellow Jackets. The West Haven defense limited the East Haven opportunities and Cori Severino set up Kelsey Gilmore 3:56 into the second half for the only goal of the contest and the 1-0 victory. Gardner stopped all three shots she faced to get the shutout.

On Thursday evening, the Westies were at it again shutting down the Foran Lions for a 1-0 win. The only goal of the game came 9:30 into the second half off a scramble on a corner kick. The ball found Selena Izzo, who found the back of the net for the eventual game winner. Mackenzie Gardner made seven saves between the pipes for West Haven to record her third, consecutive shutout victory. The Westies have relied on solid defense with Madison Barbieri, Erin Smith, Julie Walker, Tomalyn Williams and Caitlyn Walker all contributing to their success.

This week, the girls traveled to face Sacred Heart Academy on Tuesday and then host the

North Haven Indians on Friday at 7.

The football team traveled to Kennedy Stadium in Bridgeport on Friday evening to face the Bassick Lions. The Blue Devil offense got off to a rough start with an interception and a fumble on its first, two possessions but the Westies' defense came up with two, huge stops on the six and fourteen yard lines. That seemed to jumpstart the offense as the Blue Devils put up 30 points in the last six minutes of the first quarter to take a commanding lead.

Jordan Berrios got things going when he busted a 78-yard touchdown run to get the Westies on the board 6-0 with 6 minutes left in the first quarter. Twenty-one seconds later Tylen Jennette stepped up with an interception, returning it 28 yards for a touchdown. After the defense held the Lions on the next possession, it was Jennette again, taking a handoff and racing 35 yards for the touchdown. He added the two-point conversion and it was 21-0 with 3:40 left in the quarter. The defense came up big again on the next Bassick possession, dropping the Lions for a couple of losses and then cashed in with a safety when the snap sailed over the punter's head and into the

end zone making it 23-0 with 58 seconds left in the opening quarter. Jordan Berrios put an exclamation point on the quarter with a 15-yard touchdown run with 9.6 seconds left in the quarter for a 30-0 lead.

The second quarter was no kinder to the Bassick Lions. Joe Rosemond intercepted a Lion pass to set the Blue Devils up deep in Bassick territory. Quarterback Troy Nelson took a snap and followed his block-

ers to the right and a 5-yard touchdown to increase the lead to 37-0. The defense continued to stifle Bassick when Demerick Blackford picked off a pass giving the Westies the

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Photo by Russ McCreven

Junior High soccer

Bailey Middle School's girls varsity soccer team played host to Amity-Bethany Junior High in a match at Bailey on Monday. Photog Russ McCreven captured some of the action.

ND harriers, gridgers win, soccer earns tie

After a scoreless first half, the Notre Dame football team erupted for 33-14 win at Branford, cross-country runs well in a pair of events and soccer earns a tie with North Haven.

Cross-Country -- Oliver Shannon didn't let a sneaker that fell off deter his effort or concentration in the Nonnewaug Invitational on Friday. Shannon, who was racing in the top 10 when his sneaker fell off in a soft area of the course, fell all the way into the 80's while remedying the problem. Shannon got back into gear and wound up as the top Green Knight runner, climbing back to 16th overall in a time of 18:37. As a team, Notre Dame finished third among the 12 teams that participated. Earlier in the week, the harriers beat Foran in a quad meet in Milford on Monday. Tommy Minar ran third overall to help the Green Knights beat Foran at Milford's Eisenhower Park. Minar ran a personal best time of 17:30 on the 3.05 mile course. His time helped Notre Dame beat Foran (15-49). The Green Knights were competitive against fellow

SCC schools Daniel Hand (26-31 loss) and Fairfield Prep (22-33 loss). Notre Dame is 5-4 on season and runs next against West Haven on October 10.

Football -- After a scoreless first half, Tyler Basti ignited a Notre Dame offense that produced five touchdowns as the Green Knights won their second game of the season with a 33-14 win over previously undefeated Branford on Friday. Basti ran for 163 yards on 24 carries scoring two touchdowns. Notre Dame outgained Branford, 403-162, and ran 72 offensive plays to the Hornets' 51 while maintaining time of possession for almost 30 minutes. Notre Dame's run defense was stout holding Branford to only 42 yards on the ground while also winning third down as Branford only converted one of 11 third-down opportunities. Notre Dame had 24 first downs compared to Branford's 12. The Green Knights now get a week off as the SCC takes its bye week. Notre Dame returns to action on Friday, October 12 when they travel to Middletown to take on Xavier in a 7

p.m. kickoff.

Soccer -- Playing their seventh straight road game to start the season, the Notre Dame soccer team used goals from Matthew Consorte and Thomas Ellis to earn a 2-2 tie with North Haven last Thursday. Consorte scored on a rebound goal in the first half while Ellis scored on a great

feed from Nicholas Vitti in the second half. Notre Dame rallied from an early 2-0 deficit against Law on Friday to tie the game on scores from Consorte and Christian Lombardo before falling 3-2. Notre Dame has played its first eight games on the road but now that Veterans Field is ready, its final eight games will be played at

home starting with its Tuesday contest with West Haven before hosting Branford on Friday.

You can get all the latest athletic news, scores, and more by following @NDWHAthletics on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and Periscope while friENDING the @NDWHAthletics Facebook group.



Tyler Basti ran wild in the second half as the Notre Dame football team pulled away for a 33-14 win at Branford on Friday.

Westie Blue In Touch

By Mike Madera

When the regular season comes to a close on Thanksgiving weekend, the West Haven football team may have two very different takes on the season opener against North Haven.

That loss where the Westies fell inches short of a win in the final seconds will either be one which propelled the Westies, or one which hurt its playoff chances.

Three games later, it appears as if West Haven is rallying around the defeat.

Opening up the offense after a slow start, West Haven cruised to a 50-6 victory over Bassick in Bridgeport Friday evening, winning its third straight contest and improving to 3-1 on the sea-

son.

The Westies did not get off to a good start in the contest as they turned the ball over twice to start the game, but both times the defense made the stand, holding Bassick inside the 20-yard line.

Jordan Berrios then took advantage half way through the opening quarter. After the second West Haven stand, Berrios raced 78 yards for the score and a 6-0 lead. West Haven never looked back.

After holding Bassick to start the game, the defense then put up points. Tylen Jennette picked off a Bassick pass on the ensuing possession and returned the interception 28 yards for the score and a 13-0 lead with 5:39 to go in

the opening quarter.

Jennette was just getting started. The senior then added a 35-yard touchdown run and the run on the conversion for a 21-0 lead less than two minutes later.

Special teams then got into the act for the Westies as Bassick had trouble on the punt snap with under a minute to go in the quarter.

When the snap sailed into the end zone, West Haven had a safety and a 23-0 advantage with 58 seconds remaining in the opening quarter.

The Westies were not done.

With excellent field position to follow, Berrios scored his second touchdown of the evening, this time a 15-

yard run with 9.6 seconds left in the first quarter for a 30-0 lead.

The West Haven defense took over from here.

Senior Joe Rosemond had the next pick which allowed sophomore Troy Nelson to run in from five yards out for a 37-0 advantage in the second quarter.

Senior Demerick Blackford was next with an interception and that turnover set up sophomore Manny Haba's 8-yard touchdown run for a 44-0 lead with 1:25 remaining in the half.

Leading 44-6 after a long Bassick touchdown run, West Haven capped the scoring with 5:35 left in the third as Damian Torres scampered in from 31 yards out.

U-12 boys top Milford in squeaker, 3-2

The Oyster River Energy West Haven U-12 boys travel took on Milford Saturday afternoon. West Haven came out strong, keeping control of the game. Milford is a quality team, and battled back, with

the two teams taking turns dictating the game. The Westies were able to come out on top in the end, winning, 3-2. Ethan Masoperth and Keifer Tandazo scored, and the hard work of the Westies forced

Milford to score an own goal as well.

The Mulkerin School of Irish Dancing West Haven U-14 boys team faced Guilford Saturday. The Westies took hold of the game from the start, going up by two goals, with Munib Kaseem scoring the brace. Ricardo Azana made two outstanding passes to assist both opening goals. In the second half, Guilford started to climb back into the game, and leveled the score. That put some spark back into West Haven, with Edgar Lopez and Diego Soto scoring to give West Haven the 4-2 victory. Sean Callahan played well on defense to help West Haven keep the win.

The Elite Soccer Camps U-15 girls played two games this weekend in preparation for next weekend's West Haven Invitational Tournament, winning both. On Saturday, the girls played against New Haven, winning, 4-0. Ava Murphy was solid at center midfield, and Olivia Trenchard picked up an assist on a Brooke Flaherty goal. Emma Walker scored off a well-placed penalty kick, and Brooke Throm, Abigail Phelan and Cynthia Burns all put in a strong effort in the win, helping Cassie Wadeka keep the shut-out in goal.

On Sunday, the girls took on a tough Guilford team in a league matchup. Guilford went up early in the game 1-0, but West Haven was able to tie it off a Julia Tsakonas goal. Guilford again went ahead, making the score 2-1, the Westies kept at it, and went ahead 3-2 before the end of the game. Tsakonas scored again, and Ariana Izzo added a goal as well. Lola DiNuzzo and Camryn Beauvais played well at outside mid, and the centerback tandem of Nevaeh Swanson and Celia Williams worked hard to keep the Westies in the game and to keep the pressure on Guilford to close out the win.

The Watson Foods Co. U-12 Thunder had another good game this weekend losing, 3-1, against Orange, but the girls were always in the game and kept creating chances until the final whistle. The girls went down 1-0 in the first half, but it did not take long before they were back level from a great run and finish by Isabella Mellisanno.

The girls continued to play well in the first half and were tied 1-1 at the half. In the second half the girls continued to work hard and withstood a great deal of pressure from Orange. While the girls continued to create chances they

could not find the back of the net. Orange kept on the pressure and scored two more goals to make it 3-1.

Thunder did not give up and continued to push forward creating three good chances that could have got them back in the game. Katelynn Salgado played well, and Sarahi Cruz put a lot of hustle in throughout the game.

The Elite Soccer Camps U12 Lightning Girls Traveled team took the long trip to Watertown this weekend, and came home 3-1 winners. After a scoreless first half, the girls came out strong in the second half, as Ciara Harp found the back of the net to put the Lightning ahead.

Watertown tied the game off a penalty kick, despite the best efforts of Kayla Burt to keep the ball out of the net. The teams went back and forth until Jaylyn Powell put a rocket inside the near post after receiving a pass from Aylin Soto. Llyanna Griffith-Waite, Molly Gunning, Adelia Parise and Annabelle Pasacreta worked hard to help West Haven hold onto the lead, and Powell added the insurance goal off a half-volley from 25 yards out that finished off a passing sequence involving Ashlynn Trenchard and Sophie Mazur-

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Player of the Week

Nancy Tapia is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. In three matches, Tapia had 13 kills, and 25 digs. To read about the Player of the Week and learn about all of your West Haven sports, including game stories, photos, videos and more, visit www.westieblue.com.

Westies: Booters rebound after Xavier loss

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ball at the Lions' 33-yard line. Manny Haba capped the drive with an 8-yard TD run to make it 44-0 with 1:25 left in the half.

With the clock running for the rest of the game, Bassick struck for a 91-yard touchdown run just 2:15 into the second half.

The Blue Devils put the finishing touches on the victory with a Damian Torres 31-yard touchdown run with 5:35 left in the game for the 50-6 final.

The Blue Devils will enjoy their bye week this week and will return to action when they travel to Madison on Oct. 12 to face the Hand Tigers at the Surf Club at 7.

The boys soccer team suffered a 5-1 loss to the undefeated Xavier Falcons on Wednesday evening in Middletown.

The lone West Haven goal came off the foot of freshman Brian Rivadera. The Blue Devils bounced back with their third victory of the season when they defeated the Lyman Hall Trojans, 3-1, at Ken Strong Stadium on Friday evening.

This week, the Westies played cross-town rival on Tuesday at Veterans Field and finish the week with a trip to Milford on Friday to take on the Foran Lions at 6.

The volleyball team has hit a tough stretch, dropping its fourth and fifth

losses in a row before rebounding with a dominating victory on Friday. On Monday, the Westies were swept by the Lauralton Hall Crusaders 3-0 (25-19, 25-15, 25-20).

Nancy Tapia had five digs and four kills, Irene Ronan had five kills, Noelle Noble had eight digs, Jennifer Ortiz had nine assists and Giliana Santaniello had four aces, two kills, three digs and four assists.

On Wednesday, the Blue Devils had an epic first game before falling 30-28 and then proceeded to drop the next two games, 25-20 and 25-14, to get swept by the Shelton Gaels. Nancy Tapia had six digs and three kills, Noelle Noble had five digs, Jennifer Or-

tiz had five assists and four digs while Irene Ronan had four blocks, two kills and two aces.

The Westies needed a solid performance on Friday and got what they needed in a 3-0 sweep (25-17, 25-11, 25-20) over the Career Panthers.

The Blue Devils got a total team effort with Nancy Tapia leading the way with six kills, six digs and two assists.

Noelle Noble had nine digs and four kills while Giliana Santaniello had 11 assists in the victory.

This week, the girls hosted Lyman Hall on Monday and will host Sacred Heart Academy on Thursday and Hillhouse on Friday both contests are at 5:15.

Soccer: *U-10 wins, 5-0*

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oski. Chloe Whelan was solid st centerback in the win.

On Saturday the Milano & Wanat U-10 girls won, 5-0, against Madison at home. Strong defense was played by Arianna Throm and Kayci Gayle. Madison Gargiulo, Cristel Miguel, Kaylee Pellino, Camilla Murphy and Isabella Antonucci all scored in the win. On Sunday, they won, 5-1, at Guilford. Lia Powers and Finley Gunning showed great hustle and Michelle Mora-Cyrus and Amiyah Jones had some powerhouse kicks in defense. Camilla Murphy and Isabella Antonucci each put two in the net and Kayci Gayle put in one. Excellent saves were made by goalie Valentina DeMartino to put the girls at 8-0 for the season.

The Bohemian Body Art Bobcats faced Capetta's Italian Imports Green Warriors on Saturday, with the Bobcats winning, 4-1. Kayci Gayle, Marcy Funke and Lexi Lucas all scored, while Kaylee Pellino had three saves in goal and Jayda Ciliberti showed some great defense. Haleigh McCarthy scored for the Green warriors, while Katarina Oliveira and Amiyah Jones played aggressively, controlling the ball.

Rock House School of Music defeated Porto Funeral Homes, 4-1. Jackson Murphy and Santiago Morales scored in the win. Aidan Bridges and Tyler Mesquita used great footwork and contributed to the victory.

The Cappetta's Italian Imports Killer Bees played a tough game against Top Hat Dance Academy, finishing with an 8-7 loss. Luciana Cappetta, Jocelyn Kenney, and Annabelle Fiorillo scored while Giada Jimenez played a strong defense. Dillman & Dillman Adjusters, LLC won a close game against the Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center Green Angels. Stella Porto and

Caty Aloï both scored goals to lead the attack. Isabella Kodjo showed great footwork, and Savannah Perez played excellent defense to help secure the win. For the Green Angels, Jillian Crudo used her best footwork to move the ball up the field and Anessa Worrell played defense doing her best to attack and win the ball from the opposing team.

The Gunning Law Firm won against the Lions Club of West Haven Red Lions, 3-2, through great team work and hustle. Great offensive plays and passing were on display by Charlie Gunning, Jackson Gabriele, Colin Whelan, Julius Stokes and Anthony Villeda. Awesome defense was played by Tobias Warcholic, John Thompson, Matthew Duffy and Aiden Slate. Bastian Tandazo led the way for the Red Lions with a goal and an assist.

Omar Elnatour and Fernando Valencia played well overall for the Red Lions.

The West Haven Professional Firefighters Association Phantom Grapes defeated West Shore Family Dental by a score of 2-0.

Goals were scored by Raymond "Lightening" Listorti and great footwork was on display by Evan Lennon. Brandon Buccheri and Coen Cerullo played great defense to close out the win.

In G Division action, the Elite Soccer Camps Green Beans took on CT Pest Elimination Blue Dragons. In the split-squad game, one field saw the two teams draw, 10-10.

For the Blue Dragons, Jacob Rader and Daniel Castillo scored as the team worked hard together. For the Green Beans, Ben Trenchard, Luca Decresenzo, Matteo D'Elia and Ryan Abekah all scored, while Avielle Bernardo put in a lot of hustle. On the other field, the Blue Dragons triumphed, 11-6. For the Blue Dragons, Aliany

Wyman, Roland Green, Jaire Brruss Setzer, Jaxson Cruz and Jeshrun Polington all scored. For the Green Beans, Jax Guarino and Seth Empric worked hard. Lacistrong and Dillman & Dillman Adjusters, LLC played to a 7-7 tie Saturday morning. Camila Barragan, Camila Llanos, and Julian Conception all played well.

The Stowe's Seafood Goldfish lost a hard fought battle to Stars Ice Cream, 4-2. Omari Knox, Jermaine Monk, Aiden Amaro, Christian Torres and Nico Antonucci all played well.

The Shoreline Wellness Center Red Devils won 6-0 against York Business Center. Isabella Antonucci, Samanta Riveragarcia, and Emily Barragan all scored, while Jocelyn Sliber played amazing defense and Lila Poincelot was unstoppable in the goal. The Baybrook Remodelers Evergreen played the Stars Ice Cream Blue Seals on Saturday, and even though they worked hard, Evergreen fell, 5-1. Farida Issaka played defense this week with aggression, as she consistently kept up with the opposing team and cleared the ball when needed. Emma Hudson shined by making contact with the ball and used her dribbling to her advantage.

For the Blue Seals, Mary Angel Cruz, Candance Hill, Marjorie Hernandez-Fortine, Alexandra Ortiz and Aliana Tepetil all scored.

Jade Rivas Resuleu played a good game as well. The Eli's Orange Golden Dragons took on Elsie Encarnation State Farm Insurance, with the two teams battling to a 7-7 draw. Jayden Abekah, Julien Chacon and Adebajo Olorunmaiye all scored for the Golden Dragons.

The Seacrest Retirement Center and the West Haven Italian American Civic Association both played hard in a dramatic 3-3 tie to end the weekend's action.



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Getting distance

Peewee Running back Javar Smith (7) runs by some would-be New Britain tacklers during his team's 38-18 win over the visitors at the newly refurbished Veterans Field. See page 16 for more details.

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Junior Peewee Running back Bryan Tillman (7) runs for a touchdown in a win over New Haven. The Seahawks returned to Veterans Field with the completion of renovations at the park.

Seahawk Mites, Jr. Peewees win

The West Haven Seahawk Mighty Mite team (7-9 year olds) improved to 3-2 on the season with an exciting 18-12 win over the Stratford Redskins which took two overtimes.

The Seahawks scored in the first quarter with a long touchdown run by Azriel Pizarro and that lead lasted until halftime. In the third quarter, Stratford took the opening

kickoff and marched down the field to tie the game at 6-6.

The defenses battled the remainder of regulation which was the preview for a very exciting overtime. The first overtime saw Pizarro score for West Haven, and the Redskins tie. The second Seahawk overtime score was set up by Quarterback Mason Wright's pass to Colin Murray to the 1-yard line. Pizarro scored on the next play for an 18-12 lead. Linebacker Colin Murray intercepted a Stratford pass to end the game. Yusef Turner, Arthur Rossi and TJ Stevenson led a fundamental and physical defense.

The Junior Peewee team (4-1) topped a good New Haven Steelers team, 34-6. Quarterback Nick Conlon rushed for two scores and passed for another to Aedan Coe. Ethan Holy and Bryan Tillman each rushed for a touchdown. Holy, Coe and Tillman each added extra point conversions. Anthony Dorsi and Caden Stanley both played exceptional defense.

The Peewee team (3-2) beat the New Britain Raiders, 38-18. Avian Evans had three touchdowns and Javar Smith added two more along with an interception. QB Jalen Glover had two scoring passes and Trysten Dos played well on both sides of the ball.

The Seahawk flag football team hosted the Hamden Hurricanes and played very well. Standouts for the little hawks were Justin Frias, Kaleb Gibbs, Zackary Kulak, and Jaceion Dixon.

The Unlimited Division team fell to a very talented New Haven Steelers, 30-0. Quarterback Hannah Burrows led the offense with running backs Matteo Petruzzello and Christian Lewis. Kadear Dembele, Vincent Mitrano and Nico Ruocco played well for the Seahawks.

The Junior Varsity team had a bye week and will return to action this week. The Junior Peewee, Peewee, and Junior varsity teams will head to New Haven's Winslow Augustine Field on Saturday for games at 1, 3, and 5 respectively. The Unlimited Division team will travel to Hamden. For more information, please visit www.westhavenseahawk.com.

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Around Town

Chili cook-off

The First Lutheran Church, 52 George St., is sponsoring its annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 2-5 p.m. A Chili Tasting Kit costs \$5 and you can taste and judge different entries. Those looking to place a chili recipe in the contest should call Kyla, (203) 859-2088. The entry fee is \$10.

Annual breakfast

The West Haven Irish-American Club is hosting its annual fundraiser for the scholarship fund at Applebee's, Orange. The pancake breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8-9:45 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for a full breakfast, including juice and coffee. Call Charlie at (203) 934-9740 for information.

I-A October events

The West Haven Italian-American Civic Association has scheduled two events for October. On Saturday, Oct. 20, it will host a combined 60th Anniversary and Italian Night Dinner Dance with full dinner fenu and open bar at 85 Chase Lane at 6:30. Dance music is by Vinny Carr from 8 to 12. Tickets are \$45 per person. Call Bob or Ellen Marrazzi at (203) 933-7740.

The second event is a Halloween Doo Wop Dance on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 7. Music is by Dave the DJ till 12. Free beer, wine or soda. Cash bar for mixed drinks. BYO Snacks! Coffee And at 11. Tickets: \$20 per person. Call Lou at (203) 934-3339 or (203) 464-1976 or Ben at (203) 933-4423 by Oct. 23

WH Garden Club

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its meeting on Thursday, Oct. 11, at the St. Louis Church meeting room, Bull Hill Lane at 11:30 a.m. A luncheon will then follow and the program will be Backyard Birds:

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Senior trips

The West Haven Senior Center is offering the following trip: Foxwoods Casino Tuesday, Nov. 27, to see "Legends Concert": Tickets cost is \$25 per person for casino only or casino and Legends show, \$52. Bus leaves Savin Rock Conference Center at 8:15 a.m. "Legends" features Elvis, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, David Bowie, George Michael and

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WHHS '83

The 35th reunion for the West Haven High School Class of 1983 is set for Randall's Restaurant, 236 Platt Ave., on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. Price is \$20 in advance, before Sept. 22; \$25 at the door. Entertainment by Full Wound Sound. Appetizers and desserts included; cash bar; 50/50 raffle. Checks

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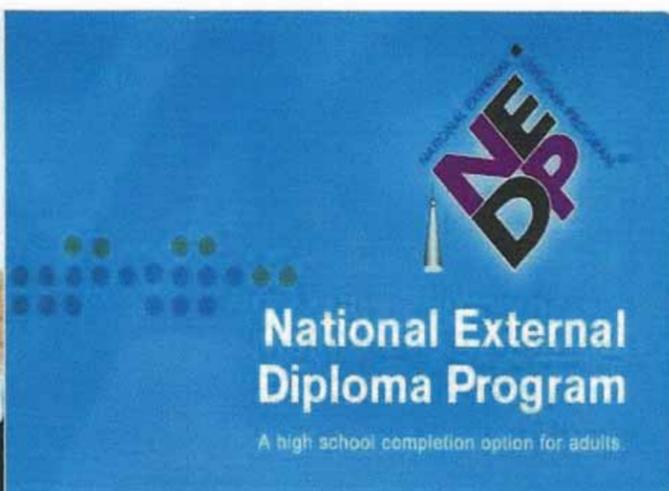
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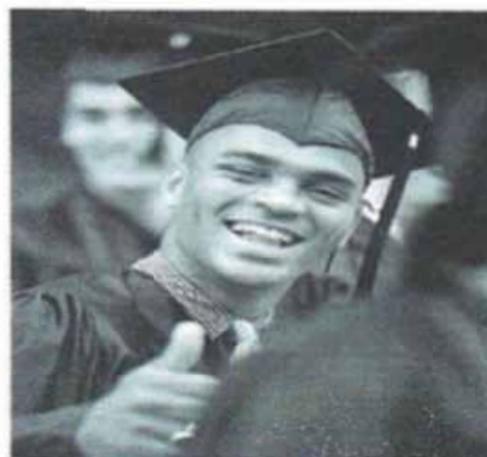
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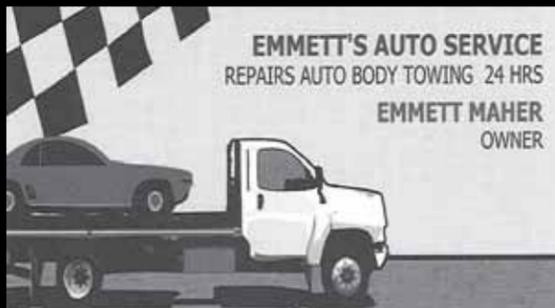
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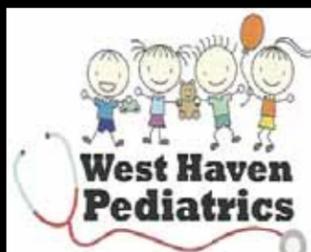
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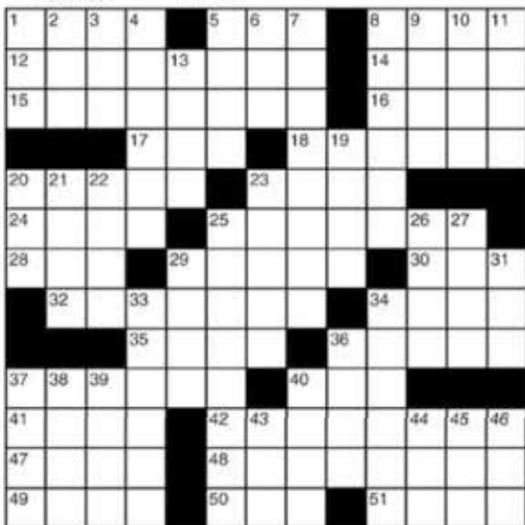
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 - 30 Mediterranean, for one
 - 32 Porch
 - 34 Blueprint
 - 35 "Sad to say ..."
 - 36 Combination of tones
- DOWN**
- 1 Piping material, for short
 - 2 Always, to a poet
 - 3 Paid athlete
 - 4 Horse's hang-out
 - 5 Somewhat
 - 6 Lingerie item
 - 7 Capital of Australia
 - 8 Perfume application
 - 9 Colored
 - 10 Neighborhood
 - 11 Healthy
 - 13 And others (Lat.)
 - 19 Bar
 - 20 Fuel additive brand
 - 21 Capital of Ukraine
 - 22 Incite
 - 23 Rosary components
 - 25 Large blood vessel
 - 26 Capital of Norway
 - 27 Approach
 - 29 Wan
 - 31 Additionally
 - 33 Irritate
 - 34 Lighthouse of Alexandria
 - 36 Organization
 - 37 Passenger's payment
 - 38 Eastern potentate
 - 39 — me tangere
 - 40 Farm measure
 - 43 Animation frame
 - 44 Consumed
 - 45 Golf gadget
 - 46 Conclusion



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

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

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|-----------|------------|---------|-----------|
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| Brenneman | Jo Johnson | Pond | Tan |
| Fisher | Lee | Ryan | Winehouse |
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A REVOLUTIONARY RIDDLE!



Did you know that the date 1776 appears on the one-dollar bill? You have two minutes to find it.

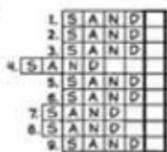
Answer: This first 2 on the back of the bill, printed in Roman numerals (MDCCLXXVI), at the base of the pyramid.

ODD WORD OUT!
To the right is a list of five words. Can you figure out which word does not belong on the list?

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A DAY AT THE BEACH!



In the grid on the left there is room for nine words that all begin with "SAND." The following hints should help you to dig up the correct words.

1. A large container.
2. What the carpenter did.
3. They're great for a hot beach.
4. This is also great at nighttime.
5. This guy really "digs" his work.
6. To cheat or steal in a tricky manner (slang).
7. Found close to shore.
8. A way to decorate glass.
9. A cheap playground.

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "DENIAL." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. Time limit: 60 seconds.

Answer: (Across) sand, sand, sand, sand, sand, sand, sand. (Down) sand, sand, sand, sand, sand, sand, sand.

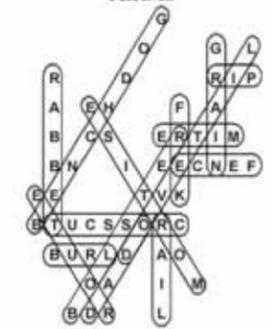
Answers to last week's puzzles

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

DELI	PANE	ELK
AGAR	ALAR	VIII
TACO	YOUR	ALL
EDEN	ITS	INTO
	HEN	BEER
OBLONG	AVOIDS	
HOARD	INDIE	
OWNSUP	ALMOST	
	EEL	USA
JAWS	EAR	IBIS
UFO	INFO	DOSE
ARE	STAR	ERIE
NOS	MYRA	NESS

WOODWORKING TERMS



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

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