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Voice Profile

A weekly in-depth interview

'I just want to get this thing going. "I don't think anyone has really thought of this.'

--Kathryn Johnson

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Officials tour Allingtown businesses



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Angelo Durante, owner of Durante's Pasta Inc. at 78 Fenwick St., uses a processor to extrude pasta dough to the shape of rigatoni as Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz look on. The family-owned business was the first stop for Bysiewicz and Rossi on their business tour of Allingtown on Oct. 17.

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi talked shop with a pair of prominent Italian business owners as part of a business tour of the city's Allingtown section Oct. 17.

Bysiewicz and Rossi, who were also joined by state Rep. Michael A. DiMassa, D-West Haven, visited Durante's Pasta Inc. at 78 Fenwick St. in the morning and later toured the global headquarters of truffle-maker Sabatino Tartufi at 135 Front Ave.

With both businesses in full swing, the three officials chatted with Durante's owner Angelo Durante and Sabatino Tartufi CEO Federico Balestra about the importance of businesses — large and small — in Connecticut and how they are driving economic growth statewide, including in West Haven.

"We love that you're a global company in West Haven, Connecticut," Bysiewicz told Balestra, whose family-owned business has been cultivating and distributing high-quality truffles for more than a century.

Rossi added: "I'm very glad you chose West Haven. I couldn't be happier."

Balestra, of Greenwich, whose company is the largest manufacturer, importer and distributor of fresh and preserved truffles worldwide, relocated his plant from the Bronx, New York, to West Haven in 2012.

The 60,000-square-foot site on Front Avenue, formerly Matlaw's Food Products Inc., was redesigned to accommodate Italian-made machines and the largest kitchen in the U.S. to taste truffle honey and truffle butter.

Truffles, which grow beneath trees, are edible, potato-shaped

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Rossi takes issue with Gregorio claim

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

Mayor Nancy Rossi said her opponent's statement that there has been no progress made on the Havens Project in four years, "absolutely untrue." The mayor took issue with many of the statements made by Republican mayoral candidate Michele Gregorio during a Oct. 11 press conference.

Rossi, who said the City Hall email servers were down when a request for comment was sent to her last week, said when she took office, the project was stalled. She laid out a number of steps her administration had taken in order to get it back on track.

"The developers were promised by the previous administration of \$20-\$30

million in state assistance," said Rossi. "City Treasurer Michael Last and I traveled to Hartford to speak to then-Gov. Dan Malloy, and there was never any such promise made by the State of Connecticut."

The incumbent said the Bayview Park sale to the developer needed to be negotiated with the U.S. Department of Interior, adding that it should have been dealt with years earlier. The park ended up selling for \$257,000.

Rossi also pointed to the site review plan being approved by Planning and Zoning and the project being approved by the Connecticut Department of Transportation for OSTA certification as progress on the project during her administration.

"On July 22, the City Council gave approvals for road abandonment," said Rossi. "The developer now has applied for demolition permits, is requesting the final road closures and wants to move forward with the remediation and demolition of the commercial buildings on the site."

The mayor questioned where Gregorio has been during her 22 months as mayor.

"Is she not paying attention or does she just want to (make) false and untrue statements?" said Rossi. "My administration has made more progress on the Havens project in the last 22 months than the previous administration did in four years."

Rossi said any large-scale project is

going to have issues. She acknowledged the project has taken too long and that promises "were made in the past that did not help public trust or progress." She said the developer is now working with an administration that "speaks facts" and they can trust.

In reference to blight and safety issues, which Gregorio highlighted as a primary issue with the Havens project, Rossi said the developer did hire a security company after a fire broke out in an abandoned building last year.

They are serious about cleaning up the property and the evidence is the fact that they have applied for demolition permits and are in the process of awarding a contract to begin demoli

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Public Meetings

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

Tuesday, Oct. 29 -- Housing Authority, 8 a.m.

There are no further meetings scheduled for October

Weather

Friday Oct 25 Cloudy skies all day. High 62F



Sunrise: 7:14 am
Sunset: 5:56 pm
Wind: WNW 5
High Tide: 9:16 am; 9:41 pm

Saturday Oct 26 Some clouds then sunshine High 58F



Sunrise: 7:16 am
Sunset: 5:55 pm
Wind: NW 5-10
High Tide: 10:07 am; 10:34 pm

Sunday Oct 27 Cloudy with rain showers High 58F



Sunrise: 7:17 am
Sunset: 5:54 pm
Wind: E 10-15
High Tide: 10:57 am; 11:24

Monday Oct 28 Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 64F



Sunrise: 7:18 am
Sunset: 5:52 pm
Wind: ENE 5-10
High Tide: 11:46 am



Noora Choudhury, age 3, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., predicts cooler weather and more leaves changing colors.

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, call (203) 934-1111, or email whmilmuseum@snet.net. Reservation deadline is Nov. 1.

The Department of Parks and Recreation's annual Flashlight Halloween Haunt has been rescheduled for Monday at the Painter Park tennis courts, 190

Kelsey Ave., because of rain.

The free event, for city residents, includes a candy corn guess and a contest for best costume. Trick-or-treaters must bring a flashlight.



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Tree 'pits' get much-needed rehab

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The city is renovating 60 tree pits along Campbell Avenue to prevent trip hazards and protect street trees.

City sidewalk inspector Ernie Chiarelli and tree warden Leo Kelly are coordinating the removal of brick pavers and debris in the tree pits from Captain Thomas Boulevard to Brown Street to make way for the installation of Flexi-Pave, a porous pavement made with shredded car tires and a urethane bonding agent.

The recycled product is the definition of environmentally friendly, according to its manufacturer, K.B. Industries of Clearwater, Florida.

Kelly said the porous pavement material has been proven to clean rainwater as it passes through.

He applauded the treescape project, saying that safeguarding city trees on lower Campbell Avenue has been an arduous task.

For several years, rainwater

has been washing mulch and topsoil out of the tree pits into the street gutter, according to Kelly, and the brick pavers have been restricting tree growth.

He said the flexible pavement product allows air and rainwater to pass into soil to keep street trees healthy while providing a low-maintenance solution to weed and unplanned vegetation growth and removal.

"Tree health and a safe, stable surface for pedestrians are

of the utmost importance," Kelly said.

The work is being done by Tri State Flexi Pave Inc. of Danbury and funded with a state Local Capital Improvement Program grant.

Chiarelli said he expects to

complete the project, which began last week, by the end of the month. Residents should note the "No Parking" signs in the work areas. Anyone with questions about the project can call the Department of Public Works at (203) 937-3585.

Photo by Leo Kelly

A crew from Tri State Flexi Pave Inc. of Danbury installs a new flexible, porous pavement material in one of Campbell Avenue's 60 tree pits on Friday. The Flexi-Pave product allows air and rainwater to pass into soil to keep street trees healthy while providing a low-maintenance solution to weed and unplanned vegetation growth and removal.



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West Haven Connecticut



Dear Felicia

In this last full week o' October, it's hard to think that two months from Friday, the guy in the red suit and white beard will make his annual trek. Oct. 25 is a sign that the days are really gettin' shorter. And effen yew need any other notice that winter is nearing, we set the clocks back an hour in a week-plus. That really puts the dot on the season. Eastern Standard Time, which ain't so standard anymore - it used to be in the second week o' October - is a sure sign that things are moving toward more cold and more snow.

Here in the Asylum by the Sea, things are turning attention-wise to the election that is set to be front and center a week from next Tuesdee. Herronner, Mizz Nancy Rossi, and the challenger, Mizz Michele Gregorio are set to face off for the mayoral seat. Why anyone wants to sit in that chair for the next two years is beyond me. But then again, this might be the last time we have this set-

up...but more on that later.

Tennyrate, effen this was a horse race, I guess we'd be in the clubhouse turn, heading toward the "stretch." Things are moving quickly, but it seems that the "issue of the week" or even the "issue of the campaign" is gonna be the Haven.

Last week, Gregorio put the projeck front and center with talk about "financial incentives" (my term). I guess the developer - as most of 'em do - wants some perks thrown so that it can sweeten the pot of building this mall. Gregorio put that issue on the front burner and Herronner is set to answer in this week's edition.

Effen there are questions about "perks" the only question Cobina has is, what took so long? Most developers don't build things as foist announced, and certainly don't build things without trying to git the municipal government to throw a few things their way. Of course, there is a dif-

ference here cuz the MARB (Municipal Accountability Review Board) is in the mix. The city ain't gonna give anything, whether it wants to or not, without the imprimatur of the MARB.

Still, what in blazes could the city give, tax incentives? Effen yew wanna see a revolt, try giving a developer that ain't been tellin' anyone anything for months that it is getting a perk. That should make John and Jane Q very happy. Of course, Herronner knows that.

How this plays out is anyone's guess. But now I get why things have been a bit, shall we say, slow to begin over there. Somehow I think I've been to this movie before, and I think I know how it ends.

Sammy Bluejay, meanwhile, has been about the berg lookin' at the city's latest projeck. I hafta say that Cobina has been noticing this lit'le thing and didn't think much was gonna be done about it. The tree areas along Campbell Avenue and elsewhere, they have the inelegant name of "tree pits" were bricked and masonry rings put around the trucks maybe about 2 decades ago.

Over time the tree trucks have grown, got wider, and in some cases the roots have lifted things up so that the once nice landscaping became more of an eyesore. Well, I guess someone else saw it too, and it is a recent - and fairly cheap - projeck the city put together. The masonry is gone, and

so is some o' the brickwork. In its place is cinder or something like it. It should move with the roots and not be broken up. It's like what was around tress when we were young. Sometimes newer ain't necessarily better. The powers that be are going retro on this one.

The Wag was in t'other day and this is a circle back to the issue mentioned above about the charter. The City Council gave its OK for the charter revision to move forward, though some people still think they can make some piecemeal questions out of a thing that is of a piece.

The Charter Revision Commission really wove together a document that can't be parsed into sections. As the city's barrister noted in his commints to the group, attempting to section out the revisions into smaller questions might do more harm than good. The entire document is built so that each section depends on what came before it.

Effen yew have sectionalized questions, the public could OK one and nix t'other. Effen that happens, the entire documents will need rewriting. It was quite a piece of literature - and political chutzpah - to put this thing together the way they did. Kudos to them.

But, the fack that the vote is set for April might be too clever by half. The Wag seems to think that in a federal primary

setch as is set up in April, a municipality can't glom onto it some local issue or t'other. That part of the equation, which was hoped could save some money, might actually be deep-sixed. Some legal eagles are attempting to see effen the April date might be a problem. Stay tuned.

Then I mentioned to yew the revaluation announcement by the city. Yup, as Iva Lootey said, "Just when you think it's over, it starts again." That's gotta be the way the homeowners feel They jest went through this, and for the most part property values went down and the city took a big hit on the grand list, which didn't help things. Now we're doing it again. The economy is better, but one wonders effen people are really clamoring to be here pr tp ,pve here. One could make the case that they ain't.

We shall see how this all works itself out, but one would think that this time property values might go up, which could be or not be a good thing for the public.

The report last week from the American Federation of Teachers about the air quality in West Haven High School was, pun intended, a breath of fresh air for school administrators who've been fighting running battles with some parents and activists about the renovation project. Even this papyrus has run letters from parents, and did stories during the O'Brien administration that did everything but accuse the school system and officials of negligence and disregard for the safety of the students.

The AFT report was put together, as I said last week, by a group that really came in loaded for bear, lookin' to say that the project was dangerous, and that the building was "sick." Instead, they saw the safeguards put in, the measures that were taken to make kids safe, and saw for themselves that there was less dust than even the cleanest place should have. Cobina wants to know their secret. It's amazin' what I find in my domicile.

Tennyrate, whether this new report is gonna satisfy the people who've been complainin' is anyone's guess. My own take on it is, pun intended again, don't hold your breath. Everyone has a cause in the modern world, and even if there is independent proof that things are OK, they'll find something else wrong or find the report invalid somehow. People want not only their own opinions, but their own facts.

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

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Rossi

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tion," said Rossi. "No, it has not been easy for the city, the residents in the area, or the developer, but we will be much better off working as team than criticizing them in the newspapers."

The mayor said it is important to remember the developer is a private taxpayer and is already "within the top-10ten taxpayers in the city. She said West Haven needs to become more business-friendly and the project is now moving in the right direction.

"I do feel bad for the people in the neighborhood that have had to live this day and night for years but I thank them for their patience, and the future will be much brighter with the Haven project and well worth the wait," said Rossi.

In reference to the meeting Gregorio spoke of between the administration, legislative delegation and the developers, Rossi said the creation of a special taxation district would put the city in a win-win situation. She said if the district was approved the city would be able to do away with the seven-year tax abatement the developer is signed on to.

According to Rossi, the legislation for the special tax district is still being finalized.

As for the completion date, Rossi said the 2022 would be "realistic" but that she does not like to make promises when the city has no control over the "a private developer and the project.

"Our job is to facilitate wherever we can so the project can be successful," said Rossi. "I will say that this project has never been in a better place."

Rossi said her administration has been as transparent as possible vis-à-vis the Havens project. She said when she came into office her administration documented where the project stood and what needed to be done to revive it.

"We were very transparent when we demanded security on the parcel after experiencing problems on the site," said Rossi. "When the Developer couldn't get security in place for a few days, the WHPD secured the property and the Developer paid the bill for the WHPD security. We tried to keep everyone updated on the State's approval process. We applied and were granted a \$5 million grant for the project."

While Rossi conceded it could be frustrating, she said the developer is a private company and does not have to disclose information such as tenant lease negotiations. She asked how Gregorio could say no progress has been made.

"She needs to be more truthful with the residents," she said..



Photo by Russ McCreven

20th Anniversary

Ashfaq Alam (right) new West Haven owner of Casa Bianca at Campbell and Leete is shown being congratulated by Ansonia owner Muhemmed Ishaq. The restaurant celebrated its 20th Anniversary over the weekend, with city officials making a visit during the course of the festivities.

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Lack of education aids ignorance of Socialism

One of the catch phrases we are prone to use on occasion is "They are a victim of their lack of education." Say what you will about today's young people, they are technologically smart, have a certain guile, and can be witty and fun, but they are NOT educated.

Education – or the education establishment, if you will – has become more and more anti-American and left wing since World War II. What was once covert, has become overt.

The institutions that formed this nation, the people responsible for the intellectual foundation of the system, and even the civilization that spawned it are under attack by a more and more virulent left. Ostensibly, their quarrel is with what they see as the "original sin" of America, slavery. Yet, slavery as an institution is thousands of years old, and was practiced in all cultures, East and West. Unfortunately, it exists in various parts of the world even today.

When it finally was seen as in opposition to the ideas of individual liberty, it was the intellectual deposit of the West, not the East, that moved for its elimination as an institution. It took a Civil War with the loss of more than 600,000 citizens that finally ended it.

Yet, to listen to the left, it is White Supremacy, Western culture and its religion, Christianity, that must be eliminated in order for people to be free. And where is that freedom, to be found? Socialism!

The rise of Socialism on American college campuses and among so-called "progressives," is a phenomenon of modern times that bespeaks an absolute denial of what this system is: the tyranny of the collective over the individual. Those who support "Antifa," for example, short for "anti-fascist" are, in fact, the fascists. They support state control over freedom, and will use tactics made famous by brown shirts and black shirts in Germany and Italy in the 1920s and 1930s to eliminate or silence opposition.

But, they are, truly, victims of their lack of education. Taught that Western thought and Western culture are ipso facto bad means our young people are being indoctrinated to desire a world that cannot exist. There is no socialist society that works the way it is supposed to work. That is the fodder for faculty lounge discussions, not real life. And to believe, as Bernie Sanders does, for example, that if it is tried here we can do it better, hasn't been paying attention.

Progressive orthodoxy called for and got an administrative state that is super-legislative. Congress, which imposed many of the departments of government, abdicated its responsibility, and allowed many bureaucrats to legislate. Rules coming out of departments are law, pure and simple.

Socialism in its practiced form, not the form that is the stuff of liberal think tanks, is a repressive system, using the force of the state – and the point of a gun – to keep its people in line. Venezuela is one example, but the best example right now is China. It is the repressive state writ large.

Schools and universities are hot houses for left wing ideology. The capitalism "bad, socialism good" mantra is beginning to bear fruit.

With the rise of new universities and more home schooling, this phalanx can be breached. Fewer students, then, will be victims of their lack of education. They will know the lie many have been told.



Syria not done with Trump

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

Barack Obama and Donald Trump are diametrically opposed figures, representing the categorical rejection of the other for his supporters, yet they share significant foreign-policy DNA.

They both defined themselves in opposition to George W. Bush's foreign policy. Obama probably wouldn't have defeated Hillary Clinton for the 2008 Democratic nomination if she hadn't voted for the Iraq War and if he didn't speak out against it at the time. Likewise, Trump outpaced all his 2016 GOP rivals in denouncing our Middle East commitments.

Obama represented the internationalist left, while Trump is the champion of the populist right, and there are important policy differences between the two (Obama cut the Iran nuclear deal; Trump withdrew from it).

Yet, in his pullback from the Syrian border, exposing our Kurdish allies to a Turkish invasion, Trump now has his own version of Obama's foolhardy pullout from Iraq that created the opening for the rise of ISIS.

The cost of Trump's decision is a betrayal of the Kurds, a worsening relationship with

Turkey, a possible lifeline for ISIS and a boost to the influence of Russia, which should be able to leverage it for continued strategic gains in the region.

The pullback has managed, astonishingly enough, to alienate both the Kurds and Turkey from the United States. Usually, given the historic enmity between the two, it's possible to alienate only one at a time. After we dumped them, the Kurds have fallen into the arms of the Assad regime in Syria, while Turkey will be as hostile to the U.S. as ever once Congress gets done trying to punish it for its invasion.

Just like Obama's withdrawal from Iraq, Trump's pullback in Syria is a belated reaction to the Iraq War. Obviously, there is no political support on the right or left for invading and occupying a Middle Eastern country again. But there's a vast distance between the height of the occupation of Iraq, when we had 150,000 troops fighting a war of counterinsurgency, and our minimal commitment in Syria aimed at creating and supporting a proxy force to do the hard fighting against ISIS.

To throw both the Syria and Iraq interventions together under the rubric of "endless war" is to fail to make distinc-

tions. It's senseless to oppose a relatively cost-free action in Syria that has succeeded in its own terms (the ISIS caliphate has been defeated) because the Iraq War was fought for years at a high cost with dubious results. It'd be like opposing the invasion of Grenada because the invasion of Normandy required so much blood and treasure.

The long-standing American military reflex is to win and go home, but it's rare that even the most clear-cut victory is so neat. We won a decisive conventional military victory in World War II in Europe, and we still have troops in Germany.

The first Gulf War is supposed to be the model of a rigorously limited commitment, but it still resulted in a no-fly zone over Iraq, the creation of an autonomous region for the Kurds in the north and a constant effort to enforce U.N. sanctions.

Nor is getting out as clean as advertised. Obama triumphantly exited Iraq, only to have to go back in when things spun out of control. If Trump wants to be done with Syria, it might not be done with him.

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

I understand the new 10 cent charge for plastic bags was instituted for environmental reasons. The hope was that shoppers would switch to reusable bags, or maybe that businesses would switch to paper bags (Boston Market for instance now use paper shopping bags for their food.)

I have a different take. I use cloth/rescuable bags to shop. However, I was using the incidental plastic bags to gather along the way to line my garbage cans.

With the new 10 cent fine I have to go out and buy, you guessed it, plastic bags to line my household garbage containers. I feel like Mother Earth.

I guess the REAL TEST will be next summer, Summer 2020 we can check and see if there is less plastic waste on the West Haven beaches. Then, we will know if the 10-cent charge worked.

NCA Curious

Dear NCA Curious:

According to my research, customers who shop at stores, have a ten-cent tax imposed on each plastic bag that is

used for items purchased. Until plastic bags are banned in Connecticut, they will pay a ten-cent tax on every plastic bag they take home.

Additionally, this topic was time consuming because there were many variables on this new law. As an example, some cities are proposing their own municipality interpretations. However, I wanted to determine just how many dollars were estimated to be generated by this new law, who collects it and where will it go, re: The State of Connecticut. I was able to learn that the 10 cent tax fees from the sale of plastic bags, will be directed to the Department of Revenue and according to a website search, the new state budget includes \$55 million in plastic bag state revenue over the next two years. Whether or not this will materialize or not relies on various factors.

Gripe Vine Readers:

From time to time, you will find "unanswered gripes and issues" that have been forwarded to your City Council representatives. Today, Gripe Vine will publish a number of these complaints that fall

Revaluation now underway

West Haven has hired the appraisal company Vision overnment Solutions Inc. of Hudson, Massachusetts, to perform the city's state-mandated 2020 revaluation.

Data mailers are being sent to residential property owners to verify property information. It is essential that all data mailers are returned.

In the coming year, Vision data collectors will verify information on file with the city assessor's office and visit properties recently sold, with open building permits or with known physical changes.

All data collectors will be wearing an ID badge, and their vehicles will be registered with the West Haven Police Department. Homeowners are encouraged to ask for identification before letting anyone into their homes. Those questioning the identity of a data collector can call the Police Department's nonemergency line at (203) 937-3900 or the assessor's office at (203) 937-3515.

By Eleanore Turkington



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

into this category. Perhaps the Councilmen or Councilwomen have responded to my readers issues, but they have either not been addressed or not completed to the satisfaction of the complainants. There are instances where these city representatives have notified the various city departments of these gripes, but for one reason or another,

have not forwarded the results of some of these issues to me.

Councilman Peter Massaro :Litter on Andrews Street

Councilman Peter Massaro: "Abandoned Edible Fruit Truck without plates at Fairfax and US 1

Councilman Peter Massaro: Early morning Cherry Street renovation noise – Local ordinance requested.

West Haven State Rep. Dorinda Borer: Replacement of STOP sign at Seaview Avenue and Ocean Avenue. Attempt to reach Representative Borer via several different emails, both returned. I am hoping she will respond to this Gripe Vine request for assistance.

Council Woman Louise Martone: Motorists running Stop Sign at Hubbard Street and Benham Hill Road- This is a SCHOOL ZONE.

Council Woman Robin Hamilton: Holes and Crevices on

Knox Street

Council Woman Robin Hamilton: Dying tree at 51 Nonquit Street-update please

Councilman Nicholas Ruickoldt: Motorists going through Stop Sign THIS IS A SCHOOL BUS STOP

Councilman Nicholas Ruickoldt: Missing light at 389 Platt Avenue

Councilman Mitchell Gallignano: Repaving Hillcrest Avenue following Gas Company work.

Council Woman Tracy Morrissey: Huge pothole on Sorenson Road

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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

Four Centuries of West Haven Green

Part Three

This is the third in a series that will touch on the 400-plus year history of West Haven's Green, courtesy of Peter J. Malia-

Their names are familiar even

now: Thompson, Burwell, Beecher, Prindle, and Smith. No, this is not the name of some high-powered law firm. These were the six founding families of the West Haven Green. Mostly hardscrabble farmers and seafarers, these second and third generation

Puritans were no longer so willing to live in the shadows of New Haven's tightly run and aging theocracy. Like young people everywhere, these West Haveners wanted a say in how to live their lives. The best way to achieve that in 1710 Connecticut was to

win legislative approval to build a Congregational meetinghouse right on their brand new green.

By 1717, West Haven's first meetinghouse was up and running on the northeast corner of the Green, not far from its present location. Two years later the church vestry offered 23-year-old Yale tutor Samuel Johnson the job of full-time minister. It paid £80 a year and came along with firewood and a house lot located just across the street from the Green, next door to what is today the West Haven Historical Society.

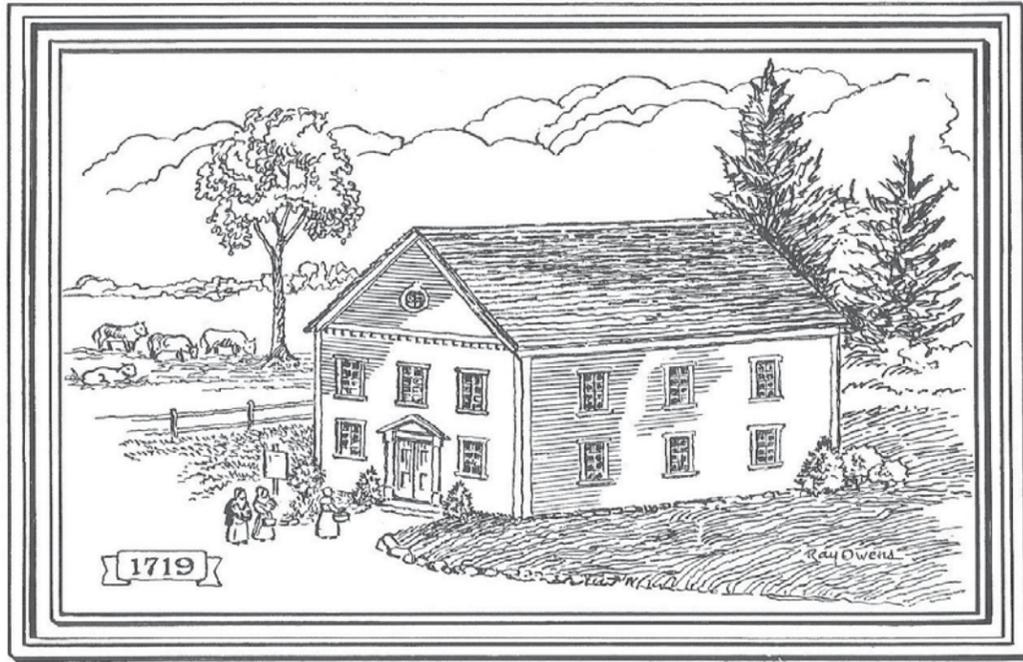
But the young Rev. Johnson soon scandalized the infant congregation when he announced from the pulpit his plans to convert to Church of England. Worse still, nearly 15 percent of the Congregationalist congregation left with Johnson to found an Anglican society in West Haven, one of the first in Connecticut.

Without a minister, West Haven's First Church became a "widowed" parish. Church members continued services on their own until the Rever-

end Jonathan Arnold became minister in 1724. Over the next decade, Arnold provided West Haven with a semblance of relative calm. He was even seen occasionally strolling the Green in the company of none other than his charismatic predecessor, Samuel Johnson. As history would witness, those walks--and Johnson's powers of persuasion--would have lasting repercussions for West Haven and indeed all of Connecticut. (To be continued.)



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



FIRST MEETING HOUSE, BUILT IN 1719 (Artist's conception)

## Allingtown: *Bysiewicz, mayor visit borough*

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Balestra's "diamonds of the earth" are grown in Italy, Spain, France and Australia.

During their walk-through of Sabatino, Bysiewicz, Rossi and DiMassa learned about all things truffle from Balestra and Culinary Vice President Steven Capodicasa, who noted that more than 200 species of truffles exist.

"The blend of our modern technologies and traditional recipes creates the ultimate truffle experience," Balestra said.

The three officials toured the plant's facility for filling, capping and labeling truffle oil bottles, along with special rooms for canning, pasteurizing, storing and shipping products.

Sabatino Tartufi was established in 1911 by Balestra's grandparents, Sabatino and Giuseppina Balestra, in Umbria, Italy, where they opened their first store and started distributing baked goods, olive oil and vinegar.

Sabatino President Virgil Fisher said the third-generation company makes over 270 configurations of truffle products, including oils, seasonings, sauces, spreads, syrups and vinegars, at its Front Avenue production site, which serves North America.

The company has 39 employees in West Haven and also has a manufacturing plant in Umbria.

Sabatino has offices in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Miami, as well as in Toronto, Tokyo and

Hong Kong.

Durante's, at the corner of Fenwick and Yates streets, specializes in a variety of home-style, fresh pastas, including fettucine, cavatelli, tortellini, gnocchi, ravioli, manicotti and shells.

The mom and pop operation was founded in 1985 by Durante's parents, Amedeo and Carmelina Durante, who hail from Derby.

Durante, of Cheshire, told Bysiewicz, Rossi and DiMassa during their visit that he has tripled the pasta company's distribution since taking over the family business 10 years ago, which now has eight employees.

Durante's gourmet pasta products are made on the premises with time-honored

family recipes and sold in the expanded front market. They are also available at select grocery stores and Italian restaurants across the state, including Biagetti's in West Haven and Consiglio's and Tarry Lodge in New Haven.

Durante, who has been making pasta since he was 4 years old, showed the three officials his arsenal of pasta-makers, including a century-old machine from Genoa, Italy, that sheets dough and a processor that extrudes dough to the shape of rigatoni.

He also showed them a temperature-controlled room for drying pasta, a 150-pound kettle for cooking marinara sauce and a room for storing shelves of dried pasta.

The tour culminated with

Durante showing his 3-year-old front market, which displays his company's pasta and Italian food products, including jarred sauces and olive oils, and features a deli and seating area.

Durante said the old corner market that longtime patrons perhaps remember is now used for storing flour and other ingredients.

Angelo Durante, owner of Durante's Pasta Inc. at 78 Fenwick St., uses a processor to extrude pasta dough to the shape of rigatoni as Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz look on.

The family-owned business was the first stop for Bysiewicz and Rossi on their business tour of Allingtown on Oct. 17.

Photo courtesy of SLS

### Dress down for WHEAT

Students at St. Lawrence School enjoyed a dress-down day while helping the needy and less fortunate. On Oct. 16 students brought in non-perishable items to help stock the shelves at WHEAT (West Haven Emergency Assistance Task force) on Washington Avenue. Students were able to dress down if they brought in one item or dress down and wear a hat/cap if they brought in two items. In just one day the children brought in close to 325 items.



# Idea inspired resident to action

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

When Kathryn Johnson sees people leaving out old suitcases to be picked up during bulk trash day, she sees an opportunity. Johnson is looking for partners to join her in starting "Kathy's Suitcases for a Cause."

The homemaker, baker and crafts-maker said she has lived in West Haven for 13 years. She said she sees an opportunity to supply families or individuals in need, such as homeless people or orphan children, with rollaway suitcases and travel locks to give them a secure way to transport their personal belongings.

Johnson said she hopes to find people who are willing to donate their space to hold the suitcases or their time deliver them.

"I need a place to store them," said Johnson. "I also need volunteers to give them out."

Johnson said she wants to focus primarily on two populations: the homeless and chil-

dren slated for foster care.

"People in West Haven would be the priority," said Johnson. "People that are very much in need. The next thing would be children that are in transition – being adopted or moved to a different foster home."

Johnson said she got the idea in the spring when she saw suitcases on the side of the road for bulk pickup day. She said she asked herself how they could be better utilized. The homemaker said she sees a lot of people walking by her home with carriages that hold their belongings.

"They are picking up cans," said Johnson. "They have their clothes in plastic bags."

In reference to children in foster care, Johnson said she was in the foster care when she was a child. She said she thinks it would be nice to give children something to carry their belongings in when they are uprooted.

"You don't know until you are actually in that situation," said Johnson.

According to Johnson, she also wants to collect donated personal hygiene products for people in need. She is considering filling each suitcase with them.

"I just want to get this thing going," said Johnson. "I don't think anyone has really thought of this."

Johnson said whether they partner with the Connecticut State Department of Children and Families or nonprofits in the area, she just wants to make a difference.

Johnson said anyone interested in helping her in this effort can call her at (203) 361-4789.



KATHRYN JOHNSON

## 'Open Mic' Night brings out youthful musicians

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

More than 50 kids have signed up to play during Friday's open mic night at the West Haven Community House.

The event, which is held monthly, is hosted by Rock House School of Music and Teach Kids Music. But this time there is a special guest – Carmine Appice. Appice is a Teach Kids Music ambassador who is famous for his work with Rod Stewart, Vanilla Fudge, Jeff Beck and Ozzy Osbourne.

According a press release from Rock House owner John McCarthy, Teach Kids Music is a non-profit that partners with Rock House for open mic nights to help children learn to play instruments. He said West Haven has a growing community of young musicians that gather each month to "jam and meet other musicians learning their craft."

McCarthy said the school and Teach Kids Music have been partnering to host open mic nights for over four years. He said he and his staff donate their time each month to run the event.

"The kids have a great time; they practice all month to get ready to perform and it is great to see the smiles of accomplishment when they are done," said McCarthy. McCarthy said the Community House offers a safe home for the monthly bash and many

local restaurants donate snacks and food.

"We have a great list of Music Ambassadors that also feel the passion for helping children learn music. They come and inspire the children to do positive things in their lives," he said.

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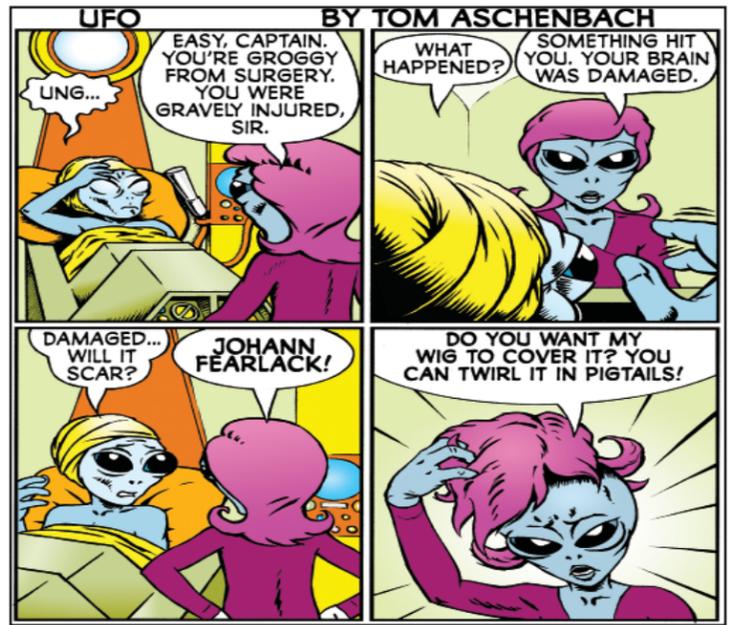


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### In memoriam

The West Haven Fire Dept. conducted its annual Firemen's Memorial service on Sunday, at the Firefighters Memorial on the Green. The department holds the memorial every October to honor those members who have passed away during the year as well as all those have gone before. Commissioners Bruce Sweeney, John Carew and Herbie Hill are shown putting a wreath at the memorial during the ceremony. A bell was sounded during the event after the naming of each deceased member.

# Mayoral Debate

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## Westies' fortunes rebound with win

Through four games of the regular season, the West Haven football team may have had only one win, but realized the record could be switched with how tough they played.

West Haven continued to play well, topping Norwich Free Academy, 27-13, Friday evening at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven. With the second straight victory, West Haven improved to 2-3 on the year.

The contest was even at 13 at halftime as junior Jaden Grant, who rushed for 97 yards and three touchdowns on 25 carries, gave the Westies a 6-0 lead in the second quarter with a 6-yard run.

With the game even at six, quarterback Andre Rentas ran in from 1-yard out for a 13-6 advantage. Grant put the game away with a touchdown run in each of the final two quarters.

The juniors gave West Haven a 20-13 advantage with an 11-yard score in the third, and added insurance with a 3-yard scoring run in the fourth.

Rentas finished the contest 14-of-23 for 146 yards in the air.

The West Haven volleyball team won two of three matches this past week to improve to 10-6 on the season. The Westies fell to Cheshire, but then rebounded to top Bassick and Foran.

team saw its four-game winning streak come to an end with a 3-1 loss to Cheshire Tuesday evening at West Haven High. With the 20-25, 25-19, 17-25, 15-25 defeat, West Haven fell to 8-6 on the year.

After a strong first game in which the Westies lost by just five points, West Haven came back to take the second game by six. Cheshire showed why it is one of the top teams in the area over the next two games, capitalizing on West Haven's mistakes to win games three and four.

Noelle Noble led West Haven defensively with nine digs, while Neve Krajcir had seven digs, Giliana Santaniello five digs, and Bria Stanley four blocks.

On the offensive side, Santaniello had six assists and three kills, Stanley had six kills, Savannah Lopez added four assists, Noble had three kills, and Krajcir added three aces.

The West Haven volleyball team won its fifth match in six decisions with a 3-0 decision over Bassick in Bridgeport Thursday evening. The 25-8, 25-11, 25-10 victory allowed the Westies to improve to 9-6 on the year.

Santaniello led the Westies with 13 aces and 11 assists. Stanley had nine kills, four aces, and

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### Player of the Week

Jaden Grant was all over the field on Friday, rushing for 97 yards on 25 carries, while scoring on touchdown runs of 6, 11, and 3 yards. To read about the Player of the Week, and all of your West Haven sporting news, visit [www.westieblue.com](http://www.westieblue.com).

## Knights' runners head to state meets

The football team returned to action in a win over Bunnell, the cross-country team ran in the SCC Championship Meet, while the soccer team had an unbeaten week that saw them clinch a state tournament berth.

Cross-Country -- Ohm Patel ran 13th to earn all-SCC Second Team honors to pave the way for a 7th-place team finish for the cross country team at the annual SCC Championship Meet on Oct. 17 at East Shore Park. Patel got off to a strong start and was steadily in the top 15 all race long before placing 13th in the end. Patel ran in 17:41. Patel was followed by Jacob Carson, who ran 18th overall and joined Patel on the all-SCC second Team. Carson crossed the finish line in 17:49. The other three runners who counted toward the Green Knights score were Devin Rodriguez, Oliver Shannon, and Gabe Quinn. Notre Dame will conclude its season by running in the CIAC Class MM Championship Race on Saturday, October 26 at 1:40 at Wickham Park in Manchester.

Football -- The Notre Dame

football team sure used its bye week effectively. The Green Knights played their most impressive 24 minutes of football of the season scoring on all seven first-half possessions building 49-6 halftime lead in their eventual 49-20 win. Matt Altieri scored three rushing touchdowns and added four sacks on the defensive side of the ball.

Jackson Zalinsky threw four touchdown passes, two to Tommy Candelora and one each to Robbie Oliverio and Austin Pieck. Notre Dame outgained Bunnell 292-173 despite running only one more play (39 to 38). Candelora had a big day in the return game with 2 punt returns for 60 yards and a 60-yard kickoff return. Notre Dame will play its final Connecticut High School Football Alliance Game when they travel to play Fitch in Groton on Saturday, October 26 in a 1:30 kickoff.

Soccer -- What a week for Kyle Cardenas. The senior midfielder netted two goals, one in each game, but what huge goals they were. His first goal against Branford was the game-winner, late in the sec-

ond half, in a 2-1 win on Oct. 15. Two days later he scored again in the second half. This goal led to a 1-1 tie with Amity that clinched a CIAC Class L state tournament berth. Notre Dame has a two-game week, having played Cross

on Wednesday while traveling to play Sheehan on Friday. Notre Dame will host Career in its final regular-season game on Monday. Hall of Fame Videos -- Please visit the Notre Dame Athletics YouTube Channel as we

are posting video reflection on each of our inaugural Hall of Fame inductees. The videos will take you down a Green Knight memory lane for the 14 individuals and two teams that were officially inducted on Oct. 5.



Photo courtesy of NDWH

Kyle Cardenas celebrates the goal that sends the Notre Dame soccer team to the state tournament. Cardenas scored early in the second half to lift the Green Knights to a 1-1 tie with the Spartans Oct. 17.

# Dragons outlasts Ghosts, 7-5

The Elite Soccer Camps Golden Dragons picked up a win in a tough, exciting match Saturday morning, overcoming the Jason Ranalli Grey Ghosts, 7-5. Matteo D'Elia scored a pair of goals. Ben Trenchard also added two goals. Jacob Rader, Jax Guarino, and Luca Decresenzo all played well, and Seth Empiris used a number of pull back turns to create space and pass the ball to his teammates. The Top Hat Dance Academy Green Crocodiles defeated ASH, 9-2 with an early goal by Julissa Oliveras, her first of the season. Ariel Titus and Lehanna Philogene both ended up with hat tricks. The Green Crocodiles' defense was led by a strong effort from Kendall Gilchrist and Aarohi Jain. The Cappetta's Italian Imports Polar Bears put up a good fight but lost to the Shoreline Wellness Blue Diamonds, 2-0. Jocelyn Kenny had some great saves in goal. Samantha Zuk, Luciana Cappetta, and Celeste DiNallo worked well to pass the ball up the field. For the Blue Diamonds, Ava Pellino scored two goals and Josylyn Davila played a great game in the goal. Emiya Mack and Nylah Arthur played strong in the midfield.

The Sweet Relief Catering Blue Thunder defeated Stars Ice Cream, 6-1. David Christensen put in a solid defensive effort and scored three goals, and goals were also scored by JR Salguero, Lucas Aronson, and Christian Reyes. The Porto Funeral Homes Gold Stars topped Milano & Wanat, 5-1. Bianca Davila not only played well defensively, but also scored a goal. Olivia Moretti

scored for her team increasing their lead. Cheyenne Sebas scored as well. The West Haven Federation of Teachers Local 1542 Mini-Blueberries fell to the WH Italian American Civic Assn., 4-2. Isabella Cooper stole the ball from the opposing team several times. Avielle Bernardo played well defensively, stopping the ball from going into the net.

The Oyster River Energy Blue Wolves beat Frank Agent Plumbing & Heating, 6-1. Malcolm Thompson and Jeremy Salas Chan played well in goal, while Omar Elnatour and Jackson Schoeman played great offense. The Gunning Law Firm Blue Hurricanes defeated Keenan Funeral Home, 6-0. The Blue Hurricanes got goals from Lynnise Chesson, Kylie Gibbons, Arianna Throm and Sophia Empric. Angelina Torres, Alivia Riley, and Chelsea Hernandez played very strong and Lulu Sebas was excellent in goal.

On Saturday afternoon, the Bar Code U10 girls travel team played a well-fought game and tied host Wallingford, 1-1. Sophia Empric found the back of the net for the Westies while Lynnise Chesson and Lulu Sebas shared goalie duties each making tough saves. The George Ellis Company U11 girls played two games away this week. Wednesday evening, the Westies faced the South Central Premier U12 girls away in North Branford and coming away with a 2-1 win. The defense was anchored by Amiyah Jones and keeper duties were headed by Kayla Quintanilla. In the first half, Kaylee Pellino put in a

goal and in the second, Nylah Beyah.

In a league game on Saturday, the U11 Westie girls visited Guilford and won, 2-0. Cristel Miguel played tough in the net keeping all balls out for the shutout. Some excellent passing in the first half by defender Amiyah Jones, to Katerina Oliveira led to a goal by Nylah Beyah. Beyah put a second goal in the net in the second half to put the game away.

Building off the solid play from the tournament last weekend, the P&B Express Lady Westies continued to evolve with a commanding

4-0 win over Madison on Saturday. The offense was sustained throughout the game with Madyson Ortiz and Nada Elmouki both scoring, assisted by Natalie Reed, Aliana Tepetl, and Amyah Kelly. The defense of Bellarose Ramirez, Angelina Messina, Michelle Ceja, Jayden Braacker and Katelynn Salgado completely shut down Madison. Sydney Gayle and Alivia Ginsberg combined goalkeeping duties to complete the shutout.

The Elite Soccer Camps U14 girls hosted Branford Sunday afternoon, coming out on top by a score of 5-2.

The rain impacted the game

early as Branford went up 1-0, but West Haven quickly answered. Aylin Soto scored twice off free kicks, and Ashynn Trenchard worked hard in midfield to get the ball forward for her teammates. Erica Tighe and Cashlin O'Neill played well in goal, and Ava Murphy and Molly

Gunning helped shut down Branford counter-attacks.

The West Shore Family Dental U14 boys played in the second round of the Connecticut Cup this weekend, visiting rival Southington. In a contentious match, the Westies fought hard, but came up short, 2-1.



Photo courtesy of WHHS

## Fall scholar-athletes

West Haven High's Taylor Nowak and Shane Taulty were named the SCC Scholar Athletes for the fall season. Nowak is a four-year member of the soccer, hockey and lacrosse teams. She is ranked seventh in the class with a GPA of 4.58. Taulty has been a member of the swim and lacrosse teams for four years. He is ranked fifth in the class with a GPA of 4.73.

# Westies: Volleyball rolls, boys soccer wins

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three digs, Noble had nine aces, three digs, and two aces, while Lopez had six aces and six assists.

The Westies team improved to 10-6 with a 3-2 victory over Foran Saturday afternoon. The 25-23, 21-25, 23-25, 25-12, 15-10 comeback victory was won in the fourth and fifth games.

After losing a tough third game, West Haven rolled by 13 points in the fourth game and pulled out a fifth game victory.

Lopez led the way for West Haven with 10 assists, seven digs, and six kills, while Stanley had seven kills, six digs, and four aces. Noble had nine digs and six kills, Thiana Baez had seven digs, Krajcir was solid with 11 digs, six kills, and three aces, and Chekeenhah Jeudi added three blocks and two kills.

The West Haven girls' soccer team played to a draw and

took a loss in its two contests this week.

After seeing its six-game unbeaten streak come to an end in a loss to North Haven, the Westies got back on the field three days later. Playing a hard-fought contest, West Haven and Cheshire played to a scoreless draw at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven Tuesday evening.

With the tie, West Haven moves to 4-4-4 on the year and the team is 3-1-3 over its last seven contests.

Each team had eight shots on target in the contest. West Haven goalkeeper Mackenzie Gardner led the way with eight saves for the Westies.

The game was West Haven's sixth shutout on the year, and Gardner's fifth, with one combined.

Gardner was aided by a strong defensive effort from the Westies. Selena Izzo strong at midfield.

Tomalyn Williams, Grace Nowak, Taylor Nowak, Riley Severino, Caitlin Walker, and Amanda Tsakonias were stellar in front of Gardner.

The Westies fell to 4-5-4 with a 2-0 loss against Sheehan in Wallingford Saturday afternoon.

West Haven was outshot 9-7 in the contest. Gardner led the way for West Haven with seven saves.

After an eight-day layoff, the West Haven boys' soccer team was eager to get back on the field. Traveling to Milford to play Foran, the Westies knew they were in for a battle.

With a defensive game in hand, West Haven and Foran played to a scoreless draw at Foran High Tuesday evening.

The tie helped West Haven move to 6-3-2 on the year and was the team's fifth shutout of the year. John McLaughlin, who has been part of three of the shutouts, made four saves

in the draw for West Haven.

The Westies held a 13-5 shot advantage in the contest, but Foran goalkeeper Luca Marinella made 10 saves to preserve the shutout for the Lions.

The scoring drought continued for the Westies as they fell to Hand 2-0 Saturday evening in West Haven. The Westies managed just three shots in the contest, which Hand goalkeeper Timothy Perez denied.

Hand, which held a 7-3 shot advantage, scored the only goal it needed at the 27:46 mark when Chris Porter found the back of the goal.

Brian Carew made four saves in goal for the Westies.

The West Haven girls swimming team fell to 1-7 with a 99-81 loss to Sheehan in Wallingford Wednesday evening.

The Westies had just one first place finish which came in the 50 freestyle as Kaelyn Falanga won in 27.48 seconds.

West Haven had several sec-

ond place finishes. The 200 medley relay team of Madison Hobart, Molly Wilson, Victoria Acuna, and Kaelyn Falanga was second in 1:08.85, the 200 free relay team of Acuna, Wilson, Alana Orecchio, and Morgan Falanga was second in 1:59.75, while the 400 freestyle relay team of Orecchio, Kaelyn Falanga, Morgan Falanga, and Hobart was second in 4:16.63.

Morgan Falanga was second in the 200 freestyle in 2:21.55, Hobart placed second in the 200 IM in 1:40.19, while Acuna was second in the 100 fly in 1:16.32. Kaelyn Falanga was second in the 500 free in 6:00.42, while the 100 backstroke had Hobart second in 1:10.37, and the 100 breaststroke had Wilson second in 1:23.45.

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# Hockey teams compete in tourney

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team played with a lot of heart, but came up short in the 25th annual

Haunted Shootout tournament this weekend at the New England Sports Center in Marlborough, MA.

The Blue Devils fell 7-2 to Nutley-Clifton (NJ), 3-2 to the Rye (NY) Rangers, and 8-4 to Black Ice of central Vermont.

In the three games, forward Cameren Lipford led the Westies in scoring (3 goals, 2 assists), Andrew Grillo and brothers Aedan and Kyle Guarino anchored the defense, and goaltender Alex Werle made 72 saves.

Against Nutley-Clifton, Lipford had two unassisted goals — a wrist shot off the left post, which was short-handed, and a wrister from the right blue line — and Werle made 34 saves.

In the second game on Friday against Rye, Kyle Guarino put the Blue Devils up 1-0 at 8:55 of the first period on a

shot from the right point assisted by forward Tyler Silva. The Rangers tied it and pulled ahead 2-1 at 9:05 of the second. Silva then tied the contest on a rebound from Lipford at 0:44 of the period.

Werle kept the Westies in the hard-fought nail-biter, making a remarkable glove save on a two-on-one break at 10:46 of the third.

In the final game on Saturday, Silva scored twice, as did Dhruva Garani and Michael.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team dropped all three of its contests at the Haunted Shootout this weekend. The team is now 5-9-0 on the season.

In Friday's first game of the tournament, the Westies fell 6-2 to Millbrook (NY) Knights. Connor Moriarty hustled and dove to knock in his own. Jacob Silva was solid in net with 23 saves.

In Saturday's early game the Blue Devils were shut out 7-0 by the Maine Moose.

On Saturday evening, the Westies fell 5-2 to Genesis Hockey Club of Pennsylvania. Dylan and Ronnie Mastroni scored.

The Peewee B team made it to the championship game Sunday before falling in the title game.

In the Westies first game Friday morning against the Rye the Westies were held scoreless until the third period when a string of passes from Juliana Gonzalez and Nolan Fortier ended on Dan Lavallee's stick and he found the back of the net past a solid Rye Goaltender.

On Saturday, the Westies faced off against the New Hampshire Avalanche and won, 4-2. The Westies got off to an early 2-0 lead as Lavallee and Eddie Thomas scored.

Juliana Gonzalez had the eventual game winner. J.J. Hall sealed the victory when

he smashed home a rebound in the third period.

Later that same day, the Westies took on Greater New Haven and won, 7-1. The Westies took an early lead and never looked back. Goals came from Hall, Thomas, Gonzalez, Fortier, and Jack Francis.

The win against Greater New Haven moved the Westies to second place in the division and setting up for the championship game against Rye Sunday morning.

The Rangers were up 1-0 after the first period and led 2-0, before Thomas grabbed a loose puck in the neutral zone, skated his way to the top of the slot and beat the goalie just over his blocker. Tyler McColligan had an outstanding tournament playing some great two-way hockey.

West Haven Peewee AA team traveled to West Chester Ice Line Rink in PA to take part in The EJEPL 2nd Showcase event, where the Devils played in four games over two days. The Devils were missing a key defenseman Cooper Deko, who was out for the Showcase.

West Haven opened up on Friday facing off against Palmyra Black Knights AA and posted an 8-0 victory. Gabe Locklear, Brody DiNuzzo, who scored a hat trick, Thomas Porto and Connor Benz scored.

West Haven played Montclair Blues AA in their second game of the day and won, 6-1. Jack Aloï, Eberhart (2), Nick Salzano, Billy Mascari, and DiNuzzo rounded out the scoring.

On Saturday, West Haven faced Princeton Tigers AA and won, 6-3. Salzano, Locklear, and Tim Donohue, who had two goals, provided the offense. DiNuzzo found a loose puck in neutral zone, before taking it rest of the way unas-

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## Hockey: *Teams skate in MA*

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sisted. The Devils entering their fourth and final game of the Showcase against Howard Huskies AA and posted a 6-1 victory. Nicky, Locklear, DiNuzzo, and Mascari (Locklear) scored for a 4-1 lead. Salzano scored the final two.

Peewee AA's went 4-0 and outscored the opposition, 26-5.

On Sunday, the Peewee AA's traveled to South Windsor resuming CHC play against South Windsor Knights A team and posting an 11-0 victory. Mascari scored three goals, while John Donohue, DiNuzzo and Salzano each scored twice. Beckett Stenz had an assist.

Cooper Deko's defense was outstanding against South Windsor. Tyler Donroe and Nate Kempton split all five games over the weekend. Both goaltenders were a huge part of the team's success.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team lost in the semifinals in Marlborough this weekend. After opening the tournament with a pair of victories and playing as the third seed, West Haven fell to Parkland, 4-0, in the semifinals.

Brendan Smith and Bryan Hong played well in goal throughout the tournament, while Sean Bosworth, Haygen Axelrod, Dave Brown, Jason Alling, Matt Wezenski, and Josh Gyolai all played well defensively.

West Haven opened the tournament with a 5-1 victory over the Delco Phantams. Brown, Mickey Dowd, Cam Delvecchio, Colin Deane and Brown, again, provided the scoring.

West Haven won the second game of the tournament 9-0 over Genesis. The Westies scored five times in the first period and never looked back. Delvecchio twice, Brown, Jayden Spreyer and Michael Madera gave the Westies a 4-0 advantage. Chris Adkins scored, and Bosworth in-

creased the lead to 7-0. Brown and Wezenski, off an assist from Gabe Mongelli, rounded out the scoring in the third.

West Haven fell in the third game, 2-1, against the Maine Moose. Trailing 2-0, Delvecchio scored West Haven's lone goal with a tally with 24.9 seconds to go in the middle period.

Gabe Giaquinto, Kyle Droney and Dante Hardt all played well on the offensive side for West Haven.

The West Haven Bantam B travel hockey team placed second in Marlborough.

The Westies won the first game Friday against the Springfield Capitals, 3-2. Yousaf Ullah (unassisted) opened the scoring in the first period, followed by an unassisted goal from Matt Wright in the second. With the score tied, a late game power play goal by Ullah from Wright would hold as the game winner.

Later on Friday, the Westies faced the Rye Rangers and posted a 5-0 victory. Goaltender Austin Fruin got his first shutout of the tourney and improved to 2-0 on the tournament. The West Haven goals were scored by Wright off an assist from Kevin Gardner, Gardner twice, Javed Ullah, assisted by TJ Levenduski, and Alex Kurowski, assisted by Javed Ullah and Ashley Welch.

West Haven's third game against the Sharks was a physical test but West Haven posted 2-1 victory to lock up the top seed.

Javed Ullah scored off an assist from Welch to tie the game at one in the second period. With 3:25 left in the third period, Danny Johnson scored on a rebound from Javed Ullah.

On Sunday, the Westies faced Greater New Haven Warriors and posted 1-0 semifinal victory. Both goalies carried shutouts late into the third period. New Haven called a

timeout with the face off in front of Fruin and would allow the Westies to plot a plan of attack. Welch got the face off back to Yousaf Ullah who would break the puck out to a hard skating Wright. Wright created a scoring chance and with the rebound laying in the crease, a hard skating Alex Kurowski knocked in the rebound for the game-winner, moving the Westies into the final.

A rematch against the Sharks in the final saw the Blue Devils lose, 2-0, and take home second place.

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# Fall Poetry program set for Yale West Campus

The Fall Poetry Extravaganza presented by West Haven's poet laureate, Tony Fusco, will take place from 1-5 p.m. Nov. 2-3 at the Yale West Campus, 100 West Campus Drive, Orange.

The program is open to the public with free parking.

Fusco, a lifelong resident

who in April was appointed the honorary position of poet laureate by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, will read from his newest book, "Don't Make Me Laugh," at 1 p.m. Nov. 3.

The reading is in conjunction with the Art Space Open Studios program that runs throughout October and ends

at the Yale West Campus with a large art exhibit on four floors of the facility.

The poets and their reading times on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 2, are:

1-1:20, Vivian Shipley; 1:20-1:40, Fredrick-Douglass Knowles II; 1:40-2, Gemma Mathewson; 2-2:20, Patricia

Mottola; 2:20-2:40, Laurel Peterson; 2:40-3, Dr. Van Hartmann; 3-3:20, Mick Theebs; 3:20-3:40, Laura Altshul; 3:40-4, Victor Altshul; 4-4:20, Antoinette Brim; and 4:20-4:40, Diane Lowman.

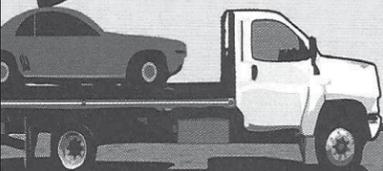
The poets and their reading times on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 3, are:

1-1:20, Tony Fusco; 1:20-1:40, Katie Eber; 1:40-2, Marita Gargiulo; 2-2:20, Peter Ulisse; 2:20-2:40, Gordy Whiteman; 2:40-3, Gwen Gunn; 3-3:20, Kevin Carey; 3:20-3:40, Victoria Nordlund; 3:40-4, Pit Pinegar; 4-4:20, Barbara Greenbaum; 4:20-4:40, Julie Choffel; and 4:40-5, Christine Beck.

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- 14 Baserunner's goal
- 15 Locale for a 1920s "sitting" fad
- 17 Settled down
- 18 Kingdom near Fiji
- 19 Creators
- 21 "Carmina Burana" composer
- 24 Directory data (Abbr.)
- 25 Humorous utterance
- 28 Temporary gift
- 30 Scot's hat
- 33 Illustrations
- 34 Flower of New Mexico
- 35 "I — Camera"
- 36 Lingerie item
- 37 Physical
- 38 Vivacity, in
- music
- 11 Drenches
- 13 Genetic letters
- 16 Standard
- 20 Pavlova or Paquin
- 22 Change
- 23 Central
- 25 Poke
- 26 Blunder
- 27 Beachcomber's find
- 29 Top
- 31 Parisian pal
- 32 Name in China's history
- 34 Calendar quota
- 38 Lullaby composer
- 1 Sword handle
- 2 Norway's capital
- 3 Slender
- 4 Housefly larva
- 5 Pair
- 6 "You've got mail" co.
- 7 Verse
- 8 Drum major's hat
- 9 Directing principle
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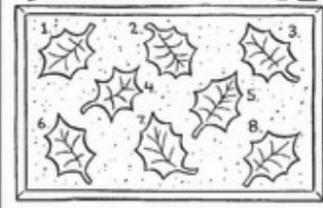
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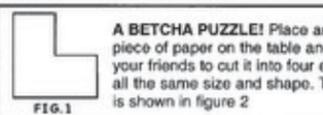
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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## FALL FOLIAGE



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**A BETCHA PUZZLE!** Place an L-shaped piece of paper on the table and challenge your friends to cut it into four equal pieces, all the same size and shape. The solution is shown in figure 2

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

## Junior Whirl

LET'S FIND THE ANIMALS!

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Hidden in the above diagram are the names of 21 species of animals. They can be found by reading up or down, side to side, or diagonally. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the names you're looking for:

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| Anaconda | Cougar   | Hippo    |
| Antelope | Deer     | Leopard  |
| Boar     | Eagle    | Llama    |
| Camel    | Elephant | Mustang  |
| Cardinal | Gazelle  | Rattler  |
| Caribou  | Goat     | Shetland |
| Cheetah  | Gorilla  | Zebra    |

## Answers to last week's puzzles

— King Crossword —  
Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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— Weekly SUDOKU —  
Answer

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# Seahawks' squads head into playoffs

Photo courtesy of RTMFL

West Haven Seahawk 8U team (8-0) running back Tristan Crawford (4) runs with the help of a block by teammate Majesty Whitaker (1). The Seahawks beat Manchester, 28-0, to finish the season unbeaten.



The West Haven Seahawks 8U team (8-0) finished a perfect regular season with a convincing 28-0 win over the Manchester Sentinels, earning the top playoff seed. Running back Majesty Whitaker had two touchdowns and Tristan Crawford and Mighty Jackson each scored one. The extra-point conversions were scored by William Pastore, Jacari Harris, Mason Booker and Jaydon Potter. CJ Schlauder anchored the offensive line and Chace Stanley, Kahill Tomilson and Brady Coe led the defense in another shutout.

The 10U Seahawk team moved to 7-1 and a playoff spot with a 25-12 win over Manchester. Running back Azriel Pizarro accounted for all four of the Seahawk touchdowns. The defense played well and was led by Leon Joyner, JJ Lugo, Angelo Petrezuiello, Yusef Turner and TJ Stevenson.

The Seahawk 12U team also improved to 7-1 and qualified for the Pop Warner Playoffs. Quarterback Nick Conlan connected with Jovon Williams and Aedan Coe for touchdown passes. Ethan Holy and Coe also had rushing scores. Teriq Mallory had a 71-yard interception for a touchdown to blow the game wide open.

The 14U team beat Manchester, 51-20, in an offensive shootout. Nasir Harris opened the Seahawk scoring with a 33-yard touchdown run. Quarterback Javar Smith ran for two scores and Damri Barker scored four touchdowns on the day. Tristan Dos and Xavier Fernandez played well on defense for the Seahawks.

The flag football teams concluded their season in Seymour and played well. The green team had great effort from Aaron Sullo, Emmanuel Purdue, and Andrew Loehn. The Blue team was led by Cameron Davis, Levi Gatison, Aiden Dowdye, Jackson Boynton and Peyton Roach.

The Pop Warner playoffs begin this coming weekend.

## Boot program

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. 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. They can also pay in person in the tax office on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St.



## West Haven Rotary Club International Polio Day

### Polio

Poliomyelitis, or polio, is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. Poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in hours. It can strike people of any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio can be prevented by vaccines, but it is not curable. Unlike most diseases, polio can be eradicated.

### PolioPlus

For more than 30 years, Rotary and our partners have driven the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. Our [PolioPlus](#) program was the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication by vaccinating children on a massive scale. As a core partner in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), Rotary focuses on advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and awareness-building.

Rotary members have contributed \$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$8 billion to the effort.

### Polio Today

With our partners, we have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent, from 350,000 cases in 125 countries in 1988 to just 33 cases caused by the wild virus in 2018. Only two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus: Afghanistan and Pakistan. The infrastructure we helped build to end polio is also being used to treat and prevent other diseases and create lasting impact in other areas of public health.

### Ensuring Success

Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million per year for polio eradication. The [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) has pledged to match that 2-to-1, for a total commitment of \$150 million each year. These funds provide much-needed operational support, medical workers, laboratory equipment, and educational materials. Governments, corporations, and private donors all play a crucial role in funding.

To donate to the Rotary International PolioPlus Program please go to:

[www.endpolio.org/donate](http://www.endpolio.org/donate)



# Around Town

## 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.

## 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 OKTOBER-FEST 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 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.

## 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 Cio-

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 DJ 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 classic war movies selected by the museum's curatorial staff will

be shown in the new state-of-the-art Edward N. Silver Media Center.

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.

## Harvest Fair

First & Wesley United Methodist Church, 89 Center St. (corner of Second and Center), is hosting its annual Harvest Fair on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8-3.

The fair features and all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 8-10:30, luncheon from 11-2, crafts, baked goods, a cookie walk and door prizes. New is Joyce's Garden Booth with various plants.

Parking is in the rear of the church and is handicapped-accessible.

For more information, please call Peggy Jerrell at (203) 641-0929.

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