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High School construction heads into the final stage



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Demolition of the old high school entrance and auditorium was completed after weeks of remediation under a bubble. The construction of the new school is heading into its final stages with the old gymnasium area next on the list for falling to the wrecker's ball.

By Mackenzie Meaney

Special to the Voice

With the opening of a new school year just weeks away, a plan that has been discussed, fought over, and finally approved is nearing its completion date, set for next year.

The West Haven High School seen today is not the same as the one that has been there in the past. As the community awaits its brand new, state-of-the-art high school to be completed, Superintendent of Schools Neil Cavallaro shared some of the details on the high school's construction progress, and where it is headed.

"All of the new construction is done," Cavallaro says. Now, it's more of a matter of refurbishing and renovating the school, the classrooms and other spaces in the school in order to make them fit for 21st century learning.

Landscaping outside of the school will look different as well. Cavallaro notes that there will be a loop for school busses placed in the former footprint of the old gymnasium.

The former front of the school is completely demolished, a task just completed last week. The new front will face the student parking lot. Cavallaro also says officials will be opening up the new gymnasium, science wing, and several classrooms prior to the start of school. The A-wing, which is the old gym, will also be torn down before school opens in the fall.

Since most of the construction has already been done, teachers have already had a chance to get acclimated with the new parts of the school. Teachers are allowed into their classrooms up to three weeks before school starts, which will give them ample time to set up their spaces to accommodate their class's sizes.

As a whole though, the high school is "65-75 percent done," Cavallaro notes. Their construction timeline is still on schedule, and school is still expected to be done in the fall of 2022.

The end of construction, next year, will mark the end of a 13-year story for Cavallaro and the Board of Education. First announced in 2009, the project met with several obstacles in the early going, including costs and, to some's mind, the need for a new construction. Several millions of dollars had been put into the old building, which opened in 1964.

Once the decision was made to use a cut-and-replace method on the same site, the problem of financing the project was faced. The city needed a special act of the General Assembly to gain a 70 percent rebate from the state after deadlines were missed.

The first opening was last year as the initial entrance, media center, cafeteria, and auditorium were ready for students.



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Finn McLaughlin, age 4, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. Finn is predicting sunny beach weather and wants to see sea turtles.

On this Date

2008 -- Coup in Mauritania. In the 6th coup in the North African country since 1978, President Sidi Ould Cheikh Abdallahi was overthrown and General Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, a career military officer, was installed in his place.

1965 -- Voting Rights Act Becomes Law. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the act, which prohibited any discrimination in voting. The act enforces the 14th and 15th amendments to the US Constitution.

1962 -- Jamaican Independence. The Caribbean island country was first colonized by the Spanish in the early 16th century. In 1655, the British invaded Spanish Jamaica and made it a colony after the Spanish surrendered. Jamaica soon became one of the most profitable colonies of the British Empire, especially after sugarcane was brought to the island by the English. The Jamaica Independence Act of July 1962, which was a result of anti-colonial sentiments that were spreading throughout the globe, gave Jamaica full independence by leaving the Federation of the West Indies.

1945 -- US Bombs Hiroshima. In the first of the only two times nuclear weapons have been used in warfare, the United States dropped a nuclear bomb, nicknamed Little Boy on the industrial city of Hiroshima in Japan. Over 150,000 people were estimated killed by the resulting explosion. Japan had joined the Second World War in December 1941 on the side of the Axis powers. After the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings 3 days later on August 9, Japan surrendered to the Allies and ended the Pacific War.

1926 -- First Woman to Swim Across the English Channel. Gertrude Ederle, an American Olympic swimmer swam across the English channel a body of water between England and France, in 14 hours and 34 minutes. Only 5 other people, all men, had swum across the channel before Ederle.

Births

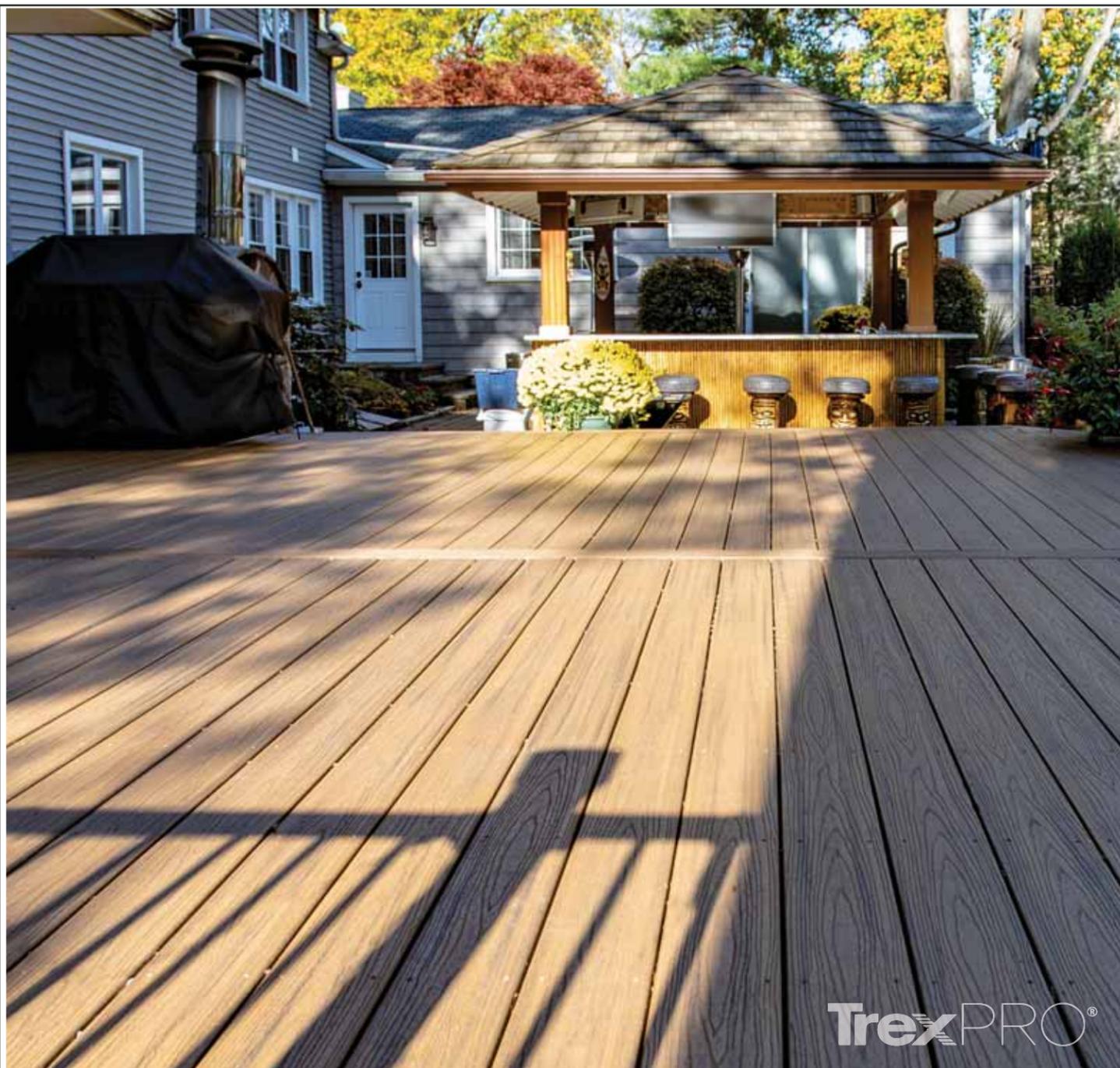
1983 -- Robin van Persie. Dutch footballer.

1928 -- Andy Warhol. American artist.

1911 -- Lucille Ball. American actress.

1881 -- Alexander Fleming. Scottish scientist, Nobel Prize laureate.

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Mullins leads 'Back the Blue' rally

Last Sunday, West Haven citizens lead by Planning and Zoning Commissioner Steven R. Mullins gathered on the West Haven Green to tie blue ribbons around trees and light poles to show support for the West Haven Police.

“Police in West Haven put their lives on the line to protect our residents everyday! They need to know that they’re appreciated by those they protect, especially during these uncertain times.” Mullins said.

The event was an impromptu community activity with only a couple of days notice. Citizens

donated ribbons, ladders and other supplies.

Mullins got the idea from West Haven businesswoman Carolyn Sires, owner of Physician’s Physical Therapy on Campbell Avenue.

Sires, a former native and a Branford resident is a Bran-

ford elected official, serving on the town’s Representative Town Meeting. She organized a Back the Blue Ribbon tribute on the Branford Green, where it was well received by police, residents and First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove.

Mullins brought the program

to West Haven within a week of learning about it and hopes to spread the idea to other cities and towns throughout Connecticut.

Among those participating were State Rep. Charles Ferrero (R-117), and Board of Education member Patricia Libero.



Photo by Jennifer Bonito

Planning and Zoning Commissioner Steven R. Mullins (right) thanks volunteers standing on the John Ireland Bandstand for taking time out to show their appreciation for West Haven Police by tying blue ribbons around trees and light poles on the West Haven Green.



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Library hopes to rekindle 'Love'

West Haven Public Library is launching a "Love My Library" campaign over the next year to help raise awareness about programs the library offers and to create a new connection to the community by expanding communication methods, officials said.

According to Library Director Colleen Bailie, the first part of the campaign will be a professional, impartial third-party assessment made of the library system through community-wide outreach.

"The City Council suggested and funded the assessment," Bailie said. "We jointly put out a Request for Proposals."

City Council members and the Village Improvement As-

sociation Board agreed upon hiring "ReThinking Libraries," formerly Kimberly Bolan & Associates (KBA). ReThinking Libraries will be conducting the assessment over the next few months. ReThinking Libraries is a library consulting firm established in 2004 by Kimberly Bolan Cullin and Rob Cullin.

The firm has provided consulting services for hundreds of public, school, and academic libraries across the United States and abroad. It focuses on facilities planning and design new approaches in strategic planning, 21st century library services, children's and teen services, marketing, technology, and customer service.

Bailie said that normally there would be face to face community gatherings and social interaction that is not possible at this time. Using different methods to connect and hear from all who can give critical input is our goal.

"We will be holding virtual meetings and telephone calls," Bailie said. "We want to engage people who love our library and reach out to the segment of the community that thinks libraries are no longer necessary."

Governed by the Village Improvement Association (VIA), one of the campaign's goals is to meet basic funding levels for services to patrons that are not met due to funding cuts

over the past five years.

"Five years ago, our funding was at \$1.6 million," explained President John Galvin. Today, our budget stands at \$1.2 million."

In FY20, the City of West Haven gave the library \$1,496,000 to operate, while \$1,210,000 was given for FY 21. Shortly after it became known that Bailie applied for and received a \$132,000 PPP loan in April of 2020, the Council chose to cut the library's budget for FY21 by an additional \$100,000. Officials say the result is the library is unable to provide the hours and services that West Haven residents expect in a library in a city of this size. VIA officials point to the fact the library now stands is 0.7% of the total city budget, one of the smallest departments, yet is perennially cut the most during budget times.

"These cuts have consequences and the VIA will have to make some serious decisions in the next few months as a result," Galvin said. "We are hoping the assessment will put us on a path so we are not looking at closing branches, possibly laying off staff or cutting services."

The campaign seeks to keep the Louis Piantino Branch open at its current site or at least maintaining a library presence in the Allingtown section of West Haven.

"The loss of this branch is an-

other blow to this part of the city," Galvin said. "The city is in the process of selling this location to a private developer. The city has failed to hold a public hearing concerning the sale of this municipal property and what it plans to do for a library in this area."

City Hall has offered the use of buildings to house the library in Allingtown, but has not committed to paying rent to the owner of the building. Without the city's rent assistance, the library could not afford to be in any building, no matter how inexpensive due to low funding.

The "Love My Library" campaign will include monthly marketing themes in regards to the library and special kick-off campaigns such as Library Card Sign-up Month in September.

Throughout Covid the library has made available all of its online materials, library card sign ups, and librarian help over the phone, virtual programs and parking lot pickup.

It was one of twenty-two CT libraries to be the first to open its doors to the returning public using the governor's guidelines. Anyone interested in showing their support contact the library for a free "Love My Library" lawn sign or button, we find a way to get those items to you: dir@westhaven-library.org.

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District 5 - Simchat Yisrael Hall	870 First Ave
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District 7 - Anna Molloy School	225 Meloy Road
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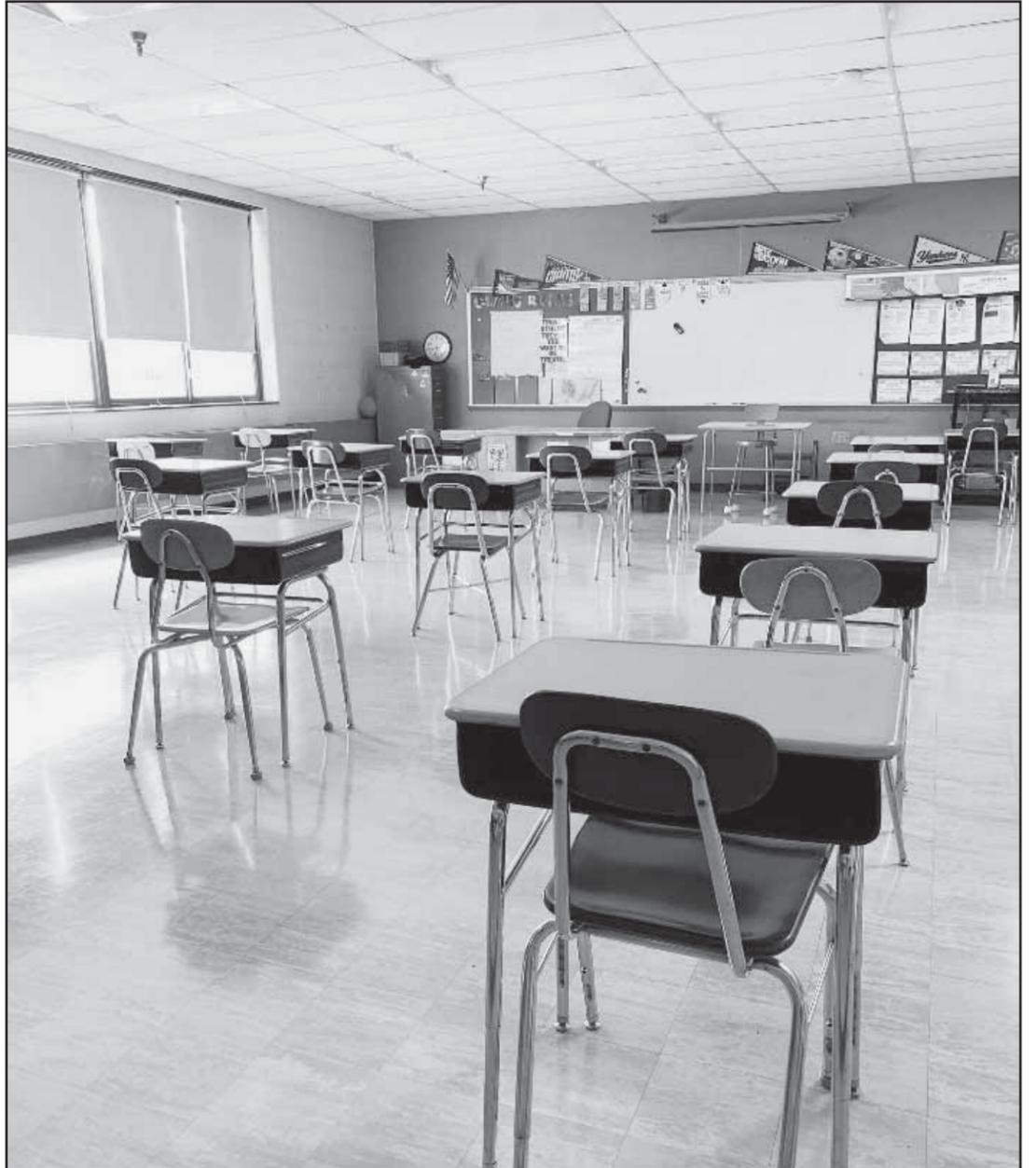
Allingtown's newest addition, Park Place, showed off the residential facilities that are part of its cooperative project with the University of New Haven. The building on Celini Place will offer apartment accomodations, while having retail facilities at street level. The Acorn Group, which built the Atwood across the street, is the developer



Photos courtesy of Miguelina Felix

Getting ready for opening

The West Haven Board of Education is working to implement its re-opening plans under the guidelines set up by the State of Connecticut's COVID-19 guidelines. The plan breaks down classroom procedures and addressed frequently asked questions about school safety. The entire plan can be seen at <http://www.whschools.org/>. School officials, meanwhile, displayed some classroom arrangements contemplated for next month's opening. Left - Savin Rock School's classrooms show how social distancing will be implemented. Right - Carrigan Middle School's classrooms are being prepared as well.



Walter Camp Foundation aids needy

Walter Camp Football Foundation (WCFF) has partnered with two non-profit organizations to distribute PPE and meals to those in need throughout the Greater Bridgeport and Greater New Haven areas.

The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA provides programs for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility in 24 towns and cities throughout the Greater Bridgeport and Greater New Haven areas. Alpha Community Services is a subsidiary of the YMCA which provides Connecticut's largest homeless shelter and permanent supportive housing sites.

WCFF donated more than 1000 reusable high-quality cloth masks, more than 100 plastic face shields and hundreds of bottles of hand sanitizer to the YMCA and Alpha Community Services, which are estimated to last throughout the summer and into the fall.

During the Covid-19 crisis, Westies Care, Inc., a 501(c)3 charitable organization which provides food assistance to needy populations throughout West Haven, has been delivering free meals seven days a week to the needy. To date, through the assistance

and generosity of Lorenzo's Restaurant, Westies Care has delivered over 12,000 meals to the needy and continues to do so every day.

The WCFF has funded a donation that will pay for the wholesale cost of product to be used by Lorenzo's Restaurant to provide over two hundred and fifty meals which will be distributed by Westies Care to those in need throughout West Haven.

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From left to right: Mario Coppola, WCFF President, Allen Jackson, WCFF Past President, Carmen Colon, Alpha Community Services & Maria Valentin, Alpha Community Services.



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Politics, sports don't mix

The ratings are in, and the evidence is no longer anecdotal. Americans love their sports, but they refuse to have athletes, leagues and sponsors preach to them about social issues in order to enjoy a game. Instead, they opt out of the view, and do something else. Numbers came out on the NBA and MLB openings and the days that followed and the numbers tell a story.

MLB's opening was a smash – but then some teams decided to get “woke.” Kneeling, long crepe ribbons and other demonstrations were displayed for the average fan to tell him or her that America is racist, sexist, homophobic, etc. It's the mantra we hear every night on some news program or other. It's nauseating.

The NBA, which made a spectacle of itself with allowing players to put so-called “Social Justice” slogans on their uniforms and around the arenas, did well in the opening game, but floundered after that. The numbers show a viewership that might fill every league arena combined, but not much more.

Counter that to the National Hockey League. One player – a Canadian – knelt during the “Star Spangled Banner,” but stood for “O Canada.” Since then, all players have stood and been respectful. The NHL is gaining respect, where other leagues are angering their fan base. People are tuning out. They do not want to be lectured about how prejudiced they are, when the facts belie that claim.

Sports are entertainment. As such, people are looking to escape the problems of everyday life, the Wuhan Virus and the constant political turmoil we've seen all summer, and look for a respite. Unfortunately, there is a large segment of our society – egged on by politicians who think it will help their re-election – who cannot separate any part of life from politics. Everything must have a political statement attached.

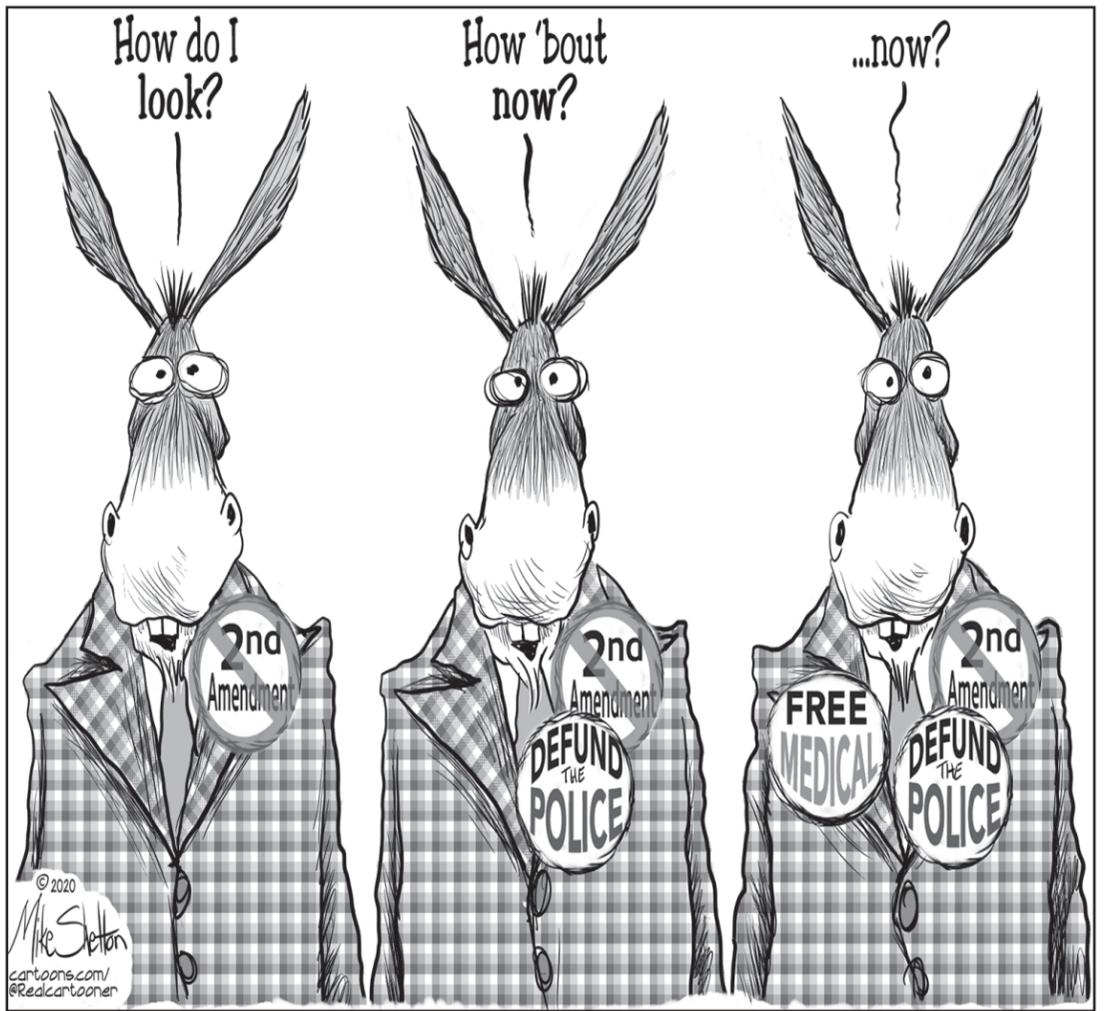
At Sunday's Yankees-Red Sox game on ESPN, a nearly two-minute infomercial from black athletes pushed the usual social justice themes. The irony was lost on these players, though, that the very system they are decrying is the one that has made them not only famous, but living a life few Americans can attain. They just come off as pampered. What have THEY done to further their causes? The answer is not much.

And one should consider the source, ESPN, once the go-to channel for sports-hungry men and women has been bleeding outlets over the last several years. The decline directly corresponds with the decision to inject politics into sports reporting and game analysis.

In a few weeks the genesis of this idiocy, the NFL, will begin. Over the last four years, the leagues viewership has declined dramatically, and the fact that there will be no fans in the stands will not be much different than the regular season. The in-stadium attendance at NFL games plummeted because of the “wokeness.”

Americans are tired of the strife caused by left-wing radicals who see nothing good in the American way of life. They are tired of seeing athletes, leagues and corporations kowtow to those who see racism is everything: law, grammar, math, culture.

Athletes are certainly allowed to have their political opinions. Leagues are allowed as corporations to have political opinions. But must understand that Americans may have different opinions, and those opinions are not to be vilified or condemned because they are different. That is un-American.



Biden campaign has been lucky

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

The Biden campaign has been lucky most of all, but it's also been smart, at least smart enough.

To go, as Joe Biden did, from left for dead to sweeping to the Democratic nomination and quickly thereafter emerging as the favorite in November is a run of success that would be the envy of any national politician.

It's easy to consider this a mere accident given the weakness of Biden's opponents, first a socialist in the Democratic primaries who had a ceiling on his support and now an incumbent president whose ratings have sagged.

The Biden team certainly isn't going to rewrite any campaign playbooks or dazzle anyone with its brilliance, but it has avoided serious mistakes and demonstrated an understanding of the basic political terrain and its candidate's strengths. It hasn't asked Biden to do anything out of his comfort zone or beyond his capabilities and has been content for President Donald Trump to dominate all the attention, so long as Trump is not advancing his cause, and often setting it back, with all the airtime and headlines.

Above all, the campaign has avoided the most politically

perilous ideological excesses throughout. This has required some discipline, given how influential woke Twitter is on the left.

Biden's theory of the Democratic Party, even if it seemed doubtful at the outset, proved correct -- that the center of gravity of the party was still with, as he put it, Obama-Biden Democrats rather than with the avowed socialists and social justice warriors.

Biden hewed to this line when other candidates went the other way. It might seem obvious that endorsing “Medicare for All,” which involves yanking away the private health insurance of more than a 100 million Americans, is foolish and politically indefensible, but several candidates in the Democrat race did it anyway.

He's steered clear of other pitfalls since locking up the nomination. He's said he wouldn't ban fracking. He didn't endorse defunding the police. He defended the statues of America's founders.

He's indisputably slid left. This has been his MO his entire career -- to stay smack in the middle of whatever is the consensus position of the Democratic Party at any given time.

His campaign knows that it benefits if the election is a

referendum on Trump -- and is acting accordingly. Why should Biden try to take the mic from Trump if the president is using it to feud with Bubba Wallace and Dr. Anthony Fauci?

Not only do these diversions do nothing to dent Biden, they serve to validate the former vice president's case that the county needs a return to normalcy.

Still, nothing is decided in July. Biden's record and agenda give Trump targets to shoot at, and he should obviously take every opportunity to make the election, to the extent he can, about the radicalism of the Democratic Party.

Finally, there's the fact that Biden is an unsteady performer at best.

The strictures around COVID-19 have relieved him of the rigors of the typical presidential campaign, but he's going to have to emerge to participate in a debate or debates in the fall, and no one can rule out some catastrophic failure.

So, Trump can't be counted out.

But the Biden campaign is canny enough that it isn't going to make it easy for him.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2020 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Debate gets lost in the shouting

By Gary Carlson

Professor of English, NCCC

If I may, I would like to mention a few things to consider during this extremely angry and divisive time:

1) The immortal Frederick Douglass said many wise and truthful things in the unforgettable Narrative of his life; not the least of which is that slavery often proves “as injurious” to the “oppressors” as to the “oppressed.” It dehumanizes those on both sides of that ugly equation. Not in the same way, of course, and not to the same degree; but we would ALL be well-advised to ponder that amidst all the current shouting and name-calling and finger-pointing—especially the wisdom, the forbearance, and humanity of Douglass’s words.

2) Another very wise and holy person had this to say to a mob of people ready to stone a person they found to be “sinful” and offensive: “Let he among you who is without sin throw the first stone.” Another statement worth considering in today’s climate of intolerance and angry self-righteousness. BTW, should this statement—and Christ’s message—be rejected because of the use of “he” as an inclusive pronoun? Or do we instead accept that either Christ or the author of that Gospel were creatures of a time and a culture in which the masculine pronoun typically meant “everyone”? Christ’s message still has value and truth, even if it also serves as a painful reminder to all of us in the 21st Century how male-centric culture and language has been for these many centuries. This is true of most literature and film and other cultural artifacts: they reflect their cultural and historical “context”—the time and the culture in which they were produced. It is OUR job to recognize that and to LEARN from it. Destroying it or remaking it in our image, to our specifications, is not only incredibly arrogant; it’s also dangerous. Obliterate the past and we are much more likely to forget it—along with the lessons the past has to teach us. Slaves built the pyramids; should they, therefore, be considered an abomination, something to be destroyed? What about Auschwitz, while we’re at it, that horrible monument to evil and genocide? There is a reason that it still stands. A good reason. “Never again,” it whispers to us all. As does *Gone with the Wind* and *Birth of a Nation*, historically and artistically significant films that, nevertheless, serve also as painful reminders of who we were and, perhaps to some degree,

still are. This leads me to my next point--

3) Can we PLEASE remind ourselves of a cliché that, nevertheless, continues to be quite true--that those who are ignorant of the past (or are bent on erasing it) are doomed to repeat it. Can we pair this with another cliché? “The truth shall set us free.” Taken together, perhaps both sides of the current Columbus, etc. conflict could learn to temper their views a bit with a willingness to listen and learn from each other. Helping the “scientists” of his day to understand that the world was not flat was no small feat and deserves to be commemorated; at the same time, enslaving and exploiting and murdering an entire civilization is obviously something that should not and cannot be ignored. Whatever happened to examining the evidence, acknowledging both sides of an argument, seeing if we can form a consensus, and if not, then working out a compromise? Beheading statues, fist-fighting and calling each other terrible names is not the answer. Can we please learn to behave like adults?

4) And can we please, please, PLEASE disabuse ourselves of the ridiculous notion that only “perfect” people “deserve” to be honored? “Nobody’s perfect,” my grandmother used to frequently remind me whenever my intolerance of others or my own burden of guilt became too much to bear. As always, she was right. Do a person’s accomplishments outweigh their personal failings? THAT is the question—one that deserves serious debate. Mobs tearing down statues is NOT the solution. If we tore down every statue of every imperfect person, guess what? There wouldn’t be a statue left standing! JFK, MLK, Malcolm X, Elvis Presley, Jane Fonda, Ronald Reagan, Margaret Sanger, Ayn Rand, James Brown, FDR—so many great men and women who contributed something of value to this world. Yet they ALL had feet of clay—ALL of them were flawed, imperfect people to some degree. So are we all.

5) Can we also stop acting as though racism (or more broadly, prejudice) only afflicts certain segments of humanity?

Like stupidity, EVERYONE is capable of racism or idiotic, unreasoning prejudice. In its least harmful manifestation, people end up yelling at each other about the supposed merits (or defects) of the Yankees vs. the Red Sox or Sally’s vs. Pepe’s pizza. If such disagreements escalate into fist fights or worse, then these idiots should be punished—depending on who threw the first punch, etc. Under no conditions, however, should we absolve the person who prefers Sally’s (or Pepe’s) simply because “everyone knows” that Sally’s (or Pepe’s) is the “best” pizza and that people who are “woke” to that “fact” are incapable of being disagreeable or malevolent (or racist or intolerant). Got it? In a free society, EVERYBODY has a right to express their opinion, so long as their idea of self-expression doesn’t include violence or interfere with the rights of others. A society that expects everyone to think and feel and express themselves only in the current “acceptable” fashion is a society that is heading for trouble. Beware of hypocrites—those who loudly de-

nounce and accuse others of the same sin they are committing. We see them on the Right; we see them on the Left. Don’t be seduced or fooled by them. And don’t be intimidated by them, either.

6) Finally, can we please stop the armchair quarterbacking and the automatic assumption of guilt depending on a person’s race or occupation or politics, etc.? This rush to judgment seems at least partly to be a result of the 24-hour news cycle, partisan journalism, and the all-pervasiveness and insularity of so-called “social media.” For God’s sake, STOP IT!

All this violence and chanting and running around with masks and guns and incendiaries isn’t helping. We need, instead, to listen more, to speak more, to think more, to read more, to question more, and to vote with our hearts AND our heads. Along the way, it wouldn’t be a bad idea to revisit such seemingly outmoded concepts as civility, politeness, courtesy, understanding, kindness, forgiveness—and to try prac-

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Historian's corner **By Dan Shine**

**The Armstrong Rubber Company
Part I**

The year was 1912. Woodrow Wilson was elected president, the R.M.S. Titanic struck an iceberg and sank—and the Armstrong Rubber Company was born. At that time, the borough of West Haven, of the Town of Orange was part



GEORGE ARMSTRONG

farming community, and partly occupied by laborers who commuted to work in factories in New Haven via trolley. For West Haven, its shipbuilding heyday had come and gone, and for West Haveners, shipbuilding was dead; the biggest remaining industry in town could be found in the form of two small buckle companies.

The quiet streets of West Haven were as yet unpaved. Automobiles were still a rare sight—horses were as yet more common. But in Detroit, and for three years now, Henry Ford had been building his Model T automobiles by the thousands; and thus the need for automobile tires was growing rapidly.

Recognizing a growing opportunity, an austere Scotsman named George Armstrong made arrangements with a tire manufacturer to produce a new line of tires bearing his name. Then, in 1918,

Armstrong decided to manufacture tires himself. He chose to open his tire factory in New Jersey.

But first, he needed a plant manager, and so he hired William Walsh. But just as Walsh was about to start working for Armstrong, he received a better offer. So he handed the factory keys to his brother James and said, "You go run it." And that is exactly what James Walsh did. It was several months before Armstrong asked Walsh, "Say, are you the man I hired?" The reply was, "No, you hired my brother, but he's working for Vulcan." Armstrong was a bit put out, but finally he said, "Oh, well you've been doing the job, so I guess it's alright." And they went on from there.

Frederick Machlin was hired to manage the sales effort, and he was so successful that by 1922 orders exceeded the factory's ability to produce. Thus the factory was moved to West Haven, at the site of the old

"Wagner Place," at the corner of Elm Street, Sawmill Road, and—of course—Wagner Place. The homestead was removed, some shale ledge was blasted away, and the factory was built on the site.

The period of the 1920s was a time of strong growth for American industry, and the tire industry was no exception. But the stock market crash of 1929 turned the entire economy around, and much of the tire manufacturing industry began to struggle for survival.

Punctuating that period was George Armstrong's heart attack. It wasn't a serious one, but his doctor told him that he had to cut back on his activities, and so Armstrong decided to sell his tire business.

The buyers were James Walsh and Frederick Machlin. In a daring move and during a terrible economy, these two men scraped together all the money they had, borrowed on their homes, their life insurance and everything else.

They put every cent they had into the company at a time when business failures were a dime a dozen. No doubt they worried about their chances of failure in this endeavor—they wouldn't have to wait long to find out the answer.



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

Murillo eyes community art project

Gabby Murillo wants your help in creating something beautiful. The teen, who is suffering from paralysis after an accident, plans to partner with the community in her next multimedia project, "Paint Happy."

On Wednesday Aug. 12 from 3-6 p.m., stop by Bailey Middle School to pick up your canvas swatch with colors and/or designs that make you happy, then return the swatch to Gabby by Aug. 19 at 6 p.m.

Participation doubles as support for Gabby's future projects, as we encourage those taking part to donate a dollar when returning your swatch. Your swatch automatically enters you in the drawing for Gabby's next giveaway, and every dollar donated will be counted as another submission.

The hope for this project is that it gains notoriety and perhaps makes it into the public eye, garnering participation from celebrities as well. However we can't do that without first engaging the community. Please reach out to Gabby on Instagram with any questions. Masks and gloves will be worn distributing and collecting swatches.

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My Library

The West Haven Public Library
is kicking off an assessment

It's time to take a look at how the library
functions at every level.

West Haven Public Library and the City of West Haven working together hired ReThinking Libraries, an assessment company. Many aspects of library service, staffing, hours, facilities and more will be studied. In the next few months, keep a look out for surveys where it's critical to have as many people to respond as possible. We will begin this process next month.



For more information contact:
Assistant Director, Catherine Bushman at
cbushman@westhavenlibrary.org or 203-937-4233 ext 7

Photo by Dan Shine

Sea Breezes

The sweltering heat and humidity of the past two weeks had residents flocking to the shore for some relief. Temperatures have hovered near 90 since the middle of July, and the forecasts for the next few days -- following the tropical storm expected earlier this week- promise to stay in "Dog Days of Summer" mode.



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Notre Dame graduates Class of 2020



The 148 members of Notre Dame High School's Class of 2020 have made history, graduating in the midst of a global pandemic. Notre Dame held amended Commencement Exercises on June 13, 2020.

The Commencement began with the singing of the national anthem by Alexander Barbour '20 of Branford (Marquette University). Parents listened to the graduation via radio broadcast from their cars and met their sons in Alumni Hall moments before they walked across the stage (one student and family at a time) to become alumni.

This year, Notre Dame's top students are a unique pair: Michael Consorte '20 (University of Notre Dame) was named the Class of 2020 Valedictorian and his twin brother, Matthew Consorte '20 (University of Notre Dame), was named the Class of 2020 Salutatorian.

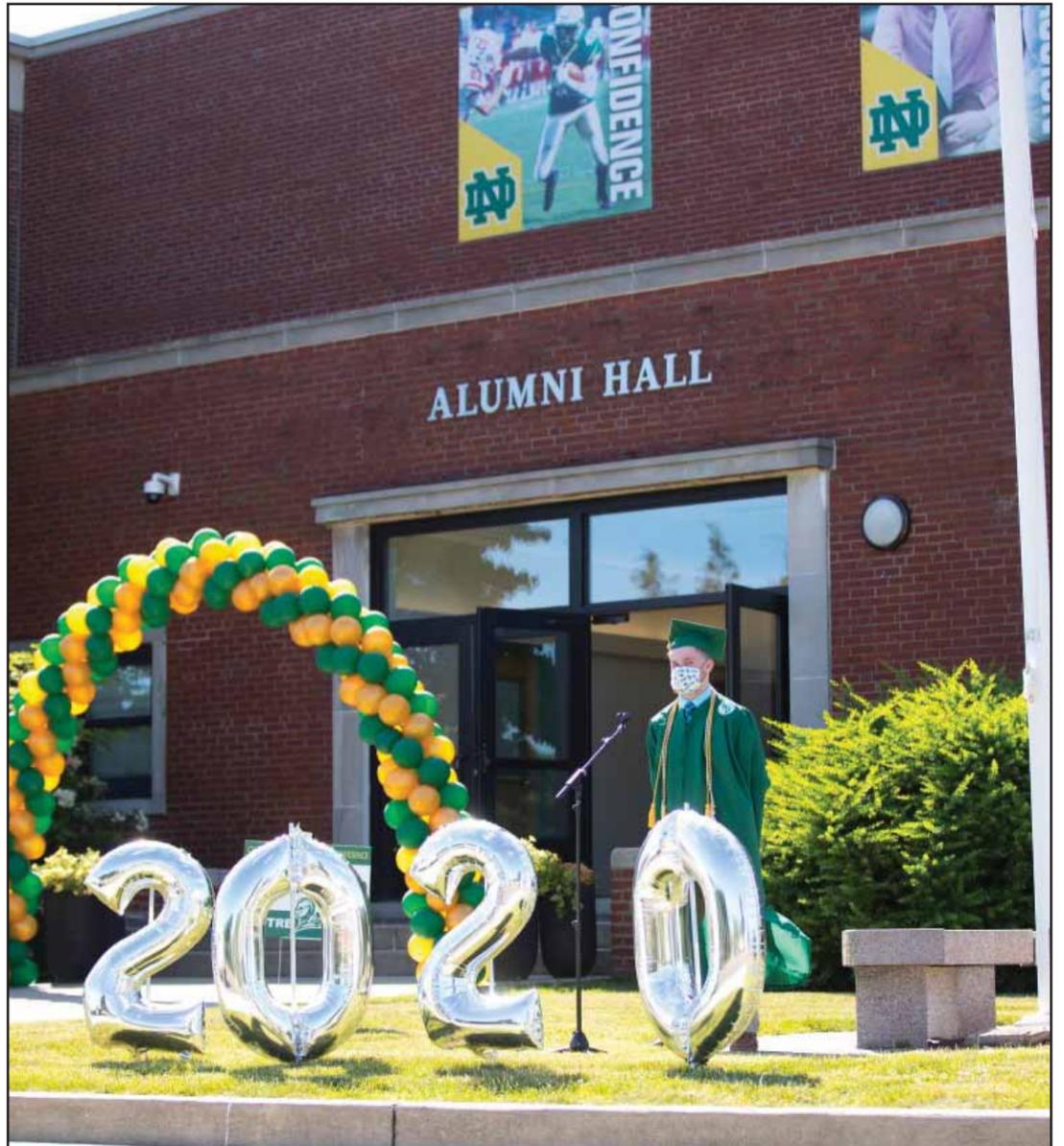
The evening before graduation, Notre Dame families participated in a virtual Baccalaureate Mass presided by The Rev. Glen Dmytryszyn of St. John Bosco Parish (Branford). At the conclusion of mass, Kelly Joseph (Quinnipiac University) addressed his classmates as the Senior Speaker.

"We have witnessed our fellow classmates' successes, we have seen them face adversity, and we've seen each other develop a sense of self-awareness we would not have gotten anywhere else," reflected Joseph. "We have adjusted, we have persevered. We are gentlemen and we are now, as always, leaders in the Notre Dame brotherhood."

Following Joseph's remarks, Adam Laput '89, Social Studies Faculty, announced the winners of Notre Dame's two highest honors. The *Notre Dame Code Award* is given to the senior whom the faculty deems best lives his life by the words stated in the Notre

Dame Code. The *Man of the Year Award* is defined by the student who has made the greatest positive contribution to school life during his senior year. Oliver Shannon of Branford (United States Air Force Academy) received the *ND Code Award*. Aidan Walsh of Guilford (University of Texas at Austin) was named the *Man of the Year*.

Twenty-seven members of the Class of 2020 have fathers and/or grandfathers who are alumni, and they proudly joined 'legacy-society graduates' club by receiving their diploma this year.



City reopens COVID-19 testing site

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The Health Department has reopened its COVID-19 testing site on the Green for another two weeks, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Health Director Maureen B. Lillis announced.

The walk-up site, held on the Main Street side of the Green, will operate from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. today and Aug. 12-13 and from 2-8 p.m. Friday and Aug. 14.

All medical insurance policies will be accepted, but those without insurance will not be turned away, Lillis said.

Swab tests will be given to people with symptoms and without and done by Murphy Medical Associates of Greenwich. No blood tests for antibodies will be offered.

Tests will be sent to a third-party lab for processing, with the results expected as early as 24 hours, Lillis said.

Those with questions can call the Health Dept. for details, (203) 937-3660.

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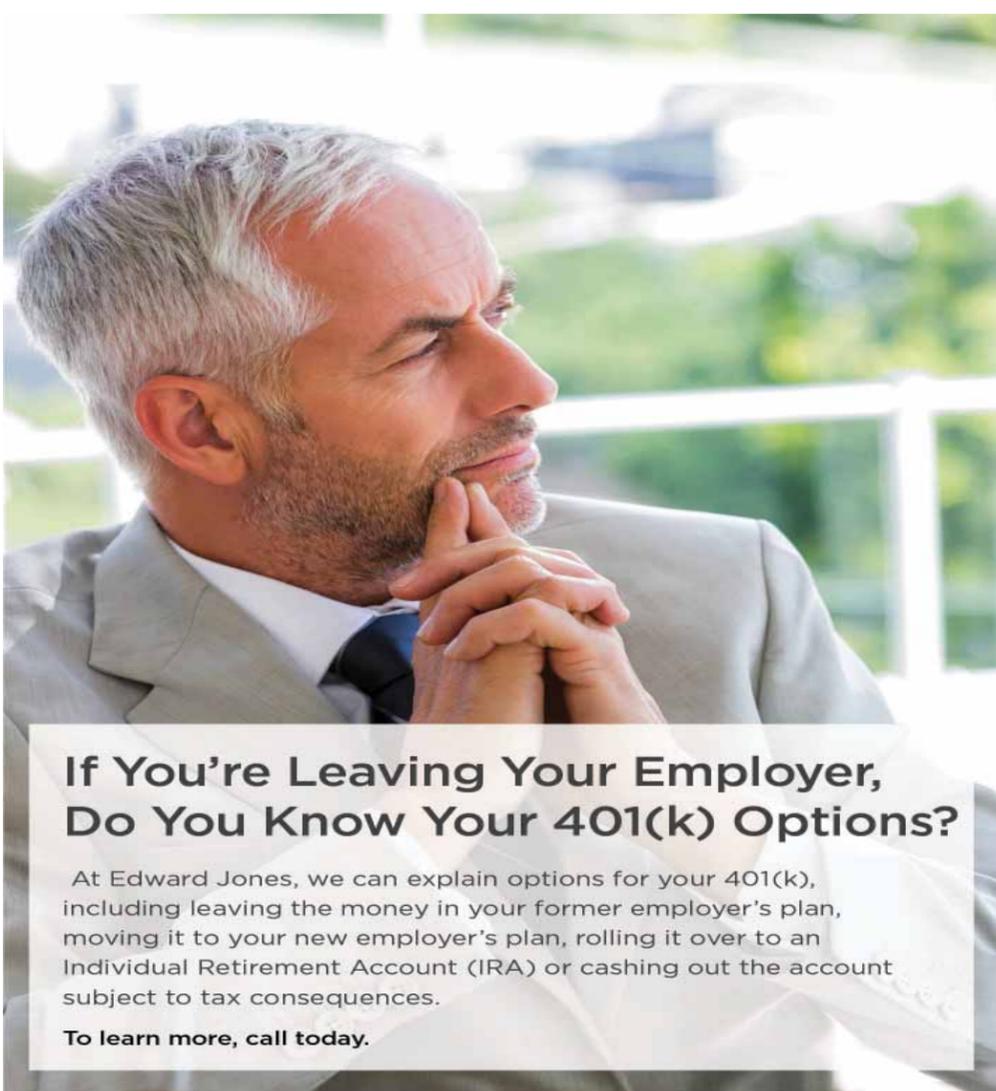
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West Haven Planning and Zoning Commissioner Steven R. Mullins presents the "Commissioner Mullins Youth Leadership Award" to West Haven High School Freshman Dominic Konareski as high school principal Dana Peredes looks on. Missing is fellow recipient Danya Newton.

Konareski awarded 'Leadership' honor

West Haven Planning and Zoning Commissioner Steven R. Mullins presents his annual "Commissioner Mullins Youth Leadership Award" to freshman Dominic Konareski.

Konareski and fellow freshman Danya Newton, who was unable to attend the ceremony, were recommended by high school principal Dana Peredes for demonstrating outstanding Leadership at the high school and the wider West Haven community.

Every year Mullins, a 1993 graduate of the high school presents the award to a freshman boy and freshman girl to encourage them to continue to serve in leadership roles throughout their high school tenure.

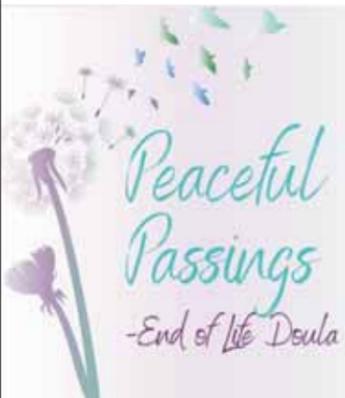


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Gripe Vine Readers:

Back in early June, Gripe Vine published a complaint from a reader who witnessed a pedestrian frightened by a dog while walking on Thomas Street and Captain Thomas Boulevard. Apparently the dog was on an extending leash, leaving the walker frightened.

I contacted Councilman William Conlon regarding this complaint, his reply, "If a dog is not properly restrained, the owner should be reported to the police 203 937-3900."

My response to the Councilman, "Thank you for your reply, but I feel it is too generalized. Please report this situation to the Animal Control who will identify the owner by proper records. If a dog is that threatening, who is going to go to the owner and ask for information? Animal Control may keep an eye out for this offender."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

When are the potholes on Plainfield Street going to be filled?

HJ, Curious

Dear HJ, Curious:

Gripe Vine asked Councilman Peter Massaro and to date, haven't heard a fill in date.



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There is trash in the woods on Stevens Street. I believe it is private property and the owner apparently doesn't care what it looks like. Occasionally Public Works comes by and cleans it. Unfortunately, this area is dark and does not have any streetlights which invites dumping.

I cannot begin to understand why people toss trash into the environment intentionally.

C/C ICARE

Dear C/C:

I notified Councilman Mitchell Gallignano and haven't received a reply indicating your gripe has been investigated. Please keep in touch. I feel confident Councilman Gallig-

Carlson: *Shouting chokes true debate*

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ting them in our own everyday lives. Relearning how to smile (without smirking) and recapturing a sense of humor (that is not based on shock or cruelty or insults) wouldn't be a bad idea for starters.

Oh, to live in a world where we delight in each other's differences and aren't so damned prickly with one other.

Honestly, sometimes I wonder if it doesn't just start with simply smiling and saying "Hello" to somebody without subjecting them to some sort of cultural/political litmus test.

The angry, alienated, socially-distanced world we now inhabit may not entirely be of our own making, but it is ours--and it's the only world we have.

How about this?

How about we stop blaming our ancestors for everything that's wrong with this world and start taking responsibility for it ourselves--one day, one person, one act of kindness and/or "positivity" at a time? Sounds good to me.

I think I'll give it a try. How about you?

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BY TOM ASCHENBACH



By Eleanore Turkington

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nano will look into your complaint and the gripes below and inform Gripe Vine of the results of these gripes.

In addition, Councilman Gallignano received a pothole gripe on Dell Street. A reader wrote, "Numerous potholes on Dell Street keep getting a shovel full of fill instead of a real repair."

Another complaint sent to Councilman Gallignano from Gripe Vine, "Potholes on Isadore and Simon Place. These potholes are filled from time to time, but they get turned up after a few weeks."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There is a deep hole on Fairfax Street with an orange cone on it. When will it get fixed?

I have also heard that the or-

ange cone was run over and is lying fat in the street.

HJ, Tired of it

Dear Tired of It:

Council Woman Robbin Hamilton was brought to the attention of your complaint as well as potholes on Fairfax Street.

Gripe Vine Readers:

I have been asked a number of thought-provoking questions recently, all from one reader. Just to offer some food for thought before I investigate them, I thought you would like a sneak peek.

When will the water fountain on the Grove be turned on?

"Awful lot of noise on the streets of West Haven."

Flag protocol in West Haven. Speeding cars on Main and

Third Avenue

Customer from Package store drinking when leaving the outlet.

Who pays the police and city employees when there are activities on the Green?

City workers trash pick up schedule.

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West Haven City Council Legal Notice

The Finance Committee of the West Haven City Council will hold a **Public Hearing** at 6: 55 P.M. on August 24, 2020. The Hearing is in regards to **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY BONDS PLUS ADDITIONAL FINANCING COSTS OF THE CITY TO MEET CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES**

Proposed Bond Ordinance provides for the following:

- Approves Capital Project Bonds in a maximum amount of \$6,313,000 plus costs of issuance to finance certain capital projects approved in the 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 Capital Budgets of the City in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes
- Authorizes the Mayor, the Finance Director and the Treasurer (the "Bond Committee") to sell the Capital Project Bonds in a competitive or negotiated offering
- Authorizes Bonds to be issued pursuant to the terms of the City trust indenture
- Authorizes Bond Committee to issue bond anticipation notes for short term financing prior to the issuance of the Bonds
- Provides Bond Committee with option to issue clean water fund obligations in an amount not to exceed \$1,740,000 plus costs of issuance for the EPA Consent Decree and the Sewer Pump Station Upgrade projects
- Authorizes the Bond Committee to take all necessary actions in connection with the Capital Project Bonds, including actions relating to the tax-exempt nature of the Bonds, the reimbursement of prior City capital expenditures and those needed to satisfy post-issuance disclosure obligations
- Authorizes the Mayor, the Finance Director and other duly authorized City officials to apply for grants for the capital projects

This meeting will be held via electronic methods in accordance with Rule.#30. Visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5cM1trmHe999FXNJ56X_Jg to watch the meeting live. In order to submit comment, please mail to West Haven City Council, 355 Main Street West Haven, CT 06516. Comments may also be emailed to mdimassa@westhaven-ct.gov. Comments must be received by 5:00 P.M. on August 24th to be read into the record.

Stacy Riccio
Clerk of the Council

Legal Notice

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 August 24, 2020. The Hearing is in regards to **AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WEST HAVEN CHAPTER Y BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES**

The proposed edit to City Ordinances contained in Chapter 81, Building Department, will achieve the following:

1. Remove outdated and obsolete language
2. Address an Internet Security fault caused by outdated software
3. Provide enhanced remote customer access in response to social distancing requirements
4. Relieve the paper file storage burden and cost
5. Increase building permit fees in part to fund the required IT upgrade and digital storage demands
6. Provide for a penalty and citation appeals mechanism for persons working without the benefit of permits and inspections
7. Memorialize existing business practices not covered in the previous ordinance
8. Enhance compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program by providing outreach and education opportunities to promote flood insurance in areas vulnerable to disaster
9. Increase the fee revenue to the general fund to support the City's overall operational overhead related to staff increases in the Building Department.

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West Haven City Council Legal Notice

The Charter Revision Committee of the West Haven City Council will hold a Public Hearing at 6: 45 P.M. on August 24, 2020. The Hearing is in regards to **AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY ORDINANCE CHAPTER R SECTION P VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chapter 6. LOCAL VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
§ 6-2. Composition; appointment election; terms; alternates; officers; compensation.

The Local Veterans' Advisory Committee shall be comprised of five regular members and two alternate members. Each member shall either reside in the City of West Haven or have his or her regular place of business or employment in the City. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor elected by the electors of the City of West Haven.

A. Regular members of the Veterans' Local Advisory committee first appointed elected shall be designated to serve for one, two, three, four and five years, respectively, and thereafter shall be appointed elected annually to serve for five years. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment election.

B. Alternate members of the Committee first appointed elected shall be designated to serve for one and two years, respectively, and thereafter shall be appointed elected to serve for five years. Said alternate members shall serve on the Committee in the absence of a regular member, and when doing so, shall act with the full power and authority of a regular member. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment election.

C. Said Committee shall select from its members a Chairman and a Secretary, who shall serve for one year.

D. All members of said Committee shall serve without compensation.

The City Council further stipulates that this Ordinance change shall not take effect until the successful passage of the Charter Revision Document slated for the November 3rd Ballot.

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Financial Focus

How Can You Help Lower Your Longevity Risk?

The investment world contains different types of risk. Your stocks or stock-based mutual funds could lose value during periods of market volatility. The price of your bonds or bond funds could also decline, if new bonds are issued at higher interest rates. But have you ever thought about longevity risk?

Insurance companies and pension funds view longevity risk as the risk they incur when their assumptions about life expectancies and mortality rates are incorrect, leading to higher payout levels. But for you, as an individual investor, longevity risk is less technical and more emotional: it's the risk of outliving your money.

To assess your own longevity risk, you'll first want to make an educated guess about your life span, based on your health and family history. Plus, you've got some statistics to consider: Women who turned 65 in April of this year can expect to live, on average, until age 86.5; for men, the corresponding figure is 84, according to the Social Security Administration.

Once you have a reasonable estimate of the number of years that lie ahead, you'll want to take steps to reduce your longevity risk. For starters, try to build your financial resources as much as possible, because the greater your level of assets, the lower the risk of outliving them. So, during your working years, keep

contributing to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Then, as you near retirement, you will need to do some planning. Specifically, you will need to compare your essential living expenses – mortgage/rent, utilities, food, clothing, etc. – with the amount of income you'll get from guaranteed sources, such as Social Security or pensions. You do have some flexibility with this guaranteed income pool. For example, you can file for Social Security benefits as early as 62, but your monthly checks will then be reduced by about 30 percent from what you'd receive if you waited until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67.

You might also consider other investments that can provide you with a steady income stream. A financial professional can help you choose the income-producing investments that are appropriate for your needs and that fit well with the rest of your portfolio.

After you've determined that your guaranteed income will be sufficient to meet your essential living expenses, have you eliminated longevity risk? Not necessarily – because "essential" expenses don't include unexpected costs, of which there may be many, such as costly home maintenance, auto repairs and so on. And during your retirement years, you'll always need to be aware of health care costs.

If you have to dip into your guaranteed income sources to pay for these types of bills, you might increase the risk of outliving your money.

To avoid this scenario, you may want to establish a separate fund, possibly containing at least a year's worth of living expenses, with the money held in cash or cash equivalents. This money won't grow much, if at all, but it will be there for you when you need it.

With careful planning, adequate guaranteed income, a sufficient emergency fund and enough other investments to handle nonessential costs, you'll be doing what you can to reduce your own longevity

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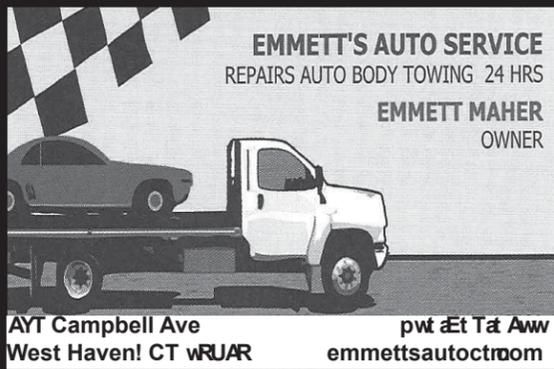
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Dear Felicia

As Iyam scribing this week's missive to yew, honey bunch, the forecast if for the foist tropical storm of the season, and by the time yew git this it'll be over. But what a storm they are expecting. I guess we'll have some big winds, a lotta rain, and some damage along the way, but it'll be outta here perty fast, like in a few hours.

Old-timers like yew and me figger that we're gonna git hit with something this year. Every time, it seems, the humidity and heat stay up as they've had these last couple o' weeks, we've had bad weather. Every time we have a hurricane, the weather preceding it is jest the same: hot and humid. Soooo, Cobina doesn't expeck to be rowing down the street in a boat from her domicile, but she does expect a big wind comin'.

Of course, most of the "big wind" in this berg have to do with the politicos who seem like to chatter and talk. And the chatter and talk is getting more and more cuz we in the

Nutmeg State have a primary comin' up this week. It'll be interestin' to see what happens on Demmie side only cuz Joe Biden seems to be more and more outta the realm of reality lately. Will local Dems stick with the heir presumptive, or will they go another way? Inquiring minds wanna know.

Let's jest hope that our little corner of the universe don't turn out like those Congressional races in New Yawk. Six weeks after the voting, the winners have not been determined. Why? About umpteen thousand paper ballots that came through the mail. And they wanna do that here. And effen a candidate gets close how much yew wanna bet a "traunch" of ballots is found that will put the candidate over the top. Remember Kennedy-Nixon? Same thing.

Here in our little Asylum by the Sea, most parental units are looking toward Sept. 1 and whether Johnny and Judy are gonna be going into classes or not. His Excel-

lency the Governor has requested plans from each and every school districk and ours complied like the rest. It looks like there's gonna be some options and some choices to be made.

Some parents might take the home-schooling thing to the next level and decide not to put the kiddies back in the classroom. Others probably will opt for the five-day plan effen they get the chance. Right now, things seem to be up in the air cuz there is still the distancing, number of kids, etc., that have to be woiked out. Effen yew think this is gonna go smoothly, think twice.

We hoide via Sammy Bluejay that Winkle Bus is planning to transport the students as usual, but will hafta made adjustments so that there aren't too man on one bus. That probably means extra runs and extra costs for the company. I know the company is planning on publishing the schedule in a couple weeks, it'll be interesting how they figger out what to do, and how many extra buses to put on the routes. What-a mess!

Well, the added traffic has been an added headache for that two-block area in that the volume is way beyond what is normal, but the accidents over there have quadrupled, according to Nelly. The residents are getting really worried about the dangers posed by those who don't seem to understand it's a residential neighborhood, where the speed limit has to be followed. They are not at all happy with the situation and can't wait until the work over there is finished and things get back to some semblance of "normal."

Meanwhile, effen yew've been around Elm Street near the Kimberly Avenue Bridge anytime near rush hour, yew've noticed the large number o' vehicles that are backed up over there. It's been two months or so since they closed down Water Street, and a body didn't realize the number of autos that used that outlet to git to Main Street, but the number of cars bumper-to-bumper trying to get over the bridge tells the story.

Now, think about it. The volume o' traffic is backed up all the way to the Boulevard now. What is gonna happen if, and when, the Haven opens up and people trying to get to that venue hafta get over the only bridge leading into town? Heck, it'll be like that all day. And the businesses around there can't be too happy, peo-

ple will avoid that area, and the restaurants and shops will lose business.

Oh, and just to be consistent: another week and nothing is being done over there, except somebody was tasked with cutting the grass on the former properties. That was a nice touch.

Well, it was bittersweet seein' the old high school entrance and auditorium fall under the wreck-er's ball last week. Of course, it's been happening for weeks, according to Iva Lootey. Much of the work happened under a bubble. But now we have a picture of the entire area being cleared. There are a lotta memories over there, and seeing the old building go down is not a happy sight.

It also means that I guess we're in the final stages of the construction of the new building and the rest o' the site will be coming down sooner rather than later. I know that Madame Olga was passing by there one day last week and told me that the gym seems to be next as a pile o' rubble has been seen outside the structure.

It should anger somebody - but probably not too many - that a lotta money was used to reconstruct that entrance, and re-do the gym into a shop. All that money now seems wasted. Of course, some yahoo will say it was state and fed'ral money, but it all comes from us.

It was good to see Stevie Mullins organize a pro-police rally on the Green last week. After the General Assembly - and our dedicated assembly people - bent the knee to the radical left with this new police oversight bill (not too much courage on their part) it was nice to see somebody still respects the job the men and women in blue do. This whole police bill was a reaction to something and that's never a good way to make law.

It's the famous "Well, at least we did something" defense that legislators try to push off on their constituents. The fact the press releases that came from the House and Senate PR departments had to say how "proud" the lawmakers were, proves they are pulling a fast one. They know it's just a way of keeping the loud mouths quiet.

Whilst the CIAC, the lawmaking body in state high school sports came out with a plan for the fall, there is a black cloud hanging over it. Gov. Lamont has evidently engaged that screwball Ezechiel Eammnuel as a consultant. Well, last week they came out against having "contact sports" in the fall cuz of the China Flu. Already a couple o' districks have canceled fall sports.

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Westies ousted from tourey, 2-1

The season has come to a close for the West Haven 19U baseball team in Connecticut Elite Baseball Association action. The Westies were eliminated with a 2-1 loss to Hamden at Piurek Field in West Haven Saturday morning in the opening round of the post-season.

Bryan Barrington was stellar on the hill, tossing a complete game 2-hitter, allowing just one earned run in the loss. Hamden got on the board early, forcing West Haven to play catch up the rest of the way.

West Haven's best rally came in the seventh when Tyler Jones doubled, and Gianni Gambardella and Lorenzo Espinal singled to score Jones. With the tying and winning runs on base, West Haven could not push across another run.

West Haven improved to 8-3 in the regular season with a 7-1 road victory over Branford. Hunter Axelrod went the distance for the Westies, scattering five hits over six innings and allowing just a single run. Jake Romano closed out the victory with a scoreless seventh, aided by Anthony Rubin's throw to pick off a runner.

Branford took a 1-0 lead in the first and the lead held up until the sixth inning. Struggling to get anything going offensively aside from an Isaiah Wyatt double, the West Haven offense woke up in the final two innings.

West Haven evened the game in the sixth as Jones walked, stole second, and scored the equalizer on a double by Gambardella. Espinal singled and the next two batters reached on errors, before a walk and a single by Axelrod increased the margin to 4-1. A sacrifice fly by Wyatt increased the West Haven margin to 5-1.

The Westies moved into a first-place tie with Madison after posting a 4-0 victory over

North Haven at Piurek Field in West Haven. With the win, the Westies improved to 9-3.

Jones and Daniel Izzo combined on a 3-hit shutout with Jones allowing just one hit in three innings of work and Izzo allowing two hits in the final four innings to pick up the win.

West Haven took a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning on a pair of walks, a sacrifice and a throwing error. Axelrod then delivered a clutch two-run single in the bottom of the sixth to break the game open and give the Westies a 4-0 lead.

West Haven then traveled to play North Haven and posted a 2-1 victory. Dylan Supan and Gambardella combined on the hill to limit the Indians to just one run. Gambardella went the first two innings, before Supan pitched the final five to pick up the win.

With the game scoreless in the sixth, West Haven took a 2-0 lead on a passed ball to score one run, and a Jones single to score another. North Haven scored once in the bottom of the seventh, but Supan recorded the final out for the win.

Axelrod had the other West Haven hit in the game. Michael Anquillare led North Haven with two hits.

The Westies moved to 11-4 with a split of a doubleheader at Milford last Sunday morning. West Haven needed nine innings to win the opener 2-1 as Izzo forced the extra innings with a two-out hit in the seventh. The hit by Izzo was West Haven's first in the game.

Izzo, who finished with two hits at the plate, also pitched the final two innings for the win. Axelrod beat out an infield hit in the ninth to bring in the go-ahead run.

Bryan Barrington was stellar on the hill for West Haven, allowing just one run in seven innings of work. West Haven



Photo by Mike Madera

West Haven's Lorenzo Espinal begins a delivery in a Connecticut Elite Baseball Association game last week. Espinal's team was eliminated from postseason play Saturday in a 2-1 contest.

lost the nightcap 10-0.

West Haven fell to 11-5 with a 6-3 loss to Madison. Jones and Michael Boni each had three hits in the loss. Supan finished with a pair of hits.

The Westies then finished a suspended game with Ham-

den and posted a 2-1 victory in 15 innings. Hunter Axelrod walked and eventually scored the winner on a wild pitch.

Axelrod picked up the win as he pitched all four innings in relief to complete the contest, including working out of a

bases loaded jam in the top of the 15th.

The Westies closed the regular season with a 12-6 record in a 6-2 loss at Madison. Espinal, Wyatt, Rubin, and John Barrington had hits for the Westies.

Seadogs drop first of season to Run & Gun

After opening the season with four consecutive victories, the Savin Rock Seadogs 14U travel baseball team fell for the first time with a 6-3 loss against Run and Gun baseball. The Seadogs were held to just one hit in the game off the bat of Cam Cruz.

Ray Gilbert took the loss on the hill, allowing four runs, three earned, in two innings of work. Evan Jones

pitched the final four innings, allowing two earned runs on six hits, while striking out four and walking two.

Run and Gun scored four times in the second and once more in the third for a 5-0 lead. Savin Rock got a run back in the fourth when Ryan Robinson led off with a walk and later scored on a wild pitch.

Trailing 6-1, the Seadogs inched clos-

er in the sixth as Anthony Constantinople reached on an error, Michael Madera walked with one out, and Gilbert reached on an error to score Constantinople. After Madera stole third, Jesse Buonocore lined to left, scoring Madera with the sacrifice fly.

The Seadogs moved to 5-2 with a doubleheader split against the Shoreline Breakers. Savin Rock won the

first game 7-0, before falling 3-0 in the nightcap.

In the opener, Robinson tossed a complete game five-hitter, walking one and striking out one. Gilbert led the way with three hits and two runs batted in, while Buonocore had two hits and drove in a pair, Haygen Axelrod had two hits, and Madera scored

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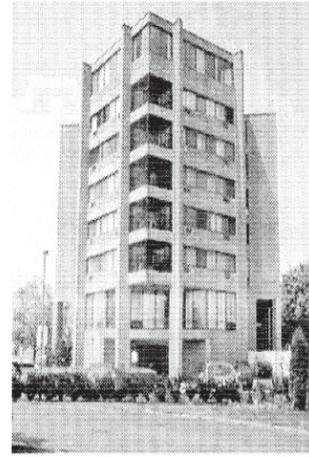
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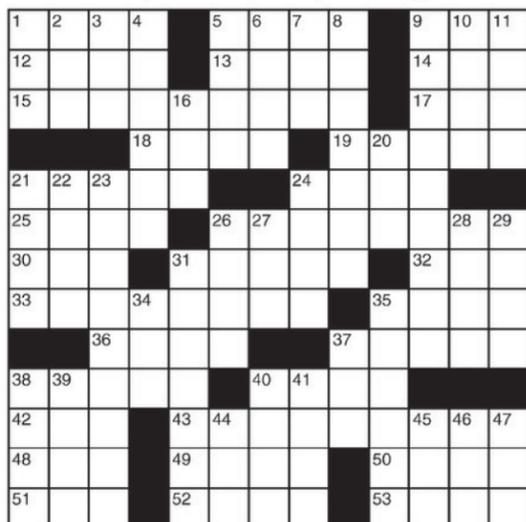
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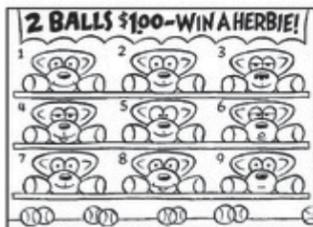


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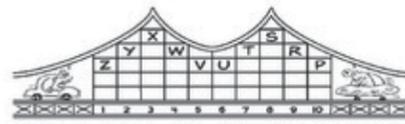
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In this puzzle all of the words get progressively longer,
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3. A small tree. 4. A type of conference.
5. A condensed report. 6. One who calls forth.



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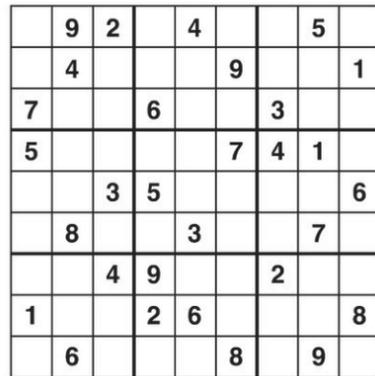
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3. Type of gas.
4. Found in garden.
5. To annoy or puzzle.
6. A container.
7. Strained; tense.
8. A small, rich pastry.
9. Tough part of watermelon.
10. Seed container.

Answers: 1. Zig, 2. Yawl, 3. Xenon, 4. Wood, 5. Veil, 6. Urn, 7. Taut, 8. Score, 9. Blind, 10. Pod.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way
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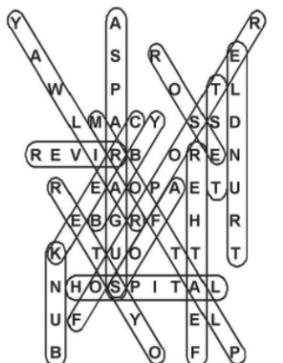
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Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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Seadogs: Team drops to 6-3 after 4-0 start

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twice.

The Seadogs took a 1-0 lead in the third as Madera walked with one out, moved to second on a single by Constantinople, and stole third. With the bases loaded, Cam Cruz walked to force in Madera for a 1-0 lead.

Savin Rock increased the lead to 2-0 in the fourth as Gilbert led off with a single and scored on a Buonocore's double to left.

The Seadogs put the game away with five runs in the fifth. Madera and Constantinople led off with walks, and with two outs Madera scored on a wild pitch. After Cruz and Jones walked to load the bases, Gilbert singled to right to score Constantinople and Cruz for a 5-0 lead. Jones scored on a wild pitch, and Buonocore singled to center to score Fabrizio Nunez for a 7-0 advantage.

Two Savin Rock pitchers combined on a two-hitter in the nightcap, but Savin Rock was held to just four hits in the shutout loss. The Breakers took a 1-0 lead in the fourth and rallied for two more runs in the seventh.

Buonocore went six plus innings, allowing three runs on one hit, striking out four and walking four. Jones allowed just one hit in the final inning and struck out three. Jones,

Gilbert, Buonocore and Axelrod picked up the lone Savin Rock hits in the game.

The Seadogs improved to 6-2 with a 6-3 victory over Madison Monday evening. Jones pitched a complete game five-hitter, striking out five and walking one. He did not allow an earned run.

Gilbert led the offense with two hits, and Buonocore had one hit, drove in two runs, and scored twice.

The Seadogs took a 3-0 lead in the second as Buonocore reached on an error, Axelrod walked, and Josh Trager and Robinson followed with one-out walks for a 1-0 advantage.

Axelrod scored on a ground out by Constantinople, and Trager scored on a wild pitch.

Leading 3-1, the Seadogs scored three more runs in the third. Cruz led off with a walk, Gilbert hit a one-out single, and both scored on a Buonocore's double to left. Buonocore scored on a wild pitch for

a 6-1 lead.

Savin Rock fell to 6-3 with an 8-2 loss to the Connecticut Edge in North Branford. Gilbert led the offense with three hits and Chase Supan had a pair of hits. Cruz pitched five innings allowing two earned runs, while striking out three and walking three.

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