

# West Haven Voice

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## Voice Profile

*A weekly in-depth interview*

"When I first came to West Haven, there was no 'Youth Services.' I was probably the first director."

~ Bob Morton

-- See page 9



# Rossi v. Gregorio

Voters in both the Democratic and Republican parties decided their nominees Tuesday in primary votes. Mayor Nancy Rossi blew away challenges from both City Clerk Deborah Collins and former Mayor Edward O'Brien, capturing more than 2,700 votes. Unofficial totals had the one-term incumbent topping Collins by about 1,000 votes, with O'Brien coming in third.

Meanwhile, Michelle Gregorio easily beat challenger Steven Mullins in the GOP runoff, saving the endorsement she barely won in July by the Republican Town Committee.

Both parties had contentious campaigns, which was expected in the Democratic race, but surprising to some in the Republican primary.

The candidates now try to knit together their fractured organizations and move toward the November general election. Rossi has centered her campaign on working with the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) to right the city's financial woes.

Meanwhile, Gregorio is stressing her own professional credentials and the need for a new vision in City Hall.



ROSSI



GREGORIO



Photos by Russ McCreven

## West Fest 5

Hundreds of residents, students and visitors took part in West Fest 5, a cooperative effort of the city, the University of New Haven and the Mayor's Advisory Commission, made up of UNH students. The event fosters town-gown relations, and introduces students to their home away from home. Dance teams and other entertainment were on hand, as was face painting.

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Weather

Friday Sept 13 Scattered thunderstorms all day High 85F



Sunrise: 7:05 am  
Sunset: 7:27 pm  
Wind: ENE 10-20  
High Tide: 11:26 am; 11:42 pm

Saturday Sept 14 Thunderstorms with cloud mix High 86F



Sunrise: 7:06 am  
Sunset: 7:26 pm  
Wind: SE 10-15  
High Tide: 12 pm;

Sunday Sept 15 Mostly cloudy with storms High 87F



Sunrise: 7:06 am  
Sunset: 7:25 pm  
Wind: E 5-10  
High Tide: 12:17 am; 12:34 pm

Monday Sept 16 Cloudy with chance of showers High 87F



Sunrise: 7:06 am  
Sunset: 7:24 pm  
Wind: ENE 10-15  
High Tide: 1:08 pm; 1:26 pm



Zhyon Williams, age 2, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., is predicting nice weather just right for apple picking!

Things to Do

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

The West Haven Historical Society is sponsoring a Pet "Paw"traits Photo Shoot on Saturday Sept. 14 at the Poli House. Bring your favorite family dog or cat to have a photograph taken by a professional photographer. The event will be held 10-12. Joy Bush, a well-known photographer, will be available to take a 5 X 7 keepsake photo of your dog or cat for the cost of \$22. All dogs must be on a

leash and cats in a carrier. There will be raffle prizes available donated by several local pet stores. All pet owners are invited to bring their dogs or cats to this event which will be held in the backyard of the Poli House at 686 Savin Avenue opposite the Green.

"The Poetry Lounge" will be hosting an Open Mic at The West Haven Library, 300 Elm St., on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6:30. Sign up starts at 6. Bring your poems , bring a friend and relax .Refreshments and door prizes For more info contact Sistet Deborah at swananewhaven00@yahoo.com.

Thursday, Sept. 12 -- WSFD Commission, headquarters, 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, Sept. 16 -- Board of Education, City Hall meeting room, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 17 -- Inland Wetlands, City Hall, 6:30; Police Commission, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sept. 18 -- Forest School Playscape Building Committee, 3 p.m.; Zoning Board of Appeals, City Hall, 7:15;  
Monday, Sept. 23 -- City Council, Chambers, 7 p.m.

On this date:

2014 -- First Invictus Games Held. The international games bring together wounded armed forces personnel and veterans who compete in athletic competitions  
2008 -- Large Hadron Collider Goes Live. The world's largest particle collider, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) was built by the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN).  
1977 -- Last Person to be Executed in France. Hamida Djandoubi was also the last person to be executed by a guillotine.

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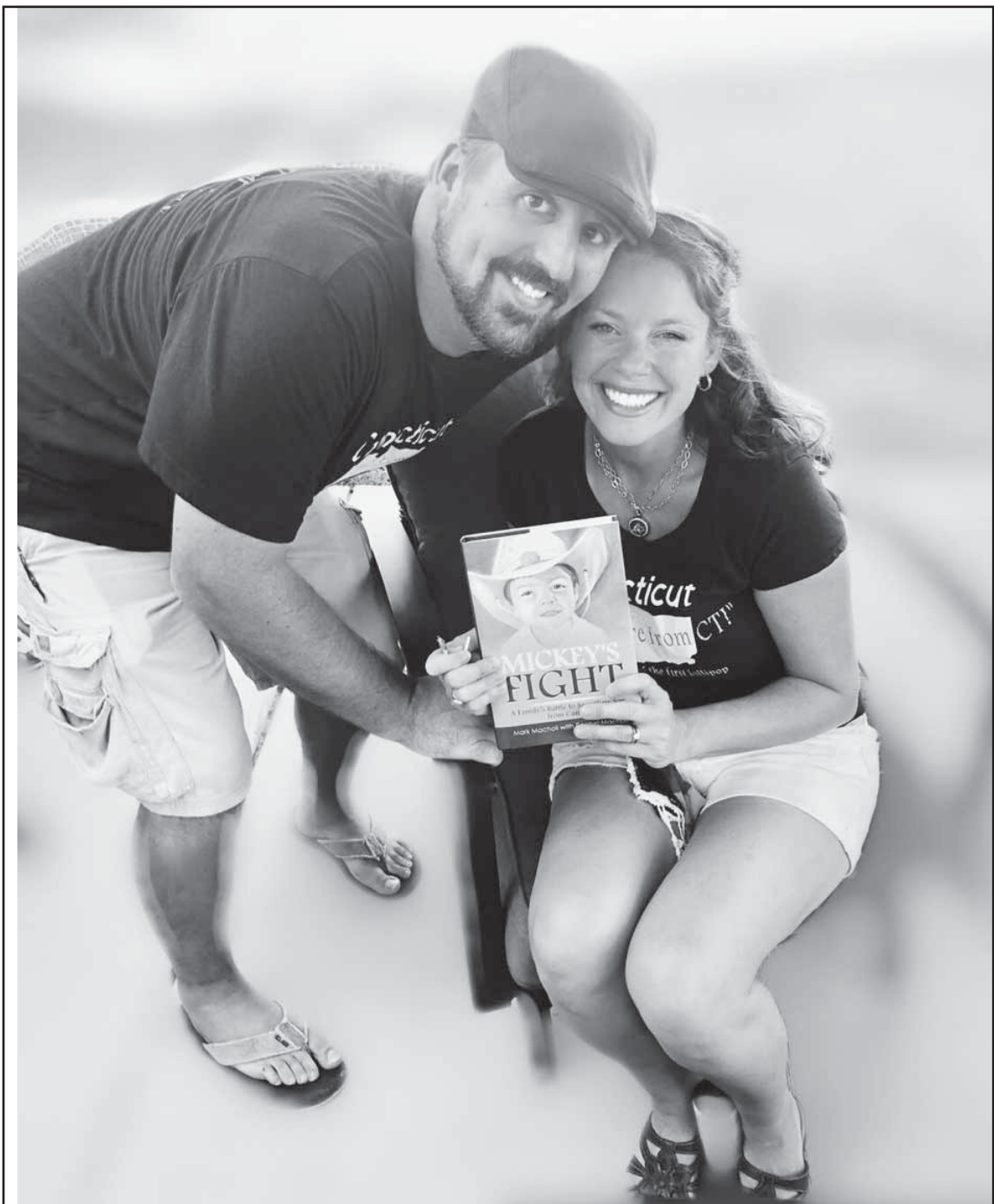


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***‘Mickey’s Fight’ book signing***

Mark and Rachel Macholl will sign copies of their newly released, No. 1-trending Balboa Press book, “Mickey’s Fight,” chronicling their family’s battle to save their son from cancer. The promotional book signing, “Beers & Books,” will take place from 6-9 p.m. Friday at Duffy’s Tavern, 241 Campbell Ave. People can bring a copy of the book for the Macholls to sign, or they can buy one at Duffy’s. It is available in hardcover for \$35.95 and softcover for \$17.99. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Ray Guarino, Visit <https://www.balboapress.com/en/bookstore/bookdetails/789702-mickeys-fight>.



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# Dear Felicia

It looked for a time like we here in God's Li'l Acre, were gonna feel the effects of Hurricane Dorian, last week. Luckily, the storm blew out to sea and the only thing we saw was a little rain and lotsa gusty wind. It also brought in a bit more cool weather over the weekend. As we head toward fall, it's perty safe to say that the big heat is over fer the most part. Excep' for maybe Indian Summer later on, the nights have been cool, and the temps have been way down. Cobina is lookin' to bring her sweaters outta moth balls.

Here in our neck o'the woods, however, we had what is always a late-summer ritual with the primaries that will haf been done by the time yew git this missive. Who is gonna be the Republican standard-bearer is anyone's guess. As Sammy Bluejay reported last week, there's been lotsa back-and-forth amongst the rank-and-file of the party.

In fact, the vitriol has been

sooooo bad, some people are sorry they ever got involved in the entire campaign. To a certain extent that's to be expected. Some newcomers to the political scene don't know that politics around these parts is a game of hardball. Survival of the fittest is what happens here.

Cobina is of the opinion that it's a good thing to have the nonsense effen it gits people moving. The GOP has been moribund for more than two decades. It might not win election this time; in fact, the smart money don't expeck too much. But effen it sets up a way for the party to get stronger, we're all for it.

For too long in this berg it's been which flavor of Demmie is gonna run things. They fight amongst each other, and don't change much. Having a strong second party will shake things up a bit. We shall see.

Meanwhile, who won the mayoral primary in the Dems' camp is gonna mean a lot. We

held up the front page o' this papyrus to make sure we had the winner. But in a three-way race, there are no predictions comin' from these quarters. Too much is up for grabs. Like I've been saying, effen the turnout is the same as it's been, the winner of the primary can be any one o' the three: Rossi, Collins or O'Brien.

The problem is, no matter whom wins, two-thirds of the voters didn't vote for him or her, and that could pose a difficulty down the line. There are gonna be disgruntled people in the majority and that means we have more dis-unity.

We'll all know who the winners were by the time yew git this letter, Felicia Navalance, but right now, even Madame Olga's crystal ball ain't saying what the outcome will be.

Nelly Nuthatch did make an observation t'other day when she was on the ledge. Unlike other years, two controversies are missing from this year's Democratic primary: signs have stayed on lawns, and there is no squabble about absentee ballots.

Cobina was around the town in her gassamobuggy recently and noticed that there were some large signs on lawns in all camps. We seem to remember a kerfuffle about 20 years ago, when size became an issheew and people were enraged that city ordinances concerning the height of setch adverts were being flouted. No so this time - maybe the ordinance

has changed. Probably not.

As far as absentee ballots go, these little conveniences have been the stuff of legend - and the rise and fall of many in the political realm. Heck, jest think about what happened in 1980 when George Dunleavy and Don Wrinn faced off in a brutal Demmie primary.

The entire primary vote was voided in court, and a new primary ordered by the court on what was Election Day in every other part of the state, excep' our little corner of the universe. The split in the party helped Larry Minichino, a Republican, win the mayoralty.

This time, nary a complaint about this or that ballot. I realize it's early, and things can happen post-vote, but usually we have an inkling to these things before they happen. Not this year.

Iva Lootey was here and sez that the primary might have a big impact on the Charter Revision issheew - jest like I mentioned to yew last week. The powers that be in the Demmie camp - especially those outside the Actors Colony at the moment - don't like the changes. It changes the game too much. They like the way it's played now.

The only way this can go forward is the City Council, win or lose in the primary, accept the final report by the Charter Revisions Commish and move forward with a date for an election. Once the vote is tak-

en and the date set it become a matter of state government, not city. The politicos will have little chance of torpedoing the measures.

That don't mean they won't campaign against them. They will. What it means is it's a bit more of an uphill battle. They will have to campaign against the changes as they go to the voters, and methinks the Charter Revision Commish - though it will be outta bizness once the report is accepted by the council - can politick on its own and fight the political headwinds that might be around.

Yew'd think charter revision would be an easy affair, but like most things political in this town, there's always someone angling for a leg-up, or lookin' to see how the landscape might change. Most of the council revisions are of the "cosmetic" variety we are told. So, maybe, just maybe, real revision is possible, and the desires of the politicos be damned.

As yew might've seen, the Voice offices are gonna be moved over the next couple o' weeks. We've been at 666 Savin Ave. since our inception in the very offices which our editor began his career so many years ago. But the owners need the space, and it's off to another location.

We're gonna be goin' to 840 Boston Post Road, witch will be an adjustment, but now that we've made the decision, I know people jest wanna git the thing over with.

We've always liked it here, but time and tide waits for no man, and change is inevitable. Plans right now call for things to be done betwixt issheews, so there shouldn't be a big problem. We shall see. Plans, as yew know, never go quite according to plan.

Cobina has to admit, she's surprised. She was expecting that the Actors Colony would have a big announcement concerning the Haven in the days leading up to Tuesday's vote, and mirabile dictu, it didn't happen.

We've been waitin' for weeks for the demolition to start over there, and goodness knows the developers have been all but silent as to what they are planning, but we thought the timing would be of use to the incumbent.

All we hafta say is, amazing! For once, the expected didn't happen, and the developing of a parcel or parcels weren't used for political advantage. Wonder of wonders!

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

Cobina

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# Bill looks to reform campaign finance

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

A recent ordinance put forth by Third District City Councilman Aaron Charney intends to clean up politics in West Haven. The legislation has yet to be voted on by the City Council.

In the findings and background of the "City of West Haven Municipal Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance," Charney writes that, while monetary contributions to campaigns are a legitimate form of participation in the

## Festival ready for weekend

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

The second annual International Food & Fig Festival will celebrate the city's diverse heritage of figs.

On Saturday, organizers will once again feature the popular fruit on the lawn in front of Savin Rock, off Captain Thomas Boulevard.

A fig is an Asian species of flowering plant in the mulberry family that is widely grown worldwide, both for its fruit and as an ornamental plant.

The festival is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will showcase vendors buying, selling and trading figs or fig trees.

Free parking is available in the parking lot of the nearby Savin Rock Conference Center, 6 Rock St.

The multicultural event will include a fig demonstration, fig farmers market and fig tasting, organizers said.

"It is exciting to welcome back a unique festival that celebrates West Haven culture, food and, of course, figs," Mayor Nancy R. Rossi said.

For the second year, Dr. Charles R. Vossbrinck, an associate agricultural scientist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and a self-proclaimed fig enthusiast, will speak at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. about propagating and overwintering figs in the state.

The station, based in New Haven and operated by the state, engages in scientific research and public outreach in agriculture and related fields. Founded in 1875, it is the oldest state experiment station in the U.S.

Rossi said the festival is taking place at no cost to the city, thanks to private donations and sponsors.

For information about the event and schedule, contact Ruth G. Torres in the mayor's office at rtorres@westhaven-ct.gov.

political process, they can be used to give some individuals or organizations "a disproportionate or controlling influence" in an election.

"Contractor contributions damage the integrity of our elections and the contracting process," said Charney in an email. "It undermines the public's confidence in government. I've noticed a trend of states and municipalities limiting these contributions. West Haven should join this trend."

According to the councilman, the ordinance would ban contractors, prospective contractors and certain individuals connected with contractors from donating to a campaign if a contract they are associated with is valued at \$5,000 or more.

Charney said \$5,000 was chosen because state law requires such individuals to disclose if they have such a contract on contributor forms.

The ordinance covers "any elector in the City of West Haven running for the office of Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Registrar of Voters, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Board of Assessment Appeals, or Board of Education."

It also defines several different types of principals, or stakeholders, whom the bill targets.

They include owners, members of the board of directors, high ranking officers and those with influence over the contract process in a business which contracts with the City of West Haven, Board of Edu-

cation or some combination of the two.

The ordinance lays out that no contractor or principal of a contractor shall, "Make a contribution to a candidate; Make a contribution to a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates; Make a contribution to a party committee; Make a contribution to a candidate's exploratory committee."

Violators of the ordinance would see their contract voided and would be barred from the bidding process for three years.

Candidates who accept campaign donations from a person or entity defined in the ordinance would have to return

the donation in full. The document also stipulated that, if passed, the provisions within it would not apply "to contributions and contracts made or created before the effective date of this ordinance."

Charney said he is hopeful the ordinance will be voted on and passed during one of the council's September meetings but that West Haven politics are "always difficult to make out."

"I hope this passes and the council can take up another ordinance I presented limiting eminent domain for economic purposes," said Charney. "Residents should not have to worry about the city selling them out to the highest bidder. I have a common theme with my proposals."

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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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## Getting wise to radicals

Maybe, just maybe – and finally – the public is getting the message from the so-called “Climate Change” crowd: it really isn’t about “climate” at all, but it is about change. In the CNN Town Hall on Climate Change last week, one thing came through loud and clear, the issue is not about survival, but about governmental control.

In every answer to every concern about the climate, it came down to one issue: the government must control the people and do what is best because the people need to be controlled. To do anything else is to be a denier.

Those of us older than two presidential administrations have heard this song before. And, every time the issue comes up in whatever iteration, top-down control of our behavior is the prescription. Perhaps columnist Kurt Schlichter said it best this week:

“Back in the 70s, I remember we were promised an ice age if we didn’t give liberals our money and freedom. Then in the 80s, we were promised death by ozone hole if we didn’t give liberals our money and freedom, and then doom by acid rain if we didn’t give liberals our money and freedom. By the time they started promising that we were all gonna die from global warming if we didn’t give liberals our money and freedom, I was still wanting my ice age. It would be nice to have a white Christmas in LA. So, where’s my damn ice age?

Why is he bringing up money and liberty? It is what is wanted most by the do-gooders and virtue-signalers who believe in the tripe that is the recent iteration of the climate lobby. It boils down to taxes, money flowing into the government’s coffers and socialist control of the economy.

Remember, when the UN’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change was being discussed, one of its principle architects admitted it was less about climate and more about wealth distribution. The famous Paris Accords is not about change, so much as economic “equality.”

“The preamble to the Paris Agreement alone tells you this is at heart a social-engineering project, aimed at remaking the capitalist economies of the West. Signatories must “respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and empowerment of women and intergenerational equity.”

What does that have to do with climate change? Not much.

Yet, CNN’s town hall became a pep rally for more governmental controls, more regulation, more fascist-socialist economic declaring winners and losers.

Even that indictment on the American education system, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, saw her former chief of staff Saikat Chakrabarti admit that her multi-trillion dollar “Green New Deal” was not about climate change, it was about social engineering and socialist goals.

The climate change debate as punctuated by the CNN town hall last week, should put the lid on any belief that it is really about the climate. In every instance, in every answer, in every utterance from every candidate, it was all the same: Washington taking control of industries, taxing the middle class and the poor, and putting the money toward programs our betters believe we should be supporting.



## Johnson seizes EU issues

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

Tory Prime Minister Boris Johnson has, to his credit, seized the initiative in the battle over whether Britain will truly exit the EU, and on what terms.

But no one can know how this high-stakes gamble will turn out. Johnson just lost his slender parliamentary majority, and the prospect of a new election looms. If things break the wrong way, the winner could be opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn, a throwback leftist redolent of the bad old days of Britain’s self-imposed stagnation.

It’s hard to exaggerate the threat represented by Corbyn and Co. taking control of our most important ally. In U.S. terms, Corbyn is a mashup of Bernie Sanders and the Squad, mixing orthodox socialist economics with a hostility to U.S. foreign policy and Israel.

He is a figure that time is supposed to have forgotten. He inveighed from the back benches against Labor’s turn away from the old-time religion under moderate prime minister Tony Blair.

When he mounted an unlikely leadership bid in 2015, he found an audience, much as Bernie Sanders did in 2016. Now, the old-time religion is

a few lucky breaks away from power.

Corbyn’s past, and present, is littered with valentines to left-wing thugs. He cozied up to the IRA in the 1980s when it was trying to decapitate the British government by bombing. He wrote for a pro-Soviet newspaper during the Cold War. He called the Russian invasion of Ukraine “not unprovoked.”

He’s said warm things about Hamas and Hezbollah, and can’t bear to condemn Islamic terrorism without also criticizing the West.

It’s no accident that his Labor Party has become lousy with anti-Semites.

His left-hand man, John McDonnell, shadow chancellor of the exchequer, is fond of implicit threats of violence. To wit, “Any institution or any individual that attacks our class, we will come for you with direct action.” He has called Tory MPs “social criminals.” This from the man in line to become, in our terms, secretary of the treasury of one of the great banking centers on the planet.

If McDonnell’s style of rhetoric has a grim revolutionary cast, it’s for good reason. In an interview with -- no joke -- the Trotskyist Alliance for Workers’ Liberty years ago, he said

that the most important influences on him were “Marx, Lenin and Trotsky, basically.” Corbyn has expressed similar sentiments.

At least they don’t leave any doubt where they are coming from.

If Corbyn had his way, it would be as if Margaret Thatcher never happened (indeed, McDonnell has mused about going back to the 1980s to assassinate her -- you know, the way many people do about Adolf Hitler).

Corbyn’s program would renationalize sectors of the economy, punish shareholders and landlords, and impose stiff new taxes. If his campaign against capital crashed the pound, he’d surely be inclined to respond with capital controls, truly taking Britain back to the 1970s.

Every election in a democratic society is important. But Britain in the coming weeks will be faced with unquestionably momentous choices: Whether to take back its full sovereignty from the EU, and whether to throw in with a dangerous radical. Its modern history, and perhaps that of the West, is in the balance.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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Gripe Vine Readers:

Before I begin my column this week, I would like to place this thought-provoking information with you and welcome your input on its merit.

We all, I am sure, aware of the importance of the many environmental issues that confront us daily. However, for most of us we are aware of the dangers of coping with plastic items that place stress on our waters, land and everyday living .

Recently, plastic bags that hold our merchandise from retailers and other outlets are not free anymore. I always thought that such a charge was part of the cost of doing business. As we all know, because of the dangers of plastic on our planet, the public is advised to use less or no use at

all of these carriers. However, a little research provided me with an interesting thought. We are being charged ten cents for each bag. From what I was able to research the retailer, on an average, pays \$20 for 1,000 shirt-size bags, resulting in a cost of two cents a bag. The customer is being charged ten cents a bag.

I would love to hear from my readers on these figures. Interesting?

Gripe Vine Readers:

Recently, Gripe Vine received and published a complaint relating to a pothole near a catch basin on Eileen Road. Apparently, the opening is getting larger and larger.

A thank you to Councilwoman Portia Bias; the hole was filled and a reply from my reader, "The pothole was



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

filled last Tuesday. Hopefully that works."

I hope so as well. Let me know if it opens again.

Gripe Vine Readers:

I have been asked when the Boot Program status will be published. Please note, Last month, I contacted Doro-

thy Chambrelli, Tax Collector with the following Boot Program questions: What is the Boot Program status presently, specifically delinquent statements, how often does your office control out of city residents and their ability to respond and I also want to add, how much revenue has this program generated the past year. Also is this program being implemented presently. Taxpayers should have this information provided regularly. Publishing this information would provide thousands of West Haven taxpayers with revenue information.

I would hope Mayor Nancy Rossi will encourage Ms. Chambrelli to respond to my readers through Gripe Vine on this issue.

Gripe Vine Readers:

I am still receiving complaints on dogs relieving themselves on the city's Green. Apparently, the city has one sign and it is faded. If you are a dog owner and have or have not seen this sign prohibiting this practice, please drop me a line or an email, and Gripe Vine will make strong efforts to have a second sign and the first sign, more legible. Gripevine4wh@aol.com or Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice, 666 Savin Ave.

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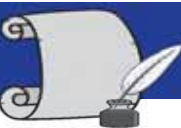
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine



TOM LAVERY

### WHHS Football 1968 An Autumn to Remember Part I

Teamwork is the thorough conviction that nobody can get there unless everybody gets there. ~Virginia Burden

Every story begins somewhere: From the time Tom Lavery was six or seven, most of his free time was devoted to sports: in summer, it was baseball; during the cooler months, it was football. The kids in his Terrace Avenue neighborhood didn't need uniforms or any other equipment—they couldn't afford much anyway—they played ball in vacant lots until their mothers called them home for lunch; later they returned, and played until suppertime. If it was still light out after they

finished supper, they went back out and played some more, until darkness prevailed and the streetlights came on—which in those days was the signal that it was time to go home.

Back in the Fifties, the proliferation of organized youth sports was years away, and daytime television had little to offer. And the kids of that era had an enormous amount of freedom to come and go as they pleased. Tom Lavery sums it up by saying, "Even though we didn't have much, we had everything."

By the time Tom was eleven, he had gotten very serious about football, and as the neighborhood boys grew older, one neighborhood group would challenge another

neighborhood to a friendly game of tackle football. They would meet on a Saturday: they needed no helmets, no protective padding, just a ball and a vacant lot. To them, playing sandlot football was far more interesting than watching professional football on television.

Tom's years of practice games, diligence and sincere effort eventually paid off: he was made the starting WHHS halfback on the 1968 team; for his years of preparation in sandlot football had taught him sportsmanship and teamwork, and it had developed in him that competitive edge that is so necessary to excelling as an athlete.

Meanwhile, a few blocks away, and unbeknownst to Tom, Steve Johnson was preparing himself in a similar manner; and over on Savin Avenue, Bert Siclari was doing the same; and likewise, over in the West Shore, Burt Cohen, Art Nugent and Ed Francis were also doing what boys do: horsing around in a Jones Hill Road sandlot, playing football, and having fun.

All that any of them knew was that they were having a good time with their friends; little did they know that in their own way, they were all laying the groundwork for a momentous, unforgettable season that lay just a few years ahead. And ultimately, they would make sports headlines, and the crowds would cheer, and Westies would be proud to be associated with this team; and their story would echo down through the years, to be told and retold, again and again.

*We would like to thank Bert Siclari, Burt Cohen, Ed Francis, Steve Johnson, Ted Williams and especially Tom Lavery for their patient assistance.*



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# Morton's work has affected many

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

For more than 40 years, Robert Morton has been the steward of a city department which has impacted the lives of thousands of West Haven residents.

Morton, the director of Child and Family Services, said he got his start in 1977. He said at the time of the job posting he was looking to work in a school as a guidance counselor or as in public services for a city.

"I came for the interview," said Morton, "was given the opportunity to work, and here I am."

The Director said he got both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Southern Connecticut State University. He said his work has changed over the years.

"When I first came to West Haven, there was no 'Youth Services,'" said Morton. "I was probably the first director. So, a lot of my time was spent going out and working with the school system. I actually did a lot of one-on-one counseling with the kids."

Morton said as the program grew his responsibilities became more administrative rather than service based. The majority of his time now is dedicated to writing and overseeing grants and managing the departments various programs and budgets.

"I don't want to toot my own horn but Youth Services today in West Haven is the evolution of the program that I put through from beginning to end," he said.

Morton said managing grants and continuing the funding of Youth Services is the biggest challenge in his job. He said the program primarily relies on grants but the amount of money available to Youth Services fluctuates from year to year.

Morton said he continues to use undergraduates and graduates from his alma mater as interns and clinicians in his department.

"So that relationship has always been there and continues to be there today," said Morton. "At one point, we used to have eight to ten students here from Southern."

Back when he started, Youth Services used to be more of a "drop-in center" where kids could come and hang out in a safe place after school. Eventually, Morton developed a myriad of programs ranging from family counseling to special needs programs.

"I would say it's more professional now than it was when it started," said Morton. "Not that a drop-in center isn't professional. Today we do a lot of counseling and

therapy programs."

Morton cited his tenure as evidence that he has enjoyed his work in West Haven, adding that he would have left if he did not. He said the city has always been very supportive of the department.

He said he is approached fairly frequently by people who used to be in one or more of his programs. The director said they tell him about the positive effects he and Youth Services have had on their lives.

According to Morton, it is rewarding to hear those stories especially when he does not know if he will ever encounter a person again after they leave one of his programs.



BOB MORTON

With the wide variety of programs Youth and Family Services offer, Morton said they service nearly a two thousand kids and families in any given year. Morton listed off more than two dozen programs and events the department hosts or co-hosts.

"We do everything," said

Morton. "We do a lot. There's one full-time person: that's me."

Morton said he has been talking to his wife about retiring soon, but hopes that, when he does so, he can take part in the process of hiring a replacement.

"I would like them [the next

director] to provide the best services that they think they can provide to the community," he said. "If they can do that, that would be great."

Morton said he will miss coming in and working with people every day. He said his job has been as fulfilling as he could have hoped for.

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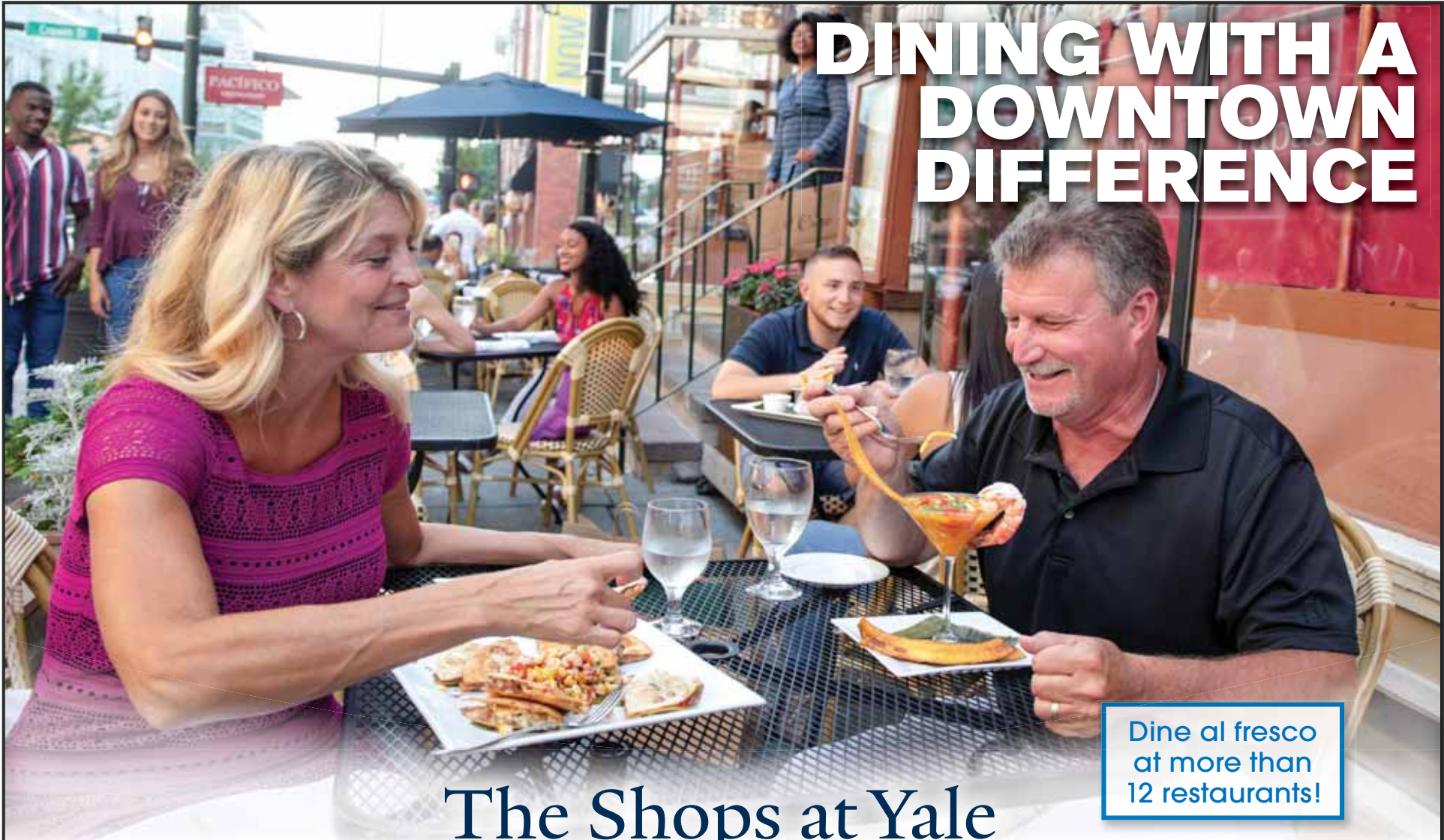
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## Friends aid Guarino in cancer fight

Ray Guarino has always been the type of person to help others. Guarino is now seeing that help returned ten-fold.

Diagnosed with multiple myeloma three months ago, Guarino has been battling the fight of his life. While that battle could not prevent the West Haven native and Hamden Post 88 American Legion baseball coach from leading his team to the postseason this summer, there are a quite a few challenges ahead for the ever popular Guarino.

Most of those challenges will include a significant amount of money and those closest to the voluntary Yale assistant baseball coach are doing all they can to help lead the way in assuring the 43-year-old Guarino and his family remain on their feet.

Long-time friend Ricky Spreyer, along with family and friends, has put the wheels in motion for A Day for Ray, Saturday, Sept. 21,, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Polish American Club (194 West Spring St.).

"We decided after Ray got such a great response when

his Go Fund Me from a lot of Yale alumni blew up, we would do something small," Spreyer said. "We would have his core friends and the West Haven community behind him. Corey (Spreyer) Chris Guarino and Kevin Guarino thought it would be a little get together and it has just blown up to this bigger extent."

The magnitude of the event has caught Guarino a bit off guard by the response.

When diagnosed, the multiple myeloma was advanced. Three days prior to the big event, Guarino will start round four of four of chemotherapy on Wednesday, September 18.

"It is overwhelming in a way to it almost being embarrassing," Guarino said. "That's West Haven for you. That is the people of the town we all grew up in. I have been on the other side of many fundraisers, and the outpouring of support for those has been great. To be the recipient, as much as you don't want it to be, I have been able to see it first-hand. There are so many people that care and that is awesome. I just try



RAY GUARINO

to do things the right way and try to treat people the right way. It comes back ten-fold."

According to Spreyer, donations are pouring in from all over and include anything

from an auction item of a Mickey Mantle signed baseball donated by the Morrell and Norton families, all the way to signed memorabilia, sporting events, and raffle prizes, including gift cards.

Among some other auction items are a Tigers Woods signed flag from this year's Masters, a signed jersey each from former New York Islanders great Billy Smith and former New York Rangers legend Mark Messier, a fishing charter for six people, box seats to a Red Sox game in April and May of next year, and other sporting event tickets.

Tickets to the event are \$25 each and include beer, wine, and food, such as hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage and peppers, and porchetta to name a few. There will be entertainment throughout the day, in what is also a kid friendly event.

"Four hundred people or so are expected," Spreyer said. "We have talked to a lot of food vendors and restaurants who are donating food. We

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Photo by Russ McCreven

### See ya!

West Haven Seahawk Joe Lugo races to the end zone and beats Stratford opponents for a score last weekend. The Seahawks' squads had a mixed weekend in the second date on the schedule. Lugo's team, however, topped the Stratford Redskins and pushed its record to 2-0 in the early season.





# Youth Soccer opens fall schedule

The West Haven Youth Soccer League kicked off its fall season this past weekend, getting a full slate of games in. The Elite Soccer Camps U14 girls travel team went 2-0 on the weekend, winning its first two matches of the season. On Saturday, they traveled to North Haven winning, 5-1. Ava Murphy and Etta Funke split time in goal, each making some key saves in the win. Brooke Flaherty, Jaylyn Powell, and Alexandria Nunes all scored. Ariana Izzo, Isabella Eyler and Aylin Soto dictated the attack and dominated the center of the field. Ashlynn Trenchard and Camryn Beauvais worked the flanks in the win. On Sunday, the girls were back in action, this time traveling to Madison and getting the 2-0 win. After a scoreless first half, Llyanna Griffith-Waite got the first goal, nailing a shot into the Madison goal from 20 yards out. The Westies capped off the win when Molly Gunning played a through ball for Brooke Flaherty to run on to and knock pass the opposing goalie. Ericka Tighe got the shut-out in goal and Camryn Flaherty, Niamh Chesson, Chloe Whelan, and Annabelle Pasacreta were solid on defense.

The Oyster River Energy West Haven U12 boys opened the season with a strong performance on Saturday afternoon at Duffy Field beating Orange, 4-2. West Haven dominated play in the first half and controlled the action while creating numerous opportunities. Pedro Furtado opened the scoring for the Blue Devils when he drove one home from the top of the box. Furtado made it 2-0 when he took Sean Studley's pass and slotted it past Orange's goalkeeper. Westies goalie Rafi Treat only had to make one save in the first half, but it was a quality stop of a breakaway. In the second half West Haven picked up right where they left off. Ramy Mendhouj took the ball to the end line and sent a perfect cross to Jovan Lakaj for a tap-in goal. Efrain Brown then beat two defenders and passed to Nate Charron. Charron crossed it to Lakaj who slammed it under the crossbar to make it 4-0. Orange scored twice late in the game, the second on a penalty kick. Victor Padilla made three saves in the second half for the Blue Devils. Matthew Panton was solid in the middle of the field for the Westies.

The U11 girls shut out Madison, 3-0. Kayla Quintanilla has been an excellent addition to the Westies in goal. She easily kept Madison from putting the ball in the net. Camilla Murphy, Isabella An-

tonucci and Cristel Miguel each scored for West Haven. Kayci Gayle, Amiyah Jones and Daniela Bazar provided a strong line of defense in the West Haven win. On Sunday, the Westies played Hamden away for the second game of the season. Again, the Westies shut out their opponent with a 5-0 win. Goals were scored in the first half by Lexi Lucas, Nylah Beyah, Madison Gargiulo, and Kayci Gayle, and Amiyah Jones added one in the second half. Keeper duties were shared by Kayla Quintanilla and Valentina DeMartino. Both girls played a great game in goal.

The Elite Soccer Camps Golden Dragons won their opening game of the season against Oyster River Energy, 6-1. Charlie Gunning and Ryan Abekah lead the way in scoring, with Matteo D'Elia, Luca DeCrescenzo and Jacob Rader finding the back of the net as well. Ben Trenchard played aggressive and had a couple of nice passes that put his teammates in scoring positions, and Jax Guarino showed a lot of hustle getting up the field to help in the attack and recovering on defense to break up plays. For Oyster River, Julius Stokes scored and showed off his impressive footwork. The Porto Funeral Home Navy Sharks played Nick's Luncheonette Dragons losing, 5-3. For the Sharks, Mohammed Lamkhanter led the way, scoring the hat trick. His brother, Adam, showed great foot skills and hit the post twice. Kieran Cerullo played well defensively for the Navy Sharks. For the Dragons, Dylan Narvaez, Jaxon Cruz and Mason Panton were the stars of the day. The Shoreline Wellness Center Blue beat Cappetta's Italian Imports Polar Bears,

6-3. Francesca DeMartino, Jayda Cillberti, and Giada Jimenez all did an amazing job on offense and scored. For the Polar Bears, Arianna Steele, Luciana Cappetta, and Kylie McCoart all scored. Celeste Dinallo moved the ball quickly up and down the field. The WH Professional Firefighters Blue Thunder topped Elite Soccer Camps, 9-3. Mustafa Basci a few goals in his first game. Grayson McCarthy, Nathan DAurio and Cayden Rabb, Carter Dillon and Dama Brown each scored as well. Amazing speed and defense were shown by twin brothers Caleb and Jackson Ford in the win for the Blue Thunder.

The Jason Ranalli Gold Team played a fantastic game against West Haven Police Local 895 on Saturday. Landon Alling, Emmett Hemming and Alexander Galbicsek were some of the players who scored their first goals of their soccer careers Saturday morning as players from both teams worked hard and had fun. The Top Hat Dance Academy Green Crocodiles defeated Gunning Law Firm, 9-3. The Crocodiles were led by Lehanna Philogene, Ariel Titus and Camila Barragan, all scoring

goals. The Rock House School of Music Rockers defeated Cappetta's Italian Imports, 6-1. Asia Ford scored the first goal of the season. Summer Krajcir and Delaney Johnson had many shots on goal, adding to the tally throughout the game. The George Ellis Company Gold Stars edged Stars Ice Cream Warriors, 5-3. Alexandria Freeman played goalie well for the entire first half for her team. Bianca Davila led the defensive line. Cheyenne Sebas made the first and last goals of the game, helping secure the win for the Gold Stars.

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Cameron Davis was a flag hawk with six tackles, two for losses. The green flag football team played well and was led by Jackson Gabrielo, Keith Moore and Aaron Sullo.

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# Youth Soccer

The West Shore Family Dental Gray Sharks played Frank Argent Heating and Plumbing. Jeshrun Polington and Nicholas King Pratt scored goals and displayed their foot skills effectively. Jonathan Colon overcame his fear of playing in front of an audience and scored a goal and was able to make quite a few assists. The Milano & Wanat Blue Hurricanes defeated Keenan Funeral Home, 5-0. Sophia Empric had a hat trick while Kylie Gibbons, Arianna Throm, Stella Porto and Chelsea Hernandez also added goals. Hailey Dargon had a strong game on defense, and Lynnne Chesson and Lulu Sebas combined for the shut-out in net.

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# Youth Hockey faces off for season

The Larry Vieira era of West Haven Youth Hockey began on a high note at Bennett Rink on Saturday, with the new coach's Squirt A team defeating the Green Dragons of Hamden, 11-0.

In West Haven Youth Hockey's "Opening Faceoff" kickoff event of the 2019-20 season, the Blue Devils shut down their archrival from the drop of the puck, dominating in all phases of the game and serving up a scoring smorgasbord, led by forward Aedan Guarino's four goals and one assist.

Kyle Guarino, Andrew Grillo and Brooklynn Maher anchored a stingy Westies defense that allowed a mere three shots on standout goalie Alex Werle.

The Blue Devils also received strong contributions from Grady Shulte (2 goals, 3 assists), Cameren Lipford (2 goals, 1 assist), Gavin Coady (1 goal), Kyle Guarino (1 goal) and Michael D'aiuto (1 goal).

On Sunday, Vieira's upstart Squirt A team bolstered its opening weekend record, defeating Darien A1 7-5 in a hard-fought contest at Stamford Twin Rinks.

The Blue Devils came out of the gate firing on all cylinders and played well during the game, with Lipford scoring four goals and Werle making 23 saves to lead the team.

Forward Ryan Walsh put West Haven on the scoreboard first with his first goal of the season. Coady and Aedan Guarino added goals before Lipford's empty-netter in the closing minute sealed the victory for the Blue Devils.

Later on Sunday, the Squirt A team was handed its first loss of the season by Kent A at Bennett Rink.

The West Haven Pee Wee A hockey team opened the season with a pair of home games at Edward L. Bennett Rink this weekend. The Blue Devils faced two strong teams and lost twice- 9-4 to Hamden A and 8-0 to Darien A.

On Saturday, West Haven celebrated "Opening Faceoff" with the traditional set of games against Hamden. In Pee Wee A action, the first period was tightly contested. Hamden struck first with a short-handed goal midway through the period. Matthew Kelly tied the contest when he fired in the puck with Connor Moriarty and Christopher Consorte earning assists. Hamden scored on the power play in the final minute for a 2-1 lead after one period.

Down 3-1 in the second period, Brady Price fed Ronnie Mastroni, who ripped a wrist shot off the goalie and in to make it a one-goal game again.

Hamden scored the next three and led 6-2 at the second intermission.

Hamden led 9-2 in the third before Price scored two short-handed goals for the Westies. The first was a breakaway goal and the second was a steal and backhand shot through the five-hole.

Greg Galasso started in goal for West Haven and recorded 13 saves. Jacob Silva notched seven saves in relief.

On Sunday morning, the Westies hosted Darien and played a spirited opening period for the second straight day. Darien led 1-0 at the first intermission as Silva was sharp with twelve saves. Darien pulled away for an 8-0 win. Silva finished with 20 saves while Galasso recorded 15 saves in the second half of the contest.

The West Haven Pee Wee B travel hockey team got off to a great start in its opening weekend of play. On Saturday, the Westies took part in the "Opening Faceoff" festivities against rival Hamden and posted a 7-1 victory.

Hamden went up 1-0 late in the first period with a screened shot that went high over goaltender Oliver Sawitzky's shoulder.

Eddie Thomas IV opened the scoring shortly after Hamden got on the board. Thomas took the puck on a face off in the defensive end and took it the length of the ice to the back of the net.

The Westies scored two more goals in the first period as Julianna Gonzalez netted the puck after a combination of passes from Dan Lavallee and Nolan Fortier. On the same shift, Gonzalez and Fortier returned the favor and found Lavallee's stick and put the Westies up 3-1 at the end of the first period.

Early in the second period, Sean Luxeder's neutral ice pass to Dylan Ginsberg was dished off to a quick skating Thomas, who netted the only second period goal of the game.

The defensive pairings of Heather Fonda and Luxeder, along with Grace Douglas and Jack Francis played key roles in keeping Hamden scoreless for the second and third periods. The third period was all Westies as both Thomas and Dan Lavallee found the back of the net to each record hat tricks. Tyler McColgan and Nolan Fortier helped in assisting both players' goals.

On Sunday, the Westies were back in action with an early morning home game at Bennett Rink against the RiverHawks of Shelton and posted a 4-2 win.



WHYH Photo by Stacie Walsh.

**West Haven Squirt A forward Grady Shulte (77) scores one of his two goals against rival Hamden at Bennett Rink on Saturday. The Blue Devils shut out the Green Dragons 11-0 in the season opener. Forward Aedan Guarino, left, led the team in scoring with four goals and one assist.**

The Westies came out strong with a goal in the first minute of play. Thomas took a puck to his backhand and showed he can score from both sides of the blade. Luxeder found the back of the net with a wrist shot from center ice, and quick skating and puck movement between Thomas and McColgan led to a goal by Gonzalez. The goal by Gonzalez ended up being the game winner.

The Riverhawks came out quick in the second period scoring back to back goals making it 3-2. Within a minute after the RiverHawks scored two goals, McColgan's pass found Thomas' stick to score the final goal of the game and give the Westies a two-goal lead going in to the third period.

Penalties found the Westies on their heels early in the third period. Between Oliver Sawitzky's quick glove and hard work by forwards J.J. Hall, Lucas Iversen and Rafi Treat winning key puck battles along the boards and moving the puck out of the defensive end forcing the RiverHawks to regroup, the Westies dug deep in the neutral zone to hold on to the lead throughout a third period battle.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team opened the season with a win and a tie. The Westies won the season opener 5-0 against Hamden, before playing to a 3-3 tie against Yale 06 AA.

The Westies opened the season against Hamden as part of the "Opening Faceoff" weekend. Behind the line of Cam Delvecchio, Colin Deane and Cade Simone, the Westies led 3-0 after one period and never looked back.

Delvecchio led the West Haven offense with two goals and two assists, Deane had a pair of goals and an assist, while Simone finished with a goal and an assist.

Deane started the scoring just 12 seconds into the contest off assists from Delvecchio and Simone. A great effort by Simone increased the lead to 2-0 with 7:52 remaining in the first, before Deane set up Delvecchio 57 seconds later for a 3-0 advantage.

With the West Haven defense of Sean Bosworth, Dave Brown, Craig Wezenski, Josh Gyolai. Haygen Axelrod and Jason Alling locking down the Green Dragons, and goaltender Brendan Smith turning aside several tough shots early, the Westies took a three-goal lead to the second.

Deane increased the lead to 4-0 off an assist from Delvecchio with 7.6 seconds remaining in the middle period, before Bosworth assisted on Delvecchio's second tally of the contest with 5:12 remaining. Bryan Hong played well in goal as he helped seal the combined shutout.

West Haven improved to 1-0-1 with a 3-3 tie against

Yale Sunday afternoon at the Northford Ice Pavilion. Bosworth led the way with a goal and an assist, including the tying goal off an assist from Gabe Mongelli with 5:52 left in the third period.

West Haven opened the scoring with 2:25 remaining in the opening period when Simone scored a short-handed tally off assists from Delvecchio and Bosworth.

Yale evened the contest 25 seconds later on the power play, before Dante Hardt scored a power play goal off an assist from Kyle Droney with 1:41 left in the opening period. Yale scored twice in the second period to take a 3-2 lead, before Bosworth's late heroics pulled West Haven even.

Smith again was solid in goal, coming up with several big saves.

Mickey Dowd, Jayden Spreyer, Matt Stevens, Will Gianquinto, Chris Adkins, and Michael Madera all played well on the weekend for the Westies.

For all of your West Haven youth hockey articles, please also visit [www.westieblue.com](http://www.westieblue.com).

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"Ray is a baseball coach, a baseball umpire, and a basketball referee, and all those communities have rallied behind him and have come to support him."

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for (wife) Jackie and I.”


The Spreyer and Guarino families have been lifelong friends which helped kick off the idea. The rest as Spreyer says has just come together easily.

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To donate to the event, please contact Ricky Spreyer at (203) 605-4183 or Corey Spreyer at (203) 640-3366. The brothers will make arrangements to pick up any donation.

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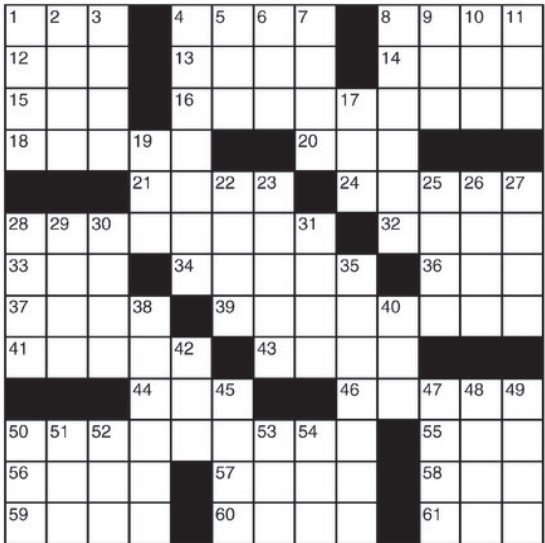
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DOWN 1 Source of wealth 2 Mideastern nation 3 Ox of India 4 One-eyed beast 5 Grazing ground 6 24-hr. money provider 7 Conks out 8 Suave 9 — long way 10 Varnish ingre- dient 11 Annoy

17 Appomattox loser 19 Bowling alley inits. 22 A little lower? 23 Berate 25 Emanation 26 Gator's cousin 27 Snatched 28 Partition 29 Fine 30 Hideaway 31 "The Bridge on the River —" 35 House VIP 38 In a pleasant way 40 Moonshine container 42 Automobile 45 "Hey, you!" 47 On the rocks 48 Memorandum 49 Eat away (at) 50 With it 51 Big bother 52 Encyc. portion 53 Foreman foe 54 Prompt



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

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3. Basketball building (given). 4. Slippery places.  
5. To annoy or make fun of.

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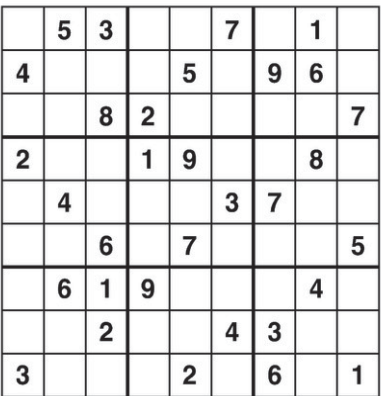
- 1. A large cave room.
- 2. A ceiling feature.
- 3. Their pictures are often found on cave walls.
- 4. All spelunkers should wear these.
- 5. What you do in a cave.
- 6. This is often the smallest part of a cave.
- 7. Needed most when exploring a cave.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will tell you what the name of a famous cave is.

Answers: 1. Chamber 2. Stalactite 3. Animals  
4. Helmets 5. Explore 6. Entrance 7. Flashlight.  
The dark framed column spells "Mammoth," the name of a famous cave in Kentucky.

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.

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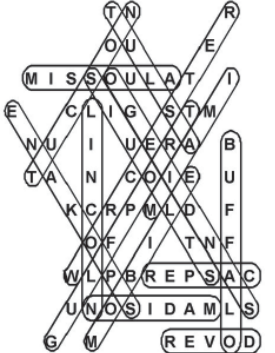
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## At a Glance

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The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in the assessor's office on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St., to hear appeals of motor vehicle assessments on the 2018 grand list.

Any owner of a city-registered vehicle can appeal the assessment.

### Agency slates open house, fair

The West Haven Interagency Network for Children will hold its second annual Open House & Resource Fair from 5-7:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at the West Haven Community House,

227 Elm St.

The event will give families of children with special needs an opportunity to learn about new resources and services while meeting other families.

The fair will include representatives from the following agencies and programs: West Haven Youth and Family Services Family Therapy, WHINC Parent Support Groups, Read to Grow, Wheeler Clinic, Banker's Life Special Needs Funds, Milestones Behavioral Health and Family Services, ASD Fitness Center, Benhaven Children's Behavioral Services, Clifford Beers Marne Street Clinic Behavioral Services and Assessment, Family Centered Services, Favor Inc., Shoreline

Center for Autism & Developmental Disorders, West Haven Family Resource Center, CT-FSN CT Families with Special Needs, ACES Adult Career & Community Empowerment Support Services, Yale Child Study, Planning Across the Spectrum, Kidsense, and West Haven Head Start.

### Diabetes clinic offers program

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 AM.

The program is a weekly interactive one-hour long workshop. The goal of the program is to help all participants to: lose weight (5 to 10% of their initial weight); achieve at least 150 minutes of moderate physical activity a week; and reduce stress and adopt healthy eating habits

In order to qualify, all candidates must be at least 18 years old and at high risk for diabetes at the time of enrollment. To determine one's eligibility, simple questionnaire can be completed over the phone with one of Dr. Wade's staff by calling.

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](http://www.monitormyhealth.org).

### Farmers Market open until Oct. 20

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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**Tuesday, Oct. 22 --** The Log Cabin presents OKTOBERFEST with the Schnitzel Brothers.

Enjoy the colors of Fall on our ride to the Log Cabin in Holyoke, Ma. Where renowned pianist Jeff Barnhart will lead the quartet in German music and polka parodies. Menu includes Welcome Hors d'oeuvres, complimentary glass of wine or glass of beer, rolls and butter.

Family style: Jaeger schnitzel, knockwurst and bratwurst, sauerkraut & sauteed red cabbage, German potato salad, apple strudel coffee decaffeinated coffee and tea. Cost is \$72 bus leaves Savin Rock Conference Center at 9:30. Departs Log Cabin at 3:15.

**Monday, Dec. 9 --** The Westchester Broadway Theatre – “The Edwards Twins” New Holiday Themed Show! Direct from Las Vegas identical twins Anthony and Edward make musical legends come alive for this holiday performance. Sonny & Cher, Neil Diamond, Johnny Mathis and Barbara Streisand just to name a few of the acts re-created by the talented twins. Enjoy lunch at the theatre before the show. Cost \$90 due by Nov. 1. Bus leaves Savin Rock Conference Center 9:30. Departs Westchester approximately at 3:45.

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

## 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.

## 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 in1962, 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.

## Al-Anon group

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

## Society kickoff

The West Haven Historical Society will hold its September Meeting Thursday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Poli House.

Speaker for the evening will be Cathie Iaccarino who will discuss her participation in the Native American dig that took place at the Platt Avenue site. Iaccarino, a local resident and teacher, will also share her knowledge on some of the key artifacts that were found at the local Native American site.

Her talk follows up on the recent exhibit on Native Americans that the Historical Society presented in June that was well received.

The public is invited to the meeting. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

## Poetry Lounge

“The Poetry Lounge” will be hosting an Open Mic at The West Haven Library, 300 Elm St., on Thursday,

Sept. 12 at 6:30. Sign up starts at 6. Bring your poems , bring a friend and relax .Refreshments and door prizes For more info contact Sistet Deborah at swananewhaven00@yahoo.com.

## Dog obedience class

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The fee is \$85 for residents and \$95 for nonresidents. Visit [www.whparkrec.com](http://www.whparkrec.com) for registration details and requirements for dogs and handlers.

## Casino trip

The West Haven IA Club will conduct a Bus Trip to the Mohican Casino on Monday, Sept. 30, Cost is \$25 per person, Gratuity included. Casino vouchers are buffet and slot plays. Bus leaves Club grounds at 3, returns approximately 10:30. Call Mickey at (203) 606-8929.

## BPGC confab

Bradley Point Garden Club of West Haven opens its season with a potluck luncheon at noon on Sept. 17 at Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road. Call Marie at (203) 878-8428.

## Atlantic City trip

F. Seniors and Friends are running a trip to Atlantic City on Jan. 6-8, at Resorts Casino. Cost of the trip is doubles, \$235; triples, \$229, single, \$319. Four meals, two shows and slot play included. Reservation must be with a deposit is \$50 person with final payment due Nov. 29. Call Fred Morgillo, (203) 389-5808, or (203) 927-4249.

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