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Voice Profile

A weekly in-depth interview

"It's a place for them to listen and hear about their kids. That's what it's all about."

~ George DeMaio

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Rossi wins in a walk

By Josh LaBella

Voice Reporter

Nobody will be seeing a mover's truck outside of 355 Main St. any time soon.

Democratic Mayor Nancy Rossi saw decisive victory on Tuesday night when she beat republican candidate Michele Gregorio with nearly 60 percent of the votes. Rossi's win comes at the terminus of a yearlong race which saw two other democrats and two republicans also vying for the third-floor city hall office.

Rossi's ticket fared just as well; with all the candidates on her ticket winning their respective races.

Michael Last and Dorothy Chambrelli were reelected as city treasurer and tax collector, respectively. Patty Horvath won the election for city clerk and will be replacing long-time clerk and former democratic mayoral candidate Debbie Collins. Democrats Anne Heffernan, Cebi Waterfield and Andrea Talamelli won seats on the Board of Education. Republicans Robert Guthrie and Pat Libero were reelected to the board.

While Rossi's slate won big on the city council, republicans did pick up one more seat in the legislative body, with Barry Lee Cohen beating incumbent Louise Martone in the Tenth District.

The results come at a time in which the city is under state control for the second time in nearly 30 years. Rossi, who's campaign mantra could be optimized by the phrase "stay the course" said she is happy for the campaign to be over so she can continue working to get the city's financial situation back on track.

"I could never have done it without everyone in this room, no matter what you did," Rossi told supporters in her campaign headquarters. "I took this race very seriously. I am very happy to stand here, victorious. I want to continue the work that I started."

Rossi said she will continue to work on city finances.

"We're moving in the right direction, but there's a lot of work to be done," she said.



Photo by Russ McCreven

Democratic Town Chairman Mike Last announces results at Rossi headquarters, Tuesday night to the delight of Mayor Nancy Rossi, who won re-election.

WHHS Hall inducts class Nov. 23

The West Haven Hall of Fame Committee has announced its newest inductees to be honored, Saturday, Nov. 23, at Cielo, West Haven Italian-American Club.

With five members and a sibling trio added to the prestigious club, there are now 178 inductees since the start in 2000.

Included in the Class of 2019 are David Sheppard, Jim Rice, Megan McGorry Severino, Kevin Gilhuly, Matt

Gianini, and the sibling trio of Toni Ginsberg, Kelly DiNapoli, and Herb Johnson.

"This is another outstanding group of inductees to be enshrined into the West Haven High School Athletic Hall of Fame," West Haven Hall of Fame chairman Jon Capone said. "The Hall of Fame is a way to show our gratitude for all the hard work and dedication they gave while attending West Haven high school."

Gianini was a standout pitcher for the Westies who graduated in 2004. Playing for Hall of Fame member Mike Anquillare, Gianini was a 3-year ace for the Westies, compiling a 25-4 record.

Gianini is a two-time All-State and three-time All-Area selection. Gianini went on to play at Central Connecticut State University where he compiled a 21-15 career record with a 3.34 earned run average.

The lefty made his mark at Central as

he is part of several university records, including first in shutouts with six, second in wins (21) and complete games (21), third in innings pitched (278), and fourth in strikeouts with 207.

Severino is a 2007 graduate who starred in the pool and on the tennis courts. While excelling in both, Severino stood out above the rest in the pool as she was the team's most valuable player all four years, made All-State in

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SPECIAL INSERT

West Haven
2018-2019 Charter Revision Commission
Proposed Charter

Legal Notice

Public Meetings

Tuesday, Nov 12 -- Allingtown Fire District, 6:30 p.m.; Center Fire District, 7 p.m. City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7 p.m.; WHHS Building Committee, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, Nov. 13 -- Planning & Zoning, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Nov. 14 -- West Shore Fire District, 7:30 p.m.
 Monday, Nov. 18 -- Board of Education, City Hall, 6 p.m.
 Tuesday, Nov. 19 -- Inland Wetlands, 6:30 p.m.; Police Commission, 7 p.m.
 Monday, Nov. 25 -- City Council, Council Chambers, 7 p.m.

Weather

Friday Nov 8 Partly cloudy skies with wind gusts. High 41F



Sunrise: 6:31 am
 Sunset: 4:39 pm
 Wind: NW 20
 High Tide: 8:06 am; 8:27 pm

Saturday Nov 9 Generally sunny with a few clouds. High 42F



Sunrise: 6:32 am
 Sunset: 4:38 pm
 Wind: WSW 5-10

High Tide: 8:49 am; 9:11 pm

Sunday Nov 10 Sunny skies High 52F



Sunrise: 6:34 am
 Sunset: 4:37 pm
 Wind: SW 10-20

High Tide: 9:29 am; 9:52 pm

Monday Nov 11 Mainly cloudy. High 47F



Sunrise: 6:35 am
 Sunset: 4:36 pm
 Wind: NW 10-15

High Tide: 10:07 am; 10:32 pm



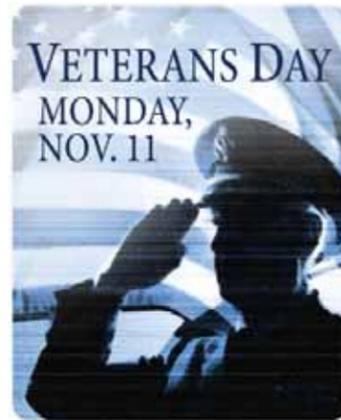
Carmen Martinez, age 4, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., is predicting cloudy and cold weather, maybe even snow in the forecast!

Things to Do!

The First Congregational church, 464 Campbell Ave., will host its monthly Used Book Sale and Clothes Closet opening on Saturday, Nov. 9 between the hours of 9-2. As usual there will be a large selection of books for sale including many books to help you celebrate Christmas, and many articles of clothing at very low prices. Call (203) 933-6291 for more info.

The West Haven Penalty Box Club will host the Blue Devil Sip, a wine and spirit tasting, on Friday, Nov. 15, 6-10 p.m. at The Italian-American Club, 85 Chase Lane. Tastings of Wine, Bourbon, Scotch, Vodka and other Spirits with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

There will also be a sports memorabilia silent auction and door prizes. Cost for the tasting will be \$20. to support the West Haven High School boys' varsity hockey team.



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On this date:

1917-- October Revolution. The Bolsheviks, led by Vladimir Lenin, took over the winter palace and ended the rule of the post-Tsarist provisional government and transferred all powers to the communists in Russia
 1916 -- First woman to be elected to US Congress. Jeanette Rankin from Montana became the first woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.
 1869 -- First inter-city cycle race. The first city to city cycle race was held between Paris and Rouen.

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Tree-planting marks statute's 100th

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Tree Commission members planted a white oak at the main entrance of Painter Park on Oct. 19 to mark the 100th anniversary of Connecticut's "Arborist Law."

The morning event was part of the Connecticut Tree Protective Association's Centennial Oak campaign to expedite the planting of a white oak in each of the state's 169 cities

and towns.

West Haven officials planted the Quercus alba American white oak — the state's official tree — at the park's main entrance, just off Kelsey Avenue. The tree was donated by CTPA through Planter's Choice Nursery of Newtown.

During the brief ceremony, commission Chairman Robert Marra and Commissioners Gail S. Burns and Michelle Matteo presented Rossi with a plaque from CTPA commemo-

rating the historic planting.

The Arborist Law primarily focuses on professional arboriculture, defined as work done to improve the health of individual trees on public and private property.

Rossi is working with tree warden Leo Kelly and the commission to improve West Haven's Tree Management Plan and tree inventory process, along with implementing a sustainable and safe treescape in the heart of down-

town.

CTPA, organized in 1922 and based in Wallingford, is an educational association dedicated to advancing the care of Connecticut's trees. The association's more than 780 members are mostly composed of licensed arborists, tree war-

dens and tree care professionals.

According to its website, CTPA aims to accomplish its purpose through educational events, regular workshops, and outreach and publicity, as well as through the example provided by its membership.



Photo by Hal Burns

West Haven officials, including Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, second from left, and Tree Commission members are joined by residents in the ceremonial planting of an American white oak at the main entrance of Painter Park on Oct. 19 to mark the 100th anniversary of Connecticut's "Arborist Law." With Rossi are, from left, Commissioner Gail S. Burns, program coordinator Diane Dietman of the Department of Parks and Recreation, Adner Nelson, Commissioner Michelle Matteo, commission Chairman Robert Marra, Margaux Nelson and Ciara McCarthy.



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West Haven Connecticut



Dear Felicia

Well sweets, by the time yew git this missive, the Election of 2019 will be in the books. As I scribe this week's installment of this almost-50-year communication we've had with one another, I am struck by the fact that things in the berg are perty quiet for the days before an election. It ain't that I'm pining for the days when we had primaries that weren't decided until Election Day - like in 1980, but it is that there jest wasn't the excitement that we had for elections.

As I said, I ain't sure who is winning this go-round. I hafta give Michele Gregorio credit, she was a good candidate, and really tried to take it to the Demmies. Whether that was enuff is to be seen, and you'll know when you git this.

As an aside, let's hope - and I know I've said this before - that this election was a springboard for the resurgence of the city's Republican Party. Since the 1990s - with the debacle that was the Clem Evangeliste

years - the party has been perty much an after-thought. One would hope that, regardless of this year's results, the party does something that will boost its numbers and its visibility in town - and not just at election time.

Sammy Bluejay did perch himself outside GOP headquarters and did say that there was some activity. He did indicate however, that all was not well with the party, and that there was some in-fighting going on. Why that would be in a party that hadn't won an election in almost 30 years is beyond Cobina's comprehension, but there it is.

The party has to do something to get a presence in town. For too long it's been a word we've used before "moribund." Gregorio gave it a bit of oomph, and the Oomph Factor is a big deal in trying to rebuild something. But in this case, the term "rebuild" means that maybe it's time to start from scratch.

Meanwhile, Sammy did indicate that there is some Demmie support for Gregorio, and effen that translates into votes, this thing, which I have a feeling is closer than we think, could be even more interesting.

The unions ain't a friend of the incumbent cuz they think their perks are in jeopardy - perks, setch as they are. The unions, meanwhile, should know that Gregorio is more aggressive on cutting spending. So, it might be the "devil you know," rather than the challenger. At the pernt of this writing, who knows.

The Demmies, meanwhile, are as split as they've ever been, and that was borne forth in the primary in September. There ain't any way these boys and girls are ever gonna get along. That in itself is a story to be told. But it still is a matter of somehow or t'other the politicos in that party fight with each other for some kind o' power. The only power is in hiring, and that has to be where the attraction is, I guess. Meanwhile the city is near bankrupt, the infrastructure is fallin' apart and the city's neighborhoods are getting seedier and seedier.

Here endeth the rant.

Didja hear the wind last week during that storm? Cobina did. In fact, a dead tree jest the next yard over from Cobina's domicile crashed in the middle of the night.

Honey bunch, m'self as lived at the same spot for a long time. That was some o' the worst wind I've ever witnessed. I made sure the feline was in for the night, though she wanted out, and we battened down the hatches. The house actually shook a couple o' times.

Whilst that is going on, Iva Lookey told me that the city perty much withstood a lotta the wind, but there were some big trees that came down after we had about two inches o' rain. The leaves too have been fallin' at a better-than-steady rate, and effen yore lookin'fer color, forget about it. It's over. That gray sky is becomin' more and more common and the furnace has been hummin' for the better part o' two weeks. I know that Iva likes to hole himself up in the livin' room of his own domicile at these times, and he probably watches Hallmark Channel and all those Christmas movies that have started up.

Meanwhile, it's jest about the time that Mikey Walsh sends out his reminder about snow parking rules. Once that happens, it's time to get the winter coats outta mothballs.

With the new election, there is gonna be a new crop o' council people. Some o' the people now sitting on the panel will be leavin' with the inauguration of the new administration - which as yew remember is the First Sunday in December, so it's not far away.

One of the people who'll be

happy with the new faces is our own Eleanore Turkington. She is the scribe that pens the Gripe Vine colyume, and there have been one or two officials who have been rather...slow...in responding to constituents' complaints or gripes. The administration put in the dictum two years ago that instead of the Actors Colony answering gripes, the individual council members would handle them. It started off a bit rocky, but it got better with time.

That is, excep' for a couple o' the membership, who jest could not be bothered to answer. Well, one or two of the major culprits have lost their seats and won't be around to ignore the voters. Somehow, that seems like a bit of poetic justice.

The wag did come in again this week, and did mention - yet again - that with a little luck this will be the last election the city will have under the current charter - and the current form of government. As I told yew last week, the current mayor-council form of government was altered when West Haven became a city back in the 1960s.

The new charter, effen it is approved by the voters of this fair city will forever alter the makeup of the way business is done - and change the way politics is done as well. And, that m'lady is the reason that the power-brokers in this berg are none too thrilled with it.

It's still up in the air how this whole thing is gonna be voted upon. There is some talk about using the Presidential Preference Primary in April, but there has been rumblings that setch a thing is prohibited by law in the People's Republic of Connecticut. We shall see.

And, of course, there are fears that the length of time betwixt the council approval - which was weeks ago - and the actual ballot could give the politicos time to deep-six the entire venture. Again, we shall see.

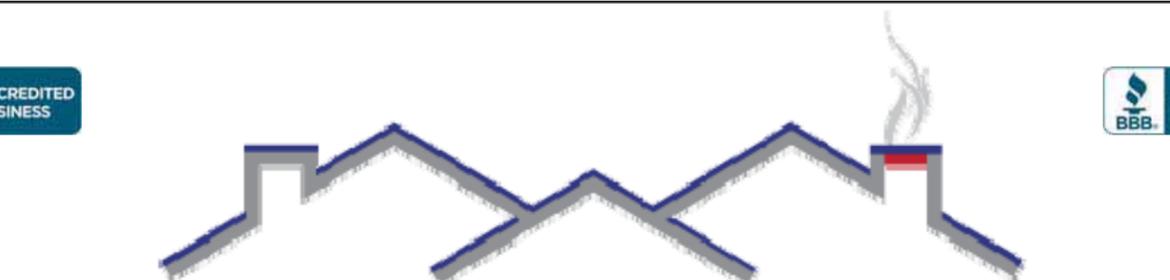
So, to sum up, we in the Asylum by the Sea are awaiting the swearing-in of a new administration, are constantly under the gun as far as the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) might do to us after insisting that we have automatic tax increases for the next four years (under the second year of the five-year plan), our homeowners are under a second gun cuz the state-mandated revaluation is underway -- and Goodness knwos where that is going to lead, up or down in values; and we have the city awaiting charter revisions. All in all, things are normal.

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Committee gives \$34K

From left, Janine Hoffmann, senior administrative assistant to Dr. Brigid Killelea, the interim director of the Smilow Breast Program at Yale New Haven Hospital; Bethany Larkin, assistant patient services manager at the Smilow Breast Center; and Camille Servodidio, program manager of women's oncology services at the Smilow Cancer Hospital, receive a \$34,000 check from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Committee members Anthony Cordone and Beth A. Sabo on Oct. 22 at City Hall. The funds were raised in part at the committee's 19th annual Icy Plunge for the Cure.

Veterans Day rites set for Bradley Point

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The city and the West Haven Veterans Council will hold a Veterans Day tribute at 10:45 a.m. Monday on the Veterans Walk of Honor in Bradley Point Park.

All veterans are invited to participate in the annual ceremony, which will feature remarks from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Veterans Council President Dave Ricci.

Rossi's executive assistant, Lou Esposito, will serve as the master of ceremonies.

The event will begin with a presentation of the colors by

the West Haven Police Color Guard and a flag-raising by the West Haven Fire Department Honor Guard. It will follow with the national anthem and "God Bless America" by West Haven High School junior Nora E. Mullins and opening and closing prayers by Sean P. Ronan, senior vice commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9422.

The tribute will also include a bell-ringing at 11 a.m. and taps played by retired West Shore Fire Department Lt. Kevin McKeon.

Veterans Day, formerly Armistice Day, is celebrated on

the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, marking the anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I in 1918.

To coincide with the solemn ceremony, the Veterans Council will officially launch the 13th phase of its popular Brick Campaign.

In November 2006, the council began the first of 13 campaigns selling bricks to memorialize veterans on the 100-yard Walk of Honor between the William A. Soderman and Vietnam Veterans memorials.

The bricks, which cost \$75, have charcoal lettering for per-

sonalized messages.

More than 2,700 bricks have been installed so far, including 51 for the 12th phase, which was dedicated May 25.

Applications, due March 16, are available at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/2129/Veterans-Brick-Campaign-Application-2020-PDF> and in the mayor's office at City Hall, 355 Main St. For details, call (203) 937-3510.

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File Photo by Michael P. Walsh

The Veterans Walk of Honor in Bradley Point Park.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Collins sworn in

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi swears in Chairman Raymond V. Collins III to the Board of Police Commissioners for a third five-year term on Oct. 31 at City Hall. Collins, a former Republican Board of Education member who lives on Apple Tree Terrace in West Shore, first took the oath of office on Sept. 29, 2010, succeeding the late Alex Botte, who served on the police commission from 1966 to 2009. Collins was elected chairman in 2012.

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Veterans Day 2019

Monday we celebrated Veterans Day, a commemoration of all those who served – and those who died – wearing the uniform of the nation. Originating as Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918, it was dedicated to the end of what was then known as “The Great War.”

On the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour, four years of bloodshed ceased in a conflagration that saw many millions die. In many European nations, Nov. 11 is known as “Remembrance Day,” and is marked by the tolling of bells at 11 o’clock.

Rudyard Kipling’s “Recessional,” known popularly as “Lest We Forget,” has been associated with this day and the devastation that occurred not only from 1914-1918, but in World War II and various other battles.

It stands as a stark prayer for forgiveness and mercy even in those wars considered “just.”

It is a West Haven Voice tradition to present this hymn during the week of Veterans Day as a prayer for peace and for continued hope that wherever our armed forces are sent, they be on the side of what is moral and right.

God of our fathers, known of old—
Lord of our far-flung battle line—
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies—
The Captains and the Kings depart—
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far-called our navies melt away—
On dune and headland sinks the fire—
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe—
Such boastings as the Gentiles use,
Or lesser breeds without the Law—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard—
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding calls not Thee to guard.
For frantic boast and foolish word,
Thy Mercy on Thy People, Lord!
Amen.

Read Rich Lowry
each week
in the Voice



California made its own bed

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

California is staying true to its reputation as the land of innovation -- it is making blackouts, heretofore the signature of impoverished and war-torn lands, a routine feature of 21st-century American life.

More than 2 million people are going without power in Northern and Central California, in the latest and biggest of the intentional blackouts that are, astonishingly, California’s best answer to the risk of runaway wildfires.

Power -- and all the goods it makes possible -- is synonymous with modern civilization.

It shouldn’t be a negotiable for anyone living in a well-functioning society, or even in California, which, despite its stupendous wealth and natural splendor, has blighted itself over the decades with misgovernance and misplaced priorities.

The same California that has been the seedbed of world-famous companies that make it possible for people to send widely viewed short missives of 280 characters or less, and share and like images of grumpy cats, isn’t doing so well at keeping the lights on.

The same California that has boldly committed to transi-

tioning to 50 percent renewable energy by 2025 -- and 100 percent renewable energy by 2045 -- can’t manage its existing energy infrastructure.

The same California that has pushed its electricity rates to the highest in the contiguous United States through its mandates and regulations doesn’t provide continuous access to that overpriced electricity.

California could have, if it wanted, pushed the utilities to focus on the resilience and safety of its current infrastructure -- implicated in some of the state’s most fearsome recent fires -- as a top priority.

Instead, its public utilities commission forced costly renewable energy initiatives on the utilities.

Who cares about something as mundane as properly maintained power lines if something as supposedly epically important -- and politically fashionable -- as saving the planet is at stake?

Meanwhile, California has had a decadeslong aversion to properly clearing forests. The state’s leaders have long been in thrall to the belief that cutting down trees is somehow an offense against nature, even though thinning helps create healthier forests. Biomass has been allowed to build up, and it becomes the kindling for

catastrophic fires.

As Chuck DeVore of the Texas Public Policy Foundation points out, a report of the Western Governors’ Association warned of this effect more than a decade ago, noting that “over time the fire-prone forests that were not thinned, burn in uncharacteristically destructive wildfires.”

In 2016, then-Gov. Jerry Brown actually vetoed a bill that unanimously passed the state Legislature to promote the clearing of trees dangerously close to power lines.

There shouldn’t be any doubt that California, susceptible to drought through its history and whipped by fierce, dry winds this time of year, is always going to have a fire problem. But there also shouldn’t be any doubt that dealing with it this poorly is the result of a series of foolish, unrealistic policy choices.

California’s overriding goal should have been safe, cheap and reliable power, a public good so basic that it’s easy to take for granted. The state’s focus on ideological fantasies has instead ensured it has none of the above.

Rich Lowry is editor
of the National Review.
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Dear Eleanore Turkington:
I have never written to you in the past, but I feel the need to ask for your assistance. I live on Andrea Drive, a cul-de-sac in a very small neighborhood. The houses, roads and sidewalks are approximately 20 years old.

The sidewalks are in disrepair. Pieces of the sidewalk are broken, crumbled, splitting and very dangerous. People cannot walk on them because they are a hazard to the children, elderly and handicapped in our neighborhood. People and children tend to walk in the street, rather than trying to walk on broken sidewalks for fear they will fall and injure themselves.

The younger children cannot ride their tricycles because the walks are broken, so they tend to ride in the street - very unsafe.

Since the walks are dangerous and over 20 years old, the city should consider repaving the walks for the safety of our children, elderly and handicapped people who live on this street.

We the neighbors should not be burdened with the cost of repaving, the city should take the monetary responsibility to repave because, as taxpayers, we would expect the city to correct this dangerous neighborhood situation.

MAC Resident

Dear MAC Resident:

Because there is an element of danger in your request for help, I forwarded a copy of your complaint to Councilwoman Tracy Morrissey. Please let me know if, within two weeks, there isn't any signs of improvement. I feel confident Councilwoman Morrissey will look into your complaint.

Dear Gripe Vine Readers:

Gripe Vine has been posting a gripe relating to a tree in poor condition on Nonquit Street. Correspondence has been received to comments like "The wrong tree was cut down," to "branches falling on private property" to "unsightly undergrowth."

Gripe Vine reached out to Councilwoman Robbin Watt Hamilton who provided the

By Eleanore Turkington



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

following statement to our readers, "I have been in an ongoing communication with the resident of Nonquit Street and the tree warden. The tree has been trimmed and has been placed on a list. I've reached out to the warden ask-

ing him to touch bases with the resident who has real concerns of this hazardous tree. They spoke once briefly. It is my hopes that this tree comes down ASAP to ensure the safety of everyone."

O.K. Nonquit Street Residents, Gripe Vine needs an update from YOU! Has the tree been trimmed? Has it been cut down? Is it a hazard to motorists? As soon as I hear from either Councilwoman Hamilton or Nonquit Street Residents, it is my hope the tree's present condition has improved.

Dear Gripe Vine Readers:

Has anyone filled the pothole just before the Exit Ramp for First Street to Governor John Davis Lodge Turnpike?

Coming up...holes on Knox Street...Potholes at the in-

tersection of Platt Avenue and Sorenson from plows... Gas Company is requested to return to repave Hillcrest Avenue.. Apple Festival Griper... Accumulated trash on Plainfield Avenue..Motorists still not stopping at the STOP SIGNS at Fenwick and Yale.. vacant lot on Beach Street with steps leading to nowhere. Anyone know what happened to the house that used to be on it?

You can send your comments, gripes and suggestions to gripevine4wh@aol.com or mail them to Gripe Vine c/o The West Haven Voice, 840 Boston Post Road, West Haven 06516 . Please include your name, address and phone number, kept in strict confidence with me.

Letters, we get letters

Centralized planning hurts taxpayers

Ed. Note: The following letter is being reprinted due to production difficulties last week.

Centralized plans, 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 October 8 meeting of Planning 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 Conservation 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. Haven 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.

Patricia Bollettieri

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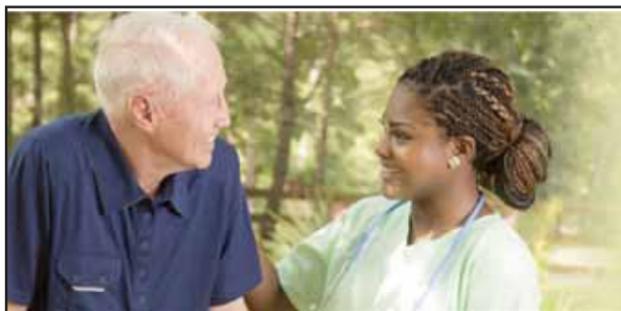
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

*Historian's Corner
Four Centuries
of West Haven Green
Part Five*

With thanks to Historian Peter J Malia for contributing to this series.

Below is an image of the first Christ Church Episcopal in West Haven. This photo shows the mission, later repurposed as St. Martin of the Fields.

The West Haven Green has always been a gathering place for worship, protest, celebration, mourning, schooling... and for making history. It was home to the First Congregational Church built in 1717, which doubled as the village meetinghouse.



The original Christ Church building was moved to Washington and Park streets, and is now a private residence.

The first in a succession of schoolhouses opened just northeast of the meetinghouse in 1729. A new schoolhouse was built in its place in 1805 and served West Haven children until 1857.

Part of the Green was also consecrated as a graveyard that remained active until 1878. The graveyard now borders Campbell Avenue on both sides of Church Street. It was originally one contiguous piece of property. In the 19th century, the graveyard was divided between the two churches with some graves being moved to either side to accommodate the creation of Church Street and an

expanding Episcopal presence in town.

That presence was not always welcomed, nor peaceful. When Christ Church was built in the very shadows of the Congregational meetinghouse in 1739, the humble little mission stood among the first Anglican (Episcopal) churches in Connecticut. At the time, however, its very existence was a source of trouble in West Haven. Known for its more conservative and Loyalist congregation, Christ Church and its communicants were increasingly suspected of being enemies of American independence.

At one point, the Sons of Liberty led by West Havener Lamberton Smith even demanded that two "treasonous" individuals, both members of Christ Church, be banished from the village. Once the Revolution began, the Congregationalist minister, Rev. Noah Williston, used the meetinghouse as a recruiting station for the rebel militia, which often drilled on the Green. Fearing violence, the Rev. Bella Hubbard eventually shuttered Christ Church for a good part of the war. Still, the taunting and persecutions continued as the

war dragged on. By the end of the Revolution in 1783, some five percent of Christ Church communicants had fled to Canada.

During the Revolution, one incident stands above all others in the history of West Haven's Green. On July 5, 1779, an invasion force of some 1,500 British and Hessian soldiers marched up what is now Savin Avenue to the Green. While some soldiers busied themselves looting surrounding homes, others were prompted by local Tories to seize the Rev. Williston as a traitor. Seeing their approach, Williston tried to escape, breaking his leg in the process. Dragging him back to the Green, the soldiers made such a ruckus, they attracted the attention of Adjutant William Campbell, a Scottish Highlander and member of His Majesty's Third Guards. Campbell quickly disbursed the troopers and had Williston carried back to the parsonage, where he then ordered the regimental surgeon to set the minister's leg, then posted a guard so he would be left in peace. Less than two hours later, Campbell would be killed atop Milford Hill in Allingtown. Today, a large boulder sits on the southwest

portion of the Green across from the West Haven Historical Society to commemorate Adj. Campbell's act of mercy. A larger monument is in Allingtown inscribed with Campbell's name and the Biblical beatitude: "Blessed are the Merciful."

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City cited for sustainability effort

West Haven was among the Connecticut municipalities recognized at the New Britain Museum of American Art on Oct. 30 for achieving certification as a Sustainable CT community.

The city met high standards in a broad range of sustainability accomplishments to qualify for the prestigious Bronze certification, said Lynn Stoddard, executive director of the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University, which administers the Sustainable CT program.

Sustainable CT, a statewide initiative that inspires and supports communities in becoming more efficient, resilient and inclusive, announced its 2019 certified communities last week.

"This is really exciting news for the city," Mayor Nancy R. Rossi said. "I would like to thank the volunteers and city employees who invested their time and hard work as part of the West Haven Sustainability Team. They were key to the success of this effort and on achieving the Bronze certification."

City fuel aid still available to residents

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, starting Oct. 1, 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.

In its application for Sustainable CT certification, West Haven amassed 390 points in 23 of 56 possible action categories, far exceeding the required 200 points for Bronze certification. Additionally, the city was nominated as a CT Success Story for the in-depth and thorough work done on assessing and addressing climate vulnerability.

"West Haven's achievement of Bronze certification in only the second year of the Sustainable CT initiative is a credit to the diligence and forward-thinking of many city employees and commission members during financially challenging times," said Robin Parsons, who leads the West Haven Sustainability Team. "This certification not only grants recognition to those efforts, it provides a foundation for West Haven to become a leader in municipal sustainability in the years to come."

Certification lasts for three years, with Connecticut's first cohort of municipalities certified in 2018. Collectively, 47 municipalities — more than 27% of the state's communities — have earned Sustainable CT certification. Certified communities span every county and include some of Connecticut's largest cities and smallest towns.

"Congratulations to our 2019 certified Sustainable CT communities," Stoddard said. "We are inspired by your leadership and eager to share your accomplishments in building

efficient, thriving and resilient communities."

The Sustainable CT program empowers municipalities to create high collective impact for current and future residents and is managed under the leadership of Eastern's Institute for Sustainable Energy in Willimantic.

Sustainable CT is philanthropically funded, with strong support from its three founding funders: the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation, the Common Sense Fund and the Smart Seed Fund.

On Dec. 3, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities will recognize West Haven

and the 22 other communities with Bronze certification, as well as the nine communities with Silver certification, at the Sustainable CT 2019 Certified Towns Award Ceremony. The event will take place during CCM's Annual Convention at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Ledyard.

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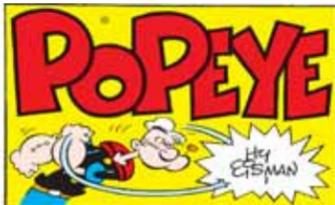
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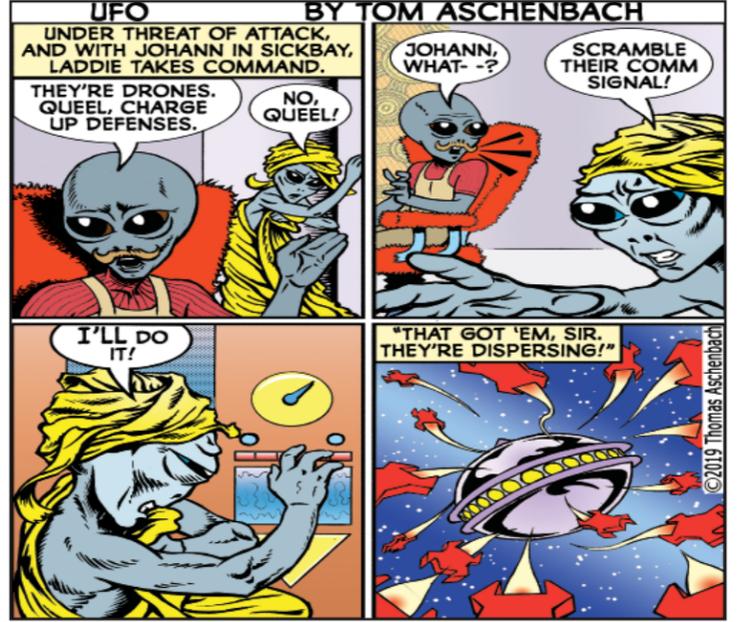


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For DeMaio it is about the kids

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

By painting a picture in the theater of the mind, George DeMaio said he used his skills to teach student's history and to highlight high school athletics.

DeMaio was born and raised in West Haven. He spent his childhood and adolescence playing basketball, baseball, soccer and, occasionally, football. Sports have always been very important to the broadcaster and radio host, as they are for many West Haven residents.

"I was honored my senior year by being named athlete of the year in 1966," said DeMaio. "In fact, in December of last year, I was inducted into the West Haven Hall of Fame."

After graduating high school, DeMaio said he went on to study elementary education at Southern Connecticut State University. When he finished his degree in 1970, he applied for and got a 5th grade teaching position at Thompson School. He said it was an ominous beginning.

"That particular year, being so pumped up to get my first teaching job, they went on strike," said DeMaio. "So, I had to wait two weeks before I actually started my teaching

career. I actually picketed with the teachers. That's how I met them."

DeMaio said he taught at Thompson for four years before leaving to work various jobs including one at Southern New England Telecommunications, a telecommunications company. It was during this time, while DeMaio and his wife were raising their two sons in East Haven that his friend Ralph Solli told him about a sportscasting job opening at KC101.

The broadcaster said he had done some play-by-play broadcasting on the town's community access show. According to DeMaio, he recording a sports report in one take, and sent it in. He said he was notified soon after that his final interview would be a live sports report on the station.

When he walked into the station, DeMaio said he was wearing his championship jacket from coaching East Haven mini basketball. He said they jokingly told him that if he got the job, they would call him "The Coach," the name stuck.

The broadcaster went into the studio and did his broadcast from memory, without notes. He said he got a call later that night informing him

he was hired. DeMaio said he was always fascinated by sports broadcasting, citing the famous New York Yankees broadcaster Mel Allen as one of his influences.

"When I was a young kid, even in elementary school, whenever I played sports, I always did play-by-plays of the game," he said. "Don't ask me why."

DeMaio worked part time at the radio station while also working at SNET. In 1985 he became a full-time employee

of KC101. He said his skill in broadcasting comes from knowing and loving the whatever sport he is covering and by "doing his homework" on both teams playing.

"I think the one thing I've told people who tell me they want to do [sports broadcasting] is you have to make your game, the game your broadcasting, the best game ever played," said DeMaio. "No matter what the teams are and what the score is. If you don't, why would they [the audi-

ence] listen?"

The Coach said a good radio broadcaster paints a vivid picture in the mind of the listener. He said

During his tenure at KC101 and his current station WELI, DeMaio has grown his programming to cover men and women's basketball and hockey as well as baseball, softball and football. He said he enjoys covering high school sports and has turned down higher paying job offers. He never

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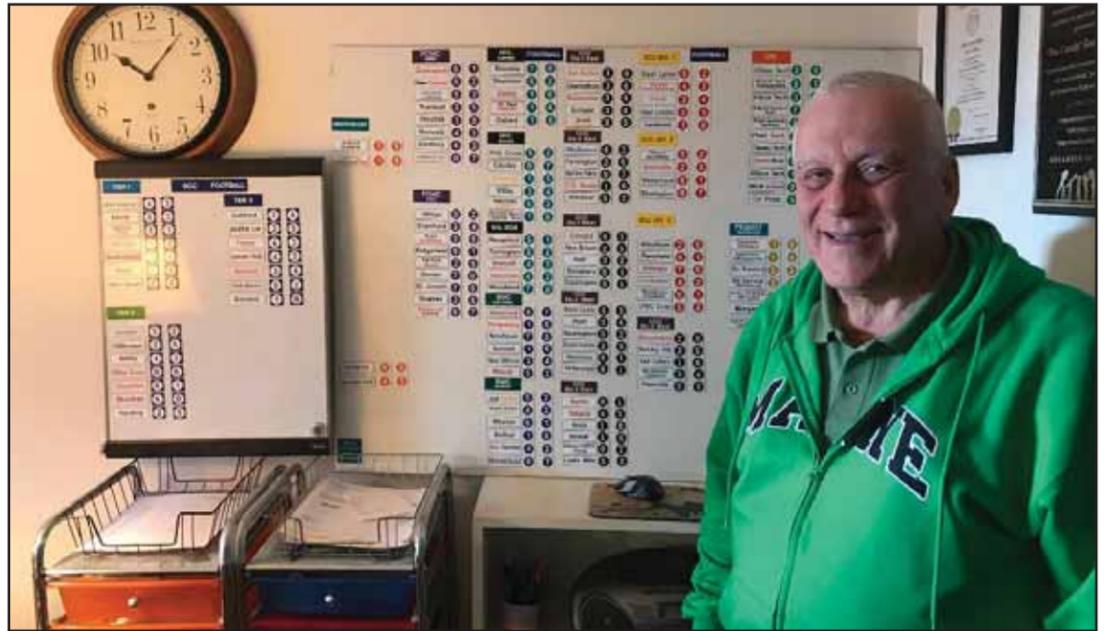


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George "The Coach" DeMaio standing in front of the board where he tracks the rankings of Connecticut football teams.

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Westies stumble to 2-4 record

The West Haven football team fell to 2-4 with a 37-0 loss against top-ranked Hand of Madison Friday night. With plenty to play for as head coach Dave Mastroianni made his return from his battle with

cancer, the Tigers turned to their senior leadership to roll to a victory over West Haven in a Southern Connecticut Conference Tier I contest in West Haven.

Quarterback Phoenix Bill-

ings was on the mark in the opening half, connecting on 13-of-15 passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns, while fellow senior Austin Doyle spoiled any chance of a West Haven comeback with a key

fumble recovery in the opening half. Billings finished 15-of-20 for 199 yards and three touchdowns.

Hand senior Jesse Lutz returned the opening kickoff 90 yards for a score and an 8-0 lead just 14 seconds into the game.

The Tigers (7-0) wasted no time taking a 16-0 lead as an 11-play, 80-yard drive was capped when Billings hit Isaiah McNeilly with a 19-yard touchdown pass with 3 minutes, 47 seconds left in the opening quarter.

The Westies (2-4) had a golden opportunity to get back in the game when Hand fumbled on its next possession and James Parker recovered at the Hand 42. But, two plays later, Hand's Doyle recovered a West Haven fumble to set up another Hand score.

Billings hit Ethan Haberman for 67 yards on the first play, and Lutz scored from five yards out two plays later for a 23-0 advantage with 2:50 gone by in the second quarter.

Hand put the game away with 57 seconds remaining in the half, capping a seven-play drive with a 2-yard toss from Billings to Seth Sweitzer.

The Tigers added the final touchdown of the game with 6:29 left in the third quarter as Billings hit Haberman for a 34-yard score.

Hand's defense was equally impressive, holding West Haven to just one yard of offense in the third quarter and 39 total yards in the second half, which also included running time after Hand's final touchdown. The Tigers held West Haven quarterback Andre Rentas to just 51 yards passing.

Winners of four of five contests, the West Haven volleyball team looked to close the regular season in style on Senior Night. Unfortunately for the Westies, Career had other ideas.

After battling the entire contest, West Haven could not pull out the victory in a 23-25, 25-21, 23-25, 25-15, 13-15 loss at West Haven High Monday evening.

After two-point losses in the first and third games, West Haven rebounded after each. The match came down to the final game and Career was able to hold off the Westies in the fifth and deciding game.

Giliana Santaniello ran the offense with 11 assists. Santaniello also added 11 digs defensively, while Thiana Baez had 10 digs and three aces. Noelle Noble played well defensively with 17 digs and added seven kills on offense, while Neve Krajcir also had 17 digs, and added five aces and three kills.

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Photo by Russ McCreven

Big stop!

West Haven's Bantam A hockey team is well into its 2019 season but the lads were topped, 7-3, by the visiting Riverhawks of Shelton Saturday at Bennett Rink Here, Westie goalie Bryan Hong steers the puck away from one of the visitors. See page 15 for more results.

Knights cop CIAC soccer berth

Football -- An exciting back-and-forth affair between Notre Dame and Xavier ended up in heartbreak for the Green Knights. Trailing 28-21 with less than 90 seconds left in the game, Notre Dame was poised to tie the game but couldn't convert a fourth-down conversion inside the Xavier 10-yard line, leading to a Falcon win.

In a see-saw affair, Notre Dame jumped on top 7-0 on a 32-yard pass connection from Jackson Zalinsky to Tommy Candelora. Xavier fumbled on its first play from scrimmage, but Notre Dame couldn't turn the miscue into points and were forced to punt and pinned the Falcons inside the 10-yard line. Xavier proceeded to drive 93 yards to tie the score on a Drew Kron 5-yard scamper.

The Falcons grabbed a 14-7 lead with 2:50 left in the opening quarter on a DJ White 52-yard run. But the Green Knights answered with an 8-yard slant pass to Robbie Oliverio and the game was tied at 14-14 heading into halftime. The team's continued to trade touchdowns with Xavier taking the lead at 21-14 on the opening drive of the third quarter. Bryce Sweetapple went untouched from seven yards out and the Falcons led. Notre Dame put a checker on a checker when Candelora and Zalinsky connected on another score and the game was tied at 21-21 with 8:25 left in the third quarter.

Xavier took the lead on a Kron 65-yard scamper with 1:27 left in the third quarter. It would be the final score of the game. The Green Knights return to action traveling to play Fairfield Prep on Friday in a 6 p.m. kickoff

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Photo courtesy of NDWH

The Notre Dame soccer seniors were feted on their Senior Night Ceremony on Monday, October 28 where they clinched a winning season with a 4-0 win over Career. Notre Dame starts Class L state tournament play on Monday.

'Hawk cheerleaders rule



The Junior PeeWees came out the champions.



The PeeWees took home the runner-up trophy.



The Junior Varsity squad took home regional honors.

The West Haven Seahawk cheerleading squads traveled to the Paul Tsongas Center located in Lowell, Mass this past weekend to compete along with hundreds of other teams from the Pop Warner new England region.

The Junior PeeWee (9 and 10) team came in first place and was crowned New England Regional Champions in their large division. The team will now travel to ESPN's Wide World of Sports located at Disneyworld in December where they will have squads from the other eight regions for the chance to win a national championship.

The PeeWee cheerleaders came in second place for both their competition and sideline routines. The squad faced very good competition and was named New England Region runner up. The top two teams in each division move onto the National Championships.

The junior Varsity team faced ten other squads from the New England region in the small division and really performed well. They were crowned New England champions in both their competition and sideline routines. They will join the Junior PeeWee and PeeWee squads at the national championships.

The Mitey Mite squad (7 & 8) performed well with competition from all the states and did not place.

Hall of Fame: *Induction slated for Nov. 23*

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the fly in 2006, and still holds the fly record 13 years later.

Severino was the team captain for both the swim and tennis teams her senior year, while also participating in the marching band and jazz band.

Severino earned a Division I scholarship to swim at Central Connecticut State University, breaking three school records in the 1,000, 1,650 and 800 relay. Severino still holds two individual records ten years later.

Severino was a NCAA All-America honoree in the 500 free, and made it to the Olympic trials before she was cut in the 400 meter free.

A hockey and baseball star under Hall of Fame coaches Art Crouse and George Hanchette, Sheppard made his mark in the rink and on the baseball diamond.

Sheppard, who could find the back of the net with the best of them on the ice, is third on the all-time West Haven scoring list with 138 points.

He was an All-District selection as well as second-team All-State selection his senior year.

Sheppard graduated in 1982 and also played three years of varsity on the baseball diamond.

With a knack of getting on base and the smooth hands to anchor the infield in the middle at second base, Sheppard was an All-District selection his senior campaign.

Sheppard went on to play college

hockey at the University of Connecticut where he played four years at right wing, finishing with 35 goals, 48 assists and 83 points.

Toni Johnson Ginsberg, Kelly Johnson DiNapoli and Herbie Johnson become the first trifecta of siblings to be inducted at the same time.

Ginsberg starred on both the volleyball court and softball diamond as a 1988 graduate. A 3-year starter in volleyball, Ginsberg excelled in serve percentage and hits, and despite suffering a knee injury her senior season, she was chosen as the team's captain.

On the softball field, Ginsberg was a 4-year starter for a West Haven team which was the District League champion all four years.

An All-District first team selection three times and honorable mention once, Ginsberg had the Toni Johnson Award for Offensive Excellence named for her, and upon graduating, held school records in hits, runs batted in, doubles (just broken in 2019) and home runs (still stands).

DiNapoli is a 1992 graduate who was a four-year varsity starter in soccer and softball.

On the pitch, DiNapoli was a formidable defender and stopper who made the All-District team as a junior, and All-State as a senior, when she was the team's captain.

DiNapoli made her mark on the softball field from the start as she batted fourth and led her team in stolen bases

as a freshman.

DiNapoli played center and pitched, while hitting .487 as a sophomore, leading the team in homers with five.

DiNapoli was an All-District League selection as a junior after hitting .431 with 26 stolen bases. She was also the team's most valuable player.

Johnson is a 1991 graduate who starred in football and hockey, winning a combined three state titles with the two teams.

A defensive nose guard and offensive center on the football team, Johnson's teams won the state title his freshman and junior years.

Anchoring the middle on both sides of the ball, Johnson was a second team All-District selection his junior year, before being named All-District and third-team All-State his senior campaign.

Initially not going to play high school hockey due to his love of football, Johnson was switched from defense to forward and made a home at left wing for three years under coaches Crouse and DeLucia.

Johnson was a key cog of the state championship team his junior year. As a senior, he finished with 16 goals and 20 assists, and was named to the North-South All-Star game.

Johnson went on the play Division I football at Central Connecticut State University as a defensive nose guard, scoring his first and only touchdown against Hofstra.

Rice is a 1955 graduate of West Haven, where he played football, basketball, and track and field. Rice was well decorated in each sport, holding the shot put record at West Haven for 50 years.

On the football field, Rice used his 6-foot 185-pound frame to dominate both sides of the ball as a tight end and linebacker. Rice was named second-team All-State as a senior.

The versatile Rice also starred in the shot put, hammer, and javelin under Hall of Fame coach William Irons.

Gilhuly is a 1974 graduate who starred on both the football field and in the shot put.

Gilhuly played four years of football and was part of the 1972 state championship team.

The tight end and defensive end was a key piece to the team's success, which also saw West Haven end Xavier's 34-game win streak.

A ferocious competitor, Gilhuly was named to the All-District team in 1973 as a defensive end, and was also the team's tri-captain his senior year.

Away from the gridiron, Gilhuly starred in the shot put event for four years.

Upon graduating, Gilhuly went on to play football at Columbia University, where he was a defensive tackle and three-year starter.

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Westies: Volleyball continues late surge

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Savannah Lopez also played well with eight assists and six kills, while Chekeenah Jeudi had four kills.

Winless in five straight contests, the West Haven boys soccer team needed a big win before postseason play. The Westies got that win Monday

evening.

Facing East Haven on the road, the Westies got goals from five different players in a dominant 5-0 win over East Haven. With the victory, West Haven improved to 7-6-3 on the year.

Brian Carew needed to make just one save in the shutout, while Jovan Loja, Sebastian Navarro, and Mario Acevedo each had their first career varsity goals, and Tejean Campbell picked up his first varsity assist.

After a scoreless first half, Loja scored off an assist from Luis Lopez at the 49 minute, 25 second mark for a 1-0 lead. Aldo Barragan made it a 2-0 game off an assist from Kevin Morales 1:40 later.

The Westies continued to

pour it on when Bernard Ocansey scored at the 53:44 mark.

Campbell set up Navarro at the 68:18 mark and Derick Meza set up Mario Acevedo at 77:38.

West Haven held a 32-2 shot advantage in the game.

The West Haven girls swimming team fell to East Haven / Cross 99-71 Monday afternoon. With the loss, West Haven dropped to 1-10 on the season.

The Westies had one first place finish as Victoria Acuna took home the top spot in the 100 free in 1 minute, 4.69 seconds.

West Haven had nine second place finishes in the meet. The 200 medley relay team of Madison Hobart, Molly Wilson, Acuna, and Kaelyn Falanga was second in 2:08.77, the 200 free relay team of Hobart, Eileen Barrington, Wilson, and Morgan Falanga placed second in 1:56.06, and the 400 free relay team of Acuna, Morgan Falanga, Alana Orecchio, and Kaelyn Falanga was second in 4:17.20.

The 200 free saw Morgan Falanga second in 2:18.81, the 50 free had Kaelyn Falanga second in 28.07 seconds, the 100 free saw Acuna second in 1:04.69, and the 500 free had Kaelyn Falanga second in 6:05.95.

Hobart was second in the 100 back in 1:13.75 and Wil-

son placed second in the 100 breast in 1:20.76.

The Westies fell to Guilford 97.5-85.5 Wednesday afternoon in West Haven. West Haven had a pair of first place finishes as the 200 medley relay team of Hobart, Wilson, Kaelyn Falanga, and Morgan Falanga won in 2 minutes, 4.53 seconds. The 1 meter diving had Kaylee Taulty win with 166.05 points.

West Haven also had 10 second place finishes. In the 200 IM, Orecchio was second in 2:38.79, while Kaelyn Falanga was second in the 50 free 27.86 seconds.

In one-meter diving, Eva Preedom was second with 112.25 points, while the 100 fly had Hobart second in 1:12.69. The 100 free had Acuna second in 1:03.28, the 500 free saw Kaelyn Falanga second in 5:56.60. Hobart was also second in the 100 back 1:15.63, and Wilson was second in the 100 breast in 1:19.81.

The 200 free relay placed second with a team of Hobart, Acuna, Kaelyn Falanga, and Morgan Falanga in 1:53.70. The 400 free relay team of Orecchio, Acuna, McKenna Driver, and Sofia Shubin was second in 4:32.31.

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Seahawk 8U running back Majesty Whitaker (1) races for a touchdown against the New Haven Steelers.

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Squirt A tops ECHO, 9-6, on the ice

The road warriors of the West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team won their seventh game of the season on Sunday.

The Blue Devils defeated ECHO A, 9-6, at the Bolton Ice Palace behind forward Cameren Lipford's five goals and goaltender Alex Werle's 23 saves. Forwards Grady Schulte and Tyler Silva contributed two goals each for the Westies.

The Blue Devils worked hard and played well, outskating the Stars of the Eastern Connecticut Hockey Organization from the drop of the puck and taking advantage of scoring opportunities on their way to a convincing victory.

Just over a minute into the contest, Schulte put the Westies on the scoreboard first on a shot that bounced over the ECHO goaltender. The Stars tied it two minutes later before briefly pulling ahead 2-1 at 8:30 of the first period. Lipford answered for the Blue Devils at 6:19 of the first, scoring on a rebound from defenseman Andrew Grillo. Schulte then made it 3-2 on a power-play goal from the left faceoff circle to close out the period.

The Westies opened the floodgates in the second, notching five goals. Lipford started the offensive juggernaut at 11:50 of the period, launching a wrist shot from inside the right blue line to make it 4-2. At 9:27 of the second, Silva backhanded a rebound past the ECHO goaltender to put the Blue Devils up 5-2.

After the Stars cut the Westies' lead to 5-3, Lipford answered with a short-handed goal from the right faceoff circle to make it 6-3 with defenseman Kyle Guarino assisting on the play.

At 4:55 of the second, Lipford caught a pass from Grillo and wristed a shot high to the blocker side to put the Blue Devils up 7-4. Silva made it 8-4 at 2:24 of the period, scoring in front of the net on a pass from

forward Aedan Guarino.

Midway through the third, Lipford scored from the right faceoff circle to make it 9-5 and preserve the win for the Westies.

On Saturday, West Haven fell, 9-2, to Stamford A at Terry Connors Rink. Lipford and Silva scored for the Blue Devils.

The West Haven Peewee AA team was in action Friday night, hosting the Jr Wolfpack AAA at Bennett Rink where the Westies posted an 8-2 victory.

Brody gave the Westies a 1-0 lead with 11:58 left in first. Just minutes into the second period, Thomas Porto found the back of the net after Nick Eberhart led Nicky Stevens in the offensive zone with a pass.

With 9:01 remaining, DiNuzzo beat the goalie on a wrister for a 3-0 advantage. The Westies tacked on five more goals, scored by Porto, Jack Aloï, Billy Mascari, Nick Salzano and Tim Donohue. Gabe Locklear was outstanding assisting on multiple goals and Zach Goetze played very well.

Strong defense from John Donohue, Cooper Deko and Beckett Stenz played a key role in West Haven posting the win. The goaltending was split by Tyler Donroe and Nate Kempton, who both played very well in net.

On Saturday, the Westies hosted South Windsor in CHC action in Hamden. West Haven proved to be too much for the Knights as the team peppered South Windsor in a 12-0 victory.

Deko got the Westies going as he sent a shot from the point past the goaltender. The flood gates opened as John Donohue, Locklear, and Connor Benz each tacked on two goals. Tim Donohue added one goal, but it was Porto who stole the show with a four-goal game.

Kempton and Donroe com-

bined for the shutout as they were solid between the pipes. With the win, West Haven extended its win streak to 11 straight games.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team pushed its undefeated streak to four games with two wins this weekend. The Blue Devils defeated Ridgefield A, 3-1, and blitzed Watertown A, 10-3. West Haven is now 8-9-1 overall and 7-5-0 in CHC league play.

On Saturday evening at the Winter Garden Ice Arena, the Westies got a pair of goals from Mike Page and a couple of brilliant saves from Jacob Silva down the stretch to knock off Ridgefield, 3-1. Ridgefield took an early 1-0 lead before the Blue Devils settled in and took control of the game. Matt Kelly passed to Sean Studley who fired a stretch pass that split the defense to Ronnie Mastroni. Mastroni deked and scored to tie it 7:12 into the game. With three minutes left in the first period, Brady Price skated around a defender and left a drop pass for Mikey Page's one-timer. The goal gave West Haven a 2-1 lead at the first intermission.

Early in the second period, Jonathan Charbonneau flicked a pass to the front of

the goal where Page jammed it home giving the Westies a two-goal lead. Silva, who ended with ten saves, made a pair of crucial kick saves in the third period to ice the win. Greg Galasso started in net and posted nine saves. On Sunday morning at Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Westies scored six goals in the second period, including three by Mastroni, to drop the Wa-

tertown Red Wings by a final score of 10-3. Chris Consorte and Alex Bowery each scored twice in the victory.

The Blue Devils spent much of the first period killing penalties but managed a 2-1 lead at the break. Matt Kelly passed to Ryan Pniewski for a shot from the point and Studley jammed home the rebound to open the scoring.

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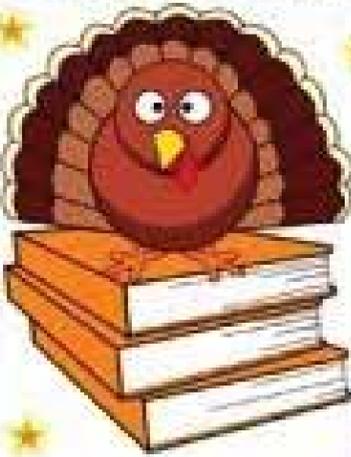
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Soccer -- Emotions always run high on Senior Night and this year was no different as 11 soccer seniors were honored before the team's final regular season contest against career on Oct. 28. Thomas Ellis scored a hat trick while fellow senior Chase Socquet played through heartbreak and stole the show by posting a shutout in goal to lead the Notre Dame soccer team to a 4-0 win over Career.

Socquet, playing his second game following the tragic passing of his father last week, made 13 total saves to record a clean sheet between the pipes. He was replaced with five minutes left to an emotional standing ovation from those in attendance, including a spirited Green Machine student section.

Ellis opened the scoring less than 90 seconds into the game and that was the only goal of the first half. Nicholas Vitti doubled the lead before Ellis added two more scores. Notre Dame will have had two weeks off before resuming play in the first round of the Class L state tournament on Monday.

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DeMaio: Popular broadcaster keeps going

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 wanted to move around, he said, and always thought it was important to highlight high school athletes.

"The kids love it. The parents love it," said DeMaio.

"The aunts. The uncles. The grandparents. It's a place for them to listen and hear about their kids. That's what it's all about."

DeMaio said he covers more than 100 games a year and is adding more to his schedule this year and in 2020.

He described his job as "a lot of work" but added that he has "a lot of fun."

From 1994 to 2008, DeMaio went back to part-time as a radio host, while he taught middle school social studies in East Haven.

He said he brought the same type of

energy he used in coaching and broadcasting to the classroom.

"I get into it," he said. "I want to make social studies, which can be boring, exciting. They played games. I made contests. If there was something else I could have done [in life] I would have been a gameshow host. When I go and cover a big game, I want to have fun. And, I wanted my kids to have fun in

the classroom."

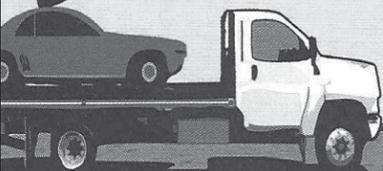
Looking to the future, the Coach said he thinks he will know when it's time to retire - but that time has not come. DeMaio said he still enjoys the work he does.

When he does retire, he wants to travel around the country with his wife and dog to visit the natino's Major League Baseball stadiums.

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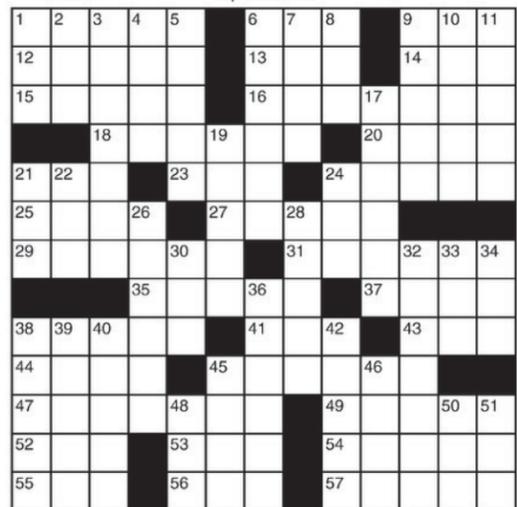
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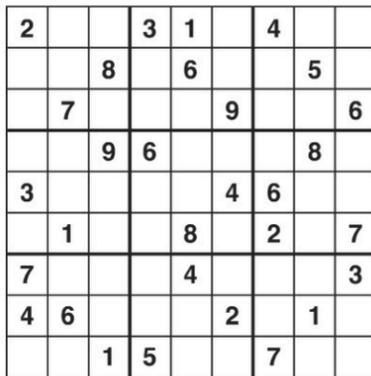
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by Linda Thistle



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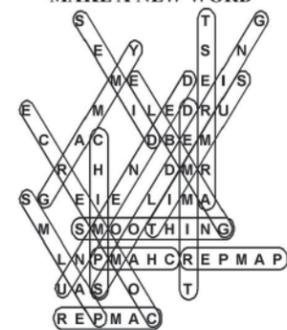
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The West Haven Seahawks 8U football team after their 26-0 win over the New Haven Steelers. The Seahawks will play in the conference Championship game on Saturday at 3 at Veterans Field.

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Below -- West Haven Seahawk 8U running back Tristian Crawford (4) stiff-arms a Steeler defender. The Seahawks advanced to the SCPW Championship with a 26-0 victory.



Seahawks' 8U moves to championship

The West Haven Seahawks 8U team remained unbeaten and improved its record to 9-0 with a convincing 26-0 win over the New Haven Steelers in the Southern Connecticut Conference semi-finals held at Kennedy Stadium in Bridgeport.

Tristian Crawford had two

electrifying rushing touchdowns.

Majesty Whitaker added a rushing score and connected with Kayden Desruisseaux for another. CJ Schaulder and Jermaine Gibbs chipped in with extra points.

The defense was led by Jacari Harris, William Pastore,

Jayden Potter, Mason Booker and Jayden Spell who had five solo tackles.

The 12U Seahawk team (8-2) fought tough but fell to a very talented and undefeated Stratford Redskins, 26-7. Quarterback Nick Conlan and running back Bryan Tillman played well on offense. The

defense played well but gave up some big plays.

Defensive standouts were Ethan Holy, Yahinus Mercer and Aedan Coe who scored the Seahawks lone score on a 45-yard fumble recovery and added the extra point conversion.

The 8U Seahawks will host

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WEST HAVEN CITY COUNCIL - LEGAL NOTICE

The Legislative Matters Committee of the West Haven City Council will hold a Public Hearing at 6:50 P.M. on November 12, 2019 in the City Council Chambers (3rd Floor City Hall) 355 Main Street West Haven to consider the following:

An Ordinance Regulating Non-Biodegradable Plastic Bags: The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to benefit the welfare of West Haven residents by reducing bag waste to protect the environment in the City of West Haven. The ban would bar any Business Establishment meaning any person, business or non-profit entity that sells or provides merchandise goods or materials not limited to clothing, food, or personal items, from providing as a courtesy or selling a plastic or paper checkout bag to any patron or customer. Checkout bags are limited to a carryout bag that is provided to a customer at the point of sale. Business Establishments will still be able to provide as a courtesy or sell product bags which are defined as single-use plastic or paper non-checkout bags that are used by consumers inside stores to package items including but not limited to, fruits, vegetables, nuts, candy, meat, fish, or flowers. Product bags also include those used to contain dry cleaning, prescriptions or those used to safeguard public health during the transportation of hospital waste. Charities and non-profits that distribute free food, clothing, or other household items are exempt from this ordinance.

While Business Establishments may not provide as a courtesy or sell a plastic or paper checkout bag, they can provide as a courtesy or sell paper checkout bags that meet or exceed the specifications of a Recycled Paper Checkout Bag. A Recycled Paper Checkout bags means a bag that contains no old growth fiber and minimum if forty (40) percent post-consumer recycled.

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The Redevelopment Committee of the West Haven City Council will hold a Public Hearing at 6:55 P.M. on November 25, 2019 in the City Council Chambers (3rd Floor City Hall) 355 Main Street West Haven to consider the following:

An §8-24 Referral for the abandonment of a portion of North Union Avenue between 8 North Union and 52 Richards Place.

Hockey: *Bantams split*

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Bowery then converted Price's pass from behind the net. Mastroni scored on two breakaways to open the second period with assists from Bowery and Connor Moriarty.

Mastroni then took Bowery's pass and went between his legs for a goal through the five-hole to earn his hat trick.

Zach Melchioro cashed in Consorte's pass followed by goals from Bowery and Page to give the Westies an 8-2 lead after two periods.

Consorte scored two goals twenty seconds apart, one from Moriarty and one unassisted, to complete the scoring in the third period. Silva and Galasso combined for 14 saves in goal.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team split a pair of games this weekend, falling to the Riverhawks and topping Stamford.

West Haven opened the weekend with a 7-3 loss against the Riverhawks Saturday afternoon at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven. Cade Simone led the offense with two goals, Cam Delvecchio added a goal and an assist, and Dave Brown and Sean Bosworth also had assists.

Simone gave West Haven a 1-0 first period lead off an assist from Brown, but the Riverhawks closed the period with three straight goals. Delvecchio set up Simone 3:35 into the second to get the Westies within a goal, but the Riverhawks again answered with three more tallies for a 6-2 lead.

Delvecchio then scored off an assist from Bosworth with 1:50 remaining, but the Westies never got closer.

West Haven got back on the winning track with a 5-1 road victory over Stamford Sunday evening. Bosworth and Mickey Dowd each scored twice, while Jayden Spreyer and Michael Madera each had a pair of assists.

Bosworth opened the scoring for the Westies with a tap-in of a Brown pass in front, before Stamford evened the contest 3:47 in. Bosworth gave West Haven a lead it would never relinquish when he tapped in a pass from Colin Deane 2:25 into the second period. Delvecchio increased the margin to 3-1. The Westies had a 4-1 lead when Dowd scored in front. The trio was at it again with 3:57 remaining in the game when Spreyer and Madera set up Dowd in front for the 5-1 final.

Brendan Smith played well in goal, making several key saves in the second period.

The defense of Brown, Axelrod, Jason Alling, Matt Wezenski, Bosworth, and Josh Gyolai was solid in the victory.



Around Town

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.

'Back to the Oldies'

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

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

BPGC to meet

The Bradley Point Garden Club of West Haven will hold its monthly meeting at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road. The program will be the Gift Exchange. Call Marie at (203) 878-8428 if you are interested in becoming a member.

Book Sale

The First Congregational church, 464 Campbell Ave., will host its monthly Used Book Sale and Clothes Closet opening on Saturday, Nov. 9 between the hours of 9-2. As usual there will be a large selection of books for sale including many books to help you celebrate Christmas, and many articles of clothing at very low prices. Call (203)

933-6291 for more info.

'Blue Devil Sip'

The West Haven Penalty Box

Club will host the Blue Devil Sip, a wine and spirit tasting, on Friday, Nov. 15, 6-10 p.m. at The Italian-American Club, 85 Chase Lane. Tastings of

Wine, Bourbon, Scotch, Vodka and other Spirits with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

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Cost for the tasting will be \$20. The event will support the West Haven High School boys' varsity hockey team.



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