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Voice Profile

A weekly in-depth interview

"Thank you, America, and thank you, West Haven!"

~~Aniello Cappetta

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Union gives A-OK to HS air quality

After years of defending itself from accusations of shoddy protection in the abatement of asbestos in the West Haven High School reconstruction project, a new study by the American Federation of Teachers has put to rest any fears the public might have. That was the assessment of city officials and the chairman of the WHHS Building Committee with the publication of the report.

"This completely exonerates us and puts all those accusations to bed," said Ken Carney, chairman of the building committee. "The union did the study after getting complaints, came in with the attitude something was wrong, and then sent this report."

Since the project began more than three years ago, various parents and activists have complained the city and the Board of Education were not following protocols on the removal of the

asbestos. Those accusations included charges of allowing asbestos to hang in open spaces, and that air quality samples were not up to standard.

According to Carney, the AFT sent a survey to teachers at the school asking about the health and safety practices during the reconstruction. Forty-four percent of the respondents said they were experiencing health issues, and some attributed them to the project.

A team of professionals from the Union Leadership Institute of the AFT came to the school on Oct. 1. They toured the school and recorded their observations. The tour included officials from the local school system as well as project managers. The report was written by Amy Bahruth, the ULI's assistant director.

"The AFT team came into West Haven saying, 'This is a sick building,'

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Photo courtesy of WHCH

Family project

West Haven Community House's Head Start program is in full swing with more than 140 preschoolers enrolled. Children and their families enjoyed an evening of arts and crafts. Families participate in monthly activities including literacy and nutrition information sessions, and, yes, arts and crafts.

Photo courtesy of WHHSTW

First run in new digs

Celebrating the grand opening of the new auditorium, West Haven High School's Theatre Workshop proudly presents Neil Simon's *Comedy Rumors* on Oct. 24 and 25 at 7:30. Adult tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Student tickets are \$5. The show contains adult language and is not suitable for children.



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Friday Oct 18 Few clouds from time to time High 60F



Sunrise: 7:06 am
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Wind: NW 10-20
High Tide: 2:39 am; 2:46 pm

Saturday Oct 19 Clear skies High 61F



Sunrise: 7:07 am
Sunset: 6:05 pm
Wind: WNW 5-10
High Tide: 3:27 am; 11:22 pm

Sunday Oct 20 Partly cloudy with mix of sun High 65F



Sunrise: 7:09 am
Sunset: 6:03 pm
Wind: WNW 5-10
High Tide: 4:21 am; 4:33

Monday Oct 21 Cloudy skies with showers late High 65F



Sunrise: 7:10 am
Sunset: 6:02 pm
Wind: ENE 10-15
High Tide: 5:20 am; 5:37 pm

Wanted

Pictures and drawings, either paint or crayon that can be used in our Kids' Weather feature

Pictures should be emailed, not sent via US Mail to

info@westhavenvoice.com

They will be included in our weekly feature.

Things to Do!

West Haven Vietnam Era Veterans are invited to contact the West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center in preparation for its annual event on Sunday, Nov. 10.

Veterans will be honored with a special program of music, gifts, tours and a full buffet. There is no charge for the event, but reservations are required as seating is limited. To make a reservation, please leave your name, phone number and number of persons attending by calling the museum at (203) 934-1111, or email whmilmuseum@snet.net, or visit us at 30 Hood Terrace (across from the West Haven Train Station). Reservation deadline is Nov. 1.

The First Congregational Church, 464 Campbell Avenue, will host its monthly used book sale and clothes closet on Saturday, Oct. 19 between the hours of 9 and 2.

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Public Meetings

Monday, Oct. 21 – Board of Education, City Hall meeting room, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 22 – Planning & Zoning, City Hall, 7 p.m.; WHHS Building Committee, City Hall meeting room, 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 28 -- City Council, Council Chamber, 7 p.m.

On this date:

1989 -- Loma Prieta Earthquake Rocks California. Santa Cruz County was the most affected by the 6.9 magnitude earthquake. About 60 people died as a result of falling buildings and landslides.

1973 -- OPEC Declares Oil Embargo. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries or OPEC led by Arab countries declared an oil embargo on any country that supported Israel during the Yom Kippur War.

1956 -- Bobby Fischer Wins the Game of the Century. The chess match between 13-year old Fischer and Donald Byrne took place at the Marshall Chess Club in New York City.

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Gregorio assails 'Haven,' Rossi

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

The developers of the Havens project have not been good neighbors, according to Republican mayoral candidate Michele Gregorio in a press conference last Friday.

In a statement Gregorio gave on the corner of Water and Center Streets, the Republican challenged the lack of progress made on the project during Mayor Nancy Rossi's administration.

The economic development project aims to see a luxury outlet mall built in West Haven by developers The Haven Group, LLC, and The Simon Group. It is anticipated to be give a major economic boost to the city.

Gregorio said the results of the developer's lack of concern for the city have been devastating, adding that Mayor Rossi has "simply dropped the ball."

"On her first day in office, the mayor should have called the developers in to inform them that leaving abandoned buildings deteriorating on this site will not be tolerated," said Gregorio. "The lack of security is not acceptable. Why did it take fires breaking out on the property to get any kind of security here?"

According to the candidate, even the current security is not adequate. Among other issues with safety, Gregorio pointed to children seen playing at the Bilco site, squatters, drug activity, crime and local residents' inability to sell or refinance their homes.

Gregorio questioned how many more years the city would have to wait before real construction begins. She also brought up a meeting between the mayor, the developer and the state delegation that she said happened two weeks ago.

"After not receiving funds that were previously promised to them, the developer is putting a new proposal on the table," said Gregorio. "The developer is looking to the state for a special district that will allow them to receive credits on sales tax collected from retail tenants of the Havens project."

The candidate said West Haven's delegation to the General Assembly will have to present this proposal during the 2020 session. She said if the agreement passes, construction would hopefully begin in 2021 with completion coming the following year.

"So, in contradiction to a statement made from this administration only a couple of

months ago that we will be shopping at the new mall in 2020, hopefully, we will be shopping there in 2022," she said. "Hopefully."

Gregorio said transparency and communication are critical in this project and others. She asked why the mayor had not informed the public of the supposed meeting. She also questioned the fact that citizens were not informed that the first deal for the sale of the Thompson and Stiles Schools had fallen through until after the September primary.

The Republican candidate said, if elected mayor, she would "hold the Havens developer's feet to the fire" by enforcing fines for blight, insisting on better security for the area and improving communication between all stakeholders.

"West Haven residents deserve to understand the status of this project," said Gregorio. "Closed-door meetings, resulting in no progress, and zero transparency, only make things worse. Are we really looking at 2022 or beyond for completion? We can only continue to wonder what will happen in the meantime."

Mayor Nancy Rossi did not reply to inquiries for comment by press time. She said she

will have a response for next week's edition.

Photo by Josh LaBella

GOP candidate for mayor Michele Gregorio speaks at her press conference last week.



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University of New Haven theater students are collaborating with the West Haven Historical Society on the annual Graveyard Lantern Tour. This will mark the program's fifth year of participation in this spooky local event, which "resurrects" several long dead West Haveners who are buried in the graveyards in the center of town. Join the West Haven Community and get ready for Halloween!



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Dear Felicia

Well honeybunch, the campaign, I guess is now really underway. With about three weeks left, things got a bit more feisty as we reach and go beyond the middle o' October. Whilst the EEE alert is still on the minds of a lotta people, the mayoral campaign is finally takin' center stage.

Effen yew ain't hoid, Michele Gregorio decided to do a full assault on the Haven projekc, and took the opportunity of the recent MARB (Municipal Accountability Review Board) meeting to make what she sees as a big pernt. It is her contention that the Haven Projekc, which has been at a standstill for months, has a reason for the hiatus: tax breaks.

According to the Republican challenger, the recent confab saw the developers look for what are called in the trade "tax incentives" to git the projekc underway. This is a typical ploy used by developers who wanna squeeze out as much profit, without paying

the full load in taxes.

Now, the administration as of this writing has not answered the allegation, which if true, is something they should be ahead of, not behind. Givin' a development a tax break or breaks when the average Joe is gonna be expected to pay increased levies over the next four years (as the five-year plan goes into its second year) up to 40 mills is something that has to be explained.

When this plan went through in 2014 it was announced – heralded in fact – that there would be no breaks, and the project wasn't lookin' fer any. Here we are five-plus years later and this could be a major albatross around the current occupants of the Actors Colony.

Now, the elephant in the room is the MARB. Any decision on this matter will not really be with City Hall, the City Council, or the developers, for that matter. It will be with MARB. Effen it wants to allow

the tax breaks it will be solely responsible for that issnew, and the administration can wash its hands of it in rather convincing fashion.

"Hey," herronner can say, "I don't want a tax break, but my hands are tied, MARB made that decision." It gives the political cover for something that we've been sayin' all along has been in her favor. It'll be interesting to see how this all shakes out. Yew know as well as I do, that no matter what, there's gonna be some political hay to be made on this.

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*Speakin' o' political hay, I mentioned to yew a few weeks back that since Gregorio won the primary, some disaffected Demmies have said they would give her support against the incumbent. Sammy Bluejay has been trying to get the skinny on this, and thinks that whilst some might go that far, the bulk of Dems will either stay home or give tacit support to the party candidate.*

*Gregorio has let it be known that whilst she accepts any support the Dems of a certain ilk might give her, they have to be part o' the campaign and not go off on their own. That only makes sense, yew can't have loose cannons out there trying to make issues yew might not approve.*

*We shall see how this all happens, but Sammy sez that whilst there are some Demmies OK with the arrangement, others wanna give support, but not under the aegis of the GOP campaign...*

*doesn't look so good dontcha know.*

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Meanwhile, Nelly Nuthatch was perched outside the City Council meeting last week when it gave its OK to the charter revision commish's plans. Whilst the approval came, there were some who wanted to see the entire thing parsed out into several questions given to the voters. They think it'll be too much for the public to "swallow."

One hasta give Ed Granfield, the chairman o' the commish kudos for not allowing the council members to get away with 1) that particular ploy; or 2) the contention that they were unaware that the questions might not be able to be parsed out.

Y'see the barrister for the city mapped out the problems with the charter revisions as proposed. The entire thing is more like a single garment meshed together, not a patchwork quilt. Effen the revisions were parceled out into different questions, the public could approve some, and not approve others.

Well, when the commish did it's 18 months' worth of work, they interwove things into each other. Effen you disapprove one part o' the revisions, it affects the other parts. They really did a nice job of making each section interdependent on the other.

When one or two council

members said they didn't understand that setch was the way things were done, Granfield told the members that was their problem – and well he might. For months the commish was very transparent as to what was done, and council members were invited to meetings, given updates and even asked to read the provisions before they were finalized.

One is given the distinct impression (that's a nice way of puttin' it) that the council members didn't bother to read, attend or bother with all the info that was sent their way. To claim ignorance or lack of transparency on the part o' the commish was a charge that Granfield was not going to broach.

Granfield, in the words of the "Good Book" don't suffer fools gladly, and made sure that any lack of information on the part of the membership was a product of their own work or lack of it.

So, the vote is set for April 28, the day the Presidential Preference Primary is scheduled. That will save the city some kopecks. It also gives the anti-people some wiggle room to git their pernts across. It'll be an interesting few months on this issue.

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*Interesting. It seems there has been a lot of angst about the remediation of asbestos in the WHHS project. For years a few parents have raised quite a ruckus about the issnew. The matter was taken up by a few investigators from the American Federation of Teachers, the national union. Iva Looteb told me the union came in there with the predisposition that the building was "sick" and making people sick.*

*Once the investigation was completed, however, a more-than-glowing report was issnewed, and the investigators found that not only were the proper guidelines and protocols used, but in some cases went beyond what was expected. Some parents have been a real pain in the ankle about this issue, and driven school officials and some city officials nuts with their allegations. The hope is that this report will give all parties the answers they want and the understanding that everything that can be done to keep the air quality and building free from problems is being done in spades. Whether that calms down the individuals who have been leading this charge is a query that will be answered in the fullness of time. Experience tells Cobina that people who have held onto this or any other type issue are not willing to give it up.*

Wait for the allegation that the union investigation was a cover-up.

Mitt luff und kizzes,

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## Helping others

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi joins President Omer Kizilcik of the Wellspring Community Center, formerly known as the Turkish Cultural Center of Connecticut, on Oct. 3 at City Hall to announce the center's gift of 120 pounds of ground beef to the West Haven Emergency Assistance Task Force. The donation was made possible through the center's partnership with Embrace Relief, a nonprofit international humanitarian relief and development organization based in Fairfield, N.J. The beef was blessed Aug. 11-14 during the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Adha, meaning "Feast of Sacrifice." The most important Islamic holiday marks the willingness of the Prophet Ibrahim — Abraham to Christians and Jews — to sacrifice his son. Rose Majestic, executive director of WHEAT at 674 Washington Ave., said the beef will feed 4,000 city families in need.



## Fisher House corner dedicated to soldier

By Josh LaBella

*Voice Reporter*

As part of an effort to give Fisher House's a dedicated child-friendly space, Gold Star mother Cynthia Garcia and Comcast partnered to devote a corner of the West Haven Fisher House common room as an "Adam's Corner."

According to a press release to the Voice, Cynthia Garcia's son Adam was serving in the U.S. Army in 2005 when she was notified by Army officials that he was seriously wounded in Baghdad. Adam was transported to Germany for treatment and the family's travel and lodging costs were covered. They stayed at a Fisher House.

Fisher Houses are living facilities built around the world which "offer a home away from home at no cost for military and veteran families while their loved one receives medical treat at Department of Defense or Veterans Affairs medical centers."

As Adam's condition did not improve, he was transported

to a medical facility in Bethesda, MD to say goodbye to and "prepare for Adam's passing." It was during her time in these Fisher Houses that Cynthia realized there was no spaces for

young children.

"She found it difficult to occupy her young daughter while she and her husband dealt with 'grown-up stuff,'" the release said.

To honor the memory and service of her son and bring a bit of comfort to other military and veterans' families, Cynthia worked to have a dedicated space for young children

called Adam's Corner at a two Fisher House locations in Texas. The project has grown and is now a joint initiative for Comcast and their Veteran's Network chapters.



Photo courtesy of WH Veterans Medical Center

Family of Adam Garcia as well as staff at the Fisher House took part in the recent ceremony dedicating a corner of the reception room to the fallen soldier.

## Union: Study give 'thumbs up' to practices

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and were looking for things to prove it," said Carney.

One of the common complaints was the recurrence of dust all over the building that might contribute to respiratory problems. The report found otherwise.

"During the walk-through we observed no nuisance dust in either of the buildings (new or old). In fact, the buildings all were extremely clean and orderly," the report said. It saw that protocols were in place, and its recommendations included a reporting protocol should a staff member experience some type of difficulty.

As far as the protections for staff and students from current construction zones, the report was just as positive.

It noted that students moving from the old building to the new were protected by fencing that kept them away from construction areas. It recommended the current measures be maintained.

Asbestos was sprayed on the beams, in the floor tiles and in wall paint, the report noted. On the matter of abatement, the observations of the committee were seen as vindication by officials.

"The administration has followed all the proper protocol (sic) for asbestos abatement regulations and has even had the EPA regional office in Boston in for consultation on the demolition of the old building. From our observations, the asbestos in floor tiles and on the walls were well maintained and not in a friable condition," the report said.

It did recommend that any further abatement be done when the school is vacant, such as the summer.

On a complaint concerning storage of construction materials, the report said the team found no indication of "improper storage." It was just as positive concerning construction-related odors and the complaint that there were visible signs of mold. In both instances the report was negative to those points.

"The new building is truly a state-of-the-art facility and showcases the best of new technologies in design and environmental considerations. The district even went so far to conduct an air stream study so that wind patterns could not determine the best location for air intakes and exhaust on the new HVAC systems that will be installed

building-wide. While the construction and renovation phase of this project is not ideal during school hours, we feel that the necessary steps to ensure the health and safety of all building occupants is being taken seriously with the utmost responsibility by the school district and the construction contractor," the report stated.

Copies of the report were sent to West Haven Federation of Teachers President Kristen Malloy-Scanlon, School Nurses President Sandra McCauley, and Co-Presidents of the WHFP Georgina Dini and Marilyn Halligan.

"This report was better than we could have expected," Carney said. "We hope it puts to rest the allegations some have made regarding the protocols followed by the school system."

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## NBA, corporate greed undermine our nation

*[We will take America without firing a shot. We do not have to invade the U.S. We will destroy you from within.]*

*Nakita Kruschev*

Those of us old enough to remember the Cold War, and maybe even the time that the above quoted General Secretary of the Russian Communist Party said these words, remember the derision they received at the time. The United States knew who it was, and knew that it was important in preserving the American Experiment.

A half-century later, the United States of 2019, being at relative peace for about 40 years has turned itself inward, navel gazing. Elites, particularly those "educated" in Ivy League institutions, but not limited there, now condemn the civilization that gives them the very freedoms they believe are so much at risk. While they are willing to throw the word "fascist" at anyone who disagrees with their worldview, they are more than willing to excuse nations that have objectively worse records of human rights abuses.

That navel gazing, along with what has become a greed to open up large markets makes the late General Secretary's words all that more frightening. There is no doubt the elites of academe have taken a "socialist" bent over the last several decades, beginning between the wars, and expanding in the last 50 years. Perhaps, that is what Kruschev meant when he uttered those words. Or, maybe he knew that corporate greed – the desire to make uncounted millions would be the dissolution of the nation, and the freedoms it enjoys.

The National Basketball Association's recent behavior as it relates to China is an example par excellence. The NBA, which considers itself among the most "woke" of the professional leagues, is very quick to criticize, condemn and marginalize anyone that inches away from the liberal orthodoxy on any given issue. The two-week controversy over its relationship with China is at once disturbing and revealing.

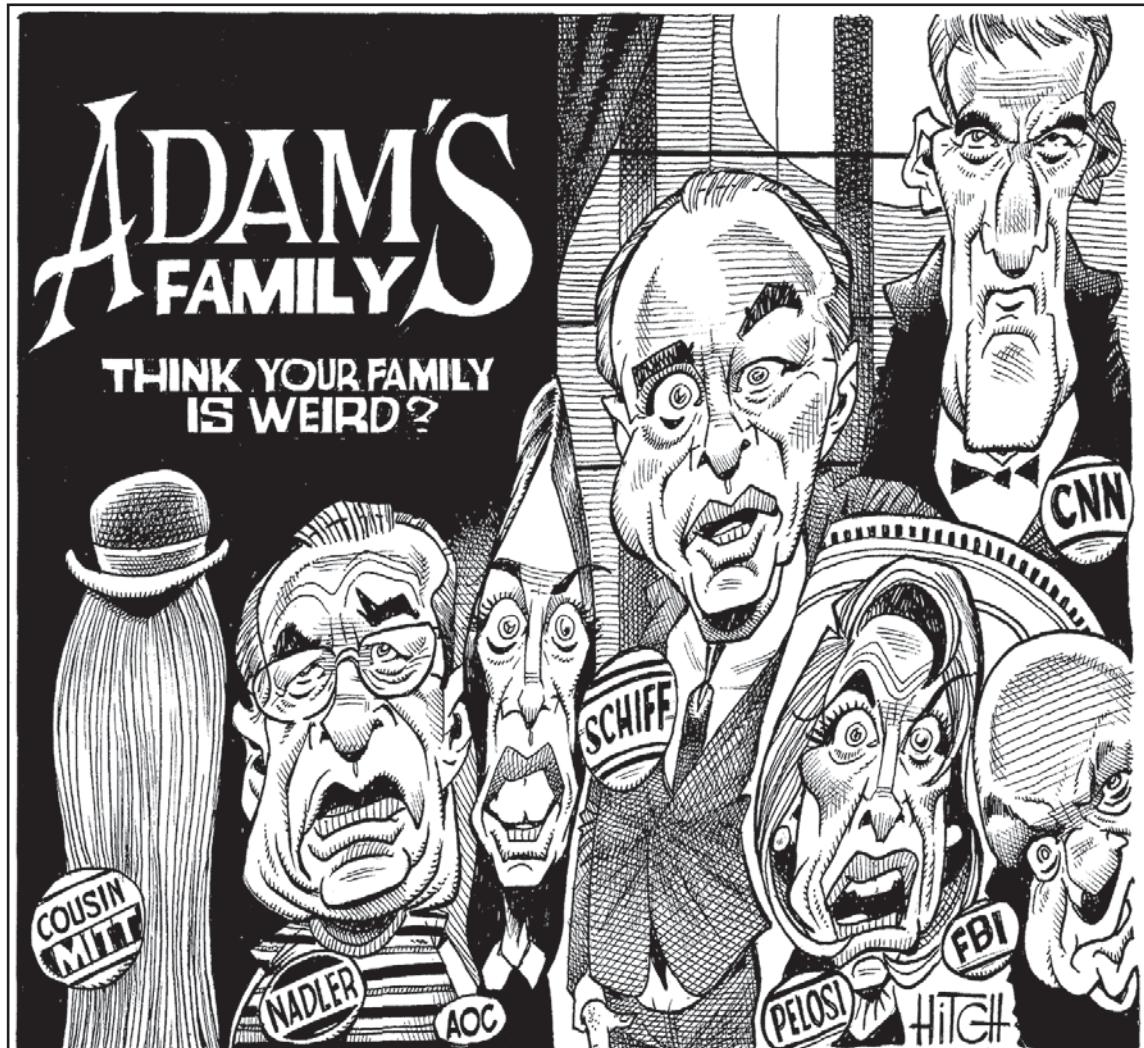
It chastised an official of a team for siding with Hong Kong in its desire to maintain its independence from the Communist mainland. Then, it shutdown reporters, who asked questions regarding the policy, while ejected fans, who had signs supporting the island. Finally, it banned access to its players during its exhibition tour on the mainland.

The NBA isn't the only culprit. While business owners and executives have complained vigorously about China's predatory policies concerning patents and intellectual property, the investor class -- as well as the foreign policy elites -- has been reticent to move on the issue for more than two decades. This is not a new issue. Yet, the business leaders of the nation lament the Trump Administration's hardline policy in trade talks.

In both cases, the reason for the behavior is money. The NBA sees the 1.5 billion Chinese as a large market to be exploited with new capital. There are many licensed items to be sold and shoe makers see a market for sneakers. The business investor class sees the loss of intellectual and real property as collateral damage in exploiting the burgeoning Chinese middle class.

Meanwhile, we disparage our own institutions, and condemn our history, all to the detriment of us as a nation. Perhaps Kruschev was right. The internal rot of academe and business will bring us down – if we let it.

The NBA and other corporations that make the "good business decision" of working with the Communist government in China, fail to see they are giving money -- and the power that goes with it -- to a regime that hates their freedom, and their profits.



## NBA disgraces game, itself

By Rich Lowry

*Syndicated Columnist*

Little did Dr. James Naismith know when he invented the game of basketball in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1891 that, more than a century hence, it would become beholden to its Chinese overlords.

The NBA disgraced itself kowtowing to Beijing after the general manager of the Houston Rockets, Daryl Morey, tweeted his support for Hong Kong protesters. The words he associated himself with -- "Fight for Freedom. Stand with Hong Kong" -- would seem uncontroversial. Who doesn't hope for the best for plucky demonstrators trying to advance democracy against an overweening imperial dictatorship?

Morey, though, failed to adequately account for the feelings of the dictatorship. "I was merely voicing one thought," he said, in a groveling tweet after deleting his original offending one, "based on one interpretation, of one complicated event. I have had a lot of opportunity since that tweet to hear and consider other perspectives."

The "other perspectives" are those of people supporting a regime that is determined to crush Hong Kong underfoot,

maintain a one-party state that stifles all internal dissent, brutally repress Uighur Muslims, grab the South China Sea, build up its military with an eye to a future confrontation with United States and rewrite the rules of the international order to its liking.

But who's to judge?

In its own lickspittle statement, the NBA said that Morey's views "have deeply offended many of our friends and fans in China, which is regrettable."

It appears that the Chinese-language version was even more craven, saying that the league is "extremely disappointed" in the GM's "inappropriate" tweet.

If you follow the NBA and missed the part where Red China stole the league's soul, it's only because you haven't paid enough attention to the international business. China is a huge and growing market for the NBA. When Chinese sponsors and partners of the Rockets began to pull out, the team and the league buckled.

The joke of it is that here at home the league flaunts its woke social conscience. The NBA used the leverage of its All-Star Game coming to Charlotte to force changes to a North Carolina bathroom bill, in the name of "equality."

One would think that reeducation camps for a million Uighurs is much worse than any choice North Carolina makes about its restrooms. The NBA should be repelled by China's policies, which run counter to everything that the NBA purports to stand for.

This episode exposes the league's gutless hypocrisy. So long as social activism is costless, the NBA is all about its values. As soon as there is any price, it is willing to salute smartly at the dictates of one of the most cynical, self-interested regimes on Earth.

Of course, any profit-generating enterprise is going to care about its bottom line most of all. That shouldn't efface all sense of decency and self-respect, though.

James Harden, the Houston Rockets star, has grown very rich and famous playing an American game in an American league. His reaction to Morey's tweet was unequivocal: "We apologize."

He thus neatly encapsulated the willingness of a segment of the American business elite to express a kind of national loyalty to a nation that isn't its own.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Last year we blew a tire on the curb in front of 306 Captain Thomas Boulevard. We are aware it happens a lot. Triple A makes a comment when they hear it happens here again.

Recently, friends of ours came to visit and we went out to dinner at a restaurant at that site. Unfortunately, we forgot to mention it, so it was no surprise that the tire blew and had to be replaced.

My husband called Public Works but I am not certain anything has happened to prevent this from continuing to happen.

*BC Motorist*

**Dear BC Motorist:**

I referred your complaint to the Councilman in your district, Nicholas Ruickoldt. Here is what he had to say, "If you could pass on the residents contact information, I will contact them directly and work with them on a satisfactory resolution. My email and personal cell phone number are located on the City of West Haven website. This is the most efficient to reach our elected officials. <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/>.

I have sent these requests over to the DPW and corresponding departments. I am working on issues throughout the district and the city on a daily basis.

Thank you for what you do, and all of your help on making

West Haven a better place!

Again, for the safety of our residents and to get things done as quickly and efficiently as possible, I suggest having these issues reported to the city and departments responsible directly. We also have City Council meetings, the meetings are public, with a public session. The agenda is online.

Anyone that cannot get to the right department or cannot attend a meeting for any reason at all, my cell phone is (203) 640-4809 and this is my email [NRuickoldt@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:NRuickoldt@westhaven-ct.gov).

It is so important we take care of these issues in our city. Please feel free to give me a call anytime."

**Dear B.C. Motorist:**

Councilman Ruickoldt's response to your complaint was dated Thursday, Oct. 10. Please let me know if the damaged curb has been repaired. Although Councilman Ruickoldt suggested my readers contact him directly there is a backside to that statement. Many West Haven residents are not in tune with which councilman or woman is representing which district. It becomes easier for them to write to Gripe Vine because it is OUT THERE!

Of course, readers can call City Hall for information, or attend meetings, etc., I have found over these past 16 years of writing this column, read-



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

ers have discovered prompt action when writing to Gripe

Vine at the West Haven Voice. From experience reporting problems directly to city departments results in no response, delayed responses or referrals to another individual. Notifying reader's complaints directly to the mayor's office was, also, little, or not productive.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

There used to be a sign prohibiting beach parking at Seaview and Ocean Avenue. What happened to it?

*Curious Neighbor*

**Dear Curious Neighbor:**  
I have written to Council

Woman Tracy Morrissey with this issue. She contacted the Traffic Division State of The Department of Transportation (DOT) and was told that DOT has to replace the sign. DOT said they don't have a timeline at this time. Council Woman Morrissey referred me to Dorinda Borer who is the Connecticut State Representative for West Haven, indicating Representative Borer would be the individual to receive the missing stop sign grieve. Borer has received this complaint. I will produce her response as soon as it is received.

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## Graveyard tour slated Saturday

The West Haven Historical Society has scheduled the annual Graveyard Lantern Tour for Saturday, Oct. 19 from 5-7:30 p.m.. The raindate for the tour is Oct. 26. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under.

The Graveyard Tour starts at the Poli House, 686 Savin Ave., and proceeds from there to the Burial Grounds on the West

Haven Green. In groups of 15-20 people, they are introduced to several long deceased citizens of West Haven "resurrected" for the evening. People can come anytime between 5-7:30 PM and join the groups at the Poli House.

This year a group of interesting people from the past will relate their life stories and contributions to West Haven particu-

larly in the late 19th and early 20th century.

The individuals will be portrayed by students from the University of New Haven's Theater program as well as by members of the Historical Society.

The Graveyard Tour has become a popular annual Halloween tradition and it promises to be a entertaining event for all.

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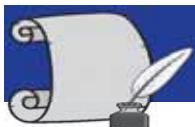
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## Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

The painting depicting the crossing of the West River into what was then called "West Farms" was commissioned as a WPA project during the construction of the Post Office on Campbell Avenue in the 1930. Besides constructing public buildings to alleviate joblessness during the Great Depression, artists were commissioned to decorate those buildings with local historical scenes and other items of interest.

This is the second in a series that will touch on the 400-plus year history of West Haven's Green

You think we live in troubling times? Little more than a half century after first setting foot on the shores of what they called new haven, the Puritans' great religious adventure to the New World no longer seemed that great. The church of their grandparents proved to be so restrictive, relatively few West Havenerers could call themselves full-fledged communicants. They did not even have their own church. Instead, they had to journey into New Haven every Sunday to attend services that lasted for hours. A good many West Havenerers simply did not bother.

They were not alone. All

across the colony, there was growing disaffection among younger inhabitants who believed their voices were not being heard by their elders. Call it a youth rebellion or maybe it was the inevitable voice of progress. The outcome was the same. Connecticut's Puritan leaders drafted the Saybook Platform in 1708, which made it far easier to form new ecclesiastical societies. That, in turn, was music to the ears of some visionary West Havenerers.

Securing seven acres from Eliphalet Bristol for the village common, a West Haven committee asked New Haven for its blessing to form a church society of its own as early as 1712. The petitioners went out of their way to stress that their

request was not based on "any dislike we have for our pastor, nor distaste against any of you...."

Despite such assurances, New Haven did not approve West Haven's church petition until 1715. The delay had nothing to do with religion. It feared losing West Haven's tax revenue used to support New Haven's First Church. In fact, when New Havenerers finally agreed to allow for the creation of the West Haven parish, it initially drew parish boundaries that decidedly favored New Haven.

They were so egregious that the Connecticut General Assembly stepped in. By expanding West Haven's boundaries, the General Assembly accom-

plished two goals at once. Its actions complied with the colony's efforts to expand the number of Congregational parishes in Connecticut. Doing so denied New Haven of a growing source of tax revenue. And that might help to weaken New Haven's ultra-conservative brand of Puritanism that the rest of the colony found too oppressive. It was a ruling that Connecticut's Standing Order would soon regret.

This week's story is contributed by Peter J. Malia, who is the author of *Visible Saints, West Haven, Connecticut, 1648 - 1798*, available at [connecticutpress.com](http://connecticutpress.com), Barnes and Noble, and Amazon.



Dan Shine is a weekly columnist and former Historian of the First Congregational Church on the Green.

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# Council gives OK; ballot set for April

By Josh LaBella

Voice Reporter

The final version of the revised charter was approved for the ballot box by the City Council in a special meeting Wednesday night. During the meeting, some members expressed hesitation when told many of the new provisions in the charter were interdependent.

The updated charter, if approved by the voters, would mean major restructuring for West Haven's municipal government. Amongst the more critical changes is the hiring of a city manager, the mayor becoming a part-time employee and head of the City Council, the downsizing of voting districts from ten to three and the extension of terms from two years to four.

Only eight out of 13 members of the council were in attendance for the special meeting. Most of those not present were lame ducks. It saw an end to the Charter Revision Commission – which was disbanded after a year and a half of work.

During a presentation to the council, Corporation Counsel Craig Sullivan explained that the major components of the proposed charter are inter-reliant. He said the result of their codependence makes it such that splitting up the key issues into different questions on the ballot could mean the charter would not be implementable.

Therefore, Sullivan said it would not be "practical" to have several questions for the voters to consider. This means there will likely only be one question regarding the charter on the ballot, with yes and no as the answers. He also said if the council wanted the commission to construct the

## City to 'boot'

City residents who are delinquent on their taxes are urged to pay their overdue taxes as soon as possible.

The "boot" program resumed on Sept. 16, and those who are delinquent on their motor vehicle taxes risk their vehicles being immobilized with a wheel-locking boot.

A vehicle-mounted ID system that is part of the boot program uses an infrared license plate scanner to target tax scofflaws. Vehicles are released of the boot once their owners pay all delinquent taxes and the boot fee.

Taxpayers can check if they owe any back taxes and pay online by going to [www.cityofwesthaven.com](http://www.cityofwesthaven.com) and clicking on Tax Collector under the Government heading. They can also pay in person in the tax office on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St.

charter in that capacity, they should have notified them earlier in the process.

Councilwoman Tracey Morrissey said she "misunderstood" the process and was under the impression they could ask multiple questions on the ballot. She said she did not think it was fair to the council or the voters for the charter to be built in that way. She added that while she was not in support of downsizing of voting districts, she let it pass muster because she thought it could be approved or disapproved individually by the voters.

Both Councilwoman Morrissey and Councilwoman Louise Martone said they thought having a single question concerning the charter being put to a vote would be "too hard to swallow" for the public. Chairman Ronald Quagliani said he did not think the charter would have a "reasonable opportunity for success" if this is the case.

Quagliani invited CRC Chairman Ed Granfield to the podium to share his thoughts. Granfield said he did not like the notion that the council was misled. He said the commission had public meetings and utilized editorials in the Voice and posts on social media to inform people.

"Judging us and our effort, I don't really think is fair at this point," said Granfield. "You guys had 18 months to educate yourself on the process, to come to our meetings, to

get involved and to reach out to us privately. My door has never been closed. So, the idea that all of a sudden all of this is brand new, that's not really fair."

Chairman Quagliani said the council's remarks were not a criticism of the commission's

process, but that they were under the impression the final questions put to vote could be parsed out by issue.

The council agreed that the decision should be in the hands of the voters. They voted unanimously to approve the final version of the char-

ter. The referendum will most likely appear on the April 28 ballot during the Connecticut Primaries. It must be approved by a 15 percent majority of electors to pass.

Quagliani said he was not ready to give up on the concept of putting multiple ques-

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# Cappetta feted as Italian of the Year

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi presented Aniello Cappetta with a blue jacket embroidered with his new title, Italian American of the Year, as part of festivities marking West Haven's 21st annual Columbus Day Celebration on the steps of City Hall on Friday.

Cappetta, who owned and operated Cappetta's Italian Imports in Allingtonton for nearly a quarter century, was showered with words of praise from Rossi for his "inspiring contributions in shaping the tapestry of our Italian American community and the narrative of our diverse city."

At the 20-minute ceremony, Cappetta, 71, received a General Assembly citation from state Reps. Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven, Charles J. Ferraro, R-West Haven, and Michael A. DiMissa, D-West Haven, on behalf of the city's delegation.

He also received an official statement from senior adviser Jimmy Tickey on behalf of Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and an Italian flag from Paul M. Frosolone, president of the West Haven Italian American Civic Association, and Josephine Matera, former president of the association's La-

dies Auxiliary.

The West Haven Columbus Day Committee recognizes an Italian resident, or couple, each year who personifies service in the city's close-knit Italian American community.

"Thank you to the mayor; it's a big honor for me," said Cappetta, who lives on Pagan Court, a cul-de-sac off Jones Street near First Avenue. "Thank you, America, and thank you, West Haven!"

As the sound of Italian music filled the air during the late morning cultural event in honor of the Italian explorer, Cappetta saluted his ancestry with dozens of his closest friends and loved ones, along with an array of city officials, members of the Allingtonton and West Shore fire departments, and descendants of folks from the old country clad in red, white and green.

"I'm very proud of my father," an emotional Donato Cappetta told the crowd before exclaiming, "God bless America!"

Rossi also presented a mayoral citation to Aniello Cappetta, who, in addition to his son, was joined by his daughter Rosa Armellino and four of his grandchildren, all waving Italian flags.

Rossi then delivered heart-

warming remarks about Cappetta, saying: "Your indomitable spirit and meritorious good works are a testament to the promise of America. You are living proof of the American dream!"

Cappetta, one of 13 siblings, was born and raised in the town of Acerino in the province of Salerno, Italy. He served in the Italian air force and also worked as a carpenter.

In 1970, at the age of 22, Cappetta and his wife, the former Palma Malangone, also a native of Acerino, left their home in southwestern Italy and came to America for "a better life and to start a family."

After the couple settled in New Haven, he worked for a construction company in West Haven.

In 1972, Cappetta and his wife opened their first restaurant, Mama Lucia's in Ansonia, becoming the first family members to open a food establishment.

The couple sold the restaurant in 1976. For the next eight years, they worked in housekeeping at the Hospital of Saint Raphael in New Haven while raising their four children: Luigi, Rosa, Donato and Maria.

The couple moved their brood to West Haven in 1983.

A year later, Cappetta and his wife started a new venture and opened LP Video on Route 1 in Allingtonton. The store, which sold Italian American films, introduced the couple to the great people of West Haven, he said.

In 1989, the couple returned to the food service business and opened Cappetta's Italian Imports across the street from LP Video. The business at 188 Boston Post Road started as a deli and specialized in food items from Italy.

A few years later, Cappetta's

expanded to offer pizza and other Italian specialty foods and provide catering services.

Before long, the business that Cappetta and his wife built in the heart of Allingtonton became "the go-to spot" for home-style and hard-to-find Italian foods.

Although he handed it down to sons Donato and Luigi in 2013, Cappetta, whose wife passed away in 2016, still spends time at the neighborhood institution, now Cappetta's Italian Imports Pizza and Catering.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Aniello Cappetta receives an Italian flag from Paul M. Frosolone, president of the West Haven Italian American Civic Association, and Josephine Matera, former president of the association's Ladies Auxiliary.



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## Westies finally win big contest, 27-23

After falling in a pair of heart breakers in the first three games of the season, the West Haven football team was looking to pick up its first victory of the season. That victory finally came Saturday afternoon in West Haven.

Never giving up, the Westies rallied to defeat North Haven, 27-23, at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven. With the victory, West Haven improved to 1-3 on the year.

In a game which saw four lead changes in the second half, West Haven had the last and most important lead.

Trailing 23-20, West Haven quarterback Andre Rentas connected with Donte Noel for a 19-yard scoring strike midway through the fourth quarter for a 27-23 lead.

Jaden Grant gave West Haven a 7-0 lead with a 10-yard rushing touchdown. Rentas, who threw three touchdown passes in the game, hit Jordan Berrios for a 26-yard touchdown reception and a 13-6 lead.

Trailing 16-13, West Haven took a 20-16 advantage when Rentas hit Justin Medina with his second scoring pass of the contest.

In a season full of highs and lows, the West Haven volleyball team, sure knows how to

play some thrillers. In yet another close match, West Haven rallied to defeat Mercy 3-2 in Middletown Monday evening.

The 15-13 victory allowed West Haven to avenge an earlier season five-game loss to the Tigers. With the victory, West Haven improved to 6-5 on the year.

Savannah Lopez and Gilianna Santaniello ran the offense with 19 and 18 assists, respectively, Bria Stanley had 21 digs, Neve Krajcir added 10 kills, and Noelle Noble had eight kills in the win.

Noble and Krajcir also stood out defensively with 11 and 10 digs, respectively.

Santaniello finished with six kills and five aces, Lopez had three aces, three kills, and three digs, while Thiana Baez and Stanley each had four digs.

After a slow start in the first half of the season, the West Haven volleyball team knew it had to take everything one step at a time. Those steps are on the verge of leading to a postseason berth.

Behind a balanced effort which saw senior Bria Stanley lead the way with 18 digs, and Santaniello and Lopez combine for 32 assists to run the offense, West Haven rallied to defeat Sacred Heart Academy,

3-2 in a Southern Connecticut Conference interdivision contest Thursday evening at West Haven High.

The victory helped West Haven avenge an earlier season loss to the Sharks and also improved the team's record to 7-5.

A pair of kills by Stanley put West Haven up by three points, before Noelle Noble increased the margin to 6-3. Lopez extended the margin to 8-4 with an ace, before the Sharks got within 9-6 on an ace by Julianna Corniello.

An ace by Noble had West Haven up 11-6, and Krajcir and Chekeenah Jeudi followed with kills to get the Westies within a point of closing out the match.

West Haven qualified for the postseason Saturday afternoon with a 3-0 victory over Hillhouse at West Haven High. The 25-19, 25-16, 25-13 victory allowed the Westies to improve to 8-5 on the year.

The Westies controlled play from the start, winning the first game by six points, the second by nine points, and the third by 12.

Stanley led the offense with 11 kills, Santaniello ran the offense with 15 assists, and added seven aces, and four kills. Lopez played well with



### Player of the Week

**Julia Tsakonas** (32) is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. The freshman scored three goals and added an assist in a 7-1 victory over Career/Hillhouse. visit [www.westieblue.com](http://www.westieblue.com). To read all about the games and scores, with pictures and details, log into [Westieblue.com](http://www.westieblue.com).

11 digs, eight assists, and two kills, while Noble had eight digs, four kills, and four aces. Krajcir chipped in five kills, four digs, and three aces, while Baez added five digs, and Stanley had four digs.

The West Haven girls' soccer team remained undefeated in its last six games with a

7-1 victory over Career/Hillhouse Monday afternoon at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven. With the victory, West Haven improved to 4-3-3 on the season.

Julia Tsakonas led the Westies with three goals and one assist. Jessica Robinson had

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## Knights' Ellis on a goal-scoring tear



Matt Consorte and the rest of the ND soccer team is scratching their heads at the absolute tear that Thomas Ellis has been on lately. The senior scored seven goals last week as the Green Knights won two of their three games.

The soccer team inches toward a state tournament berth, and the cross country team had a pair of successful runs, while the football team enjoyed some rest on their bye week heading into their home game against Bunnell on Friday.

Cross-Country -- Jacob Carson was Notre Dame's top runner as the Green Knights cross country team split a dual-meet with Hamden and Xavier to finish that portion of its season with a 7-2 mark. This is a one-win improvement from 2019. In the meet with Xavier and Hamden, the Green Knights and Falcons split the top 10 finishers. Xavier, ranked second in the latest state poll, had the top 3 runners to win both matchups.

The Green Knights had runners place fourth, fifth, and sixth to make one of the elite programs in Connecticut work for their win. Following Carson's fourth-place finish, Ohm Patel ran fifth and Oliver Shannon finished sixth. Carson ran in 17:24, Patel in 17:25 and Shannon in 17:50. Carson and Patel were within two seconds of Xavier's finishing times. Patel was the top Green Knight runner at the Wickham Invitational on Saturday, October 12 helping lead the Green Knights to an 8th place finish. Patel, who finished 34th overall out of 214 runners, ran in 17:55. He was followed across the finish line by Carson, who ran in 18:10 and Gabe Quinn, who finished 13 seconds later in 18:23.

Football -- The Notre Dame football team didn't win nor lose  
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# Teams participate in Invitational tourney

The West Haven Youth Soccer League hosted its 11th annual West Haven Invitational Tournament, the WHIT, last weekend. It was a beautiful weekend where all of the West Haven travel teams competed against local programs on Saturday and Sunday. The West Haven Youth Soccer League also raised money for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research.

It was an exciting weekend for the U11 Westie girls. West Haven faced both Cheshire U12 and North Haven U12 for two separate games each. On Saturday, the Westies won their first game against Cheshire with a 7-0 final score. Goals were scored by Isabella Antonucci, Lexi Lucas, Katarina Oliveira and Madison Gargiulo. Goalie duties were shared by Cristel Miguel and Valentina DeMartino. The second game was Saturday afternoon against North Haven. In a well fought game, the Westies fell to North Haven, 1-0. Cristel Miguel played keeper for the whole game. Sunday brought repeat games against Cheshire and North Haven. On Sunday morning the U11 girls played Cheshire. With a final score of 2-2 the game ended in a tie. Goals were scored by Isabella Antonucci and Katerina Oliveira. Cristel Miguel played as goalie. For the fourth and final game, the Westies took on North Haven and lost, 1-0. Valentina DeMartino played the whole game in the goal. Late Sunday afternoon, the U11 girls played in the championship against North Haven. The girls fought hard every minute of the game and it ended 1-1. The lone goal was scored by Lexi Lucas with Cristel Miguel once again in goal. After regulation the Westies played two, 10-minute overtimes and remained tied 1-1. The Westies ended up winning the U12 division in penalty kicks 1-0, with the goal by Camilla Mur-

phy.

The Elite Soccer Camps U14 Girls Travel team played in the U15 division of the tournament. The girls opened up play Saturday afternoon against Ansonia winning, 4-1. Niamh Chesson, Llyanna Griffith-Waite, Cindy Burns, Camryn Flaherty, Chloe Whelan and Annabelle Pasacreta anchored the defense in the opening game. Later Saturday afternoon, the Elite Soccer U14 girls took on Wallingford, winning their second game, 4-1. Ariana Izzo, Ava Murphy, Aylin Soto, Jaelyn Beauvais and Jaylyn Powell dominated the midfield and guided their team to the win. Sunday morning, the girls were back in action, taking on North Haven. After going down 3-0 in the first half, the girls rallied and came out with a 3-3 tie. Brooke Flaherty and Alexandria Nunes led the offense, with Molly Gunning, Camryn Beauvais, and Abigail Phelan working the flanks. In the final game of round-robin play, the team needed a win or tie to be sure of advancement to the finals, and they came out strong, getting the 6-0 win against Hamden. Etta Funke and Isabella Eyler played very strong, with Cashlin O'Neill getting the shut-out in goal.

In the finals, the Elite Soccer U14's had a rematch against North Haven. Both teams played well, with regulation ending in a 1-1 draw. North Haven found a way to score in overtime, leaving the Elite Soccer U14 girls to finish in second place.

The U9 girls had an impressive weekend. On Saturday, they faced off against Wallingford and Branford. Anna-belle Fiorillo and Stella Porto controlled the ball well up and down the field against Wallingford.

Luciana Cappetta scored as West Haven fell short, 3-1. In the Branford game, Gillian Wynus had several strong

plays for West Haven and Samantha Zuk scored for West Haven, with a final score of 6-2. On Sunday, Josylyn Davila and Olivia Petrie shared goalie duties fending off North Haven. Aliana Wilson and Kiva Inahuazo worked well to get control of the ball. The U9 girls also faced off against West Haven's U10 girls, holding their own. Josylyn Davila made several great saves as Kai Ruotolo and Jocelyn Kenny had some strong plays. Saturday morning the U10 girls lost to Milford, 3-1. Sophia Emprie scored the lone goal for West Haven. Lulu Sebas, Arianna Throm, and Sophia Locklear played well at midfield, demonstrating good foot skills. Lynnie Chesson made many excellent save in net to keep the game close. Saturday afternoon the girls tied Wallingford 2-2 in a hard-fought contest. Sophia Emprie scored both goals for West Haven with strong support coming from Lulu Sebas and Sophia Locklear. Lynnie Chesson played strong in net while Jada Ciliberti and Hailey Dargon were solid on defense. Sunday morning the U10 girls tied Cheshire, 2-2. Sophia Locklear and Sophia Emprie provided the offense. Lulu Sebas made many excellent saves in goal while Lynnie Chesson, and Chelsea Hernandez helped control the midfield.

Jada Ciliberti anchored the defense for the Westies. In the afternoon on Sunday, the U10 girls beat the West Haven U9 girls, 5-0. Arianna Throm, Lynnie Chesson and Heleigh McCarthy provided the scoring.

The West Haven U12 boys captured the championship with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Madison at Duffy Field on Sunday afternoon. The Blue Devils went 4-1 during the WHIT and completed their fall season with a sparkling overall record of 9-1-0. Jovan

Lakaj scored both of the West Haven goals in the championship match. Rafi Treat saved a penalty kick in the first half and then made two outstanding saves in the second half in goal for the Westies. Treat, who finished with nine total saves, was voted Man of the Match as voted on by the Madison team. For his first goal Lakaj won the ball and drove it to the top corner of the penalty box. His beautiful chip floated over the Madison keeper and into the net. After Treat's save of the PK, the Blue Devils regained momentum and made it 2-0. Sean Studley played the ball toward the corner where Lakaj cut it inside and ripped his shot just inside the far post. In the second half Madison applied pressure but the Westies' defense was up to the task. Madison did get one goal back, but Treat denied their last best chance with a leaping tip of a shot sending it over the crossbar. Studley was West Haven's leading scorer in the tournament with three goals and five assists. Ryan Malone also scored three goals with an assist. Lakaj scored three goals and Panton had two. Pacey Larka, Ramy Mandhouj, Pedro Furtado and Miguel all had one goal and one assist. Aciker had one assist. Victor Davila and Treat split time in goal and were both rock-solid. In Saturday's opening game of U12 play the Westies used a strong second half to post a 4-2 win over New Haven. Studley recorded a hat trick and also assisted on Larka's tally. Miguel and Malone had assists.

Brown was named Man of the Match for his play at center back. In Saturday's second game the Blue Devils jumped out to a 6-1 lead before winning, 6-4, over Stratford. Malone scored twice with the other goals scored by Mandhouj, Miguel, Lakaj and Panton. Studley chipped in with three assists, while Mandhouj,

Aciker and Larka also had assists. Studley earned Man of the Match honors.

Sunday morning the Westies clinched a spot in the finals with a 3-0 win over Branford. Furtado notched the only goal of the first half. Malone chipped the keeper and Panton headed in Furtado's free kick in the second half. Victor Davila earned the shutout in goal for the Westies. Panton was named Man of the Match. In Sunday's second match the Blue Devils dropped a 2-0 decision to Madison in a game that meant nothing to the standings.

The P&B Express U14 Lady Westies competed in their first WHIT tournament going 1-3 for the weekend where the scores certainly do not reflect the excellent effort and positive momentum of the team. For the first game on Saturday they fell to North Haven, 3-0. Madyson Ortiz and Natalie Reed led the offense assisted by Josephina Lakaj and Aliana Tepetl. In the second game the Westies returned to their winning ways taking down Hamden, 2-0. Nada Elmouki and Alivia Ginsberg both scored assisted by Amanda Fagnani. Amayah Kelly along with Jade Rivas Resuleu added additional offense with many shots on goal. On Sunday the defense and midfielders were the highlight against Ansonia albeit falling, 3-0.

Jasmine Trigueros and Riley Studley stopped many attacks supported by Madden Evangeliste, Jayden Braacker, Sydni Gayle and Angelina Messina. The final game on Sunday was one of the strongest for the Westies, keeping it close in the first half at 1-0, but they were not able to find the back of the net which resulted in a 3-0 loss.

Bellarose Ramirez, Sophie Mazuroski, Katelynn Salgado, Sarahi Cruz-Cruz and Michelle Ceja all contributed well.

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## Conference Champions

The Seahawk Junior Peewees showoff their conference championship banner, medals and trophy after the competition. The squad took first place in the annual competition. The Seahawk Mitey Mite team also celebrated a first-place finish. The Seahawk Unified Spirit team performed, with help from their coaches, before a sell-out crowd at the Conference championships.

# Westies: Swimmers get first win of year

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two goals and an assist, while Cori Severino and Grace Nowak each scored once for the Westies.

Selena Izzo finished with three assists, while Mackenzie Gardner and Cassidy Carrano each recorded one save for West Haven.

West Haven wasted no time getting going, taking a 3-0 lead just 6 minutes, 47 seconds into the contest.

Tsakonas scored all three goals off assists from Izzo on each.

Emma Walker also had a helper on the first tally 1:42 in.

Severino made it a 4-0 contest at the 15:50 mark off an assist from Madison Lentine, before Robinson scored off an assist from Caitlin Walker 1:02 later.

Robinson then set up a goal by Grace Nowak at the 36:58 mark for a 6-0 lead.

Robinson closed the scoring at the 60:52 mark off an assist from Tsakonas.

West Haven held a 10-1 shot advantage in the contest.

The streak came to an end in North Haven Saturday after-

noon with a 2-0 loss against North Haven. Gardner made five saves in the loss.

The West Haven boys' soccer team won its third straight contest in impressive fashion. Rallying twice, the Westies defeated Notre Dame-West Haven, 6-5, at Veterans Stadium in West Haven Monday afternoon.

Aldo Barragan and Kevin Morales each scored twice as West Haven improved to 6-3-1 on the year.

West Haven held a 17-10 shot advantage in the contest.

John McLaughlin and Brian Carew each recorded one save in the contest.

Zack Benson made eight saves for Notre Dame.

The West Haven girls swim team got into the win column this week.

West Haven fell to 0-6 with a 93-85 loss at Lyman Hall Monday evening. The Westies did not have any first place finishes, but had several second place positions.

The 200 medley relay team of Madison Hobart, Molly Wilson, Victoria Acuna, and Kaelyn Falanga was second in 2 minutes, 6.36 seconds, as was the 200 free relay team of Acuna, Wilson, Kaylee Taulty, and Alana Orecchio in 2:02.24. The 400 free relay team of McKenna Driver, Kaelyn Falanga, Taulty, and Hobart was also second in 4:32.02.

The following events also had second place finishes as well.

Orecchio finished the 200 IM in 2:42.86, Kaelyn Falanga was second in the 50 free in 27.58 seconds, Taulty placed second in the 1 meter diving with 165.55 points and Wilson was second in the 100 free in 1:05.99.

The 500 free saw Kaelyn Falanga place second in 6:04.17, the 100 backstroke had Hobart second in 1:10.24, and the 100 breaststroke saw Wilson finish

second in 1:21.13.

The Westies picked up their first victory of the season with a 94-92 decision over Sacred Heart Academy Thursday afternoon.

West Haven had six first place finishes and nine second place finishes in the win.

Kaelyn Falanga won the 50 free in 27.96, the 1 meter diving was won by Taulty with 140.10 points, and the 100 butterfly was won by Orecchio in 1:17.51.

Kaelyn Falanga won the 500 freestyle in 5:57.78, Wilson took home the 100 breaststroke in 1:18.00, and the 400 free relay team of Kaelyn Falanga, Morgan Falanga, Sofia Shubin, and Hobart won in 4:18.89.

Second place finishes were taken home in the 200 medley relay with a team of Hobart, Wilson, Acuna, and Kaelyn Falanga in 2:05.95 and the 200 freestyle by Morgan Falanga in 2:26.17.

Orecchio was second in the 200 IM in 2:42.96, Acuna was second in the 100 butterfly in 1:19.46, and Hobart was second in the 100 freestyle in 1:03.42. The 200 free relay team of Acuna, Orecchio, Taulty, and Morgan Falanga was second in 1:59.48.

Hobart placed second in the 100 backstroke in 1:13.89, Acuna was second in the 200 breaststroke in 1:28.31, and the 400 free relay team of Taulty, Orecchio, Eileen Barrington, and McKenna Driver was second in 4:22.65.

The West Haven boys cross-country team fell to Fairfield Prep 27-30 Friday afternoon in Fairfield.

West Haven fell to 7-6 with the loss.

Sebastian Villanueva was first overall in 18 minutes, 8 seconds. Allen Aldrich finished in 19:27, Ryan Martinez was third on the Westies in 19:31.

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# Squirt A cops a pair of wins in hockey

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team picked up a pair of big wins at Bennett Rink this weekend, defeating Wonderland, 9-0, on Saturday and South Windsor A, 4-3, on Sunday.

In the first game, the Blue Devils were led by the offensive firepower of forwards Cameren Lipford (5 goals) and Gavin Coady (1 goal, 2 assists), and the defensive trio of Andrew Grillo and brothers Aedan and Kyle Guarino, who stymied the Wizards of Bridgeport from the opening faceoff.

The shutout was the second of the season posted by Westies goaltender Alex Werle, who played lights out with 10 saves.

Against South Windsor, the Blue Devils clawed their way back from a three-goal deficit, scoring four unanswered goals, including the game-winner by forward Dhruba Garani, on their way to a hard-earned victory.

Lipford had a hat trick and Werle made 26 saves to lead the Westies.

West Haven's effort in the contest was augmented by the defense of the Guarino brothers and Grillo, and the spectacular goaltending of Werle, whose quick glove and well-timed poke checks in key moments helped notch the team's fifth win of the season.

The West Haven Pee wee AA travel hockey team opened the weekend on the road in CHC action at The Gunnery against NorthWestern Pee wee A and came away with a 7-1 victory.

John Donohue put West Haven ahead early with an unassisted goal. Gabe Locklear added to the lead off assists from Billy Mascari and Thomas Porto, before NorthWestern got on the board to cut West Havens lead in half.

The Blue Devils ran away with the game as they scored five more times in the contest. Timmy Donohue scored two unassisted goals, Brody DiNuzzo found Nicky Stevens in front for a goal, Zach Goetze did the same shortly after setting up Stevens again. West Haven's final goal of the game came when Mascari set up Timmy Donohue for the hat trick.

Tyler Donroe started in net, before handing it over to Nate Kempton up 4-1 as the goaltending was outstanding.

The Westies hosted the Rhode Island Jr Blues AA in EJEPL action at Bennett Rink on Sunday afternoon and posted a 5-2 victory.

Locklear, and DiNuzzo made it 2-0.

After the Blues tacked on two goals to even the contest two, West Haven took the lead for

good at 11:41 in the second period when Nick Salzano let a wrister go from point, deflecting off a Blues defenseman and in to put the Blue Devils on top 3-2.

The score remained the same until Locklear gave his team a 4-2 advantage. DiNuzzo scored seconds later to make it 5-2.

Kempton started the game, before exiting with his team up 3-2. Donroe closed the game without allowing a goal. Cooper Deko, Salzano, Beckett Stenz and Jack Alois provided solid defense.

The West Haven Pee wee A hockey team split a pair games over the weekend and now stand at 5-6-0 overall on the season. The Blue Devils dropped an 8-1 decision to CT Jr. Whalers and then rebounded to defeat Western Major, 5-2.

On Saturday morning at the SoNo Ice House, the Westies got on the board first in the opening period. Ronnie Mastriani took Brady Price's pass and found the back of the net.

The Blue Devils returned home Sunday morning to host Western Major. Mikey Page put West Haven ahead midway through the opening. Greg Galasso was sharp in goal for the Westies throughout the period.

Western tied the game early in the second, but the Westies grabbed the lead back 44 seconds later. Dylan Bosworth

buried his breakaway for a 2-1 lead. Price then made it 3-1 with a short-handed goal. Western scored again and it was a one-goal game after two periods.

Page scored again five minutes into the third. Sean Studley finished the scoring when he buried an empty-net goal in the final minute with assists to Mastroni and Ryan Pniewski. Galasso and Jacob Silva combined for 22 saves in net in the 5-2 victory.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team fell in its only contest of the weekend Saturday morning against Ridgefield AA. Despite two goals from Cam Delvecchio and two assists from Cade Simone, West Haven lost, 3-2.

Despite a hard-played opening period, Ridgefield took a 2-0 lead with a pair of goals in the final 2:10 of the period, including the second with just 33 seconds remaining in the period.

West Haven cut the deficit in half when Simone set up Delvecchio for a short-handed goal with 11:40 remaining in the middle period. The two were at it again with 2:42 remaining in the game as Simone fed Delvecchio for the equalizer.

The lead was short-lived as Ridgefield rallied with a goal just 31 seconds later for the 3-2 victory.

The West Haven Bantam B travel hockey team played to

a win and a tie this weekend, topping Southeastern B, and knotting Yale.

On Saturday, the Westies traveled to Norwich to avenge an early season loss against the Southeastern B team and came away with a 5-0 victory. The Westies started the scoring in the first period on a goal by Matt Wright off an assist from Taylor Alfano. Zack Fonda added a goal in the second period from Ashley Welch and Alex Kurowski. Fonda, Welch and Kurowski connected again for Fonda's second

tally of the game. Yousaf Ullah and Kevin Gardner added goals with under two minutes left. Austin Fruin recorded the shutout.

Sunday brought a tough rematch with Yale A1 and the teams played to a 2-2 tie. Yale scored first at 3:31 in the first period, but Ullah tied the game with an unassisted goal at 1:27 in the first. Alfano's unassisted goal put the Westies up 30 seconds later. Yale tied the game in the second period and the score held to the end of the game.

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# Knights: Football returns with game Friday

last week as they enjoyed some down time to regroup for the second half of their season. Notre Dame gets back on the field returning to Veterans Field to host Bunnell on Friday in a 7 p.m. kickoff.

The Green Knights are 2-2, having won their last two games against Platt and Amity.

Soccer -- Thomas Ellis continued his

torrid scoring spree, tallying seven goals last week as the Green Knights won two of their three games. Ironically, Ellis' highest scoring game was a hat trick in a 6-5 loss to cross-town rival West Haven.

His three goals were matched by a hat trick from Aldo Barragan, including the game winner with less than 10 minutes left. Ellis then added two

goals apiece in wins over East Haven on Oct. 9 and North Haven on Oct. 12. Ellis has now tallied in six of the last seven games and has 14 goals and 2 assists on the season. Notre Dame is now 5-6 on the season.

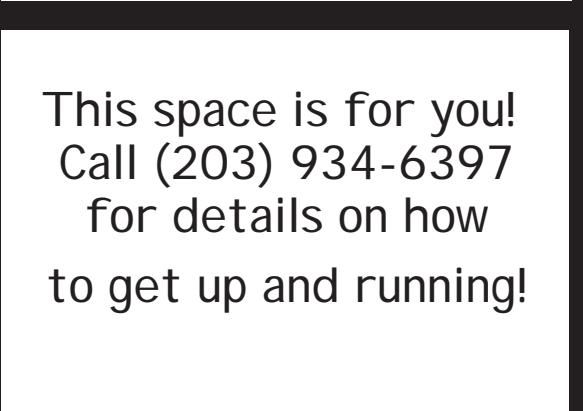
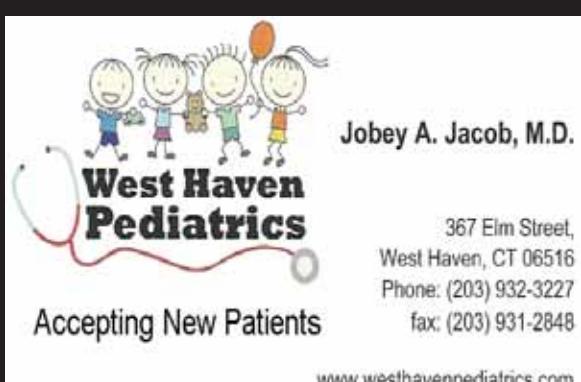
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| 5      | Stick out                       | 42   | Neighborhood        |
| 8      | String tie                      | 43   | Mississippi         |
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| 13     | Blonde shade                    | 48   | "The View"          |
| 14     | Disney's "— and the Detectives" |      | alumna Lisa         |
| 15     | O or W                          | 49   | Gorilla             |
| 17     | Even, as a score                | 50   | St. Louis team      |
| 18     | "— Abner"                       | 51   | Shakespeare's       |
| 19     | Gap                             | 52   | Subway shrew        |
| 21     | Charley horse                   | 53   | Bow the head        |
| 24     | Military status                 |      | Pumps up the volume |
| 25     | Tatters                         | 1    | Lazy person         |
| 26     | Quite attractive                | 2    | Historic period     |
| 30     | Past                            | 3    | Ovum                |
| 31     | Paycheck extra                  | 4    | Kingdoms            |
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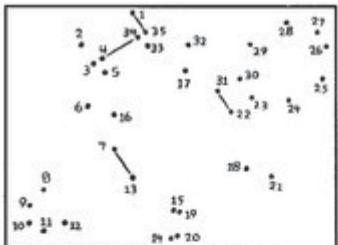
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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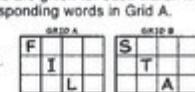
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SEE IF YOU CAN STAR IN THIS "WORD EPIC"! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid A.



- Belongs to animals.
- Interval between events.
- Pointed tools.
- Area in a building.

- Found at the shore.
- A short written piece.
- A cabbage salad.
- To secure with ropes.

- A set of related articles.

- A den or hideaway.

- A mansion.

- Type of salamander.

- Unit of electrical resistance.

- Type of wooden fastener.

- Type of knowledge testing.

- Airplane detector.

- A fraudulent business scheme.

- A fancy dinner jacket.

Answers  
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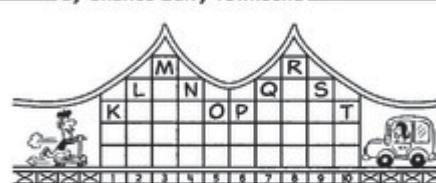
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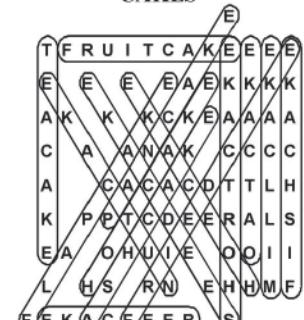
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# 'Hawks go 6-1

The West Haven Seahawks 10U Team (6-1) continued its path to the Pop Warner playoffs on Sunday with a convincing 38-6 win over the Amity Spartans.

Azriel Pizarro accounted for two rushing touchdowns and Yusef Turner, Daryl Small and TJ Stevenson all scored once. JJ Lugo returned a 60-yard interception for another score. Caden Stanley, Kody Barnes and Arthur Rossi tackled well and controlled the defensive side of the ball.

The Seahawks 12U team also upped its record to 6-1 with a 33-0 win at Amity. Aedan Coe, Bryan Tilman, Jovon Williams all had rushing scores. Quarterback Nick Conlan connected with Jovon Williams and Teriq Mallory on long touchdown passes. Anthony Dorsi, Kieandre Lymon and Tilman executed the extra points for the hawks. The defense played well as a unit not giving up much yardage to the Spartans.

The Seahawk 8U team (7-0) remained unbeaten with an impressive 34-13 win over a tough New Britain Raider team. Trayvon Jaynes had an 83-yard touchdown run. Tristian Crawford had an 81-yard scoring burst. Crawford scored twice on the day. Majesty Whitaker also had two scores in the game. Jermaine Gibbs and Kaedyn Des Ruisseaux added extra points. The defense was led by Jacari Harris and Mason Booker who proved to be disruptive to the Raider offense all game.

The Seahawk 14U team lost a heartbreaker and well-played game by a score of 22-19 to the Amity Spartans. Damari Barker, Avyon Graham and Javar Smith played well in a tough loss.

The flag football teams traveled to Danbury and Stratford on Sunday. The blue team played a great game at Danbury and was led on offense by Jackson Boynton, Cameron Davis and Peyton Roach. On the defensive side Tyler Jackson, Aiden Dowdye and Ethan Rodriguez excelled.

The Green team traveled to Stratford and shined. Andrew Loehn connected with Emmanuel Purdue for one the team's scores. Aaron Sullo scored on another drive.

The regular season will close this Saturday at Veterans Field with all the teams hosting Manchester. The 8U game will start at 1, 10U at 3, 12U at 5, and the 14U game at 7. The flag teams will travel to Seymour high school for a jamboree on Sunday.

For more information, scores and standings, please visit [www.westhavenseahawk.com](http://www.westhavenseahawk.com).

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## 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. Call Fred Morgillo, (203) 389-5808, or (203) 927-4249.

## I-A Seniors

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

## Used Book Sale

The First Congregational Church, 464 Campbell Avenue, will host its monthly used book sale and clothes closet on Saturday, Oct. 19th between the hours of 9 and 2. There will be a large selection of gently read books and many

clothing bargains for the entire family at fantastic prices. For information, call (203) 933-6291.

## Chili cook-off

Come taste and judge different chili at First Lutheran Church, 52 George St., on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 2-5 p.m. A chili tasting kit is \$5, \$10 to enter a pot of chili. Contact Kyla, (203) 859-2088, for more information.

## Doo Wop Dance

The West Haven Italian-American Civic Association will host a Doo Wop Dance at 85 Chase Lane on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m., with Music by DJ Dave till 12. Free beer, wine or soda, coffee & Danish at 11. Tickets: \$20 per person. Call Lou at (203) 934-3339 or (203) 464-1976 or Ben at (203) 933-4423 by Oct. 23.

## Senior Center trips

Join the West Haven Seniors on the following scheduled trip: All trips leave from Savin Rock Conference Center:

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 or 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

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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.

## Garden Club

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its meeting on Monday, Nov. 4, at the Ora Mason Library meeting

room, 260 Benham Hill Road. A luncheon will follow and the program will be presenter Mary Genovese speaking and demonstrating Holiday Table Settings. Newcomers are welcome. For further information call (203) 937-1674.

## 'Back to the Oldies'

A "Back to the Oldies" dance is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9, at Cieo-Ballroom (WH IA club), 85 Chase Lane, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. A raffle will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Music is by D.J Charles Rosenay, with singer Carla Gemma. SmokeFree!! CashBar! Cost is \$25 per person. For

info call Geri, (203) 795-5473 or Lucy, (203) 468-2528.

## 'Movie Week'

The public is invited to help celebrate "Movie Week" at the Museum, Wednesday through Saturday, Nov. 6-9 at the West Haven Veteran's Museum and Learning Center. A total of nine popular classical war movies selected by the museum's curatorial staff will be shown in the new state-of-the-art Edward N. Silver Media Center. The center is a recent gift to the museum from the West Haven Rotary Club. Morning films begin at 10 a.m. and afternoon films begin at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door at \$5 per film.

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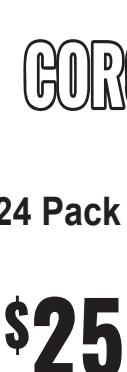
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