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Voice Profile

A weekly in-depth interview

"I really didn't know the influence that I had on them. I wasn't there to influence them. I was there to help them out."

~ Bert Siclari

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Photos by Josh LaBella

Halloween hijinks

Halloween on the Green brought West Haven residents out to the highly decorated town square Friday. The event -- hosted by West Haven United -- featured performances by Top Hat Dance Academy. There were food trucks, vendors selling crafts and a booth where people could paint their own pumpkins. Those in attendance could get their picture taken in the cobweb-filled gazebo.

Candidates make a last pitch

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

Mayor Nancy Rossi says -- after decades of mismanagement -- the city is on the path for future success.

Rossi, the Democratic incumbent running against Republican Michele Gregorio in next Tuesday's election, said much has been accomplished during her first term. She said momentum has been made in terms of budgeting, finance, economic development, education and quality of life.

"In less than two years we have delivered two balanced budgets, have a positive fund balance (rainy day fund) for the first time in over a decade, our bond rating outlook has been upgraded from 'negative' to 'stable' which is the first step to an overall upgrade and will save our taxpayers immediately," Rossi said in an email. "My administration has cut overtime by 61% on the city side, not including the police department."

The mayor said small businesses "continue to open and expand throughout the city." In addition, Rossi also said economic development projects are "finally" moving forward under her management.

"The Yale-New Haven Resource Center is opening soon, the Park View project in the heart of Allingtown is under construction and the government approvals

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By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

Republican mayoral candidate Michele Gregorio said citizens have listened to the blame game long enough.

As West Haven faces its second time under state control in 30 years, Gregorio said "we all know" how the city got to this point.

"Poor leadership and lack of planning coupled with many tax increases will not stabilize our budgets, unburden taxpayers and encourage sustainable business and development," said Gregorio.

Gregorio said she has the experience needed to right the ship. She said her time in the private sector gave her experience managing million-dollar budgets, negotiating with unions, reducing wasteful spending, implementing operating efficiencies, teambuilding and restructuring organizations.

The candidate claimed her repertoire of skills is "vastly" different than those of a public accountant -- Democratic incumbent Nancy Rossi's background -- and more appropriate for the task at hand.

The Republican said taking bailout money and then "claiming a surplus" is not promising for West Haven's future. Gregorio took issue with Rossi saying there has been growth in the grand list.

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Public Meetings

The November meeting schedule has not been released.

Weather

Friday Nov 1 Partly cloudy skies all day. High 61F



Sunrise: 7:23 am
Sunset: 5:47 pm
Wind: W 15-25
High Tide: 2:48 am; 3:03 pm

Saturday Nov 2 Generally sunny High 53F



Sunrise: 7:24 am
Sunset: 5:46 pm
Wind: ESE 5-10
High Tide: 3:43 am; 3:58 pm

Sunday Nov 3 Sunny skies High 53F



Sunrise: 6:25 am
Sunset: 4:45 pm
Wind: WNW 10-15
High Tide: 3:39 am; 3:56

Monday Nov 4 More sunshine. High 53F



Sunrise: 6:26 am
Sunset: 4:44 pm
Wind: S 5-10
High Tide: 4:37 am; 4:55



Harper Albarado, age 4, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., is predicting lots of swirling leaves, due to more rain and wind in the forecast.

Things to Do!

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.

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

THURSDAY



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On this date:

1964 -- Zambian independence. The African country gained independence from British rule with the passage of the Zambia Independence Act 1964 by the UK Parliament.

1945 -- United Nations founded. The U.N. charter was ratified by the then 5 permanent members and 46 member states.

1930 -- Coup in Brazil. President Washington Luís was deposed by the heads of the armed forces just 4 years after he came to office. The coup prevented President-elect Júlio Prestes from coming to power and the military junta instead installed Getúlio Vargas as the de facto President of the country.

1926 -- Last performance of Houdini. The world famous escape artist performed for the last time at the Garrick Theater in Detroit, Michigan.

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Gregorio: *City needs a change of leaders*

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“Claiming a grand list increase with 60% of this increase being business taxes on equipment is not a robust increase,” said Gregorio. “I have visited many, long-term established West Haven business owners and they are struggling to make a paycheck. The thought of adding to their burden with a one-time correction to the tax rolls and claiming it a victory is indeed a bitter pill.”

Vis-à-vis her time on the Board of Finance, Gregorio said she and the other members have presented “ideas to reduce spending, by implementing short- and long-term

planning, and introduce structural changes” to the city.

“We have to address the largest expense in our budget of payroll and benefits. We can do this without displacing personnel and by establishing an attrition program and identifying prospective employee retirements, and then evaluate all roles,” she said. “The two largest, long-term and currently unsustainable expenses of health insurances and pensions need to be replaced with market-rate plans and savings accounts and lump-sum distribution pension opportunities. I was told that all this is impossible because of the unions. Nothing is impossible

if the unions and management find the middle ground that is needed to accomplish achievable goals.”

Speaking to the point of economic development, Gregorio said the city needs businesses that employ residents and give the homeowners relief from taxes. She painted West Haven’s relationship with economic development as a story of missed opportunities.

Among other things, she said the city could have had a distribution center that ended up in Orange, an apprentice training program for trades, aquafarming off the coast and should have created an enterprise zone for biotech compa-

nies. Gregorio said these ideas and others will ensure the next generation stays in town and lift the burden off the tax base. According to the candidate, residents can no longer afford to “live in the past, throw up our hands and blame others and add burdens to our strug-

gling citizens and businesses.” She said the election is about the people of West Haven and the prospect of a renaissance.

“I don’t know everything,” said Gregorio, “but I will seek out experts and professionals to work for the betterment of West Haven.”

Rossi: *Stay the course*

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for “The Haven” are complete and demolition permits have been sought by the developer,” Rossi said.

Mayor Rossi also emphasized the sale of the Blake, Stiles, and Thompson schools as evidence of her successes. She pointed out that the city is no longer in charge of their upkeep and that they will be 100% taxable.

Apropos maintenance and public works, Rossi said the city has implemented an “aggressive” sidewalk repaving program in every district.

She said her administration has developed a long-term plan for pavement and upkeep of

roads as well as for improving the waterfront, parks and athletic fields.

On the education front, the mayor highlighted the completion of “Phase 1” of the high school project – noting that it was completed ahead of time and under budget.

She also said the city received a state grant which funded the purchasing of computers for every student K-8. She called the access to technology critical to the future workforce.

“I am proud to have put together a team of hardworking and loyal individuals that care about the City of West Haven,” said Rossi. “We take our jobs seriously and our accomplishments and record over that past two years



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Dear Felicia

Well honey bunch, here we are on Halloween. Boooo!!! In the spirit of things, the Mystick Maidens of the Marsh are having a little costume party to celebrate. Effen yew deign to make it this year, Royal High Mystick Maiden Tina Peckingham has asked that yew bring jellybeans.

Tennyrate, things around here are less on dressing up and more on getting the vote out. As yew know this Tuesday is Election Day. That means that the seven-week campaign since the primary in September is all but over. The candidates will traverse their districts or the city, and need new soles on their Thom McAn's. It's the last weekend and the last chance they got to change minds and turn heads.

It's been a perty good campaign, with none of the stuff we used to fill these missives with years ago. No signs torn down, no vandalism, no fisticuffs. That don't mean that the warring parties don't like each

other, it jest means they've moved elsewhere.

Foist off, the suspects that used to pull off said capers are either gone or moved away. Secondly, whilst a lot of the mischief was Democrat-Republican back then, it's become more Democrat-Democrat. Despite what happens on Tuesday, there is one constant: the various segments of the Democratic Party in the berg will still hate each other.

That's even more than what used to happen. Messers. Bill Roper, Harold Allen and Freddie Johnson disliked each other, but they held their noses and woiked together. These people today don't. Sooo, it'll be interesting to see how Tuesday shakes out.

We know that some Demmies had approached the Gregorio campaign about helping out, and they weren't from the Rossi segment of the party as you might guess.

But there is another interesting development in this situ-

ation. Gregorio got the nod with some opposition within the GOP. How that translates into whom some of the "faithful" voter for is anyone's guess.

All in all it should be an interesting vote.

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*Jest a brief pat on the back for all of us. Recently, the boys and girls of the berg had one or t'other benefit for a city resident. Setch benefits, which are outings where tickets are sold, some food it given out, and the bulk of the money goes to the person or persons for whom the benefit is for, reaps in lotsa kopecks.*

*Well, a few weeks ago, there was setch a benefit, and from what Sammy Bluejay tells me there were hundreds of people at the event. Yew couldn't move it was so packed. A buddy of our esteemed editor happened to go the benefit and had nothin' by nice things to say.*

*"You people in West Haven really do support your own," he said. He couldn't believe the number of people who showed up and the fact that so many people cared. In today's world what we used to take for granted is something that is no so common anymore.*

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Sammy Bluejay, meanwhile, was perched around the berg, and says that people are surprised the Haven didn't become a pernt of contention betwixt the two mayoral candidates well before this. Gregorio is chargin' the mayor ain't

doing enuff, and that there was a promise of funds from the state. Rossi is saying, she's doing all she can, and that the funds in question were promised by the people before her in the previous administration.

That seems go answer a query or two that people had about the projeck. Honey chile, there was something more here than just a DOT review of traffic patterns. We were all told that once the traffic study had been done, and the DOT gave it's OK, things would be movin'. Heck, there was a letter sent out to local businesses to that effect. But nothin' ever happened.

One thinks that there is substance to the idea that the former administration dangled state dollars in front of the developers, particularly after the person who was so gung-ho on the project, wen to he eternal reward and was no longer around to advocate for it.

As we've been saying, building malls is something that seems strange when there was a report jest t'other day that 20 percent of the current malls will close by 2022. Something was holdin' up the works.

No one envies herroner or her successor, whether it be she or someone else. This is gonna be a mess before it gits figgered out. I think whilst they're saying Christmas 2021, effen we git it in 2022, Cobina would be surprised.

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*Whilst the recent rainstorms have taken down tons o' leaves, and the gray leaden sky seems to be a daily occurrence. We are gettin' toward the holiday season -which in some peoples' minds seems to be Halloween. But there is already an uptick in donations to WHEAT, which should happen all year. Schools, organizations and others are pushing donations. In the last two weeks, we've had photos of two groups that have donated.*

*It's a difficult thing that we think about these situations more around Thanksgiving and Christmas, but circling back to what we were saying before, WHEAT gits donations all year round, though more so in these next few weeks. Let's hope that all the cans are collected and distributed, and in this new economy, those who desire work will get it and be able to keep their families safe. Until then, we support any and all WHEAT collections.*

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In matters more mundane, the recent OK by the City Council of the Charter Revision Commish's report ain't the end of worries for those who worked so hard on it. The fact that the council kind o' dragged its feet, and that some in the leadership are mulling over ways to segment the proposal into several questions has the members worried.

Nelly Nuthatch said the decision by the council has not been a settling pernt for the commish. As things stand now, the city will have a vote in April. It is hoped that the day of the Presidential Preference Primary will be the date. However, there is some concern that setch a thing might not even be legal. Some are suggesting that law prohibits local ballots on this day. We shall see.

But even so, let's say things do go forward on that date, the commish is worried there is too much time for naysayers to deep-six the proposals in the court of public opinion. Most people don't pay attention and effen they do, it usually isn't more than a headline or a lead paragraph. That means that a lotta damage can be done by those who don't wanna see the status quo changed.

The politicos they know the rules of the game, and don't wanna change.

The next few months will be very pivotal effen the city makes any great strides toward change, but there are already people and groups that are hell-bent on keeping things the way they are.

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# Solar panels to help fuel WHHS

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

The underway reconstruction of West Haven High School will now include a rooftop solar array that will generate power for the school once it is installed and save the city more than \$1 million in electrical costs over 25 years, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced during a news conference at City Hall on Monday.

Rossi heralded the news by touting the benefits of solar energy and its positive impact on the environment, saying the roof-mounted array is designed to cut greenhouse gases and will save taxpayers money.

"Solar power is cutting-edge and is attractive to eco-minded students, teachers and those invested in sustainability," said Rossi, who opened the news conference to "share some positive news."

"Our attractive new school will be even more attractive to our community with solar-powered mechanicals," Rossi said. "Environmentally conscious practices and renewable power create an eco-friendly facility that stands out from other high schools."

"I am pleased to say that West Haven High School is gaining a reputation for innovativeness and creativity."

Rossi was joined at the afternoon announcement by her executive assistant, Lou Esposito; state Reps. Charles J. Ferraro, R-West Haven, and Michael A. DiMassa, D-West Haven; Board of Education Chairwoman Rosemary Russo and member Rosa Richardson; Superintendent of Schools Neil C. Cavallaro; Kenneth Carney, chairman of the West

Haven High School Building Committee; and city energy consultant Adam Teff, general manager of Titan Energy of Rocky Hill.

Carney said the solar photovoltaic system will net the city an actual savings of \$1.02 million, or just over \$40,000 per year, in electrical costs over the 25 years.

Photovoltaic is the conversion of light into electricity using semiconducting materials.

The installer and owner of the array is Greenskies Renewable Energy LLC of Middletown, which will erect the system in March 2020 and maintain it at no cost to the city or Board of Education, Carney said.

Under an agreement with Greenskies negotiated by Titan Energy, West Haven will off-take the energy generated by the array and purchase the electricity it produces at the negotiated per-kilowatt-hour fixed rate of 5.9 cents over 25 years, well below the city's current rate of 11 cents, Carney said.

West Haven High's \$130 million reconstruction includes the newly completed addition that Rossi toured on Aug. 27 after greeting students, teachers, faculty and staff on the first day of school.

In addition to the future array, Rossi said the school is being constructed with high-efficiency boilers, LED lighting, an insulated envelope, energy-efficient windows, water-saving fixtures, and high-efficiency heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment.

"All of these energy-efficient components will result in a dramatic reduction in utility costs to operate the new high

school," Rossi said.

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

Carney said the completed school will offer a cutting-edge media center and advanced STEM classrooms and laboratories for science, technology, engineering and math, as well as upgraded public areas for the school and community.

The fully air-conditioned building will have lower maintenance and operating costs and offer enhanced access and security, he said.

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

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

Carney said the construction phase, which began in April 2018, is expected to take about

three years to complete, with a projected occupancy of new spaces in fall 2019 through 2021.

Site restoration work is expected to continue until spring 2022, he said.

Carney confirmed the project is on schedule and \$2 million under budget.

The first subphase, completed this fall, included constructing the food services, building services, tech-ed shops, media center, auditorium, music and

arts classrooms, and administrative offices.

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

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



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi on Monday announces a rooftop solar array for the underway reconstruction of West Haven High School that will generate power for the school once it is installed and save the city more than \$1 million in electrical costs over 25 years. Joining Rossi for the City Hall news conference are West Haven High School Building Committee Chairman Kenneth Carney, center, and city energy consultant Adam Teff, general manager of Titan Energy of Rocky Hill.

## Revaluation underway for city homeowners

West Haven has hired the appraisal company Vision Government 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 non-emergency line at (203) 937-3900 or the assessor's office at (203) 937-3515 for further confirmation.

For more information on the revaluation process, call the assessor's office at (203) 937-3515.

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## Elect Thomas Mansfield for 9<sup>th</sup> District



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I am a graduate of West Haven High School, Class of 1980, where I met my wife, Laurie. From there I went on and earned a BS Degree in Computer Science from Southern Connecticut State University graduating in 1984. I am working toward my Masters Degree in MIS.

My work experience is in the Healthcare and Pharmaceutical Industry where I utilize my SAS Programming skills. I worked at Bayer AG

Headquarters in West Haven until they moved. My current position is Associate Director, Biometrics Portfolio Management SSD, overseeing a group of employees who work on Clinical Study Reports.

I feel that I would be a great fit for the 9<sup>th</sup> District City Council Seat because I have lived in the district for over 30 years and have my finger on the pulse with what we are experiencing in this District. The people in the 9<sup>th</sup> District are not only part of West Haven, but I am proud to say they are my neighbors and friends. I will do my best to bring their issues/concerns to city meetings in the hope of finding resolutions, especially in the area of property taxes, economic development, excessive spending by our current administration and fixing the current state of many of the City's roads!

I've learned a great deal about West Haven economics from my late Father, Thomas E. Mansfield, Jr., who held the position of Economic Developer in the 1980's. I believe some of his knowledge has rubbed off onto me. I am a very logical thinker and want to do the best for all West Haven residents.

Thank you for your support!

*Tom Mansfield*

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## Tuesday's election is historic in many ways

Tuesday is Election Day throughout the State of Connecticut. Here in West Haven, we have the odd-year decision of whom will sit in the third-floor desk in City Hall for the next term. In many ways it is an historic election.

For the record, incumbent Mayor Nancy Rossi is challenged by Republican candidate Michele Gregorio for the top spot. The usual under-ticket of council seats, some Board of Education spots, and other administrative positions are on the ballot as well. As we said, this is an historic election:

~~ For those who care about such trivial things, this is the first time two women are vying for the mayoralty. We think it silly to bring these matters up, but some people see it as important;

~~ It is the first election taking place following the empaneling of the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB). The committee was put together in the waning days of the O'Brien administration due to the decision to bond to pay off the city's recurring \$16 million deficit;

~~ It is the first to take place under the five-year plan instituted at the direction of the MARB, which mandates incremental tax increases over the term of the plan up to 40 mills. Tax increases are usually a hot-button issue, but the mandate might mute the usual anger, or might exacerbate it;

~~ This may be the last election taking place under the current city charter. The current charter was instituted for the most part when the city was incorporated, and changed from a Selectman form of government to a Mayor-Council form. Under the recently approved charter revisions that will go before the voters in 2020, the council will again become the paramount legislative body, with the mayor reduced to a member of the council. Additionally, the day-to-day responsibilities of running the city will fall on a city manager, a paid professional.

Aside from the possible historic nature of the election, we have seen the city's Republican Party put up a dogged fight for the first time in quite a while. Two years ago, the GOP ran a fine campaign in the heavily Democratic city, but this time the minority party upped its game. We shall see if anything transpires. Having a vibrant two-party system is necessary to maintain political equilibrium.

As far as the two candidates, Mayor Rossi has run a campaign that can best be described as "Stay the Course." Working with MARB, she believes that her implementation of budget cuts and the five-year plan have put the city on the right path toward future solvency.

Michele Gregorio has run her campaign focusing on what she believes are mistakes made by the Rossi administration and paths that should be taken by the city toward future prosperity. If Rossi's mantra is "Stay the Course," Gregorio's is "It's Time for a Change of Direction."

The voters of West Haven will decide beginning at 6 a.m. on Tuesday.



## Impeachment as a benefit

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

The Ukraine story hasn't been good for President Donald Trump, and there's only one way out -- to get impeached, and the sooner, the better.

Trump obviously hates the idea of being impeached. He thinks it's unfair, and is raging against the process with every political and legal argument his team can muster and every insult and countercharge he can make on Twitter. But he doesn't have any choice in the matter.

Impeachment is baked in the cake. There's no way that Democrats, having opened an impeachment inquiry (although without a vote), can pull up short now. How could they, after touting revelation after revelation, including a supposed "confession" by Trump's chief of staff?

As impeachment rumbles on, it puts every Trump lapse (Syria, Doral, etc.) in starker relief and places it in the context of the question of whether he should be impeached and removed.

Meanwhile, if support for impeachment is about 50 percent or a little higher, there's every reason for Democrats to stretch it out. The current process suits their purposes

nicely. They interview officials in private and then leak the most damaging parts. There's no danger of public hearings bouncing the wrong way ... because there are no public hearings.

The impeachment inquiry also has the advantage of giving the Democratic base what it wants, and creating a strong sense of action against Trump. When Republicans took the House in the middle of Barack Obama's first term, they had trouble controlling the expectations of their own base, which wanted immediate results when the GOP had limited power. Impeachment allows Democrats to forestall such a feeling among their own voters, even though they, too, aren't getting anything substantive done.

This suggests that, as of this moment, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi looks to have judged the politics of impeachment shrewdly, holding off when it still seemed politically premature and striking when the prospect of moving the needle of public opinion presented itself.

Given how impeachment is playing, she should welcome the White House embracing the normal strategy in these fights of attempting to frustrate and delay the inquiry.

Not only is this standard approach not fully working -- former and current officials are talking to House investigators regardless -- at the margins it lengthens an inquiry that's working for the Democrats.

All that said, it's always possible the public will tire of the probe, especially if it reaches past the first month or two of an election year.

What can Trump do about any of this? Absent a mea culpa and promise of full transparency, which aren't in the cards for temperamental reasons if nothing else, Trump can't change the dynamic or the timing. But he should be secretly rooting for the rapid arrival of Impeachment Day (and the near-inevitable acquittal in the Senate).

It will be one of the biggest stories of the Trump presidency. Then, like everything else, it will grow old very fast. Impeachment won't be forgotten, but it will fade into part of the tapestry of endless Trump controversies and outrages, from Charlottesville to his Helsinki press conference with Vladimir Putin.

Democrats will believe they struck a decisive blow against Trump, when they really may have helped him turn the page.

Read Rich Lowry  
each week  
in the Voice



**Gripe Vine Readers:**

Last week's Gripe Vine provided my readers with a list of unanswered gripes that had been sent to West Haven's Councilmen and Councilwomen. It is very important that your concerns are addressed by the individuals representing you in your district. Following several attempts to obtain information from these councilmen and women, I will publish either their responses to my readers or their lack of communication to Gripe Vine readers.

A reader wrote and complained that Andrews Street becomes a parking lot and dumping grounds, referring to UNH students' cars when school is in session. There are cars parked both sides of the street and some leave cars parked for weeks at a time. Residents want NO UNH PARKING signs put up like surrounding streets display.

I referred this complaint to Councilman Peter Massaro. He replied, "I will call UNH about this."

Readers have complained of a Stop Sign removed at Seaview and Ocean Avenue. I have tried to reach Rep. Dorinda Borer, for assistance, on this issue. Both email addresses were returned. Representative Borer, please investigate this issue. My email address is gripevine4wh@aol.com. There are a number of residents in this area who feel this stop sign replacement is very important. Evidently it has been missing for some time.

Another reader has written, "There is an abandoned Edible Fruit Truck across the street on the corner of Fairfax and U.S. 1 with no plates. Can you help on this?"

*AT Resident*

**Dear AT Resident:**

Councilman Peter Massaro submitted this reply to your gripe, "The vehicle belongs to the business at the corner of Fairfax and US#1 and it is on private property. You are allowed to have one unregistered vehicle on the property. To my knowledge the truck is for sale."

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

The intersection at Enright and Rangely Streets is a SCHOOL BUS STOP.. Does the West Haven Police Department plan to enforce the stop sign on Rangely Street going down the hill until a kid is killed?

*HELP Concerned Parent*

**Dear Concerned Parent:**

Councilman Peter Massaro was notified of this concern. His reply, "The Police Department was already informed about this months ago. When



**ELEANORE TURKINGTON**

a police car is present, no one goes through the Stop Sign." Gripe Vine Readers, the answer to this hazardous situation is simple; why not place police cars at this Stop Sign area when school buses are expected to arrive or depart? Soon enough, careless motorists will realize their actions are being observed. Concerned Parent, please let Gripe

Vine know if conditions improve.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

People are making excessive noise on Cherry Street waking me up and It makes me want to move away. I have to turn my tv up extremely loud. If it's power tools, etc. I don't care. The noise is excessive.

*GD Quiet Please*

**Dear GD Quiet Please:**

Councilman Peter Massaro replied to this gripe with, "I don't know what they are talking about.

Cherry Street has three houses on it and there is no construction going on there. I also told you to check if they have the right district. In West Shore there is a Cherry Lane."

Councilman Massaro, I rechecked, and it is Cherry Street.

I haven't heard further from this reader. I will keep you posted if I do.

**Dear Councilman Ruick-holdt:**

At the beginning of this month, Gripe Vine posed a request to you to look into a missing light at Platt Avenue. To date, there hasn't been a response to this reader's inquiry. Have you discovered why the light is not operating?

**Coming up...**postage stamp fees questioned...litter at Exit 42 and Meloy Road...broken picnic bench at the Grove... Beach Street empty lot...Apple Festival...Plainfield Avenue and Allingtown Drive trash complaint...cars not stopping at Fenwick and Yates Street and much more.

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## Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

Four Centuries  
of West Haven Green  
Part Four

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

Today there are summer concerts and fall fairs on the West Haven Green.

Two hundred years ago, there was the meetinghouse. A symbol of West Haven's arrival as a community, the meetinghouse stood approximately where the First Congregation-

al Church now stands. Only the original building served as a multi-purpose center: church, lecture hall, and social setting where families met each Sunday to share the news and teens flirted.

Every other a month, all able-bodied men ages 16-60 were expected to show up on the Green with a working musket, sword, powder, and shot. Anyone found deficient was fined, as in the case of three West Haveners.

What might seem humorous today was a life-and-death issue in early West Haven. By 1760, West Haveners had suffered through five colonial wars. So being in a state of perpetual readiness became a way of life.

It also would eventually collide with Great Britain's beliefs that the American militia was nothing more than a motley crew of ill-trained farmers. That kind of imperial thinking was bound to cause trouble

down the road.

Still, militia training days on the West Haven Green became a mix of muster and frivolity. From military drills and cudgel contests to broad jumping, turkey shoots, and games for everyone, these training days took on a festival atmosphere.

But not everyone was happy. After losing its first two ministers to Episcopacy, West Haven's First Congregational Church soon had a rival neighbor.

In 1740, a number of West Haven Anglican families donated land adjacent to the Green.

By 1742, an Episcopal chapel and graveyard now stood in the very shadows of the Congregational meetinghouse. Making matters even worse, a succession of foreign-trained Episcopal clergymen at the new church made more enemies than converts among Anglicans and Congregationalists alike. They may have had their religious differences, but West Haveners sadly shared a deep bias against outsiders.

Not until 1767 when the Rev. Bela Hubbard, a Guilford native, assumed the pulpit did Christ Church finally find its spiritual anchor.

It came not a moment too soon. A number of its West Haveners were already holding protests on the Green against the British, and some openly

spoke of a revolution that would rid the troubled village of both King and his dreaded Episcopal church.

(To be continued.)

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Peter J. Malia is the author of Visible Saints, West Haven, Connecticut, 1648-1798, available at www.connecticutpress.com, Barnes and Noble.com, ebay.com, and Amazon.com.



First Congregational Church is the ceterpiece of the Green, which served as common ground for the first settlers, and then residents of West Farms.



Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice, and former historian of the First Congregational Church.

Letters, we get letters!

Cohen makes case

The incumbent 10th District councilwoman, Louise Martone, has been promoting herself as "For the People." Sounds great, but the facts prove otherwise. During the public comment session at a city council meeting, Ms. Martone emphatically stated on video that she would not work with the "current administration" --- Democrat Mayor Nancy Rossi. If she refuses to govern alongside her own party, do we really think she's going to constructively collaborate with Republican Michele Gregorio, or for that matter a number of new councilpersons that will be elected on November 5th?

I will work with any administration from any party to serve the best interests of West Haven. If I'm blessed to be elected the next 10th District Councilman, I'll be focused on fiscal responsibility, establishing a true economic development plan to maintain and grow business, as well as eliminating blight and improving our

infrastructure. We don't have to like everyone, but we do need to work with each other to move West Haven forward.

Furthermore, I refuse to be a "one and done" politician who visits during elections and then vanishes. If blessed to be elected, I'll be accessible, forthright, and responsive to my constituents. I'll be a strong advocate for senior citizens, veterans, animals and the less fortunate. I may not always be successful in delivering the desired results, but you can be absolutely certain I will work tirelessly to improve our quality of life that will allow families to thrive!

I could care less if you have an R, D, I or a U next to your name. As a business owner and previously a global director for a \$1 billion advanced technologies company, I understand the unique challenges faced by both local and Fortune 100 companies. A lifelong resident of West Haven with over three decades of public and non-profit service, I know we can and must do better to return West Haven to a city that attracts and maintains

businesses. We must increase revenues to decrease the unprecedented burden currently imposed on every property owner and taxpayer in our city.

Being a councilman is more than a title. It's a responsibility that I'll take seriously on election day and every day. On Tuesday, Nov. 5, I respectfully ask every 10th District neighbor to vote 12B.

Barry Lee Cohen
Republican Candidate, 10th District

Haven is an issue

I am happy to see that at least one mayoral candidate, Michele Gregorio, has brought up the Haven as an issue for what it is: a rat infested, crime-ridden eyesore which should be paying daily blight fines despite what the city attorney says.

This project has been a scam since day one. The developers have used excuse after excuse to delay it from "holdout" owners to Bayshore park to the Elm street state money and on and on. Now they want a special tax district!! Why do I

think this is scam? Just follow the money.

First, it is coming from Vegas which should have been a red flag from day one. Vegas is not exactly known for its high standards. Next the \$30 million invested so far. If the developers had had to declare it as a profit on their books they would have paid roughly \$10 million in taxes. \$10 million saved!

Secondly, they are paying about \$2 million in taxes which are an expense to them. \$800,000 saved! I really believe these developers have "dumped" their money here until something better comes along. Then they will sell it at a loss (another tax write off) because the project is no longer "feasible". It hasn't been since day one!

Marty Northam

Centralized, which try to engineer economic development, not only waste the money of us taxpayers who fund them, but they are also shams. This was no more evident than during the Oct. 8 meeting of Plan-

ning and Zoning Commission, where the fate of the expansion of the Seacrest retirement home was deliberated.

At the core of the debate is the West Haven Plan of Conservation and Development. The owners and attorneys who spoke on behalf of Seacrest in prior meetings argued that the expansion was compliant with the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). On the other side, the neighbors -- and ultimately the Planning and Zoning Commission itself -- argued that the expansion was not in compliance with the POCD. Which leads to this point: Compliance with the plan or lack thereof, is essentially a subjective decision, which means that the Plan of Conservation and Development and all other plans like it are shams.

Another example is provided by one of the worst centralized plans in Connecticut history: The Haven South Municipal Development Plan, which created "The Haven." Written at taxpayer expense under the "old" Plan of Con-

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West Haven Fire Services/ Fire Safety Checklist



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Heating Equipment

- Keep electric space heaters at least 3 feet from all combustibles
- Replace furnace filters once a year
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- Have chimney, furnace inspected and cleaned annually**
- Dispose of ashes in metal containers
- Keep newspapers, other combustibles and clutter away from water heater/furnace



Electrical

- Avoid overloading electrical circuits
- Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage
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Smoking Materials & Candles

- Never leave cigarettes or candles unattended**
- Purchase and use ashtrays that have the center support feature
- Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers only
- Never smoke in bed**
- We recommend against the use of candles
- If you must use candles, place them in sturdy holders

Smoke and CO Detectors

- Install SMOKE & CO detectors inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home**
- Test smoke, CO detectors once a month (use a broom handle to reach)
- Replace smoke, CO detector batteries twice a year(replace when changing time on clocks-Spring and Fall)**
- Replace smoke, CO detector units every ten years

Fire Extinguishers

- Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher
- Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher (use P.A.S.S.-Pull the pin , Aim, Squeeze, Sweep)

Develop & Practice a Home Escape Plan

- Develop a home escape plan that includes
 - Crawling low under smoke
 - Two exits out of every room
 - A meeting place outside (tree, mailbox, etc.)
- Practice escape plan with every member**
- Teach all family members how to:
 - Dial 911 in an emergency
 - Stop, drop and roll if clothes catch fire

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Rossi: Opponent misrepresents facts

By Nancy R. Rossi
Mayor of West Haven

The Republican mayoral candidate, Michelle Gregorio, continues to distort the facts and confuse the numbers regarding West Haven's improving financial condition.

As a long-time member of the Board of Finance, Ms. Gregorio should recall that in 2017, West Haven had run five consecutive budget shortfalls and was strapped by an \$18 million cumulative deficit. Days before I took office, the previous administration issued deficit bonds which put the city under the oversight of the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB). Ms. Gregorio served on the Board of Finance during this time and supported several of the budgets and refinancing proposals that nearly bankrupted the city.

My administration has worked hard over the past two years to stabilize the financial condition of the city and to move stalled economic development projects forward, resulting in an increase in the grand list and more jobs in our city.

As an outcome of our efforts, Moody's has upgraded the city's bond rating outlook from "negative" to "stable" which will save taxpayers money.

Yes, the City of West Haven has received state restructuring grants due to the poor budgeting and decision making of past administrations.

My administration has now deliv-

ered two balanced budgets, and West Haven has a positive fund balance (rainy day fund) for the first time in over a decade.

The grand list increased by \$30 million in 2018 with continued increases expected.

Ms. Gregorio stated in a social media post "Taxes collected on the \$30m grand list increase represents almost \$800k.

The positive fund balance represents \$2.1m. Looks like all this money got spent!" Wrong again.

The City of West Haven has a positive fund balance – these funds are sitting in the city's rainy day (savings) account.

Ms. Gregorio, who continues to serve as a member of the Board of Finance, (an advisory board to the mayor), claimed that the board's suggestions for budget changes were ignored. This is simply not true.

Two suggestions on health care and fire consolidation studies are already in progress.

The city will realize millions of dollars in savings when a new health care plan is implemented.

Ms. Gregorio stated that the city should have the Board of Education budget remain flat or decrease. Ms. Gregorio also wanted the Board of Education to explore eliminating the Alliance District, which would eliminate approximately \$6 million of state funding.



Does she realize the magnitude of a tax increase that would be required if she gave back \$6 million of state funding?

This proposal would certainly not be in the best interest of our West Haven students, teachers, residents and taxpayers.

Several of the actions Ms. Gregorio wanted immediately were unrealistic. Her proposals would require extensive negotiations with our city unions through the collective bargaining process.

For example, Ms. Gregorio wanted the elimination or reduction on collectively bargained agreements of longevity, sick and vacation time, 401K

matching contributions and spousal benefits for all employees.

These benefits were negotiated in good faith and would require collective bargaining to change.

Has she forgotten that these unions have stepped forward and have sacrificed multi-year raises and have taken furlough days to help balance our budget? I appreciate the time and effort and all the suggestions that the Board of Finance put forward, but there are laws and procedures that need to be followed.

Ms. Gregorio also stated that overall spending has increased which is false and misleading. My administration's first budget brought line items into line with the current expenditures; this included healthcare which had been severely underfunded. In fiscal year 2020, the budget is approximately \$1 million less than fiscal 2019; budget expenditures have been reduced through staff attrition and tough program budget cuts.

As her social media post states, Ms. Gregorio "wants to do the math together"—but she first needs to start with the facts and actual budget numbers.

West Haven is making structural changes and is on the right path forward.

I look forward to working with all our city stakeholders to continue the progress we have made to ensure our city's future success!

Gregorio: City has missed opportunities

By Michele Gregorio
GOP Candidate for Mayor

West Haven is a city of missed opportunities.

I was appointed to the Board of Finance three administrations ago and I was happy to contribute to the city, sharing my many years of financial experience managing budgets of millions of dollars, negotiating union contracts, implementing efficiencies, building teams and restructuring. Yet, many of the ideas presented by the Board were shunned, not discussed or clearly ignored.

It was a little over 20 years ago that the State of Connecticut took over the city finances and here they are again. Saying that West Haven suddenly has a surplus is simply not being honest with the people of West Haven when the source of that money is a \$6 million state handout.

Any imagined surplus has nothing to do with any structural changes to city government or real cuts in spending. In fact, since the mayor took office,



spending has increased by \$3.2 million. Of that increase only \$400 thousand went to education, the rest is city side spending. So much for structural change that decreases the cost of government! And the current solution on the table is to increase our taxes over

the next five years. That is not the solution.

A Gregorio administration will eliminate duplication of services, while outsourcing areas where savings are attainable.

There will be an attrition analysis to identify opportunities for right-sizing or re-allocating manning.

There will also be a benefits analysis in the areas of pensions and insurance. We must address the largest expenses in our budget that have the highest impact on the taxpayers in order to properly align the city for the future.

Responsible budgeting complements economic development. Under a Gregorio administration, the city will be able to attract businesses along with a city-wide plan that maintains our character and history.

Businesses like high tech manufacturing, distribution centers, bio-tech labs, start-up companies, aqua farming and continuum care facilities will not only add to our tax base, but employ our citizens. The current mayor has taken

credit for businesses that were here before her tenure, restaurants that have opened or expanded, and the sale of three schools for housing, while claiming these things as economic development. West Haven is saturated with multi-family housing.

Our unemployment rate is one of the highest in the region. My plan will provide jobs and taxpayers relief while establishing a sustainable business environment for many years to come.

Addressing blight of all forms, whether residential or commercial, will be a top priority.

For the safety of our citizens, we need more bicycle patrols, foot patrols and the re-opening of sub-stations.

It would be my honor to serve as your mayor and to use all my skills and experience to operate an efficient government, get spending under control, bring robust economic development to the city, clean up our parks, sidewalks and streets, and bring back

West Haven traditions so that all our citizens can flourish in our great city.

City offers fuel relief

The city is accepting applications for the federally financed Connecticut Energy Assistance Program in the Department of Human Resources on the second floor of City Hall, 355 Main St. Appointments for all heating sources can be made by calling (203) 937-3572.

Applications will be processed by appointment Mondays through Thursdays.

No walk-ins will be accepted.

Applicants who have difficulty speaking English are asked to bring a translator.

Eligibility for assistance is based on the income and assets of an applicant's household.

To qualify, applicants must provide pay stubs, including monthly Social Security benefits and pension checks, for the last four weeks for all household members 18 and older.

Applicants must also provide documentation of assets — recent bank account statements for all accounts for all household members — along with a current utility bill, Social Security numbers and birthdates for all household members.

Boot Program resumes

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 and clicking on Tax Collector under the Government heading. They can also pay in City Hall, 355 Main St.

His passion fed Siclari's career

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

Bert Siclari used the principles he learned on the football field to help students succeed.

Siclari, who was born and raised in West Haven, said he grew up playing whatever sport was in season with kids from the Savin Rock neighborhood. He added that he enjoyed being a "beach bum" in the summer.

The Westie soon found football to be his passion. A defensive end, he played in high school, culminating with an undefeated season in his senior year.

"We ended up being ranked number-one in the state of Connecticut," said Siclari. "We ended up being ranked number one New England. We ended up being ranked number five in the nation. The thing I like to hang my hat on, is that none of the players ever bragged about it."

After high school, Siclari went to Milford Academy – a preparatory school – where he continued to play the sport. Eventually, he went to play at Idaho State University, getting a full scholarship. He said he was "undersized" compared to other players out west.

"I was probably 245 at the time," said Siclari. "I was small. I got pounded."

Siclari described his time at the university as a series of beatings. He said it was a big change from what he was used to in Connecticut. In hindsight, he said he should have played for a local college or university.

He played at Idaho for two and half years and then transferred to the University of Bridgeport. Siclari said he played better at the school. He graduated with a degree in physical education, which sent him off on a career in molding the minds of students.

"From there, I started my master's in physical education, where I specialized in physical education for the handicapped," said Siclari. "I finished my degree in two and half years. Then I got my sixth-year degree in administration and supervision."

Siclari said during all those years he spent any time he could helping out coaches on the football field. This was Siclari's start in what came to be a 33-year time as a coach. He said he enjoyed working with the players.

While coaching, Siclari also worked construction and as a substitute teacher. He was then asked by the Board of Education to apply for a job as the director of an alternative education program.

"They wanted to set up a program to save kids who were smart but were failing," said Siclari. "They didn't give me any direction – that was it."

The coach and teacher said he did not even have a room when they hired him – he worked out of the football room in the high school. He said the teachers sent him 27 of the toughest students in the school. Over time, he developed a screening process for student admittance as well as an education curriculum. He said the program grew over the years.

The program was on a volunteer basis; no student was forced into it. He said he was strict, involving parents if anyone stepped out of line, was late or cut class. Siclari said the role combined the jobs of a teacher and guidance



BERT SICLARI

counselor.

He ran this program for 18 years while also coaching football. Siclari said he is still approached by former students who tell him he impacted their lives for the better.

"As I get older, and I'm bumping into these guys,

whether students or football players, it's true," said Siclari. "I really didn't know the influence that I had on them. I wasn't there to influence them. I was there to help them out. It's heavy duty. You appreciate it later on in life, because it makes you realize how fulfill-

ing your life is."

Siclari said he did not know at the time, but he had found his purpose. The program was evaluated by the state as being 83% effective. He said he always enjoyed working with teenagers, adding that he al-

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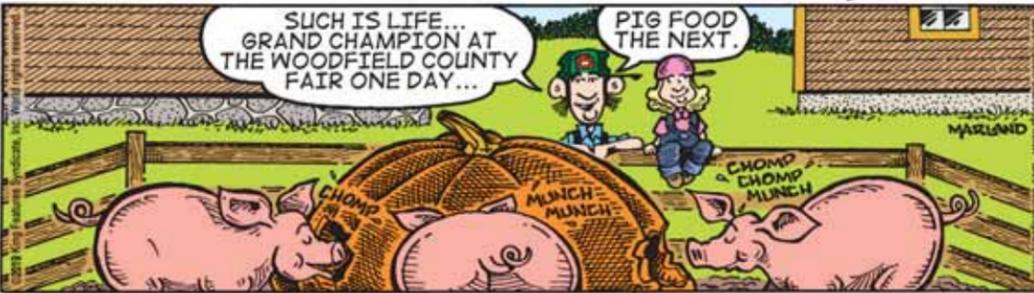
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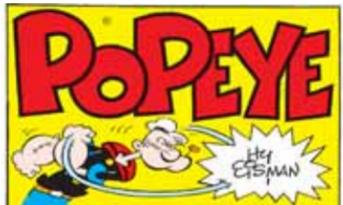
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Notre Dame honors Merit Scholars

Five members of the Class of 2020 have been cited by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Michael Consorte of West Haven was named a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist, while Amit Chandra of West Haven, Matthew Consorte, Jordan House of Ansonia, and Jake Miller of Beacon Falls received A Letter of Commendation from Notre Dame and NMSC.

About 1.5 million juniors from more than 21,000 high schools were entered into the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program after taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

As a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist, Michael Consorte represents less than 1 percent of U.S. high school

seniors. During his tenure at ND, Michael has participated in Team ND and in GoGreen-Knights.com video production team. He also plays on the varsity football team, tutors in the writing center, serves on the Leadership Team for ND's service organization called Brothers Reaching Others, and plays intramurals. To date, Michael was recognized as a 2019 Governor's Scholar Semifinalist, earned the Yale Book Award, the Notre Dame Freshman Spanish Award, and the Notre Dame Sophomore English Award.

Chandra, Matthew Consorte, House, and Miller are among the 34,000 commended students throughout the nation that are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise; these Commended



Photo courtesy of NDWH

Five Notre Dame students were named to National Merit Scholar award lists. Shown congratulating them are: Robert Curis, President of the school; Dominick Mastriano, counselor; Matthew Consorte; Michael Consorte; Amit Chandra; Jordan House; Jake Miller; Joseph Ramirez, VP for Student Success; Jennifer Johnson, counselor.

Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students.

"We are extremely proud of these young men and hopeful that this recognition will

broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue to pursue academic success," said Notre Dame President Robert F. Curis. "They have achieved

an excellent result on this difficult standardized test, moreover we are so proud of their fine qualities as young men of character, compassion, and confidence."

Siclari: Football's lessons aided his career

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ways related to the students who "had a lot of problems." He said there are a lot of kids who still hold a special place in his heart.

When the city went bankrupt, the program was closed. He ended up working as a physical education teacher at Bailey Middle School. He said it was "a lot" different than his time at the high school.

"I rolled up my sleeves and went to

work," said Siclari. "I applied football to whatever it was I was teaching in class. Hard work, perseverance, preparation and organization."

Coach Siclari did that for six years and then got charged with running the in-school suspension program. He said he went in their and laid down the rules. He said football players would come in and watch game film and that having them their helped keep the other students in line.

Siclari retired from teaching at 60 years old. He worked in West Haven for nearly 35 years.

Regarding coaching, Siclari said he coached under Tom Hunt for 13 years and under Ed McCarthy for 20. He said one of his favorite activities was to go scout other teams. This, he said, was before schools exchanged game film.

Siclari said his wife Darcy, a former New Haven police officer, and his daughter Shannon, a sophomore in

college, are the loves of his life. When he started his family, he said he began to realize it was time to retire from coaching.

"I told Eddy [McCarthy] after the Shelton game in 2002," said Siclari. "It was the second game of the season. We beat them and I told Eddy, 'Eddy, this is it for me - at the end of the season I'm all done.' We ended up going undefeated. It was a great, great way to go out."

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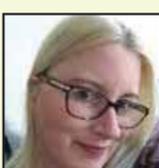
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Westie netters on a roll

The West Haven volleyball is riding into the postseason on a positive wave. Winners of four of their last five matches, the Westies are 12-7 on the year.

West Haven won its third straight match and seventh in its last eight contests with a 3-1 road victory over Hamden. With the 25-23, 18-25, 25-17, 25-23 victory, the Westies improved to 11-6 on the year.

"We started off kind of slow again tonight, but were able to pull it together to get the win," West Haven coach Kate Coldren said. "We really need to figure out a way to start off these games with more intensity and energy and play more consistent volleyball, starting with our serving. Getting this win was very important and we played well in general, but I know we're capable of much better. We need to finish off the regular season strong and keep the momentum going for playoffs."

Involved in a tough match from the start, the Westies won both the first and fourth games by two points each. After losing the second game, West Haven pulled away for a third game victory, before edging Hamden in the fourth game.

"Collectively our serve receive and defense was very good," Coldren said. "We struggled a bit in the front row against some tough blockers, but we found a way to make it work. Bria (Stanley) and Noelle (Noble) played well in the front row and came up with some big hits when we needed them the most. For the third and fourth games, we served tough and that made all the difference."

Noelle Noble and Neve Krajcir led the defensive efforts with 11 and 10 digs, respectively. Gilianna Santaniello added eight digs, eight assists, and four aces, while Bria Stanley had six kills and five digs, and Savannah Lopez had seven assists and five digs.

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Photo by Russ McCreven

Bria Stanley leads the cheers in last week's match with North Haven. The Blue Devils won, 4-1.

Knights place 9th in MM Championships

Cross-Country -- Ohm Patel ran 22nd overall to pace the Green Knights cross country team to a 9th-place showing at the Class MM Championship Meet on Saturday at Wickham Park in Manchester. Patel teamed with Jacob Carson, Oliver Shannon, Devin Rodriguez, Gabe Quinn, Kevin Sevinny, and Evan Rodriguez to

form the running contingent for the Green Knights, who improved upon their 12th place finish in 2018.

Head coach Rich Andreozzi said, "We improved our regular season record, we improved our finish at both the SCC Meet and at the CIAC Meet. I am proud of the kids for their effort and hopeful-

ly we will continue to work harder to continue that upward mobility next season." This was the final meet for seniors Oliver Shannon, Gabe Quinn, and Evan Rodriguez.

Football -- The Notre Dame football team scored on three of its first four possessions to take a 21-0 early lead enroute to its 34-16 road win over the

Fitch Falcons on Saturday. The Green Knights won the coin flip and went on offense.

That proved to be the correct decision as all it took was six plays for Notre Dame to get on the scoreboard first. Mark Altieri capped off the drive with a 13-yard run and Notre Dame led 7-0 just 1:57 into the game. The teams traded punts before Notre Dame took control with back-to-back scoring drives. Jackson Zalinsky was key in both of them. First, he found a wide open Tommy Candelora for a 50-yard scoring strike with 2:12 left in the first quarter.

On its next drive, Zalinsky went untouched for 15 yards and the Green Knights were firmly in control leading 21-0 early in the second quarter. Notre Dame's defense was stout all game long, but especially in the first half. They only allowed a 32-yard Evan Burdy 32-yard field goal with 5:08 left in the first half. To quell that momentum, Notre Dame scored on its first two possessions of the second half to put the game away.

The Green Knights return to SCC play hosting Xavier on

Friday in a 7 p.m. kickoff at Veterans Field.

Soccer -- The Notre Dame soccer team played two games last week, scoring two goals. Yet, they didn't lose. They played to a pair of 1-1 draws with Cross and Sheehan to improve their record to 6-6-3 heading into its Senior Night contest against Career this past Monday night. Against Cross on Oct. 23, Christian Lombardo took a perfect feed from Connor Naumann and quickly lofted a goal past the Governor goalie to earn a 1-1 tie. In the same result against Sheehan two days later, Lombardo was again the goal scorer as he angled a perfect corner kick into the net in their 1-1 draw against the Titans. Both teams had beaten the Green Knights the first time around. Following its Senior Night Game, Notre Dame will have two weeks off before resuming play in the first round of the Class L state tournament on Monday, Nov. 11.

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The Notre Dame cross country team finished a successful season with a 9th-place showing at the CIAC Class MM Championship Meet on Saturday at Wickham park in Manchester.

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Noble also had six kills, and Krajcir finished with four aces and three kills.

West Haven posted its fourth win in five matches with a 3-1 victory over North Haven. The 19-25, 25-13, 25-18, 25-22 victory allowed West Haven to improve to 12-7 on the year.

Stanley led the way with 17 kills, seven digs, and three blocks, while Krajcir had nine kills, four aces, and four digs. Lopez had nine assists, four digs, three aces and three kills, Noble had six digs, three aces, and two kills, and Santaniello had 16 assists, four kills, three aces and two digs.

"Noelle (Noble) and Savannah (Lopez) played very well on defense and really got the rest of the team motivated to work hard.

Bria (Stanley) and Neve (Krajcir) were unstoppable at the net and really made some smart plays when we needed them the most. I can't say enough about how well they played, and it was good to get a win over North Haven."

West Haven girls soccer coach Pete Trenchard enforced the importance of entering the postseason on a positive note. Winning two of their last three matches, the Westies were able to do so.

With a 0-2-1 stretch staring in its face, West Haven looked for

a way to get out of its slump. Facing a tough Hand-Madison squad, the Westies turned to its defense and goalkeeping, along with timely scoring to post a 2-0 victory in West Haven Monday evening.

The win improved West Haven's record to 5-5-4 and qualified the Westies for the state tournament.

Mackenzie Gardner made six saves, Jessica Robinson and Selena Izzo found the back of the net, and a solid defense which held Hand to just seven shots, helped West Haven get back on track.

"Overall, we played very well tonight," Trenchard said. "We bounced back from the loss to Sheehan in our last game, and got a big win against a good team. The win qualified us for the state tournament, which is always the endgame."

Both West Haven goals came as a result of hard work as Robinson scored on a penalty kick and Izzo scored on a free kick after a foul was drawn by Maya Bermudez.

"Defensively we were solid, and we weathered their attacks and didn't give them many quality chances," Trenchard said.

Trenchard wanted to close the regular season on a high note as the postseason approached. Winning two of three games to close the regu-

lar season had the Westies enter the postseason with a 6-6-4 record.

West Haven ended the season in impressive fashion with a 2-0 victory over Wilbur Cross on Saturday.

Gardner picked up her eighth individual shutout of the year with six saves.

The Westies had 10 shots in the contest and took a 1-0 lead when Emma Walker scores from Alexia Guerrero at the 23:37 mark.

Cross battled and gave West Haven all it could handle before Julia Tsakonas scored from Robinson at 76:04.

The West Haven boys soccer team is looking to get back on track. With a tough stretch to end the regular season, the Westies are working to get back to their winning ways.

In the midst of a 3-1-1 stretch, West Haven was looking to keep the season rolling along. Unfortunately for the Westies they ran into a tough North Haven team and fell 6-0 on the road Monday evening. With the loss, West Haven fell to 6-5-2 on the year.

North Haven held an 18-12 shot advantage in the contest with West Haven goalkeeper John McLaughlin making 10 saves. North Haven's Matt Casey finished with eight saves.

Kasey Mongillo scored three

goals for the Indians, who jumped out to an early lead 6 minutes, 9 seconds into the contest on a goal by Mongillo. Mongillo scored at the 13:02 mark to sandwich a tally by Jack Pollard for a 3-0 advantage.

While the West Haven boys soccer team is still searching for its first victory in a handful of games, the Westies took a step in the right direction Saturday afternoon with a 1-1 draw against Jonathan Law.

The draw, which moved the Westies to 0-3-2 in their last five games, and 6-6-3 overall, was in comeback fashion.

After Law's Marcus Dostal scored at the 35:56 mark for a 1-0 advantage, West Haven pressured.

That pressure finally paid off when Derick Meza scored at the 62:11 mark off an assist from Aldo Barragan.

West Haven held a 13-10 shot advantage in the contest.

McLaughlin made three saves and Brian Carew made four saves in the draw for West Haven.

Danici Malkut made nine saves for Law.

The West Haven girls swimming team fell to 1-8 with a 98-80 loss at Hamden Monday evening. The Westies had two first place finishes, including the 100 backstroke by Madison Hobart in 1 minute, 10.86 seconds, and the 400 freestyle relay team of Morgan Falanga, Alana Orecchio, Kaelyn Falanga, and Hobart in 4:21.68.

The Westies also had four second place finishes. The 200 medley relay team of Hobart, Molly Wilson, Victoria Acuna, and Kaelyn Falanga had a time of 2:09.57, Morgan Falanga was second in the 200 freestyle in 2:20.22, Kaylee Taulty was second in the 1 meter diving

with 175.50 points, and the 500 freestyle had Kaelyn Falanga place second in 6:04.54.

The Westies had a competitive meet against Jonathan Law Thursday afternoon, but fell in a home meet 94-84. With the loss, West Haven fell to 1-9 on the year.

West Haven had two first place finishes as Taulty won the 1meter diving with 180.45 points, and Kaelyn Falanga was victorious in the 500 freestyle in 5 minutes, 52 seconds.

The Westie shad five second place finishes, with three of those outcomes coming in the relay events.

The 200 medley relay team of Hobart, Wilson, Acuna, and Kaelyn Falanga was second in 2:07.63, the 200 freestyle relay team of Morgan Falanga, Wilson, Orecchio, and Sofia Shubin placed second in 1:58.15, and the 400 freestyle relay team of Acuna, Kaelyn Falanga, Morgan Falanga, and Hobart was second in 4:23.36.

The 50 freestyle saw Kaelyn Falanga place second in 28.22, while the 100 butterfly had Hobart second in 1:11.79.

The West Haven boys and girls cross country teams participated in the Class LL division championships Saturday afternoon at Wickham Park.

The top runners for the boys were senior Sebastian Villanueva in 17 minutes, 29 seconds, sophomore Eric Owen in 19:21, and junior Allen Aldrich in 19:35.

The top runners for the girls were freshman Amanda Gullo in 26:14, senior Rowanne Mustafa in 27:35, and senior Daelle Coriolan in 28:40.

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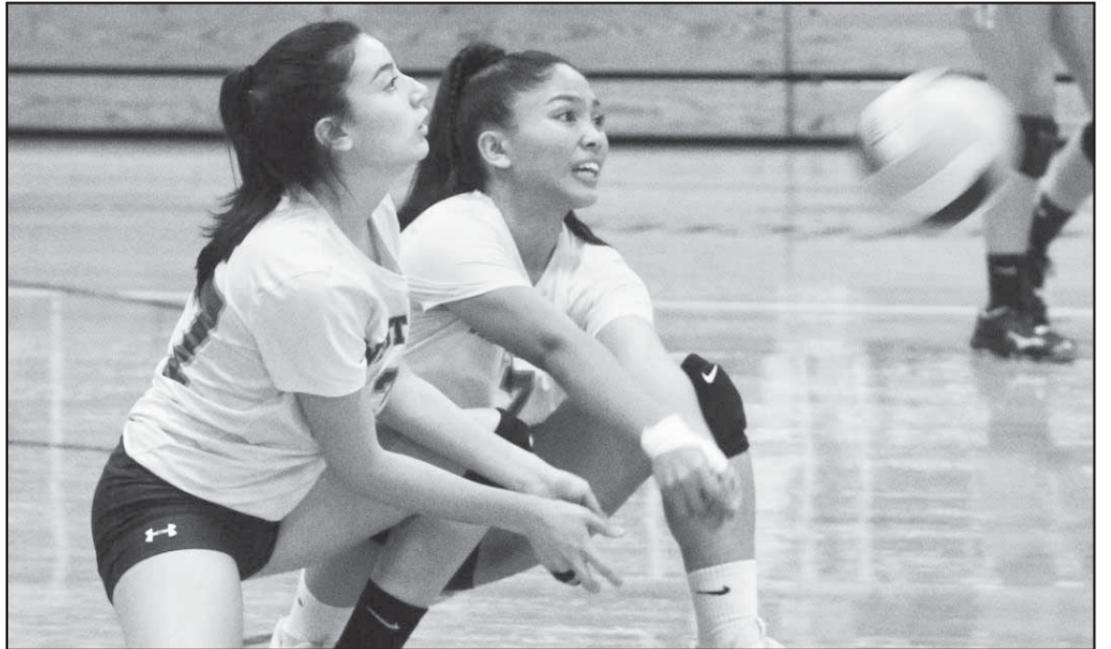
Player of the Week

As the postseason approaches, the West Haven volleyball team is heating up, winning four of its last five matches. Leading the way in this run has been Noelle Noble. In a pair of contests last week, Noble had 17 digs, eight kills, and three aces. Read about the Player of the Week at www.westieblue.com.

Photo by Russ McCreven

Teamwork

Nokelle Noble and teammate Thiana Baez dig in while fighting for a point at the West Haven gym. West Haven is turning in a standout season in the tough SCC circuit. The blue Devils had a five-game win streak going into the final weeks of the regular season.



Youth Soccer ends fall season

The Elite Soccer Camps Golden Dragons ended their season in a tough loss to Nick's Luncheonette, 6-4. Both sides played hard and fought to the very end of the game. Matteo D'Elia showed great ball control and Jax Guarino broke up a few counter attacks. Seth Empiric hustled after the ball and made some good passes, and Ryan Abekah and Luca DeCrescenzo. Jacob Rader showcased his dribbling moves, and Ben Trenchard did a nice pull-back turn under pressure to roll off a defender and create space.

The Top Hat Dance Academy Green Crocodiles took on the WH Federation of Teachers Local 1542 Mini-Blueberries. In what was a defensive first half, the score at the break was 1-1. The Green Crocodiles completed an undefeated season by picking up the scoring in second half winning, getting six for a final score of 7-1. Ariel Titus and Lehanna Philogene were great on offense while Aarohi Jain and Kendall Gilchrist lead the defense. For the Blueberries, Harper Golde pushed the ball forward for her team. Anessa Worrell played aggressively and stole the ball from the opposing team. Isabella Cooper not only helped out in midfield but scored a goal as well. Karine Davila played well defensively blocking shots from finding the net.

The Cappetta's Italian Imports Polar Bears played a tough game against The Gunning Law Firm Blue Hurricanes, finishing with a 5-0 loss. Kiley McCoart played solid defense while Luciana Cappetta had several shots on goal. For the Hurricanes, goals were scored by Lulu Sebas, Kylie Gibbons, Arianna Throm and Sophia Empric. Lynn Chesson played a strong game at midfield while Alivia Riley helped shut down the opponents on defense. Stella Porto demonstrated ex-

cellent footskills and passing.

The Shoreline Wellness Blue Diamonds won their last game of the season, 5-0, over Keenan Funeral Home. Ava Pellino scored all of the goals with a great assist from Allie Powers from the defensive line. Giada Jimenez and Josylyn Davila each played a half in the goal and each contributed to the shut out with some awesome saves. The Blue Diamond team all showed great improvement throughout the season!

The Jason Ranalli Yellow Bees played two outstanding games against West Haven Professional Firefighters Sharks to conclude their season. Curtis Diaz, Kaleb Feliciano and Connor Fitzpatrick teamed up, passed the ball to each other and each scored a goal! Holding up the defense was Adem Gundogdu and Emmett Hemming, who have consistently been key players for their team all season.

In their second game, the Bees played the West Haven Police Local 895 Bombers, where Miguel Morales Jr. led the team in both inspirational cheering of his teammates and a fantastic motivational speech to get their final game going! On the field Talla Ndiaye and LeRoy Salvatierra were an unstoppable duo with endless energy. Their playmaking resulted in two goals for the Bees. Also playing well was Yadiel Rios.

The Milano & Wanat Gold Stars played the Rock House School of Music, winning, 5-1. Alanis Nieves played aggressive and made attempts on goal. Madison Jacksics has improved this season and learned how to play her position well. Juliana Crudo made great passes, creating opportunities for her team to score.

The Sweet Relief Catering Blue Thunder came out on top over Stars Ice Cream, 6-1, to stay undefeated for the season. Matt Davis and Stephen

Christensen both scored and excellent defense and field play were on display by Paul Christensen, Eric Rivas, and James and Carlos Bazar.

On Friday evening, the Porto Funeral Homes U11 girls travel team played in Southington. Southington scored early in the game which put the Westies on alert. As the girls increased their defense, the Westie offense put their first goal in. But the Westies weren't done, with two more goals coming from Madison Gargiulo and Nylah Beyah, which sealed the 3-1 win.

On Saturday afternoon, the

P & B Express U9 girls hosted Shelton, losing, 3-0. Josylyn Davila and Olivia Petrie kept several shots away in goal. Stella Porto and Gillian Wynus passed well up and down the field.

The Elite Soccer Camps U14 girls went to Meriden Saturday afternoon, falling, 2-1. Ariana Izzo picked up the goal, and Jaylyn Powell worked hard to get the ball forward. Molly Gunning made some good passes to get her teammates into scoring positions, and Abigail Phelan showed creativity in the midfield.

In the other weekend action,

the Bar Code Warriors overcame a 1-0 deficit at the half to defeat the George Ellis Company Athletics, 3-1. Matt Treat picked up the second half hat trick in the win. Oyster River Energy and the WH Italian American Civic Assn. battled to a 4-4 draw. Chris Petrie scored the tying goal in the dying seconds of the match as a corner kick banged off him and into the goal. In the last game of the weekend, West Shore Family Dental Unicorns and the Frank Agvent Plumbing and Heating Chimeras fought it out, with the Unicorns, winning, 4-0.



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Squirt A team splits a weekend pair

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team split a pair of games this weekend. On Saturday, the Blue Devils defeated Enfield 4-3 at Bennett Rink, avenging a 4-3 loss to the

Eagles on Sept. 29. Forward Cameren Lipford scored a hat trick, Gavin Coady tallied a goal and an assist, and goaltender Alex Werle saved 17 shots to lead the

Westies to their sixth win of the season.

After a scoreless first period, the Blue Devils trailed 2-0 before Lipford fired a wrist shot from the right faceoff circle at 2:06 of the second to make it a one-shot game. Less than a minute into the third, Lipford tied it on a top-shelf backhand in front of the net.

Coady put the Westies up 3-2 at 10:02 of the third, banking a shot off the Enfield goaltender's pads from the right side of the net. The Eagles answered with a tying goal, but the Blue Devils never wavered, thanks to strong defense by Andrew Grillo and solid goaltending by Werle.

With 3:00 left in regulation, Lipford scored on a wrist from the right faceoff circle on

a beautiful pass from Coady to seal the victory for the Westies.

On Sunday, West Haven fell 7-4 to Connecticut Ice Cats A at Stamford Twin Rinks. Lipford scored all four goals for the Blue Devils, one of which was assisted by forward Tyler Silva and the other by defenseman Kyle Guarino. Werle stopped 15 shots against the Darien-based Ice Cats.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team earned a win and a tie this weekend in its pair of games. The Blue Devils are now 6-9-1 on the season.

On Saturday night, the Westies headed to "The Whale", Yale's Ingalls Rink, to face Yale 2008A. Five different players scored goals in a balanced attack as the Westies won, 6-4. Dylan Bosworth netted two goals, Connor Moriarty had a goal and assist, while Alex Bowery, Mike Page and Ronnie Mastroni scored a goal apiece.

Greg Galasso started in goal and made seven saves while Silva turned away nine shots in relief. On Sunday morning at Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Westies faced off with Fairfield Girls 12U Major 1. In an entertaining game the teams skated to a 0-0 tie. Silva started and made 9 saves. Galasso finished up and posted 11 saves, including one on a breakaway in the third period and another when he denied the rebound attempt. West Haven's defensemen Leo Mazurowski, Ryan Pniewski, Matthew Kelly and Jonathan Charbonneau were solid throughout the game.

The West Haven Peewee AA travel hockey team looked to extend its seven-game win streak over the weekend as they traveled to Ridgefield to face off against Ridgefield Peewee AA's and posted a 5-3 victory.

With 11:34 left to play in the first period, Billy Mascari scored for a 1-0 lead. Ridgefield would answer a minute later, before Nicky Stevens found Nick Eberhart who gave WH a 2-1 lead at 7:46 in the first. Even at two, Gabe Locklear scored with 56 seconds left to play in second period for a 3-2 lead. With the game even at three, Locklear took matters into his own hands scoring on a breakaway and providing the game winner. Nick Salzano scored into an empty net for the final.

Nate Kempton played the entire game in goal and made a huge sequence of saves to preserve the lead late in the third period.

On Sunday, the team traveled to Cromwell to face Peewee AAA Jr Wolfpack. The Blue Devils dominated the game from start to finish in a 6-0 win.

Tim Donohue got the Devils on the board with help from Billy Mascari and Jack Aloï. Cooper Deko capitalized on a pass from Stevens to Salzano in front as Salzano redirected the puck and Deko sent it to the back of the net. Locklear found a loose puck in the neutral zone and went the rest of the way unassisted followed by Eberhart. Mascari added another assisted by Locklear and Donohue. The final goal of the game was scored by Locklear, his second of the game assisted by Mascari. Goaltender Tyler Donroe was outstanding while earning another shutout.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team posted a victory in its lone contest of the week, defeating Avon 3-2 at Avon Old Farms Sunday afternoon.

Bryan Hong was stellar in goal, turning aside 23 shots, including six in the third period. After surrendering an early goal, Hong made nine

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Seahawks 12U heads to semis

The West Haven Seahawk 12U team (8-1) traveled to New Britain on Saturday to play the New Haven Steelers in the Southern Connecticut Conference quarterfinal playoffs.

The Seahawks blanked the Steelers, 18-0, to move onto the semifinals this coming weekend.

Running backs Ethan Holy and Aedan Coe drove the ball on the ground and controlled the time of possession. Coe had two rushing scores on the day. Quarterback Nick Conlan connected with receiver Jovon Willams on a touchdown

through the air. A swarming Seahawks defense keep New Haven away from the end zone and was led by Holy, Coe, Yahinus Mercer, Delaney Flood and Teriq Mallory who closed the door on the Steelers with an interception.

The Seahawk 8U team (8-0) is the number-one seed in the playoffs and earned a bye. The 10U Seahawks (7-2) ended their successful season with a well-played and exciting game against the Steelers. The Seahawks lost, 20-13, in overtime. The Seahawks trailed the Steelers 7-0 at the half in a heavy wind-blown rain at Sey-

mour High School.

The Seahawks tied the game in the fourth quarter on an 8-yard JJ Lugo touchdown run. New Haven marched the field and took a 13-7 lead with less than two minutes left in the game.

Caden Stanley took a lateral and ran 48-yards and crossed the goal line as time expired to tie the game at 13-13 and send it into overtime.

New Haven scored on OT to go up 20-13 and West Haven fell short. Anthony Iannotti, Angelo Petrezuiello, and Frank Green played well on the offensive line. Mason

Wright, Azriel Pizarro and TJ Stevenson played well on defense.

The 14U team finished their season with a loss to the Trumbull Rangers, 27-7, in the Bob Boss Tournament. Xavier Fernandez scored the lone Seahawk score on a 65-yard kick-off return.

The Seahawk 8U and 12U team will travel to Bridgeport

on Sunday for the Southern Connecticut Conference Semifinal contests.

The winners will advance to the conference championship games. The Seahawk 8U team will face New Haven at 10 and the Seahawk 12U team will take on the Stratford Redskins at 4. The game will be played at Central High School (Kennedy Stadium).



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Seahawk 12U running back Ethan Holy (21) runs for a first down. The Seahawks topped New Haven, 18-0, to move on to the conference semi-finals.

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saves in the opening period.

Trailing by a goal, Dave Brown scored off an assist from Cam Delvecchio to even the game after one period.

The Westies took the lead for good 19 seconds into the second when Brown sent Cade Simone in for a 2-1 advantage.

West Haven increased the lead to 3-1 just 15 seconds into the third on a goal by Mickey Dowd off an assist from Jayden Spreyer.

Avon answered 3:16 later, but could not get the equalizer.

With only one contest, the West Haven Bantam B travel hockey team faced off against Simsbury B Sunday afternoon and posted an 8-1 victory.

In his first game, interim goalie Javed Ullah would be put to the test against a hard skating Simsbury team. The Westies found the back of the net first when Cody Rocchio scored from Deklan Loehfelm halfway through the first. Simsbury answered back and Youssef Ullab made it 2-1 at the end of the first period.

The Westies built their lead in the second period with goals from; Yousaf Ullah (Ashley Welch), Ashley Welch (Max Ginsberg and Zach Fonda), Taylor Alfano (Rocchio) and Yousaf Ullah up complete his hat trick.

Going into the third period with a 6-1 lead, the Westies looked to limit shots against, keep the pressure on Simsbury and added goals from Yousaf Ullah, Ginsberg (Ashley Welch). The Westies nailed down the 8-1 win for Javed Ullah's first win as interim goalie in which he turned all shots but one away.

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Letters, we get letters!

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servation and Development, the authors (consultants who specialize in such matters) argue at length that the Haven South Municipal Development Plan is not only compliant with the POCD, but also with all of the Connecticut statutes having to do with Eminent Domain. They do this with crafty sleight-of-hand: by simply quoting the law itself. No substantiating evidence

is ever provided, which makes this plan, and all plans like it, farces. "Compliance" is simply declared. There is an entire cottage industry of consultants and attorneys -- paid for by us -- who make a business out of making plans "compliant."

Planning and Zoning can argue that the expansion of Seacrest is not harmonious with the neighborhood -- and hence not compliant with POCD. Hav-

en South Municipal Development Plan can also claim that The Haven IS harmonious with the neighborhood-even though the neighborhood no longer exists.

Neither side of either argument can ever be based on firm ground with the plans as they are crafted today. Any side can argue any angle -- and have it pass muster.

Let's stop the farce and stop writing

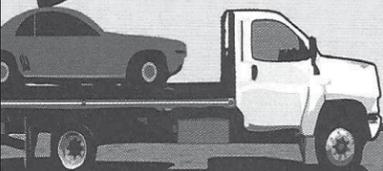
these expensive, counterproductive and ultimately useless plans. Let Planning and Zoning, City Council, and our other various Boards and Commissions continue to make decisions by considering each project on its merits, with input from stakeholders, and based on our existing laws and regulations. Don't waste any more taxpayer money on plans.

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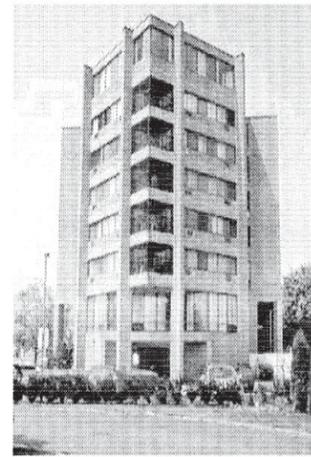
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- 1 Lily variety
- 5 Homer's out-
cry
- 8 Wax-coated
cheese
- 12 Bivouac
- 13 Individual
- 14 Field mouse
- 15 Memo acro-
nym
- 16 Series of bat-
tles
- 17 Actor
McGregor
- 18 Fame
- 20 Easter hat
- 22 Stitch
- 23 Beast of bur-
den
- 24 Commanded
- 27 Human-like
robots
- 32 In olden days
- 33 "No seats" sign
- 34 Pizzazz
- 35 Detective
- 38 Say it isn't so
- 39 Actor Beatty
- 40 Neither mate

- 42 Falling-blocks
game
- 45 Wedding-
related
- 49 Ms.
Brockovich
- 50 Shock and —
colada
- 52 Unspeakable
act?
- 54 Shell game
item
- 55 Support
- 56 Rind
- 57 Collection
- 58 Longings

DOWN

- 1 Cicatrix
- 2 Facility
- 3 Fed
- 4 Go up against
- 5 Earthward air-
stream
- 6 — budget
- 7 KFC additive
- 8 Nevertheless
- 9 Fire some folks
- 10 Wings
- 11 Common noun
- 19 1927 Lind-
bergh book
- 21 Rowing need
- 24 "Humbug!"
- 25 Khan title
- 26 Period of inac-
tivity
- 28 Gun lobby org.
- 29 Pessimistic
- 30 Noise
- 31 Agent
- 36 Bit of grain
- 37 Star Wars inits.
- 38 Raining some-
what
- 41 On the other
hand
- 42 Office part-tim-
er
- 43 Great Lake
- 44 1940 Laurel &
Hardy film, " —
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(Abbr.)
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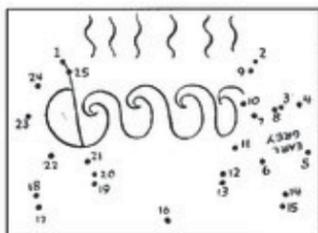
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W C U A C R P D B E M N L J H
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S G O E I E M L I M A K I P H
F M D (S M O O T H I N G) B M Z
Y W L N P M A H C R E P M A P
V T U A S R O Q O T N L K W I
H F R E P M A C D C A Z X S W

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

- Armrest
- Camper
- Champ
- Chimps
- Commerce
- Dimes
- Gamble
- Grammy
- Palms
- Pamper
- Smoldering
- Smoothing
- Summit
- Trimmed
- Unmended



CONNECT THE DOTS! My name has three letters. Take away two and my name's the same. What am I?
Answer: Tea

Illustrated by David Coulson

A TIME TO REFLECT! Study the four words to the right and see if you can determine what is unique about them.



Answer: The bottom half of each word is a mirror image of the top half. Turn this page upside down and look at it in the mirror. The words look the same.

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the Word Square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "DENTAL." See if you can replace these letters in the square so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. The time limit is 60 seconds.

Answers: (Across) Top, sea, lee, end; (Down) Tail, open, need.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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

Junior Whirl
by Charles Barry Townsend



In the grid above, there's room for six words pertaining to the haunted house. The following definitions should help:

- 1. They live in the house.
- 2. Noises you hear in the house.
- 3. Type of passages in the house.
- 4. What you might hear in the house.
- 5. What might block your way.
- 6. Coldest, darkest part of the house.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out what you "feel" at midnight in the house.

DENTAL

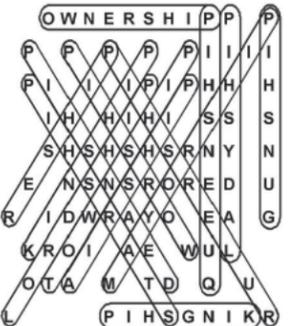
Answers to last week's puzzles

— King Crossword —
Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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A	S	E	A	W	O	O	H	O	M	E	
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J	E	S	T	L	O	A	N	T	A	M	
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	R	N	A	L	E	E	R				
S	A	F	A	R	I	T	A	N	G	O	
E	M	I	T	F	I	S	H	H	O	O	K
R	E	S	T	F	R	O	M	A	Y	A	
A	S	H	Y	Y	E	W	S	H	A	Y	

SHIPS THAT DON'T FLOAT



— Weekly SUDOKU —
Answer

9	3	5	4	2	6	1	7	8
4	7	8	9	1	5	6	2	3
1	2	6	3	8	7	9	4	5
6	9	4	5	7	3	2	8	1
8	1	3	2	6	9	4	5	7
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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.

Senior Center trips

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

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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 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

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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.

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.

WH Garden Club

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Newcomers are welcome with a \$5 fee. For further information call (203) 937-1674.

Submitted Photo



Goin' to the Fair?

Mary Rolfe and Judy Jenette are getting ready for the Harvest Fair at First & Wesley United Methodist Church on Saturday. The event features breakfast and lunch as well as many booths selling items that can be given at Christmas. The church is at the corner of 2nd Avenue and Center Street.

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