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Voice Profile

A weekly in-depth interview

"Get out there, present an idea and get it done because it will always help someone else."

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Moody's upgrades outlook

Mayor Nancy Rossi announced that Moody's Investment Service affirmed the City's credit rating at Baa3 but upgraded the outlook from negative to stable in a recent bond credit analysis.

The Moody's report states that the revised rating outlook reflects West Haven's stabilized financial position and the effectiveness of the financial and administrative oversight provided by the Municipal Accountability Board (MARB). The report also credits the increase in the city's grand list valuations and progress towards structural balance despite the city's receiving state restructuring funds.

The credit report stated that "The stable outlook reflects our expectations that West Haven, under the supervision of the MARB, will adhere to its five-year recovery plan and continue to make incremental progress towards structural balance and building a fund balance over the outlook period."

"I am very pleased with Moody's removing the negative outlook and upgrading the City of West Haven to a stable outlook. We need to continue the progress and improve our overall bond rating. That will take some time and this is a step in the right direction", said Mayor Nancy Rossi. "We have stabilized our financial situation and are making

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Photos by Russ McCreven

Dancin' on the deck

Dancers of all ages cut a rug – or a plank -- at Oak Street Sunday evening. The weekend tradition at the Captain Tony Deck has been going on for more than 30 years. Volunteer DJs and others with boom boxes provide the music, while hoofers with a beat while the night away with various steps.



Residents get review of charter proposals

Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

Residents took to the Harriet North Room Monday night to air their support and concerns regarding different parts of the Charter Revision Commission's suggested changes.

Primary issues discussed were the addition of a town manager, the changing of voting districts from ten to three and the extension of mayoral, city council and board of education terms from two years to four.

Many residents thanked the commission for the work they put into their recommended changes to the charter and said the revision was a long time coming.

Kathy Granfield, who said she was related to Charter Revision Commission Ed Granfield, said she has read through the suggestions and supports the idea of a city manager. She added that she thinks it is crucial the city does a good job educating the public on the changes outlined before they go to vote on in November.

"This is one of the most important decisions we are going to make as a town," said Granfield.

Other citizens voiced their concern that the city manager position could become politicized. The manager, who would be required to hold a master's degree with a concentration in public administration, public affairs, public policy or business administration and have five years of municipal management experience, would need to be approved by a majority vote on the city council.

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Public Meetings

Aug. 1 - 6:30 P.M. -- Council Chambers - Special Council Meeting for Deliberations/Actions.

Moody's

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the tough budget decisions that are necessary for future success. The change in the outlook may seem minor but it could save West Haven taxpayers up to 25 basis points or a quarter percent on future bonding—this outlook upgrade is very important.”

“We have spent much of the past 20 months dealing with serious budget issues and marketing and attracting new economic development opportunities for the city. West Haven is on the right path forward and I am looking forward to working with the MARB and City Council to continue the progress,” said Rossi.

On this date:

1981 -- Music Television is launched. The channel, popularly known as MTV was mostly known for showing music videos and for being hosted by Video Jockeys.

Weather

Friday Aug 2 Partly cloudy with chance of showers
High 82F



Sunrise: 5:48 am
Sunset: 8:07 pm
Wind: ESE 5-10
High Tide: 12:22 am; 12:55 pm

Saturday Aug 3 Partly to mostly cloudy
High 82F



Sunrise: 5:49 am
Sunset: 8:06 pm
Wind: SE 5-10
High Tide: 1:14 am; 1:46 pm

Sunday Aug 4 Sunny with some clouds.
High 86F

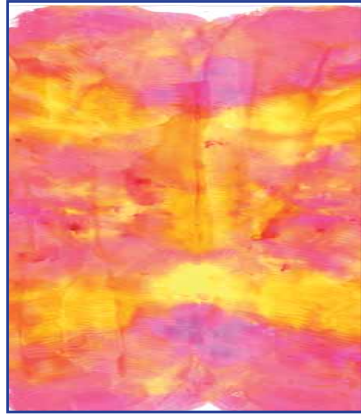


Sunrise: 5:50 am
Sunset: 8:05 pm
Wind: W 5-10
High Tide: 2:07 am; 2:39 pm

Monday Aug 5 Mix of sun and clouds
High 83F



Sunrise: 5:51 am
Sunset: 8:04 pm
Wind: SE 5-10
High Tide: 3:02 am; 3:33 pm



Kids' Forecast

Marcus Williams Meeker, age 2, a student at West Haven Child Development Center, predicts very hot and humid weather this coming week, perfect for the beach.

Things to Do

To have your event featured here email it to: info@westhavenvoice.com

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. 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.

More information can be found on our Facebook page: WHHS Class of 1969- 50th reunion, or by emailing chazbo40@aol.com /203 494 7379 or sandee110@aol.com /203 494 7730.

Join the Harugari's annual German Bierfest and Pig Roast on Sunday, Aug. 25, under the pavilion. The time is 1 p.m. rain or shine. The Adlers will be performing for your listening and dancing pleasure.

The Harugari Schuhplattlers will also perform traditional German folk dances. German food and bier will be available for purchase. Admission is \$5 for adults, Under 18 free.

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Rossi wants to finish what she started

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

Mayor Nancy Rossi said the reason she decided to run again is because the work she has started is not finished.

"I've started it, we've made very good progress with it, but I'm far from being finished," said Rossi. "I believe I'm the one that has the best credential and will to do what need to be done."

The mayor said she has proven that with the sometimes unpopular budget cuts and decisions she has made. She pointed to the city being "in the black" for the first time since 2005 as evidence it is on the right track.

Rossi said she will continue to focus on city finances, which she says is key to all other issues the city faces.

"Anything that requires more money, if you don't have it, you're going to have a problem," said Rossi. "Whether it's filling potholes or paying overtime. Whatever it is, you have to have money to do it."

Rossi said in order to get the city's "fiscal house in order" she needs to continue what she has been doing while also having more time to work on economic development. Two examples she cited for tough financial choices she made

were the closing of the adult day care program and the suspension of the Savin Rock Festival.

Rossi said the adult day care did not serve many people when she closed it, but continued to run a deficit. She said former mayor and current mayoral candidate Ed O'Brien should have ended it when he got into office in 2013.

"If, when Ed got in, he had closed this," said Rossi, "the taxpayers would have saved nearly a million dollars."

Rossi showed the financial records of day care which show continued deficits year over year and two transfers in from the general fund – \$629,000 by the O'Brien administration in 2016 and \$278,342 in 2018 by the Rossi administration when they balanced and closed the program.

In reference to the Savin Rock Festival, Rossi said the fact that she did not pay the balance is indication that she never intended to entirely end the event.

Vis-à-vis other financial achievements, Rossi also said she cut the corporation council by 30 percent when she got into office and instead brought in six law students from Quinnipiac University as interns.

Rossi said she is proud of her

relationship with the unions of the city. She said without the unions agreeing to take no raises in contract renegotiations the city would be in a more dire financial position.

The mayor said volunteers, **See Rossi, page 14**



MAYOR NANCY ROSSI



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Dear Felicia

As we begin August, named, of course, after Caesar Augustus, we who are a bit removed from the "Glory that was Rome" have our minds toined to other things. Foist off, it seems like only last week I was saying it was June 1, and the summer was before us. Here we are on August 1 and before yew know it the leaves will be turning, the snow will be falling, and the year will be over.

Momma used to say that once we git by May, the rest of the year flies. She wasn't kid-din'. Here in the Asylum by the Sea, who will occupy the third floor of the Actors Colony - otherwise known as City Hall - over the next two years is the focus of attention. The Republicans as yew already know chose Michelle Gregorio as its endorsed candidate.

That doesn't mean the nomination process is over. Steven Mullins, the challenger, got 20 of 44 votes in the caucus a fortnight ago, and is gearing up for a primary fight much to

the chagrin of the leadership, according to Sammy Bluejay. Gregorio was the leadership's favorite daughter, and they were hoping to keep the ko-pecks in the coffers until the general election.

Steve, meanwhile, made a very interestin' commint in Josh LaBella's story. He said he was surprised by the number of votes he got. Truth to tell, so was Cobina. Y'see, we thought the party was puttin' up a united front. The leadership certainly wanted one.

With Mullins getting that many votes, it would seem to indicate that a goodly portion of the 60-member Town Committee - those who showed up anyway - had other ideas. Cobina thought, and still does, that a primary will be good for the party, but we understand the financial constraints.

That said, Mullins should have very little trouble getting the requisite number o' signatures needed to get on the September ballot. The GOP

didn't exactly put up any great numbers in 2017, and the state rule is 10 percent o' that total. Soooooo, the Republicans will more than likely have a primary.

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*Nelly Nuthatch, meanwhile, sez that things are going as expected in the city's majority party. Like all Gall, the party is divided into three parts, and they are usually fightin' with one another - or at least two at a time are fighting against the thoid.*

*How this most recent process is actually shaking out is somewhat of a conundrum. The endorsed candidate, Herroner Nancy Rossi, got the overwhelming support of the Democratic Town Committee perty much as expected. She and her supporters had control over it.*

*Deb Collins, who seems to be backed by the Morrissey faction, got a few votes, and really didn't wanna be put up for nomination, opting instead to just go the primary route. She was put up in nomination and did, in fack, not win. I can see why she didn't want that to happen, it becomes a talking pernt. To wit: She only got x-number of votes on the town committee, how much support does she REALLY have.*

*Don't kid yoreself, she's got support. There are a lotta people out there who jest don't like the current incumbent. But the fack that there is a thoid candidate muddies the waters even more. Foremer Mayor Ed O'Brien didn't bother putting his name in nomination,*

*using the option of just going the primary route. Both he and Collins have many more names to conjure up over the next few days, and then we git the verification process.*

*Odds are that both Collins and O'Brien will have more than enuff signatures that are verified to git on the ballot. That means a three-way primary. Anything can happen in a three-way vote. As I said last week, for this to mean more than any other primary, the turnout has to be bigger. Usually about 5,000 voters come out. That will make a three-way split very close, and delegitimize the winner in the eyes of many.*

*We shall see what happens, but effen yew thought the last few weeks were hot, in the words of Al Jolson, "You ain't seen nothin' yet."*

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Iva Loothey happened by the other day, and it seems that Ed Granfield is getting some push-back from the usual partisan suspects because he doesn't belong to their party. Pettiness has always been a problem with some o' the hacks that occupy political office and their supporters. Even if a person has a good idea, the "R" or "D" next to the name kind of determines how some of the lesser minds in our community see it.

The Charter Revision Commish has been working hard and has really done some grind-out work, looking at ishews and coming up with

solutions. But there seems, according to Iva, a group of people who, because Granfield is of a Republican persuasion automatically go negative. The idea doesn't matter, it's who puts up the idea that counts.

Granfield has been explaining the proposals, and has been hearing about his lack of credibility due his affiliation from, like we said, the lesser minds in the community. The fack that John Carrano, the Democrat leader on the body, is taking a leading role in explaining things should stop the silliness, but we wouldn't hold our breath if we were you.

Carrano and Granfield have been working in tandem to make the Charter Revision Commish one of the best we've had in decades. But there are some - usually Demmies - who just can't take any idea put forth by a GOP-er, no matter how good. It is, ipso facto, out of bounds.

That, in a nutshell, is how this burg got in the fix it's in. Party politics, which on a local level should mean very little, came to be the do-all and end-all. What a situation! We'd like to say there's something in the water, but we all know that's not it. It's just the way politics around here has been played for too long.

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*The Wag came by and sez that he was watchin' the MARB meeting on the state channel that broadcasts state affairs on the telly last week, and the Beach Street project came up. I guess who pays for it, and how much, was part o' the discussion. Effen yew don't remember, the plan calls for the raising of the roadbed by about seven feet in order to prevent flooding. After the last two hurricanes we had a few years back, which exposed pipes, and broke up sidewalks, it was looked at and determined that the road should be lifted higher than at present.*

*Of course, how much the city can spend on the project is limited, given the straits we're in. Sooooo, other means of financing (read: state) are gonna be needed. We shall see how that all plays out. He didn't let Cobina know effen any decision was made, but Iyam sure we'll find out sooner rather than later. Probably, a bond issheew is gonna hafta be floated for the project effen state funding can't be secured.*

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Finally, the big question is, now that there is going to be a proimary in both parties, when will the complaints start about Absentee Ballots? Yew know it will happen --always does.

With that bit o' chatter, I'll close this week till next, mitt my usual luff und kizzez,

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DTC votes to give nod to Rossi

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

In a display of unity, nearly all the delegates of the Democratic Town Committee voted for Mayor Nancy Rossi to be nominated for reelection. The DTC also nominated many members of the Rossi camp for under-ticket positions.

When the tally was over, Rossi had gathered 50 votes, current city clerk and mayoral candidate Debbie Collins had four and four members abstained.

Collins said the members of the DTC were going to follow Chairman Mike Last's lead on all of the candidates. She and former mayor Ed O'Brien, who is also running for mayor, have both said they will primarily with their own under-ticket candidates.

DTC under-ticket nominations included: Patricia Horvath, city clerk; Michael Last, treasurer and Dorothy Chambrelli for tax collector. Joseph Harvey and Mark Palmieri were nominated for the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Anne Heffernan, Cebi Waterfield and Andrea Talamelli were picked to run for Board of Education positions.

The committee also nominated a full slate for city council positions. Those nominated were: Olivia Quagliani (who was holding a seat for her father Ronald), councilman-at-large; Gary Donovan, councilman-at-large; Bridgette Hoskie, District 1; Rohan Smith, District 2; Elizabeth Johnston, District 3; Mitch Gallagnano, District 4; Robbin Hamilton, District 5; Peter Massaro, District 6; Trenee McGee, District 7; Rachel Solveria, District 8; Stephen DeCrescenzo, District 9; and Louise Martone for District 10.

DTC Chairman Mike Last said the caucus went well and it was great to see the "overwhelming support for Mayor Rossi."

"She has worked hard over the last 19 months and deserved the endorsement for another term," said Last.

According to Last, there is a large contrast between Rossi and her two democratic opponents. He called the track records of O'Brien and Collins "less than stellar."

"Ed O'Brien ran four consecutive budget deficits totaling more than \$10 million and turned the city over to the state on his way out the door," said Last. "Debbie Collins has trouble managing the City Clerk's office and has run budget deficits in 8 of the last 10 years."

"I believe West Haven is on the right path forward," said Last, finally.




Photo by Diane Dietman

'Christmas in July' toy drive extended

Painter Park Day Camp participant Amelie Choiniere, 7, of West Haven, drops off a donation Friday for the Department of Parks and Recreation's "Christmas in July" toy drive. The department is now accepting donations through Aug. 9. Park-Rec is co-sponsoring the toy drive with the Connecticut Recreation & Parks Association and Christmas Wish CT, a charity committed to sharing the spirit of Christmas year-round. 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. 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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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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Voters should decide fate of charter revisions

The West Haven Charter Commission has filed its report with the City Council since last month, the Voice has published a series of explanations by Commission Chairman Ed Granfield, and this week continues that series with John Carrano, the second in command. Carrano's contributions, both this week and in the future, should serve as an example to some that what is being proposed is not the work of one man, but that of a committee, which worked in concert.

As is the usual case in West Haven, the political affiliation of a person is sometimes used as a bludgeon in order to delegitimize the work done. In bringing out the opinions of not only Granfield – who happens to be a registered Republican – but Carrano – a registered Democrat – those who seek to diminish the work of the commission will have those criticisms blunted by the facts.

The work of the Charter Revision Commission was a collective effort, particularly by the aforementioned Granfield and Carrano, who spent the first few weeks detailing to the membership what the current charter outlined. It was understood that before a well-informed group could determine what needed to be changed or retained, it had to understand what standard procedure was.

But these lines are not to lend credence to the criticism given the commission by the usual suspects in the city's political class. No matter what the changes proposed they want and like the status quo with few exceptions. We want to turn our attention to one particular change we believe will help the city, and further discussion and debate.

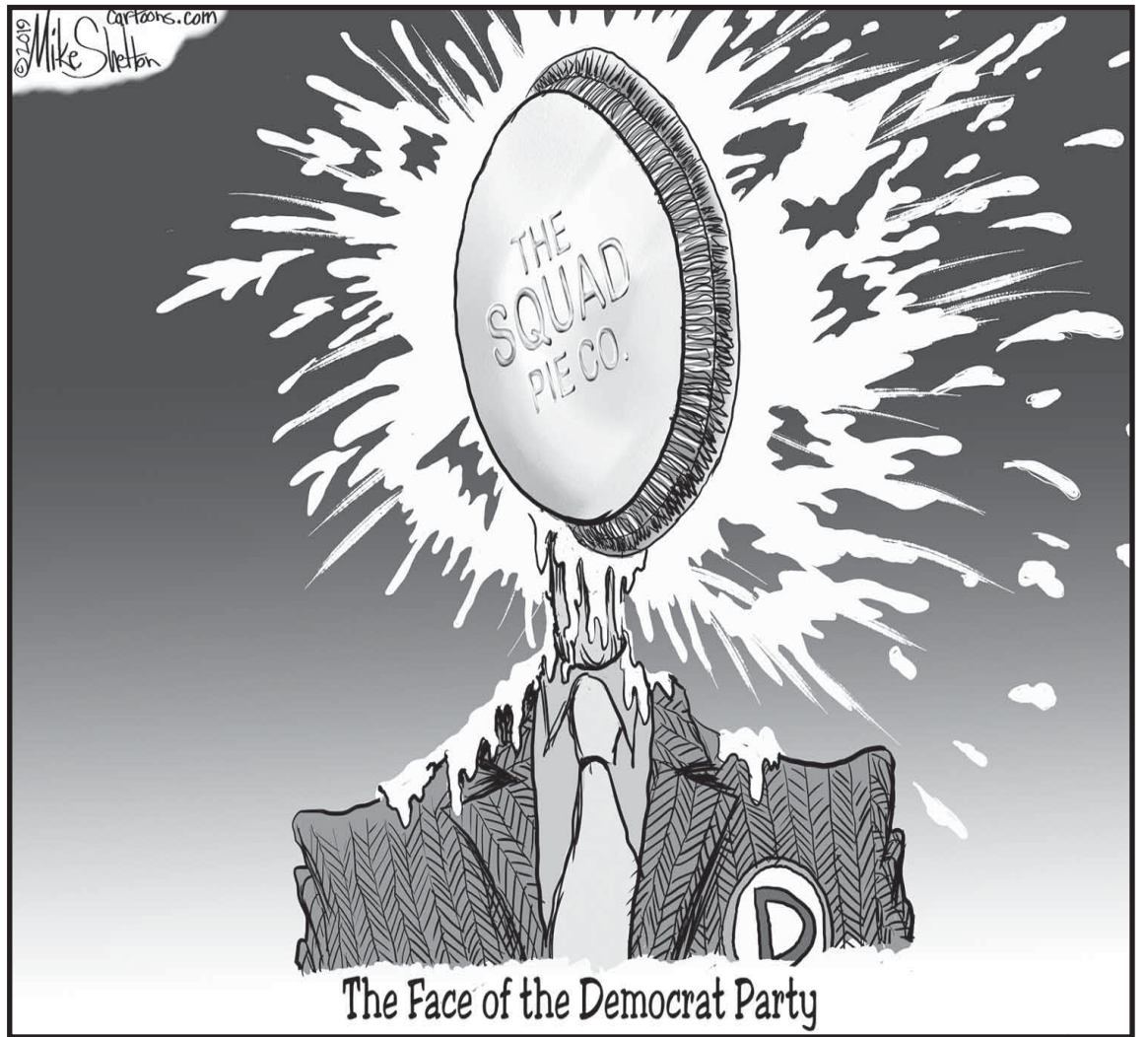
Under a proposal made by the commission, the city's 10 council districts will be reduced to three with four representatives from each of those new regions. The mayor, as we understand it, will be the 13th member. In each of the districts at least one member will be a minority party representative. This is a step in the right direction.

This publication for decades has objected to the current system, which allows for only one minority at-large minority representative. For the better part of the last three decades the minority – usually the Republicans – have had only one voice. This creates problems, particularly in a city where party affiliation, rather than one's ideas, holds sway.

The minority rep cannot most times get a "second" on any question or motion. That means that rather than debate the merits of the idea put forth, the matter is dropped and the rest of the meeting moves on inexorably to the pre-ordained conclusion by the majority.

Under the new system the minority party would be represented in each of the larger districts and the majority party would in theory still hold the majority with the mayor serving as the deciding vote. This would allow for more discussion, more debate, more ideas. West Haven has suffered under a one-party, one-idea rule for too long. Most times the debate within the Democratic Party has been not the idea, but which faction is ruling the roost.

We hope the City Council – after duly discussing and allowing the public to opine – accepts the idea and puts it forth in November. One-party rule, and no true minority representation hurts us all.



The Face of the Democrat Party

Assimilation problems

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

Beto O'Rourke, the losing Texas senator candidate who bootstrapped his way into becoming a losing presidential candidate, had a message for refugees who had come to America: Your new country is a hellhole.

The former congressman told a roundtable of refugees and immigrants in Nashville, Tennessee: "This country was founded on white supremacy. And every single institution and structure that we have in this country still reflects the legacy of slavery and segregation and Jim Crow and suppression."

Just in case the newcomers were inclined to believe that they had escaped to the greatest country on Earth, an open, dynamic, generous society that, whatever their struggles now, will afford them opportunities unimaginable back home -- Beto was there to tell them of all its sins.

He had made himself into an instrument of woke assimilation.

This is the backdrop of the controversy over Ilhan Omar, the Somali-born left-wing member of Congress whom Donald Trump urged, in particularly noxious tweets, to return to her native country and

fix it before presuming to tell us what to do.

It's a mistake, though, to think that Omar is anything other than on her way to total assimilation, only on the terms set out by Beto O'Rourke.

American has two assimilation problems. One is immigrants feeling only a tenuous connection to America, and getting isolated in ethnic enclaves. The other is immigrants like Omar -- and some of her second-generation colleagues -- assimilating into the America of identity politics and grievance.

They have learned to speak not just English, but the language of oppression. They understand our system (at least no less than the average officeholder), but hold it in low regard. They know our history, as taught by an instructor cribbing from Howard Zinn.

They may be citizens, but they are certainly outraged victims.

According to a profile in The Washington Post, Omar felt betrayal immediately upon getting to America.

"I arrived at the age of 12 and learned that I was the extreme other," she explained to The Post, noting bullying when she was in school in Arlington, Virginia, an affluent Washington, D.C. suburb. "I was black.

I was Muslim. I also learned I was extremely poor and that the classless America that my father talked about didn't exist."

Somehow, despite all the depredations, she gained a seat in Congress. Omar doesn't represent a majority-minority district. She started her elected career, as The Post puts it, by getting to know "older peace-and-justice hippies." She attended Black Lives Matter protests, and established relationships with all the left-wing groups in Minneapolis.

Omar's default is to blame America first. She explained that local Somali-Americans attempted to join the Islamic State as a function of "systemic alienation." She contends that she has met American veterans "who say the most horrendous things, who have complete disregard for life." And she accuses her congressional colleagues of singling her out for demonization.

Anyone who thinks these attitudes are alien to America has never been to a college campus or watched MSNBC. In short, whatever foolhardy things Trump may tweet, Ilhan Omar is not suited to return and fix Somalia, rather to join a segment of the American elite.

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Read Rich Lowry
each week
in the Voice



Dear Gripe Vine Readers:
Several weeks ago, Gripe Vine published a letter from a disgruntled reader who complained of heavy commercial traffic on Canton Street. My response indicated I had contacted Councilwoman Robin Watts Hamilton who represents your district for help with this problem.

Today, I have good news! Councilwoman Hamilton followed up with this complaint and provided Gripe Vine with this reply, "I spoke with Sgt. Joseph D'Amoto of the West Haven Police Department's Traffic Division. He told me

he will post No Thru Truck Traffic signs on Canton Street. I have been in contact with the individual who lives on Canton Street to keep him updated."

Thank you, Councilwoman Hamilton,

Dear Eleanore Turkington:
There are potholes on Ardale, Dix and Eaton Streets that need repair. These are on the ends of each street.

Ardale Street Resident
Dear Ardale Street Resident:
Gripe Vine has notified your District Councilwoman Bridgette Hoskie of your complaint. Her reply, "I



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have reached out to Public Works. I'll let you know when I hear back." Councilwoman

Hoskie's reply was date July 19. Please inform Gripe Vine when these potholes were repaired.

Dear Gripe Vine Readers:
I received complaints from readers who had occasion to use the portable toilet facilities that were recently placed on the Green. Their gripes were numerous and quite honestly, disgusting in their description of these facilities.

If my readers experienced these same conditions, please email me at gripevine4wh@aol.com or drop me a note to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice, 666 Savin Ave.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:
There are several large holes in a row on Maltby Avenue. Maybe their vehicles hover over the holes or they ignore their responsibilities to tax-payers. There is another large hole on Maltby Avenue at the intersection with Timberland Drive. Hazardous driving and walking conditions are here for there are no sidewalks on

Maltby Avenue. It is also dangerous for kids or others riding bikes in the neighborhood of mothers with strollers.

MA Potholes
Dear MA Potholes:
I heard from Councilwoman Robbin Watt Hamilton. " I will forward this to the Commissioner of Public Works. I am confident it will be addressed."

Thank you, Councilwoman Hamilton.

Dear Gripe Vine Readers:
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## Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

### "Washington's Black-Robed Regiment"

Can you imagine Congregational ministers fanning the fires of war? It couldn't be possible, could it? And yet, the English authorities termed the colonial ministers of 1775

"Washington's Black Regiment," referring to their black robes and their stance in the coming rebellion.

Eighteenth-century America was a deeply religious culture that lived self-consciously under the eye of heaven.

Events were generally perceived by the colonists, not from their own viewpoint, but from God's perspective. The colonists didn't see themselves as a ragtag settlement of religious exiles, but as God's special people.

Lacking all of today's media, they turned instead to the church sermon; it was generally an hour and a half long, and was part prophet, newspaper, video, internet, community college and social therapist all rolled into one. By the time a colonist turned 70, he would have listened to some 7000 sermons, totaling 10,000 hours; this is about the amount of lecture time a college student would need today to earn ten different undergraduate degrees, without ever repeating the same course! The colonists therefore, habitually turned to their ministers for news, information and guidance.

In 1775, English royal supremacy was being taught

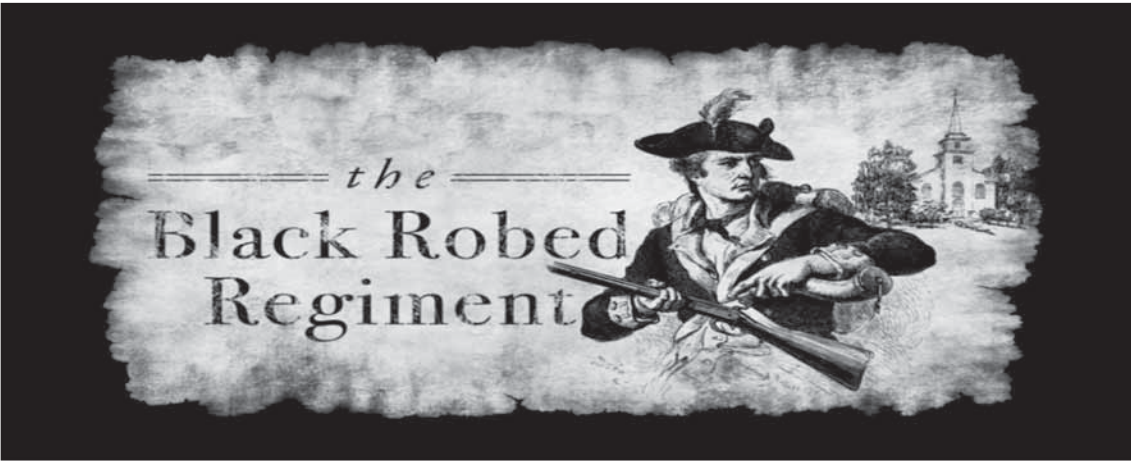
to the colonists at the point of a bayonet. King George III had issued a declaration asserting English sovereignty in "all cases whatsoever" in the colonies. This was an outrage to the colonists, who up until this point had considered themselves loyal Englishmen; they saw in this new declaration a British plot to deprive them of their fundamental English rights and God-ordained liberties.

The American Revolutionary era is known as the "Golden Age of Oratory." We have all heard the famous words of Patrick Henry, Benjamin Franklin and the like. Yet, it is not well known that patriotic oratory from the pulpit played a key role in the Revolutionary movement.

The American Revolution was first and foremost a religious event. The ministers saw in the English actions, tyranny and idolatry, and considered these actions blasphemous. The preachers, quoting Romans 13, admonished their flocks to "be subject to higher powers" than the English. They firmly believed that it would be sinful not to resist English blasphemy, even by force of arms.

Before the battles of Lexington and Concord—"the shot heard 'round the world"—the Rev. William Emerson (grandfather of Ralph Waldo Emerson) preached to the colonial militia, and propelled them into what he termed "the greatest event taking place in the present age." Quoting Chronicles 13, he said, "And behold, God himself is with us for our captain. ...O children of Israel, fight ye not against the Lord God of your fathers, for ye shall not prosper."

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# Caprio built a resume of helping

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

Michelle Caprio has spent years doing philanthropy in and around West Haven, and she doesn't have plans to stop anytime soon.

She said having a passion for helping others and giving it her all helps to make other people smile and make the world a better place. The West Haven native has been involved in copious fundraisers and projects.

"I got involved when my older daughter, Michaela, started at Mackrille Elementary School," said Caprio. "When Hurricane Katrina hit, I organized for a truck to come and I had gotten supplied from the community and we filled the truck and sent it down to New Orleans to help the victims."

For Caprio, this was just one chapter in a long story of having a passion for helping others. Soon after she said she started a program called "Backpacks for Kids" with teacher Cathy Biagetti which gave "gently used" backpacks filled with school supplies to foster children or children in need.

Caprio said she has always enjoyed helping others but got more involved after her daughters Michaela and Chloe were born. She said she realized that bad things could happen to anybody.

"You'd always want someone to come along to put a smile on your face and make your day a little better," said Caprio. "So I'd always had that feeling people could use a helping hand sometimes. So why not help out?"

Caprio said for five years she hosted the Health and Wellness Fair for students in the school district which saw over 30 vendors and medical professionals give out free items and information. She said over 300 families attended each year.

The list of events and fundraisers Caprio has organized or been involved in organizing is extensive. During the past 20 years she has run a dental hygiene day for students to get free teeth cleanings, helped raise supplies for foodbanks like WHEAT, ran "A Day of Caring" for struggling or homeless families as well as several benefits for families going through hard times. She also does work with national organizations.

"I am an active participant of fundraisers and do walks for the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association, Alzheimer's Association and Wounded Warriors Foundation," said Caprio.

Her work has not gone un-



MICHELLE CAPRIO

noticed as Caprio has received many awards and honors. ) In 2014 she received the "Forever Friends" award from the West Haven Community House. In 2016 she received a proclamation from the office of the mayor of Meriden for being a "hometown hero for West Haven."

This year the West Haven Republican Party gave her an award for her service and commitment to the city. Caprio said it was an honor to be chosen for any of the numerous awards she has been given but one stuck out.

"I received 2017 Westies Care Deb Hutchinson Award," said Caprio. "She passed away and I was very close to Deb so this was heartwarming. It was very special."

Caprio said she has not done any of this work alone and

said she has had support from Mayors Picard, O'Brien and Rossi as well Superintendent of Schools Neil Cavallaro. She said she has met countless great and likeminded people along the way.

"I thank everyone who has entered my life and made an impact on the lives of others through all our hours of vol-

unteering because I didn't do any of this alone," said Caprio. "I was always in great company."

With such a long resume, Caprio said her crowning achievement is her daughters, who came to PTA meetings, City Council meetings and all of her events and helped her learn so much along the way.

She said she wants her children to see her work and realize there are people who need their help.

"Like I've always said, if you're able to give back, don't hesitate - do it," said Caprio. "Don't second guess it. Get out there, present an idea and get it done because it will always help someone else."

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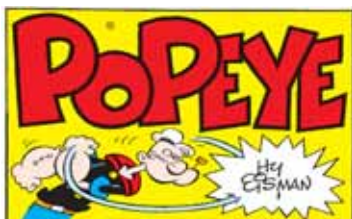
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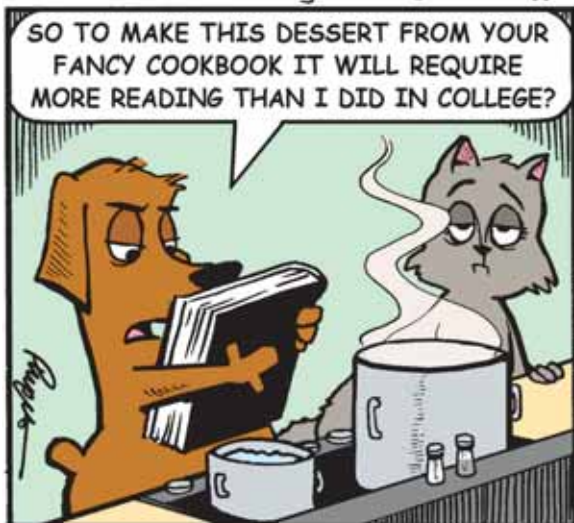
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## State Farm opens Allingtown office

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, holding oversized scissors, cuts the ribbon July 23 with State Farm agent Derwin A. Griffith, third from right, to celebrate the ceremonial opening of the insurance company's new Allingtown office at 444 Forest Road. Also marking the event are, from left, State Farm account managers Cyndal Golbeck and Shakira Rodriguez; City Council Minority Leader Richard DePalma, R-at large; Griffith's friend and mentor, Leroy Addison; Rossi's executive assistant, Lou Esposito; and State Farm account manager Ashley G. Sanchez. The independently owned office, based in the Oronoque Forest Centre, specializes in a full range of insurance, including policies for auto, home and property, life, health, disability, small business, liability, and identity restoration. It also provides financial services, such as banking and investment options.



## Charter

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The mayor would become a part-time city employee who would have a voting seat on the City Council and still hold the power to appoint. Some citizens who spoke found issue with the mayor serving as more of a figurehead and public relations person. They said they wanted the top seat in the city to be directly "accountable to the people."


City Council Chairman Ronald Quagliani said the council cannot make changes to the charter, only recommendations to the commission. This Wednesday and Thursday the council will be reviewing the revised charter in meetings open to the public – but with no public comment.

Quagliani said the council will need to make their recommendations and have the commission chose whether or not to implement them. He said the commission will then send their final revision to the council for a vote. If passed, the city will send the document to the Connecticut Secretary of State for review and clearance.

In order for the changes, which can be voted on piecemeal, to be on the ballot in November, the city must send the charter revision recommendations to the state by Sept. 5.

## Signature Band plays Green

The West Haven Summer Concert Series continues on the Green at 7 p.m. today with dance rock anthems performed by The Signature Band. The two-hour concert is free; the rain date is Monday at 7 p.m. For rescheduling information, visit the Department of Parks and Recreation website, [www.whparkrec.com](http://www.whparkrec.com), or call (203) 937-3677 after 4 p.m.



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## Celebrating moon landing

Children from Community House's summer program enjoyed a space-themed field day, facilitated by Amanda Amtmantis, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of NASA's Apollo moon landing.



# Commission looks toward future

*Ed. Note - This is the next in our series on the Charter Revision Commission's recommendations. This week Democratic Majority Leader of the CRC, John Carrano is the author.*

**By John M. Carrano**  
Democratic Majority Leader,

Once upon a time, West Haven was a nice shoreline community where generations of families lived and thrived, working at local companies like Armstrong, Bilco, Miles Lab, then Bayer, and many others. If not employed locally, they endured the 10-minute daily commute to New Haven, the business and banking center of the region, where they enjoyed lifelong careers with companies like SNET, UI, Yale U, the Hospitals, banks, and countless others. Boy, have times changed. We are not a small town any longer and what is required of the city leaders has become more complicated than ever before. We have 55,000 citizens, almost 1,200 employees, \$163 million in expenses, a bond rating one level above junk, and the state has had to bail us out twice since we became a city in 1961.

The CRC took a long, hard look at our city history during this process, and considered what we were, and what we have become, along with the complexity of today's world. We didn't just look at the nuts and bolts of our city charter, we analyzed the big picture

and came to the conclusion that, since we cannot turn back the clock, our only choice was to look ahead.

Let's take a look at exactly what we are expecting from our mayor. We expect the mayor to come into office and on day-1 be an expert in state/municipal policies and procedures, be a seasoned manager and leader, understand pensions and 401k retirement structures, be a budget expert, a contract negotiator, an economic development genius, a financial specialist so we can invest our funds into the best Short Term Investment Accounts, be politically savvy, have excellent administrative skills and the ability to attract businesses, jobs and tourists along with superior communication skills.

Certainly, in a city of 55,000 people, there are plenty of qualified candidates to choose from. West Haven has some highly qualified people who no doubt can come to work on day-1 with many, if not all, of the above attributes. So why don't we just find those people and vote for them? Why? Because the mayor's job is not all it's cracked up to be.

Let's take Don Smith, a hypothetical qualified candidate who lives in WH. Don has a master's degree and is a vice-president at a large manufacturing company in the state and he has served on the City

Council for many years so he comes with a great number of those attributes above. Don, we want you to run for mayor, you are very likeable and by far the most qualified. Here are the terms: you need to quit your current job with great health benefits, a solid 401k, yearly bonus and three weeks' vacation. But don't worry Don, our mayor is budgeted to make \$89,000 next year so we are only asking you to take a pay cut of about \$60,000, no bonus and no cost of living increase for the foreseeable future, I am sure you understand. We are sure the people will love you, but no matter what decision you make while in office, 40% of the people will have a problem with it. The regular working hours are 8-5, but you are expected to work a minimum of 12 hours/day during the week.... but just think, you only have to work half that on the weekends. One last thing Don, even if you are the savior, two years from now you may have fallen out of favor with the politicians that helped you get in. Or, maybe someone more popular decides to run, but hopefully you will survive and advance for another two-year run. If not, I am sure your old company will take you back.

Over the years we have had good mayors and some not-so-good mayors.

Many of them have come to

the table with some of the attributes listed above, but none have come with all of them. For those areas where any mayor is not an expert, we have to hope they learn quickly on-the-job, while making no major mistakes. Well the CRC reviewed this logic and decided, why should we have to settle for anything less than an expert in all these fields? Hope is not a strategy, so why not bring in someone with a master's degree who studied how to operate a city under these exact conditions? Oh, and let's not settle there, let's make sure the person has at least five years of experience honing their skills in another municipality so when they show up on day-1 they have a plan and a strategy based on real experience, not campaign promises.

Many people have stated... everything sounds great, but how exactly do you plan to pay for this, you know we are almost bankrupt and a city manager will cost about \$150,000/year? Yes, we know this and if the proposal is implemented, in its entirety, there are plenty of offsets. First, the mayor moves to part-time, so the salary is expected to go to say \$40,000, that is \$50,000/year in savings, second, moving to four-year terms means we would save an average of \$110,000/election cycle, that is \$27,500/year, third, we have

proposed that our City Council, with the exception of the mayor, serve without compensation just like the Board of Education, Police Commission, Fire Commissions and many other City Councils in this state and our great nation. That adds \$35,000 in savings. Additionally, the move of the Tax Collector to appointed saves \$7,500 since we already have a tax manager who is qualified to be tax collector. That is \$120,000 of offsets to the anticipated \$150,000 in cost. This does not account for any savings from the tremendous amount of flexibility, efficiency and consolidation possibilities the CRC has built into the proposed charter.

The CRC is not looking to diminish this city's elected bodies, or take away their ability to govern. On the contrary, we are trying to improve their ability to govern by raising the standards and providing them with a new set of tools to work with. In closing, as a taxpayer, I strongly believe we deserve to have a qualified professional running the operations of our city.

We all work hard for our money and while taxes are part of everyone's life, shouldn't we demand that the people deciding what we pay in taxes are experts at what they do and not just the most popular person willing to run for mayor?



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The University's Scholarship for Service program will prepare students to work for government entities to help prevent cyberattacks



# Federal grant aids cyber scholars

The University of New Haven has received a \$4 million National Science Foundation (NSF) grant – the largest federal grant in the University's history – to create Connecticut's first CyberCorps® Scholarship for Service program, which will educate the next generation of professionals charged with protecting the nation from cyberattacks.

The Scholarship for Service (SFS) program is designed to recruit and train the next generation of cybersecurity professionals to meet the needs of federal, state, local, and tribal government organizations. The program provides scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students studying cybersecurity and computer science. Scholarship recipients will then pursue employment with a government entity in a cybersecurity-related position. The date for the scholarship's applications expired July 22.

"This grant recognizes the national reputation of our undergraduate and graduate degree programs in cybersecurity and computer science and the potential value our graduates could bring to the federal government, as well as state and local governments," said Ron Harichandran, Ph.D., dean of the University of New Haven's Tagliatela College of Engineering and vice provost of research. "The SFS program will provide a steady supply of University of New Haven graduates to the government over the next several years."

"The government is looking to hire the best of the best in cybersecurity," added Ibrahim "Abe" Baggili, Ph.D., Elder Family Endowed Chair of Computer Science and Cybersecurity and founder and director of the University's Cyber Forensics Research and

Education Group. "It is the biggest need they've identified in their workforce. They want people who have superior technical skills, and that's what our graduates provide."

Earlier this year, the National Security Agency (NSA) designated the University an Academic Center of Excellence in Cyber Operations, making it the only college or university in the state – and one of only 23 in the United States – to earn this distinction.

"The University of New Haven has become a national and international leader in cybersecurity and forensics education, and our undergraduate, graduate, and faculty researchers have already uncovered major software weaknesses that affect billions of people," said Dr. Baggili, the principal investigator for the grant. "This grant pushes us to the next level."

The SFS scholars, said Dr. Baggili, will be expected to do research and publish in highly regarded scholarly journals – hallmarks of the University's cybersecurity and networks program. The University of New Haven's Cyber Forensics Research and Education Group has received international attention for, among other discoveries, uncovering vulnerabilities that were addressed in the messaging application WhatsApp, identifying vulnerabilities in a popular virtual reality application, and creating the Artifact Genome Project, which has been supported by the NSF and the Department of Homeland Security.

The scholars will intern with a federal, state, local, or tribal government organization in a cybersecurity position, and they'll take part in service-learning projects supporting law enforcement or govern-

ment agencies, helping to solve crimes through digital forensics.

In addition to instilling students with a deep technical understanding, faculty will

focus on helping students develop an entrepreneurial mindset. "Because they will work in government jobs that often are limited in resources, we will teach them to think

like entrepreneurs on the job and to leverage their limited resources to build success, to not give up, and to find a creative way to solve

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# Borer lauds new healthcare law

Health care advocates, cancer survivors and state legislators gathered at Yale-New Haven Hospital recently to brief the public about a new law requiring health insurers to cover the costs of Ultrasounds for cancer screening for women with dense breast tissue.

For women identified as having dense breast tissue, an ultrasound is recommended to detect abnormalities that may be masked by the tissue and missed by the mammogram. Those ultrasounds are not covered in the same way mammograms are and as a result many patients forgo this screening because they

have to meet high deductibles or pay out of pocket for the procedure.

Based on legislation championed by former Gov. Jodi Rell years ago Connecticut was the first state in the nation to require notification to women with dense breasts that they can benefit from an ultrasound as well as the mammogram, and this is now a national requirement. However, advocates say the state fell behind in the actual coverage for this test.

This is legislation that had been worked on for years by many legislators, and this year Borer submitted a bill to push

it over the finish line. It passed unanimously through the Insurance Committee and was incorporated into the budget signed by Gov. Ned Lamont in recent weeks.

"I am one of those women with dense breast who require an ultrasound coupled with my mammogram," said Rep. Borer. "It's appalling that because of the cost, many women need to forgo this test. This legislation is exactly the type of tangible, concrete step we need in order to eliminate inequities in healthcare and bridge the difference between those who have and those that have not".

Borer invited Nancy Cusano Tagliatela, a West Haven resident who is a Breast Cancer survivor to attend the conference which was held at Yale's Women's Center.

"Having been diagnosed with Breast Cancer in November 2015, I know the importance of early detection and being pro-active. When you have the unnecessary stress of wondering how to pay for these scans, you end up not following-up which, in the long run, creates an even bigger problem. Thank you to all the legislators and advocates who worked on this bill and my own State

Rep. Dorinda Borer for not giving up until this passed. So many lives will now be saved; and for that, I will be forever grateful."

Joe Cappello and his wife Nancy (who passed away earlier this year from complications of breast cancer) started the CT organization "Are you Dense, Inc." many years ago.

"This is a wonderful day for women in the great state of Connecticut," said Cappello.

Under this new law that takes effect Jan. 1 health insurers will be prohibited from charging coinsurance, copayments, deductibles and other out-of-pocket expenses.

# Rossi: *She wants to finish righting city*

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such as the group West Haven United, have helped by cleaning up public spaces in the stead of public works. Overall, Rossi said the city has cut overtime, excluding public safety, by 61 percent.

"We've done what we can to save money wherever we can and raising revenues," she said. "So now we have the sales of the two schools [Stiles and Thompson] and we have an offer on the Blake Building. We're trying to market anything we own."

Rossi said the city is trying to sell any property that is not essential to developers so it no longer has to maintain it and it can go back on the tax rolls. She said the onetime revenue from property sales will be

used to pay outstanding balances.

"Economic development is the only way we can get out of it," said Rossi. "Raising taxes is not the answer. I presented two budgets with no tax increases but when we went back there [the MARB required tax increases]. Some people are going to lose their houses over this and that's what bothers me. Then you're not collecting anything. I always say, there's a tipping point."

Rossi also pointed to the Charter Revision Commission as an accomplishment, adding the old charter was antiquated. She lauded the addition of a city manager, changing in the districts, and a four-year term.

"Charter revision was a big

deal to me," said Rossi. "I think a four-year term is key. We constantly are having primaries. I think it would be best if we only had to deal with this every four years. And from my own perspective, two years is not enough time to get anything done."

Rossi said she is looking forward to the election being over. She said she is more qualified than the other four candidates running for mayor. She said the O'Brien and Collins are two sides of the same coin who want to put their

people in power.

"Debbie and Ed worked closely together," said Rossi. "They were together at everything. So to me, if we're going to blame Ed for the deficit doubling, she was there."

The mayor pointed to Collins budget in the city clerk's office, which showed that it ran a deficit in eight of out ten years from 2009 to 2018. The cumulative balance from the decade was negative \$97,155.

"If she can't run her own city clerk budget, and keep it positive, how is she going to run a

\$165 million city?" said Rossi. "To do this year after year after year is troubling."

Rossi said she has gotten a positive response from citizens about her campaign so far and that she has been very accessible during her first term. She said she is in it to win it.

"I am keeping a positive outlook but I will be working it," said Rossi. "You can never take anything for granted. I always say until that last vote is tallied and counted - that's when we'll know."

# Poetry reading slated by city laureate

Tony Fusco, the city's poet laureate, will host a poetry reading from 6-7 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Main Library, 300 Elm St.

Fusco, a lifelong resident who in April was appointed the honorary position of poet laureate by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, will read poems from his upcoming books, "Westies" and "Don't Make Me Laugh."

The free event, open to the public, will include light refreshments and an open microphone after the reading.

As the city's first official poet, Fusco will appear at readings and conduct workshops as an advocate for the reading and

writing of poetry.

He has written four books of poetry, including "Java Scripture," featuring poems about his youth, Savin Rock and Allingtown.

His poetry has won many awards, including the Sunken Garden Poetry Prize.

A graduate of West Haven High School, Fusco has a master's degree in creative writing from Southern Connecticut State University and is co-president of the Connecticut Poetry Society.

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# UNH: *Cyber security grant awarded*

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problems," Dr. Baggili said.

The scholars will also participate in the University's hacking and cyber forensics collegiate teams that have placed highly in major national competitions, having beaten universities with cybersecurity programs that are two to five times larger.

"Having a competitive mindset is imperative in a field

where it is important to defeat or trace an adversary," Dr. Baggili said.

Dr. Baggili said faculty will also work to develop cybersecurity leaders who are strong team players and who recognize the need to create a more inclusive and diverse cyber operations workforce.

To that end, Liberty Page, coordinator of the University's undergraduate program in cy-

bersecurity and networks, will lead a session on diversity and inclusion. The scholars will also take part in outreach initiatives including the University's NSA-funded GenCyber Agent Summer Academy that encourages young women and individuals from underrepresented populations to explore opportunities in the field.

After completing their degrees, the scholars will be ex-

pected to work for federal, local, state, or tribal governments for the amount of time that they were sponsored, Dr. Baggili said.

"Our scholars will be well

prepared to meet the deep technical cybersecurity challenges faced by the United States," Dr. Baggili said.

"We're really excited about what comes next."

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# Youth loop publicists reminded of the rules

The fall sports season is set to begin in football, soccer and baseball. The West Haven Voice would like to remind league publicists and coaches of the requirements for weekly reports. All leagues are to have one publicist through whom all stories come. Our rule is: we will edit it, headline it and print it, but we will not write it.

Coaches are reminded to

check with their league officials as to the protocol to be followed in order to have games published in the Voice. No individual games will be accepted. All games must be through the league's publicist.

Deadline for copy is Tuesday at 10 a.m. unless prior clearance is given by the editor for a later submission. All copy must be in paragraph form and is subject to the same ed-

iting for clarity, grammar and space as are all other submissions.

Pictures are welcome and will be published on an "as need" basis. Pictures should be accompanied by the names of the players involved, the action in the photo, and the score of the game.

All games must have scores in those divisions where scores are kept. We under-

stand some younger divisions do not keep score, but those that do should be reported accordingly.

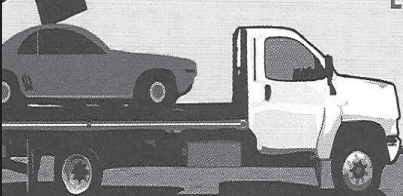
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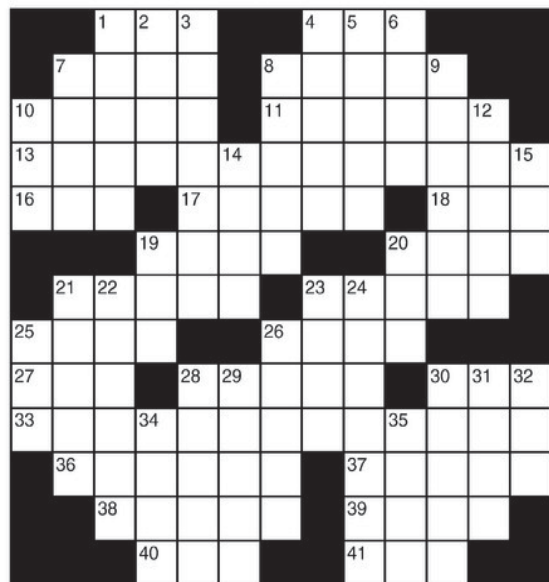
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**King Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Taxi
  - 4 A-E connection
  - 7 Showroom sample
  - 8 Sag
  - 10 Sound portion
  - 11 Peter of Peter, Paul and Mary
  - 13 Fairy tale footwear
  - 16 "- the ram-parts ..."
  - 17 Frogs' kin
  - 18 Also
  - 19 Flowerless plant
  - 20 Perches
  - 21 Worship
  - 23 Nothing
  - 25 Elbow counterpart
  - 26 Hardly brawny
  - 27 And so on (Abbr.)
- DOWN**
- 1 Fragrant wood
  - 2 Writer Kingsley
  - 3 Rocket stage
  - 4 Make pigtailed
  - 5 Military group
  - 6 Dutch village
  - 7 "Psych" actor Hill
  - 8 "The Times They Are A-Changin'" singer
  - 9 Beautifully imaginative
  - 10 Way back when
  - 12 Very angry
  - 14 Peeved
  - 15 "Help!"
  - 19 Adversary
  - 20 Crafty
  - 21 Bone cavities
  - 22 Coffee shop orders
  - 23 New Mexico tribe
  - 24 Scrutinize
  - 25 Small barrel
  - 26 Heaps
  - 28 Song of David
  - 29 Pinnacles
  - 30 Leavening agent
  - 31 Table scraps
  - 32 Employ
  - 34 - gin fizz
  - 35 Entreaty



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

- All kinds of Asking for Big Car
- Causing Engine Get into Having
- Heart Not worth the Nothing but Serious
- Source of Stir up You're in

**RIDDLE CARD**

- When is a boat like a pile of snow?
- What's the difference between a jeweler and a jailer?
- What word of three syllables specifies the time at which we should dance?
- What is it that never uses its teeth for eating purposes?
- Why are money and a secret alike?

Answers: 1. When it's built. 2. One sells watches and the other sells jewelry. 3. At 11. 4. A coin. 5. Because both of them are hard to keep.

**A "DIRTY" PROBLEM!** How many cubic feet of dirt can you remove from a hole that is 6 feet square and 6 feet deep?

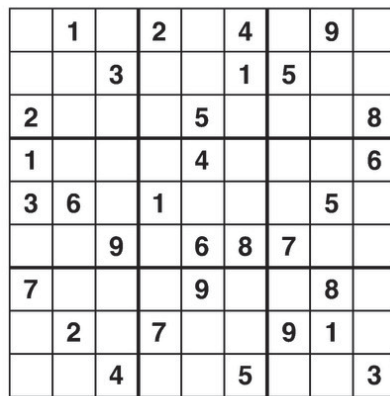
**DON'T FLIP YOUR LID ON THIS ONE!** In this puzzle, all of the words get progressively longer, and they all end in LID. The following hints should help:

- A jar cover (in place).
- How he crossed the ice.
- A just conclusion.
- Lacking vivid coloring.
- Dirty surroundings.
- Reverted to wrongdoing.

Answers: 1. Lid 2. Sid 3. Vlid 4. Prid 5. Squid 6. Tricked

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

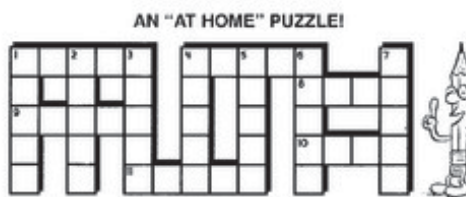


Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

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

**Junior Whirl**  
by Charles Barry Townsend



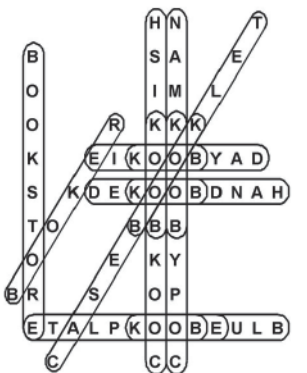
- Below are words pertaining to items and objects found in and around the house. These words will complete the puzzle grid provided. Use the trial-and-error method, and try to finish before lunchtime!
- 4-Letter Words: HOSE, RAKE
  - 5-Letter Words: CHINA, NAILS, NEWEL, RADIO, ROSES
  - 5-Letter Words: SHIRT, SINKS, SLIDE, SOAPS, SOCKS, STOVE

**Answers to last week's puzzles**

**King Crossword — Answers**



**BOOKENDS**



**Weekly SUDOKU — Answer**

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



## Legal Notice

### The West Haven Planning & Zoning Commission

will hold a Public Hearing on a text change to Article 3 of Section 49 of the West Haven Regulations on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 in the Harriet North Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 7:00 PM to consider amending the regulations to include a new Section 49.4 entitled Active Adult Community.

### AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 3- SECTION 49 BY ADDING SECTION 49.4 ENTITLED ACTIVE ADULT COMMUNITY

This proposed regulation defines Active Adult Community Use, as an age restricted residential use, allowed in the R-1 residential zone by special permit, requiring a public hearing and site plan review.

This proposed regulation establishes the following requirements:

- Minimum Lot size of two and three-quarter (2.75) acres
- Maximum density of seven (7) units per acre with some units being duplex units
- All buildings must be 35 feet away from the front and rear boundary and 20 feet from the side boundary of abutting property
- Sets maximum building height, building coverage, lot coverage, along with other requirements
- At least one occupant must be 55 years of age or older

## CDA office accepts new applicants for home-loan program

The Community Development Administration is accepting applications for a down payment assistance program for first-time homebuyers.

To qualify for the forgivable loan program, applicants must buy a single-family house or condominium in West Haven and live in the home for five years. The loan is then abated at a rate of 20% annually and forgiven after the fifth year.

Eligibility for assistance is based on the income and number of members of an applicant's household, according to guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Applicants must provide 3% of the purchase price from their own funds. CDA will then match \$2 for every dollar up to \$7,500.

Also, CDA is accepting applications for rehabilitation projects for owner-occupied single-family homes and owner-occupied multifamily homes.

Funds for CDA-approved rehab projects can be used to correct code violations or make structural improvements in homes. Cosmetic work does not qualify.

Eligibility for assistance is based on HUD income limits.

Applications for the programs are available by contacting CDA administrative assistant Rosa Richardson at (203) 937-3550 or richardson@westhaven-ct.gov. Anyone with questions can call the same number.

### Farmers Market open through October

The Tony Inzero Farmers Market is open for its 20th season on the Green.

Through Oct. 26, the market at Main Street and Campbell Avenue features state farmers selling homegrown fruits and vegetables from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays.

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### 1st Church VBS

Join the First Congregational Church of West Haven for a week of fun and learning with its annual Vacation Bible School (VBS). This year features a journey to Athens on Aug. 5-9.

Kids will learn all about the Apostle Paul and God's immeasurable love. Visit our website for more information and registration: <http://fccwesthaven.org/vbs/>.

### 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) /203 494 7379 or [sandee110@aol.com](mailto:sandee110@aol.com) /203 494 7730.

### 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.

### Library sale

The Friends of West Haven Library will hold the 16th annual Book Sale on

Friday and Saturday Sept. 6 and 7 in the Connie Sacco Room of the Main Library, 300 Elm St. Donations and Volunteers are needed. Please bring your new and used books, DVDs and Music CDs to the Main Library Circulation Desk. All Donations should be in good condition; no magazines, textbooks or encyclopedias.

Volunteers are needed to prepare for and staff the book sale. Sign up at the Circulation Desk for help beginning Sept. 3 either from 10-noon, or 1-3. All proceeds of the sale are used to help the library with programming, museum passes and other materials.

### Used Book Sale

The First Congregational Church, 464 Campbell Ave., will host its monthly used book sale and Clothes Closet opening on Saturday, Aug. 10, between 9-2. As usual there will be a large selection of gently used books, including many children's, mysteries and romances, for sale and clothing available at very low prices. For more information, call (203) 933-6291.

### Karaoke Night

The West Haven Italian-American Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a Karaoke night with "Terreoke Entertainment," on Friday, Aug. 16, from 7-11 p.m., at the club, 85 Chase Lane.

Proceeds will go to the Ladies Auxiliary so they can continue to contribute to local organizations and others in need. \$10 entry, includes 1 food item. There will be food, raffles and a cash bar.

### Pig Roast

Join the Harugari's annual German Bierfest and Pig Roast on Sunday, Aug. 25, under the pavilion. The time is 1 p.m. rain or shine. The Adlers will be performing for your listening and dancing pleasure.

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