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## Voice Profile

*A weekly in-depth interview*

**"Despite the fact that we've had to cut our hours and materials budget every single year, we have seen an increase in people coming into the library,"**

Colleen Bailie



## Clock to strike on budget plan

By Josh LaBella  
*Voice Reporter*

With the deadline for a budget set for midnight, the City Council had an impromptu meeting Tuesday night to hash out final details after press time. City Council Chairman Ron Quagliani said if a budget is not passed by the strike of 12 tonight, then, under the charter, Mayor Nancy Rossi's proposed \$153.3 million package will automatically take effect.

Quagliani said he believes there are a few areas that need adjustments, but in his opinion the budget is "lean" and pointed to most departments being flat-funded. Many employees, meanwhile, have agreed to zero wage increases. He said he is in support of no tax increases and does not want to see the 36.26 mill rate rise.

"I am opposed to increasing the mill rate and further burdening our residents to simply increase our surplus," said Quagliani. "We as a community and a state are overtaxed as it is and asking for more, in my opinion, is not an option."

Quagliani pointed out that to pass any change in the budget the council needs a super majority of nine votes in favor out of the 13 council members. He said he is hopeful that the council can achieve this in the waning hours to make those adjustments.

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh

## Arbor Day 2019

Newly appointed Tree Commission member Rosemary Beloin, left, and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi throw ceremonial shovels of dirt to dedicate the planting of an eastern redbud on the east lawn of City Hall in observance of West Haven's Arbor Day celebration Friday. Looking on are mayoral Executive Assistant Lou Esposito, holding umbrella, and commission member Moshe Cohen. See page 3 and page 10 for related stories and pictures.



Photo by Dan Shine

## Cold? What cold?

Fishermen are a persistent breed as was shown this week at Bradley Point. With temperatures hovering in the low 40s with stiff breezes and damp conditions, a trio of sportsmen were captured by columnist Dan Shine, who walks the beach every morning. He didn't report on the day's catch.

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## Government Meetings

**Monday, May 6** -- Board of Education, 6 p.m. Meeting Room. Park-Rec Commission, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 7** -- Allingtown Fire District, 6:30; Police Commission, 7.

**Thursday, May 9** -- Charter Revision Commission, 6:30.

## Weather

**Friday May 3** Clopudy skies with rain showers. High 52F.



Sunrise: 5:51 am  
Sunset: 7:48 pm  
Wind: ESE 5 mph.

**Saturday May 4** Partly cloudy for most of the afternoon. High 66F.



Sunrise: 5:46 am  
Sunset: 7:52 pm  
Wind: NE 5-10 mph.

**Sunday May 5** Cloudy with chance of rain in the PM. High 59F.



Sunrise: 5:44 am  
Sunset: 7:53 pm  
Wind: ENE 5-10 mph.

**Monday May 6** Sunshie and clouds mixed. High 65F.



Sunrise: 5:43 am  
Sunset: 7:54 pm  
Wind: W at 10-15 mph.



## Kids' Forecast

**Christopher Sfredo, age 4, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. is hoping for some sunny skies and more flowers blooming.**

## Things to Do

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The West Haven Senior Center is making a trip to Moge-han Sun on Wednesday, May 8. Cost is \$25 with \$15 free bet and \$15 food voucher or free buffet. This trip is in conjunction with The West Haven Housing Authority. Pick up times are as follows: Morrissey Manor 8 a.m., Savin Rock Conference Center 8:15, Surfside 8:30, Union 8:45, and

John Prete 9. (203) 933-9449.

Those picked up at Conference Center please register at the West Haven Senior Center or call (203) 937-3507. Bus leaves Mohegan at 4.

The First Congregational church, 464 Campbell Ave., will host its monthly Used Book Sale and Clothes Closet on Saturday May 11, between 9-2. As always there will be a large selection of books, including many romances and children's books in the basement and gently used clothing at very low prices upstairs. For information, call (203) 933-6291.

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## On this date:

2011 -- Osama bin Laden is killed by a U.S. commando. Bin Laden claimed responsibility for a series of terrorist attacks on U.S. targets on September 11, 2001.

1997 -- Tony Blair becomes British Prime Minister, ending 18 years of Conservative Party reign.

1989 -- The Iron Curtain begins to crumble as Hungary dismantles its border fence.

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# Rossi appoints 4 to tree panel

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi reactivated the Tree Commission by appointing four new members at the City Council meeting April 22. The commission has not met since 2016.

The members appointed had served on the commission in the past and have agreed to work with the mayor to bring back the promotion and preservation of healthy trees for the benefit of the community.

Rossi appointed Rosemary Beloin, John Haas, Robert Marra and Michelle Matteo. Moshe Cohen is a current member who will join the new appointees to round out the five-member commission.

"There is not a better time

to have a group of experts to monitor and protect our city trees," Rossi said. "In the recent past, we have experienced major storms, droughts and invasive insects that have all attributed to the decline and loss of some of our mature trees and overall tree canopy across the city."

The commission will work closely with the city's tree warden, Leo Kelly, to improve West Haven's Tree Management Plan and tree inventory process.

"I look forward to working with this very talented group of individuals to increase conservation efforts, arboricultural education programs

and tree plantings across the city," Rossi said. "Trees and the urban forest offer so many environmental and community benefits, including energy conservation, stormwater management, erosion control, and, of course, they beautify our community."

"The Tree Commission will have the complete support of my administration," Rossi said after the appointments were approved by the City Council.

West Haven enjoyed a strong and active Tree Commission in the past and was recognized as a "Tree City USA" community. The city lost the recognition years ago but is looking

to regain the prestigious designation.

Tree City USA is awarded by the National Arbor Day Foundation and is recommended by the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. In 2018, 18 Connecticut communities met the

required standards and were awarded the designation.

"Tree City USA brings national, regional and state recognition to the city and sends the message that we care about the environment and want to improve our community," Rossi said.

## Sox play Mariners

The Department of Parks and Recreation is running a trip to Boston's Fenway Park to see the defending world champion Red Sox play the Seattle Mariners at 1 p.m. May 11.

The trip costs \$125 and includes seating in grandstand section 7 and motor coach transportation. The trip is non-refundable, unless the game is canceled.

The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the department's Painter Park office, 190 Kelsey Ave.

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# Dear Felicia

Well honeybunch, effen yew like raw, rainy weather, we've got lots for ya here in the Asylum by the Sea. Waitin' for spring is like "Waiting for Godot." Ya think it's just a few minutes away, and then we git back to the cold, wet we've had for weeks.

Hereabouts, however, the denizens of this community are lookin' fer a couple things. One, the City Council should be puttin' the finishing touches on its review of the budget. So far, not much has come outta the deliberations as no one, and we mean no one, has profferred so much as an opinion.

Usually yew can't go a day or two without someone opining on this or that. Over the month the council has had the budget, not much has been said one way or t'other.

The council should be putting together a budget ordinance, and we shall see what is what. Of course, we hear by way of Sammy Bluejay that the MARB - the review board -

ain't too pleased with the fack that herronner put together a package that don't include some kind of tax increase.

Remember that thing called the "Five-Year Plan"? Well, it indicates that over the next half a decade our little burg is supposed to raise taxes up to the limit of 40 so that we have bigger cash flow.

Ergo, when the city and herronner put pen to paper and signed the thing, everyone was expecting there would be a tax hike.

So, we won't know till Thursday night (the day you git this missive) whether setch a thing was determined by the council.

Effen it wasn't the matter might not be settled, regardless of what the budget ordinance sez. MARB can dictate that there be a tax increase, and that the budget ordinance be revised by the council. MARB has all but plenary authority when it comes to city spending, and can put the ki-

bosh on the council's vote and force a new one.

This, of course, takes herronner off the hook if and when this happens. She can claim during an election year that she tried to keep taxes steady, but her hands were tied - that is true, also, of City Council candidates. So, regardless of what happens with the council, the story might not be finished until the MARB gives the budget the once-over.

*Whilst that is goin' on, there is some talk about consolidation of the fire districks. And, it's always an interesting conversation. Y'see cuz of the transient nature o' many of our residents, they don't git the history nor structure of how these districks came about, or the political football the isshew has been since the city was incorporated in 1965.*

*Our editor has tried to scotch the discussion that MARB or the Charter Revision Commish can order setch a consolidation. The fire districks are quasi-municipal and have status with the state under statute.*

*Two of the three districks went under home-rule in the 1970s to protect their independence, whilst the Allingtown Districk remained under its state-statute-ordered status from 1937 until it was dissolved in 2012.*

*It is a long process to git rid of the districks, and, so far, not a whole lotta will to make the journey through the legal hurdles. But the idea that MARB has*

*something to say about it is mistaken. To put the matter simply: the two remaining districks are independent of the city, and don't come under MARB's mandate.*

Nelly Nuthatch was perched by the City Council chambers last week, and the head of the library system was - as our headline said - "grilled" by the members.

The system, which is used by many and was the focus of much of the comments and complaints during the budget hearing a few weeks back, has been losing money, and the council imposed its own "five-year plan" on it and the director.

In the meantime, they learned well from MARB. They dangled about \$25k in front of the directress effen she comes up with a plan, witch seems to have happened.

Tennyrate, the directress was questioned by many of the members, and the queries were very pernted.

This has more than a few locals upset, who feel that the library is a service - and one of the few the city offers. It should not be trying to make a cash cow outta the services it offers.

Let's face it. This was low-hanging fruit for a council that is trying to look frugal. The library head was the easiest person to give a hard time to, and still look like money-saving was the name of the game. Yes,

there will probably be a five-year plan, but one thinks that much of what happened last week was kabuki.

*And because we've got into the late stages of the fiscal year, the city announced this week that the "boot" program is being re-fitted (pun intended). Those who haven't yet paid their second-half taxes or, heaven forfend, their first-half taxes, will find their vehicles tethered to a contraption that will render it immovable. This has caused a hue and cry in the past, so we shall see what transpires as the spring wears on. Jest know this, those who owe taxes will owe a whole lot more when the boot is attached.*

*The city let it be known so that those who are in arrears might make quick work of paying their levies.*

The aforementioned Charter Revision commish is still waiting for a response from corporation counsel regarding its recommendations. The wag was in t'other afternoon and sez that there is some concern with a few of the recommendations cuz they get into procedure. These provisions might have to be looked at in light of current contracts and union rules before they can be given any go-ahead. That's what he sez he hoid around the avenue.

There is no question some of the provisions that the commish wants to implement have to do with changing things around not only in form but in departments.

There is talk of restructuring government, and even putting in a city manager. Those might not be palatable to some politicos, but they are passable if put to a vote.

The restructuring of departments or setch might be a bit problematic effen they countermand current collective bargaining or contract provisions. Yew knew this wasn't gonna be a slam dunk, but there are only a few months left before the July deadline is upon us. Once yew git into May things seem to speed up and people's attentions are diverted.

We shall see what transpires in the next little while, but let's hope most if not all of the restructuring is given a good vetting, and we git some real change around here.

One thing we hope passes muster is minority representation. Currently, it is a joke. We wanna see some more minority rep so at least things don't die for lack of a second. The more discussion the better.

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

*Cobina*

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# Building Dept. alters hours

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

To meet the needs of contractors and building owners, the Building Department is changing its normal business hours to accept building permit applications on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a new time of 8-11:30 a.m., Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced.

The schedule change will start May 7 and continue

throughout the summer months, ending Aug. 30, confirmed Planning and Development Commissioner Fred A. Messoro, who manages the Building Department.

Rossi said she appreciates the department's building official, Frank Gladwin, and his staff adjusting their hours to better serve contractors and building owners.

Rossi said the schedule

change will allow people to obtain permits earlier on Tuesday and Thursday mornings while providing a more business-friendly approach to helping contractors and promoting economic development across the city.

The regular hours of 9-11:30 a.m. for building permit applications will continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Messoro said.

# Budget: *Deadline set tonight*

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He added that if the budget is not passed then the Municipal Accountability Review Board can approve a different budget that may potentially include a tax increase.

Fifth District Councilwoman Robin Hamilton said Mayor Rossi and Finance Director Frank Cieplinski have worked diligently on the budget and that she trusts the council will do what they were elected to do "before the midnight hour."

As the Fifth District is in Allingtown, Hamilton said she is particularly sensitive to tax increase, as the borough was hit with a supplemental increase earlier in the year.

"The mayor's recommended budget adjustments addresses my concerns offering no increase in the fire or city mill rates," said Hamilton. "I am optimistic that the mayor's budget will pass, imposing no a hardship on the taxpayers."

Bridgette Hoskie, the councilwoman representing the Frist District, said while she feels there is more work to be done, she is pleased to see all the errors the Rossi and Cieplinski corrected in the budget. She said one way she believes the city can save money is by investing in solar energy to power street and traffic lights as well as upgrading city buildings to work "smarter not harder." She named other areas which she said need improvement.

"I wasn't happy to see we pay \$40K in banking fees. I suggested we look into that to see if we can shop around for a better deal that meets our needs," said Hoskie. "Over the next year I'm interested in seeing what we can do to continue this path of fiscal responsibility."

Other council members, such as Eighth District Councilwoman Tracey Morrissey, did not have a positive outlook on the proposed budget. She said it presented no real changes and did not provide a sustainable long-term plan.

"We know there are major holes in this budget and the mayor never offered any real solutions," said Morrissey. "I am beyond frustrated waiting for the supporting documen-

tation to materialize to even consider making any changes to the proposed budget to cover these large deficits."

Tenth District Councilwoman Louise Martone also said she would not support the budget as it stands, saying that it is not balanced.

"The MS4, Allingtown Fire

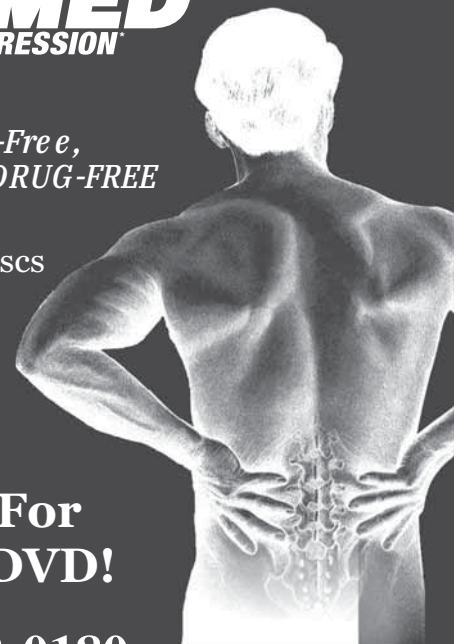
Department and the Board of Education are all areas that need to be dealt with," said Martone. "I am still waiting on information that pertains to the budget. In my opinion, the city council needs to find a way to balance the budget so that it works for tax payers without hurting them."

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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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## MARB has no input on consolidation issue

Two concurrent events have brought up the word “consolidation” up again in the political dialogue of the city. With the oversight of the Municipal Accountability Review Board and the Charter Revision Commission, there has been some talk – again – about consolidating the city’s three fire districts into one. This is not something new, every so often over the last half century the issue has come up, only to be discarded.

The city’s three fire districts were formed separately and under different circumstances and legal provisions. In 2012, the Allingtown Fire District, which had several years of financial difficulties, was dissolved under statute by the electors in that district, and came under the auspices of the city. It was only because of the last charter revision that this was able to happen. Prior to that revision, which took place in the early 2000s, the city was legally bound to stay out of fire district affairs. A change in the charter allowed the city – if requested – to become involved.

There seems to be some idea afloat that the MARB could – by fiat – determine that the two remaining independent fire districts, the First Taxation District (Center) and the West Shore Fire District, can somehow be dissolved and put under city auspices. That cannot happen, nor can the Charter Revision Commission make it happen in some provision of the city charter.

Both the First Taxation District and West Shore are independent governmental organizations under the state’s “home rule” statutes. They have quasi-municipal status, set their own tax rates, and can, if necessary, bond. Each year at this time, the districts have their annual meetings wherein they elect members of the three-person commissions, and set budgets and mill rates. If there is a challenge to either the person(s) looking for commission seats or to the commissions’ proposed budgets, there is a referendum. Residents paying taxes in those districts go to the polls and vote in those instances.

Neither the MARB nor the Charter Revision Commission can dissolve the districts. Only the electors of those districts by specific vote can approve dissolution. So far, there has been very little political will to do so.

Allingtown’s absorption into the city has seen some buyer’s remorse by residents of the borough. In dissolving the district and going under the city, the voters have lost direct voices in the running of the department, which now answers to the City Council.

The question of whether the city’s taxpayers will see real savings by consolidation is one that has been bandied about for years. Plans for consolidation have been put forward, but the tedious work of dissolving the districts is one that few politicians and fewer residents seem to want to tackle at the present time.

Many like the independence of the districts, and see the benefits of direct taxpayer participation in their operation. They are unwilling to see that direct participation end.

Whether the departments eventually link up under independent or city auspices is an issue that is still to be resolved. But the idea that MARB can do it, or that charter revision can affect it, are wrong and misleading to those who don’t know the machinations that must take place. West Haven might eventually move to consolidate its fire services, but that decision will be made by the voters, not a review board.



## Sanders, Dems move left

By Rich Lowry  
*Syndicated Columnist*

There was Bernie Sanders at a Fox News Channel town hall, not giving an inch in a forum every Democratic presidential candidate has shunned.

His reward was a cataract of good reviews, and monster ratings. Sanders had a solid hour to try to reach people not favorably inclined to his worldview, at the very least demonstrating that he’s willing to show up outside his political silo.

Why hadn’t any of the other Democrats done it before? Because they lacked the verve and ideological self-confidence of Sanders, as well as the independent streak to buck the Democratic Party’s attempt to hold the line against Fox. As a message candidate, Sanders is willing to take his anywhere.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, miraculously transformed into a relatively moderate Democratic elder stateswoman, has been pushing back against the notion that she leads a socialist party defined by a few radicals in the House.

On “60 Minutes,” she stalwartly declared: “I do reject socialism as an economic system. If people have that view, that’s their view. That is not the view of the Democratic Party.” She dismissed the left

wing in her caucus as “like, five people.”

In sheer numbers this is true, but it’s the wrong way to count.

The fact is that the most compelling stars of the party are self-declared socialists with a knack for generating controversy and media attention, and with committed mass followings. Pelosi might wish it weren’t true, but poll numbers, fundraising and follower counts don’t lie.

Sanders is reliably second – sometimes first – in national and state presidential polling. He’s outraised everyone else in the field and, with his massive small-donor base, probably can continue to do so for the duration. More than anyone else, he has defined the Democratic Party’s current agenda.

It’ll be much harder to maintain that the Democratic Party isn’t socialist if it nominates one as its presidential candidate, which everyone paying attention realizes is a real possibility.

If this happens, it won’t be the work of conservatives hoping to negatively brand the Democrats, but of the party’s faithful. The same goes for the prominence of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. She has been on the cover of Time magazine,

Rolling Stone (with Nancy Pelosi), Hollywood Reporter and Bloomberg Businessweek. Annie Leibovitz photographed her for Vogue. She’s been interviewed by “60 Minutes.”

She was among the top 10 House Democrats in fundraising the first quarter, and had the highest percentage of small donors (her ally, Ilhan Omar, also excelled).

It’s obviously vexing to Pelosi to see a House majority built by the careful avoidance of ideological extravagance and won in marginal districts hijacked, at least in terms of public attention, by a few freshmen and a 77-year-old Vermont socialist.

Yes, there are vast numbers of Democrats out there who aren’t on Twitter or Instagram. Maybe there are enough of them to nominate Joe Biden, or a Pete Buttigieg can win on a progressive platform clothed in a moderate demeanor.

But the party’s stars will have something to say about it. The great Zionist Theodor Herzl maintained, “It is the simple and fantastic which leads men.” As Bernie Sanders showed, it’s also willing to go on Fox News.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2019 by King Features Synd., Inc.*





**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

There are lot of holes on the road from the bridge to West Spring Street on Stevens Avenue. Can you help those of us who drive our cars here to get this area repaired?

*NF, Stevens Street*

**Dear NF, Stevens Street:**

I contacted Councilman Mitchell L. Gallignano who oversees your district and asked him to investigate the condition of Stevens Avenue. According to Councilman Gallignano, "I have spoken to the commissioner of public works and he informed me that Stevens Avenue is going to be paved this spring/summer from York Street to West Spring Street."

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

The pot holes on 500 Derby Avenue are atrocious. Can they be fixed?

*OB, Derby Avenue*

**Dear OB, Derby Avenue:**

Councilman Peter Massaro received your gripe and here is his reply, "For everyone's information, Derby Avenue is a state road."

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

By next week's column, I

should have the results from the State of Connecticut's Department of Transportation regarding the condition of 500 Derby Ave. and what DOT is going to do about it.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

There is a pot hole on Ardale, Dix and Eaton Streets that need repair. These are on the ends of each street. Can someone look into these please?"

*LE, Eaton Street*

**Dear LE Eaton Street:**

I placed your complaint with Councilwoman Robbin Hamilton who indicated "I have forwarded this information to the commissioner of Public Works. Many pot holes in the 5th district have been identified and are on the "need to be filled list.Thank you for bringing this to my attention."

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

In last week's column, I printed a letter from an individual who has been complaining about a decayed tree in front of her home. The letter writer indicated she has been trying to get this tree removed for some time.

Here is some good news for the letter writer, "Rot-



**ELEANORE TURKINGTON**  
ten Tree": I was able to reach Councilwoman Tracy Morrissey for assistance with

this complaint. Here is what Councilman Morrissey said in her reply to Gripe Vine, "I spoke a few times with Tom McCarthy, Public Works Director for the City of West Haven regarding the rotten tree on Sharon Street.

I have been informed due to the tree having some life, it will be posted as soon as possible by Leo Kelly and then will be eligible for removal ten days later by Harrington Tree Service. I hope this helps clarify the situation of the rotten tree on Sharon Street. "

My personal thanks to the West Haven councilwomen

and councilmen who have taken the opportunity to provide West Haven Voice readers' responses to their complaints and issues, that you care about their city as much as they do.

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**By Eleanore Turkington**

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## Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

### Long Wharf

We speak of it, we hear of it, but what do we actually know about it? Today when we drive along the I-95 corridor, we see signs referring to a place called Long Wharf, but we see no such structure projecting out into New Haven Harbor. What was it? Where was it?

Throughout most of New Haven's history, the coastal, China, and West Indies trade accounted for most of its maritime activity. For its first two centuries, New Haven's basic resource was the port, and the appearance of its shoreline has changed repeatedly over the centuries, reflecting the changing needs of the populace.

It was the winter of 1637 when seven men—the advance guard for Rev. Davenport and Theophilus Eaton's boatload of religious pioneers—sailed up the West Creek (now buried under the Oak Street Connector), and spent their first nights camped on the spot more recently occupied by the New Haven Coliseum.

In the years that followed, the shoreline would move further and further from the original Nine Squares.

As early as 1644, the construction of a wharf was

proposed, and every male between the ages of sixteen and sixty was asked to donate four days of work to this important undertaking. By 1736, the main wharf—Long Wharf—extended about four hundred feet into the harbor; as the years went by, it was continuously lengthened. The base of the wharf was at a spot that is very near to where the seven men had camped, and the Coliseum has stood. In 1810-11, William Lanson, a black man, oversaw construction of fifteen hundred more feet of wharf, bringing it to its maximum length: thirty-five hundred feet.

By now, the wharf was lined with bustling warehouses and shops, and ships could load and unload at all tide levels.

Clustered near Long Wharf were maritime-related businesses, along with stores, mills, banks, and other shops.

In 1836, the bed of the now-defunct Farmington Canal was lined with railroad tracks that extended north and south across Connecticut, and down the bed of East Creek, and then out onto a dock that ran parallel to Long Wharf.

This arrangement streamlined the transfer of goods between rail car and



The Long Wharf area, shown in the mid-19th Century, was a hub of commerce for New Haven and the region.

ocean vessel.

The late 1800s saw the advent of pleasure travel by steam vessel; regular routes ran from New York to New Haven, and from New Haven to Savin Rock and Lighthouse Point. This trend would not last, however: by 1920, regular New York-New Haven steamboat service had been discontinued.

By the mid-1900s, the wooden expanse of Long Wharf was

but a memory and the harbor continued its endless change. After World War II, the harbor was deepened to allow larger and larger ships to enter.

The dredged material, approximately seven million cubic yards of mud, was used to fill in the harbor's head, and the harbor's west shore was extended nearly one mile east. This created the land that now supports I-95, Long Wharf Drive and Sargent

Drive, and the Maritime Center. In recent decades, the shape of the harbor was changed considerably, to ease the increased passage of automobile traffic.

Would those original seven men who camped on East Creek through the winter of 1637 recognize their "new haven" today?

Would they approve of its new look? We can only wonder.

# Tree planting marks Arbor Day

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the voice

Throwing ceremonial shovels of dirt, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Tree Commission members dedicated the planting of an eastern redbud on the east lawn of City Hall in observance of West Haven's Arbor Day celebration Friday.

Accompanying Rossi for the annual tree planting were

members of the newly revived commission, including current member Moshe Cohen and new member Rosemary Beloin.

The Tree Commission, which has not met since 2016, was reactivated by the mayor with the appointment of Beloin and three other new members — John Haas, Robert Marra and Michelle Matteo — at the City

Council meeting April 22.

All four had served on the commission in the past and have agreed to work with Rossi to bring back the promotion and preservation of healthy trees for the benefit of the community. They join Cohen to round out the five-member commission.

Also attending the afternoon event were mayoral Executive

Assistant Lou Esposito, tree warden Leo Kelly and city tree contractor Bob Herrington, owner of Herrington & Sons Tree Specialists LLC.

Rossi marked the special occasion, held on the Campbell side of City Hall near Main Street, by reading a mayoral proclamation declaring Arbor Day in West Haven.

Rossi, who huddled under an umbrella held by Esposito amid the wind-blown rain, said the redbud tree species, native to eastern North America, "is commonly planted as an ornamental in public areas because of its showy pink flowers and heart-shaped leaves."

She added: "Trees reduce the erosion of topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the tem-

perature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for life. Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal."

Rossi said the commission also plans to work with Kelly to improve West Haven's Tree Management Plan and tree inventory process, along with implementing a sustainable and safe treescape in the heart of downtown.

Arbor Day was founded in 1872 by Julius Sterling Morton in Nebraska City, Nebraska.

By the 1920s, each state had enacted public laws mandating an Arbor Day observance. The customary observance is to plant a tree.

On the first Arbor Day, April 10, 1872, more than 1 million trees were planted.

## Society hosts Peter Malia, May 9

The West Haven Historical Society will meet Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in the society's headquarters, the Poli House, 686 Savin Ave.

The featured speaker will be Peter Malia historian and author *Visible Saints: West Haven 1648-1798*.

Malia, a native of West Haven, and has written extensively on the early history of this city. Currently his research is focused on Thomas Painter one of the leading citizens of West Haven who is depicted on the city flag warning of the British invasion in 1779. Painter went on to live a long life and wrote a diary including detailing two escapes from British prison ships. He is buried in the burial grounds adjacent to the West Haven Green.

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Rossi reads a proclamation declaring Arbor Day in West Haven as, from left, Beloin, Esposito, Cohen and tree warden Leo Kelly look on.



# Library's Bailie juggles services with budget cuts

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

Colleen Bailie leads the library system as executive director during a time when the library has seen yearly cuts and is struggling to not exceed its budget.

Bailie started out her career in information technology but decided to study librarianship after she realized she did not want to work in technology for the rest of her career.



BAILIE

She said she got her start working in libraries by working in IT for the West Haven system.

"When I first got here I started looking at the computers," said Bailie. "A lot of the computers hadn't been updated in quite a few years. We didn't have wireless yet. So I brought that in during that time. The website was really outdated. It was about 10 to 15 years old; so I updated that."

Bailie said she started in West Haven about 10 years ago as the department head for tech services. According to Bailie, the connection she found between IT and library services is helping people. She said she also had always had love of literacy and reading.

The director said she got her master's in library science from Southern Connecticut State University.

She said she decided to work at a public library opposed to an academic library because she was able to do a lot more.

"The staff is a lot smaller," said Bailie, "So, you're not as confined to one spot. I kind of like that aspect."

Bailie has worn many hats at the West Haven Library, saying she has worked in most positions. She said her favorite aspect of the job will always be the people.

"I like the fact that you get to immediately help people," said Bailie, providing an example. "When someone comes in to use our computers in the reference room and you show them how to upload pictures of their grandkids on their Facebook account, that's something that is an immediate help and they walk out with a good feeling. To me that's what we're here for."

When the position of director came available, Bailie said she decided to take a shot at it.

She said during her three-year tenure in the job she has enjoyed "steering the ship" and thinks they have come a long way. Still, she said budget cuts have made it difficult.

"Despite the fact that we've had to cut our hours and materials budget every single year, we have seen an increase in people coming into the library," said Bailie. "There is a need for a vibrant library in town. First and foremost we are here for the patrons."

Bailie said staffing is the biggest piece of their budget and if their funding keeps getting cut they will need to have less hours. She said sometimes scheduling can be like a jigsaw puzzle; trying to put the right people in the right places. When they have to change hours, Bailie said they try and be cognizant of how it will affect their patrons.

If she did not have to worry about the budget, Bailie said they would try and restructure the buildings to make more room for people as well as adding more chairs and tables. She also said they want to keep their book collection relevant and add a dedicated teen space.

"Bringing in more computers is also something I'd like to look at," said Bailie. "I would love to do more programming as well but we can only do so much with the budget that we have."

Bailie said books are a small piece of what libraries provide as they cover everything from helping people fill out resumes to looking up medical terms.

As far as the budget, Bailie said they are near the limit.

She said they are in the process of looking at different types of fundraisers to raise money.

"We need one really good fundraiser, that we can hopefully make an annual event," she said. But we haven't stumbled upon it yet."

As Bailie sees it, she is doing her best to keep up the staff's morale.

She said the library is not going anywhere, but the current system may change.

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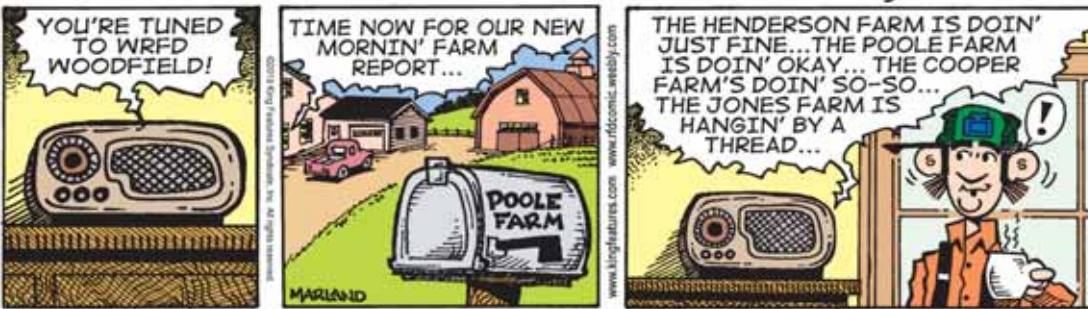
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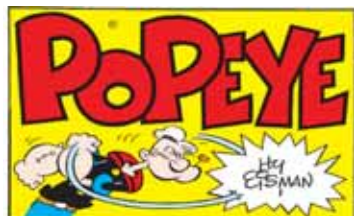
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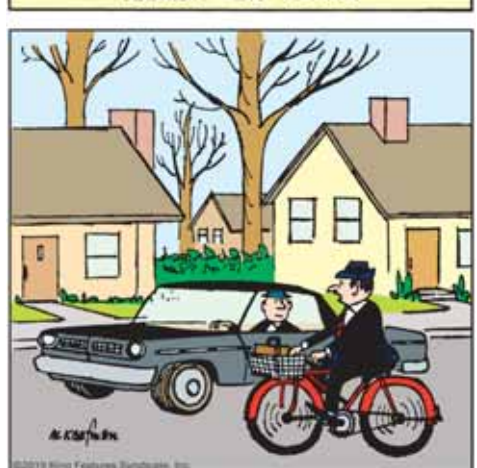


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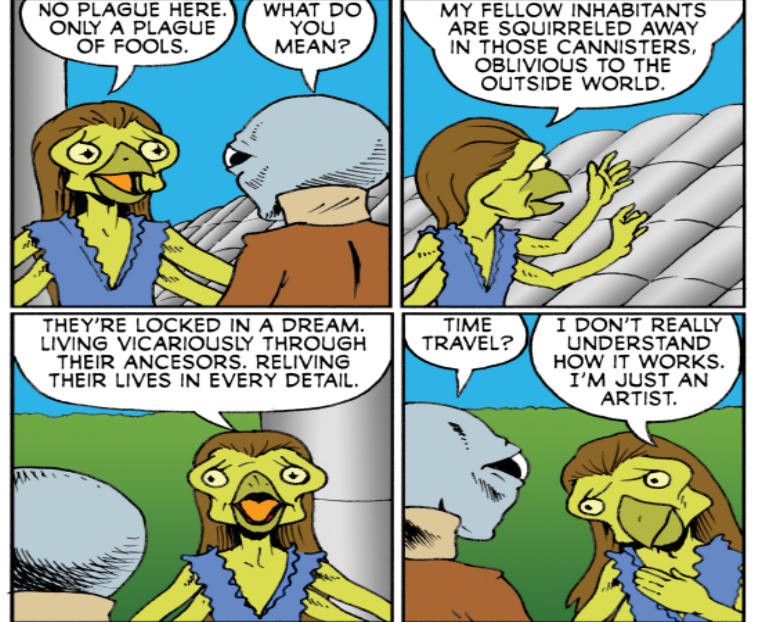
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## Westies top Lancers, 8-5 in lax victory

The West Haven boys' lacrosse team opened its week with an 8-5 victory over the Notre Dame of Fairfield Lancers in a rainy Ken Strong Stadium on Monday evening. The Blue Devils were slow out of the gate, allowing the Lancers to take a 2-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Westies finally got on the board at 9:12 of the second quarter on a goal by Connor Fowler and then Fowler again seven minutes later to tie the game at 2-2. The Lancers responded 30 seconds later to take a 3-2 lead into halftime.

Notre Dame opened the scoring in the second half, taking a 4-2 just 4:47 in, before the Westies were able to mount some offense reeling off the next, six goals. Niko Kyle scored with 5:24 left in the third quarter, Justin Rivera tied the game with 1:50 left in the quarter and then Rich Wadeka gave the Blue Devils their first lead of the night with 48.8 seconds left in the third quarter.

The boys continued to put

on the pressure and Connor Fowler notched his third goal of the game just ten seconds into the final quarter to make it 6-4. Tyler Moscato scored 44 seconds later and then Justin Rivera found the back of the net with 6:24 remaining to increase the lead to 8-4. The Lancers were able to get one back with 4:51 left but Kevin Moriarty, who made 22 saves between the pipes, preserved the victory.

On Wednesday evening, the boys traveled to Milford to take on the Foran Lions. The Blue Devils led 3-2 at halftime and then outscored the Lions 4-0 in the second half for the 7-2 victory. After Foran took a 1-0 lead at 7:52 of the first quarter, the Westies responded 51 seconds later on a goal by Justin Rivera set up by Niko Kyle. Foran grabbed a 2-1 lead with 5:22 left in the quarter but then it was all Blue Devils, who scored six, unanswered goals. Rich Wadeka scored eight seconds later to tie the game at 2-2. In the sec-



Photo by Todd Dandelske

### Notching another

**Tyler Moscato scores against Windsor. The West Haven lacrosse team is trying to put together a win streak as we head into the final weeks of the spring season.**

ond quarter, Niko Kyle gave the Westies a 3-2 lead with 1:27 left in the half assisted by Rivera.

In the second half, it was more West Haven. Nick Zaino increased the lead to 4-2 with 1:17 left in the third quar-

ter and then Connor Fowler scored with 20 seconds left to make it 5-2, with Wadeka picking up assists on both goals. Kyle made it 6-2, assisted by Wadeka 36 seconds into the fourth quarter and then Wadeka set up Rivera for

his second goal to cap the scoring with 7:10 left in the game. Kevin Moriarty made 46 saves in between the pipes for the Westies.

On Saturday morning, the Blue Devils jumped all over  
**See Westies, page 13**



Photo by Todd Dandelske

### Player of the Week

Gianni Gambardella (12) is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. In three games this past week, the freshman picked up three hits, scored once and drove in three runs. 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](http://www.westieblue.com).

## ND keeps winning

The Notre Dame spring sports teams continued their winning ways with three of the five teams having a winning week while baseball split its two games. Highlighting the week was track and golf sweeping their competitions while lacrosse won two of their three games.

Baseball -- The baseball team scored in every inning but the first en route to their 10-4 win over East Haven at Quigley Stadium on April 25 to salvage a 1-1 week. Tanner Belcher had three hits, one RBI and a run scored while Noah Ferrucci added a pair of hits and RBIs to pace a 12-hit attack. The 10-run support benefited Ryan Sullivan who pitched six strong innings to earn the win. He allowed one run on six hits while striking out four. The Green Knights stumbled to start the week losing a 4-3 game to Southington when the Blue Knights got a two-out

**See Knights, page 18**



Photo courtesy of NDWH

Warren Murphy had himself quite the week for the track team as he won three events in a dual-meet sweep of Branford and East Haven then captured the 400-meter dash at the Bristol Invitational on the weekend.



# Westies: *Softball squad continues skein*

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the Windsor Warriors at Ken Strong Stadium, scoring seven goals in the first quarter on their way to a 10-0 victory to improve their record to 7-2 on the season. Tyler Moscato got things going with a goal just 32 seconds into the game and then Connor Fowler scored goals at 10:13, 8:49 and 8:10 to give the boys a 4-0 lead. Shane Taulty scored 38 seconds later to increase the lead to 5-0 and then Andrew Newkirk made it 6-0 58 seconds later. Taulty tallied again with 2:54 left in the first quarter for the 7-0 lead.

The Blue Devils played keep away for the rest of the way and tacked on three, additional goals. Tyler Moscato made it 8-0 with 6:32 left in the quarter and Nick Zaino scored with 2:42 left in the half to increase the lead to 9-0. Terell Williams scored with 40.6 seconds left in the third quarter for the 10-0 final. Kevin Moriarty made two saves before being replaced by Anthony Campagnuolo with 1:55 left in the half and he went on to make two, additional saves to preserve the shutout victory.

This week, the boys entertained the Wilbur Cross Governors on Monday, traveled to Milford again on Wednesday and faced the Jonathan Law Eagles before finishing the week on Saturday with a trip to Watertown for a game with the Indians at 6:45.

The softball team traveled to Shelton on Tuesday afternoon looking to extend its undefeated season to ten games. After falling behind 2-0 in the first inning, the girls battled back to defeat the Gaels, 11-4. Kailey Carrano went 4 for 5, including her 100th hit of her career. In the third inning, down 2-0 the Westies rallied when Morgan Peryer singled, Ashlynn O'Keefe reached on an error and Lynn reached on an error to score Peryer. Carrano doubled to center to score O'Keefe and Lynn for a 3-2 lead. The Blue Devils picked up another run in the fourth when Paige Beurer scored on a Peryer single. In the fifth inning, Carrano picked up her 100th hit and came around to score on a Kasey Marron single to take a 5-2 lead. The Westies put the game away, putting up three runs in the sixth and seventh innings for the 11-4 win. Peryer finished with four hits and two RBIs, Veronica Lynn had two hits and three runs scored while Ivy Santos went the distance again in the circle to pick up her 10th win and helped herself with two hits and a RBI.

On Wednesday evening, the girls hosted the Hamden Green Dragons at Frank Biondi Field. The Westies scored

two in the first inning when Morgan Peryer singled and after a steal of second and a passed ball, scored on a sacrifice fly by Ashlynn O'Keefe. Veronica Lynn then walked and scored on a double by Kailey Carrano. The girls increased the lead to 3-0 in the second when O'Keefe singled and scored on a double by Lynn. In a huge play in the top of the third, Hamden had runners at first and third with one out and the Westies were able to turn a beautiful double-play from Paige Beurer to Lynn and on to Kasey Marron to end the inning and keep the Dragons off the board.

The Blue Devils picked up two, more runs in the fifth inning. Carrano doubled off the top of the wall in center and scored on a single by Marron, who then came around to score on a single by Paige Beurer.

After Hamden was able to score in the top of the sixth to cut the lead to 5-1, The Westies left the Green Dragons on the field, scoring eight runs to get a mercy-rule ended 13-1 victory. O'Keefe walked and scored on Carrano's line drive home run to left to make it 7-1. Ivy Santos then walked, Marron singled, Beurer singled to score Santos, Gigi Perkins singled, Peryer tripled, O'Keefe reached on an error and Carrano doubled to left to leave the Dragons on the field. Santos pitched a complete game allowing one unearned run on two hits while striking out nine Dragons to help the Westies improve to 11-0.

The girls' lacrosse team battled with the Amity Spartans on Tuesday evening at Ken Strong Stadium. Keegan Riccio gave the Westies an early 1-0 lead with a goal just 1:21 into the contest but the Spartans had an answer 2:03 later to knot the game 1-1. Amity scored again to take a 2-1 lead with 5:42 left in the half.

In the second half, the Spartans appeared to take a 3-1 lead just 3:18 in but the goal was taken away due to an illegal stick. In a huge momentum swing, the Blue Devils struck eight seconds later on a goal by Keegan Riccio, her second of the game to tie the game 2-2. Unfortunately for the Westies, momentum was reversed as the Spartans scored the next, six goals to take an 8-2 lead with 5:08 remaining in the game. Angela Borelli was able to get one back for the Blue Devils with 1:30 left for the 8-3 final. Nicole Gaston finished with 16 saves in goal for West Haven.

The girls traveled to Wallingford on Thursday afternoon to take on the Lyman Hall Trojans. The Blue Devils

took an early 1-0 lead when CC Condon scored with 18:35 left in the first half. The Trojans responded with a goal to tie the game 2:21 later and then took a 2-1 lead with 29.4 seconds left in the half. Lyman Hall scored three, more times in the first 10 minutes of the second half to take a 5-1 lead. Olyvia O'Mara scored for West Haven with 2:05 left in the game to cut the lead to 5-2 but the Trojans responded 23 seconds later to make it 6-2 before Taylor Nowak scored with 1:12 left for the 6-3 final. Nicole Gaston made 12 saves in the net for the Westies.

The baseball team took on the Shelton Gaels on Tuesday afternoon at Piurek Field. J.C. Contreras allowed only three runs on five hits but, the Westie bats were silenced as Shelton sophomore Anthony Steele tossed a no-hitter in the 3-0 defeat of the Blue Devils.

On Wednesday, the Westies hosted the Bassick Lions and pounded out 23 hits to crush the Lions 20-0 in a mercy-rule shortened 5-inning victory. Lorenzo Espinal and Kaden Morgillo combined to throw a shutout against Bassick, allowing only one hit.

The Blue Devils scored eight runs in the first inning, five more in the second and another seven runs in the third to pull away from the Lions.

On Thursday evening, the Westies traveled to Palmer Field in Middletown and lost to the Xavier Falcons, 7-4. This week, the boys hosted the Hand Tigers on Monday, traveled to Hamden on Wednesday to battle the Green Dragons and finish the week with a double header against the Career Panthers at Piurek Field on Friday at 4 and 7.

The boys' tennis team suffered a 7-0 defeat on Tuesday afternoon at Amity. The doubles pairing of Jason Ramirez and Lucien Zheng put up a good match before falling, 6-1, 4-6, 10-6.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Westies battled with the Jonathan Law Eagles in Milford and came up just short, 4-3. Joseph Delgado won, 6-0, 6-1 in singles action while Nash Noble/Riyad Al-Bakri won, 7-5, 6-3, and Jason Ramirez/Lucien Zheng won, 7-5, 6-4 in doubles play.

This week, the boys hosted Notre Dame of West Haven on Monday, visited Xavier on Tuesday, play at Wilbur Cross on Thursday at 3:45 and finish the week hosting the Fairfield Prep Jesuits on Friday at 3:45.

The girls' tennis team lost 5-2 to the Shelton Gaels on Tuesday afternoon at the Painter

Park Courts. Skylar Serenson won, 6-1, 6-1 and Kiara Walker won, 6-2, 6-7, 7-5 in singles action for the Blue Devil wins.

On Wednesday afternoon, the girls bounced back with a 6-1 victory over the Career Panthers. In singles play, Sophia Lora won, 6-0, 6-0, Skylar Serenson won, 6-0, 6-0, Kiara Walker won, 6-0, 6-1 and Savannah Lopez won, 6-1, 6-1. In doubles, Shea Clarke/Arianna Nguyen were victorious, 6-0, 6-0 and Megan Mendoza/Kaitlyn Campos won, 6-4, 6-3.

On Thursday afternoon at the Painter Park Courts, the Blue Devils defeated the Platt Tech Panthers 6-1.

This week, the girls visited Platt Tech on Monday, went to Wallingford on Tuesday to take on the Sheehan Titans and end the week with a trip to Hamden to face the Green Dragons on Friday at 3:45.



## Joins exclusive club

Kailey Carrano with Coach Morrell after she collected her 100th hit last week. She joins Veronica Lynn, who got her 100th two weeks ago. Carrano got her 100th last week against Shelton.



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# Westie Blue In Touch

By Mike Madera

It was an interesting week of baseball for West Haven as the Westies were no-hit, pounded out 20 hits in a victory, then suffered a grueling loss to cap a three-day stretch.

The Westies opened the week with a 3-0 loss against Shelton at Piurek Field in West Haven Tuesday afternoon. The box score was easy to tell the result when Shelton came to town.

Shelton's Anthony Steele needed just 89 pitches to no-hit the Westies, striking out eight and walking just one. Steele threw 58 pitches for strikes.

Steele's effort was needed to defeat West Haven as pitcher Juan Contreras, who allowed one earned run on five hits, while walking three and striking out four, was nearly as good as Steele on the hill for the Westies.

For Steele, only a leadoff walk to Chris Cavallaro in the second, a hit by pitch to Tyler Jones in the third, and Mike Tonucci reaching on an error in the sixth prevented a perfect game.

The Westies snapped a five-game losing streak with a 20-0 thumping over Bassick Wednesday afternoon at Piurek Field. West Haven pounded out 20 hits in the win.

Hunter Axelrod led the offense with three hits and two runs scored, Kaden Morgillo had two hits, drove in two runs, and scored twice, Gianni Gambardella added a pair of hits and drove in a pair, while scoring once, Cavallaro had two hits and three runs batted in, while Tonucci scored twice

and drove in four runs.

West Haven started strong and never looked back, scoring eight runs in the first inning, five more in the second, and seven in the third to cruise to the victory. Lorenzo Espinal and Kaden Morgillo combined on a no-hitter, with Espinal striking out five in two innings of work, and Morgillo striking out seven in three innings.

The Westies started quickly as Dom Cambino led off the game with a triple to right and scored when Tonucci followed with a homer to right. Contreras then doubled, scored on a pair of passed balls, and Cavallaro walked.

After Mike Boni hit into a fielder's choice, Boni scored on a single by Gambardella for a 4-0 lead. Axelrod doubled to right to put a pair of runners in scoring position, before Morgillo singled to score Gambardella and put runners on the corners.

Axelrod scored on a single to right by Tyler Jones. With two runners in scoring position, Morgillo scored on a ground out by Tonucci, and Cambino scored later in the inning when Contreras reached on an error.

The Westies increased the lead to 13-0 in the second when Gambardella singled to score Boni, Jones reached on an error to score Espinal, and Cavallaro singled to score Cambino and Tonucci.

West Haven added seven more in the third. Morgillo singled to score Derek Baker, Branden Coggins doubled to score Axelrod and Morgillo,



Photo by Russ McCreven

## Heist

West Haven base runner Chris Cavallaro (2) steals second in last week's game at Piurek Field.

and Cavallaro singled in Jake Lentine for an 18-0 advantage.

The Westies kept the offense going against Xavier scoring three times in the first inning, but could not hold on in a 7-4 loss at Palmer Field in Middletown Thursday evening.

West Haven was held to just five hits in the contest and watched as the Falcons scored once in the second and took a 5-4 lead in the third inning with four more runs.

With one out in the first, Toniucci was hit by a pitch, Contreras singled and Cavallaro grounded out to put two

runners in scoring position. Tonucci scored on a sacrifice fly to left by Boni, Contreras scored on a single by Gambardella, and Cavallaro scored on a single to center by Axelrod.

After West Haven failed to

push across another run and trailing 5-4, Xavier added two more in the sixth to seal the victory.

Gambardella allowed five earned runs on 10 hits, while walking two and striking out three in five innings of work.



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## Second in high jump

Demerick Blackford clears 5'10" in the high jump to place second in the meet versus Xavier and Shelton.

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# Rain hampers Youth Soccer sked

For the third weekend in a row, Mother Nature left the fields of West Haven underwater, further delaying the start of the West Haven Youth Soccer League Rec season, but some of the travel teams were able to get games in. Saturday afternoon, the Elite Soccer

Camps U-12 girls travel team visited Wallingford. The Westies fell, 5-2, in a tough game. The muddy field conditions and the aggressiveness of the Wallingford team forced the Westies to go down 3-0 by the half, despite several great saves by my Etta Funke in the

goal. The girls played better in the second half, moving the ball well and creating chances. Jaylyn Powell and Ciara Harp both scored, while Molly Gunning and Jaelyn Beauvais played well on the flanks. Adelia Parise and Annabelle Pasacreta put in a solid effort defensively in the matchup.

The Gunning Law Firm U-12 boys took on Amity for a Wednesday night game for their first match of a rainy

spring season. They looked rusty and had trouble playing on a wet field, but were able to get an early 1-0 lead. Amity countered and scored just before halftime. West Haven looked much sharper in the second half scoring two goals for a 3-1 win. Ethan Masoperh, Brian Cruz, and Bobby Severino all played great in the win.

The U-12 boys returned to action on Saturday taking on the U-13 Cheshire in the first

11v11 match of their careers. It was sunny, dry day and the boys looked good moving the ball around with ease. They used the whole field to their advantage and were able to get a 5-0 win. Ethan Masoperh picked up two goals, with Efrain Brown, Brian Cruz, and Gabe Locklear also scoring. Also playing well was Antonio Brown, Evan Amoro, and Matt Hunter.

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# Youth Soccer: *Travel squads get in games*

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The Rock House School of Music U-19 boys travel team traveled to Orange Sunday evening, and won, 4-0.

The Westies opened the scoring in the first minute of the match, as Javier Yanez poked the ball past a diving Orange keeper.

The game went back and forth until the Westies began to pull away.

Derick Meza smashed a shot into the upper 90, and Yanez added his second goal of the match midway through the second half.

Danny Morales rounded out the scoring. Holden Axelrod

and Nash Noble combined for the shut-out. The Westies improved to 3-0-2, and will play in the First Round of the Connecticut Cup next Saturday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at Ken Strong Stadium.

The Top Hat Dance Academy U-19 girls travel team also played Sunday evening, host-

ing Southington.

The Westies fell, 3-2, giving up a last-minute goal.

Lauren Panza made several key plays as she anchored the defense, working with Jalen Chandler, Emma Konicki and Aerin Maclaughlin. Riley Collins and Madison Molster also worked hard. Julia Merola

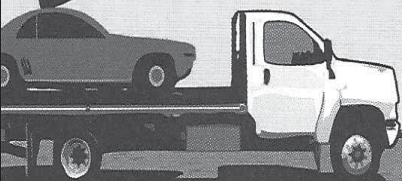
played goalie for the Rush, making some great saves to keep the game close.

Jessica Robinson and Selena Izzo scored. CeCe Yanez, Sophia Gigliotti, Cori Severino, and Riley Severino all showed signs of brilliance with their passing and movement off the ball.

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- ACROSS**
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  - 5 "— Blue?"
  - 8 Barbershop item
  - 12 Mentor
  - 13 CD- —
  - 14 Sheltered, at sea
  - 15 Office machine
  - 17 Tarzan's transport
  - 18 Scrooge's outcry
  - 19 Hateful
  - 21 Future mare
  - 24 Met melody
  - 25 Sandwich cookie
  - 26 Site of many sites
  - 30 Swindle
  - 31 Paquin and Quindlen
  - 32 Id counterpart
  - 33 Gap
  - 35 Bartlett, for one
  - 36 Line of stitching
  - 37 Papa
  - 38 Triangular letters
  - 41 "— Town"
  - 42 Pelvic bones
  - 43 Lyon-based crimefighting group
  - 48 Expansive
  - 49 Old hand
  - 50 Norway's capital
  - 51 Initial chip
  - 52 Author Umberto
  - 53 Spruce (up)
- DOWN**
- 1 Film high-tech tricks (Abbr.)
  - 2 Attila, for one
  - 3 Skill
  - 4 Colorado city
  - 5 St. Louis attraction
  - 6 Cattle call?
  - 7 Undying
  - 8 Ritz spread
  - 9 Hodgepodge
  - 10 Server's hand-out
  - 11 Honey bunch?
  - 16 Shaft of light
  - 20 Conks out
  - 21 Central points
  - 22 Press
  - 23 Fasting period
  - 24 Region of Vietnam
  - 26 Tending to spread
  - 27 Requirement
  - 28 "Zounds!"
  - 29 British conservative
  - 31 Neighborhood
  - 34 Subject of a will
  - 35 Buccaneer's bird
  - 37 Payable
  - 38 Prima donna
  - 39 Verve
  - 40 Roster
  - 41 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
  - 44 Asian electronics giant
  - 45 Omega preceder
  - 46 On in years
  - 47 Actress Myrna

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

- Baby
- Diminutive
- Eensy
- Little
- Microscopic
- Miniature
- Minuscule
- Minute
- Pint-size
- Pygmy
- Small
- Teeny
- Tom Thumb
- Toy
- Wee



**AN ANCIENT PROBLEM!** Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it counterclockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

**BATTER UP!** Let's start the baseball season with an Alpha-Math puzzle. You must replace the letters to the right with the digits 0 through 9 so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits.

One Answer: H=2, A=9, F=5, D=4, B=3, L=1, T=6, W=7, M=0, E=5.

**THIS SHOULD KEEP YOU HOPPING!** Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the words in Grid A.

- 1. Partially opened.
- 2. Belongs to us.
- 3. Electrical currents.
- 4. Obvious.
- 1. Prince of India.
- 2. Tart or tangy.
- 3. Useful guides.
- 4. Informal "no."

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!



**Junior Whirl**  
by Charles Barry Townsend

**GOLD MOLD MILD MILE MINE**

**TRY SOLVING THESE PUZZLE NUGGETS!**

In this type of puzzle, you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example we changed GOLD to MINE in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

- 1. FOOT to BALL
- 2. POST to CARD
- 3. CLAM to SOUP
- 4. HOLE to DARN
- 5. LICE to BATH

Answers:  
1. FOOT, BOAT, BOLT, BOLL, BALL.  
2. POST, CAST, CART, CARD.  
3. CLAM, SLAM, SLAP, SOUP.  
4. HOLE, DOLE, DAVE, DARN.  
5. LICE, FACE, LAKE, BATE, BATH.

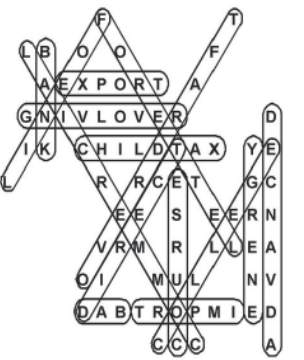
**Answers to last week's puzzles**

**King Crossword**

Answers  
Solution time: 21 mins.

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CARPENTER	ROE	
AMI	REAPER	
RACKET	SAGO	
AGA	DEW	MOONS
CURB	RAJ	GLEE
KEPIS	GUM	EAR
ALPS	NOODLE	
NICKEL	TILL	
ABC	CARPEDIEM	
VII	KNEES	COO
EDO	START	END

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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





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## Whitewash

Westie Steve Moran carries the ball against Windsor in last week's game at Strong Stadium. Moran's team won, 10-0.

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# Knights: *Golfers edging to states*

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RBI single from Andrew Paradis in the top of the seventh inning. Mariano had three hits, including his RBI triple, while driving in one and scoring a run for Notre Dame. Eddie Zanon, Jason Ostrowski, and Belcher all added hits for the Green Knights, who had eight hits for the game. Notre Dame, which qualified for the state tournament with the win over East Haven, was 8-2 entering this week's slate of games.

Golf -- Jake Ivan-Pal was meandering through his round with a few more bogeys that he would like. That all changed with three birdies over the final four holes to record a score of 37 to lead Notre Dame to an 11-stroke win over Hamden on April 23, 2018. Notre Dame, which had just lost to Hamden by three shots last Thursday, shot a team score of 157. Hamden fired a 168. Notre Dame added scores of 38 from Tommy Rosati and Jon Bushka. The Green Knights ended the week undefeated with a convincing win over Amity. Tommy Rosati fired an even-par 35 to lead Notre Dame to a 156-181 victory. Notre Dame's other counting scores included: Jake Ivan-Pal with a 37 while Jon Bushka and both shot 42. The Green Knights are 7-1 (3-0) heading into an important week with matches against Fairfield Prep and Hamden.

Lacrosse -- The lacrosse team ended the week with a pair of impressive road wins. The Green Knights scored nine of the final 11 goals to pull away from a 4-4 tie to a 13-6 win at Joel Barlow on Saturday, April 27. This was on the heels of a 9-7 win at Cheshire on April 24. Zachary Hochman paved the way with five goals against Barlow while Alex Hird recorded a hat trick against Cheshire. The Green Knights lone loss was a close 12-10 loss to Guilford on April 22 where Hochman also had five goals. Notre Dame ended the week with a 6-4 mark and needed one more win to qualify for the CIAC Class M state tournament.

Tennis -- The tennis team went 1-2 on the week with the win coming over Career on April 24. That win sandwiched defeats to Guilford and Amity. Against Career, the Green Knights singles players dropped only five games in registering their wins. Oliver Shannon, Hunter Stenquist, and Matt Wickliffe registered those wins. In doubles action, Eric Hardy and Sai Vipparia and Alex Cruz and Connor Perry registered wins. Brendan Canning shined for the Green Knights in their two losses. He recorded a singles win over Guilford and teamed with Pranov Kuraganti in a doubles win over Amity.

Track -- The track team continued its winning ways sweeping Branford and East Haven in an SCC dual-meet on April 24. The Green Knights won 12 of the 18 events in comfortable wins over both teams. Notre Dame beat East Haven 122-28 and Branford 100-50. Warren Murphy '19 and Carlos Aurora were multiple winners. Murphy won the 200 and 400 meters and was on the 4x400 relay winning team. Aurora won the 100 meters and ran the opening leg of the winning 54x100 relay event. The Green Knights then earned seven medals at the Bristol Invitational on April 27, 2019. Murphy won the 400-meter event again while the 4x100 relay team placed second. Jason Sawicki added a third-place finish in the high jump. The track team is 6-1 entering the week.

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



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Zachary Hochman scored five goals in two of the three Notre Dame lacrosse team games this week, including wins over Cheshire and Joel Barlow. Hochman has led the team to a 6-4 mark and on precipice of qualifying for the Class M state tournament.





# Around Town

## Senior trips slated

F. Senior and Friends has planned a trip to Atlantic City May 22-24 at Resorts Casino. The package includes two dinners, a show and \$25 coupon for slot play.

Price is \$279 for a double, \$269 for a triple and \$389 for a single. A trip to Niagara Falls is set for Aug. 5-8.

Call for information on this and other trips.

Call Fred (203) 389-5808 or (203) 927-4249.

## Shore Haven scholarships

The Shore Haven Junior Baseball League will be accepting scholarship applications for current high school seniors pursuing further education.

The league will be awarding three scholarships in the amounts of \$250 in honor of Sal Arminio, Dave Terese, Sr., and Mario J. Argentino, plus the Joseph Morrell, Sr., Scholarship.

All applicants must have participated in the league for two years for the first three scholarships.

Applications must be returned by May 15 to: Charles Gunning, 125 Central Ave., West Haven, 06516.

For information can be obtained from area guidance offices or

## President's Ball

The West Haven Italian-American Civic Association will host its President's Anniversary Ball with full dinner menu on Saturday, May 11, from 6-11 p.m. at the club, 85 Chase Lane. Menu includes NY strip, stuffed sole, or chicken marsala, with open bar and music. Tickets are \$45 per person. For reservations call (203) 933-3367.

## Annual Springfest

Join the Harugari Singing Society for Bavarian Springfest, on Saturday, April 27 at its 66 Highland St. address. At 6 p.m. there is a sauerbraten dinner with spätzle and red cabbage.

Live Music is by The Austrian Boys. Entertainment is by the Harugari Schuhplattlers.

Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. For reservations or information, call Karin Zamolsky at (203) 375-7050, the club at (203) 933-9930, or e-mail Harugari.gari@gmail.com.

## Student Loans

The Seth Haley Memorial

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

Applicants must be West Haven residents who have completed two or more years of college or post-secondary work or be in their final two years of advanced work. Any West Haven resident attending college or a post high school professional, technical or trade school can be eligible for a loan. Repayments do not begin, and no interest will be charged until one year after graduation. If you are interested in making an application for a loan, please Gert Beckwith at (203) 934-6921, or Ralph Lawson, (203) 934-6442.

## Beach clean-up

Join volunteers from The Land Trust of West Haven to help with a beach clean-up on Saturday, May 11, from 10 to noon. All interested individuals and civic groups are invited to help. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Park/Rec Activities Building on the Bike/Walk Path at Old Grove Park near Oak Street. Gloves and trash bags will be

provided.

## Annual luncheon

The Veterans Affairs Medical Center annual retirees luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8 - 11:30 at Lorenzo's, 39 Elm St. Cost is \$30 to be paid by April 30. Contact Elene Hanahan (203) 494-1092.

## 10th banquet

Westies Care, Inc., a recognized 501 (c) 3 charity is hosting its 10th Dinner, celebrating Education and Community on Sunday, May 19 at 5 at the Cielo Ballroom, 85 Chase Lane. The Class of 2019 includes Person Of The Year - John Lewis; Lifetime Community Service Awards will be given to Kathryn Gregory, Diane Milano, Teddi McKenna, Hilary Brentson, Paul Bronson and Paul Defonzo. The D'Andrea Group will be honored for Outstanding Leadership in Business. Student Honorees will be announce next week. Tickets are \$35. Proceeds are donated to students awards and scholarships. To purchase tickets, become a sponsor or donate a raffle prize, contact Phil Liscio, (203) 494-6021, phil.liscio@westiescare.org.

## Garden Clubs

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on today (day change) at St. Louis Church on Bill Hill Road at 11:30 a.m. A luncheon will then follow and the program will be speaker Ray Sola, Beekeeper.

Bradley Point Garden Club of West Haven will hold its monthly luncheon followed by a craft workshop at noon on Tuesday, May 21, in the lower level of Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road. New members are always welcome. Call Marie at (203) 878-8428.

## Used Book Sale

The First Congregational church, 464 Campbell Ave., will host its monthly Used Book Sale and Clothes Closet on Saturday May 11, between 9-2. As always there will be a large selection of books, including many romances and children's books in the basement and gently used clothing at very low prices upstairs. For info, call (203) 933-6291.

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## City's first poet laureate

Tony Fusco, holding a mayoral proclamation observing National Poetry Month, is appointed the honorary position of poet laureate of West Haven by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi during a ceremony Monday at City Hall. Along with announcing Fusco as the city's first poet laureate, Rossi issued the proclamation, saying, "Poetry affects every aspect of life in the United States today, including education, the economy, and community pride and development." As the city's official poet, Fusco, a lifelong resident who lives on Shingle Hill Road, will appear at readings and conduct workshops as an advocate for the reading and writing of poetry. He has written three books of poetry, including "Java Scripture," featuring poems about his youth, Savin Rock and Allingtown. His poetry has won many awards, including the prestigious Sunken Garden Poetry Prize. Fusco has a master's degree in creative writing from Southern Connecticut State University and is co-president of the Connecticut Poetry Society.



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