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A weekly in-depth interview

"I want them happy. I want them to have a good experience."

-- Meg Kingston

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Photo by Josh LaBella

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi cuts the ceremonial ribbon Tuesday with, from left, City Council Minority Leader Richard DePalma, R-at large, Superintendent of Schools Neil C. Cavallaro, Principal Dana Paredes, paraprofessional Patricia C. Horvath and Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli to mark the first day of school at West Haven High School and welcome the approximately 1,600 students to the 2019-20 school year.

Officials open WHHS phase 1

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

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After greeting students, teachers, faculty and staff, Rossi toured West Haven High's newly completed addition, which is part of the Circle Street school's \$130 million reconstruction.

Designed by Antinozzi Associates of Bridgeport to accommodate 1,598 students, plans for the reconstructed high school also include renovating the existing building. The total finished project has an area of 265,959 square feet, according to Kenneth Carney, chairman of the West Haven High School Building Committee.

Carney said the completed school will offer a cutting-edge media center and advanced STEM classrooms and laboratories for science, technology, engineering and math, as well as upgraded public areas for the school and community. The fully air-conditioned building will have lower maintenance and operating costs while also offering enhanced access and security, he said.

Carney said the project's construction phase, also known as Phase III, is composed of three major "subphases" to allow the school to offer a full academic curriculum throughout the project.

Gilbane Building Co. of Glastonbury is the project's construction manager, with Amar Shamas serving as the project executive. The Capitol Region Education Council of Hartford, or CREC, is overseeing the construction
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Acrimony spices council session

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

While the agenda was fairly straight forward for Monday night's City Council meeting, public session saw mudslinging and party infighting weeks ahead of the primary election.

In the beginning of public session, citizens took to the podium to share concerns and recommendations apropos better security and surveillance at West Haven beaches and the prospect of charging out-of-towners for parking passes.

After residents spoke, some politicians used public session as a way to decry their political opponents. Eighth District Councilwoman Tracy Morrissey hailed back to previous worries

she had regarding Mayor Nancy Rossi and whether or not she took an insurance buyout.

"The mayor has publicly said several times that she did not take it," said Morrissey. "Well if she didn't take it, did you take a waiver? Because I will publicly apologize if you did not take the cash for the health insurance. I can't get that information. I've tried."

Morrissey said her Freedom of Information Act requests about the matter have gone unanswered. She also said, based on the campaign finance documents the Rossi campaign had filed, the mayor looks to have taken cash donations over the legal limit. She said she filed a complaint with the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

Rossi, who is running for her second term and facing two primary opponents, interjected, saying that campaign finance complaints are confidential. Chairman Ron Quagliani called a recess in order to discuss situation's legality with corporation council. Morrissey tabled the issue pending clarification.

Rick Fontana, mayoral campaign manager for Debbie Collins, took the stand next. He said First District Councilwoman Bridgette Hoskie has contacted his employers, including New Haven Mayor Toni Harp, to say he was misrepresenting them because he came, in uniform, to speak in public session at a previous meeting. Fontana works for emergency medical services

in New Haven.

"I was between work and home on a night that I was off duty," said Fontana. "For her to send a letter saying that I disrespected the City of New Haven and that I disrespected the City of West Haven is troubling."

Fontana said City Council meeting public sessions are a forum where citizens can come to state their opinions, whether people agree with them or not. He told Hoskie she should be ashamed of herself and called the action "uncalled for."

Hoskie later addressed the council about Fontana's claims. She said Fontana coming to address the council in

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Public Meetings

The September Schedule has not been published as of press time.

Weather

Friday Aug 30 Sunshine all day High 83F



Sunrise: 6:15 am
Sunset: 7:28 pm
Wind: SW 10-15
High Tide: 11:42 am

Saturday Aug 31 Mostly sunny all day High 79F



Sunrise: 6:16 am
Sunset: 7:26 pm
Wind: NNW 10-15
High Tide: 12:02 am; 12:32 pm

Sunday Sept 1 Mostly cloudy High 74F



Sunrise: 6:17 am
Sunset: 7:25 pm
Wind: E 5-10
High Tide: 12:55 am; 12:22 pm

Monday Sept 2 Cloudy with chance of showers High 75F



Sunrise: 6:18 am
Sunset: 7:23 pm
Wind: SE 10-15
High Tide: 1:47 am; 2:14 pm

Kids' Forecast

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Things to Do

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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.



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On this date:

1966 Beatles' Last Commercial Performance -- Popular British rock group, the Beatles, played their last live concert in front of a paying public at Candlestick Park in San Francisco, California. The band came together one last time for an unannounced performance in January 1969 on the rooftop of the Apple building in London.

1949 Soviet Union Tests its First Atomic Bomb -- Code named Izdeliye 501 or First Lightening, the 22 kiloton atomic bomb was detonated at the Semipalatinsk Test Site in Kazakhstan.

1931 Michael Faraday Discovers Electromagnetic Induction. Michael Faraday experimentally demonstrated that a changing magnetic field can induce a voltage in a conductor. The discovery of electromagnetic induction helped in the creation of electric generators, transformers, and even induction cook tops.

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Photo by Robin D. Parsons

Rain garden installed at Pagels

The city's first rain garden has been installed at Pagels Elementary School. The 270-square-foot garden, constructed just off the school bus drop-off and pickup lane by Benham Hill Road, can treat more than 40,000 gallons of stormwater per year. The project is the result of a collaboration with the UConn Center for Land Use Education and Research, which analyzed and reported on several potential sites in West Haven for tackling stormwater runoff reduction last year. CLEAR, based in Haddam, provides information, education and assistance to land use decision-makers in support of balancing growth and natural resource protection. Storm-water management is necessary to reduce flooding and protect bodies of water from pollutants that collect on roads, parking lots and driveways and flow into storm sewers. Rain gardens are designed to collect runoff and allow the water to percolate through soil before finding its way to rivers and Long Island Sound.

Diabetes session offered

Dr. Dana Wade, M.D., CEO Of Monitor My Health, Inc. and the CT Department of Public Health are offering a Lifestyle Change Program, weight loss, and healthy living coaching. No drugs are part of this program. Group sessions will be conducted at the West Haven Senior Center, 201 Noble St., Room 116, every Wednesday, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The program is a weekly interactive one-hour long workshop. In order to qualify, all candidates must be at least 18 years old and at high risk for diabetes at the time of enrollment. Call: (203) 717-2474,



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Dear Felicia

Well hon, here we are the kiddies jest went back to school, and September starts on Sunday. Yikes, it's really true what mamma used to say: Once you get past May, the year just flies by...and do it is.

Here in the Asylum by the Sea, things are percolating toward that late summer frolic we have around here every two years: the mayoral primary. Now, usually this mayhem is restricted to the Democrats, who have always and forever been trifurcated. And over the last nearly 30 years, the Demmies have controlled everything in town. It was just a question of what flavor of Demmie was gonna be in the Actors Colony, and for how long – they usually take turns.

Well, this time around, the GOP has got into the act, and is having its own version of the mayhem. In the July caucus, a 24-20 vote had Michelle Gregorio defeating Steven Mullins for the endorsement. Much to the delight of some and the

chagrin of others, Mullins opted to stay in the race, and see if his thoid time at the brass ring would be successful. Needless to say, politics being what it is, acrimony has taken over the GOP, and it hasn't looked this feisty since the days when Al Conte was the chairman.

Nelly Nuthatch recently visited the Actor's Colony to get a front-row seat to confirm or refute the rumors that have been circulating about the fractured Republican Town Committee.

Act 1: What a show! The drama and backstabbing were only exceeded by the outrageous behavior displayed by several members of said committee. The innuendos, accusations, and half-cocked conclusions would even make the Demmies blush! According to Nelly, there is a real outright dislike amongst the two factions –jest whot they don't need, to become like the Demmies.

These shenanigans have tainted the West Haven Grand

Ole Party to the point where certain members of the underticket are embarrassed to be associated with such public displays of foolishness. Others are considering exiting the RTC for good. Some are blaming the leadership --- or what they see as the lack thereof--- for allowing and arguably provoking this spectacle to occur. This party --- or what some are calling a "pity party" --- needs a long-overdue overhaul. I've been saying it for years, and maybe this will by the event that causes it.

So much for showcasing each mayoral candidate and presenting new ideas! The upcoming debate is looking more and more like a packaged event. One could hope that it becomes more than just a "Dems bad, we're good" event, not so far. Which reminds me, gotta get ready for Act II on Sept. 5!

By the way, it's official. Our editor was deep-sixed as the moderator because of a kerfuffle with Steve Mullins. He, the editor, ain't exactly broken up about it, it's a night he could actually stay home – witch is always more interesting than these canned-answer debates.

The Demmies, meanwhile, are exhibiting the calm before the storm. Whilst there are three, count 'em three, candidates in the Sept. 10 primary, there ain't been much in the way of campaigning. A three-way debate or forum for

these guys would have been ideal. Instead, it's lookin' more and more as if the party will try to make it a popularity contest with each candidate bringing out its own base.

How that helps unite the party nobody can figger out. We've been sayin' all along effen there will be a clear winner in this exercise, he or she will hafta bring out more than the usual 6,000 voters. Somehow or t'other I don't expect that is gonna happen at this juncture. We shall see.

Sammy Bluejay was here t'other day and mentioned that each campaign is doing what campaigns do, but there ain't the usual he-said, she-said, she-said back-and-forth that we were so used to in the last go-round.

Whilst that is going on, which is to say the usual, the kiddies going back to school gave at least one o' those candidates a photo-op. The new wing of the revamped high school, the foist of five, methinks, had a ribbon-cutting Tuesday. I'm puttin' it in the past-tense as I am scribing this the day before.

Tennyrate, the ribbon-cutting will have all the usual suspects and we can hear the hue and cry that will come from one or both campaigns because of it. There was some consternation a few weeks ago, when one o' the candidates was pictured in our pages doing the work for which that official is paid. But, candidates and campaigns get

a bit paranoid about this time, and see usual stuff as a leg-up for one side or t'other. They realllllly get upset. It's quite something to watch.

Sammy, meanwhile, was interested to see that one or two candidates around the burg were making sure that their personal signs got play at the sites where one or t'other candidate is being spotlighted. Knowing the way things are around here, one suspects these candidates are being accused of "single-shot-ing." That is the practice of making sure that one is not associated with the udner-ticket of any one campaign.

The reason it is so universally disliked – except when those who poo-poo it try it – is that it usually works. So, Sammy made mention to me about the two or three that are doing it. There's probably some talk behind the back, but, so far, it hasn't developed into open warfare. We've seen instances where it has.

Proof positive that the fall is upon us is the Westfest comin' up on Sept. 7. The event, scheduled for the Green is a combo betwixt the UNH Student Government and administration with the city. It's supposed to improve town-gown relations – other than the Campbell Avenue Crawl.

The students run the events, and it brings out quite a few thousands over the course of the day. It's been a real success and we hope the university and city have a good one this time 'round. Meanwhile, we see the Apple Festival, sponsored by the Congregational Church, is planned for later in the month. That jest means that it's gonna start getting' colder. We remember one or two years where it really started to dip, temperature-wise, for this event, which is rather depressin'. Already we see the shadows shifting, and the colder nights are gonna make the leaves start to turn.

Iva Lootey made a prediction t'other day, which I thought I'd run by yew. It seems that with the primary coming up on Sept. 10, the matter of Charter Revision – and for that matter almost anything else in the city – goes on a hiatus. Politicos seldom can do more than one thing at a time, and usually prove it. Well, Iva is of the opinion that once the primary is over and the voting tabulators are put in cold storage for another year, there is gonna be a real push back on Charter Revision. We shall see how successful it is. Methinks not very – this time.

With that bit o' chatter, I'll close mitt luff und kizzez,

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Guadalupe Rose

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The Rev. Kevin Dillon, pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church holds a silver rose that was received by the parish in a service of prayer last week. The rose, one of several said to miraculously appear as a sign, came from the garment worn by St. Juan Diego at the apparition now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe. That garment contained the image of the lady that appeared the the saint and is on display in the basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe over the main altar. Dillon is flanked by the Rev. Jose Mercado, pastor of St. Louis and St. Lawrence Churches, and the Rev. Eric Zuniga. The visit was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, standing behind.



Council: Politics, acrimony roils all

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his uniform was unprofessional and she felt his employers needed to know.

"Shame on me?" said Hoskie. "No. Shame on him. I will do what I deem is right for my city, for my constituents and for the people I represent. I stand in the light. I don't stand behind closed doors."

There were also many speakers who addressed an ongoing standoff between the Child Development Center and the Rossi administration regarding the organizations' lease agreement with the city (A story on that will be in next week's issue).

Margaret Krzeminski, an Allingtown resident, told the council it had been a mean-spirited body from the beginning. She said the council does not care about the people of the city and that they "walk

right over us." She added she believed the council uses citizens to aid their own efforts.

"This city is broken," said Krzeminski. "You want to take care of the citizens? You can't

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financing.

Carney said the construction phase, which began in April 2018, is expected to take about three years to complete, with a projected occupancy of new spaces in fall 2019 through 2021. Site restoration work is expected to continue until spring 2022, he said.

Carney confirmed the project is on schedule and on budget.

The project's first subphase includes constructing the food services, building services, tech-ed shops, media center, auditorium, music and arts classrooms, and administrative offices to permit the transfer of building uses, thereby opening other parts of the existing building for renovation or demolition.

The second subphase calls for renovating the existing eastern three-story building after demolishing the existing cafeteria and media center.

The third subphase includes demolishing the existing auditorium and music spaces, renovating the northern wing of academic spaces, and demolishing the existing gym and southern academic building.

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Labor and socialism

Labor Day. History tells us that a day honoring workers – and by extension the American labor movement – was first proposed by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, forerunners to today's trade unions. Oregon became the first state to recognize the day in 1887, and by 1894 it was recognized as a federal holiday after 30 states had established it. It has been the first Monday in September ever since.

Quickly becoming a bookend to Memorial Day, the two dates mark the unofficial beginning and end of the summer season, respectively. It has even become a demarcation line for fashion as white is never worn before Memorial Day or after Labor Day, we are told.

Since the tumultuous days of the early labor movement, one that prodded the early Progressive Movement, the day has ceased to be a glorification of union labor as it has to all American workers. Indeed, unlike the rest of the world that sees May 1 as International Workers Day, our holiday has taken on a more benign meaning. Labor, whatever form it takes, is seen as a good for society.

It is disheartening then to see leftward slant the nation has taken over the last few years, fueled by an education system that has morphed into anti-Americanism and distorted history. For while textbooks and other more recent publications – and college campuses – say they are trying to give a more balanced look at American history, in fact, they are focusing on negative events in our history, and trying to delegitimize its founding and its Constitution.

Socialism, the darling economic system of the faculty lounge and the academics with no experience in the real world – and politicians looking to salve their base – is now making a dangerous comeback. Bernie Sanders the Soviet-loving sometimes-Democrat Senator from Vermont, espouses it, while his current major rival Sen. Elizabeth Warren from Massachusetts calls herself a capitalist. In fact, she is a fascist – another form of socialism – looking to have the government control private capital.

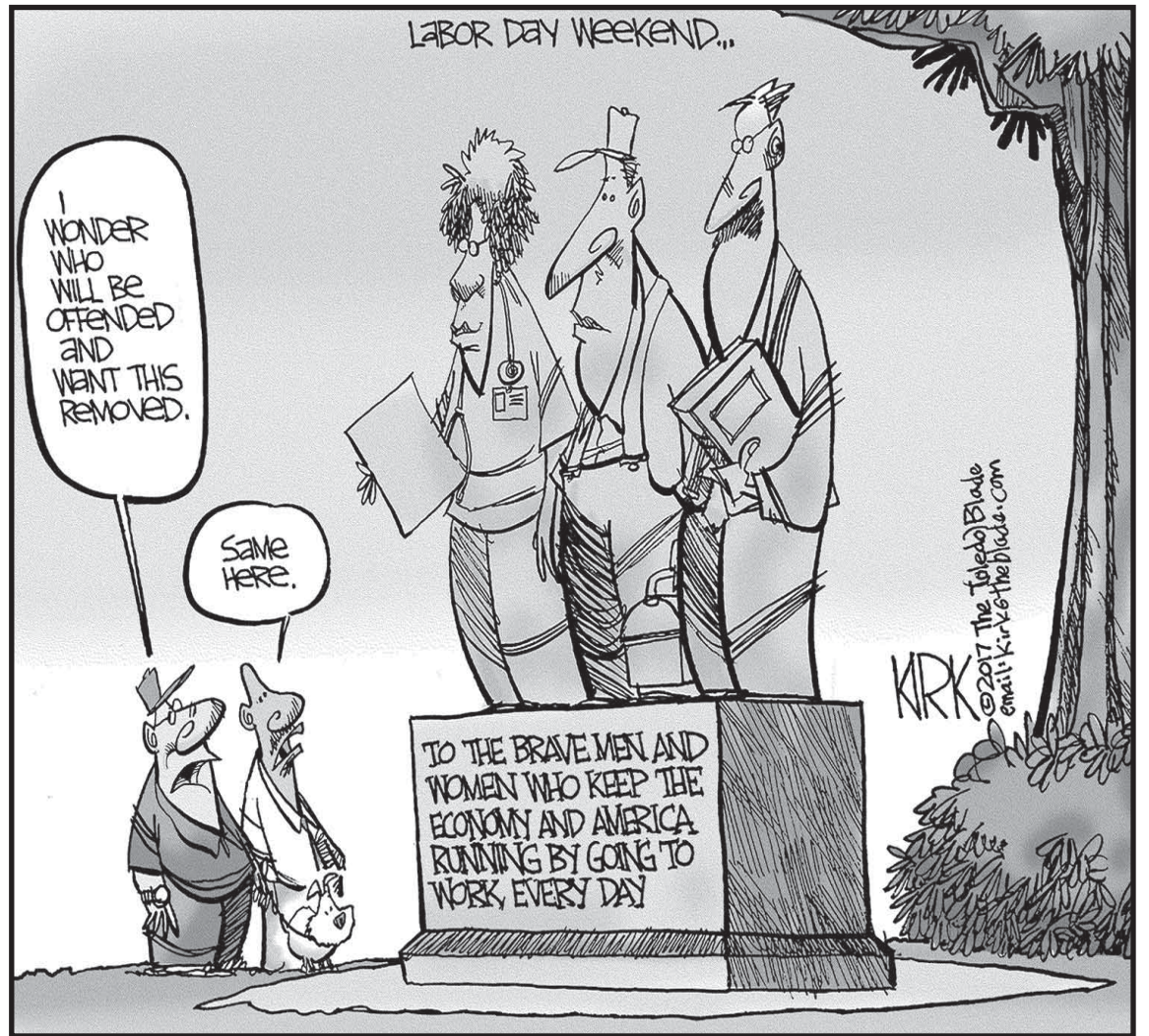
In an article this week in PJ Media, Roger L. Simon, one of the best writers in the nation makes this comment: “When I saw him speak in Des Moines during his first go-round as a presidential candidate, I thought I had been teleported back to 1912 and was listening to Eugene V. Debs, who ran for U.S. president as a socialist five times, vilifying capitalism at every turn. Only Debs had the excuse of spewing his destructive nonsense before Stalin and Mao murdered or starved to death tens of millions of their own people.”

This fact of history seems to be lost on our neo-socialist hoards today. They believe, “but that can't happen here!” Socialism leads to totalitarianism, which leads to pogroms.

He makes one comment about Warren that is trenchant: “As last year's news, however, he (Sanders) is losing ground these days to Elizabeth Warren, who claims to be sort of a capitalist but not really (just as she claimed to be sort of an Indian but not really).”

Socialism, a wonder system in the abstract has done more to harm the human condition and subjugate people in 150 years, than any other economic reality. With all its faults and problems, capitalism seeks to lift all boats with a rising tide of growth.

Unfortunately, academe does not work in the real world, but trains the minds of those who will. The evils of socialism must be put forward and shown for the illiberal system it is. It is a system that works only in the minds of the idealists.



America found wanting

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

Beto O'Rourke has taken the measure of America and found it wanting.

“This country, though we would like to think otherwise,” he intoned, “was founded on racism, has persisted through racism and is racist today.”

This is now a mainstream sentiment in the Democratic Party. Bernie Sanders said earlier this year that the United States was “created” in large part “on racist principles.” The New York Times has begun the so-called 1619 Project, marking the 400th anniversary of the importation of slaves from Africa.

The series seeks nothing less than “to reframe the country's history, understanding 1619 as our true founding, and placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of black Americans at the very center of the story we tell ourselves about who we are.”

It is certainly true that an American nation existed prior to the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and slavery was its great sin, with permutations still felt today. But to pretend that racism is the essence of America and constituted one of the country's founding principles is an odious and reductive lie.

It doesn't explain why any reference to slavery was kept out of the Constitution. James Madison, per his notes during the drafting convention, “thought it wrong to admit in the Constitution the idea that there could be property in men.”

The careful avoidance of the term was subsequently used to buttress the position of opponents of slavery from John Quincy Adams to Abraham Lincoln to Frederick Douglass. The great black abolitionist asked, “if the Constitution were intended to be, by its framers and adopters, a slaveholding instrument, why neither slavery, slaveholding, nor slave can anywhere be found in it?”

Of course, in crucial respects the Constitution was indeed a compromise with slaveholders.

It's not clear why it would be considered better if, in the absence of such a compromise, slave states had possibly gone their own way to create a rump nation-state wholly devoted to slavery and not yoked to a North that became more anti-slavery over time.

“The Revolution suddenly and effectively ended the cultural climate that had allowed black slavery, as well as other forms of bondage and un-

freedom, to exist throughout the colonial period without serious challenge,” the historian Gordon Wood writes. In his view, it set in motion the “ideological and social forces” that eventually led to the Civil War.

In the broadest gauge, it's a mistake to treat the United States as an outlier in terms of its racial attitudes, when it was really an outlier in its (imperfect) embrace of liberty.

“Europeans did not outdo others in enslaving people or treating slaves viciously,” the late historians Elizabeth Fox-Genovese and Eugene Genovese observed. “They outdid others by creating a Christian civilization that eventually stirred moral condemnation of slavery and roused mass movements against it.”

“Today we ask: How could Christians or any civilized people have lived with themselves as slaveholders?”

But the historically appropriate question is: What, after millennia of general acceptance, made Christians – and, subsequently, those of other faiths – judge slavery an enormity not to be endured?”

It's not a question anyone running in the Democratic presidential primaries, or editing The New York Times, is inclined to ask.



Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Here I am again talking to you. Please, I am asking you to fix the clock in Allingtown. We have a new building going up and the clock looks bad.

RL Watch Clock

Dear RL Watch Clock:

We are all waiting for the clock to begin ticking once again. Gripe Vine has been following this issue since the middle of March of this year.

I wrote to Councilman Peter Massaro back on March 20. Councilman Massaro replied to resident's complaints concerning the broken clock on the Allingtown Green with, "The clock on the green is in the process of being fixed. The state is giving State Representative Mike DiMassa a big problem on who's fault it is and who should fix the clock.

I just spoke to him on Saturday, March 16, 2019 about this. I haven't forgotten about it. This is one of my main issues."

Gripe Vine readers are waiting for an answer.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I was playing with my granddaughter on the West Haven Green July 25. She had to use the bathroom. I took her to the two on the Green across from the church. It was disgusting; disgusting feces, flies, bees and urine inside. The other porta potty had a pair of underwear full of feces; looked like it was there for days.

I had to run a mile with my grand daughter on my shoulders to use my restroom. I am an embarrassed West Haven taxpayer, ashamed my grand daughter had to witness this horrific scene. Please clean



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

this daily!

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Grandma-U

Dear Grandma-UN

West Haven Councilwoman, Bridgette Hoskie answered

Gripe Vine's request for a solution to your gripe. Her reply: "I spoke to a representative in the Public Works Department who will have them checked. They are on a regular cleaning schedule, but daily cleaning wouldn't be an option due to cost and manpower. The company that supplies them is in charge of it, however they will address complaints.

"I also called Rev. E. Carl Howard of the First Congregational Church of West Haven, as I know the church is under construction and they have porta potties for the workers. I asked him to look into those as well, to ensure they are clean."

I have asked Council Woman Hoskie to provide Gripe Vine readers with an update on this complaint.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There seems to be a missing light post at 389 Platt Ave. When you look or go up or down the street, the streetlights are present EXCEPT at 489 Platt Ave.

I have moved and come back from a three-year hiatus and the area in question is still pitch dark. There is now a new family across the street and I surmise that this can be

a disaster should one of the children happen to be playing within this dark area. I really hope that a streetlight is installed to rectify this potential problem. I would hate to see a preventable accident to occur.

Platt Avenue Resident

Dear Platt Avenue Resident:

Councilman Nick Ruickoldt was notified of this condition July 19. To date I have received no response. I will continue to consult with the Councilman anticipating an improvement at this site.

Coming up:...Damaged street traffic sign at Dogwood Road to Orange from Meloy... dog littering sign...early renovation noise on Chery Street...illegally parked trucks...non resident parking at Oak Street...Catch basin on Eileen Road...large pot hole at exit ramp for First Street... interesting facts on the new plastic bag law and much more.

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City applying for grant to aid WHPD

The city is applying for funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for the purchase of equipment for the Police Department.

The goal of the project is to maintain the challenges of emerging technological improvements and their impact on the community.

The requested funding from the 2019 JAG program will buy software to upgrade the Police Department's computer-aided dispatch system.

The upgrade will allow the CAD system to continuously have high availability with connectivity when routine maintenance and/or repairs are conducted.

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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine



The Savin Rock Observatory was an early attraction at the playland George Kelsey established.

George R. Kelsey

In the years following the War Between the States, America began to advance herself by leaps and bounds, becoming an economic example, a world power, and an inspiration to many still living in the Old World.

In the words of historian David McCullough, "The war was past; the time had come to concentrate on 'legitimate enterprise'. That seemed to be true spirit of the day. Clearly, a momentous new Age of Progress was dawning."

"In Egypt, the French had nearly finished the Suez Canal. In Europe the Mont Cenis Tunnel, then the longest on earth, was being blasted beneath the Alps. But nowhere was there so much happening

as on the continent of North America. The Union Pacific was laying track at a rate of eight miles a day by this time. In Massachusetts a hole was being bored nearly five miles through the solid rock of Hoosic Mountain, just to slice a little time off the railroad run from Boston to Albany. Boston itself was being doubled in size by filling in Back Bay swamp. In New York Cornelius Vanderbilt was erecting a very grand new Grand Central Depot, the train-shed roof of which, an immense vault of glass and iron, would contain the largest interior space in the country. There was a new tunnel under the Chicago River, a first Bridge over the Missouri at Kansas City, and at St. Louis a river captain named Eads

had begun building a railroad bridge over the Mississippi."

That spirit of optimism and achievement was clearly reflected in the works of George R. Kelsey: For even as West Haven, Borough of Orange, was building its own borough hall, which was connected to other communities by telegraph lines, even as it was beginning its transition from a strictly farming community; even as it was beginning to be known for its shipbuilding industry, it was aided in its advancement by the efforts of George Kelsey.

Colonel Kelsey served with the 6th Regiment of the Connecticut Volunteers during the Civil War. A businessman at heart, Kelsey spent his post-war years buying a controlling interest in a horse-drawn trolley system located in West Haven. Next, Kelsey extended Campbell Avenue and the trolley tracks down to the Savin Rock area. In addition, he supplemented his transportation interests by building a 1,500-foot pier out into Long Island Sound that was capable of accommodating ferry service regardless of the height of the tides. Soon, ferries began to run routinely from Savin Rock to Lighthouse Point and New Haven's inner harbor. With his transportation infrastructure in place, Kelsey began developing attractions to bring visitors to the area.

Those attractions started with the construction on Beach Street of the Sea View Hotel, a Victorian mansion capable of housing 150 wealthy guests. Kelsey then built a park alongside the hotel and encouraged local businessmen to use his property for providing amusements for his guests. Soon there was a small zoo, museum, and a dance hall on the property. As his operation grew, Kelsey added gardens, a fountain, and numerous small food and souvenir stands. Next came a bandstand, and musical entertainment brought in crowds from

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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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Kingston puts her customers first

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

Meg Kingston said walking into the new kitchen at West Haven High School on the first day of school this week was like walking downstairs to see the presents under the tree on Christmas morning for herself and her staff.

Kingston is the food service director for Sodexo in West Haven. Sodexo is the food services and management company which run the cafeterias in the city's public schools. She said before she started working for Sodexo she worked as a clinical dietitian in hospitals

and nursing homes.

"I ended up leaving the clinical end and coming here because I got laid off at St. Raphael's," said Kingston. "There was an ad in the paper for school lunch and I said, 'Oh, that doesn't sound bad.' Not knowing that would end up having so much passion for it."

Kingston said she has degrees in nutrition and business which fit well with the demands of the job. She said she started off in a small school district and worked her way to bigger ones; eventually getting the job in West Haven

- her home town.

When Kingston got up at 4:30 Tuesday morning she said she was "pumped" for the first day of school. She said she gets an adrenaline rush from it. The director manages a staff of 60 people throughout the 10 schools they serve in the dis-

trict.

Kingston said she has worked for Sodexo in municipalities varying in size and demographics. She said the kids are good no matter where she has been. She attributes her good relationship with students to the fact that she gives

them the respect they are due.

"I want them happy," said Kingston. "I want them to have a good experience. I just had my opening meeting the other day and I said, 'If you're coming into these buildings this week and you've got a

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Photo by Josh LaBella

Meg Kingston makes sure the kids are eating well.

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New Haven, eager for entertainment. An area dubbed "Railroad Grove" was stocked with merry-go-rounds and shooting galleries; next came a miniature elevated railway and a roller-coaster. Atop Savin Rock, he built an observatory (which would burn to the ground years later). George Kelsey had put West Haven on the map!

But Kelsey didn't stop there: He was also involved with the West Haven Buckle Company, which had been founded in 1843 and then owned by Daniel Trowbridge, and was once located on Washington Avenue.

Kelsey then reorganized the American Buckle Company, which was located on lower Campbell Avenue; although it is now defunct, the factory still stands, as a reminder of West Haven's Industrial Age.

Together, these two factories produced buckles, buttons and a large variety of prosthetic clips and braces; they also produced hardware for use on overalls. Both factories continued to operate until the latter half of the 20th Century.

Our thanks to George Kelsey for his good works which did much to benefit the citizens of West Haven. Today he is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, along with many of the others

who have contributed greatly for our community!

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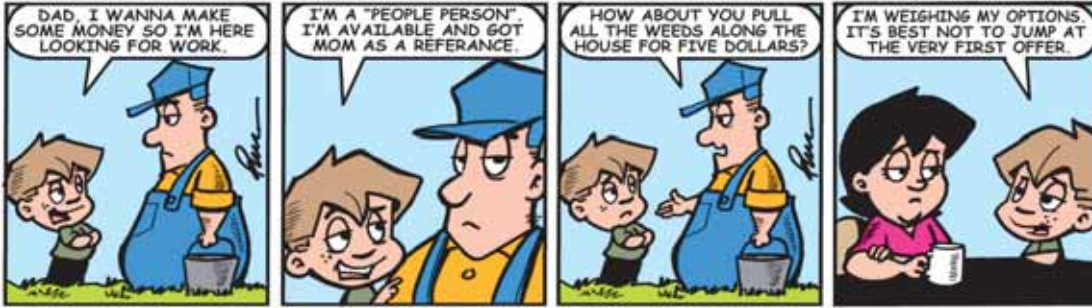
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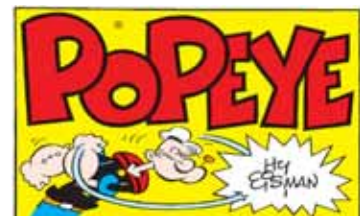
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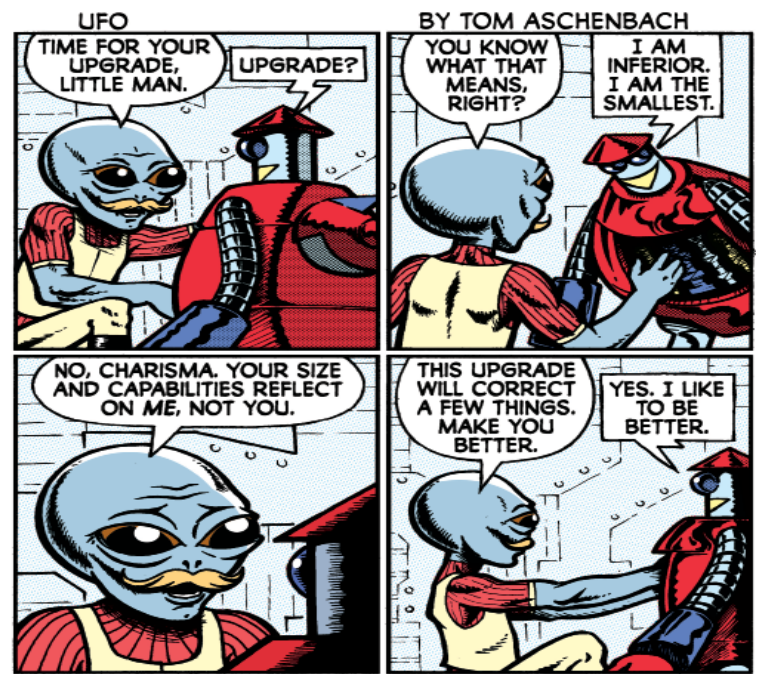
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Garden honors Carnegie

The West Haven Public Library has established a "Carnegie Community Garden" and club to honor its great benefactor Andrew Carnegie on the centennial of his death in 1919 and to inspire Westies to imitate him in his generosity and philanthropy. The library hopes to engage the community in planting, harvesting, and maintaining the garden, with all produce grown to be donated to local food pantries. The groundbreaking took place on Aug. 14, in a small grassy area at the rear of the parking lot with about 20 persons in attendance. The raised garden bed and sign were constructed through the kindness of Wilson and Eddy Cordova, who donated all materials and labor. For more information about the Carnegie Community Garden and joining the club, please call the Reference Room at (203) 937-4233 ext. 3



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NDHS initiates Knights Hall of Fame

The traditions, talents, legacies, and accomplishments of the Notre Dame athletic department date back to when the Brothers of Holy Cross opened the front doors of the school in the fall of 1946.

From when Nick Pietrosante '55 wore the green and gold before heading to South Bend, IN and the University of Notre Dame and later the NFL to this past school year when the hockey team played in its school record 18th state championship game, the proud tradition of Notre Dame athletics takes a back seat to no one in the state of Connecticut.

If the walls of Alumni Hall could talk, they would tell the exploits of 38 state championships, and in recent times 37 Southern Connecticut Conference division titles, and 15 Southern Connecticut Conference championships not to mention a plethora of District league and ACC (All Catho-

lic Conference) crowns prior to joining the SCC in 1994. This, of course, is in addition to the 341 All-State athletes, who proudly achieved this status representing Notre Dame in their sport of choice.

Now, for the first time, the Notre Dame Athletic Department will begin an annual tradition and honor its own with the launch of the Notre Dame Athletic Hall of Fame with the inaugural class set to be feted on Saturday, Oct. 5 in an afternoon ceremony at the school.

"This was one of my main objectives when I took over as athletic director," said Jason Shea. "I will put up our tradition up against any school



in Connecticut. It's important to me that we remember and honor so many great athletes and teams that have paved the way for our current program and helped set our school apart."

The inaugural class will feature nine individuals - five legendary athletes, four standout coaches- and two teams, both of whom helped put Notre Dame athletics on the proverbial map. Each

inductee will receive a ring as a symbol of their induction. In addition to the nine-person slate, several coaches and athletes will be honored posthumously.

The criteria for induction into the Notre Dame Athletics Hall of Fame is the following: All-State selection or the equivalents and graduated at least 15 years ago.

The inaugural class includes a "Who's Who of Notre Dame Athletics." To read a brief biographical information on each inductee, please visit greenknights.com.

Athletes: Joe Tonelli '62; Greg Lawler '65; Ray Ciarleglio '59; Jim Davins '82; Tarek Saleh '93.

Coaches: Jim Guercia, Tom

Marcucci '66, Gary Palladino, Bill Parkinson.

Teams: The 1954 and 1962 state championship football teams

In Memoriam: John Janenda, Richard Lawler, Sr., Nick Pietrosante '55, Ed Schreck '63, Ray Tellier.

The induction ceremony will be the culmination of a weekend full of activities. This includes a home football game against Amity on Friday, Oct. 4. The festivities will also include the school's annual alumni football, soccer, and lacrosse games on Saturday, Oct. 5. A picnic lunch will begin at Noon in Alumni Hall followed by the official induction ceremony at 1:30 p.m. in the Maureen and George Collins '58 Auditorium.

Please visit <http://www.notredamehs.com/HallofFame2019> for more information and to register for the event. The cost is \$65.



Photo by Russ McCreven

Toss left!

School started Tuesday, but high school fall sports teams have been practicing for a couple of weeks. West Haven's Blue Devils were seen out on Ken Strong Stadium's turf running through some basic offensive plays and defensive coverages. The Blue-and-White open the season Thursday, Sept. 12 v. the Gaels of Shelton in an early season showdown between the two Southern Connecticut Conference rivals.

DOT looks to upgrade roundabouts

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The state Department of Transportation's Office of Engineering is developing plans to improve the Oyster River roundabout at routes 162 and 705 in the city's Baybrook section.

The \$325,000 project aims to upgrade the existing roundabout, or traffic circle, at Jones Hill Road and Ocean Avenue to current design standards for accommodating larger trucks, said the project manager, Scott Bushee, a principal engineer with the DOT's Division of Highway Design.

Bushee explained that during the roundabout's original design, a midsize tractor-trailer was the standard design vehicle for state arterial roads. But shortly after the roundabout's construction more than a decade ago, national changes in the trucking industry prompted the DOT to change its regulations and increase the size of the standard design vehicle on state arterial roads because

of technical advances in the industry and gradual acceptance of larger trucks by many states, he said.

"The larger trucks with longer trailers need more room to turn, resulting in off-tracking in the center island of the roundabout and damage to the outside curbing where drivers are trying to maximize available room to make their turn," Bushee said.

According to the DOT, preliminary plans for the upgraded roundabout call for "expanding the truck apron 8.5 feet to the interior, replacing the outer concrete curbing with granite, constructing a hardscape concrete surface with a brick paver appearance within the former planter areas between the outer curb and the sidewalk, and repaving the roundabout."

"The roundabout has required constant maintenance in recent years and will be upgraded with more durable materials," said Bushee, adding that no private properties

are affected in the plans.

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, who recently met with state and city officials about the roundabout, thanked state Rep. Charles J. Ferraro, R-West Haven, for helping to fast-track the state-funded project.

The DOT anticipates completing the design phase in December and starting the construction phase in summer 2020, which Bushee said should take about six to eight weeks.

No detours are planned during the work, said Bushee, who will give a PowerPoint presentation on the project at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at City Hall, 355 Main St. The public is invited.

Before the roundabout, the busy intersection was stop-controlled on Jones Hill Road with free flow on Ocean Avenue. Vehicles turning left onto Jones Hill Road caused traffic to back up on Ocean Avenue while waiting for a safe gap in oncoming traffic to execute their turn, according to infor-

mation provided by the DOT.

"The resulting traffic congestion contributed to rear-end crashes on Ocean Avenue and angle crashes within the intersection," the DOT said.

To improve safety and relieve traffic congestion, the first modern roundabout built on a state road was constructed there in 2007, reducing the total crash rate by 45% and

injury-related crashes by 60%, according to statistics provided by the DOT.

Anyone interested in receiving information about "State Project No. 156-182" can contact Matthew Vail, transportation principal engineer with the DOT's Bureau of Engineering and Construction, at matthew.vail@ct.gov or 860-594-3274.



An aerial rendering from the state Department of Transportation showing the soon-to-be upgraded Oyster River roundabout at Jones Hill Road and Ocean Avenue in the city's Bay-

Candidates weigh in on the charter

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

The recent release of recommended charter alterations by the Charter Revision Commission has coincided with a particularly contentious mayoral election in which five candidates (three Democrats and two Republicans) vie for West Haven's top spot.

The commission worked on its recommendations for more than a year before turning them over to the City Council for review earlier this summer. By far, the biggest change the city would see if the revised charter passes through the different clearing stages, is a shift to a manager-council style of government. Terms for all elected officials would also be extended from two years to four and the number of voting districts would be lowered from ten to three. (See related story, page 140.)

All candidates agreed a revision in the city's charter is necessary. Incumbent Mayor Nancy Rossi said she started the charter revision process shortly after being elected mayor knowing the process would take time to complete.

"The charter has not had major updates over the last 50 years and needs to be brought up to date and modernized," said Rossi.

Republican mayoral nominee Michele Gregorio said the charter should be reviewed periodically.

"Charter revision allows for updating those rules and regulations that are legally in place for city governance," said Gregorio, "and should reflect any changing environments (either political, city operations, demographic or alignment with state laws)."

Regarding the change to a manager-council system, Gregorio said she sees a city manager as a kind of chief financial officer for the city.

"This individual should have both

the education and experience needed and required for such position," said Gregorio. "City managers in other municipalities have proven effective in running a municipality similar to a business with the intent of eliminating any undue political influence, contrary to an elected position which can be subjective to outside parties."

Steven Mullins, a Republican who is primarying Gregorio for the party's nomination, said having a manager that has earned degrees in public administration and or public policy and earned the appropriate certificates will allow West Haven to be managed by a professional.

Contrarily, former mayor Ed O'Brien, who is running against Rossi and City Clerk Debbie Collins for the Democratic nomination, did not support the change.

"A City Manager is only answerable to the council whereas as the chief elected official, the mayor is accountable to the voters," said O'Brien. "A city manager structure creates another layer of political influence that limits input from residents."

O'Brien also disagreed with the extended terms, saying two years was enough time to decide if the mayor was doing a good enough job to be re-elected.

"While it can take more than two years to accomplish everything on his or her agenda," said O'Brien, "it is pretty clear in one term if the Mayor is capable of delivering on their campaign promises."

Rossi, on the other hand, said she did not think two years was enough time to put together a team, introduce their agenda, and make changes necessary to improve the city.

"In my case," said Rossi, "we have needed to make so many changes and

although we are seeing great progress, I believe a four-year term would give voters enough time to evaluate a mayor and all of our elected officials."

Mullins also did not think the two-year terms were adequate for a mayor to create meaningful change.

"Any mayor with the best of intentions would find it difficult to accomplish much in just two years," said Mullins. "Said mayor would continue to find him or herself in a non-stop campaign situation with the current arrangement."

Gregorio supported the prospective change. She said the political landscape is such that a mayor is campaigning every two years and that it was not enough time to be effective.

Gregorio went on to say she supported the voting districts being brought from ten to three. She pointed to Richard DePalma being the only Republican on the City Council and said the current districts do not allow for a "clear representation of minority policy." She said she believed the change would allow for that.

Rossi also believed the alteration would allow for better minority party representation.

"I think three districts would work," said Rossi. "It would give at least one seat in each district to the minority party and ensure that all the sections of the city are properly represented. The more checks and balances that are in place the better."

Mullins supports the restructuring as well. He said the change would also be good for the Board of Education.

"The board, too, will be separated into the three districts with three members representing each section of the city," said Mullins. "With the current system, in theory all Board of Education members could live in one sec-

tion of the city, and may not choose to be attentive to schools outside of the geographical area of their respective neighborhoods. The proposed arrangement would have all schools (especially the six elementary schools) represented relatively equally."

O'Brien called the move a mistake, which would consolidate political power.

"I think it's better to have 10 districts working to build a consensus," said O'Brien. "However, I do think we should make the districts for state/federal and municipal elections the same. It is very confusing to the voters on Election Day to know where they should vote. This limits voter participation by complicating the process."

Both Mullins and Gregorio said they supported the proposal that city clerk, treasurer and tax collector be appointed positions and require credentials.

Rossi echoed that opinion and said she liked the increase in budget completion dates. She said it will allow "the mayor and City Council to know what the actual state aid and educational grants will be before approving a budget."

O'Brien said he has spoken to many residents about the charter as he goes door to door. He said citizens need to be to be thoroughly informed on the issues so that they can make an educated decision.

"My greatest concern is that they will not be aware of all sides and will not vote," said O'Brien. "This is our democracy in action and the basis on which our country was founded. We need to make sure the proposals receive the appropriate attention and voter education. We'll have to live with this for years to come."

Debbie Collins did not respond to questions by press time.

Council tackles Charter proposals

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

The City Council seemed to come at the charter revision process with a new energy last

Wednesday in a special meeting. During the session, they voted to approve some recommendations of their own while shooting down others.

In the current phase of the process, the City Council is reviewing the recommendations made by the Charter Revision Commission. They will vote to approve or amend those recommendations and send them back to the commission.

The commission will conduct a final review of the charter and may or may not implement the council's suggestions. After that, the revised charter will be sent to the City Council for final approval. If it is approved by the state, a date will be set for a citywide referendum in which the questions concerning the charter will be written up by the council.

The first motion the council passed aimed to give them more control over the wage

and benefit package of department leaders. Chairman Ron Quagliani put forth the motion, saying the council would set those things before a candidate was selected for hiring.

On the topic of city manager, the council struggled with the question of whether the person hired for the position should be a city resident. Quagliani originally put in a motion which would require the city manager, police and fire chiefs and superintendent to become a legal resident within one year of hiring.

Third District Councilman Aaron Charney, who has been a vocal opponent of a residency requirement, said he did not want to limit the applicant pool for the position.

Meanwhile, Fourth District Councilman Gallignano said he wants a qualified candidate but believed one who lived in the city would have more "skin in the game." He added being a resident would make a city manager care more about their success.

After some debate, Quagliani removed his motion.

Another motion the council passed changed the language of the section in which the mayor appoints a board of finance. The recommended change stipulated that the mayor "may" appoint said

board but Charney put forth a motion to change the language back to shall. The motion carried unanimously.

Other motions introduced by Charney did not muster the votes to pass.

One of those motions looked to continue the status quo of having elections every two years with the Board of Education positions being elected in four-year, staggered terms.

Charney said his reasoning behind the motion was that it gave citizens the ability to "change course."

He went on to cite several examples where incumbent mayors have lost midterm elections.

When that motion failed, Charney introduced a revised one which would continue the trend of council seats being up for election every two years. It also failed.

The councilman said he wanted to form their recommended changes in a better way because many of the new additions of the revised charter proposal are interconnected.

Quagliani said while he understood Charney's point, he thought the most effort should go into formulating the questions that go on the ballot opposed to "dissecting" the document.

Society plans two events

The West Haven Historical Society announces its plans for September which includes a unique "Pet Pawtraits" event. That activity is a photo-shoot scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 14, 10 -noon at the Poli House 686 Savin Ave., opposite the Green.

Professional photographer Joy Bush will take photos of family pets- dogs and cats- in the back yard of the Society's house. The cost is \$22. Dogs must be on a leash when brought to the site that morning.

On Saturday, Sept. 21 at 10, the Historical Society plans a Walking Tour of the Elm Street-Wood Street-Union Avenue neighborhoods. This popular event called "Burgers, Brews, and History Too" will showcase historic homes, businesses, education, and transportation facilities that earmarked the area in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The tour will start at Elm Street near the site of the former Waddingham Mansion destroyed by a fire in the early 1900s.

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Kingston: *Puts customers first*

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bad attitude – turn around and walk out.”

According to Kingston, there can be a stereotype of grump old lunch ladies working in school cafeterias and she does not want to perpetuate it. She added that some students have had terrible mornings and if her staff adds to that it can lead to the child having a bad day.

“If that were your child, how would you feel?” said Kingston.

She said people tell her she “turned the program around” in West Haven. She acknowledges the program was “bad” when she entered the position 7 years ago.

“I remember opening the freezer and saying ‘I’m not serving any of this food,’” said Kingston. “I stood in the parking lot and called (Superintendent of Schools) Neil [Cavallaro] and said ‘There’s not one item I want to serve in there. Can we just get rid of it and start off with zero inventory?’”

Kingston said Cavallaro agreed and they started fresh. She said when she got into her position the food services in West Haven had a deficit of \$300,000. The director said all it took to turn it around was serving good food the students would like.

“You serve good food,” said Kingston. “You watch your waste. You make sure that you’re not overordering and you visit the schools and make sure they’re doing what they need to do -- those types of things.”

Kingston said waste can be a big issue in the food service industry. For her, it’s an issue of sustainability. She said she has implemented sets of protocol to account for how much food is being used and wasted.

She said she works with students to see what they want on the menu and, as long as it is within USDA guidelines, serves it to them. She said it also helps that her staff have a lot of passion for their work.

“I’m really blessed with my staff,” said Kingston. “They’re good people. Their hearts are in the right place. That makes my job so much easier.”



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The fall sports season is set to begin in both football and soccer. 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 editing 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.

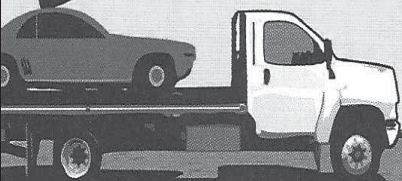
All games must have scores in those divisions where scores are kept. We understand some younger divisions do not keep score, but those that do should be reported accordingly.

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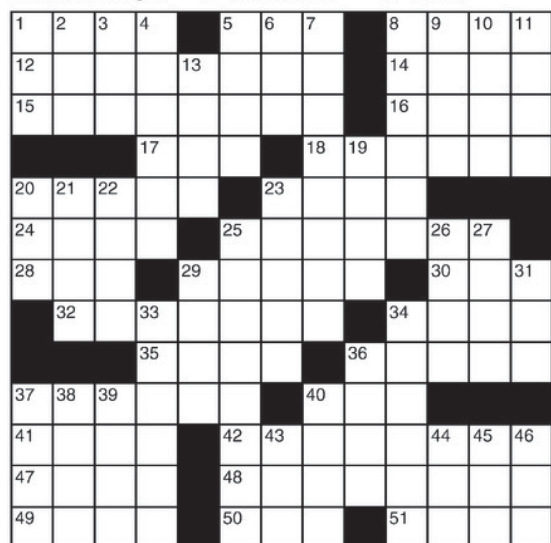
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King Crossword

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 - 8 Jewels
 - 12 Greenhouse structures
 - 14 On
 - 15 Caviar provider
 - 16 Volcanic outflow
 - 17 "Eureka!"
 - 18 Not as short
 - 20 Dishes
 - 23 Ratio phrase
 - 24 Little one in the litter
 - 25 Tough puzzle
 - 28 Affirmative
 - 29 Diarist Nin
 - 30 - Beta Kappa
 - 32 Learner
 - 34 Adolescent
 - 35 Prod
 - 36 Cause, as havoc
 - 37 Expose, in a way
 - 40 Hawaiian gar-
- DOWN**
- 19 \$ dispensers
 - 20 Weep
 - 21 Colors
 - 22 "Meet Me - Louis"
 - 23 "Try - see"
 - 25 Passes furtively
 - 26 Duel tool
 - 27 Actress
 - 29 Commotions
 - 31 Pen filler
 - 33 Kampala's country
 - 34 "Survivor" squads
 - 36 "MacArthur Park" composer Jimmy
 - 37 Addict
 - 38 Nixed, at NASA
 - 39 Complain
 - 40 Hide in the bushes
 - 43 Greek cross
 - 44 Autumn mo.
 - 45 Regret
 - 46 Fresh

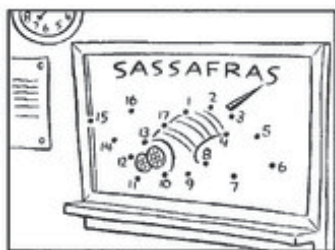


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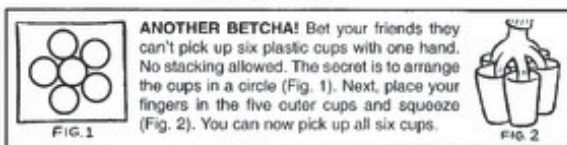
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Ballad
- Ballgame
- Ballpoint
- Ballroom
- Bean ball
- Cornball
- Dead ball
- Highball
- Mothball
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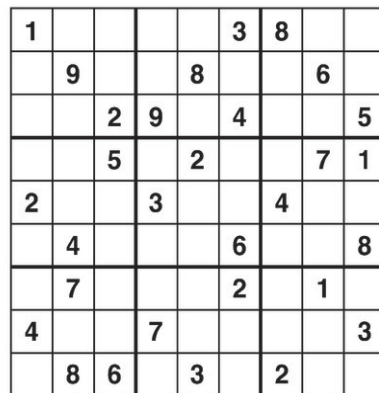
ANOTHER BETCHA! Bet your friends they can't pick up six plastic cups with one hand. No stacking allowed. The secret is to arrange the cups in a circle (Fig. 1). Next, place your fingers in the five outer cups and squeeze (Fig. 2). You can now pick up all six cups.

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.

- 1. To make repairs.
- 2. A result, an outcome.
- 3. A statement of approval.
- 4. Pieces used in chess.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

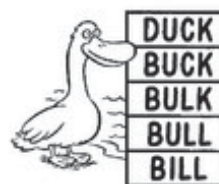


Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

Junior Whirl
by Charles Barry Townsend



A DUCKY SET OF PUZZLES!
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 DUCK to BILL in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

- 1. BLUE to SMOG
- 2. GOOD to WILL
- 3. WALK to RIDE
- 4. TIDE to LAND
- 5. CAPE to HERO

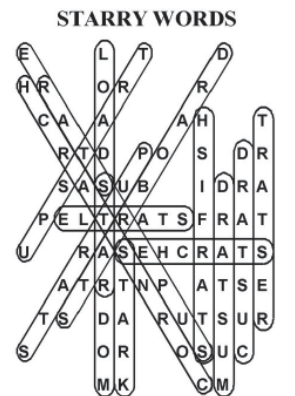
Answers: 1. BLUE, SLUE, SLUG, SLOG, SMOG. 2. GOOD, WOOD, GOLD, GILD, GILL, WILL. 3. WALK, WALE, WILE, WIDE, RIDE. 4. TIDE, TIME, LANE, LAND. 5. CAPE, CARE, HARE, HERE, HERO.

Answers to last week's puzzles

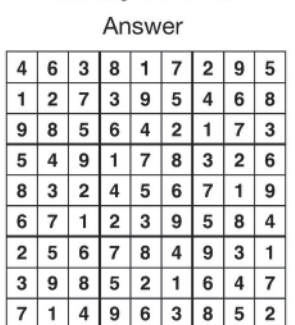
King Crossword - Answers



Solution time: 24 mins.



Weekly SUDOKU - Answer



Letters! We get letters!

Comments made out of context

Mayor Rossi likes to talk about deficits in my office. But like a true CPA she only looks at a bottom line number and has not put the deficit in context. For anyone to say that deficits in the City Clerk's office is from mismanagement is simply lying.

Here is the context of deficits: There is only one line item that has been over budget every year for the past 10 years and that is the account that elections are paid from.

As City Clerk, I do not have the power to cancel an election.

In some years, there are special primaries, town elections in the spring and in the fall there are primaries and

general elections. In this budget year we just started, both the Democrats and Republicans will be having primaries in September. In November, there will be a general election city-wide. In the spring, there will be a Presidential Primary.

I have consistently gone before the City Council to ask to properly fund the election account only to have it flat funded or even cut over the years.

My office provides all the paper ballots that are put through the electronic voting machines for every district no matter if it's a primary, local election, governor's race or Presidential election. The total number of ballots necessary is decided with recommendations from the Secretary of State's Office. In the last presidential election alone, we had to order more

than 20,000 ballots for a city-wide election.

My office also has to provide all the envelopes and paper materials that make up an absentee ballot. We provide all the memory cards that go into the electronic voting machines.

So, the next time the mayor mentions a deficit in my office, ask her for all the details and get the whole story not just her highlights.

City Clerk Debbie Collins
Candidate for Mayor

Vote Gregorio

Republican primaries have been non-existent for over the past decade in West Haven. As a result, the party's exposure around town was virtually depleted. A Republican primary to invigorate the base has been

long overdue and finally the opportunity has presented itself. It is critical that registered Republicans in West Haven all show up to vote and insure that they send the most qualified candidate to face the nominated Democrat in November's general election. Michele Gregorio should be their choice.

I've known Michele for over a decade, she has been deeply involved with the Republicans and with city government in general. Her most recent role was Vice-Chairman on West Haven's Board of Finance, and as a result she has an extremely deep understanding of the city's complex budget and has identified numerous areas where we can implement efficiencies in the city's operations and get spending

under control.

She understands that in order to move West Haven forward we desperately need economic development and has a path to accomplish that. To attract developers and investors here we need to get our finances in order, get out from under state oversight, and put an end to the political infighting that has given our great city a negative reputation among outsiders. In addition, her educational and professional backgrounds are unparalleled when compared to the other mayoral candidates. She holds bachelor's degree from NYU and an extensive professional career in corporate finance/accounting.

As a mayoral candidate, Michele will run an above the bar, respectful campaign that will insure we have a constructive, focused, and meaningful dialogue in the general election with her Democratic opponent. She has proven in the past she is not afraid to challenge her opposition, as was displayed in her 2018 campaign for the state Senate 14th District seat. Her message is much more palpable to all voters as opposed to "Democrats are bad, and everything is their fault."


In 2011, the West Haven Republican party had a solid campaign strategy which would have gained a few seats on City Council and other elected positions. The mayoral candidate at the top of that ticket was Steve Mullins. Mr. Mullins went rogue towards the end of the campaign with press releases that were negative in tone and made unfounded accusations against the sitting administration. This caused backlash against the party externally and deep divide internally. The optics were lamentable and voter turnout and poll results showed it. As a candidate for the 8th district during that election I saw first-hand the damage caused. Yes, it's true that Steve's involvement with the city has been extensive and is commendable, but we need a candidate that is collaborative, articulate, and strategic in their approach. Vote for Michele Gregorio

Rob Whelan

CRC revisions need full review

While I appreciate the time and effort applied to the process by the CRC it doesn't necessarily mean the recommendations are good ones - certainly not all of their recommendations. It would seem to me that because WH has found itself in a fiscal crisis twice in 30 years it is certainly


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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

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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.

Hillhouse '59

Hillhouse Class of 1959 will celebrate its 60th Year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 21 at the New Haven Country Club, Hamden. Luncheon is from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30P.M. Any question? Visit the website: hillhouseclassof59.com.

Coin Show

The Liberty Coin Club of West Haven, organized in 1962, will host a Coin Show on Sunday, Aug. 18, Oct. 20, and Dec. 15, at the Elks Club, 265 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. Anyone with an interest in buying, selling or collecting coins, or with questions about coins, is welcome to attend. Expert dealers and collectors will be on hand.

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Those who have been diagnosed with prediabetes in the past or had gestational diabetes (a kind of diabetes that can happen during pregnancy) also qualify for the program.

The groups are limited in size. Call: (203) 717-2474, (203) 394-7311, (203) 243-2244. Monitor My Health's website is www.monitormyhealth.org.

Garden Club confab

The West Haven Garden Club will have its first meeting of this year on Monday, Sept. 9 at the Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road, meeting room, 11:30 a.m. It will be a covered-dish luncheon and meeting to follow.

Speaker will be Eileen Cassella discussing Fall Dividing of Plants.

Newcomers are welcome to join us.

For further information call Iris at (203) 937-1674.

Letters

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reason to spend the time to identify what changes are necessary to improve. That process works for cities, business and individuals. What has me scratching my head is the very leadership group you deride in your editorial is the very group the CRC recommendations suggest we should now put in charge of West Haven, starting with the decision of who should be hired as City Manager.

I'm not quite sure how the City Council of FY15 - FY18 got such a pass, while the mayor was summarily shown the door! Regardless, it's a bit of "Alice in Wonderland" thinking (upside down) to now recommend the leadership group (city council FY15-FY18) responsible (along with the previous Mayor) should be rewarded by putting them in charge?! I know people will think well - I thought the buck stops with this new City Manager position - not so. It starts and stops with the City Council who'll have the power to hire, manage and fire the CM. And all that's required to secure the majority position on the council

is 7 votes (of 13). In another like City (only like City) the City Council went to great lengths to fire the City Manager (after having just voted him a 2% raise and contract extension) because he apparently called out their Dir of Fin. for using City money to pay for employee massages. And we thought we were the only City with that kind of drama.

In conclusion, regardless of what one thinks about the recommendations and the City Council response thus far - you would have to agree that you really want the public/voters to understand what they're being asked to vote on. And whether or not the CRC is "ready" for it to go to a vote - I sincerely don't think the citizens of West Haven are. I think the only truly appropriate and yes logical choice is to plan to have these recommendations go to a public referendum in April - when there is a special election (Presidential Preference) already on the docket - wouldn't you agree?

Howie Horvath

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