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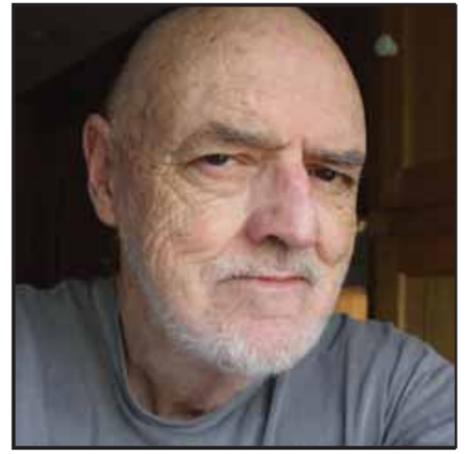
## Voice Profile

*A weekly in-depth interview*

"If I could do it all over again - I would."

-- Russ McCreven

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Photos by Todd Dandelske

## Class of '19

The West Haven HighSchool Class of 2019 marched into history last week with commencement exercises in Ken Strong Stadium before hundreds of family and friends. Above -- Superintendent of Schools Neil Cavallaro congratulates one of the seniors during the event that saw the schools chief shake the hands of each graduate. Afterwards there was time to show off custom mortarboards and the just-awarded diplomas.

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## Government Meetings

**Thursday, June 20** – Regional Water Authority, 12:30; RWA Policy Board, 6:30.

**Monday, June 24** -- City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 25** – Housing Authority, 8 p.m.; Planning & Zoning, City Hall, 7 p.m.; WHHS Building Committee, City Hall, 7 p.m.

**No further meetings are scheduled for June.**

### On this date:

**1991** -- The German parliament moves to Berlin. Bonn had been the capital of West Germany until the country's reunification in 1990.

**1975** -- The film Jaws is premiered. Steven Spielberg's thriller about a rogue great white shark terrorizing a summer resort town is often regarded as one of the greatest films of all time.

**1837** -- Victoria becomes Queen of the United Kingdom. She ruled for 64 years.

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## Weather

**Friday June 21** Cloudy with chance of showers. High 76F



Sunrise: 5:18 am  
Sunset: 8:27 pm  
Wind: WSW 10-20  
High Tide: 2:28 am; 3:02 pm

**Saturday June 22** Partly cloudy. High 78F



Sunrise: 5:19 am  
Sunset: 8:28 pm  
Wind: W 10-15  
High Tide: 3:14 am; 3:28 pm

**Sunday June 23** Mix of clouds and thunderstorms. High 77F



Sunrise: 5:19 am  
Sunset: 8:26 pm  
Wind: SSW 10-15  
High Tide: 4:02 am; 4:36 pm

**Monday June 24** More rain! High 76F



Sunrise: 5:19 am  
Sunset: 8:28 pm  
Wind: ESE 5-10  
High Tide: 4:53 am; 5:25 pm



## Kids' Forecast

Joseph Nunoo, age 18 months, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., predicts sunny weather, just right for a day at the beach!

## Things to Do

To have your event featured here email it to: [info@westhavenvoice.com](mailto:info@westhavenvoice.com)

West Haven High School Class of 1954 will be holding its class reunion on June 29, at App's Restaurant, West Haven at 1 p.m. The \$35 luncheon cost includes tax, tip, entrée with cash bar. Please call (203) 795-6619 to reserve.

West Haven High School Class of 1969 will hold its 50th reunion on Friday, Sept. 27, at Seasons located at 990 Foxon Road, East Haven, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. There will

be music provided by a DJ, a plentiful cocktail and hors d'oeuvre hour, buffet dinner along with open bar. The cost is \$75 per person. Checks should be made payable to Charlene Morgal and mailed to 18 Shumway St., West Haven. 06516. before Aug.15



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# Gregorio now 2nd GOP contender



Michele Gregorio announced her run for the Republican nomination for mayor last week.

Michele Gregorio, current vice-chairman of the West Haven Board of Finance and former Chairman of the West Haven Republican Party, did as expected last week, and announced her candidacy to run as the Republican nominee for mayor. She did so before a large contingent of supporters.

She becomes the second member of the city's minority party that is seeking the nomination. Three weeks ago, Planning & Zoning member Steven Mullins announced his run for the nomination.

The announcement brings to five the number of candidates, Republican, Democratic and Independent that are looking for the mayoralty.

Gregorio got a quick endorsement from former City Councilman-at-large David Riccio, who spoke for her at the event.

"Michele has natural leadership skills and has proven herself in the corporate world. A true professional in every sense and above all understands the obstacles that trouble West Haven residents. I am honored to serve as Michele's campaign manager," he said.

Meanwhile, Gregorio thanked her supporters, but

homed in on what ails the city and why it needs new leadership.

"Status quo politics has proven to be detrimental to our financial health and to the decline of our city. We must return West Haven to a city that

attracts businesses, increases our tax base, and allows families to thrive," she said. "Our city has suffered too long under 28 years of failed politics and lack of leadership. The status quo has done nothing  
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## WE'RE PROUD TO HELP LIGHT UP THE SKIES OF WEST HAVEN THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY!



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

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



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# Dear Felicia

Well honey bunch, the kiddies are outta school for the summer. Classes ended last week in these parts, and yew can see the happiness on the youngsters in these foist few days of vacation. Of course, we're not so sure the moms are that happy.

As expected, meanwhile, the number o' candidates for sitting on the thoid floor of the Actors Colony rose to five. Michele Gregorio announced her run for the Republican nomination for mayor in a gala last week. So, for those keepin' score, we have on the Demmie side: Herronner Nancy Rossi and City Clerk Deborah Collins. On the GOP side we have Steve Mullins, who announced a few weeks back, and Gregorio. Meanwhile, former Mayor Ed O'Brien is running as an independent in November, bypassing the primaries and saving his kopecks for the general election.

It's interesting that Mullins and Gregorio announced. I

don't remember the last time there was a primary in the GOP. With only 3,000-plus registered with the party, there is usually only one person looking for the nod. Now with two there is the plus of putting the party's platform out there early, and giving it some early publicity.

As far as we're concerned we like primaries. Primaries are generators of good copy and advertising. So, what 's not to like?

Sammy Bluejay, who happened by the Gregorio announcement said that one thing she said harkened him back to the late 1980s. Gregorio said that the city had to be run "like a business." We've hoid that mantra before, and it didn't go very well.

Those of us old enuff to remember can hear former Mayor Clem Evangeliste using those exact words in his run up to defeating Azelio "Sal" Guerra back in 1989. Evangeliste, of course, didn't run the

city like a business, and had trouble making ends meet.

Sammy hoped that setch a memory would not hurt Gregorio, who has a background in business. There's many ways to say something, but methinks when some old-timers heard or read that a shudder when up their spines.

Sammy said, too, that Steve Mullins is taking the high road and saying he will enjoy the intramural fight betwixt himself and Gregorio. I don't know how that's gonna turn out, but Cobina will make one prediction.

The GOP fight toward the nod will be a lot more civil than will the fight betwixt Rossi and Collins. Yew can bet the mortgage on it. There is too much baggage there between the factions, and they jest don't like each other. The GOP fight will be a tea party whilst the Demmies will have a cage match.

*The interesting thing about all the announcements so far - and this is brought to you by the wag who keeps tabs on setch things - is that they have been almost all the same. Every one, Republican or Demmie, has said the city needs to be a friend to business, expand the tax base, development, etc.*

*What is missing from all o' them - and what we hope to hear come the middle o' the summer - is jest how they plan on doing same. Development in town has been a problem for more than two*

*decades. And, here it is the middle o' June already, and nothing has happened at the Haven. And few are expecting anything to happen there at least in the short term.*

*Everyone talks comprehensive development, but there are no real plans. Herronner put out a statement last week I guess after she had got criticized by her new opponent, marking out her territory as far as development is concerned. We shall see how that all plays out.*

*What we're waiting to see is what, specifically, they have planned for the city, and what they hope will happen within those specifics. The last specific plan was Rich Borer's "Gateway" plan from the late 1990s and that didn't exactly come out the way everyone had hoped.*

Nelly Nuthatch tells me that it's coming down to crunch time for the Charter Revision Commish. With the deadline coming up sometime after July 4, the committee is scrambling to make sure they schedule the requisite public hearings on the proposals they've come up with that have passed muster by the legal eagles for the city.

Last week, you'll remember, the barristers finally came in with their vetting of the proposals after weeks and weeks of delay. It was a note to Cobina that I shared with yew two weeks ago, that seemed to prompt the members of the bar to get their backsides in gear and git the work done

so that the process could continue.

This is gonna be an interesting process, hon. The public will git its first look-see at the proposals. And they should be something. We know that the commish determined the city should go in different directions on some things and those directions will be quite different that we around here are used to seeing.

Still, the City Council gits the final say on what gits put on the ballot or not, and that has some on the commish in a dither. Charter revision has failed over the last two or three times cuz the politicos got involved and put the kibosh on them. There is hope that a public airing of the proposals will cut down on the chicanery that so characterizes our little corner of the universe. We shall see.

*As Iyam scribing this week's missive, the tax bills still had not come out, but were expected any time now. Maybe by the time yew read this they will have been delivered. As yew remember the MARB determined that Herronner's Recommended Budget didn't comply with the agreement of the five-year plan, witch calls for tax increases over the length of it to 40 mills.*

*With that in mind, they upped the ante .46 mills over the flat increase that Mrs. Rossi had in her document. That maneuver slowed up the process a bit, and tax bills were being processed a little behind schedule cuz of it. Still, don't be surprised effen we see more For Sale signs go up in the coming weeks. This is the time o' year when people sell property, but it's gonna be exacerbated by the tax increase. Bet on it.*

Whilst all that is going on, we commend to yore reading the editorial in today's papyrus. We stand behind the idea of a look-out, or belvedere, on the new Savin Rock. And, we note that Mayor Rossi has come out in favor of the idea provided it's a private effort. The Carousel Committee is advocating for it. What we're all worried about is that the idea will fail for lack of a second, so to speak. Whilst it's a good one, like the Carousel that the committee has been trying for years to get here, the belvedere might just be another flash in the pan. We certainly hope the carousel is brought here and a pavilion constructed like we hope this look-out could be constructed.

There is a big step betwixt the idea and its concrete application in the form of a project.

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

*Cobina*

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# 'Belvedere' gets nod from Rossi

The idea to have a look-out constructed at the top of Savin Rock got a boost recently, with the go-ahead given by the city's top administrator. Mayor Nancy Rossi said she would support the idea of a look-out, or belvedere built on the site, but with conditions.

"I think the history of West Haven and Savin Rock is important to our community. I would be willing to sit down with anyone who would like to discuss a lookout point atop Savin Rock. The look-out point would need to be funded privately and I would be more than happy to help raise money should it be a feasible and possible project. I have not been approached about this idea yet but look forward to those discussions in the future," she said.

The idea for the look-out was reintroduced three weeks ago by Michael Mercuriano, chairman of the West Haven Carousel Committee, who first proposed the idea more than a decade ago. The recent clean-up of the city's most iconic landmark has prompted the committee to look at the idea again.

That doesn't mean its primary goal of putting a carousel at the Savin Rock Museum has changed, the members are still looking to fund a building to house a 65-foot carousel.

The move was prompted by the city's massive beautification project at the shore landmark, where trees and dense brush were removed, and the "Rock" returned to the way it looked decades ago.

"The Carousel Committee is exploring the possibility of installing a look-out pavilion atop of Savin Rock. We want to restore the history of Savin Rock, reminiscent of the mid-1800's when an observatory stood majestically on the Rock," said Carousel Committee Chairman Michael Mercuriano in a press release.

The look-out tower – or "belvedere" – was on the Rock through the early part of the 20th Century, when the Savin Rock amusement park was fast becoming a go-to place for summer visitors.

Mercuriano said the look-out dovetails with the Carousel Committee's efforts to bring a merry-go-round to the city as part of paying homage to its history as a resort and amusement area – something he personally believes developers should look into exploiting.

"We think it will be a great attraction to the city of West Haven and a source of pride to the citizens of West Haven," Mercuriano said in the press release. "It would beautify the shoreline and reflect a testament to preserving the history

of old Savin Rock. The location next to our educational Savin Rock museum is ideal."

That project calls for a pavilion constructed as an adjunct to the Savin Rock Museum and a large merry-go-round placed there similar to the one that was on Beach Street until the amusement park was closed in 1966. A carousel made by the Philadelphia Toboggan Company, makers of the original ride, has been eyed for the site.

The committee's plan for the site would include a walkway entrance, which would be three-tiered would begin at the handicapped area. Rossi's OK a step in the right direction. The committee is looking to secure other support.



This rendering gives an idea of what the Carousel committee is proposing for Savin Rock.

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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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## Renewed idea for tower a winning notion for Rock

Anyone passing by Savin Rock has to be impressed with the clean-up that was done in April. Over the decades the landmark had become overgrown and was far from the way it was depicted in bygone era postcards.

With the new look comes the reincarnation of an old idea. The West Haven Carousel Committee, formed more than a decade ago to bring a carousel to the area, has rekindled the idea of putting a look-out - or belvedere - on the crest of the Rock. Chairman Michael Mercuriano, a longtime supporter of having attractions along the city's shorefront, introduced the idea several years ago.

The belvedere is shown in a drawing Mercuriano's group had done when it was introduced in the early 2000s. Like its predecessors in the early 1900s, the look-out would be a gazebo-type construction allowing those who use it to see out onto Long Island Sound as well as the surrounding area.

The idea would include telescopes that would bring the harbor into closer view as well as the area around the breakwaters and the area toward Milford. The approach could be by a staircase or conforming the natural formations in the landmark to allow visitors to climb up to the attraction.

The belvedere would - and should - be built with private donations, but maintained by the city once it is in place. Of course, the Land Trust of West Haven, Inc. would have to give its imprimatur on the project, but the fact it is enhancing the passive park that is the Boardwalk, we see no reason why there should be objection.

Mayor Nancy Rossi has given tacit approval of the idea, as long as city funds are not used to construct it, and she said she was willing to work with groups who are behind it. That is all positive.

What we hope does not happen, however, is that the idea stalls and becomes just another "possibility" without seeing fruition. It has been many years since the Carousel Committee has proposed the carousel for the area near the Savin Rock Museum. That idea has stalled.

We understand part of the problem is location, but it cannot be disputed that very little has actually happened with the carousel in years. Originally planned as a large-scale carousel similar to the one that was at the former amusement park, the project has been scaled back to a one size down attraction.

Regardless, the fundraising for the project, estimated at \$3 million when it was first announced 15 or more years ago, has virtually ceased. We hope the carousel comes to the area, but we don't hold out much hope since there seems to be little or no progress in the matter. We don't want to see the same thing happen with the look-out. It is a fine idea and one that the committee should take and get other organizations involved. The West Haven Historical Society, and other civic and fraternal groups, should be part of the effort.

In order for the belvedere to become realized, it will take more than fine talk and bright ideas. It will take action, and that action has to be serious and unrelenting. Savin Rock now looks similar to those depictions of many decades ago. It is part of the city's "jewel in the crown" that is the shorefront. Making it more attractive is something we should all strive to achieve. We support the effort. Now let's see it become reality.



## CEOs and lack of morality

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

Clarity of thought and expression about moral issues is not a core competency of CEOs.

If anyone had any doubt, look no further than the "historic" pro-abortion statement by nearly 200 CEOs that ran in a full-page ad in The New York Times. It is a festival of absurdity and euphemism, an exercise in perverse virtue-signaling to a progressive audience that believes that maintaining one of the most permissive pro-abortion regimes in the developed world is a virtue.

The CEOs define abortion as "equality" ("Don't Ban Equality") and, of course, refer to it as "comprehensive reproductive care," the ubiquitous phrase that has the advantage of sounding like the opposite of what it's describing.

The CEOs contend that abortion is central to their businesses, which might be true if all of their companies had the same business model as Planned Parenthood. But Bloomberg L.P., Amalgamated Bank and H&M, to name three of the companies whose CEOs signed the ad, are hardly dependent on abortion to thrive.

The old saw was, "What's

good for General Motors is good for America." Now, according to top CEOs, what's good for abortion is good for American business. They seem to consider abortion a crucial component of GDP just like personal consumption, business investment, government spending and net exports.

They argue that "equality in the workplace" is an important business issue, and it is impossible to achieve without unrestricted access to abortion. Any restriction "threatens the health, independence and economic stability of our employees and customers."

The idea that abortion is necessary for the health of women is one of the most misleading pro-abortion cliches. Comprehensive data from Florida last year shows that only a small percentage involve a threat to the mother's life or health, and pro-life laws account for such cases -- even the sweeping Alabama law has a health exception.

The contention that restrictions put "the economy at risk" is nonsensical. Are we supposed to believe that the reduction of the abortion rate in the U.S. from its high in 1980 of 29.3 abortions per 1,000 women of childbearing age to its post-Roe v. Wade low of 14.6 as of 2014 has been a ca-

lamity for corporate America?

By this standard, Utah must be a terrible place to do business since its abortion rate is so low, and the District of Columbia an enticing place to do business since its abortion rate is so high. To the contrary, Forbes ranks Utah as the second-best state for business in the country.

The implication is that these CEOs prefer that their employees and customers not become mothers, or if they are mothers, not have more children. It apparently hasn't occurred to them that unborn children will grow up to buy their products or perhaps work for their firms one day.

The CEO ad is another sign that the debate over abortion has entered a new phase. It isn't enough anymore to say that abortion should be safe, legal and rare, the old Bill Clinton formulation, because that implies a moral disapproval. Now, abortion is a positive good.

Pro-life laws will have to prevail against this inflamed pro-abortion sentiment -- and the swath of big business that shares it.

Rich Lowry is editor  
of the National Review.  
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**Gripe Vine Readers:**  
 This columnist has received many complaints over the years and a number of them just this year already, of blight conditions in West Haven. These gripes most often are of overgrown grass, abandoned automobiles, household and commercial refuse left on the curb, including bathroom fixtures. The local public works have cooperated and backed up my requests for cleanups from residents.

West Haven's Mayor Nancy R. Rossi has issued a statement on blight regulations. I will paraphrase and inform my readers of just what is expected of property owners in West Haven. If you need more information, you can call the Building Department at (203) 937-3590 for additional details. But, for those of my readers and all West Haven property owners, here's the mayor's blight regulations:

Under Chapter 129 of the West Haven Code, those who violate the 'Blight Prevention' Ordinance, are subject to fines.

In 2012 the ordinance was adopted by the City Council, allowing the city has more control when targeting properties in disrepair. It defines property owners as "any person owning, leasing, occupying or having charge or possession of any private property in the City of West Haven to maintain such premises."

I would like to include here that defining blight in Gripe Vine covers a number of issues, including those described in the opening paragraph of this column. But to clarify blights, the city's ordinance says, ".it prohibits motor vehicles, overgrown grass and weeds, as well as other negative elements that cause the "serious depreciation of property values" or hinder the enjoyment of properties elsewhere.

Now, here's what I think you might want to remember the ordinance includes grass, weeds or similar vegetation, excluding flowers, fruits and vegetables, may not "reach and remain at a height of eight inches or greater for a period of 10 days or longer." This ordinance also includes graffiti and unkempt swimming pools. There is a violation of a \$100 fine per offense per day. The first offense a violation warning is issued, the second offense results in a citation. If the fine is unpaid, according to the city's regulations, a lien can be put on property for any unpaid fine imposed by the city from the date it was levied, which can result in a foreclosure. Complaints are kept confidential.

So, readers, those of you who complain to Gripe Vine, I follow through with your district councilman or councilwoman. I have been writing this col-

### WHEAT to offer food to kids

The WHEAT food pantry will distribute food twice a month to West Haven school-age children under 18. The increased distribution is set for June, July and August, said Rose Majestic, executive director of the West Haven Emergency Assistance Task Force. Families must bring a valid photo ID and two current pieces of mail with their correct name and address on them. WHEAT, 674 Washington Ave., is open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 2-4:30 p.m. and the third Saturday.

## By Eleanore Turkington



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

umn for over 16 years. I have been an improvement in West Haven's appearances. There were evacuated, stone-covered property entrances, piles of discarded furniture on curbs, overflowing trash cans curbside and abandoned autos.

In all truthfulness, there has been quite an improvement in West Haven's appearance. Great job to property owners who have complied with city regulations! To those who write me with complaints

of broken fences, litter filled yards, broken car parts on display; don't stop now!

Call the city's phone number in today's column and if you don't see any improvement or receive little cooperation, WRITE TO GRIPEVINE! Gripevine4wh@aol.com or mail your gripe to Gripe Vine 666 Savin Avenue c/o West Haven Voice.

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## Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

The Rev. Ernest Bodenweber  
This week we continue our series honoring First Church's 300th Anniversary; the following was written 10 years ago:

Something always seemed to guide the teenaged Ernest Bodenweber toward his life's calling.

His family's church was just a block or two from their home, and much of their family life seemed focused around that church.

Their minister, Dr. Harold C. Phillips, a world-renowned Baptist preacher, was young Ernie's hero.

Another of his heroes was Harry Emerson Fosdick, minister of Riverside Church in New York City; Ernie began reading Fosdick's books as a teenager, and soon had read every one of them. Two of his other heroes were his maternal grandparents, whom he would later describe as "very spiritual, very Christ-like people; very genuine, dedicated, unassuming Christian people."

Young Ernie knew that he didn't want to become a teacher, because that was the work his parents had chosen. His father recognized Ernie's

gift and love for music, and urged him to become a musician. Meanwhile, his mother believed he should become a doctor.

Even though Ernie did not see in any of these a reasonable career goal, he did spend some time as a hospital orderly and also tried his hand at social work; although he enjoyed the hospital environment, neither career path appealed to him. Through these experiences however, he began to recognize his own gift for ministering to others. Something was indeed steering him into a life in the ministry.

Ernest Bodenweber attended Cleveland Heights High School, and then pursued his BA degree at Denison University in Ohio.

After graduating, he then attended Andover-Newton Theological School, achieving his BD degree in 1952.

Ernie was ordained that same year by the Hampshire Association of the Massachusetts Conference of United Church of Christ.

He then spent the first half of his working life at three different Massachusetts churches.

He met Dorothy Tekel at a

church fellowship meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, and married her in 1955.

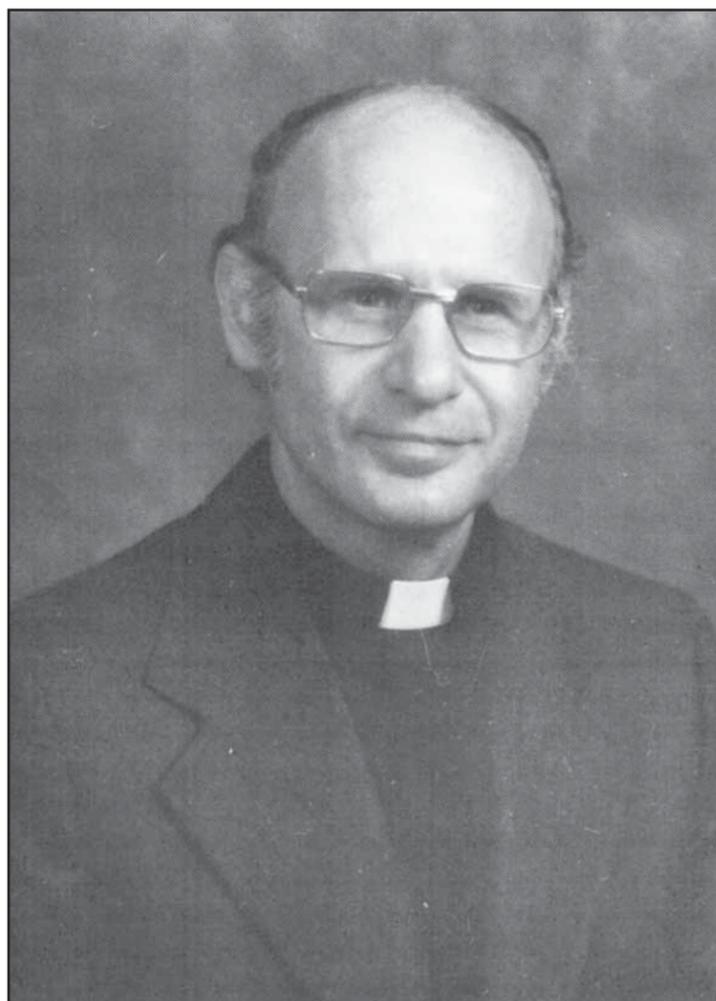
Sometime later, the Bodenwebers had two daughters, Jennifer and Joanna.

It isn't often that someone's name so accurately describes their demeanor—Ernie is first and foremost an earnest man. It was our good fortune that he eventually came to First Church, and spent the entire second half of his career (1969-1988) with us: he stayed, and he stayed, and he stayed, right up until his retirement.

Meanwhile, his wife Dorothy was also active at First Church, serving as Assistant Superintendent of the Church School.

She also volunteered considerable time in the greater community. Dorothy died suddenly and unexpectedly in 1977, and the church grieved deeply for the Bodenweber family.

In 1982, Ernie married Muriel Beck, daughter of this church's Deacon Harold Bone and Marie Bone. Today, Ernie and Muriel live in Derby. Ernie, who looks and moves like a much younger man, looks back fondly on his years with



THE REV. ERNEST BODENWEBER

First Church.

He remembers that he always felt the loyalty,

support, love and acceptance of our congregation—and so it should be.

# Council chair calls for seat at table

The chairman of the City Council has decried the way the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) does its work, limiting participation by the public and by elected officials in its process to get the city's finances under control.

During the May 30 meeting of MARB in Hartford, council Chairman Ron Quagliani (D-at-large) said he was advocating for "the people behind the spreadsheets."

The state-appointed commission put the city under its purview in 2017 when a bond issue passed by the council paid off the long-standing deficit. The empaneling of the commission was a surprise to incoming Mayor Nancy Rossi, who learned of it two days after taking the oath of office.

Only two cities are under the scrutiny of the MARB, Hartford and West Haven.

The May 30 meeting was scheduled to review the mayor's rejected budget and impose a tax increase. In the end the panel added a .46 mill increase to the budget as part of the agreement between it and the city in the five-year plan that is to make the city solvent.

Quagliani as chairman of the council has a seat at the table, but he does not have a vote in the matters that come before it regarding the city. He has voiced his frustration with the panel in the past, saying the makeup of the committee is such that they are bureaucrats, rather than those used to dealing with the political process. This makes them unwilling, he believes, to listen to the concerns of the taxpayers as voiced through their representatives.

In his remarks, Quagliani said he wanted to impress on the committee that people, not numbers are impacted by the decisions made.

"Our residents have had to bear high taxation and the reduction of services for decades. Allingtown residents have been particularly hit hard with multi-year tax increases and a mid-year supplemental tax increase this past year," he said. "City services have been reduced across every department. Recently our 911 dispatchers, and fire fighters stepped up and committed to multi-year wage freezes and reduced benefits all while absorbing increased health care costs. The staffing levels for police, fire, public works, and many city departments have significantly less employees today compared to 20 years ago."

He told the panel that public input is important, and that he attempts to give as much latitude as he can when the City Council meets.

"Some question why I don't restrict public comment at our council meetings as it can sometimes last for hours. My answer is simple: The people are why we are here, we were elected by the people to do the people's business....the people have the absolute right to address their elected officials and be heard about issues that affect them. The people should and must be part of the process," he said.

That brought Quagliani to the point of his comments. He asked the rhetorical question, if the people are to be part of the process, shouldn't their elected officials have a voice with MARB?

"We, the elected West Haven City Council and the mayor, are the com-

munity's representatives and I'd argue that the public and the City Council should be able to participate in important decisions that you, the MARB, are making which impact our community yet no one on the MARB board lives in our community, he said. "The current MARB process does not include City Council participation or public participation. Ideas, suggestions, or concerns can only be offered by traveling to MARB meetings in Hartford where you are limited to a two-minute statement prior to the MARB meeting. This is not how the democratic process should work."

He asked how the panel can do the process completely, leaving out the people paying the bills?

"I heard at the last MARB sub-committee meeting, when the discussion of increasing the mill rate took place, that some comments from board members that a tax increase can reduce our city's ability to compete - which is true, or that it can stifle economic development - which is also true, and one member even made the comment that 'no one likes to pay more in taxes.' I want you to understand that for many of our residents 'like to pay' implies they have an option - but many do not. The faces behind these numbers have told us that loud and clear.

He told of an Allingtown resident, who has owned her home for over 50 years will have to make a choice whether to pay the taxes or pay for her medication, another resident in his 70s is now having to try and find part-time work to make ends meet. Many others have addressed us, some in tears, imploring us to please find another way.

"West Haven is at a cross-roads," he told the committee. "We are at the point where longtime home-owners that have the ability to pay are asking 'why should they?' and selling their homes and leaving our community. I am a lifelong resident who loves West Haven as they do, I don't want them to go but I can't blame them. Let's give them a reason to stay, let's take our foot off the gas, just a bit. Many of those left can't leave and are making a choice which bill goes unpaid or what other cutbacks can be made.

Financial stability only comes with a vibrant community," he said.

Quagliani said the work of the panel and the elected officials are trying to reverse more than a quarter-century of decision-making.

"We are being tasked with addressing 25 years of financial decisions in a very short time," he said. "Our five-year financial plan is a framework that allows us to achieve a positive financial outcome and positions us for stability. As long as the outcomes are real and achievable how we get there should be flexible. We know that specific revenues and expenses will change. We are currently outperforming the plan and making progress faster than projected which is why I feel we need to make decisions that will keep our residents here a priority."

He asked the MARB that elected officials have a real - voting - voice at the panel's deliberations.

"These important decisions that affect our community should also be deliberated in a public forum by our body made up of West Haven residents who answer directly to the people."

# McCreven more than a photographer

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

Russ McCreven has been a fixture in the community for decades.

For some he's been a photographer for various sporting and civic events.

For many he was their former teacher and head of the Social Studies Dept. at West Haven High School.

Working there for 35 years before his retirement, McCreven's name has been found as a photo credit in city publications going back to the 1970s.

McCreven said he has always had an interest in youth sports and got his start at the newspaper writing pieces for the sports section. At the time, he said he had no interest in photography. But an old friend, the late Bob Tingley, who was sports editor of the old West Haven City News kept trying

## Dog license renewals due

Residents who own dogs must renew their licenses from June 1-30 or face a \$1 monthly fine, City Clerk Deborah Collins said.

State law requires dog owners to submit a current rabies vaccination certificate when applying for the new dog tags. Expired certificates are not accepted. The fee for the two licenses, which are available in the city clerk's office at City Hall, 355 Main St., is \$8 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$19 for other dogs. Failure to renew a license can result in a \$75 fine. Residents can also send vaccination records and checks in a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the city clerk's office, P.O. Box 526,

West Haven 06516.

In conjunction with Dog Licensing Month, the city clerk's office will hold its second annual Dog Contest for residents who license their dogs before June 30. The office will draw a winner in early July, and the winning dog will receive a gift basket and a "No. 1" dog tag and have its photo published in local newspapers.

## WHCH registration open for program

West Haven Community House Head Start has openings for preschool children. Part day and full day options are available for West Haven income eligible families. Head Start provides family resources, free monthly activities, food and diaper distribution, health and wellness screenings, and services for children with special needs. Visit [www.whcommunityhouse.org](http://www.whcommunityhouse.org) or call (203) 934-5221.

to get him involved.

"The first print I ever did was Jon Capone - the (current) athletic director," said McCreven. "Although at the time he was a senior on the baseball team. They went on to win a state championship that year (1973)."

A "stringer" for the City News and the New Haven Register, when it was on Orange Street in the Elm City, McCreven covered the high school hockey triple-headers at the New Haven Arena (just across the street from the paper), and write up the games for the Sunday and Wednesday edition.

He was also the announcer at the Arena games, and became the "Voice of West Haven hockey" for more than 20 years at the Edward L. Bennett Rink, and covered the games at the New Haven Veterans Memorial Coliseum. But photography quickly became his forte - but now without a lot of trial and error.

He said while his original photos were not great, he has been doing ever since. According to McCreven, he learned and improved his photography through practice, books on the topic, and talking to other photographers.

He also held the position of sports editor for the West Haven News (the name changed when the Milford Citizen bought the paper) for about a decade after Tingley passed away suddenly in 1984. Tingley, like McCreven was a

teacher, and did a stint as the city's Park-Rec Director. He became the sports editor of the City News when Bob Joyce bought the Town Crier and revamped the periodical. That was 1971.

"He was a very good friend of mine," said McCreven. "For anyone who liked sports, he was the main man."

While McCreven is still a photographer for various publications, his main job was as the head of the Social Studies Department at the high school. He said he started teaching there in 1961, and got the promotion three years later.

"There were very few people applying for the job because, supposedly, it was a pain in the neck," said McCreven. "It turned out to be true some extent."

Being able to see the students as athletes and as scholars have him a unique perspective when writing his weekly sports stories, he said. McCreven said he enjoyed both jobs and that made them easy to do.

"I got along with the kids and the kids got along with me," said McCreven. "I would say the 35 years that I taught were very noteworthy. I rarely ran into kids I did not like."

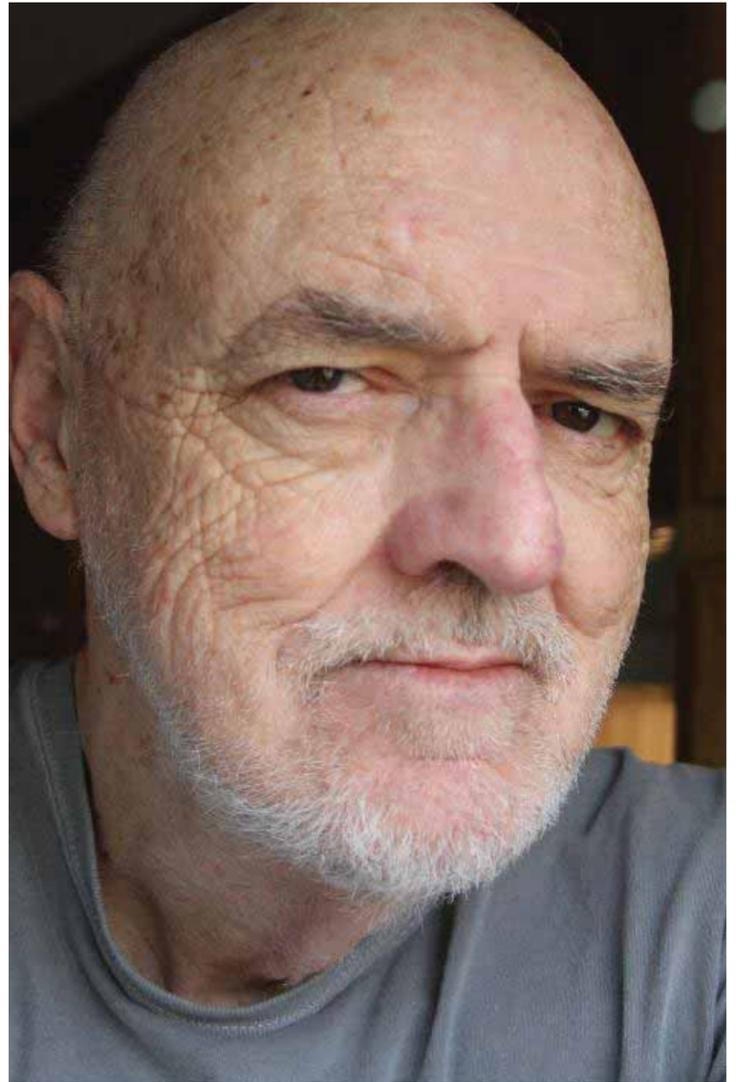
After retiring in 1996, McCreven focused on his work at the News and the nascent West Haven Voice.

He said he likes it because it keeps him occupied and he finds having a deadline each week mentally beneficial.

His wife, Ann, passed away about a decade ago, and it was decided he would leave the home they made and live in a nearby condominium, where he has been ever since. His three children, Sheila, Melinda and Sean, still keep tabs on him, making sure he has what he needs, but they need

not worry about him being active. He still can be seen on his bike, or walking around the neighborhood. McCreven, a Westie, lives about five blocks from the house he was raised in. He said he has enjoyed his life here immensely.

"If I could do it all over again - I would," said McCreven.



Russ McCreven in a self-portrait.

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# Gregorio

Continued from page 3 but increase our taxes, give us declining property values, eliminate the enjoyment of our rich heritage, deteriorate the city with blight, stagnate any real economic development and make our citizens and businesses flee."

She said the prospect of new taxes as proposed over the next several years will signal a further decline in the city. The Municipal Accountability Review Board has set a 40-mill maximum over the next five years to bring the city to solvency. With fire taxes, that would put the average tax burden at more than 50 mills.

"I have heard the people loud and clear – no more tax increases. With a mill rate that is being proposed to soar over 50 mills, the burden on the taxpayers will be more than most can bear. It is time for the city to be run like a business and use business models that can be easily identifiable and applicable to not only our everyday operations, but also to smart short- and long-term planning, with a commitment to reduce wasteful spending," she said. "We must eliminate duplication of services, out-source services where cost savings are attainable, and work with our legislators to eliminate unfunded mandates once and for all. We must address the long-term implications of our labor benefits in the insurance and pension areas and address the continuing harmful practices of bonding deficits."

She said the city's workforce and education staff should be brought into the process to find new methods and correct problems in current methods. She then turned to development.

"City-wide, robust, economic development will make our community a leader in the area. It is critical that we smartly assess any new housing that will impact our safety services and our schools. And we cannot let developers set the tone and allow projects to linger and give our citizens false hope," she said. "We must have a vision for all our neighborhoods that will invite developers to join us in the renaissance of West Haven and not have developers dictate what they believe are West Haven needs."

A lifelong Connecticut resident, Gregorio was the Financial Controller at BIC Corporation in Milford, for the global company's lighter division where she managed a \$90 million budget until her 2018 retirement.

Mullins said this week he looks forward to the competition for the GOP nod.



Photo courtesy of JoAnn Callegari

## Weekend Entertainer

Local troubadour "Papa Bill" was caught by local shutterbug JoAnn Callegari during one of his afternoon sets at the Boardwalk along the shore. Using a car battery to power his electric guitar, the singer takes requests and entertains many along the beach who are looking for leisurely stroll or to just sit and listen.



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# "Big Screen on the Green"

## Summer Movie Schedule on West Haven Green

Entertainment, Vendors, Food Trucks, Crafts for Kids starts at 6:00.

Movie will start at sunset.

- 7/12 ET
- 7/19 Mrs. Doubtfire
- 7/26 Mary Poppins
- 8/2 Dirty Dancing
- 8/9 The Goonies
- 8/16 Cars
- 8/23 Bye Bye Birdie
- 8/30 Grease

\* Raindates will be 9/6, 9/13, 9/20



## Sawicki places 5th in NC national meet

Notre Dame High School's Jason Sawicki of West Haven (shown with ND Head Coach Glenn Xavier) took his high jumping talents to the New Balance National Track Meet in Greensboro, NC and came home with a fifth-place finish. He competed on Friday in Aggie Stadium on the campus of North Carolina A&T University.

Sawicki, who qualified for the event when he cleared 6-6 at the SCC Championship Meet on May 21, cleared the first qualifying height of 6-2 on his first attempt. Sawicki then cleared the next height, 6-4 1/4, on his first attempt also.

Despite missing on his three allowed attempts on the next height, 6-6 1/2, Sawicki would finish in a fifth place tie among the 42 competitors in this event.



Photos by Russ McCreven

### WHLL in action

The West Haven Little League, which has been teaching boys and girls the national pastime since the 1951 season continues play at Morse Park -- the same place it's been since the beginning. The Cubs and Brewers were the competition when Voice photographer Russ McCreven picked up the action Monday night.



# Youth Soccer season winding down

The U-10 girls travel team met in Shelton for its last game of the season. Lexi Lucas put the Westies on the scoreboard in the first half with a shot in the corner. The second goal was scored by Michelle Mora-Cyrus, also in the first half of the game. Kayci Gayle was unstoppable in defense and Kaylee Pellino made great passes and helped moved the ball forward. The trio of Camilla Murphy, Lexi Lucas and Cristel Miguel worked hard in the midfield. With a controversial game-tying goal, the game ended 2-2. The Westies team finished 6-0-1 in league play and 7-1-2 overall.

The West Haven U-19 blue team ended the season on a high note as it beat its rival white team, 8-0, on Saturday afternoon. The team had a very successful season going 11-4-4, which included a trip all the way to the Connecticut Cup Semifinals.

In Saturday's game Ricardo López blasted a 40 yard free kick that banged off the cross bar and Derick Meza was in the right place at the right time to slam it in the goal. Meza added his second goal of the game in the 2nd half for his 11th goal of the season.

Javier Yanez scored twice

and ended the season with 19 goals to lead the team. Danny Morales scored from just inside the box for his 16th goal of the season. Hugo Castillo, Ty Reeves, and Ricardo Lopez all added goals in the contest. Bilal Salim, Shawn Tarpeh, Ricardo Lopez, Kevin Arce and Kevin Duran led the defense.

West Haven white team played again on Sunday, traveling to Ansonia. While losing the game, both teams played with exceptional sportsmanship. Phillip Smith got the goal in a 2-1 defeat, with the assist from Youssoupha Cisse.

The Elite Soccer Camps U-14 girls went to Clinton Friday night, clinching the league with the 3-0 win.

Abigail Phelan, Ariana Izzo and Olivia Trenchard bossed the midfield, and Cassie Wadeka recorded the shutout. Julia Tsakonias picked up two goals, and Emma Walker picked up the third. Camryn Flaherty was solid on defense in the win.

The U-9 girls travel team finished its season on a high note with a 4-0 win over visiting Prospect.

Kylie Gibbons scored twice while Sophia Empric and Lynnie Chesson also added goals. In addition to scoring, Ches-

son combined with Lulu Sebas to earn the shutout in goal. Hailey Dargon and Arianna Throm locked down the defensive end.

The Elite Soccer Camps Blue Sharks lost a close game to the West Haven Police Local 895 on Saturday, 12-11.

Andrew Knuth, Ben Trenchard, Jax Guarino, Ryan Abekah and Matteo D'Elia all scored for the Sharks, while Jacob Rader and Roland Green scored for the Police.

The U-9 Gunning Law Firm Grey Wolves lost to Shoreline Wellness, 3-1. Kylie Gibbons scored for the Grey Wolves. Nylah Arthur showed good speed at forward and Kierra-Kellie Rolfe and Valentina Muriel-Parej used excellent footskills at midfield while Daniela Bazar anchored the defense. For the Green Leafs, Lia Powers' scored the three winning goals for the Green Leafs. All of the girls played strong and have improved so much through the season

The Keenan Funeral Home Yellow Jackets played Cap-petta's Italian Imports on Saturday and won, 4-0. Madison Gargiulo had a great passing game and Alivia Reilly played good defense. Goals were scored by Kaylee Pellino, Ca-

milla Murphy, Cristel Miguel and Lexi Lucas.

The Arctic Wolves defeated West Shore Family Dental, 1-0. Joe Sperry, Jr. scored the lone goal in the final minute of the match, assisted by the Arctic Wolves leading scorer, Mekayan Fowler. Carson Frost made a lot of key saves in the first half in net and Victor Magana Preciado played keeper in the second half to preserve the shutout.

Frost, along with Sylvan Lora and Langston Golding, also played hard on defense and Xavier Nogue and Abdel Al-maksoudi controlled the midfield, giving the attack many opportunities to score.

The Nick's Luncheonette Dragons played Oyster River Energy, winning, 5-0. Mason Pantan, Andrew Loehn and Alexander Hulse were the stars of the day.

In an action packed game between the Top Hat Dance Academy Shamrocks and the Italian American Civic Assn Lightning, the Shamrocks won, 9-5.

Ariel Titus was fantastic on offense scoring six goals as Sihaya Robinson followed through with three goals. Olivia Egraca put the pressure on the Lightning's offense while

Ava Boykin hustled down the field and Chelsea Frost had two key blocks.

The Porto Funeral Home Green Dragons played Gunning Law Firm, with the Green Dragons, winning, 8-6. Adam Lennon led the way with three goals. Mohammed Lamkhan-tar added two goals and Kier-nan Cerullo played well over-all for the Green Dragons.

The Rock House School of Music Soccer Rockers played three games Saturday. In game one, Nathalie Rivas played well on outside defense making some key defensive stops. Julianne Manaci did well on offense, and Magaly Lilannay Romero worked in midfield.

Game two saw Mya Ajana-cha and Joyce Delgado work hard as forwards, taking many shots on goal.

Michael Tomkins worked on the defensive side. In the final game, Genesis Linares and Bella Fletcher handled the defensive duty. Sarah Davey and Asia Ford did great work as midfielders.

The George Ellis Company, Inc boys also played three games Saturday, going 2-1 on the day. Aldair Saucedo scored, while Victor Smith, Aldair Saucedo, and Noah Rader were outstanding in net.

Photos by Russ McCreven

## Right down Broadway!

This looks like it might be right down the middle for this Cubs' batter in Monday nights' West Haven Little League action at Morse Park. The Cubbies were tangling with the Brewers in a Major League contest.



## Mets club Pirates; Sox edge out Dodgers in SHJBL

Maurizio Urriola had a home run and a pair of triples with seven RBI as the Gunning Law Firm Mets defeated the Augliera Movers Pirates, 12-4. Ryan Malone had two hits including a double and scored three runs, and Michael Anderson had two hits for the Mets. Marcus Vitolo and Bank Tighe had 2 hits a piece for the

Pirates.

The Duffy's Tavern Red Sox beat the Leslie Jewelers Dodgers, 6-5.

The Mets, behind the strong relief pitching of Matt Pasacreta who had eight strike outs in three innings, defeat the Dodgers, 8-3. Tommy Vets had two hits including a double, and Danny Potter had triple and

three RBI for the Mets. Rui Dasilva had a pair of doubles, and Mike Luth had a key hit and scored two runs for the Dodgers.

The All-Star game will be played on June 29 at the West Haven Sports Complex with softball starting at 3 p.m., followed by the homerun derby, the awarding of scholarships, and the senior game.

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# From the desk of . . . *Bill Riccio, Jr.*

Sometimes sitting behind the editor's desk isn't the font of information many people think it is. There are times – many times, in fact – when things go on and the editor is the last one to know it. Everyone expects that intuitively we can find things out, and have “sources” all over the place. Sometimes the sources think other sources have filled in the blanks and the result is not finding out anything.

Then there are times that life keeps us busy, and we are not in touch with what is going on. That happened this week. I happened outside the office and saw Sandy LoRusso, the elder half of the “two sisters” of political fame, the other being Deb Evangelista. Over the years, the two acquired the name for their working in tan-

dem in politics, starting out as young mothers oh so many years ago.

Anyway, Sandy sees me and she looks a bit distraught. “What's the matter?”

Then she tells me. Charles A. “Chuck” Marino passed away. I was in Albany over the weekend and hadn't heard. She was surprised I hadn't. I wasn't, but that's the way things are.

Chuck, 76, passed away and his funeral was held at Our Lady of Victory Church Tuesday. Chuck's obituary appears adjacent to this column, and if he knew I was writing it, there would be hell to pay.

For several years during the 2000s, Chuck Marino worked for the Voice as a sales representative, and while he was here, the paper was doing fairly well. Marino had a per-

sonality, gift of gab, and overall goodness that drew people to him, and made them feel at ease.

There were times I listened to him on the phone, or watched him schmooze potential advertisers here in the office. He had the knack that many sales people wish they had. He was comfortable in his own skin, and very relaxed in his delivery. He could be passionate – and was – but only about matters that he thought important.

I first met Marino when he was on the City Council. It was probably through Debbie and Sandy. They were part of the clique that was in City Hall at the time, staunch supporters of this or that candidate, and ending with supporting – and then not supporting – H. Richard Borer, Jr., the seven-term mayor during the turbulent 90s.

Marino, himself, came into politics the way many do or did: they get involved through the PTA. Marino got involved when his kids were in school, somehow worked his way onto the PTA board, and finally saw enough to know he had to get involved in other ways.

Marino ran for and won the City Council seat for the fourth district. It was there I saw something different in him than in other candidates. He was a Democrat. That's not surprising. In the aftermath of the collapse of the city during the Evangeliste administration – he being at least a nominal Republican -- the GOP suffered then and is suffering now because of that debacle.

He worked as the Finance Committee Chairman, and to this day I'd say he was the finest one we've had sitting in that seat, no offense to those who followed. Chuck knew how to read the numbers that filled the ledgers, and knew when something was amiss. It was that knowledge and intuition that caused him to switch alliances from Borer to others.

Marino put a lot of faith in Borer, and for many years Borer did a fine job. But then there was evidence something wasn't right. Numbers didn't add up. Explanations didn't add up, either. Now is not the time to rehash all that transpired, but suffice it to say that the reasons Marino did an about face was because the reasons he supported the incumbent ceased to exist.

That was the difference between Marino and others. To many politicians, Republican or Democrat, it is the party, not the issue that matters. “My party, right or wrong” is the mantra of many politicians, but it wasn't for Chuck. He had an innate sense of right and wrong, and an innate fairness that wouldn't allow him to shirk his principles for party loyalty. It was up to the individual to keep his promises, and, when he didn't, it was time to look elsewhere.

From the time we started the West Haven Voice, Marino showed an interest in the paper. He saw the closure of the old West Haven News and the lack of home-grown information, and supported our work. There were times we

disagreed, sometimes passionately, but he respected other people's point of view – especially if that view was based on principle.

When he came to work here he had lost favor with the political bosses. His coming to the office was looked upon with some bit of suspicion because of his change of allegiances.

Marino and I had many conversations and the topics ranged from local politics to art, literature and social issues. He was what one would call a “Scoop Jackson” Democrat: socially left of center (but not too left) and fiscally and in foreign policy a right-of-center guy.

Eventually, he got back into the political game, running for registrar, winning, then losing. Then he became the secretary of the City Council, putting him back in his old haunts.

Marino stayed himself. Once he left here, we didn't see each other much, and I missed our talks. He was very cosmopolitan in his views, without being a crazy.

Chuck Marino was one of those people in life that come not-so-often. He had a demeanor and personality that made you respect him, even if you disagreed with everything he believed. He was in a word, decent. That is a commodity not to be found very much these days.

To his wife, Mary, and sons Charles III and James, we wish our condolences and heartfelt thanks for allowing us to know him.

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## **Savin Rock Museum open**

The Savin Rock Museum, which chronicles West Haven's 371-year history, has opened for the season.

The museum, based in the lower level of the Savin Rock Conference Center at 6 Rock St., is open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays through Aug. 29. In September, the museum is open from 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. Admission costs \$4, or \$2 for adults 60 and older and children under 12. Group tours for 10 or more cost \$25. The gift shop sells official Savin Rock memorabilia; call museum volunteer Norma Kahl at (203) 934-7234 to arrange a group tour.



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# Charles A. Marino: former councilman, registrar



CHARLES A. MARINO

Charles A. Marino Jr, age 76, of West Haven passed away peacefully on June 13, 2019 at CT Hospice. For 49 years, he was the loving husband of Mary Wolak Marino. Charles was born in Port Washington, NY, son of the late Charles Marino Sr. and Antoinette Votto Marino Pizzani. He is also survived by his children, Charles Marino III and his wife Jennifer of NC and James Marino and his wife Silvia of West Haven, his grandson Samuel Marino and his siblings, Anthony Marino and his wife

Barbara and Carol Perucci and her husband David all of NJ.

Prior to his retirement, Charles was a computer service technician. Charles served his country proudly in the US Navy, during the Vietnam War. He was a former troop leader with the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts and coached Babe Ruth and Little League baseball for many years.

A past PTA member, he served as a past council president. He was active with the West Haven City Council, a

former chairman of the Finance Committee and former Register of Voters. He worked for the West Haven Voice as an advertising salesman for several years.

The hours for visitation will be Monday from 4-8pm at the West Haven Funeral Home at the Green. His Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Our Lady of Victory Church on Tuesday. Interment followed in All Saints Cemetery. For online condolences please visit our website at [www.westhavenfuneral.com](http://www.westhavenfuneral.com).

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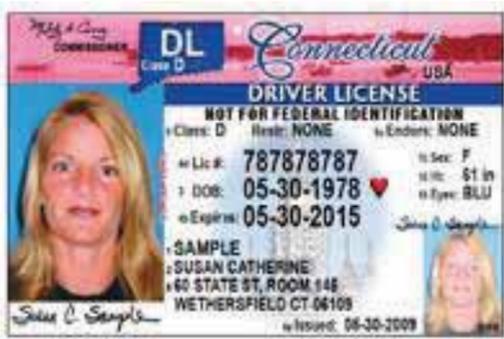
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# City tax bills mailed for property, vehicles, sewers

City tax bills — real estate, personal property, motor vehicle and sewer — have been mailed and are payable in two installments: July and January.

Each tax bill, which is sent out once a year, has three parts: a payment coupon for July, payment coupon for January and payment coupon for taxpayers' records.

Taxes are due July 1. Payments after Aug. 1 are considered delinquent and

subject to interest, Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli said.

The tax office is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St.

For the convenience of taxpayers, the city has an ATM outside the office.

Taxpayers can see their tax bills, make a payment, and print their payment history for income tax purposes at [www.cityofwesthaven.com](http://www.cityofwesthaven.com) and

clicking on Tax Collector under the Government heading. Sewer bills are on the same page but under a separate heading. The fees for credit cards and e-checks are posted on the city website and outside the tax office.

In July and January only, current taxes can be paid by mail to a tax office lockbox, P.O. Box 150461, Hartford 06115-0461. When paying by lockbox or the drop box outside the tax office

in City Hall, the canceled check is the receipt.

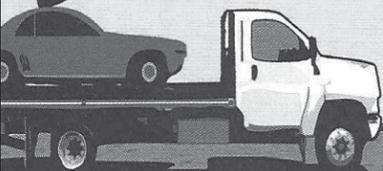
After Aug. 1, taxes with interest can be paid by mail to the Office of the Tax Collector, P.O. Box 401, West Haven 06516. Payments can also be made in person.

Anyone needing a motor vehicle clearance must pay in person with cash, credit card, bank check or money order.

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**MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

The city of West Haven Charter Revision Commission will hold the second of two public hearings that are required pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut Statutes Section 7-191 (a). The public hearing will be held on July 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Harriet North Courtroom, 2nd Floor in the City of West Haven City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, Connecticut for the purpose of receiving input from the general public regarding proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of West Haven. A Power Point presentation (approximately 75 minutes) of the proposed changes will take place first, at 7:00 p.m. followed by a public input session. Hard copies of the power point along with the proposed amended charter will be available at the City Clerk's Office and the hearing.

Dated at West Haven, Connecticut, this 17th day of June 2019.

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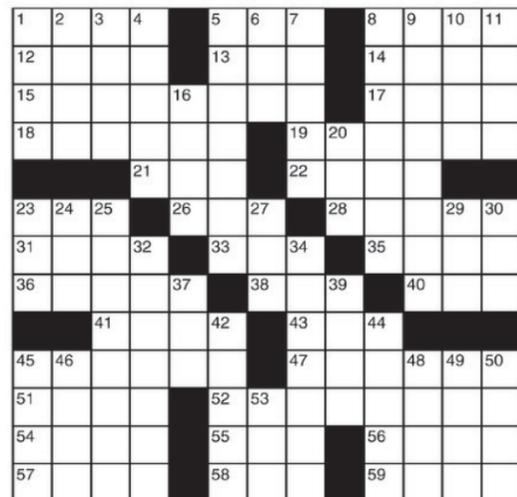
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**King Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Swindle
  - 5 Poke
  - 8 Elliptical
  - 12 Arm bone
  - 13 Acapulco gold
  - 14 Arrived
  - 15 Resilience
  - 17 Former New York archbish-op
  - 18 Legislative group
  - 19 Memorizes
  - 21 Ph. bk. data
  - 22 Sicilian spouter
  - 23 Scarlet
  - 26 Vigor
  - 28 Depend (on)
  - 31 Item on stage
  - 33 Bro or sis
  - 35 Teen's woe
  - 36 Haggard or Travis
  - 38 Prized possession
  - 40 "Eeeww!"
  - 41 Uncategorized (Abbr.)
  - 43 Last letter in London
  - 45 Shed
- DOWN**
- 1 Long sand-wiches
  - 2 Hint
  - 3 Soon
  - 4 Worshipper of
  - 5 Family to keep up with
  - 6 Curve
  - 7 "Britain's Got Talent" phen-om Susan
  - 8 Micro-, Mela-, and Polynesia
  - 9 Charge against a squatter
  - 10 "— for All Seasons"
  - 11 Camera part
  - 16 On
  - 20 Biblical verb suffix
  - 23 Spinning stat
  - 24 Before
  - 25 Sleeping state
  - 27 Glutton
  - 29 Wildebeest
  - 30 "A mouse!"
  - 32 Columns' bases
  - 34 Game akin to pinochle
  - 37 Superlative ending
  - 39 Carte
  - 42 Thicket
  - 44 Curtain
  - 45 Branch
  - 46 Birthright bar-terer
  - 48 Change for a five
  - 49 Dogfight partici-pants
  - 50 Unit of force
  - 53 Charged bit



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

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

- BCH
- BTHVN
- CHPN
- DBSSY
- DVRK
- LGR
- GRSHWN
- HNDL
- MNDLSSHN
- PCHLBL
- SCHBRT
- STRSS
- TCHKVSKY
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- WGNR

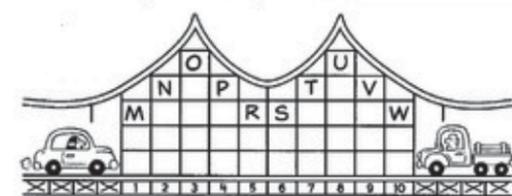


**DON'T WIPE OUT ON THIS ONE!** Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around the frame counterclockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

**THE OLD, OLD MATH!** Here's how to prove that 4 plus 6 equals 11. Using Roman numerals, write down a 4 (fig. 1). Turn the paper around and write a 6 above it (fig. 2). You now have a large 11 (XI). Who says the New Math is better than the Old?

**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below the diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

**Junior Whirl**  
by Charles Barry Townsend



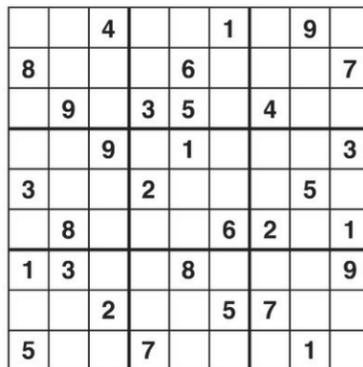
**A WORD BRIDGE!**

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

- To combine audio tracks.
- The back of the neck.
- Slender woodwind instruments.
- Type of fuel found in bogs.
- Type of music.
- Lack of candor.
- To exclude or forbid.
- A brownish color.
- Very great in area.
- An ironic sense of humor.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



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: ♦♦**

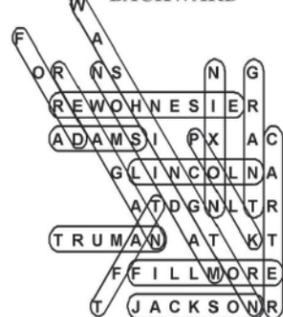
- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

**Answers to last week's puzzles**

**King Crossword**  
Answers



**PRESIDENTS BACKWARD**



**Weekly SUDOKU**  
Answer

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

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# Letter



The tree by the Park-Rec office in Painter Park was found damaged and had to be removed.

## Ancient tree toppled by Rec office

With the school year almost over, many of our children will be attending Painter Park Summer Day Camp. What will be missing this year is a piece of West Haven history.

One quiet night back in September, we lost something that has been a part of Painter Park day camp since it was started 50 years ago by then Parks and Recreation Director Bob Tingley. The large oak tree that grew all by itself alongside the day camp office just fell over sometime during the evening. Not due to a hurricane or thunderstorm, just old age I guess.

It was pretty uneventful. It took down some wires, broke the new fence, but never hit the building. Now of course this could have been tragic if this occurred only one month earlier, in August and during the day. For this is when all the children meet under that tree; either being dropped off in the morning or being picked up at the end of the day. I thank God every day that did not happen.

The tree will be sorely missed, not only for the shade it provided on hot sunny days, but also a meeting place after a long day of camp. The children would get together with someone that maybe in a different group and they haven't talked to since lunch time. Just think of the friendships that probably were made under that tree over the years. Remember most of these children go to different schools and the only place, other than maybe playing some organized sport, to meet and make new friends would be here at Painter Park Day Camp.

We estimated that tree to be well over 100 years old. What was left was a large totem that I thought about having Thomas Painter carved in the side of it. Unfortunately and sadly with all the vandalism that goes on in Painter I thought better of it. Not sure what we are going to do without that big oak tree, but I know it will be sorely missed.

*Tom Conroy*

West Haven Parks and Recreation

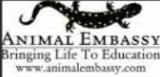
## UI replacing poles, wires

United Illuminating will begin a capital improvement project to replace poles and raise primary electrical wires by 10 feet.

The work will require the pruning or removal of trees in the public right of way, said Leo Kelly, the city's tree warden.

The project will involve work on Atwater Street, Blohm Street, Campbell Avenue, Leete Street, Noble Street, Park Street, Peck Avenue, Peck Lane, Thomas Street, Washington Avenue and William Street.

The project, done by Lewis Tree Service under a permit from Kelly, will include work on private trees with homeowner permission.



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### First milestone

West Haven Community House recently conducted its annual Head Start graduation exercises in front of parents and friends at the Elm Street campus. Seventy preschoolers successfully prepared for Kindergarten by completing the program. This is the first graduation for this group of youngsters, and will certainly not be the last.



## Around Town

### Coin Show

The Liberty Coin Club of West Haven, organized in 1962, will host a Coin Show on Sunday, June 23, at the Elks Club, 265 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Admission is free. Anyone with an interest in buying, selling or collecting coins, or with questions about coins, is welcome to attend. Expert dealers and collectors will be on hand.

### Al-Anon group

An Al-Anon meeting group invites new members to attend its weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the First Lutheran Church, 52 George St. For information and details, call (203) 506-1464

### WHHS '69

West Haven High School Class of 1969 will hold its 50th reunion on Friday, Sept. 27, at Seasons located at 990 Foxon Road, East Haven, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. There will be music provid-

ed by a DJ, a plentiful cocktail and hors d'oeuvre hour, buffet dinner along with open bar. The cost is \$75 per person. Checks should be made payable to Charlene Morgal and mailed to 18 Shumway St., West Haven, 06516, before August 15. More information can be found on our Facebook page: WHHS Class of 1969- 50th reunion, or by emailing [chazbo40@aol.com](mailto:chazbo40@aol.com) /203 494 7379 or [sandee110@aol.com](mailto:sandee110@aol.com) /203 494 7730.

### 'Shred Event'

The West Haven Italian-American Club's Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a Shred Event on Saturday, June 22 from 10AM-1PM in the club, 85 Chase Lane. Price for shredding is \$10 - Small box, \$20- Large Box and \$20 for Computer/Hard Drive Destruction.

### Senior Center Trips

Join the senior center on the the following scheduled trip: All trips leave from Savin Rock Conference Center:

Tuesday, Sept. 17, Aqua Turf - Rob Zappulla Celebrates the Music of Frank Sinatra \$67 per person Rob has performed to sold out audiences of all ages across the country and headlined performances at the Lincoln Center in NYC and Foxwoods Casino to name a few. Menu includes coffee and donuts upon arrival, door prizes, complimentary glass of wine or beer.

Family-style luncheon: salad, penne bolognese, chicken florentine, baked scrod, vegetable, potato and dessert. Bus leaves Savin Rock Conference Center 10 a.m. Payment is due by Friday, Aug. 30.

A flyer with further details is available at the office at the West Haven Senior Center 201 Noble St. or call (203) 937-3507.

### WHHS'54

West Haven High School Class of 1954 will be holding its class reunion on June 29, at App's Restaurant, West Haven at 1 p.m. The \$35 luncheon cost includes tax, tip, entrée with cash bar. Please call (203) 795-6619 to reserve.

### 'Works events

The Savin Rock Fireworks Committee has titts Comedy Night, on Saturday, June 15, at 8 p.m., doors open at 7. The Elk's Club, again, is the venue. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Price is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Contact John or Mary Malenda at (203) 397-8523 for tickets.

### Summer camp

Summer Camp is planned on the grounds of Saint John Vianney Church for kids entering kindergarten through grade 4. Campers will rotate through centers of music, games, crafts, and stories. The camp runs from July 8 - 12, 9-12:30. Contact [roseannpao-linooolovvbc@gmail.com](mailto:roseannpao-linooolovvbc@gmail.com) for more information or to obtain a registration form. There is no charge.

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