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Celebrates Head Start

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Outdoor concert

The students at Bailey Middle School were able to conduct music instruction while safely distancing outside. All classes are doing some type of social distancing, while keeping the ability to give the students some type of normal routine.

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Feeding the needy

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, third from left, joins Wellspring Community Center President Omer Kizilcik, fourth from left, on the steps of City Hall on Oct. 14 to announce the center's gift of 210 pounds of ground beef to the West Haven Emergency Assistance Task Force. With them are, from left, Wellspring volunteer Aysin Karaman, WHEAT Vice President Arnold Agnoli, state Sen. James Maroney, D-Milford, and Peace Islands Institute Connecticut Director Enes Yapici. The donation was part of the fourth annual meat drive held by Wellspring and its sister nonprofit, Peace Islands, both of Milford. It was made possible through their partnership with the Connecticut Food Bank and Embrace Relief, a nonprofit international relief and development organization based in Fairfield, N.J.



Charter plan on the ballot

The former chairman and chief proponent of the Charter Revision Commission's proposal, set for vote Nov. 3, has come out swinging to those who are spreading disinformation concerning the panel's review of the city charter, and the revisions it has put on the ballot.

Edward Granfield, who served a chairman of the CRC, recently resigned as head of the City Council's Charter Education Committee because he believed the position hampered his ability to defend the 18 months of work put in by the panel.

Voted by the City Council in early 2017, the commission finished its review of the charter, the documents by which the municipality does its business, and handed off its final report in the summer of 2018. The council reviewed the document, and determined to put it before the voters in the 2020 election, as a means of saving money.

Over the summer, the council formed an Education Committee to review with voters the recommendations as outlined in the question on the ballot. Since then, opponents have attempted to spread what is seen as disinformation in an attempt to scare the public into voting the measure down.

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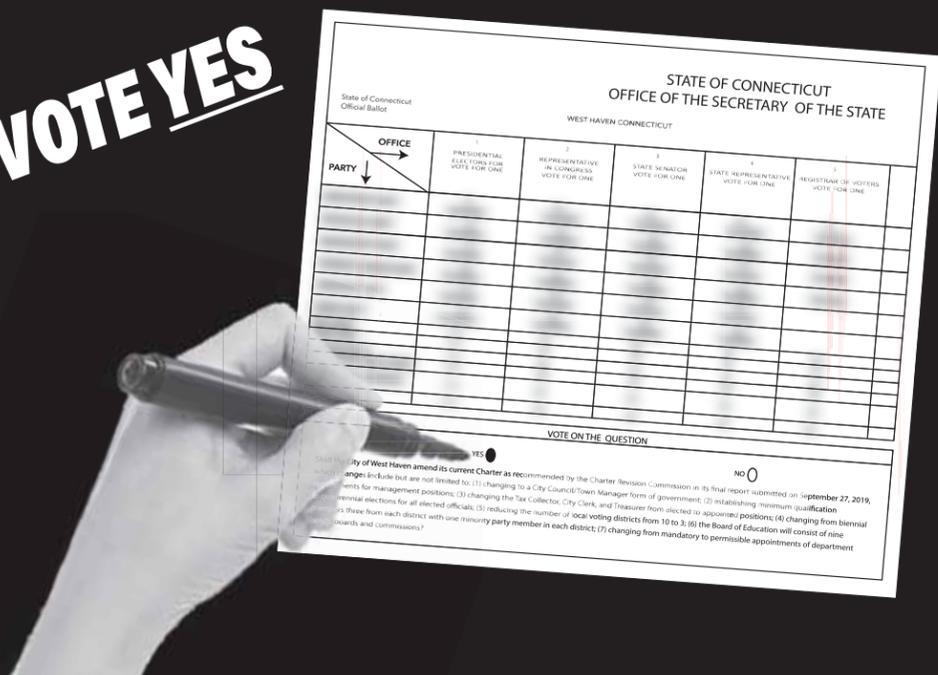
City Council members decide their own salary without necessary checks and balances.

FALSE



ALL CHECKS AND BALANCES REMAIN. The City Council always determined its members stipend through the annual budget process. No change.

VOTE YES



“Opponents of the revision are sowing seeds of misinfo all over the place in hopes the charter revision will fail....most of the politicos in this town don't wanna see change cuz they know how to game the system. They don't wanna learn any new rules.”
West Haven Voice - Dear Felicia, Oct 15, 2020

Change for the Better. **VOTE YES**

Dear Felicia

Howdy, sweets. As October winds down, and November is ready to kick in, the final stages of this year's "election cycle" as the talking heads like to call it these days is also winding down. Until the polls close next week, however, we're gonna be bombarded with all kinds o' ads and phone calls. Cobina still has a land line in her domicile, and why she keeps it, I don't know.

We went with a cell phone a while back cuz we had to, but kep' the phone number and phone we've had since 1980. Tennyrate, the only calls that have been comin' over the old apparatus are campaign calls, and, of course, stuff for power source companies and the like. Only two people Cobina knows really use the land line anymore. She is considering getting rid of it, but there's something quaint about it... but not the price.

So, besides the usual litany of candidates in this year's election, including for Prexy,

the residents o' this community have a big decision on the charter. And like a bold outta the blue, there comes a group that is against the changes proposed. That's fine, but why can't they be more honest about what they really object to. This is Cobina's gripe with most campaigns, and it ain't one that Eleanor Turkington can figger out.

The changes proposed by the Charter Revision Com-mish are big, very big. Why didn't these opponents make their objections known during the process? No, they wait until later. But, that ain't the big gripe. The big thing seems to be the bumper sticker about saving one's vote, or saving democracy, or some setch folderol. No one is losing a vote, and no one is losing democracy. People actually get to vote for more people.

The biggest difference is that the mayoral slot will be diminished to the role of chairman of the City Council, whilst the day-to-day stuff goes to a city

manager. One can debate the ins and outs o' that, but why the bumper sticker? We know why. It's better to scare people than get into the weeds.

Whether the charter revision is passed or not really ain't the point anymore. It's the fack that a real debate on the issheew was never had, and opponents really don't - at least not that we've seen - put forth more than a scare-tactic argument. Although, the lawn signs are more honest. They don't want the city manager.

As I said before, the only difference here is the political establishment in this berg don't wanna learn new rules to a new game. They figgered out long ago how to game the system, and are very happy with it. The fack the city has been a mess for the better part of 30 years don't seem to faze them. They still think there's power to be wielded, though for the life o' me, I can't figger out where.

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Sammy Bluejay came by to give an update on two things going on in the city. Over at the Haven, two buildings have been torn down, the former gas stations, one that was a convenience store in its last years. That's all so far, but we've been told that more things are gonna be seen.

We said a few weeks back, we're glad the city is holding its right to abandon Water Street over the heads of the developers. That will give the powers that be

a bit more clout than effen they didn't. We shall see what's what as far as future demolitions. Nobody's heard of any stores being rented, but that don't mean it ain't gonna happen. The developers have played their cards very close to the vest, and don't wanna give out too much info. We shall continue to monitor over there. Sammy takes a flutter that way every day.

The second thing he mentioned was the work that began on Beach Street near the Wastewater Plant \*that's what we used to call the "sewer plant," but such direct titles are not in vogue anymore. It's considered "declassé." Sammy reports that the roadbed is being raised over there cuz that's where the swamp and the road seem to sink. Many a heavy rain as caused the street to be closed.

Well, the roadbed is not several feet above where it used to be, and we can see that new piping has been included. The rest of the project should be interesting cuz, effen mem'ry serves, this is supposed to move west toward the Morse Park area to raise the road there about seven feet. Flooding there, and erosion from various storms has made it a top priority.

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Nelly Nuthatch came in t'other afternoon and wondered effen the usual suspects are gonna have a Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year of Covidtide. The committee usually puts something together around this time for Thanksgiving, and people

who have nowhere to go, or just people who want to have a community event are invited.

Bill Ewry and group have handled the thing over the last several years, and it's always held at the Fellowship Hall of First Church. Iyam sure we'll hear, yay or nay, about the dinner. Most things have been postponed or outright canceled, and we wouldn't be surprised effen this is give a deep-six. Who knows, it might go virtual!

We do see that several groups are collecting for the West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce, known in these parts as WHEAT. That is good to see. We should be collecting for things and trying to help our neighbors even in this time of pandemic.

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We saw an interesting joke around. Evidently, some of the medical experts are saying dinner gatherings should be limited to six or less, even for Thanksgiving, but funerals can be 60 or more (effen this joke is to be believed). Tennyrate, the meme is: Dinners limited to six; funerals up to 60. On Thanksgiving Day I am having a funeral for my pet turkey. Refreshments will be provided.

Gotta keep yore humor, honey-bunch.

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Iva Lootey came in the other day and sez that things in the local system seem to be better than in most places. We've seen schools in the state closed for a couple o' days or closed for weeks due to outbreaks of the virus. This area seems to be seeing a rise in some cases, but not a big "spike."

The school superintendent, Neil Cavallaro, mentioned that the schools are even looking to expand their day from four hours to more. After about two months of the current schedule, one would think that the day could be expanded without too much trouble. Effen they ain't getting sick in four hours, why would they get sick in six?

It'll be interesting to see how this all plays out. Of course, the cynic in Cobina makes me wonder effen after Tuesday next, whether a sharp decrease in cases will occur overnight. Remember, there are two forces here: the more cases places have, the more fed'ral money gets pumped into their coffers. So, a lotta people are noticing that effen a person passes away for some other reason, and has COVID, the reason given is COVID. Also, the politics of it can't be discounted. Yes, I think some of this has to do with the election. Doesn't everything?

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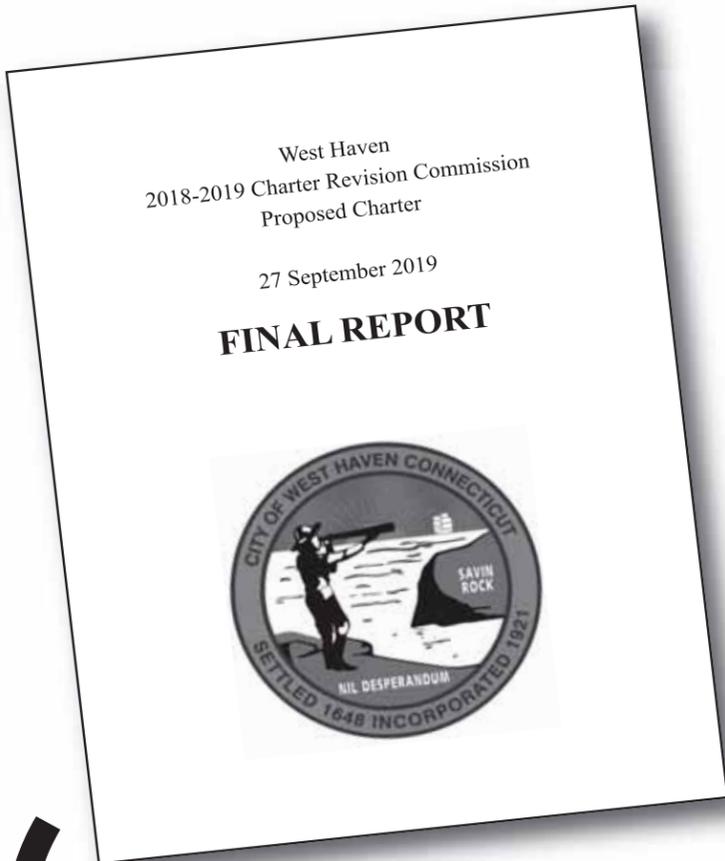




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# IMPORTANT DECISION FOR WEST HAVEN VOTERS



**ELECTION DAY NOV 3**

## VOTE ON WEST HAVEN CITY CHARTER REVISION



| VOTE ON THE QUESTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |
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| <p>Shall the City of West Haven amend its current Charter as recommended by the Charter Revision Commission in its final report submitted on September 27, 2019, which changes include but are not limited to: (1) changing to a City Council/Town Manager form of government; (2) establishing minimum qualification requirements for management positions; (3) changing the Tax Collector, City Clerk, and Treasurer from elected to appointed positions; (4) changing from biennial to quadrennial elections for all elected officials; (5) reducing the number of local voting districts from 10 to 3; (6) the Board of Education will consist of nine members three from each district with one minority party member in each district; (7) changing from mandatory to permissible appointments of department heads, boards and commissions?</p> |                          |

### *West Haven Charter Commission's Key Proposals*

- Hire a Professional City Manager
- Require Professional Credentials for all City Department Leaders
- Increase Representation requirements for the City Council and Board of Education at the District Level
- Improve the ability of City departments to streamline operations
- Establish a mandatory Independent Ethics and Compliance Commission
- Modify the terms of all Elected Officials from two to four years

#### West Haven Charter Revision Commission

Charter Revision Commission Members: Edward R Granfield- Chairman, Iris Diaz-Vice Chairman, John Carrano-Majority Leader, Silvana Apicella, John Brunetti, Victoria Clifford, Rohan Smith, and our intern from the University of New Haven Christian Zapata

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## Election is about order versus totalitarian rule

Throw out the names. This election on November 3 is not about Donald Trump or Joseph Biden. It's not about personalities or preferences. It is about preserving the nation and the Constitution we've had for 244 years, or allowing revolutionary forces to "fundamentally transform" America. It's that stark. It's that polarized. And, it didn't start this past spring, it began in earnest the night of the 2016 election, erupted on Inauguration Day 2017, and has been sporadic until last spring, when it exploded, ostensibly over the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

The far Left in this country had hopes that the drift toward a European-style welfare state would continue. The same far Left, with the help of Globalist elites, personified by George Soros, look to neuter the United States in hopes of developing a world order that would be headed by technocrats. They see the United States as being too free and too open a society. Actually, they want something more akin to Communist China, where information is controlled – as are the people.

Groups such as Antifa (which ironically is short for "antifascist") and Black Lives Matter have gradually infiltrated the Democratic Party, and become a strong and financially lucrative base. There is no mistake in that making donations to both groups' websites puts people in Democratic National Committee environs on the Internet. In other words, the DNC is making money off these groups.

Now we have evidence, furnished by Project Veritas once again, that radical fascists – that is what they are, statisticians – are looking to riot and terrorize people into submission. Recent videos in Colorado, former videos of Bernie Bros, and other such revelations by the organization show that Antifa and Black Lives Matter look for the violent overthrow of the Republic. They want a Communist/Marxist state, controlled by elites and controlling the population. We refer you to the paragraphs above.

Now we have former Secretary of Labor in the Clinton administration, Robert Reich, now looking for the arrest and prosecution of those who serve in the Trump administration, and the arrest of those who support the 45th President. The arrests would be handled by a "Truth and Reconciliation Commission" leading to, one gathers "re-education camps." The Stalinism in the concept is frightening.

For the entire Trump administration, the far Left has looked to criminalize policy differences. To disagree with far-Left orthodoxy has been defined as "violence." No longer can we debate issues, the issues are decided, and we all must submit.

Two weekends ago, free speech rallies and a rally in support of the confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett as a justice of the Supreme Court were attacked by Antifa and Black Lives Matter thugs. On one instance, the organizer of the San Francisco rally, a black man it should be noted, was pummeled and his front teeth knocked out! This attack was by people say they oppose fascism, but use the tactics of the Brown and Black Shirts of decades ago.

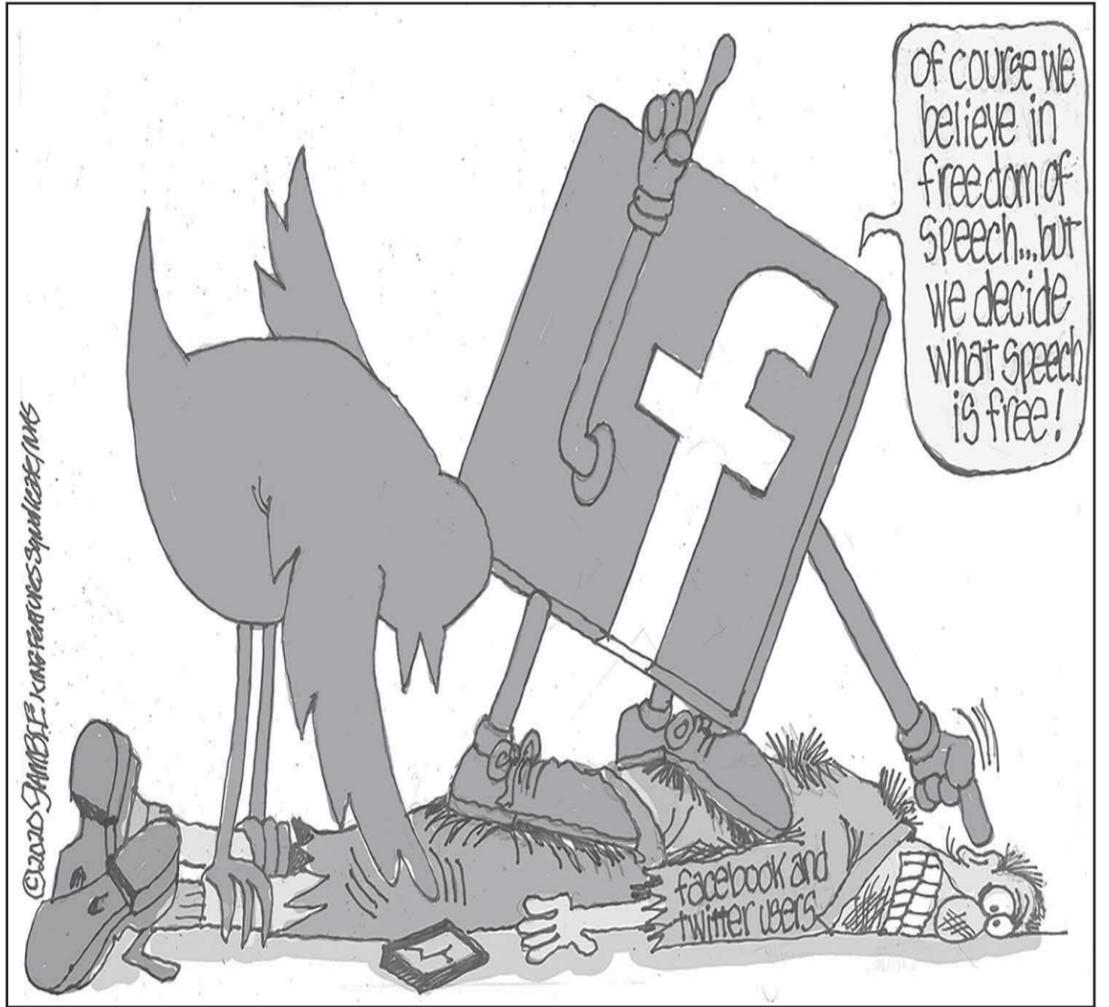
No, what happens on November 3 is very important. One party has sold its soul to those who want Revolution.

It must be stopped.

It must be defeated.

It must be humiliated.

The nation, the Union, depends on it.



## Charter revision looks to future

By John M. Carrano  
Majority Leader, CRC

The proposed Charter is not about any past or present administration, this is about the future, and our ability to learn from the past while recognizing it is time to demand the best for our city. The longer this city holds on to doing the same old thing over and over and expect different results, the longer we will linger in hopeless mediocrity, looking for that imaginary savior every two years. This is about the next generation of Westies and a decision on whether we should stick with the status quo charter from 1960 or move to a 21st Century style of Government.

West Haven employs almost 1,200 people and has a budget of \$163,000,000. We have proven that voting for the most popular person to be Mayor is simply just not working. Yes, we have had some great Mayors and we have also had some Mayors who were not qualified to run this city.

The facts are this: The State of CT was forced to come in and take control of West Haven in 1992 because of our near bankrupt financial condition. The State immediately raised taxes, unilaterally opened up and changed union contracts, cut expenses and made difficult choices to give us a fresh

start. What did we do with this fresh start? In 2018, only 26 years later, we messed the whole thing up, again, which forced the State of CT to come in, again, and take control of our finances, this time with MARB. We recently had to borrow \$19,000,000, by issuing bonds, because of our cumulative deficit on previous budgets. Essentially, we spent \$19million more than we had coming in since our fresh start and will be paying for this, plus interest, until the year 2040. In addition to that, our unfunded pension liability is in the millions of dollars. Our Moody's Investment bond rating plummeted over this time to Baa3, which is one notch above High Yield Junk Bond status. Because of these facts, the CRC determined that it is time to bring in a professional City Manager to run the operations of the city and allow our elected Mayor to be the leader of the legislature as Chairperson of the City Council.

Running a city has become so complicated, that 63% of municipalities our size or larger across the USA have chosen to appoint a professional city manager to run their operations. This is not trying to "take your right to vote away." In fact, the CRC recognized this is new for our city and that is why, unlike

most other municipalities with a City Manager, your elected Mayor is the one responsible to search for and select the City Manager. The Mayor's choice is then voted on and ratified by the City Council. This direct line means that if that elected Mayor makes a bad choice for the City Manager, you hold them accountable by voting them out at the next election and fire the City Manager. This selection process is already used today in WH to hire our Superintendent of Schools. The Board of Education performs a search and hires a highly qualified individual to run the schools, why wouldn't we also, all the time, want a highly qualified individual to run the city side?

The proposal includes consolidating our current 10 districts into 3 districts. This DOES NOT mean you will lose council representation or your normal place to vote, there are still 13 people elected to the City Council, just like today. In fact, there will now be 4 people from your new larger district, operating as a block of voters on your behalf, not just 1 representative as is the case today. Yes, this means that the minimum split on the council will be 10 Majority party to 3 Minority party, vs the minimum 12-1 as is the case today.

See Charter, page 9

## Letters, We Get Letters!

### Vote No

The question on the November ballot regarding proposed changes to the West Haven City Charter is a NO vote for me. That the current City Charter is badly in need of revision and update in beyond dispute. The Charter Revision Commission has done yeoman service in reviewing the current charter, looking for examples of current best practice in municipal governance, and offering changes that should be made.

The Commission's recommendations deserve serious scrutiny.

The problem with the ballot question is the that is it too broad and all encompassing while at the same being too vague in the particulars. The question asks voters to approve charter "changes includ[ing] but not limited to" those outlined in the question itself. Voters are being asked to approve the Commission's finding in toto. This is too much.

For example, if you like the idea moving to Council-Manager form of government but think 4-year terms is a bad idea, you are out of luck. Similarly, if you think it is grand idea to keep the City Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer as elected offices. There seems a definite prejudice that

assumes that West Haven is being carved up between the "major" parties, viz Democrats and Republicans. For example, the process for filling any vacancies assumes that the vacancy belongs to the party of the vacating office holder. Why so? Why not let the voters decide? (And while we are at it, why does a city the size of West Haven need two registrars of voters? Surely one would suffice). The Commission recommends that the current ten voting districts be collapsed into three but does not offer a process for how this should be done. The devil is in the details. As we have seen in other parts of the United States, redistricting is too often an open invitation for gerrymandering aimed at voter suppression. We need to ensure that redistricting would be fair and impartial.

While the Charter Revision Commission's recommendations provides West Haven with a very good starting point, as those recommendations are presented in the ballot question there is too much clumped together, with too little of the appropriate level of discussion and debate, and lacking a plan and project to make it real. It is a NO vote for me.

*Peter Krala*

### VIA says no

The Village Improvement Association (VIA) is asking voters to vote NO for West Haven charter changes. The VIA are volunteers who manage the West Haven Public Library system.

We feel that it is necessary to address the language change in the new proposed charter. The proposed charter changes the wording from "will fund" to "may fund" the library and its subsidiaries (Chapter XX Section 1)..

If the city can make \$300,000 cuts to the library since 2014 under the "will fund" this will leave the library in unknown and alarming territory if it's changed to "may fund." Your high taxes should have comfortably paid for a first class library. Tragically, only 0.07% of city revenue is spent on its funding.

The library has had to cut its hours from being open 59 hours/week to 39 hours/week further restricting public access. Inhibiting West Haven taxpayers from making use of community purchased books, computers, educational programs for all ages and much more.

In addition to the cuts in budget, the Piantino branch in Allingtown has been closed. The City sold the building to a contractor in January 2020 with-

out discussion with the VIA.

This contractor, apparently had a first right of refusal provision in a contract that was not known to the VIA. Initially, the city made no plans for a replacement library building.

It had been left for the VIA to solve. On a positive note, since July 2020 members of the City Council and Corpo-

rate Council have met with the VIA to research possible future sites in Allingtown to either rent or purchase.

The VIA ask you to VOTE NO on the proposed charter so that the library funds can have a better chance to stop being cut any further.

*John Galvin*  
VIA President



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## 'Fill a Bag' campaign

**"Fill-A-Bag, Fuel-A-Mind" is a WHHS student-run club addressing issues of food insecurity. This group supports the West Haven High School free school store with fundraising efforts by focusing on aiding and supporting students with food insecurity. Students can come at any time and fill their bag up with food and other essentials they may need at home.**

# Vote: *Charter revision on the ballot*

## Continued from page 1

As a member of the committee, he was constrained by the city to be "neutral" in how he would defend the commission's recommendations. He determined to resign two weeks ago, to "unshackle" is defense of the documents.

"Perfect strangers walk up to me singing its (the revision's) praises. But I cannot stand by shackled by an impartiality agreement, while detractors confuse voters with incorrect and inflammatory statements. As chairman of the Ed committee I was limited in my ability to respond, as an ordinary citizen I am free to respond accordingly. I did pledge to the members that I would continue to assist John Carrano, the majority leader of the CRC in handling the Q&A on the education website (whcharter.org) if they wish and promised to remain impartial when doing so," he said..

According to Granfield, he has been approached at coffee shops and other

places and told about things that are not in the revision.

Those incorrect provisions include staffing cuts (there is not provision), loss of representation and votes (the revision calls for three districts with four representatives each, rather than the current 10); hiring a city manager, while reducing the mayor's role to chairman of the City Council, and professional certification of department heads, which will be accomplished by attrition; and redesigning the Board of Education similar to the council..

The supposed loss of representation that galls Granfield.

"Instead of one representative, the voter gets to choose four. What's wrong with that?" he asks.

One change would make one of the four a minority candidate, giving the minority party at least three on the council. The current charter allows for only one. This has been a problem for years, as single minority reps cannot get a second on any motion to allow

for discussion of issues.

Granfield says the effort to inform the public and hold off detractors is hampered by a combination of the decision to stall the vote until 2020, and the effects of the pandemic, limiting access to the public.

"This is probably the most comprehensive charter revision proposal in West Haven history, we understand that, and believe me in a perfect world this would have happened last November or this Spring, but it didn't for the two reasons already stated. When the City Council unanimously ratified the report in October 2019, two clocks started ticking: the first belongs to the state government. Once the report was ratified, by law the city only has so much time to send it to the people for a vote. The second clock belongs to the city: The longer we put off this vote of, the shorter the window of implementation becomes if it passes, since the majority of the proposed changes will go into effect at the November 2021

election cycle," he said.

Meanwhile, social media has been a problem in the disinformation campaign, according to Granfield, who sees outright untruths passed off as provisions in the charter revision.

"I was limited as Chairman of the Ed Committee in my ability to respond in order to set the record straight. I wish to add that I have no problem whatsoever with folks who, after learning about the proposal decide it's not for them, based on the facts But I cannot stand by shackled by an impartiality agreement while detractors confuse voters with incorrect and inflammatory statements," he said..

Grandfield thanked the administration for allowing himself and his committee to do the work needed on the charter revision.

He says he realized the decision will be made by the voters. But, he wants that decision to be based on what the documents actually says, not by those looking to maintain the status quo.

# Charter: *Track record speaks to changes*

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The majority/minority representation is strictly mandated by the State based on the number of districts, not something the CRC just decided to do. Frankly, if a 10-3 split is not enough of an advantage for the majority party to get an agenda item passed, then maybe that item is something that should not be passed in the first place. On the Board of Education side, there will still be 9 members, just like today. The only difference is that this proposal requires that 3 members come from each district, unlike today where all the members can come from one side of town. The proposal guarantees that every single school will have 3 members responsible for representing that school.

In an effort to always have qualified individuals in key roles, not only did we increase the requirements for many Department Heads, but the CRC also moved certain positions from elected to appointed. This has absolutely nothing to do with the people currently occupying those positions and every-

thing to do with insuring qualification standards for future hires into these positions. Again, this is not an attempt to take your voting rights away, but to make sure that the individuals working in these positions are qualified. The treasurer is currently elected and is responsible to invest the city's money, pay our bills and sign off on all bonds. 80% of municipalities our size in CT appoint this position because they recognize that this position needs to have significant qualifications to properly perform the job functions. Our Tax Collector is also elected today and in charge of our highest income stream, the individual must pass a comprehensive Tax examination and fulfill a 3-year tax collection experience requirement to be certified. 93% of municipalities our size appoint this position because of the rigorous requirements. The City Clerk is elected today and responsible for all Land Records, Land Surveys and Maps, Military Discharges, Marriage and Birth Certificates, Business licenses and Burial Permits, as well as

certain duties with elections. In order to be certified, they need to complete 5 classes, pass an exam and have at least 2 years' experience. The question about these positions is "are you as an elector consistently getting the opportunity to vote for qualified individuals for these positions?" The answer is no and because it is illegal to require qualifications to run for office, the move to appointed was deemed necessary and in the best interest of WH. Simply put, we deserve to have qualified people, all the time, in these important positions.

The vast majority of the City Manager's salary is already directly offset in other areas of the proposal. The average CT salary for a City Manager is \$150,000/yr.

By moving the Mayor to part-time, it is anticipated that will save \$60,000/yr, also included in the charter is the City Council no longer receives stipends, which is a savings of \$34,000/yr and moving elections to 4 years instead of 2 years saves another \$28,000/yr and

other direct offsets amount to \$8,000/yr. So, even before the City Manager is selected, we have offset all but \$20,000 of the estimated salary. This does not account for any of the cost savings the City Manager will undoubtedly implement once hired.

West Haven has been operating in the same manner under the same antiquated City Charter for 60 Years, and our track record speaks for itself. There is nothing cynical, back-room, back-handed, or un-American about this proposal.

This proposal represents a fundamental change in how we manage and govern our city. The people of WH deserve stability and want to enjoy everything our great city has to offer without having to continuously pay for past mis-management. It is time to always have an experienced and qualified professional running our city, someone who understands everything there is to know about how to run a city and the long-term impact of every decision made.



# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## Historian's Corner Hallowe'en, 1950s Style

What do you remember about Halloween when you were a kid?

The Boy remembers trick-or-treating on Kelsey Avenue with a bag full of candy in 1959: The bag was made of brown paper, like the kind the grocery stores used, and a grinning Jack O'Lantern was printed on the side of it. The kids were all wearing raincoats over their costumes that night, because it was pouring down rain. As The Boy ran home across Kelsey Avenue, the bottom of his bag burst, and all that candy was spread far and wide across the

glistening pavement. And so ended a memorable, miserable Halloween for him.

Peter Malia recalls, "Halloween for the neighborhood kids began as soon as the leaves started falling. People would make huge piles of leaves on the street and kids would begin what's now called mischief night -- only then it was called "ringing doorbells night"-- for several nights, not just one. The older the kids the more daring they became. Ring the bell and hide in the pile of leaves! Or in the hedges -- close enough to the houses to learn a few new cuss words every year! (Those leaves always were eventually

burned, and I can still remember the familiar smell wafting all over West Haven).

"But a couple of things really stick in my mind: First, the time and effort we all put into our homemade costumes (aided by trips to a costume shop on the corner of Campbell Avenue and Brown Street). If you had a store-bought outfit you were ridiculed. One of my friends kept showing up every year with this Peter Pan mask. As he grew older, it seemed to grow more ominous. Another kid had to wear his German lederhosen as a costume. And then there was always the kid who went way overboard. His mom spent hours making him up to be Frankenstein, right down to the bolts on either side of his neck -- I think we had just seen the movie at the Rivoli. He had green make-up on for days after that. But I wasn't much better."

Carole Lunde Mikenis relates, "I vaguely remember my only EVER trick or treating in the snow -- this was in 1956, maybe--trudging up Grove Place hill. We always had costumes that were homemade. My mom would pick a theme, and my younger sis and I would go out together, except SHE was always the cute one, while I was the Mad Hatter (a huge cardboard top hat with legs, and pointy shoes my dad made out of linoleum). Mean-

while, she was Sweet Little Alice with long blonde hair.

"Another year, she was the cute little Dutch girl, and I was the little boy that that stuck his finger in the dam.

"Candy bars were bigger than the store sized ones you buy singly now! And there were popcorn balls--homemade ones. We always had a big Halloween party--Grove Place Association would put it on.

"Remember doorbell ringing? We would go out the night before Halloween, and ring a doorbell, and hide. One year--I was probably ten, I got caught by the 'mean lady' at the top of the hill. My friends ran and I got taken into her house. Inside, I expected to be chastised, but instead I ended up with hot chocolate chip cookies and a glass of milk. I don't remember ever throwing eggs, or toilet papering houses--we didn't have MON- EY for that."

In the words of Allan Gagnon, "I remember the year Greg Morrissey was running for mayor, it was like a candy shop in his front room. He told us we could take one of whatever candy bar we wanted, and they were full size bars. Hard choice! Another year my cousin Jim Hubbard had fallen off his tractor and broken his arm just before Halloween and Mom had me take

an extra bag and ask everyone for candy for Jim. Most people gave me dirty looks and almost didn't give me the extra goodies until my friends stood up for me and told them my mother was making me do it. I don't think Jim ever got that much candy before. Back then we used pillowcases for bags."

**To all the children of the 1950s, 1960s 1970s and beyond, Best Wishes for a safe and Happy Halloween!**



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



## City attempts to simplify voting for Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, and city election officials have residents covered.

Due to this year's presidential election, officials are anticipating a higher-than-normal voter turnout by implementing procedures to simplify the in-person and absentee voting experiences for residents.

The helpful voting steps come at an already challenging time complicated by the coronavirus, officials said, with City Hall closed on Friday until further notice due to the pandemic.

Residents who have registered to vote can vote in person at the window outside the city clerk's office of City Hall, 355 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Monday. The in-person deadline for voting by window is at 8 p.m. Monday.

Residents who have absentee ballots must deposit them in the ballot drop boxes at the Main Street and Savin Avenue entrances of City Hall by 8 p.m. Tuesday. They can also deposit them in the drop boxes at the John Prete public housing complex at 1187 Campbell Ave. and the Surfside complex at 200 Oak St.

Although the voter registration deadline was Oct. 27, residents who have not registered to vote can register in person from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the window outside the registrar of voters office of City Hall, according to officials.

The registrar's office encourages residents to register early to eliminate long lines on Election Day.

At the polls, residents must wear face masks and maintain social distancing at all times, including staying at least 6 feet away from others.

Polling places are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the following districts:

1st District, Elks Lodge 1537, 265 Main St.; 2nd District, Savin Rock School, 50 Park St.; 3rd District, Washington School, 369 Washington Ave.; 4th District, University of New Haven Student Hall, formerly St. Paul Church, 41 Alling St.; 5th District, Simchat Yisrael, 870 First Ave; 6th District, Forest School, 95 Burwell Road; 7th District, Molloy School, 255 Meloy Road.; 8th District, Mackrille School, 806 Jones Hill Road; 9th District, Haley School,

### ATTENTION ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

Please be advised that some of the Polling Places have change. The General Election will be held on Tuesday November 3rd, 2020 from 6 am to 8 pm. If you wish to vote in person, the following are the voting polls:

| VOTING DISTRICT                      | LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| District 1 – Elks Lodge 1537         | 265 Main St.               |
| District 2- Savin Rock School        | 50 Park St.                |
| District 3- Washington School        | 369 Washington Avenue      |
| District 4- St. Paul's Church        | 898 First Avenue           |
| District 5-Simchat Yirael Hall       | 870 First Avenue           |
| District 6- Forest School            | 95 Burwell Road            |
| District 7- Anna V Molloy School     | 225 Meloy Road             |
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| District 9- Seth Haley School        | 148 South Street           |
| District 10- Pagels School           | 26 Benham Hill Road        |

BELOW IS THE LINK IF YOU ARE NOT SURE OF WHERE TO VOTE.  
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# WHCH marks Head Start's anniversary

By **Kathy Hart-Jones**  
*Special to the Voice*

This month, early childhood educators and advocates celebrate the rich history and abundant successes of Head Start at the local, state and national levels. Head Start was launched in 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson to provide comprehensive health, nutrition, and education services to children and families living in poverty. Since its founding, Head Start has served over 35 million low-income children and families around the nation.

The West Haven Community House launched the first, and only, Head Start program in West Haven in 1978 with eleven children in one classroom. Since then, more than 5,000 Head Start children walked through the doors of the eight-classroom program at the Community House.

Head Start Awareness Month was first created in 1982 by President Ronald Reagan as an opportunity to share the power of Head Start and in recognition for its success in early childhood education and development, as well as support for the program's whole-child and whole-community approach to supporting families on their path to success.

"We not only provide opportunities for children to develop the social, intellectual, and emotional skills they need to be successful in school and in life; we also connect parents to resources and tools they need to be advocates for their children. We ensure each child receives daily nutritious meals, vision, hearing, and other health screenings and referrals. We also require degrees and credentials of our teaching staff, and offer professional development and coaching to more than 40 employees in our Head Start program including 24 teachers and teacher aides," said Patty Stevens, executive director of the West Haven Community House.

WHCH staff have been working in overdrive since March to adapt their teaching strategies, maintain enrollment, sanitize classrooms, make necessary health-related adjustments to facilities, and provide access to quality learning opportunities for children and families while constantly adjusted to new state, local, and federal CO-

VID-19 and OEC (Office of Early Childhood) guidelines and safety requirements.

Due to the pandemic, the Community House shut down in mid-March, which not only disrupted learning but has interrupted the essential supports that many children and families depend on such as school meals, the services of counselors and social workers, and access to safe places. However, during those many weeks, teachers and staff continued to keep in touch with families and children via phone calls, video chats and weekly online newsletters that included fun learning activities, family resources and links to reading videos. The program reopened in the first week of July providing critical care for children so parents could work.

A typical day now includes greeting families at the door (instead of allowing them inside the classroom), conducting health screenings for every child, increased hand washing and teaching children to practice social distancing. All these measures are taking place in a safe, structured environment while children learn through  
**See WHCH, page 17**



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The West Haven Community House Head Start Program offers children and families a variety of educational and fun activities during the year. Among the favorite, of course, is playtime in the agency's campus playground.

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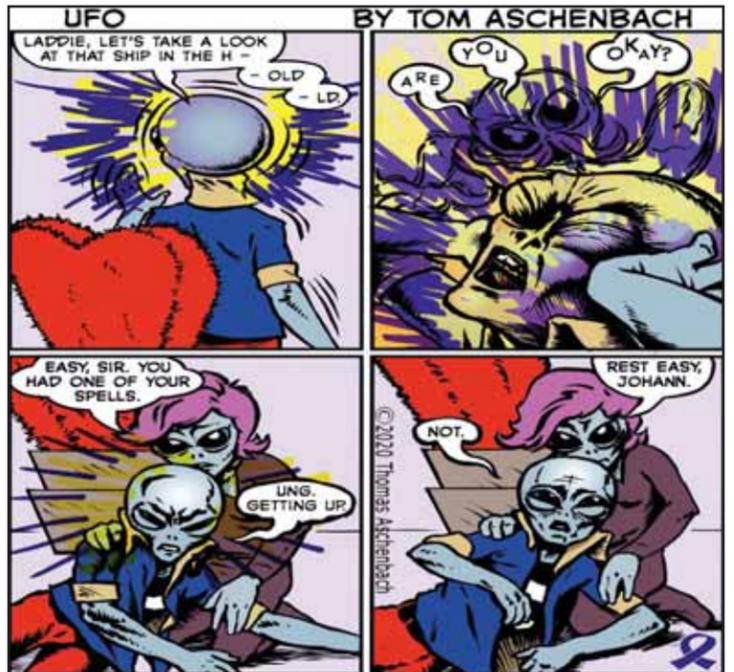
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### Courts getting rebuild

Crews have been working to rebuild the tennis courts at West Haven High School over the last several weeks. The old courts and fencing were torn up, and the ground leveled. It has been more than two decades since the courts had a rebuild. The Dog Run that once ran outside the perimeter of the courts has been moved to location near the Veterans Field courts on Bull Hill Lane.



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**Obituaries**



**Stephen Bonini**

Stephen Nicholas Bonini, 68, of West Haven, CT. Surrendered his spirit to the heavens on the dawn of October 10, 2020. Stephen was born on September 16, 1952 in New Haven, CT.

He was the son of the late Nicholas and Julia (Sokol) Bonini. Stephen was predeceased by his beloved wife, Marcia A. (Hart) Bonini. The greatest joy is knowing they are now joined hand and hand in their eternal bodies to forever walk in God's garden. He was the loving father to Christopher S. Bonini of West Haven, CT; Marie (Joshua) Urbano of East Haven, CT. and Stephen

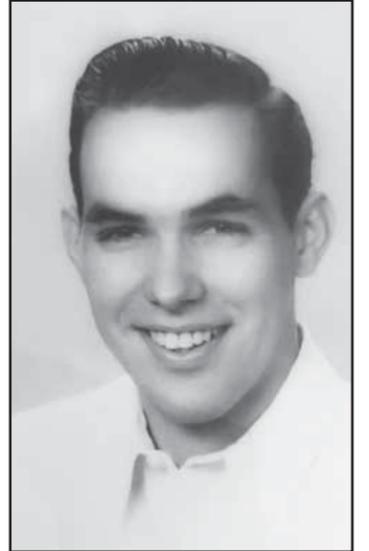
H. Bonini of West Haven, CT. Proud grandfather of Christopher Bonini of Stratford CT; Gavin, Alexander and Marissa Urbano all of East Haven, CT and Gia Bonini of Milford, CT. He is also survived by his sister Susan (Richard) Piche of Eustis, FL with whom Stephen spent his last few years with. He has many nieces and nephews, near and far. Stephen has many devoted lifelong friends. In Stephen's lifetime he worked at Marlin Firearms and at Laydon Construction. Stephen loved the outdoors; he was an avid hunter and fisherman. He took pride in knowing that he passed down his skills to his sons, grand-

sons, nephews and to anyone else willing to learn. Stephen will be forever known for his quick wit, his infectious laugh and for his love of music and dancing. All services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please plant a tree in his honor or send donations to the American Heart Association. He believed in giving back to the Earth from which we all come and shall return. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. Hebrews 9:27

**Cecil Minor**

Cecil John Minor, 91 years of age, died October 10, 2020



in the care of all the Minor children and Beverly Minor during Cecil's long illness. He died peacefully in a foster home for veterans in Port Saint Lucie, Florida with all immediate and loving family members around him.

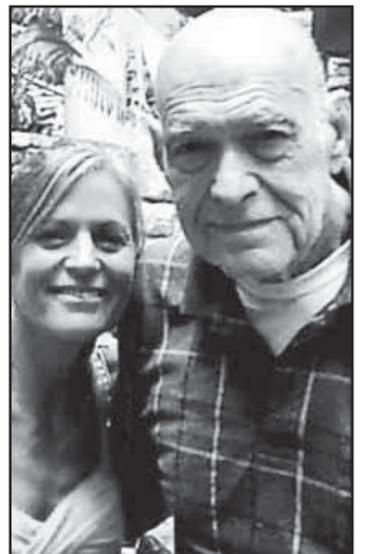
Cecil was born in Brockway, Pennsylvania on the twelfth of August in 1929 to Martha and Wendell Minor. He is predeceased by his parents who died tragically in traffic in this northwest area of Pennsylvania in 1964. He is also predeceased by his brother Wendell L. Minor and Wendell's wife, Phyllis Lankenou Minor.

Cecil attended Brockway High School and graduated summa cum laude in 1947 and was the class valedictorian at the ceremonies. He was on the football and basketball teams and painted houses to earn money for college.

He went on to Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon University) on academic scholarship in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He matriculated with honors, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. While in college, Cecil joined ROTC. He was also a champion ping pong player, a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and of Chi Epsilon, an engineering honor society.

Immediately after graduating, he served as Lieutenant in the U.S. Army

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**ELECTION WARNING**

November 3, 2020 State Election

The Electors of the Town of West Haven are hereby warned to meet places in said town on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at their respective polling for the following purposes:

- I. To cast their votes for Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Registrar of Voters.
- II. Shall the City of West Haven amend its current Charter as recommended by the Charter Revision Commission in its final report submitted on September 27, 2019, which changes include but are not limited to: (1) changing to a City Council/Town Manager form of government; (2) establishing minimum qualification requirements for management positions; (3) changing the Tax Collector, City Clerk, and Treasurer from elected to appointed positions; (4) changing from biennial to quadrennial elections for all elected officials; (5) reducing the number of local voting districts from 10 to 3; (6) the Board of Education will consist of nine members three from each district with one minority party member in each district; (7) changing from mandatory to permissible appointments of department heads, boards and commissions?

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

| <u>Voting District</u>                 | <u>Location of Polling Place</u> |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| District 1 - Elks Lodge 1537           | 265 Main St.                     |
| District 2 - Savin Rock School         | 50 Park St.                      |
| District 3 - Washington School         | 369 Washington Ave.              |
| District 4 - St. Paul's Church         | 898 FirstAve.                    |
| District 5 - Simchat Yisrael Hall      | 870First Ave.                    |
| District 6 - Forest School             | 95 BurwellRd.                    |
| District 7 - Anna Molloy School        | 225 MeloyRd.                     |
| District 8 - Edith E. Mackrille School | 806 Jones Hill Rd.               |
| District 9 -Seth Haley School          | 148 South St.                    |
| District 10 - Pagels School            | 26 Benham Hill Rd.               |

Absentee Ballots will be counted at the following central location:

355 Main Street, West Haven

Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

Dated at West Haven, Connecticut, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Patricia Horvath  
Town Clerk  
Town of West Haven

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and was stationed at Camp Gordon, Georgia. After serving the required two years in the Signal Corps, he returned to

## WHCH

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play, which is central to children's learning experiences.

There are roughly 2,000 days from the day a child is born until they go to kindergarten. In those days, weeks, months and years, it is critical for children and their families to have access to safe, affordable child care and resources to support children's growth and development in a positive learning environment. "While we don't yet know the full effects that COVID-19 will have on young people, we do know that the Community House will always be a beacon of hope for children and families, and will continue to be a leader in identifying, collaborating and implementing services that meet the changing needs of the West Haven community," Stevens said.

### Energy Assistance application accepted

The city will begin accepting applications Oct. 19 for the federally funded Connecticut Energy Assistance Program.

Appointments for all heating sources can be made, starting Oct. 5, by calling 203-937-3572. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, applications will be processed via phone by appointment Monday through Wednesday. No walk-ins will be accepted. Applicants who have difficulty speaking English are asked to have 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.

### I-A bingo games restarting Nov. 5

The West Haven Italian-American Civic Association will reopen its weekly Bingo on Thursday Nov. 5, Doors open at 6 p.m..

Social Distancing applies. Masks must worn, no reserved seats. Bring your own snacks & drinks. Call (203) 937-8339 for information.

Carnegie Tech and attained a Master's of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

He spent most of his career with General Electric in Sales Engineering Management, working with turbines, large motor, generators and locomotives.

In the grooming process, he and his family moved to several locations, i.e. Cleveland, Ohio, Schenectady, New York, Cincinnati, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Boston, Massachusetts, Erie, Pennsylvania and Trumbull, Connecticut. He retired in his early 80's. Cecil

also worked for other organizations, including

Dorr-Oliver in Stamford, Connecticut, where he traveled internationally to places such as India, Britain, Spain and Africa as the United States Director of Sales and Marketing.

In his later years, Cecil developed a passion for spiritual pursuits and cherishing peaceful relationships with humanity, planet earth and the universe. Cecil was very caring, generous and philanthropic, lending aid and financial resources to many fellow human beings in need. He loved people from all walks of life and was genuinely interested in everyone he

met, making each person feel special and unique. He helped Beverly raise all of his children to achieve their "excitement" with hard work, determination and persistence. His favorite quotes were "Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent." by Calvin Coolidge and "Love is the most powerful force in the universe." — Mahatma Ghandi

Mr. Minor leaves his son, Gary John Minor of Atlanta, Georgia and Gary's wife Denise, his three daughters, Betsy Ann Sloan of West Haven, Connecticut, Gail Linda Minor of Ridgway, Pennsylvania and Gay Leslie Minor of Port Saint Lucie,

Florida. Gary is Vice President of Building Development for a major corporation. Betsy is a Fine Arts Historian and Artist. Gail is a Chemical Engineer and Leslie is a pilot for Bombardier Challenger jets.

Family and friends will hold a private memorial service at the home of Gail Minor at 1631 Bear Creek Rd., Ridgway, Pennsylvania 15853.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Brain Foundation at [americanbrainfoundation.org](http://americanbrainfoundation.org) directed towards either "Alzheimer's/Dementia Research", "Traumatic Brain Injury/Concussion", "Stroke Research" or donor's choice.

## West Haven Fire Services/ Fire Safety Checklist



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- Avoid overloading electrical circuits 
- Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage
- Do not tack cords to the walls or run them under rugs
- Maintain air space around electrical equipment such as TV, VCR, stereo, etc.
- Install additional outlets, by a qualified electrician, to avoid using cube taps and extension cords
- If you must use extension cords, use only the kind that have a built in circuit breaker

#### Flammable Liquids & Hazardous Materials

- Limit the amount of chemicals stored
- Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly.
- Store hazardous materials in proper containers with tight fitting lids and correct identification labels
- Store hazardous materials away from heat sources
- Allow proper ventilation when using flammable liquids and hazardous materials
- Put oily rags in metal containers with tight fitting lids, not in a pile where they can spontaneously ignite.

#### **DO NOT STORE PROPANE or GASOLINE INSIDE YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS**

Store in detached garage or shed or on deck  
If you need to dispose of Propane Tanks call 203-488-1956  
Leetes Island Fuel - 49 Leetes Island Rd - Branford, CT

#### Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended**
- Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles
- Never store combustibles in oven or on stove top
- When barbequing, move unit away from house
- Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers

#### Smoking Materials & Candles

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

#### Smoke and CO Detectors

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

#### Fire Extinguishers

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

#### Develop & Practice a Home Escape Plan

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

**The use of a kerosene heater within the City of West Haven is prohibited by Ordinance**

# Westies try to pick up the pace

The West Haven volleyball team is off to a slow start this season, dropping five consecutive matches and falling to 1-7.

The Westies fell to 1-4 with a hard-fought 3-2 loss against Hand-Madison at West Haven High. The second straight loss for the Westies came by scores of 25-17, 14-25, 16-25, 25-22, 12-15.

Senior Savannah Lopez led the team with 18 assists, six aces, and four kills on offense, while adding five digs on defense. Neve Krajcir played well with nine kills, four aces, and three digs, Tanasia Fidalgo had five kills and three blocks. Mckayla Fowler added five kills and four aces, and Dulcemaria Castillo, Lexi Prion and Anaelecea Turcio each added three digs. Asia Ford finished with three aces and three kills.

The West Haven girls volleyball team fell to 1-5 with its third straight loss, a 3-1 decision at Luralton Hall Thursday evening. The Westies fell by scores of 21-25, 19-25, 25-23, 18-25.

Lopez ran the offense with 26 assists, with three aces and two kills. Krajcir finished with 14 digs, nine kills, and four aces. Fowler had eight kills and four aces, Fidalgo added seven kills, Ford had five kills, and Prion had four digs in the loss.

West Haven dropped its fourth straight match and fell to 1-6 on the year with a 3-0 loss against Hamden Monday evening. The Westies fell 22-25, 18-25, 17-25 at West Haven High.

While the Westies battled, it was not enough in each game. Krajcir played well for the Westies defensively with 16 digs, while adding three aces and three kills offensively. Lopez had seven assists and five digs, Ford had four aces and four kills, Fowler added four kills, and Prion had three digs in the loss.

West Haven lost its fifth consecutive match, dropping a 3-0 decision at East Haven Thursday evening. With the 12-25, 21-25, 15-25 loss, West Haven fell to 1-7 on the year.

Lopez led the Westies with nine digs and six assists. Anh Nguyen had six digs, Prion had five digs, Ford had four kills, and Castillo added three digs.

Through four games, there has been one constant for the



Photo by Todd Dandelske

**Neve Krajcir with a dig against Hand. The Lady Devils fought hard, but were edged out by the Tigers, 3-2, in action last week. The team is trying to work out its 1-7 start, and get itself on the winning track.**

West Haven girls soccer team. That constant has started with its defense.

The Westies entered Tuesday evening's game having not allowed a goal in their previous three victories. That trend continued as a stifling defense coupled with solid goalkeeping helped lead West Haven to a 3-0 victory over Jonathan Law in a Southern Connecticut Conference Division C contest at Ken Strong Stadium.

West Haven has now outscored its opponents 14-0 in improving to 4-0 on the year. Law fell to 1-3 with its second consecutive defeat.

Aside from a 10 minute stretch to close the first half, the West Haven defense did not allow much for Law to contend with on the offensive side. Playing within its structure, West Haven forced Law to the outside and did not allow much in the middle of the field.

After finishing the opening half with eight shots, Law managed just two shots in the second half, both turned aside by West Haven sophomore goalkeeper Cassidy Carrano. The best chance for Law to get

on the scoreboard came off a scramble in front, off the foot of Elly Van Waveren with 20 minutes, 30 seconds remaining and Law down one goal.

After a scoreless first half, West Haven junior Cori Severino set the tone of the second half when she nearly found the back of the net with a blast just 27 seconds in. A header by Selena Izzo sailed over the net 5:40 in, before West Haven finally capitalized with a tally 11:14 in.

Off a free ball, senior Kaylie Hollister lofted a shot from 40 yards which took a high bounce off the turf and just went over the outstretched arms of Law goalkeeper Sabrina Lawless for the only goal West Haven would need.

With the team defense of the Westies keeping Law from getting quality scoring opportunities, West Haven extended the margin to a pair of goals with 5:58 remaining in the game. Another loose ball was converted as junior Madison Lentine ripped a shot in from 20 yards out.

Cori Severino, who was a thorn in Law's side all night, capped the scoring when she broke in and scored from 15

yards out with 16.6 seconds to go.

After being outshot early in the contest, Law controlled the latter part of the opening half, getting quality scoring opportunities on West Haven goalkeeper Mackenzie Gardner.

The West Haven keeper was up to the challenge as she denied shots by Midori Hughes, Andriana Bruno and Ashley Shaw, and saw a shot by Shelby Green bounce off the cross bar minutes earlier.

Gardner (6 saves) and Carrano (3 saves) combined in the shutout for West Haven. Lawless made seven saves in the loss for Law.

The streaks continue. With Saturday afternoon's 2-0 victory over Foran at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven, West Haven improved to 5-0 on the year.

Just as impressive, the Westies again pitched another shutout and have not allowed a goal all season. West Haven has outscored its opponents 16-0 on the year.

Gardner and Carrano combined on the shutout with Gardner making a pair of saves in the first half and Carrano making five saves in the

second half.

After a scoreless first half, West Haven scored both goals early in second half.

The Westies took a 1-0 lead 38 seconds into the second half when Izzo scored off an assist from Emma Walker. The lead increased to 2-0 1:48 into the second half when Amanda Tsakonas scored an unassisted goal from 30 yards out.

With the way the defense and goalkeeping have been playing, the two goals were more than enough for the Westies.

West Haven saw a pair of streaks come to an end Tuesday evening. With a 3-1 loss at Shelton, the Westies saw their unbeaten streak to open the season end at five games, while West Haven also allowed the first goals to be scored on the team after having not allowed a goal in five contests to start the season.

Shelton made sure both streaks would come to an end as the Gaels came out with a purpose and scored two minutes into the game off a tally by Lindsay Taylor. Noelle Garretson assisted on the goal, then provided the final two

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# Youth Soccer teams end season

On the final match day of the season, the G pool saw three exciting games to round out the fall. The WH Professional Fire Fighters took on Meledes Construction, LLC while Elite Soccer Camps took on West Shore Family Dental. In the third match, the First Congregational Church took on the WH Italian American Civic Organization. Bianca Dinallo, Aubrie Panton, and Dean Azano all scored. Jimmy Louis, Amelia Wickes and Boden Rogers all showed a lot of hustle, and Juliana Barrios, Aurora Fyre, and Landon Alling dribbled into open space and used moves to try to get by their opponents.

The Elite Soccer Camps Wolves finished the season strong, defeating the Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center, 9-5. Matteo D'Elia and Luca DeCresenzo led the scoring, with Trevor Hinton, Jeshrun Polington, Jax Guarino and Seth Empric finding the back of the net as well. Jacob Rader and Cash Ocam-

po showed off their dribbling moves, and Ben Trenchard and Brandon Rylski played excellent defense. Luca Gagliardi picked up his first goal and Nicholas Pratt showed a lot of hustle in the win for the Elite Soccer Wolves.

The Seacrest Retirement Center fell to UNH, 4-2. For Seacrest Retirement Center, Victor Davila made some great saves in goal and Robin Munoz Escobedo played solidly at center back. The Cappetta's Italian Imports Polar Bears ended the season with a 1-0 win against the Shoreline Wellness Center. Celeste DiNallo fought hard on defense with Jocelyn Kenny making some big saves in the goal. Luciana Cappetta scored for the Polar Bears.

The #DAVILATRIBE Lightning played the Rock House School of Music, winning 6-4. Hudanur Sahin helped her team out by adapting to multiple positions on the field. Jada Turner showed improved throughout the game with her footwork. The

#DAVILATRIBE Thunder also picked up a win this weekend, topping the Top Hat Dance Academy, 7-5. Kaiyley Ramirez Serrano played aggressively and moved the ball up the field. Angeliza Davila used her defensive skills to deflect shots made on goal. Isabella Celentano scored her first goal of the season.

The Nick's Luncheonette Dragons played their final game against Baybrook Remodelers, which ended in a 3-3 tie. The exceptional players in that game were Erick Diaz Yadaicela, Kobe Quirmolue and Emmett Hemming. The Milano & Wanat Warriors completed a perfect season by defeating P & B Express, 3-0. Good defense was shown by Adhan Beyah and Ines Sahin. Julius Stokes and Jesus Rangel made some key passes and goals were scored by Jackson Gabriele and Jordan Walker came up big in goal.

The Gunning Law Firm Macaroons defeated Oyster River Energy 4-0 to

close out the season. The Macaroons were lead by Destiny Davis, Ariel Titus and Alessia Coletta all scoring goals to closeout a fantastic season.

On Friday, the George Ellis Company West Haven U11 girls traveled up to Wallingford and tied 1-1 with Ariana Throm scoring the solo goal. The team was able to maintain possession of the ball for the majority of the game with the help of midfielders Sophia Empric, Kylie Gibbons, Hailey Dargon and Chelsea Hernandez. In a quick turn around, the girls were back in action on Saturday, as they hosted Shelton, picking up the 4-1 win. In the first half, there were two goals from Ariana Throm with Haleigh McCarthy picking up an assist. Hailey Dargon also scored, with an assist pass from Sophia Empric. Shelton scored in the second half, but Throm came back with a solo goal to pick up the hat trick and finish out the game.

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## Westies: Soccer goes 1-1-1 on year

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Garretson scored off an assist from Taylor at the 16 minute mark for a 2-0 lead, before Julia Tsakonas scored the lone West Haven goal in the second half at 61:05.

With everyone pushed up for the Westies, Garretson scored her second of the contest with 30 seconds remaining.

The West Haven boys soccer team fell to 1-1-1 with a 2-1 loss at Jonathan Law in Milford Tuesday afternoon.

Despite the fact the Westies held a 22-15 advantage in shots, West Haven could only manage a goal by Aldo Barragan at the 11:03 mark of the first half. Law answered with goals by Lex Edwards (18:50) and Fillipe Mourao (24:28) to take a 2-1 lead it never relinquished.

Brian Carew finished with 11 saves in the loss for West Haven.

West Haven improved to 2-1-1 with a 6-1 victory over Platt Tech in West Haven Wednesday afternoon.

Barragan led the way for West Haven with four goals and an assist, while junior Brian Rivadera and junior Donald Yanez each scored once. Sebastian Novoa each had assists in the win.

West Haven held a 25-7 shot advantage in the contest. John McLaughlin finished with six saves in the win.

The Westies scored early and often in the contest as Barragan scored 8 minutes, 12 seconds into the game and Rivadera followed 3:14 later. West Haven added three more goals to take a 5-0 lead to the half.

Barragan scored at 27:04 and followed 9:24 later with his

third tally of the game, before Yanez scored 1:08 later for a 5-0 West Haven lead.

Barragan scored West Haven's lone goal of the second half 11:52 in.

West Haven traveled to Milford Monday afternoon and came away with a 1-1 draw against Foran. With the decision, West Haven moved to 2-1-2 on the year.

The Westies held a 10-6 shot advantage in the contest, but could only manage one goal as Novoa had the lone West Haven tally in the contest. Brian Carew finished with four saves for West Haven.

West Haven improved to 3-1-2 with a resounding 7-2 victory over Amity Friday evening at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven.

Barragan led the Westies with three goals, Novoa scored twice, and Derick Meza and Yanez each scored once. McLaughlin made seven saves in the victory for the Westies.

The Westies led 4-0 at the half and never looked back. Meza got things going for West Haven 3:06 into the contest, Barragan scored the first of his three goals 9:08 later, and Novoa scored 3:36 later for a 3-0 advantage. When Barragan scored with 7:55 remaining in the first half, West Haven led 4-0.

Leading 4-1, Barragan scored his third goal at the 59:36 mark, and Novoa added his second at 65:05. Yanez capped the scoring at the 77:16 mark.

The West Haven girls swim team fell to East Haven/Wilbur Cross, 83-82, Tuesday afternoon at West Haven High.

West Haven won the 200 medley relay in 2 minutes, 5.46 seconds with a team of Madison Hobart, Molly Wilson, Kaelyn Falanga, and Vic-

toria Acuna. Hobart also won the 100 free in 1:02.07, while the 1 meter diving was won by Kaylee Taulty with 167 points.

West Haven fell to Lyman Hall 98-78 Friday afternoon at West Haven High. The Westies had one first place finish in Hobart in the 50 freestyle, and eight second place finishes.

The team of Hobart, Wilson, Falanga, and Acuna was second in the 200 medley relay, while the team of Khando Dorjee, Taulty, Elyze Ancheta, and Cassidy Dalton were second in the 400 freestyle relay.

Falanga also placed second in the 200 IM and 100 fly, Wilson was second in the 100 freestyle and 100 breaststroke, Taulty placed second in the 1 M diving, and the team of 200 FR Raquel Camey, Lauren Blake, Dorjee, and Alana Orec-

chio was second in the 200 free relay.

The West Haven boys cross-country team ran at Shelton last Wednesday, losing to Shelton and Amity by the scores of 15-50. The top runners for West Haven were junior Justin Rodriguez in 19 minutes, 34 seconds, junior Alex Potter in 19:47, and senior Allen Aldrich in 20:10.

The West Haven girls cross-country team did not run against Shelton, but the girls ran at Amity on Thursday, falling 15-30. The top runners for West Haven were sophomore Amanda Gullo in 25:33, senior Kenedi Merola in 26:10, and sophomore Maryangel Cruz in 28:30.

West Haven's Amanda Gullo has seen her time improve by four minutes in three

weeks.

The West Haven boys team ran at Milford on Wednesday. The boys fell to Notre Dame-West Haven, 15-50, and West Haven topped Hillhouse, 15-50.

The top runners for the Westies were Rodriguez in 19 minutes, 24 seconds, Aldrich in 19:38, and senior Ray Pagan in 19:39.

The girls lost to both Lauralton Hall and Hillhouse by identical 15-50 scores. The top runners for the girls were Merola in 25:42, Gullo in 26:52 and Cruz in 28:10.

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Anthony Vendrella (21) moves up the field in a recent contest. His Westies lost to the Lawmen of Jonathan Law, last week, giving them an early season record of 1-1-1.

Squirt B team goes 2-0 in weekend play

The West Haven Youth Hockey Mite B team was in action twice last weekend. Saturday saw the Westies hosting a strong Riverhawks Gold team.

Westie net minder Evan Harrison kept his team in the game with quite a few big saves. The Westies were led offensively by Logan Minio and Brady Salkins, and Ryan Schempp was a big presence on defense.

The Mite B's then took on the Green Dragons of Hamden. The Westies started strong, with Minio opening up the scoring. Jax Guarino, Anthony Parise, Schempp and Salkins also found the back of the net. Kyle D'Agostino had an assist.

West Haven traveled to South Norwalk Sunday morning to face the CT Junior Whalers, and came home with the win behind the strong defensive play of Schempp and Ben Trenchard, and the goaltending of Harrison.

Minio and Parise contributed to the win by putting the puck into the back of the net.

The West Haven Squirt B travel hockey team went 2-0 this past weekend, starting with a 6-5 win against the Greater New Haven Warriors at Bennet Rink on Saturday. Sophia Locklear opened the scoring for the Westies with an unassisted goal in the first period. Locklear added another goal along with Jackson Troyer 15 seconds apart late in the first to give the Westies a 3-1 lead.

Troyer scored again in the second period, but with three seconds left, Greater New Haven tied the score at four. The Westies were able to take and maintain the lead in the third period with goals from Sydney Reed and Locklear, who finished the day with the hat trick.

Holden Napoletano, Marchello Criscuolo and Josie Reed were all credited with assists in the victory.

On Sunday, the Westies faced the Southern Stars at the Milford Ice Pavilion for the two teams second meeting of the season.

With stellar goaltending from Brendan Silva, the Westies were able to shut out the Stars for a 3-0 win.

It remained scoreless until the Westies eventually got on the board when Josie Reed received a pass from Paul Clini and went coast to coast in the middle of the second. Napoletano and Locklear each added a goal, with assists from Jackson Troyer and Caitlin Aloï.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team swept the weekend and posted two solid wins over CHC league opponents.

On Saturday afternoon at

the Sono Ice House, the Westies dominated CT Jr. Whalers B, 12-3. On Sunday morning at Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Blue Devils downed Central A, 3-2.

On Saturday, the Whalers took an early 1-0 lead, before Eddie Thomas scored a pair of goals to put the Westies ahead. Matt Molnar made it 3-1 with a rising wrister from Rafi Treat.

The Blue Devils then took over the game in the second period by scoring seven goals. Aedan Guarino scored from the slot and Treat snapped in a wrist shot. Cameren Lipford scored with his backhand and Mazuroski fired in a laser. Sean Studley notched two goals, before Lipford converted another backhand shot to make it 10-3 after two periods.

In the third, Zach Melchiorre fed Lipford for a breakaway goal and Johnny Charbonneau converted Thomas' pass. Cedrik Roy made five saves.

On Sunday morning against Central A, Kai Lupa got the start in goal and made several clutch saves while Mazuroski, Charbonneau, Ryan Pniewski and Gavin Coady played solid defense all game long.

The Westies took a 1-0 lead 6:37 into the game with a hard-working goal. Lipford's initial shot was saved and Studley fetched it behind the net. He flipped a nice pass out front where Melchiorre came down the slot and cashed it in.

Almost four minutes later, Mazuroski made a nice play in the defensive zone to collect the puck. He then shoved a pass ahead through two Central players that Lipford took to goal and converted for a 2-0 lead.

Early in the second period, Central made it a 2-1 game, but Lupa made a few key stops to keep it a one-goal game. Treat then bulled his way up the right boards, cut to the net, and jammed the puck past the Central goalie to make it 3-1 with 2:03 left in the second period.

Central made it 3-2 with eleven seconds left in the game, but Studley won the ensuing faceoff and the Westies skated to victory. Lupa made 21 total saves to earn the win in net.

West Haven split a pair CHC league games over the weekend. The Blue Devils defeated the Central A Capitals, 5-4, and then fell 9-5 to New Canaan A1.

On Saturday afternoon at Newington Arena, the Westies took a 2-0 lead in the first period and stayed in front for the rest of the game to earn the victory. Studley's backhand shot was saved, but Lipford buried the rebound for a 1-0 lead midway through the opening period.

With 1:25 left in the first,

Studley took the puck to the corner where a defenseman knocked it toward the slot. Lipford deposited it in the net to go up 2-0.

With West Haven leading 2-1, the two teams combined for six goals in the third. In the opening minute, Lipford made a sweet move around a defender and pushed a shot on goal. Melchiorre jumped on the rebound to give the Westies a two-goal lead.

Three minutes later, Melchiorre pounced on another rebound, this time off a Studley backhand, to make it 4-1. Central would not go away and scored twice within 28 seconds to cut it to 4-3 with nine minutes left in the game.

Just 25 seconds after the Caps closed the gap, Melchiorre slid a pass to Studley who redirected it in and the Westies regained the two-goal lead. Central scored once more, but strong defending by Charbonneau and Mazuroski gave West Haven the win. Roy was solid in net for the Blue Devils with 19 saves.

On Sunday morning at Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Westies lost to New Canaan, 9-5. The visitors took a 2-0 lead just two minutes into the game, but Melchiorre made it 2-1 when he skated into the zone and his shot deflected up and over the goalie with 22 seconds left in the first.

The Westies immediately tied the game at two just 27 seconds into the second when Studley dug the puck out from behind the net and Lipford one-timed his backhand pass home. New Canaan rallied for a pair of goals less than a minute later to regain a two-goal advantage. Lipford made it 4-3 off an assist from Studley 39 seconds later, but New Canaan made it 5-3 just 25 seconds later.

Eddie Thomas drove the puck to the net and it deflected in off the goalie to cut it to 5-4 with 9:13 left in the second period.

Trailing 7-4, West Haven countered again as Lipford fired a bouncing puck from the corner that Studley settled and fired into the top corner to make it 7-5 with over ten minutes left in the game.

Lupa was in net for the Westies and made 21 saves on the day.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team split a pair of games this weekend. West Haven opened the weekend at Bennett Rink in West Haven with a 6-3 loss to the Yale JR Bulldogs AA team.

After going down two goals to start the game, the Westies were able to bring the game within one goal, before the end of the first period off a goal from Javed Ullah, with Alex Bowery getting the helper.

The Bulldogs made it 3-1 in the beginning of the second, but the Blue Devils once again were able to score to make it a one goal game. Bowery was able to capitalize off of a rebound by Chris Consorte. After going down, 5-2, West Haven scored off an unassisted goal by Yousaf Ullah on a low, hard shot to make it 5-3.

Yale scored late in the game for the final score of 6-3. John Kennedy played a full game in goal, keeping West Haven in the game.

On Sunday, the Bantam A's traveled to Newington to take on the Central Capitals where the Blue Devils skated to a 6-3 victory.

Alex Kurowski got the scoring started for West Haven on a short-handed unassisted goal. Mason Maiocco scored the next goal to make it 2-0, with an assist from Yousaf Ullah. Kurowski scored his second of the game off assists from Yousaf Ullah and Bowery to make it 3-0, before Maiocco scored his second of the game to make it 4-0, with Connor Moriarty being credited with the assist.

After the Capitals scored twice to make it 4-2, the Westies answered 20 seconds later off of a turnover which led to a breakaway goal by Bowery to make it 5-2. Moriarty got his own goal off a rebound in front from Brody Elam's shot from the point.

Greg Galasso played in goal the entire time for the Blue Devils, making some spectacular saves. Dylan Bosworth, Joey DiGoia and Connor Bunnett all played exceptionally well in the win.

The West Haven Bantam AA travel hockey team went 2-1-1 in the EJEPL Showcase in Pennsylvania this weekend.

The Westies opened play Saturday morning with a 1-1 double overtime tie against the Long Island Gulls AA. West Haven scored its lone goal when Ron Mastroni scored off an assist from Brady Price on the power play with 5:42 left

in the opening period.

Long Island evened the game 2:16 into the third and neither team scored again. Tyler Donroe was stellar in goal for the Westies with 40 saves.

After falling to Millbrook AA 4-0, West Haven rebounded with a 4-2 victory over Richmond AA Sunday morning. Donroe was again solid in goal with 24 saves, while Jack Aloï, Marco Goodmaster, Nikolas Allan, and Max Schroeder played very well defensively. Michael Madera gave the Westies an early 1-0 lead when he scored in front off an assist from Ben Gilbert 5:49 into the contest. West Haven pulled away with two goals in the final 4:40 of the opening period when Gilbert scored unassisted and Allan scored off an assist from Zach Goetze with four seconds left in the first period.

Leading 3-1, West Haven put the game away with 8:41 left in the game as Gilbert scored his second of the game on the power play. Anthony Ursini, Dominic Dicioocio, and Nick Eberhart played well in the win.

The Westies closed the tournament with a 5-4 overtime victory over the Cutting Edge King Cobras AA. Mastroni capped the weekend when he scored 48 seconds into the extra session off an assist from Goodmaster.

The Westies took a 1-0 lead with 4:56 to go in the first as Thomas Porto picked up a loose puck and fed Matt Stevens for a short-handed goal.

With the game even at one in the third, Mastroni fed Gilbert for a power play goal and a 2-1 lead with 3:13 gone by. Madera gave West Haven a 3-2 lead with 6:23 to go in the third off assists from Price and Aloï, and Mastroni extended the margin to a pair of goals with 5:06 to go.

The King Cobras scored twice in the final 4:09 to force overtime, before Mastroni won the game for West Haven. Donroe made 25 saves.

Soccer: *Fall season ends*

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The Sweet Relief U10 girls played a tough game against Milford on Saturday, falling 7-2. Kai Ruotolo showed off some excellent footskills to put one in the net. Stella Porto also scored for West Haven. The girls faced off against Orange on Sunday with Annabelle Fiorillo leading the defense with several excellent plays. Gillian Wynus worked to control the ball on the field. In the end, West Haven lost to Orange 5-0. Under the lights in Wallingford on Friday night, the Porto Funeral Homes U12 Westie Girls fell 4-2. It was a hard fought battle in defense and goalie Kayla Quantinilla stopped multiple attempts on goal. In the first half, Camilla Murphy put the Westie girls on the scoreboard with their first goal. The second goal came from Riley Fenn, a penalty shot into the right corner.

In the end the Westies put up a good fight, but were unable to come out on top. It was a well fought game by all.

The Stars Ice Cream Westie U9 girls traveled to Guilford for a Saturday night showdown. This was an entertaining game with tough defense and a lot of effort. The Westies came up a little short, losing 2-1 on a last-minute penalty kick.



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Burns sworn in as housing commissioner

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi swears in West Shore resident Harold "Hal" Burns to the Board of Commissioners of the West Haven Housing Authority on Oct. 21 at the World War I Armistice Memorial on the Green.



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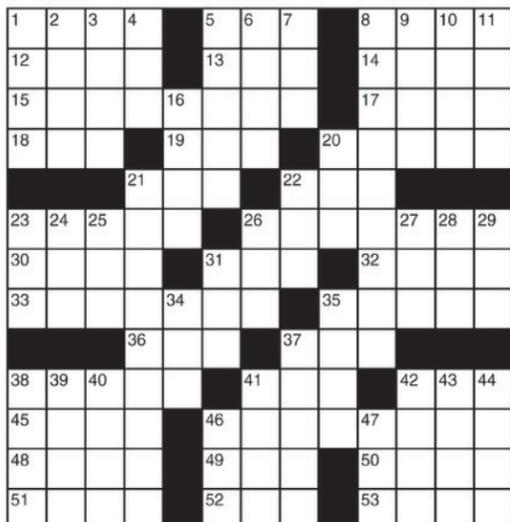
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Manhandle
 - 5 Kimono sash
 - 8 Hollywood clashers
 - 12 Otherwise
 - 13 Paid athlete
 - 14 Swindle
 - 15 Glass made of lava
 - 17 Small songbird
 - 18 Series of battles
 - 19 Individual
 - 20 Too thin
 - 21 Prompt
 - 22 Evergreen type
 - 23 Happen
 - 26 Andean vultures
 - 30 Courts
 - 31 Email alternative
 - 32 Pedestal occupant
 - 33 Panacea
 - 35 Golfer's aid
 - 36 Rowing need
 - 37 Junior
- DOWN**
- 1 Cat call?
 - 2 Actress Jessica
 - 3 Cold War abbr.
 - 4 Muumuu accessory
 - 5 Put one's two cents in
 - 6 Highland hill-side
 - 7 Charged bit
 - 8 Early era in England's 20th century
 - 9 Mentor
 - 10 File command
 - 11 Transmitted
 - 16 Gloomy
 - 20 Card player's call
 - 21 Janitor
 - 22 Hounds' prey
 - 23 Possess
 - 24 Bill's partner
 - 25 Trig ratio
 - 26 Rotating part
 - 27 Peculiar
 - 28 Scepter
 - 29 Like 22-Down
 - 31 Bear hair
 - 34 Shaft of light
 - 35 Last few notes
 - 37 Optimistic
 - 38 Buy stuff
 - 39 Woodsy walk
 - 41 Cry loudly
 - 42 Portent
 - 43 Law firm aide, for short
 - 44 From the beginning
 - 46 Upper limit
 - 47 Mut

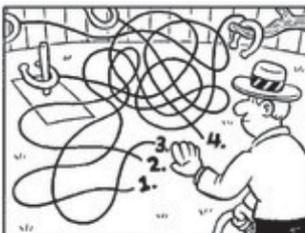


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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: STATIN

- Beloved Lolita Nostromo Suttree
- Deliverance Loving Ragtime Trader
- Illusions Moonheart Scoop Yarrow
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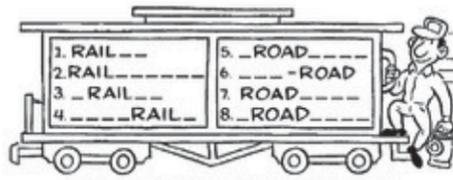
A RINGER FOR MR. DINGER! Can you guess which of the four pitches was a ringer for Mr. Dinger?
Answers: Pitch 3.

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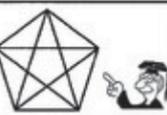
YOU'LL SEE STARS before you finish this one. Professor Flunkum challenges you to find all of the triangles in this figure in under six minutes.
Answers: There are 35 triangles of different sizes in the drawing.

CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.
Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: MASH, MASH, MASH, MASH, MASH, MASH, MASH.

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I'VE BEEN 'SPELLING' ON THE RAILROAD!



Casey has painted eight partially spelled words on the caboose. Each word contains "rail" or "road" in it. Use the hints below to complete each word.

- Expressed objections bitterly.
- Unfairly convicted.
- Type of writing.
- Streaks in the sky.
- Way to sow seeds.
- Type of motoring.
- Old-time car.
- Type of carpeting.



Answers: 1. Railed 2. Railroaded 3. Brain 4. Carped 5. Broadcast 6. Offended 7. Roadster 8. Broadloom

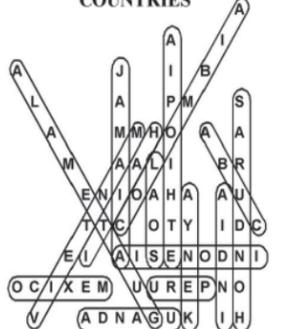
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| 4 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 7 |
| 7 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 6 |
| 3 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 2 |
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Samuel Slater, age 4, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. is looking forward to cool weather for Trick or Treating!

On this Date

2012 -- Hurricane Sandy hits the US's eastern coast. Hurricane Sandy, a category 2 storm by the time it made landfall in the US, hit the US's eastern coast. The estimated damage from the hurricane was \$50 billion.

2008 -- Delta Air Lines merged with Northwest. The merger resulted in creating world's largest airline. The merged entity took on the name of Delta Airlines, and the Northwest Airlines brand name was retired.

2005 -- Bombings in Delhi. 3 separate bombings in India's capital city of Delhi a few days before the important festival of Diwali left about 60 people dead.

1998 -- Oldest person to fly in space. John Glenn flew on the Discovery shuttle at the age of 77 years, making him the oldest person to fly in space.

1863 -- Red Cross founded. Also known as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Red Cross is a humanitarian institution that has been a three-time recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

TUESDAY



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Farmers market vouchers ready for city elderly

Farmers market vouchers are available by calling the Department of Elderly Services at (203) 937-3635 or (203) 627-1382.

In an effort to limit contact, the department is distributing the vouchers by mail to eligible city residents.

To receive \$18 in vouchers, the income limits for those at least 60 years old are \$23,606 per year, or \$1,968 per month, for a single person and \$31,894 per year, or \$2,658 per month, for a married couple.

Each voucher booklet contains six \$3 vouchers that residents can use at any farmers market in the state.

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