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## Voice Profile

*A weekly in-depth interview*

"I was meant to do this. You can't just teach what you need to know. You need compassion. You need to be able to read people."

*Celia Pinzi*

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Voice File Photo

## Happy July 4

More than 100,000 were expected at last night's annual fireworks display from Bradley Point. Good weather was expected, and the city did its best to welcome many thousands from out of town. The WHPD had new traffic patterns established along the shore to make sure that problems were kept to a minimum. Meanwhile, thousands of residents will take part in family gatherings and other events marking the country's birthday.



Photo by Dan Shine

## Summer sunrise

Voice Columnist Dan Shine is part of that group of hundreds of residents who begin the day in the pre-dawn hours with walks and runs along the city's shore. Shine captured this early summer sunrise. Days will begin to get noticeably shorter in the next few weeks, following the summer solstice on June 21.



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## Government Meetings

As of press time the July meeting schedule was not yet available.

The City Council is preparing a review of the Charter Revision Commission's recommendations throughout the month.

All boards and commissions are on a summer limited meeting schedule through August.

## On this date:

1946 -- Philippines gains independence from the United States. The South East Asian country had been ruled for almost 381 years by various colonial powers, starting with the Spanish in the early 16th century.

1865 -- Alice in Wonderland is published for the first time.

1776 - United States Declaration of Independence is adopted in Philadelphia. The statement declared the independence of the 13 British colonies from the British crown.

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## Weather

**Friday**  
July 5

Mix of sunshine and clouds.  
High 82F



Sunrise: 5:25 am  
Sunset: 8:27 pm  
Wind: SSE 5-10  
High Tide: 1:31 am; 2:07 pm

**Saturday**  
July 6

Partly cloudy with thunderstorms.  
High 84F



Sunrise: 5:25 am  
Sunset: 8:27 pm  
Wind: SSW 5-10  
High Tide: 2:25 am; 3:01 pm

**Sunday**  
July 7

Mix of showers & thunderstorms.  
High 79F



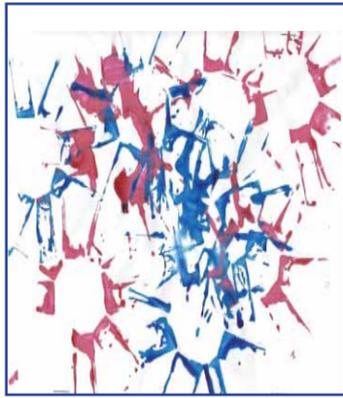
Sunrise: 5:26 am  
Sunset: 8:27 pm  
Wind: E 5-10  
High Tide: 3:20 am; 3:56 pm

**Monday**  
July 8

Partly cloudy.  
High 80F



Sunrise: 5:27 am  
Sunset: 8:26 pm  
Wind: E 5-10  
High Tide: 4:19 am; 4:53 pm



## Kids' Forecast

**Marcus Williams-Meeker, age 2, a student at the West Haven Child development Center, Inc., sees clear skies ahead for the July 4 holiday.**

## 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 mu-

sic provided by a DJ, a plentiful cocktail and hors d'oeuvre hour, buffet dinner along with open bar. 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.

**THURSDAY**



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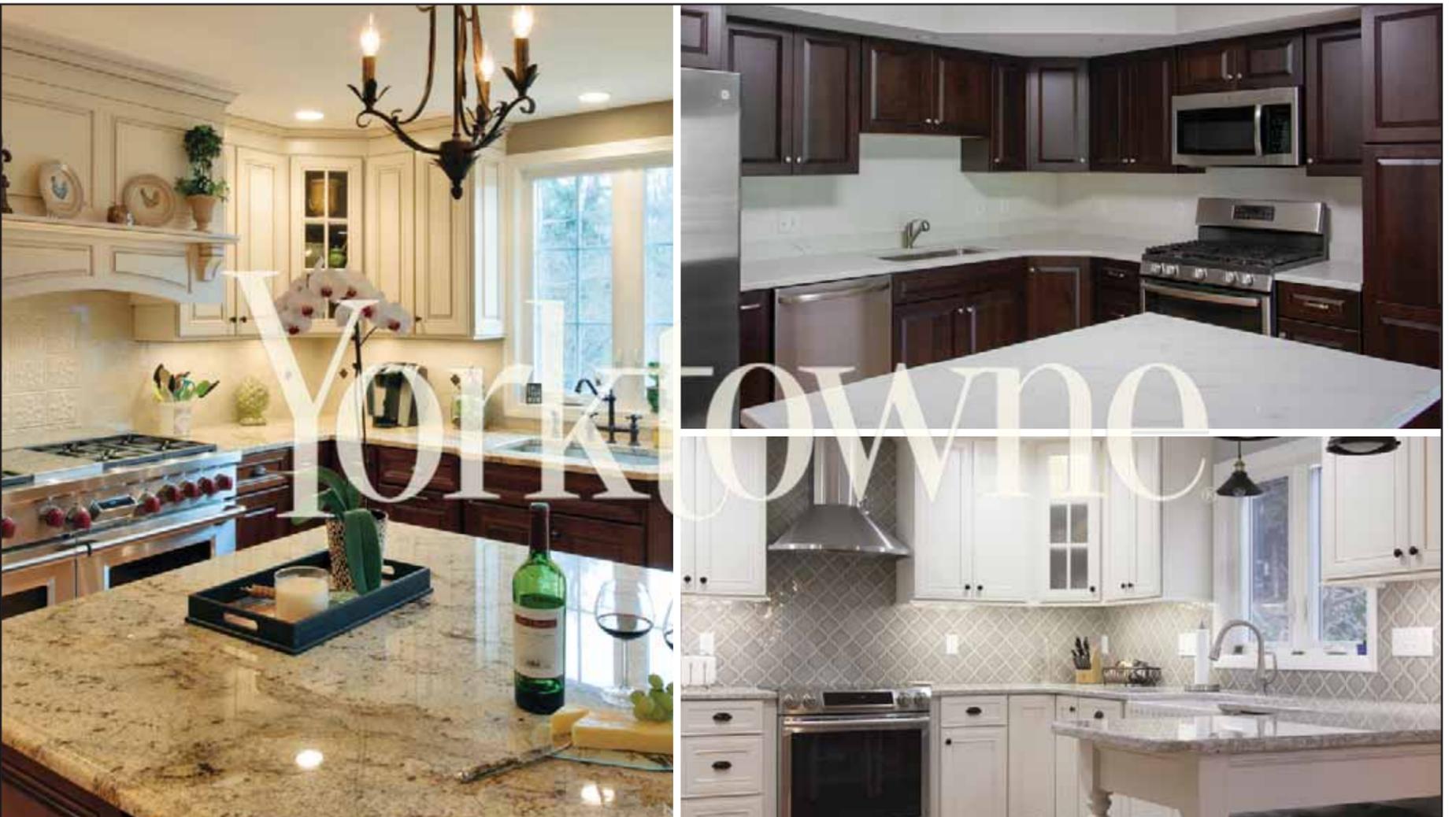
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# Lack of response prompted run

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

*Ed. Note: This is the first in a series of articles profiling the five announced candidates, three Democrat, two Republican.*

Michele Gregorio, vice-chairman of the Board of Finance and the second GOP candidate to announce candidacy in West Haven's mayoral election, said one of the main reasons she decided to run was her advice to the mayor and City Council has gone unheeded.

"Last year, when I approached the City Council as a member of the Board of Finance, I expressed to them there were ways that we could look at this budget and make some appropriate cuts and planning for the future so that we could avoid the situation that the city has been in financially," said Gregorio.

According to Gregorio, the Board of Finance made a to-do list for the mayor and City Council which would help the city save money. She said the board looked at aspects of the budget such as labor contracts, head count reports and duplication of services.

"We looked at the various line items and said, 'Where can we best apply our dollars?'" said Gregorio.

The chairman said after a meeting with the city council to discuss the Board of Finance suggestions was cancelled due to bad weather it was not rescheduled. She said since then neither the mayor nor the council has reached out to the board to discuss their find-

ings.

Another issue Gregorio said is part of her platform is what she calls "true development." She said that does not mean trying to build more apartment buildings. Gregorio stated that the city should focus on development that would

bring job creation, not housing.

"We could have biotech businesses here," said Gregorio. "We could have high precision manufacturing. We could use the ecosystem out of the shoreline to develop business as well."

Gregorio added she was unsure if The Haven project will ever be completely and said that, if elected, she would abandon the project.

"Clinton and Westbrook have been bought out a couple times by different owner

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WH Voice File Photo

Republican candidate Michele Gregorio is shown during her announcement last month.



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# Dear Felicia

Well, the Fourth of July festivities are upon us, hon, and the Mystick Maidens of the Marsh were able to plan their annual "do" at the Sandy Pernt area. Setch a lovely place. And I guess the pipin' plovers escaped jest before we got there - at least somewhat - and we didn't git any problems from the DEEP-types who like to make people's lives miserable. The gals will be in fine fettle and a good time will be had by all.

The traffic patterns for the July 3 fireworks seemed to be well thought out. Though this is written before the event, it seems that the populace has been fully informed, and signs are blasting the plan around the area. Effen a body don't know what's going on come that night - last night, when yew read this - he's got only himself to blame.

As I told yew last week, the people in the area are happy with the new rules as things got a bit outta hand with

gangs of youngster from out of town roaming the beach area. This new plan, which closed off access to some area, setch as Capt. Kangaroo Boulevard and Ocean Avenue will make it a bit harder fer the outsiders to come in and make trouble.

We were told the Constabulary was well prepared to give the perpetrators of mischief a free room for the evening in the local hooskow effen they failed to mind their manners. People jest don't know how to be guests is someone else's place, anymore. Where is Emily Post when you need her.

Like we said, it was still anybody's guess effen the thing will work, but it was worth a try. After all there are usually upwards of 100,000 on that night - the new restrictions as to what can go on the beach and the closure of streets around the area will help. We hope so.

Cobina, meanwhile, is stickin' to her plan to get her chores done early on the third, park

the gassamobuggy in its proper location and stay home. The only problem will be the pet cat, who don't like the noise.

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*"Tis interesting the reaction - or lack of same we're getting from the mayor's announcement last week that she's gonna try to reinstate the Savin Rock Festival next summer. I told yew the Wag, who gen'rally is not a person who sees things through rose-colored spectacles was seein' this as an election-year ploy. Tennyrate, the interestin' thing is that the matter ain't eliciting the kind o' reaction Cobina thought it would. For that matter, the Wag himself thought there would be more to the public reaction.*

*Yew jest never know what the public will react to, and what it won't. When it comes to big things they kind o' acquiesce and keep quiet. Then comes something one would think is rather small, and all Hades breaks loose.*

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Didja see that herronner came out swingin' with the Municipal Accountability Review Bored? Jest before press time last week, the thoid floor came out with the statement concerning the addition of nearly half-a-mill to the tax rate, by way of MARB.

Herronner, who usually tries to sound like the adult in the room seems to have finally taken the tether off and let loose with how she really feels. Quite frankly, see kind o' mirrored what we've been

saying all along. The MARB people seem to forget that each decision they made affects people, not just numbers. The fack that all of them are bean-counters really tells the story.

Instead of takin' into consideration new circumstances, they are bound and determined to git the tax rate up to where they want it, using a "damn the torpedoes" mentality. No matter what, the tax rate hasta go up, they seem to be saying.

Well, herroner was polite in her state, but no less pernted. They really should take new realities into consideration and make the five-year plan someone fluid. Nope, say they. The plan is the plan, and whatever needs to be done will be.

Meanwhile, you remember that in the May meetin' of MARB, Chairman of the City Council Ron Quagliani let the board have it as well. He said that the people of the city should be represented on the panel, and that those representatives should have a vote. Currently, they have Quagliani, but he is ignored cuz he don't have a vote.

We said many moons ago that the members of MARB are bureaucrats. They don't like the political process, and are not comfortable with it. They are used to having people ask, "How high?" when they say "Jump."

Does it mean that Quagliani

or the mayor are gonna be taken seriously? Probably not. The panel will go its merry way, knowing that the politicos can blow off as much steam as they need to, and the MARB will do what it wants, when and where.

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*Yew remember Nelly Nuthatch took exception to our characterization that all is well on the GOP side of the primary that will happen in September. She made mention o' the fack that those who were in the announcement made by Michele Gregorio thought that previously announced candidate Steve Mullins was not a happy camper. He wasn't happy either, it seems, when it looked like she, rather than he, will be the endorsed candidate. Nelly seems to think the way the whole thing transpired means that when the petitioning begins, it'll be Mullins, not Gregorio who will have to hit the streets.*

*While Mullins might not be too happy with the fight, we think he should petition and run for the nomination in the primary. As we said, this is a good opportunity for the party to show its people and its ideas. The GOP has been all but dead for far too long and a primary is jest whot the party needs to git some life into it, and some much-needed publicity. The party caucus is in a couple o' weeks, so we'll know better then.*

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As we pernted out last week, Ed O'Brien, we are now told is going for the Demmie nod as well as Deb Collins, which will pose a three-way primary come September. So much for us being prognosticators as we thought his idea of going independent was a good move. Oh well, who knows what lurks in the hearts of politicians. Even the Shadow would have problems.

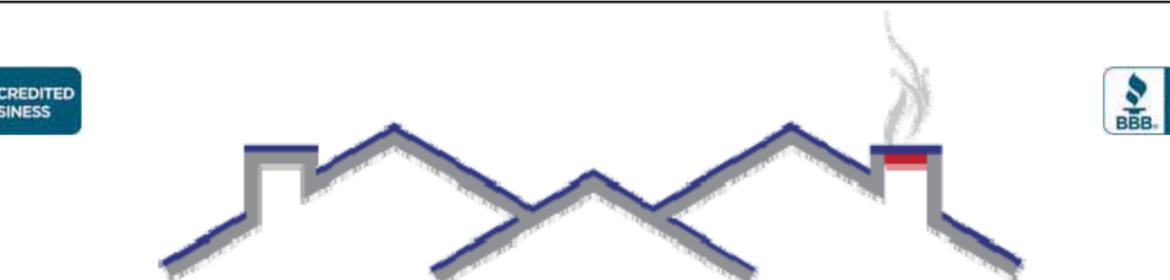
The Demmie caucus is in a couple weeks as well, and with the heavy concentration of Rossi supporters on the 60-man town committee, one could probably bet the mortgage she will git the nod. That means both Collins and O'Brien will be out with petitions the next day after the caucus lookin' to git on the ballot. While that might be fun for the rest of us, it'll be interesting to see jest how the public takes to signing the petitions. And that goes double for O'Brien, who had the office for four years.

Getting back to his running in the primary, the only thing we can think is that he believes he only lost the 2017 primary by a handful of votes, and he can turn it around this time. The only problem with that thought is, it was a two-way race. This has one more way to split the pie.

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## Tour Watson facility

Representatives from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Board (EEB) attended a facility tour of Watson, Inc. on Wednesday, June 12. Vice President Gavin Watson (center) presented various sustainability efforts and energy efficiency initiatives implemented at the West Haven facility, which produces ingredient systems and products for the food and supplement industries. Watson explained that they were able to save about \$182,000 in annual energy costs by working with United Illuminating (UI) to make energy updates to their facilities, including upgrading compressor systems and lighting.



## Gregorio

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 ship," she said. "Milford has the highest vacancy rate that they've ever had. Why would we build a mall?"

Gregorio, who was a financial controller at BIC Corporation, said she is ready to hit the ground running. She said she has a lot of contacts in the private sector that could ensure the city is run "like a business."

"We're a \$169 million business," said Gregorio. "It doesn't mean that we don't provide services. It doesn't mean that we don't have festivals. But, we could form partnerships with so many beautiful volunteers in our city; partnerships with UNH, Yale and with businesses."

Gregorio said if the West Haven forms the correct group with organizations and businesses like the ones aforementioned it could be beneficial to the city.

The candidate said she would focus of saving the city money via changes to labor contracts, health care plans and by asking employees where they think cuts can be made. She added she wants to look at making city government run more efficiently.

She also said she wanted to focus on development which would bring jobs to the city as well as utilizing the city's shoreline. She said while Connecticut is not a business-friendly state there is no reason West Haven cannot be a business-friendly city.

"This is having a plan for each part of the city," she said. "You have to think about historical perspective. You have to think about demographics."

The Republican Town Committee caucuses on July 16 to pick a candidate for mayor and other positions. She faces P&Z member Steve Mullins for the nomination.

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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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## Declaration of Independence

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

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. --

Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his assent to laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

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

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

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

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

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

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these states; for that purpose obstructing the laws for naturalization of foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migration hither, and raising the conditions of new appropriations of lands.

He has obstructed the administration of justice, by refusing his assent to laws for establishing judiciary powers.

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

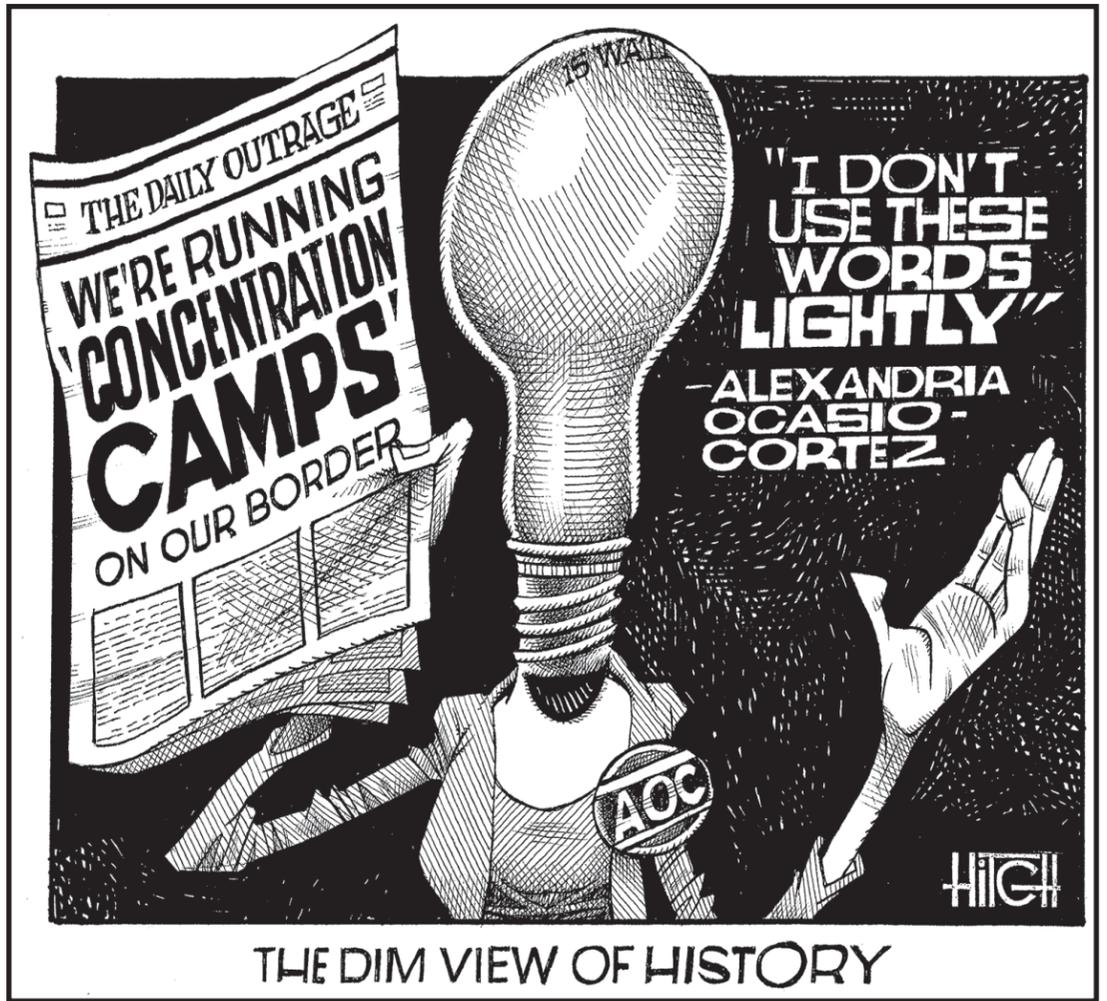
He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies without the consent of our legislature.

He has affected to render the military independent of and superior to civil power.

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

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THE DIM VIEW OF HISTORY

## Trump and his modesty

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

The worry was that the Trump administration was ginning up fake intelligence about Iran blowing up oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz to justify a war against Iran. Then the next week President Donald Trump said the Iranian attacks weren't a big deal.

The episode is another indication of the underlying modesty -- not a very Trumpian word -- of the administration.

Subtract Trump's taste for nonstop controversy and rhetorical brinkmanship, and you're left with an incrementalist center-right government that has pursued an expansionary fiscal policy and avoided foreign war, for a period of peace and prosperity that -- in any other universe -- would be at the core of a stay-the-course re-election message.

For a while, the Obama doctrine was, "Don't do stupid stuff."

The Trump team has built out the doctrine to "Privately consider and sometimes openly threaten stupid stuff, but at the end of the day, don't do it (usually)."

The Mexico tariff threat was typical. If Trump had gone through with the steadily es-

calating tariffs, it would have been a blow to our own economy and that of an ally. Instead, he got what might prove to be meaningful concessions from Mexico.

The thing about a Trump threat is that he always controls whether he's going to go through with it or not. He's going to pull out of the North American Free Trade Agreement, actually no, he's not. He's going to impose auto tariffs on Canada, well, not really. What he's going to do is sign a new trade deal with Mexico and Canada that's a somewhat altered version of NAFTA and urge Congress to pass it.

Allies might be understandably appalled (or at times alarmed) by his habit of berating them and squeezing them for concessions, but the alliance system, a product of deeper forces than the persona of any one president, remains intact.

In the Middle East, Trump accelerated an anti-ISIS campaign that he inherited, announced a withdrawal from Syria that he didn't fully follow through on and kept troops in Afghanistan. Steady as she goes.

Pulling out of the Iran nuclear accord is a big deal and, given that it's not entirely clear how the administration imagines

resolving the crisis, genuinely a shot in the dark (although Trump says he wants to talk).

Another gamble is the trade war with China, a truly significant departure from the old bipartisan consensus, yet even here, Trump presumably has the off-ramp of a fig-leaf deal should he decide that he wants to take it.

At home, in terms of the economy, everything (except for the tariffs) has been geared to preserving and boosting the recovery, from the tax cuts, to the deregulation, to the lack of interest in cutting spending, to Trump's jawboning of the Federal Reserve to keep rates low.

Given the choice, you'd prefer that people believed that your administration was cautious and incremental, while it undertook far-reaching changes, rather than believe it's on the verge of careening out of control, while pursuing a fairly reasonable path.

For now, he can plausibly make a re-election pitch that, despite what you might have gathered, he's been a steward of a country enjoying markedly good times.

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



**Dear Eleanore Turnkington**

I have a comment about what SB.Wenham Street wrote about the trucks on Meloy Road. For several years I meant to write you, so here it is. Living on Canon Street I have to tolerate landscaper vehicles, city buses, extra school buses and all of the traffic that use this street for a short cut to Route 34 etc., vehicles playing very loud music and noisy exhaust. These are my favorite gripes:

Several years ago, when the buses would leave from the stop sign by my house, they would leave a cloud of smoke which at times would enter my house. The old buses have been replaced and no more air pollution.

My neighbors at the time, had a meeting with a Department of Transportation (DOT) representative to try to get the buses back on Orange Avenue where they came from.

They are still here and more than ever.

Around that time, I spoke to Lou Esposito, (Mayor Nancy Rossi's Office) about the trucks and his reply was we can't stop trucks from using this street and walked away.

I brought this up at a council meeting and my councilman was going to look into it. I think he got sick and that is why nothing was addressed.

I have since spoken to my councilwoman Robin Watt Hamilton and our Mayor Nancy Rossi. The mayor said

**By Eleanore Turkington**



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

are doing a great job and I appreciate it.

*Carl K, Canton Street*

**Dear Carl K Canton Street:**

I have forwarded information from your letter to your Council Woman, Robin Watt Hamilton and have asked her to seek a solution to your problem.

It is very important that you notify me of any or no changes occurring on your street. Meanwhile, any communications I have with Hamilton will be shared with my readers.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

As much as I appreciate the enthusiasm that summer

brings and that people are energized to start exercising on the boardwalk near West Walk, I just want to ask that they are walking and talking loudly in a residential area where the residents of West Walk like to keep their windows open and the sound carries near the water. So could people be respectful and speak quietly during their morning walks>

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**Festival to return in '20: Rossi**

The Savin Rock Festival will return to the West Haven shoreline in 2020 after the city clears the cumulative deficit in the Savin Rock Festival Fund, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced.

After running consecutive deficits, the festival was canceled in 2018 as the city began addressing its overall financial situation.

The festival fund ran deficits over several years, Rossi said, and is in the red for \$53,845. The cumulative deficit of \$53,845 excluded police expenses and included public works expenses only for two years.

City records show the 2017 festival alone ran a deficit of \$32,606. That festival had revenues of \$39,292 and expenses of \$71,898, with the largest expenditure being entertainment — to the tune of more than \$30,000.

"The city of West Haven will pay off the \$53,845 deficit in the Savin Rock Festival Fund, only after securing permission from the state Municipal Accountability Review Board, using a small amount of the projected operating budget surplus this fiscal year," Rossi said. "We are in a much better place than we were 18 months ago. I have had to make some tough decisions — canceling the Savin Rock Festival was one of them — but we had to fix the city first.

"Once we pay off the old deficit in the festival fund, I will appoint a committee and ask for volunteers to be responsible for organizing and running the festival in 2020 within an

established budget. The festival will request sponsors and charge a reasonable fee for food, ride and entertainment vendors to cover the cost of the event."

West Haven's flagship festival was established by the Chamber of Commerce — initially under the direction of Brian M. Stone, David Gesler and Michael Shiner and thereafter by John L. Perrone and his wife, Mary Perrone — to bring organizations, clubs, businesses and families together for a summer festival that celebrates life in one of America's oldest coastal communities.

From the dawn of the Savin Rock House hotel in 1838, "the Rock" had long been a resort hub until it was officially incorporated as an amusement park by the Savin Rock Park Co. on Memorial Day 1925, when it opened to 300,000 visitors and 66,000 automobiles in one spectacular day.

For the next four decades, the popular seaside park captured the hearts and imaginations of "Rock rats" of all ages with its distinctive sights, sounds and smells. "The playground of New England" shuttered Sept. 21, 1966, to pave the way for the Savin Rock Urban Renewal Project.

"The Savin Rock Festival is a great event and highlights the city's rich history," Rossi said. "I look forward to bringing the festival and all the memories back to Old Grove Park next year."

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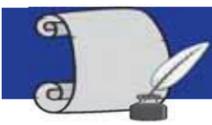
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

The city crest is a representation of Thomas Painter's spotting of the British fleet off Savin Rock on July 5, 1779. His ride into the center of the colonial town and what happened later are part of the lore in West Haven.



**Thomas Painter**

*Thanks to Peter J. Malia for contributing to this week's column:*

The most vivid account of the landing of the British in 1779 was given by Thomas Painter of the West Haven Congregational Church. He was a member of the artillery, and under command of Lt. Azel Kimberly, also of the Congregational Church. Painter relates that the night the enemy came he was on guard duty near the shore, close to Platt Avenue. Not long after midnight, a large fleet of enemy ships appeared in the harbor.

(From the account of Thomas Painter) "Myself and others of the guard started walking along the shore east-

ward to the location of the ships on what was known as Old Field Shore. After staying there on this star-lit night we discovered the fleet anchored off Old Field." We note that this spot is some distance west of the present site of Chick's restaurant. Fearing for his family, young Painter went back to his uncle Steven's to inform them of the danger. However, they were not willing to believe there was much danger since there had often been ships seen anchoring along the shore and causing unnecessary false alarms. Painter then hurried back to Old Field Shore to continue to observe the enemy. Suddenly a gun was fired from the British Commodore's ship, and troops began to unload!"

As Tom Painter and two militia friends from West Haven watched from Old Field shore, the British troops began to disembark from their ships into smaller boats, and began to row toward shore. The time was 6 o'clock on the morning of July 5, 1779.

The small boats headed directly for the shore at about the middle of Old Field (near Washington Avenue). In Painter's words, "It was near high tide so the boats could come up to the beach. As soon as they came within point blank shot we fired into them and continued the fire, until they began to land within a few yards of us, when I thought it was time either to retreat, or to resign, and beg for quarters, rather than to run the risk of crossing over the open field under the shower of shot, which I knew must soon follow me. But, I well knew, that after we had been so foolish as to come and fire a few shots, at an army of men, all huddled in their boats and without any possibility of the enemy answering our fire, that our chances of surviving this encounter were slim."

Painter continues, "There was therefore no other alternative but to run, and run we did. I instantly started across the field at the height of my speed, with the bullets after me, like a shower of hail which seemed to prostrate all the grass around me. But fortunately I escaped, unhurt, and retreated to another good stand, on the rock pasture and awaited the approach of the flank guard. Then I would fire a few shots, and retreat to another ambush, and fire a few more shots and again retreat and so I continued to do until I had got nearly up to the Milford Turnpike Road, where there was an adjutant of the enemy was killed and left be

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# Painter

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hind.”

The Redcoats attempted to cross the West River on West Bridge, at the site where the Post Road currently enters New Haven.

However, three Yale students under the direction of Captain Phineas Bradley manned a field piece and with accurate cannon fire, kept the British from entering the city by that route, while the bridge was disassembled by its defenders.

Today, a statue in their honor may be found at the intersection of Congress Avenue, Dav-  
enport Avenue and Columbus Avenue with Ella Grasso Boulevard.

New Haven was taken that day by the Redcoats, but the Patriot Militia and Continental Army, though badly outnumbered, gave them a fight to remember. Adjutant Campbell is buried at the spot where he fell on Allingtown Heights--then known as Milford Hill--on Prudden Street, across the Post Road from the University of New Haven.

His grave is marked with a bronze plaque upon which is inscribed, “Blessed are the Merciful.” And so it came to pass that West Haven became the only city in the United States with its main street named to honor an enemy soldier!

The capture of the Rev. Noah Williston with the church records, and the subsequent sacking of the parsonage by the Redcoats, robbed this church and the community of its earliest records. There is an enormous amount of information on early West Haven in First Church’s archives, but prior to 1779, everything is gone.

Those West Side farmers who took part that day in the defense of present day West Haven are buried in the cemetery alongside First Church. They represent but one chapter out of many in the stories that intertwine the histories of West Haven and the church on the Green.

## Museum open

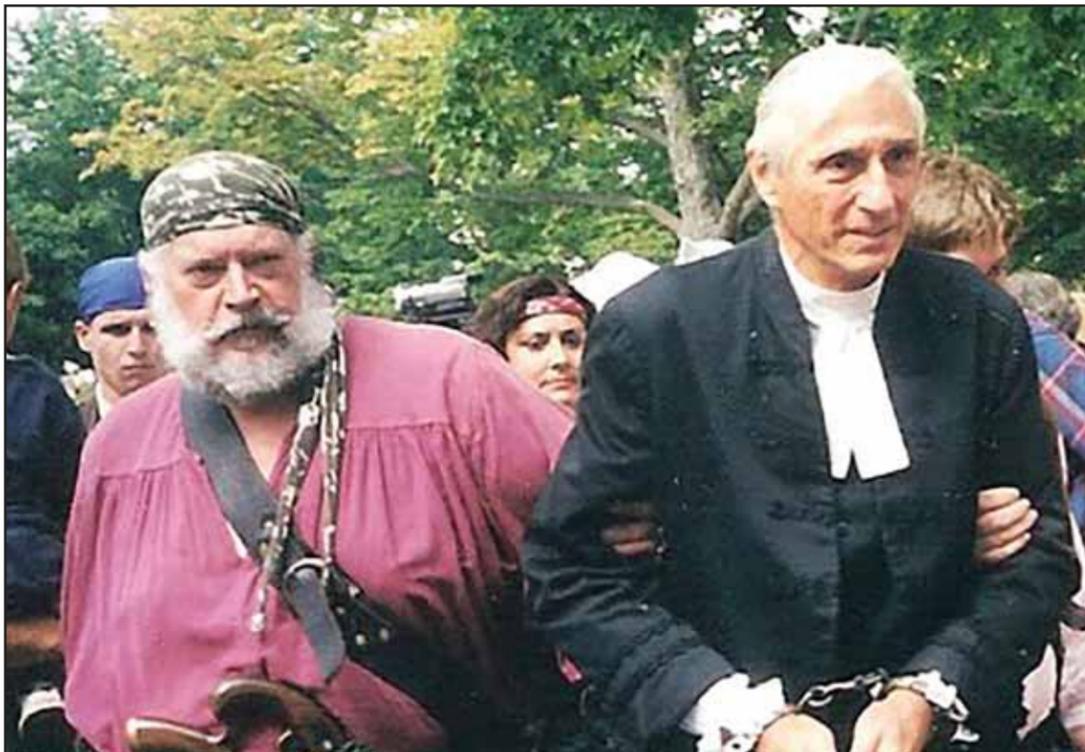
The Savin Rock Museum, which chronicles West Haven’s 371-year history, has opened for the season.

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 (203) 934-7234 to arrange a group tour.



The Thomas Painter House no longer stands in West Haven. It was moved to Litchfield County, where it was reconstructed. It is shown here in the years prior to its removal. It was one of many homes lost during the 20th Century in the name of progress and business interests.

Below -- The arrest and capture of the Rev. Noah Williston by British soldiers during the invasion of July 5, 1779 has been reenacted many times. Ed Doerr is shown playing the role of the ill-fated minister.



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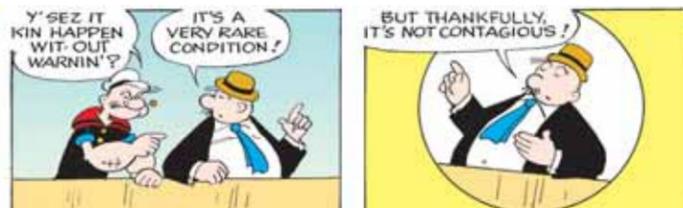
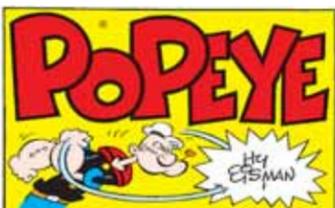
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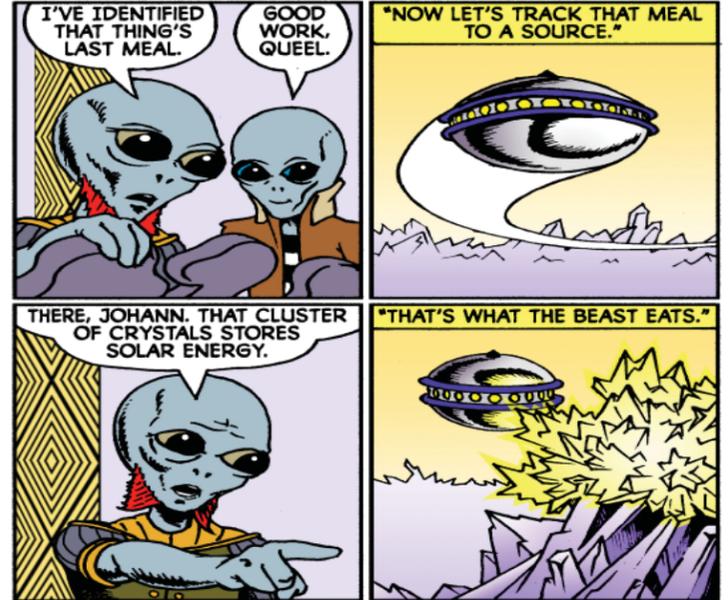


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# Family means everything for Pinzi

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

Celia Pinzi works in a business where family means everything. As the owner and funeral director of West Haven Funeral Home, Pinzi ensures the deceased have a respectable celebration at the end of their life.

The funeral home, located on West Haven's Historic Green, was started in 1964 by Pinzi's father, Nello. By the time she was eight years old she was answering phones for him.

"When I was 14 or 15 I started coming in to do office work," said Pinzi. "I've worked officially, as a licensed funeral director, since 1983. I've always worked here."

While Pinzi said it is more common to find funeral directors that are women nowadays, when she started in 1983 it was a "very unusual."

"My mom was the founder of Adult Basic Education for the United States – which is now ESL [English as a Second Language]," said Pinzi. "I always had a career mom growing up. That didn't seem strange to me; so this didn't seem strange to me."

Pinzi said her mother was not keen on the idea of her working at the funeral home. She said they made a deal that if she still wanted to work there after going to college she could do so. Therefore, Pinzi went to Georgetown University – where she double majored in international relations and Spanish.

"I came home and apprenticed with my father and off I went," she said. "So I didn't think it was unusual but there were two women in embalming school .... out of 85 students."

According to Pinzi, she had a long discussion with her father about whether or not to join the family business before going to embalming school. She said he told her to try it and, if it was not for her, she would know fast.

The funeral director said she now sees the business as a vocation. She has run the funeral home by herself since her father passed away in 2009. She said her favorite, and the most significant, part of her work is meeting with families.

"I was meant to do this," said Pinzi. "You can't just teach what you need to know. You need compassion. You need to be able to read people. You need to try to be objective with things. You can't take all this home with you or you'd be drooling in a corner."

She said West Haven is a tight knit community where one family's pain is everybody's

pain.

"People go all out to help," Pinzi said. "Regardless of anything. It's what I love about West Haven."

Pinzi said one of her most important memories from her career was helping the Honan Funeral Home in Newtown in the wake of the 2012 Sandy Hook school shooting. She said she assisted there for a week, while gathering other funeral directors to do the same, with the funeral preparations. for those killed in shooting.

She said through the gestures people make in West Haven her Faith in humanity is constantly renewed.

"Someone will call and say, 'I'm paying for this funeral anonymously,'" said Pinzi. "It's not a relative or anything

It's, 'I saw this in the paper' or, 'I saw this on Facebook' and, 'How do we arrange to do this.'"

She said in a job which sees it's fair amount of tragedy, the acts of kindness she witnesses towards the families she serves make her feel good.

When her father named the business, Pinzi said he did it with intent. She said the home caters to people of all different backgrounds and that, as the city's demographics change, so do the customs for funerals.

"My father said, way back when, that everyone wants their name of the building," said Pinzi. "He said, 'This is named West Haven and it's for West Haven; so that's why it's named West Haven Funeral Home.'"



CELIA PINZI



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## My two cents

By Bill Riccio, Jr.

As one gets older it is difficult to see people move on with their lives, particularly when they have been part of something for a very long time. That's true of one's self as well. When I was elected Commissioner of the New Haven Football Officials Association and had to retire from the field, I still consider myself an official, and one that can still work. It's hard to see that part of your life ending and another phase beginning.

Those were the feelings running through this writer when he heard to Joe Morrell, the longtime coach of West Haven High School's Blue Devils hockey team was leaving to pursue other things – in this case, a sixth-year degree to advance his career. While Morrell may have been at the helm of WHHS for more than two decades, his relationship to the program goes far beyond that to just less than 40 years.

It must be remembered that Joe Morrell was part of the heyday of Blue Devils hockey. While his teams didn't win state championship while he was there – and while he captained his senior year – from the 1970s to the 1990s, the program had what can be called its second Golden Age. State championships were won, and those that weren't won were fought for to the last whistle. It was a great era of high school hockey.

Morrell was a bridge to that era. He played under the legendary Art Crouse, and, if memory serves, assisted under Art DeLucia when he took the helm. We remember Morrell as a player, and remember his senior year as captain. Art Crouse and I were good friends. We talked a lot, and had coffee together a lot. In those days I spent a lot of time at the Edward L. Bennett Rink.

That's the bridge that Morrell is. He is of the era of Bud Conlan as Rink Director, Jackie Coyle as the ubiquitous man on the Zamboni. He was captain. And Crouse treated his captains as men, mentors and conduits. They talked about the team, and Crouse, many times, relayed concerns and suggestions. That's what coaches do with captains – or at least did.

And Morrell was a captain because he was a leader in all senses of that term, but especially in the most important one: he expected nothing from his teammates that he didn't expect from himself. He was a leader by example.

While we don't have the connection with WHHS hockey the way we once did, we still kept tabs on the Devils and on the coach. In many ways, Morrell was similar to Crouse in his methods of teaching and his relationship with his players.

Morrell is also the coach of the softball team, a post he's had for a few years. But we know one very important thing: if he thought he could have continued as West Haven's coach he would have. We are sure there were some sleepless nights attached to this decision. Hockey – and West Haven hockey – is part of the fabric of his being.

He will be missed by players, fans and outside observers, like this writer. But I will also miss him because he bridges an era upon which I look very fondly, and where I can still see him cruising up and down the Bennett surface as a member of a storied program.

Best of luck, Coach Morrell.

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Speaking of retirements, the late Tom Hunt used to say,  
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# Morrell ends tenure as WH hockey coach

## *Leaving to pursue degree*

For close to three decades, it has always been hockey first for long-time West Haven coach Joe Morrell. That is about to change.

With an opportunity to go back to school and pursue added career opportunities, Morrell, 55, informed his team he has decided to step down from coaching the Westies effective immediately.

"I have the opportunity to go back to school," Morrell said. "For a lot of my coaching career, it has been West Haven hockey first. I have always preached to the kids, family, school, hockey. It has not always been that way for me or my family. I have been doing this for 28 years, 21 as a head coach. I have spent a lot of time away from home. My wife (Jackie) has always been 100 percent behind me. I could not have asked for a better partner in life. My kids (Jocey and Jolie), all they know is their father coaches West Haven hockey. I am known as the coach of West Haven hockey and I love that. West Haven hockey has been a big part of my life."

A physical education teacher at West Haven High and also the head coach of the school's softball team, Morrell is looking to the future as he pursues his sixth year degree in administration and leadership. With an opportunity to broaden his career, Morrell is taking the step forward.

"It is just something that I feel I have to do," Morrell said. "I want to be able to give all my effort to going back to school. I have to be fully committed. That's the way I am."

Said Superintendent of Schools Neil C. Cavallaro, "Joe is old school West Haven hockey. One of the things about Joe is how he takes the game of hockey, and the tradition and history of West Haven hockey. That is a big part of his coaching philosophy. The kids understand what it means to wear the West Haven High School jersey. Joe is really passionate about West Haven hockey and he gets that



Photo by Todd Dandelske

JOE MORRELL

message to the kids.

"I think above all else, Joe is a teacher. He is a consummate professional, whether it is coaching or teaching physical education, or scheduling. He gets involved at the Bennett Rink, and he is involved with West Haven Youth Hockey. Joe is all about promoting the kids. He gives his time and effort to the community."

In his 21 years at the helm of the Westies, Morrell qualified for the state tournament in 20 of those campaigns, only missing the postseason during the 2005-2006 season. Morrell compiled a regular season record of 223-170-23 and overall mark of 234-190-23.

Said West Haven athletic director Jon Capone, "Words can't describe what West Haven hockey meant to Joe. It's been a huge part of his life both as a player and a coach. He has so much respect for this program and he instilled that in all his players. I can't thank him enough for all his hard work and dedication to the West Haven High School hockey program."

While Morrell looks ahead, there are plenty of fond memories to look back on, including his 234 career wins in his storied career at West Haven. The long-time coach came to the Westies after one year as

an assistant at Guilford and six years of being an assistant coach across town at Notre Dame.

"I just want to thank all who supported me, including Neil Cavallaro, Jon Capone, and (the late) Pam Gardner, who was a huge supporter of me," Morrell said. "I know she would be happy with my decision. The West Haven High School Penalty Box Club played a huge role in the program, and I would like to thank all the past and present members for doing what they do every year."

Known for getting the best out of all his teams, Morrell was admired for having his teams ready to go, especially against teams which drew from more than one town.

With the hockey numbers down, Morrell and his staff, which also included longtime assistants Steve McCarty, Gene Pacapelli, John Ascenzia, Jim Lafo, and Eric Dillner, always seemed to get the best out of the team. Morrell could also turn to alumni such as Jim Perno to make sure his team was prepared in every aspect as well.

The Westies never won that elusive state title under Morrell, but reached the semifinals four times under his guidance,

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# Morrell: *Longtime coach resigns*

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the latest time coming during the 2016-2017 season when the Westies were eliminated at Ingalls Rink in the semifinals by Ridgefield. That year saw the Westies upset third-seeded Xavier in the tournament.

"I am happy with the amount of times we made the tournament, but that one thing, a state championship, eluded us," Morrell said. "It still bothers me. A lot of coaches were rooting for us because they knew how much that meant to me. That was the one thing I wish I could have gotten for this program."

Xavier would prove to be a thorn in the side of the Westies as the two teams squared off in the postseason in six of the last seven years, with the Falcons coming out on top in five of those contests, including the last two seasons. That 2016-2017 team embodied everything Morrell and his staff preached with solid goaltending and defense, and scoring from numerous players. The bottom line always came back to hard work.

"I always told the kids it would come down to hard work," Morrell said. "We may not have been as talented as some teams, but we were going to outwork them. I think for the most part, we did that. I think the team really understood what it took to play at West Haven. Our teams outworked other teams to be successful."

Morrell and his teams suffered heartbreak twice in

a span of three years going back to the 2001-2002 and 2003-2004 seasons as the Westies fell in overtime of the semifinals of the state tournament in both seasons.

Despite an epic comeback in the final minutes or regulation as the second seed, West Haven lost to New Canaan in 2001-2002, before falling in a gut-wrenching 4-3 double overtime contest to second-seeded Fairfield Prep in 2003-2004. The Jesuits would go on to defeat Notre Dame-West Haven for the state title.

"I enjoyed winning," Morrell said. "You obviously want to win as much as you can and you don't want the kids to be afraid of losing. In the quarterfinal and semifinal games, everything was this close. It was the bounce of a puck. Against Ridgefield a few years back, we were tied going into the third period. We just had to get that bounce and we didn't get it. In the postseason, it is true when they say it is a game of inches."

Over the last 10 seasons, Morrell's teams had three golden opportunities to take home the program's first state title since 1994. The biggest opportunity never panned out during the 2009-2010 campaign as the Westies entered the postseason as the top seed with a 17-3 record, but were upset in the first round by Darien. Two years later, West Haven fell to Notre Dame-West Haven in the semifinals, before suffer-

ing the same fate against Ridgefield during the 2016-2017 season.

Morrell will always be known for his softer side when dealing with players and tough situations. He will also be known for how serious he took practices.

"My wife would always get mad at me because I always said no one does it like Joe Morrell and I had the same philosophy," Pacapelli said. "His way was the right way and no one else came close as far as I was concerned. He put so much into everything he did, whether it was practice with a five-year-old or a high school game. He gave it his all no matter what. It was just his positivity in any situation. He was upbeat about everything. He could look at anything and look at the bright side of that situation. He just had a great attitude."

"Practice is what I loved," Morrell said. "Practice was like gold to me. One of the best things to me was seeing all the alumni who came back to help. I knew how much this program meant to them. I will miss that a great deal. I love being the coach of West Haven."

The search to replace the long-time coach will begin immediately. Cavallaro feels the job is an attractive one with the history of the program and a new school set to be in place.

"I believe with all my heart, this is a very attractive job," Cavallaro said.

# Declaration of Independence

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For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by mock trial, from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these states:

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

For imposing taxes on us without our consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury:

For transporting us beyond seas to be tried for pretended offenses:

For abolishing the free system of English laws in a neighboring province, establishing therein an arbitrary government, and enlarging its boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule in these colonies:

For taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our governments:

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

He has abdicated government here, by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burned our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow citizens taken captive on the high seas to bear arms against their country, to become the executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of

our frontiers, the merciless Indian savages, whose known rule of warfare, is undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In Jefferson's draft there is a part on slavery here

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms: our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have we been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us.

We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends.

We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by the authority of the

good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these united colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.



# WHCH families celebrate cultures

Last month more than 300 family members attended a Multicultural Family Night in May presented by the West Haven Community House Children and Youth Services Program. Guests enjoyed an evening of entertainment, dining and art representing a variety of cultures from around the globe. The Children and Youth Services program offers before and after school in seven West Haven schools.

Each program represented a country with researched information, art displays, performances and delicious food. Countries showcased were Italy, Egypt, Morocco, Ghana, Australia, Ireland, Africa, Jamaica and Mexico. Giant col-

orful display boards featuring students' work using a variety of media, techniques and dimensions was the vibrant backdrop for performances.

"We had students perform dances from Mexico, songs from Italy and poems from Ireland. A parent demonstrated an Australian Bull horn and didgeridoo followed by students who were 'costumed' as indigenous species of Australia and the Great Barrier Reef. Children from the Philippine American Association performed a traditional folk dance. Africa was represented by the kindergartners who performed and danced to the book 'Cha-Cha Chimps,' by Julia Durango. The book is a

great example of how literature can be used to teach math while dancing to a variety of rhythms. An interactive African drumming demonstration was the introduction to our Kindergarten performance. The 5th and 6th grade students showed a film that they produced and directed based on the book 'I am the World', by Charles R. Smith, Jr. Bloopers was featured at the end of the movie and elicited much laughter from the audience. Another site made a video of each student sharing their family customs," said Carol James, Children and Youth Services director.

James said the event mirrored the cultures the agency

is servicing in the program and had a unifying aspect to it.

"We live in a richly diverse community and the event brought our students and families together to share our many similarities and to also celebrate our differences. Thank you to our students, families, staff and friends who worked so hard to ensure the success of our Multicultural Celebration." James concluded.

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All West Haven public elementary and intermediate students are eligible to attend the program, which includes bus transportation provided between sites. Visit [whcommunityhouse.org](http://whcommunityhouse.org) or call (203) 934-5221 x123.



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The group of youngsters representing many nations broke out in to a dance during the Community House event.



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The delegation from Peru was decked out in the best finery.

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# Rossi hails boost to BOE budget

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi this week applauded the operating budget recently adopted by the Board of Education.

The school board's 2019-20 budget will see an increase of nearly \$1.6 million as a result of additional funding provided by the state.

Those dollars will provide all students in grades three through eight with a laptop computer.

The state money will also allow for the computer labs in all West Haven public schools to be upgraded. In total, the

school board will be buying more than 5,000 devices.

With the West Haven High School renovation project well underway, and with state-of-the-art technology included, every child who enters the school district will be better prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

"I'm extremely pleased that the Board of Education saw fit to invest the majority of its increase into the area of technology," Rossi said. "It's critical that any funds dedicated to our school system have a

direct impact on student performance. These computer devices will allow our teachers to develop lessons that will excite and engage our students."

The mayor added, "It's truly an exciting time for our city and its most important resources, our children."

Rossi, who made improving West Haven's finances along with education the pillars of her 2017 campaign, has worked with state leaders, the Board of Education and the state Municipal Account-

ability Review Board to seek more funding for the school district without having to put any additional burden on city taxpayers.

"I know it hasn't been easy for those who've given so much to our city and in particular its youth, but we are beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel," Rossi said. "Our financial situation is improving daily, and as a result of the difficult decisions my administration has been forced to make, examples like

this will also lead to a better quality of life. There is no better investment I can think of than our children."

The new computer devices are slated to be in classrooms by the beginning of the new school year, which starts Aug. 27. Work has already begun on the computer lab upgrades.

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# Agency plans 'Christmas in July event for families

The Department of Parks and Recreation is participating in a "Christmas in July" toy drive with the Connecticut Recreation & Parks Association and Christmas Wish CT, a charity committed to sharing the spirit of Christmas year-round.

Throughout July, the department aims to collect 1,200 new, unwrapped toys at its Painter Park office, 190 Kelsey Ave., as well as at its camp and playground programs and swimming pool venues.

Park-Rec will donate a portion of the collected toys to Christmas toy drives held by West Haven Professional Fire Fighters Local

1198 and the West Haven High School Peer Advocacy Program for residents in need. It is one of the biggest toy drives run in the city during the holidays.

The rest of the toys will benefit Christmas Wish's Annual Christmas Party.

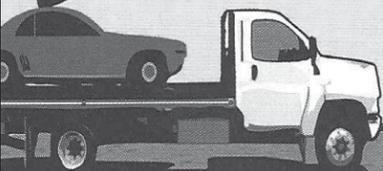
The volunteer charitable organization will distribute the toys to local children and families.

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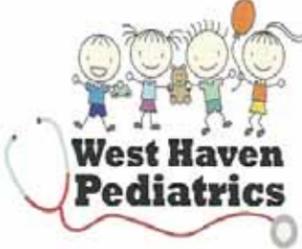
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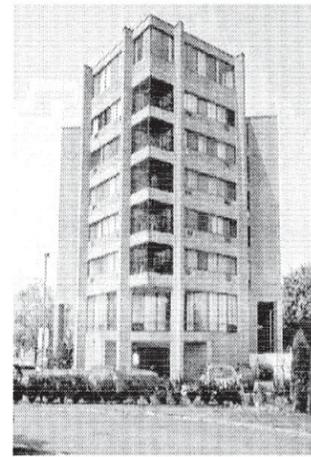
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- ACROSS**
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  - 4 Scrabble piece
  - 8 Tarzan's clique
  - 12 "The -- Daba Honeymoon"
  - 13 Valhalla VIP
  - 14 Existed
  - 15 Troop group
  - 17 Release
  - 18 Is frugal
  - 19 Ostrich's cous- in
  - 21 Cauldron
  - 22 Let up
  - 26 Photo book
  - 29 Evergreen type
  - 30 Pond carp
  - 31 Sudden shock
  - 32 Blue
  - 33 Desirous look
  - 34 Fuss
  - 35 Arctic diver
  - 36 Move laterally
  - 37 New
  - 39 A billion years
  - 40 Bearded beast
  - 41 Heavy hammer
  - 45 Overly proper
- DOWN**
- 1 Supermarket lineup
  - 2 Help on the sly
  - 3 Creche trio
  - 4 Long, narrow drum
  - 5 That is (Lat.)
  - 6 Jeremy of bas- ketball
  - 7 Went in
  - 8 Terrible
  - 9 For one
  - 10 Preceding
  - 11 Diocese
  - 16 Suggestions
  - 20 Kitten's com- ment
  - 23 -- out (supple- mented)
  - 24 Yuletide refrain
  - 25 Grow weary
  - 26 Open slightly
  - 27 Source of rich- es
  - 28 United nations
  - 29 Talk on and on
  - 32 Surgical stitch- ing
  - 33 Queued (up)
  - 35 Curry or Coulter
  - 36 Cubes, spheres, et al.
  - 38 Incite
  - 39 English com- position
  - 42 Take out of context?
  - 43 Summertime pest
  - 44 Leave a lasting impression
  - 45 Bake sale org.
  - 46 Aries
  - 47 Lemieux milieu
  - 49 Swelled head

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

- Acting
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**FIND-A-WORD!** On the top line is our mystery word. You need to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.

- Upkeep, maintenance.
- To exist.
- Sign of injury.
- Type of conveyance.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

**CLAM SLAM SLAP SOAP SOUP**

**THIS CLAM CHOWDER IS TOO FRESH**

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 CLAM to SOUP in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

- MILL to RACE
- HOME to LAND
- DUCK to BILL
- COLD to HEAT
- BACK to SEAT

Answer:  
1. MILL, BILL, BLUE, RICE, RACE  
2. HOME, HONE, LONG, LANE, LAND  
3. DUCK, BUCK, BULK, BULL, BELL  
4. COLD, HOLD, HEED, HEAVY, HEAT  
5. BACK, BECK, BEAK, BEAT, SEAT

**Answers to last week's puzzles**

**King Crossword Answers**

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | P | S | E | M | O | L | L | M | A | P |   |   |
| M | E | A | N | A | R | I | A | A | C | E |   |   |
| M | A | R | V | E | L | O | U | S | R | A | N |   |
| O | R | I | O | L | E | S | A | T | I | N |   |   |
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**Weekly SUDOKU Answer**

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 8 |
| 8 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 5 |
| 5 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| 2 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| 6 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 1 |
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# My two cents

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"Teachers never retire, they become consultants." We were brought back to that remark with the recent "retirement" of West Haven Athletic Director and Hunt's successor, Jon Capone. Capone is technically retiring, but staying on another two or three years.

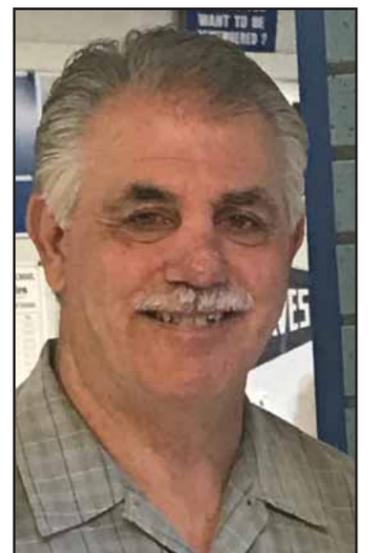
The go-to guy for many projects by Superintendent of Schools Neil Cavallaro, Capone was the coordinator of the move that coalesced sixth grades into Carrigan around a decade ago, and is now being tapped to do the moving with the opening of the first wing of the new high school.

Classes are going to be moved into the new building section along with the main office. Other sections of the old building, meanwhile, are being prepped for demolition and so classes will be moving around.

When he's not deciding where the science books are going to be moved, he still has his given job of Director of Athletics and Physical Education and Health. To say "retirement" won't be lazy days on the golf course doesn't even touch what he's going to be doing.

That leads this writer to another reminder, that of Poo-bah in the Mikado. He had every job in the fair town of Titipoo and the salaries to go with them. Capone has the titles, not necessarily the greenbacks...though he's not doing badly.

**WHHS Athletic Director Jon Capone recently announced his "retirement." Though the retirement was accepted, the longtime AD will be seen around his usual haunts.**



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## Having 'Connections'

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## Around Town

### Nutmeg concert

The Nutmeg Symphonic Orchestra, soloists and chorale will pay tribute to our veterans, our country, our freedoms and our flag in a concert on June 30 at Gateway Community College in North Haven at 2 p.m. It will feature bass/baritone Dr. Eugene Ciccone, mezzo-soprano Wendy Gerbier and soprano Kristen Gionfriddo, along with singers from the orchestra's chorale, all performing many well-loved musical selections.

Other features of this concert will be a tribute to local veterans of World War II by Joseph Weber of the Ward-Heitman House Museum in addition to an orchestral remembrance of the American Civil War with a reading of the Gettysburg Address. The concert is free, along with free parking and a handicap accessible ramp into the auditorium. The orchestra is in residence at Gateway Community College and is under the artistic direction of Dr. Dino F. Ciaburri.

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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 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 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

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### 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.

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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.

### WHHS '64

WHHS Class of 1964 will be holding its 55th year class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 5 at App's Restaurant, Captain Thomas Boulevard. More info to follow.

### I-A Seniors

The West Haven Italian-American Civic Association Senior Center is seeking new members to join its Tuesday senior gathering. Join a group of friendly seniors in an afternoon of good company, with Bingo, cards, trips to casinos and conversations with like-minded people and more. We meet at the club, 85 Chase Lane, each Tuesday from noon to 3. The cost is just \$3 per week to cover expenses. We offer refreshments at no additional cost. Call Sherri Torre, (203) 932-2893 for further information.

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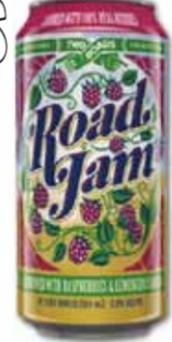
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