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WHHS-UNH join forces in a new 'Explorer' effort

The University of New Haven and West Haven High School (WHHS) have announced a Criminal Justice Explorer Program to enhance post-secondary educational opportunities for WHHS students. The program will commence formally in fall 2021, following a pilot program that began last fall.

Under the agreement, WHHS students interested in pursuing criminal justice career opportunities will be able to take four (4) University of New Haven-sponsored courses during their junior and senior years of high school, thereby availing themselves of the university's world-renowned criminal justice faculty and curriculum.

"This is an innovative and unique opportunity to give deserving West Haven High School students access to one of the leading collegiate criminal justice programs in the country," said Gregory E. Eichhorn, vice president for enrollment management and student success at the University of New Haven. "While students from across the globe attend the University of New Haven for its programs in criminal justice and forensics, we wanted to ensure that similar opportunities were available to talented students from our own backyard."

The program has been a success, according to WHHS Principal Dana Paredes.

"We've had a lot of interest and success in our criminal justice cohort so of course we are excited to continue working with one of the country's most established and nationally recognized leaders in criminal justice education," she said.

The program is part of a growing collaboration between the high school and the university. The "Charging ahead" initiative allows motivated WHHS junior and senior students at the high school to take

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Correction

In a story printed in the March 25 edition on the new budget, it was incorrectly stated revaluation is every four years, the revaluation is now every five years. Personal property is revaluated each year. It was also stated the personal property rate will be 37 mills. That rate is only applicable to automobiles. The personal property rate before fire tax will be 34 if the City Council approves the current budget with no changes.



Photos by Todd Dandelske

Win league titles!

The winter sports season ended on a high note for the West Haven boys' basketball team and the WH-Sacred Heart girls' hockey team. Both took the championship in their respective leagues in a year that didn't see a state championship tournament. The squads are shown following their wins. You can read all about it beginning on page 12.



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Hezekiah Gonzalez, age 4, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. is predicting showers in the month of April!

On this Date

2005 -- Over 4 million people pay their last respects to Pope John Paul II. Karol Józef Wojtyła from Poland was an immensely popular Pope. He was succeeded by German Pope Benedict XVI, born Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger.

1977 -- The Clash release their debut album of the same name. The British combo around lead vocalist Joe Strummer is considered one of the most influential early punk rock bands.

1959 -- One of the first modern programming languages is created. The Common Business-Oriented Language or COBOL was primarily designed by a woman, Grace Hopper. Also known as Amazing Grace, she is regarded as one of the pioneers in the field.

1953 -- Jomo Kenyatta is sentenced to 7 years hard labor. Kenyatta led the Mau Mau movement against the British colonialists. He is considered to be Kenya's founding father and became the country's first President in 1964.

1904 -- France and the United Kingdom sign the Entente cordiale. The treaty, which was initially designed to regulate the countries' colonial interests in Africa, later evolved into the Triple Entente to fight Germany in World War I.

Births

1938 -- Kofi Annan, Ghanaian diplomat, 7th Secretary-General of the United Nations.

1929 -- Jacques Brel, Belgian singer-songwriter, actor.

1918 -- Betty Ford, American wife of Gerald R. Ford, 40th First Lady of the United States.

1859 -- Edmund Husserl, Austrian mathematician, philosopher.

1827 -- Ramón Emeterio Betances, Puerto Rican doctor, politician.

Deaths

2013 -- Margaret Thatcher, English politician, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

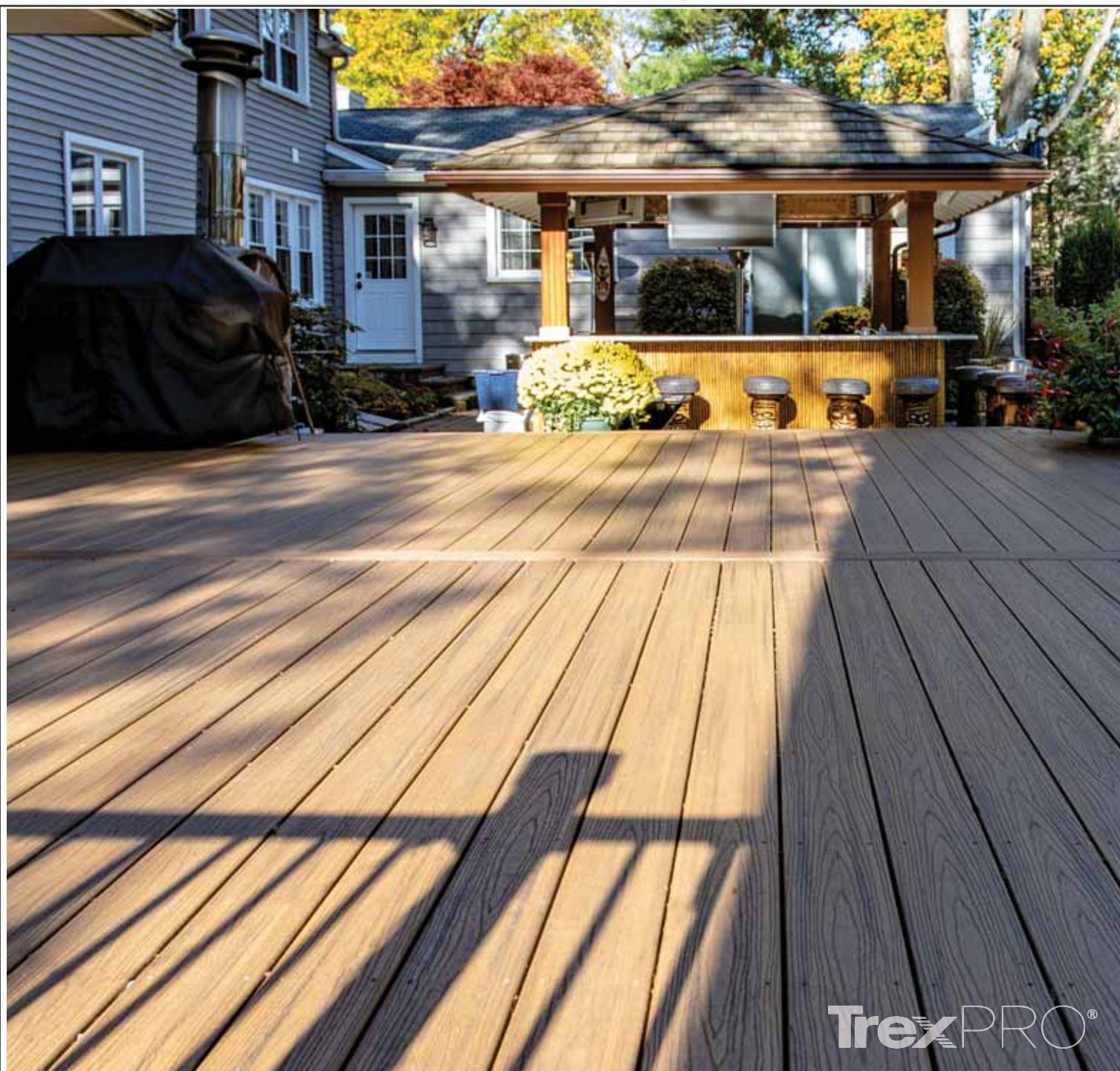
1981 -- Omar Bradley, American general.

Clinic resumes counseling services for city residents

The West Haven Youth and Family Services Clinic has resumed counseling services for couples, families, individuals and youths using a confidential virtual platform.

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Spring bulk trash pickup slated April 19-23

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice
The next bulk trash pickup week is April 19-23.

West Haven residents are reminded to separate metals, recyclables and regular trash from bulk trash and put them out no more than 24 hours before pickup. Violations carry a \$100 fine per daily offense, Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy said.

Residents are also reminded to "Put a Lid on It!" and use lids on all trash cans. Rain-soaked trash costs West Haven 10 times more at the dump, said McCarthy, adding that using trash can lids will save the city money by reducing the weight of trash and cost of tipping fees. Bulk items include couches, chairs, tables, carpeting, padding and fencing, which may not exceed 6 feet in length. No building materials, tires, mattresses, propane tanks or hazardous waste are accepted.

Options for disposing of building materials include renting a dumpster or bringing the materials to a disposal facility for a fee.

Tires can be brought to Town Fair Tire, 63 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$2.75 per tire.

Mattresses can be disposed of for free in a container at the

city's highway maintenance garage, 1 Collis St. Mattresses must be dry.

Hazardous waste can be dropped off for free at HazWaste Central, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven. HazWaste is open Saturday mornings from mid-May through October. Propane tanks can be brought to Taylor Rental, 304 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$10.60 per tank.

The amount of bulk trash per collection is limited to 6 cubic yards, which is equal to a pile of trash about 6 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4.5 feet high. Homeowners are required to rent a dumpster or hire a junk removal service at their expense if trash exceeds 6 cubic yards. Otherwise, trash exceeding 6 cubic yards will be left at the curb, and a \$100 fine per daily offense will be imposed, McCarthy said.

To prevent a potential fine, property owners should familiarize themselves with the city's trash guidelines at <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/260/Bulk-Trash-Pickup>.

Bulk trash must be generated by the customer at the residential unit where it is collected. Trash will not be collected if it is generated by anyone other than the resident of the home.

Bulk items must be separated and orderly. Do not place them next to a mailbox or utility pole or close to a fence, McCarthy said. Also, do not place bulk items in front of a vacant lot or home — they will not be collected, he said.

In addition to bulk trash, the city picks up metals, including household appliances, also known as white goods, and toilets. To schedule a pickup on their curbside collection day, residents must call the Highway Department at 203-937-3644 or 203-937-3585. Appliance doors must be removed. Leaf bags are picked up until June 1 and from Oct. 1-Dec. 31, and grass bags are picked up from May 17-Nov. 19. The bags are picked up on residents' weekly collection days. Leaves and grass clippings must be in separate biodegradable paper bags and will not be accepted if they are in plastic bags.

The city also picks up brush that is cut into 3-to-6-foot lengths and tied in small bundles, no more than 70 pounds. Logs and stumps are prohibited. Residents can bring grass clippings as well as bagged leaves and untied brush to the compost site, 1 Kimberly Ave., from 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays and, starting in June, from 6:30-11:30 a.m. Sat-

urdays. The first cubic yard of compost is free with proof of residence. Additional compost costs \$25 per cubic yard. Residents must bring their own buckets and shovels.

For a \$50 fee, the Department of Public Works will deliver up to 2 cubic yards of compost to homes in West Ha-

ven. For electronic items, including TVs, the next e-waste drop-off day is April 24.

Residents can drop off electronic recyclables — typically anything that contains a circuit board or needs a battery — from 8 a.m.-noon at the highway maintenance garage.



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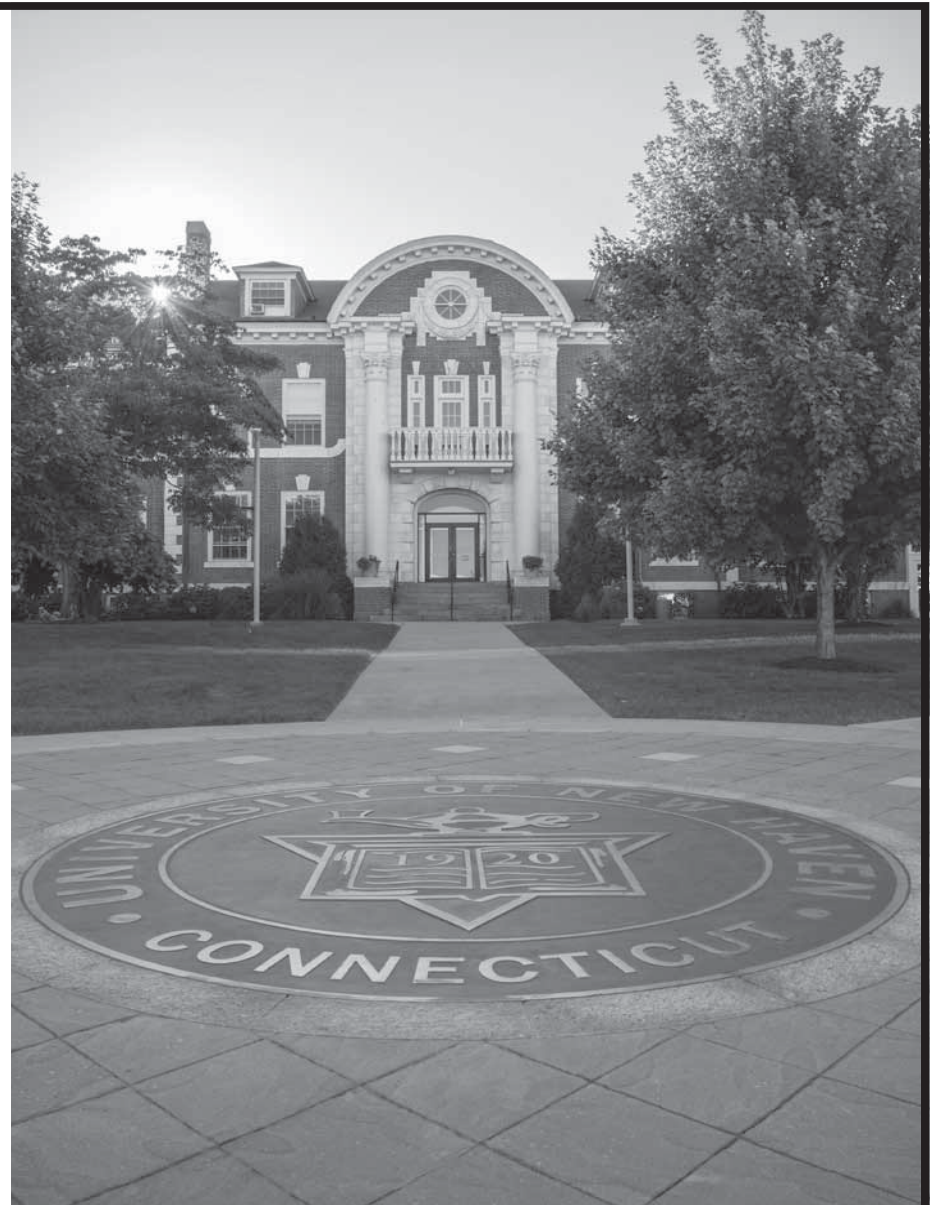
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Dear Felicia

Well, my little pretty, here we are in month number four of 2021, and spring has sprung – but that ain't the only thing in these parts that has begun. Not. By. A. Long. Shot. Whilst the trees are startin' to show life, and the crocuses are sprouting up, and the weather is getting warmer, something else is heating up – the Silly Season.

Whilst it's too complicated to git into here, let's jest say that last week what should have been a little matter of a press release turned into a battle of emails, social media back-and-forths and..well, yew git the idea. The only thing to conclude from this is that Silly Season, that biennial time when politicians go postal and anything and everything becomes a matter of politics is upon us. It's a bit early, but it's happened before.

The episode in question began innocently enough, but went nuclear within hours, and showed some lack of prudence on the parts of one or two individuals. Tennyrate, it's here and we should get used to it. It's gonna be with us until the foist Tuesday after the foist Monday in November.

The reason the season might've started a bit early this go-round is that the rumor mill concerning possible primaries in both parties has been moving at warp speed. Sammy Bluejay was here t'other afternoon, and sez that whoever gits the scorecard concession this year might make a bundle. Yew definitely will not be able to tell the players without one. Not only that, but who, or which part o' the party they are associated with will hafta be outlined. And

we ain't talkin' about jest the Demmies. The GOP seems to be sufferin' from a bit o' the disunities as well.

According to Sammy, we know that Mayor Nancy Rossi will go for her third term. She ain't announced it yet, but there are sure-fire indications. One of the biggest ones is the way the budget was constructed. Once her runner made a point o' saying that taxes would remain "constant," those who've been watchin' the political scene around here knew what that meant – another term attempt. There are other indicators, too, but she probably wants to be able to have a term where she can actually do things on her own without the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) over her shoulder.

Then there are the "other contenders" being talked about, and already announcing. John Lewis made his intentions known two weeks ago, capping off reports about his being interested for the last several months. Lewis is a respected and capable opponent, and could pose quite the foil for her runner in debates. We shall see.

Lewis has supporters all over the city, but might have his strongest support in his old district (the thoid), and

could have a lot of support in Allingtown. We see that Darryl Cummings is working with his campaign. Cummings is a thorn in the side of the current administration, and a big supporter of getting things done in the Allingtown Borough. Allingtown was like the red-headed step child for many decades, and whilst things are looking up over there, some still believe things can be done.

Effen yew things you've hoid about Cummings recently, yew have. He is heading the "other" centennial com-mish, and was locked in some type of legal action concerning the city empaneling its own and then taking the name that his committee had. Fun times!

Then, to round out the Democratic field, there is strong talk that former Mayor Ed O'Brien is gonna try, once again, to return to the thoid floor of the Actors Colony. O'Brien tried two years ago, and lost, but still believes he has a better message than anyone else in getting the city on track.

That would be quite a primary battle methinks, and, I hafta say it, Lewis is the wild card. His share of the vote could make this things very fluid, and very unpredictable. He can get enough votes to win, or determine who does. There's a long way until the primary, and certainly a long way until November.

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Over on the GOP side, we told yew that there is some mumbling about Tenth District Councilman Barry Lee Cohen opting to run for mayor. This is only talk right now, and we ain't sure how seriously he's taking the talk, or whether he's even considering a run, but we know one thing. He has shown the fissures in the GOP.

Cohen didn't make any friends during the last election, and seemed to show that the Republican Town Committee has its own set of "establishment" types that have been running the party for a long time, and want to keep it that way. He's the type of person, we've noticed, that says the quiet part out loud, and that seems to rankle people. He speaks his mind, and those around him can like it or lump it.

Cohen ain't the only name being tossed about, there are the usual suspects as well, but we hear that another person might be looking into a run, and is being talked to by several people. He himself is getting the counsel of others to see effen there is a shot. We won't mention whom it is until we're sure it's a real possibility. No sense having someone go through the nasty phone calls and emails effen he ain't really considering it.

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The wag was in fine fettle over the last couple o' weeks, and had some wry things to say concerning the recent visit of Kamala Harris to the city to hype that \$1.9T boondoggle passed recently, and in which only about \$840 billion (according to some estimates) was actually for COVID relief. The rest was party favors being handed out in pork, but I digress.

Miss Harris' visit was a last-minute change of plans he she determined to visit the West Haven Child Development Center at the former Noble School. Herein is what the Wag sent:

"Dear Cobina. I find it ironic that VP Harris will be visiting the WH Child Development Center today, and local Democratic politicians are falling all over each other to "get in the game" since the City of West Haven has been on a mission for a couple of years now to kick them out of the Johnson Center....lol!"

There's two truisms in this little note: one, we hear that politicians in town were chomping at the bit trying to git seen with Harris. The fact is few were allowed. The entire event was scripted and even the number of press people allowed was tightly controlled – can't have any unfortunate questions about the border crisis don'tcha know. Two, the recent raise in rent for the WHCDC has strained the relationship betwixt the city and the agency. So, yeah. There had to be a few smiles coming from some quarters about the turn of events.

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Of course, before I sign off, the City Council is getting ready to review the mayor's budget. By the time this missive gets to you, the public hearing will have already been done, and the work of review begin. As I said to yew last time, don't expect too much to come outta this review. In fack, the odds are the entire thing will be accepted as is.

With an election coming up and taxes staying "constant," there's gonna be little reason to make many changes. That don't mean that there might be some shifting around of things, but that'll probably be the most of it. We shall see, but methinks the budget review part of the program will be perty simple this time around.

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Over at the Haven site, it's reported -- and seen -- that the old Bilco headquarters is undergoing the wrecker's ball, and might be finished by the time yew git this.

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

*Cobina*

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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Countless vehicles refuse to stop or even slow down at the stop sign at Benham Hill Road at Hubbard in West Haven. This is a school zone and unsafe for children.

*IC Fearful Parent*

**Dear Fearful Parent:**

I have contacted Councilman Barry Lee Cohen concerning your complaint. Here is his what he had to say about the conditions at Benham Hill Road and Hubbard, " Thank you for your email. The speeding and safety concerns on Hubbard Road continue to be monitored and taken seriously, especially given the foot traffic and proximity to Pagels, Hubbard Farm Park and nearby residences.

Over the last year your West Haven Police Department has been and continued to be engaged as witnessed by the speed limit meter placed on the road last summer. This is in addition to the speed limit and child safety signs already placed on the road. Increased patrols have been undertaken and will continue to be requested.

Separately last winter I spoke with a couple of neighbors and noted that when

spring arrives ---and now its here that I will purchase lawn signs which will be placed on their property to remind others to "Drive like your child lives here."

Finally, I continue to advocate for a special bump to be considered although the natural design of the roadway being a hill with a slope that is greater than most other roadways. Regardless, this proposal has been respectfully submitted. Any final recommendation and decision is under the jurisdiction of the West Haven Police Department. In consultation with the city.

As always, neighbors are welcome and encouraged to contact me directly at (203) 645-2913. Barry Lee Cohen, Councilman 10th District, City of West Haven, bcohen@westhaven-ct.gov."

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Thank you for putting the clock back on the Green.

*Ruth R. Lombardi*

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

The entire length of Chestnut Street between Savin and Kelsey Avenue is strewn with potholes. There are too many to avoid. Please repave them.

*MO Resident*

**Dear MO Resident:**



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

Council Woman Bridgette Hoskie responded to Gripe Vine's request for assistance with, "I have forwarded this

to Public Works."

As always, readers, please let me know if there is or is not an improvement and I will follow up on complaints.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Does anybody know what to do when a wire is hanging from the power line? It seems to be a cable wire. I called the police department and they said they would come out.

*ND Curious*

**Dear ND Curious**

I have submitted your complaint to Council Woman Chrystal Fanelli. If you see that the wire has been removed or repaired, please let me know, gripevine4wh@aol.

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**Coming up....**downed wire at Edward Street... Beach Street speeders....more Second Avenue traffic complaints...Veteran's Memorial at Bradley Point complaint... "illegal parking" on Front Avenue and much more.

You can contact gripe vine with your issues, gripes or comments at gripevine4wh@aol.com Please include your name, address and phone number kept in confidentiality with me. You can also write to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice 840 Boston Post Road, West Haven 06516

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## #FunFactFriday making debut

The City of West Haven Centennial Celebration Committee is launching a new series called #FunFactFriday to promote the community's 100th anniversary this year. Every Friday starting April 9, the committee will post tidbits celebrating historical events, people and places in West Haven from the past 100 years on its official Facebook page, City of West Haven Centennial Celebration - 1921-2021.

The page is administered by the city and edited by Dan Shine, one of the foremost authorities on West Haven history. Like the page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofWestHavenCentennial-CelebrationCommittee>. The historical facts are compiled from various West Haven Library references by staff members Taylor Cordova and Kiana Arevalo under the supervision of Executive Director Colleen Bailie.

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## Help keep the city clean

With the coming of the warm weather, comes the annual admonition from the *West Haven Voice* to homeowners and businessowners alike – do a spring cleaning! It's a task we all must do to keep the city looking brighter.

One of the most popular columns in this publication is the *Gripe Vine* column, put together by Eleanor Turkington. For about two decades in this paper, and for many years in our predecessors, Turkington has received many letters concerning the manner in which some property owners, be they home or business, neglect their obligations toward the rest of us.

Since the home-buying bubble burst in 1988, and progressively since, the city has seen more and more absentee ownership of property. Many multi-family dwellings are not the domiciles of the owners, but rented out and – one would hope – kept up. That is not always the case.

While many property owners are very good about maintaining their properties, many are just rent collectors, taking care of things in a minimal way so they can rent their apartments, but disregarding the affects such a minimal attitude has on their surrounding neighborhoods.

In the last few years, we have seen a proliferation of cars being parked on lawns, driveways used as auto body shops, lawns left unkempt and uncut, porches and stoops decaying, and homes needing a paint job. Property owners should make it very clear to their renters what is allowable behavior and what is not. Silence means consent. People will not curb their actions if they believe they can get away with them, or that behavior is being countenanced by the owner.

Spring is a good time to get things into shape. Many writers to *Gripe Vine* decry the lack of city maintenance at a park or intersection causing a problem or eyesore. Many of these same people, however, are blind to what their own behavior does to their surroundings and how it affects property values.

Businesses, many times, are the worst offenders. Again, it goes without saying (though these days one must make sure one does) that many business owners are very good about maintaining the space in front of their shops or stores or offices. There are some, however, who think keeping things swept and tidy are tasks left to city crews that occasionally street sweep or cut grassy areas.

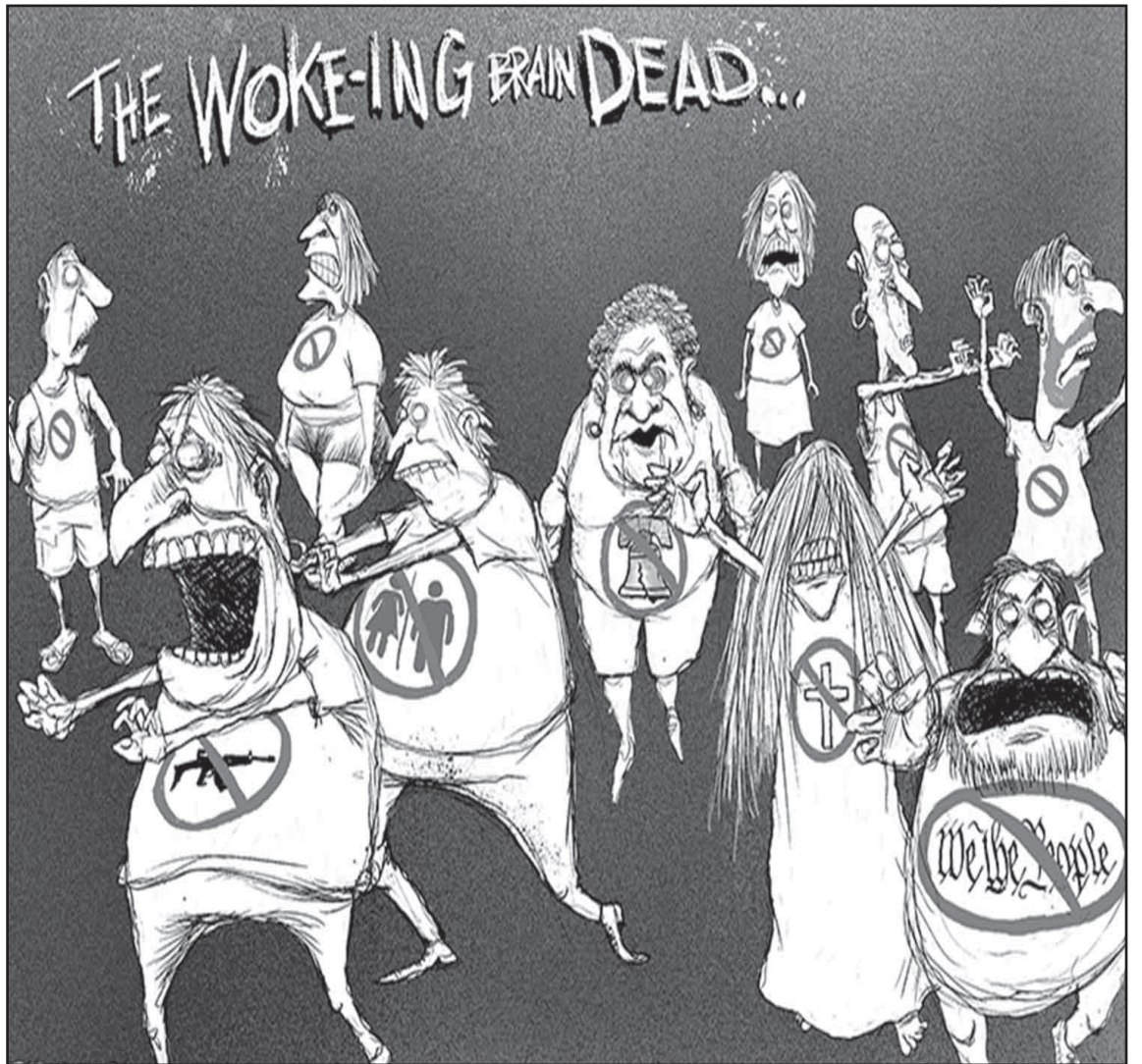
The point is keeping the city clean is a joint effort. Everyone has a role in making things in our city better. Our financial outlook is said to be emerging from a decades-long rut. This new optimism has to be taken up by our residential and business property owners as well.

No one likes our city to be called “Waist” Haven. Yet, it is our own neglect that has made the epithet a truer characterization of things than we would like.

Toward that end, the city had a Beautification Committee more than two decades ago. That committee gave weekly or monthly awards to homeowners and businesses that joined in the effort to make things better. Those awards were published in this paper.

We would like to see a renewed committee and a renewed effort. As the city celebrates its centennial as a municipality, reconstituting the Beautification Committee as a grassroots group would be a small step towards making a cleaner West Haven a top priority.

Let's try to work together to make a newer, brighter, cleaner city possible.



## Biden lies about GA bill

By Rich Lowry  
*Syndicated Columnist*

President Joe Biden is so committed to bipartisan cooperation and fact-based governance that he's launched an ignorant and incendiary attack on the new Georgia voting law.

Biden says the new law is “Jim Crow in the 21st century” and “an un-American law to deny people the right to vote.”

It's now practically mandatory for Democrats to launch such unhinged broadsides. Elizabeth Warren, accusing Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp of having stolen his 2018 election victory over Democratic activist Stacey Abrams (a poisonous myth), tweeted, “The Republican who is sitting in Stacey Abrams' chair just signed a despicable voter suppression bill into law to take Georgia back to Jim Crow.”

Anyone making this charge in good faith either doesn't understand the hideousness of Jim Crow or the provisions of the Georgia law.

The old Jim Crow was billy clubs and fire hoses; the alleged new Jim Crow is asking people to write a driver's license number on their absentee ballot envelopes.

The old Jim Crow was poll taxes; the new Jim Crow is ex-

panding weekend voting.

The old Jim Crow was disenfranchising voters en masse based on their race; the new Jim Crow is limiting ballot drop boxes to places they can't be tampered with.

It's hard to believe that one real voter is going to be kept from voting by the new rules.

To better ensure the security, the law requires that voters provide a driver's license or state ID number to apply for a ballot and one of those numbers (or the last four digits of a Social Security number) when returning the ballot.

The law narrows the window for requesting absentee ballots, although still allows plenty of time. A voter can request a ballot as early as 11 weeks prior to an election or as late as 11 days prior (any later risks the completed ballot not getting delivered in time).

Ballot drop boxes were a pandemic-era innovation in Georgia. The law keeps them, while limiting their location to early voting sites.

After getting blowback over proposed limits on weekend early voting when Black churches run their “Souls to the Polls” events, Georgia lawmakers expanded the potential for weekend voting.

The law gives the State Elec-

tion Board more authority to take over local election operations, but there's no doubt that election officials in Fulton County, where metro Atlanta is located and long lines at the polls are common, have been incompetent.

Perhaps most controversially, it bans people from distributing food or drink to voters standing in line, an effort to keep partisans from trying to sway voters near polling places. But poll workers can provide food and drink for general use.

The deeper point is that in the contemporary United States, with such wide and ready access to the ballot, changes around the edges don't disenfranchise people.

Georgia considered limiting no-excuse absentee voting to voters 65 and over. Even this wouldn't have dissuaded anyone from voting. A study published by the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research found that turnout increased in 2020 just as much in states without no-excuse absentee voting as in states with it.

Strict voter ID laws have long been denounced as voter suppression. It's not true. According to a 2019 working paper for the National Bureau of

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Economic Research, "strict ID laws have no significant negative effect on registration or turnout, overall or for any subgroup."

And Democrats issued dire warnings about the effects of the Supreme Court in 2013 ending so-called preclearance that required federal approval of changes in the rules in certain jurisdictions.

This, too, was wrong. A paper by a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Oregon concludes, "The removal of preclearance requirements did not significantly reduce the relative turnout of eligible Black voters."

None of the facts, though, can possibly overcome the attachment that Biden and other Democrats have to their emotionally resonant and politically powerful Jim Crow smear.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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## 'Takeback Day' slated April 24

The Police Department, West Haven Youth and Family Services and the West Haven Prevention Council are holding a Prescription Drug Takeback Day on April 24.


The takeback event aims to provide city residents with a safe and responsible way to dispose of unused prescription drugs, expired over-the-counter medications and nicotine products, including electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices.

The event, sponsored by the Justice Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration, will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at police headquarters, 200 Sawmill Road.

Residents must remove the batteries from e-cigarettes and other vaping devices, or the Police Department will not accept them.


## Kite Flying Festival set Saturday

The First Congregational Church of West Haven, in collaboration with West Haven United and the City of West Haven, invites you and your family to attend our First Annual Kite Flying Festival. Saturday, April 10 at 1, rain date is Sunday, April 11. The location is the park adjacent to Savin Rock Conference Center on Captain Thomas Boulevard. For information or to register, call Phil Liscio, (203) 494-6021, [phil.liscio@westiescare.org](mailto:phil.liscio@westiescare.org).



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## Easter Basket donation

The Fellowcraft Club of Annawon Lodge, 115 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of West Haven presented 100 Easter baskets to the children of the Roman Catholic Parish of St. John, XXIII. The parish is the merged congregations of St. Lawrence and St. Louis Churches. Father Jose' Mercado and Religious Education Administrator Monica L. Pang accept the baskets from Lodge Senior Warden John Garcia. (far left). Past Master Steven R. Mullins, (second from right) and Junior Warden Chris Belous (far right). Missing: Fellowcraft Club President and Lodge Senior Deacon Joey McVety.

## Program: College credit offered

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college courses at the University of New Haven and has the ability to change a student's mind about college, according to WHHS School Counselor Holly Benedetti.

Benedetti, who oversees the program, views it as an eye-opener for students.

"This is a jumpstart to college coursework but also gives students the confidence that they can get through the rigor of college," she said. "Kids that are unsure if they're college material take these courses and see that they can handle it."

WHHS students interested in joining the program will be identified beginning in their freshman and sophomore high school years. They will take one course in each of the fall and spring terms of their junior high school year at WHHS, taught by WHHS faculty and trained by University of New Haven faculty, and then one course in each of the fall and spring terms of their senior high school year at the University of New Haven, taught by University of New Haven faculty.

Upon completion of the four-course program, WHHS students will be issued a University of New Haven transcript for a total of 12 credits. Students will be charged \$1,000 for the entire

four-course program.

Students will be required to achieve a 3.0 or B cumulative average and the program director's approval in order to continue each semester in the program.

A feature of the program is that students enrolled in the senior year courses would also be given the same privileges as other pre-college program students at the University of New Haven, including use of library, dining halls, recreation center, and UNewHaven MyCharger portal. Additionally, students within this program would be eligible for the West Haven Initiative Scholarship. WHHS will offer additional programming opportunities at the University of New Haven to prospective enrollees, such as guest lectures, on site events, and information sessions.

The University of New Haven will train, at no charge, a selected number of WHHS faculty during the summer in order to allow the WHHS faculty to conduct the university courses at WHHS during the Junior Year. Faculty who have been trained will be eligible for a tuition discount of 50% into a graduate degree or certificate program within the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice & Forensic Sciences at the University of New Haven.

## Assessor accepting tax relief program applications

The assessor's office is accepting applications for tax relief programs for elderly and disabled homeowners from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at City Hall, 355 Main St.

West Haven residents can apply for the programs, based on their 2020 incomes, until May 14. The state elderly and disabled homeowners program offers tax reduction benefits depending on income and marital status. To qualify, the applicant or spouse must be 65 or older by Dec. 31, 2020, or permanently and totally disabled as defined by Social Security.

Income limits, including Social Security, are

\$45,800 for a married couple and \$37,600 for a single person. To qualify for the West Haven senior tax freeze program, the applicant must be 70 by the end of 2020 and have lived in the city for at least 20 consecutive years.

Income limits, excluding Social Security, are \$50,000 for a married couple and \$35,000 for a single person. Those eligible for the program must reapply each year.

The assessor's office is also accepting applications until Oct. 1 for additional veterans exemptions. The maximum income is \$45,800 for a married applicant and \$37,600 for a single.

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# Officials mark new dog park opening

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, sporting a pair of oversize scissors, cut a red ribbon March 27 to mark the official opening of the city's new dog park in Veterans Memorial Park.

Rossi was joined by a contingent of West Haven officials and a small group of residents and furry friends to celebrate the dog park's opening at 91 Bull Hill Lane.

"As you can see, West Haven is now home to a beautiful dog park that can be enjoyed by residents and their dogs," Rossi told the socially distanced gathering.

Before cutting the ribbon, Rossi lauded Ernie Chiarelli, the project coordinator and sidewalk inspector for the Department of Public Works, and the many hardworking volunteers, including the Friends of the West Haven Dog Park, who rolled up their sleeves or donated materials to make the park a reality.

"Your combined efforts are much appreciated by myself and the residents of West Haven," said Rossi, who was accompanied by animal-loving state Rep. Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven.

Moments later, Rossi snipped the ribbon to signal the park's opening, sending the pack of eagerly awaiting dogs of various breeds and sizes — and their equally enthusiastic owners — scampering into the park to run and play.

The park comprises two fenced-in areas with two double gates for large and small dogs. Both areas feature such bells and whistles as running water to quench dogs' thirst, an old fire hydrant and two tunnels, composed of high-density polyethylene plastic pipes, for them to crawl through.

Borer, who plans to frequent the park with her dog, Eli, is co-sponsoring a new bill that

## City parishes' food drive set for Saturday

Our Lady of Victory and St John XXIII parishes will sponsor a Food Drive to benefit WHEAT on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of St Louis Church, 89 Bull Hill Lane.

Most needed food items are: pasta, tomato sauce, peanut butter, Mac and cheese, soup, tuna fish, hot and cold cereal, rice and canned pasta.

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Food Drive or checks can be mailed to W.H.E.A.T., 674 Washington Ave., West Haven 06516.

would require the Connecticut Sentencing Commission to review the state's animal cruelty laws and make recommendations to change any current laws.

Also attending the morning ceremony were City Council Chairman Ronald M. Quagliani, D-at large, and council members Bridgette J. Hoskie, D-1, Peter V. Massaro, D-6, Barry Lee Cohen, R-10, Gary Donovan, D-at large, and Colleen O'Connor, R-at large.

They were joined by City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath, Treasurer Michael P. Last, Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli and Friends of the West Haven Dog Park Chairman Dan Potter.

The dog park was moved last year from behind the tennis courts of West Haven High School on Platt Avenue to the larger site of the former playground in Veterans Memorial Park, according to Chiarelli.

Rossi praised West Haven's General Assembly delegation for securing a Local Capital Improvement Program grant to help fund the new park.

The park property, part of the former federal Nike site, was completely spruced up as well.

Chiarelli said the work included pruning trees, reseeding, and resealing and restriping the parking lot. It also included replacing the old incandescent lamps with new energy-efficient LED lights and reconditioning the existing benches and picnic tables with new wood, he said.



Photos by Michael P. Walsh

City Project Coordinator and Sidewalk Inspector Ernie Chiarelli, center, helps Mayor Nancy R. Rossi cut the ribbon March 27 to mark the official opening of West Haven's new dog park in Veterans Memorial Park at 91 Bull Hill Lane. Joining them are, from left, Councilman Barry Lee Cohen (R-10), with his dog, Roxie, City Treasurer Michael P. Last; City Council Chairman Ronald M. Quaglian (D-at-large), Councilman Peter V. Massaro (D-6), State Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115), Councilman Gary Donovan (D-at-large), Friends of the West Haven Dog Park Chairman Dan Potter, Councilwoman Bridgette J. Hoskie (D-1), with her dog, Toby, Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli, City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath, and Councilwoman Colleen O'Connor (R-at-large).



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The newly opened dog park has two fenced-in areas with two double gates for large dogs, top, and small dogs. Both areas have running water to quench dogs' thirst, an old fire hydrant and two tunnels for them to crawl through.

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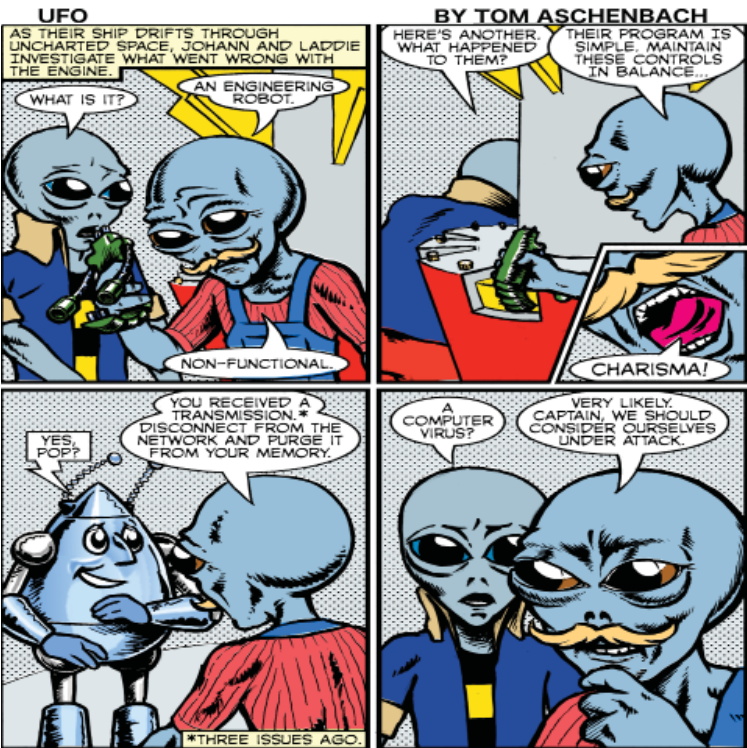
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### Outdoor play...at last!

The warmer weather was welcome by students of the West Haven Child Development Center and the West Haven Community House this week. Weather it was blowing bubbles and catching them at the Center (upper left) or riding the scooter in the Community House, winter gave way to spring, and it was time to get some much-needed exercise.

## Restaurants win fee waiver

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

To support West Haven restaurants and encourage outdoor dining amid the coronavirus pandemic, the City Council on March 29 approved a communication by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi to once again suspend the \$50 permit fee for temporary outdoor dining.

In her letter of communication to the City Council, Rossi proposed waiving the permit fee for temporary outdoor dining until June 30. The council then decided to extend the proposal and suspend the fee until Nov. 1.

Rossi thanked council members for supporting and enhancing her outdoor dining proposal to boost business for ailing city restaurants.

"Our restaurants have had a rough year and continue to struggle," Rossi said. "I want the city to help them in every way possible."

Rossi worked on the outdoor dining initiative, similar to the one she proposed and the council approved for last spring and summer, with council Finance Committee Chairwoman Bridgette J. Hoskie (D-1).

West Haven has been at the forefront of promoting outdoor dining since August 2019, when the Planning and Zoning Commission adopted a regulation to guide "Outdoor Dining" at city restaurants.

To apply for a temporary outdoor dining per-

mit, restaurant owners can call the Department of Planning and Development at (203) 937-3580 or contact Assistant City Planner Catherine Conniff at [conniff@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:conniff@westhaven-ct.gov).

They can also download an application at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/2423/Temporary-Outdoor-Dining-or-Retail-Display-Permit-Application-PDF>.

According to Conniff, the application process requires restaurant owners to submit an application form with a simple drawing of the temporary outdoor dining layout drawn to scale. The layout must show the outdoor dining location and the number of movable chairs and tables — up to four tables and 16 seats — planned for use.

It also must show at least 5 feet of unobstructed and continuous sidewalk for pedestrians to walk around the area and the tables set up at least 6 feet apart for social distancing.

Conniff said that if a restaurant needs to use a public sidewalk, the owner must provide the city with a certificate of insurance for general liability in the amount not less than \$2 million to comply with Section 139-12 of the West Haven Code.

In addition, restaurants must comply with Section 20.10 of the West Haven Zoning Regulations, she said.



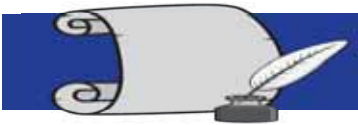
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## West Haven's Centennial Part IV

The story of West Haven's early growth and development cannot be told without focusing some attention on the First Congregational Church. In 1710, a forward-thinking village committee met with citizen Eliphalet Bristol and negotiated to purchase from him seven acres of marshy ground--which Bristol considered practically worthless--but which the committee foresaw as the future center of village life. This land would become the area known as West Haven Green.

Next, the citizens of West Haven made their appeal to the authorities in New Haven to establish a separate parish in West Haven; this repeated request was met with repeated resistance. So, for over eighty years, the families of West Farms were forced to walk six miles to New Haven in order to worship. This was an extreme hardship in those days of unpaved roads. In 1719, and after much contention West Haven was finally allowed its own parish, separate from that of New Haven, and then a meetinghouse was promptly built at the northeast corner of the green. The new meetinghouse quickly became the center of community life, hosting a number of religious and civil functions. It was a simple building, with no steeple or bell. Each Sunday a drummer called the faithful to the worship service, which generally lasted all day.

Since the village functioned

under the authority of the church, it was also incumbent upon the church to minister both to the religious and secular needs of the community. To that end, the church established many "firsts" in West Haven:

~ The first school, which met on weekdays in the meeting house.

~ The first church school, which taught the Congregational Catechism to children of the church on Saturdays, in preparation for Sunday worship.

~ The first bank in the community.

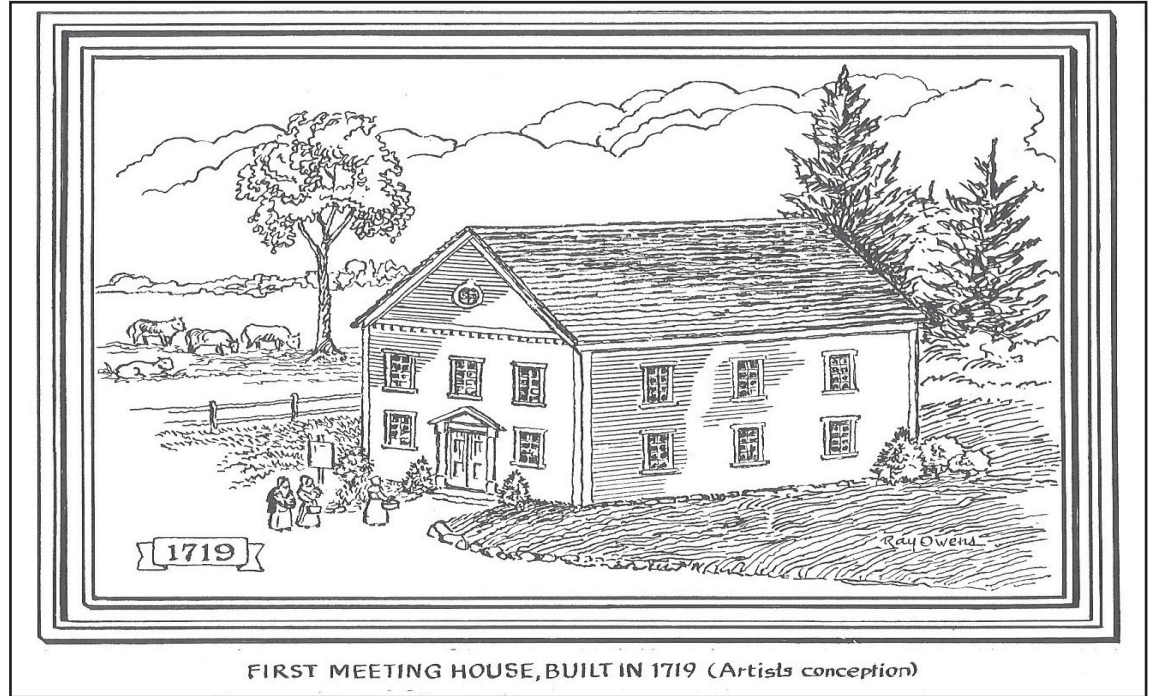
~ The first post office in the community.

~ The first library in the community in 1792, thanks to the visionary efforts of Rev. Williston

~ The Gospel Wagon, a horse drawn affair, which beginning in 1885 was part of the church's evangelical outreach to the community, by holding regular church services complete with choir from the Savin Rock amusement area.

~ In addition, during the American Revolution Rev. Williston used his pulpit as a recruiting station for the Continental Army.

The original church meeting house stood from 1719 until 1851 when a new church building was constructed, at a cost of \$4500. That church burned to the ground in 1857; in 1859 it was replaced by the present structure, which cost \$10,000 and has withstood storm and fire in all of the years from that



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

day until the present.

Today, First Church carries on its ministry to the community, wherever and whenever they see the need.

To be continued.



Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice

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# Devils, Sharks take league titles

West Haven coach Tyrese Sullivan is known as a player's coach. Watching the celebration following the Southern Connecticut Conference final told the story.

Behind a 35-8 run, top-seeded West Haven avenged an earlier season loss by defeating second-seeded Notre Dame to take home the SCC Division I title at the Floyd Little Athletic Center Friday afternoon.

The Westies looked as if they would suffer the same fate as in the initial meeting with the Green Knights as Notre Dame jumped out to a 21-10 lead in the first quarter. The Westies were not got to be denied this time, following with 35 of the next 43 points to take a 45-29 lead in the third quarter.

West Haven opened the third quarter on a 14-0 run started by Duncanson, which also included seven points by Eli Blackwell. Blackwell finished with 16 points in the game, including 12 in the second half.

Kairon Hooks was also a force for the Westies as he scored 14 points, including eight in the first half. When Hooks executed a perfect slam dunk late in the fourth quarter to give the Westies a 60-42 lead, the title was sealed with an exclamation point.

The Green Knights came out firing in the first half, taking a 21-10 lead in the opening quarter on torrid

shooting. Notre Dame's Timaury Gay drained three 3-pointers in the opening eight minutes as Notre Dame hit three from behind the arc.

West Haven struggled offensively in the opening quarter, despite 3-pointers from Hooks and Manny Belcher.

Trailing by 11 points, the Westies began a 13-0 run with a 3-pointer by Belcher and a bucket by Kyle Kearson (18 points) to end the quarter. The Westies then opened the second quarter with the first eight points, including 3-pointers by Kearson and Hooks, and a bucket by Hooks to take a 23-21 lead.

Notre Dame took leads of 26-25 and 29-27 on 3-pointers by Robert Oliverio, before West Haven closed the half with buckets by Belcher and Duncanson for a 31-29 advantage.

West Haven reached the SCC finals with a dramatic

overtime victory over Wilbur Cross in the semifinals.

With Cross leading by three points and West Haven seemingly out of time, the ball was ruled out of bounds with 0.3 seconds to go in the fourth quarter. West Haven set up a play which would have Blackwell attempt a 3-pointer.

Blackwell was fouled while taking the 3-pointer and calmly hit all three free throws to force overtime. West Haven outscored Cross 13-9 in the extra session and narrowly prevailed over the two-time defending SCC champions 64-58 in front of a raucous crowd at Neil Cavallaro Court at West Haven High Tuesday evening.

After a basket by Jarel Delgado (16 points) put Cross up 49-46 in the final seconds, West Haven forced a shot which did not go. The ensuing play saw the ball called out of bounds and West Haven given a final opportunity. Blackwell was fouled as time expired and drained all three to force the overtime.

Duncanson hit a 3-pointer to give West Haven a 52-49 lead to start overtime, before Cross evened the contest on a bucket by Cristian McCleave. Duncanson and McCleave matched 3-pointers for a 55-55 game, before Delgado nailed a 3-pointer for a 58-57 Cross lead with 1:37 to go in overtime.

Blackwell again gave West Haven the lead with a pair of free throws with 1:19 left and Hooks extended the lead to 60-58 with a free throw. Cross then missed two inside shots, before West Haven advanced with the final four points.

Cross controlled the pace of the game, forcing West Haven to spend a lot of energy catching up. West Haven finally took the lead at 38-36 on a bucket by Blackwell to start the fourth quarter. The lead was West Haven's first since a 2-0 lead to start the contest.

Delgado gave Cross a 43-41 advantage, and a free throw by Noah Rainge increased the Cross lead to 45-42 with 1:45 left in regulation. West Haven then went on top with 53.9 seconds left, but Cross scored the next four points to set the final frantic moments of regulation.

Cross controlled the pace in the first half and took a 24-21 lead to the third quarter. Behind eight points from Dereyk

Grant, the Governors had West Haven in a 21-14 hole until West Haven went on a 7-3 run to end the half.

A basket, then two free throws by Duncanson got the Westies within 21-19 with 1:11 left in the second quarter, but a basket by Namumba Santos had Cross back up by four.

Duncanson finished the first half with 10 points for the Westies, with eight coming in the second quarter when West Haven got back in the game.

The Governors were on fire from the outside to start the contest, with Delgado, McCleave and Grant draining 3-pointers for a 9-2 lead. West Haven got as close as 9-8 in the opening eight minutes on a bucket and free throw by Hooks, but Grant drained another 3-pointer and Santos closed the scoring in the quarter for a 15-10 Cross advantage after 16 minutes.

Grant finished with 13 points and McCleave had 11 in the loss for Cross. Duncanson led West Haven with 26 points and Hooks added 10.

To say Grace Nowak has had a pretty tough three years would be an understatement. After tearing her ACL her sophomore year, Nowak followed with an MCL tear a season after.

With a postseason title in mind, Nowak and the rest of her West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy teammates trained like no other year. The hard work paid off.

Making 26 saves, including 10 in a frantic third period, Nowak helped lead the top-seeded Westie Sharks to a 5-2 victory over No. 2 Guilford in the Southern Connecticut Conference Division I championship game at the Edward L. Bennett Rink Thursday evening.

The title was the third in program history for the Westie Sharks and first since 2019 when WH/SHA topped Amity/Cheshire/North Haven.

While Nowak was the star in net, both Mia Celentano and Jenna Hunt provided the offensive heroics as each finished with a goal and an assist.

Celentano, who was named the Most Outstanding Player, had numerous scoring opportunities throughout the game, but it was her assist on freshman Taylor Alfano's third period tally which sealed the title



Photo by Todd Dandelske

## Kairon Hooks dunks in victory over NDWH and was named SCC Playoffs Most Outstanding Player.

for the Westie Sharks.

Celentano sent a perfect pass to Alfano, who skated to the right faceoff circle, before beating Guilford goaltender Julia McDonald for a 4-1 lead with 5:04 gone by in the third period.

Guilford (8-2) cut the deficit to 4-2 just 2:22 later on a goal by Sofia Cuzzo, but the Grizzlies never got closer. Nowak came up big when she denied Guilford star Maddie Epke in front with 6:58 left then turned Epke aside with a pad save with 1:42 left.

The Westie Sharks added an empty net goal by Jianna Cohrs, off an assist from Nowak, to cap the scoring.

The two teams traded goals in the middle period as WH/SHA took a 2-1 lead. The Grizzlies had to consider themselves lucky as Celentano had two breakaways for the Westie Sharks, but shot wide with 2:25 left in the period and hit the crossbar with 20 seconds to go.

As they did in the opening period, the Westie Sharks came out flying to start the sec-

ond and took a quick 2-0 lead when Geena Montano buried a rebound of a Hunt shot 1:07 into the second.

Maya Boyhen was denied by McDonald and the Grizzlies got within a goal two minutes later when Epke ripped a perfect shot through a screen past Nowak four minutes into the period.

Both Nowak and McDonald (30 saves) kept their teams in a close contest with several outstanding saves in the period, the best coming from McDonald when she turned aside a beautiful scoring chance by Cohrs in front with just over two minutes to go in the middle period.

After Guilford dominated for over 10 minutes in the opening period, the Westie Sharks got on the board first when Boyhen's shot was denied by McDonald, but the rebound was tapped home by Celentano with 52.4 seconds left in the opening period for a 1-0 WH/SHA lead.

The Westie Sharks came out firing in the opening period as

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# Youth Hockey teams end shortened season

In the final home game of the season, the West Haven Mite B team hosted the Riverhawks. The visitors took an early lead, but the Westies soon equalized when Joe Mondo stripped a defender of the puck and went in on a breakaway, slotting the puck past the goalie.

Logan Minio scored a second West Haven goal, after Jax Guarino won the puck behind the Riverhawk goal and set Minio up for a beautiful one-timer. Connor Owens had the third goal.

Ben Trenchard and Ryan Schempp played well on defense, and Evan Harrison made several big stops in goal for the Blue Devils. Brady Salkins, Kyle D'Agostino, Ethane McGrath and Tony Parise all worked hard trying to spark the offense for the Blue Devils.

The West Haven Mite C hockey team had another exhilarating game against the Wallingford Hawks on Saturday March 27th. Mason MacDonald scored first for the Blue Devils at 3:00 into the first (assisted by Matteo Kenworthy and Trevor Gyllensten) and again at 7:20 (assisted by Tyler Gyllensten).

Tyler Gyllensten had a stellar day as well adding a few more notches to his belt, scoring six times with assists going to Matteo Kenworthy and Landon Silverman.

Keegan Jackson also had a highlight-worthy goal from afar in the first. Silverman had a hat trick for the day, scoring

with an assist going to Kenworthy.

Henry Seslar also had an outstanding day offensively getting another goal for his resume off an assist from Tyler Gyllensten, and along with Alex Jones, created numerous scoring opportunities for the Blue Devils.

Jameson Schempp was exemplary in goal and was able to stifle any chances the Hawks had for an opportunity to put one in the net.

The West Haven Peewee A hockey team wrapped up the 2020-21 season with a pair of games this weekend. Despite losing both contests the team played hard and received quality effort from all 14 players.

There were many obstacles throughout the season- getting shut down early due to Covid quarantine, playing a difficult schedule of opponets, missing various players for multiple games due to individual quarantines, and being forced to shut down for over ten weeks in the middle of the season. In the end, the Westies acquitted themselves honorably and showed great improvement, both individually and as a team, since returning to the ice in early February. The Blue Devils went 8-7-2 in CHC games over the last eight weeks after starting out 5-8-0 in 2020.

On Saturday afternoon in Cromwell, the Westies faced a very competitive Jr. Wolfpack squad. Sean Studley got the Westies on the board late

in the first period when he roofed a wrist shot after Leo Mazuroski made a nice play to keep the puck in the zone.

In the first minute of the second period, Cameren Lipford chipped the puck ahead and Studley outraced a defenseman to it, spun and whipped a shot just inside the near post. Later in the second, while short-handed, Zach Melchiore threaded a pass to Studley for a breakaway and he found the top corner to complete his hat trick.

Eddie Thomas drew a penalty and the Westies went on a power play. Aedan Guarino fought to keep the puck in the zone and flipped it toward the net where Lipford backhanded it over the goalie's shoulder.

Late in the second, Studley pushed it ahead for Lipford, who deked and went five-hole to keep the Westies in the game.

In the third period, Studley beat a defenseman and tossed the puck to the net where Melchiore one-timed it home.

West Haven goaltender Kai Lupa was under pressure throughout the game and finished with 26 saves in the 12-6 loss.

On Sunday morning at Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Westies wrapped up the season hosting Mid-Fairfield's top girls 12U team.

Studley slammed home the rebound of a Guarino shot to tie the game at one late in

the first period. The Westies created numerous chances in the second period, but Lucas Iversen, Rafi Treat, Matt Molnar, Mikey D'Aiuto, Ryan Pniewski and Gavin Coady were all denied by the Stars' goalie.

In the third period, on a power play, Mazuroski fed Jonathan Charbonneau for a shot from the top of the slot. It trickled to Lipford who tapped it home.

Despite outshooting the Stars 25-20 in the game, the Westies dropped a 5-2 decision. Lupa made 15 saves in net.

The West Haven Bantam AA travel hockey team completed the season with a 5-2 victory

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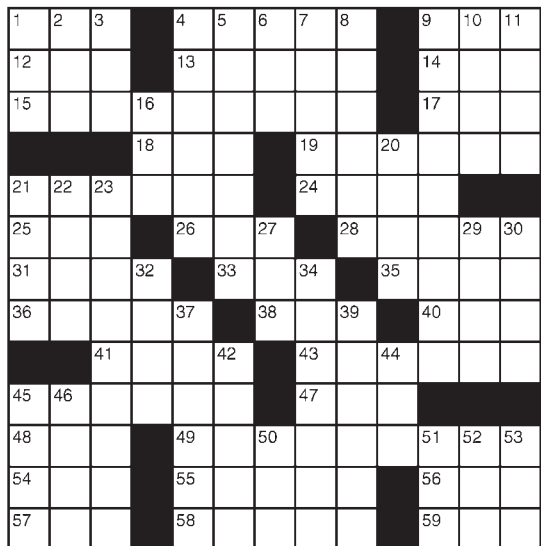
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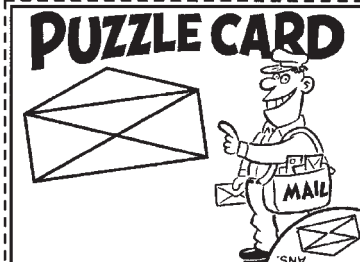
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: STAFF OF LIFE

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**TWO QUICKIES!** (1) The gym teacher wanted the boys and girls to line up as follows: Behind each boy would be a girl and behind each girl would be a boy. What is the smallest number of children needed to do this? (2) What two-digit number is equal to twice the product of its digits?

**ANIMAL PAIRS:** In the diagram at right we have 14 words that we want you to pair to form seven two-syllable words of varying lengths. The words on the left provide the first syllable and the ones on the right the second syllable.

A good way to start is to take the top word at the left, find a compatible word at the right and draw a line connecting the two. Move to the second word, and so on.

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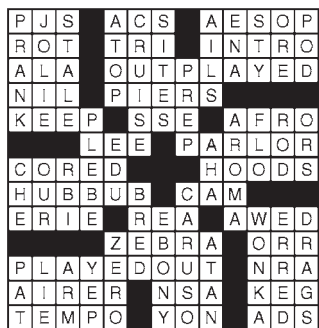
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1. A four-legged pet.
  2. Gloomy.
  3. Heads, in slang.
  4. Golf course feature.
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  6. Game played with 28 blocks.
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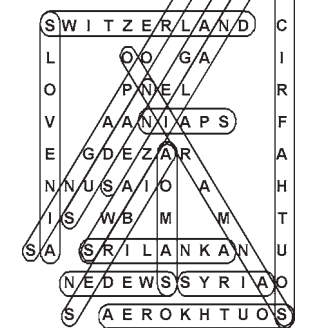
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**Answers to last week's puzzles**

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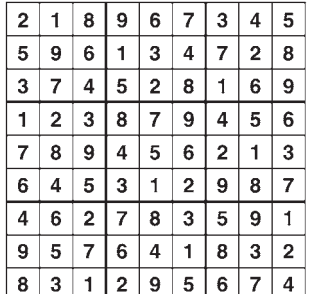


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# Letters, we get letters!

## Editorial biased

I have found a number of errors and omissions in the editorial dated March 18, that I would like to bring to the attention of the editor and readers.

As far as I can tell, there is no such place called "Imperial War College" in London as was mentioned; however, there is a research group from Imperial College London that issued a report from about potential deaths from COVID-19. That report, led by Neil M. Ferguson, projected 2.2 million deaths (not "hundreds of millions," as you state) in the US by August 2020 if no control measures or changes in behavior occurred, which is a scenario that no sane person would ever promote. Professor Ferguson did not lose his position due to his projections; he resigned only as a government advisor after exploiting a loophole in social distancing rules of the UK.

You also mention Dr. Anthony Fauci, a long-time civil servant and expert who earned his stripes during the AIDS epidemic of the early 1980s. As you only mention that Fauci told "lies" but did not specifically mention any, I assume you were unable to find or fabricate any.

You also seemed to infer that hydroxychloroquine is an effective remedy for COVID-19. A clinical trial funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) found hydroxychloroquine provided no benefit for patients infected with SARS-CoV-2. Despite what you said, the "the professionals" were not right. These data have been known for over 5 months now. The experts who followed the data were proven right. Why are you still harping on this?

Finally, you mention Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel. Governor Lamont's Reopen Connecticut Advisory Group included Dr. Emanuel. It also included former PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi, Yale Professor Dr. Albert Ko, and former FDA commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb. Does the editor have a problem with these advisors, or does he just like to name drop Democratic boogymen?

As we can start to see the light at the end of the

pandemic tunnel, it's important that people get the facts. Misinformation has been one of the things that has hampered our efforts to control this virus. I hope you and your readers find these clarifications useful.

Dominic Francese

*Ed note: While we admit the error in the death count, Dr. Ferguson's methodology has been disputed in many forums, and a quick search will show that his methods were in error—and found to be so. His predictions, however, were used to shutdown the industrial world. A May 2020 story in the Telegram of London excoriated his work, saying he would be fired if he were in the private sector. Dr. Fauci, meanwhile is not the paragon the writer supposes. We are old enough to remember his contradictory statements were a problem back in the AIDS crisis, and he was a media darling back then, telling one group one thing and another something else. In this event it was, masks this week, no masks another, travel here, travel there, don't travel, wear three masks. This is in addition to his taking credit for the rollout of the vaccines -- a total lie. Dr. Fauci is the embodiment of the saying, "Close enough for government work." In the matter of hydroxychloroquine, the American Medical Association changed its stance on its use, and a January study in New Jersey found it effective. Dr. Emanuel is a Democratic operative ash hown during the Obamacare debate, and spoke or answered questions and showed his stance toward shutting things down – in fact, he wanted to keep things closed for several more months. That was our point. The thrust of the editorial was such that no government should decide who is essential and who is not, and certainly not have the right to shut down an entire civilization. Sorry, we made one error, what you call misinformation is, in fact, opinion based on facts and events.*

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Marcel Piekarski

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## Hockey: Squads end abbreviated season

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over Greater New Haven A Saturday morning at the Northford Ice Pavilion. Robert McCarthy led the way with two goals and an assist, while Ron Mastroni finished with two assists.

Trailing 1-0, West Haven evened the contest at the 6:51 mark of the opening period when Ben Gilbert scored off an assist from Mastroni. West Haven took a 2-1 lead in the second on McCarthy's first goal, and increased the margin to 3-1 early in the third when McCarthy scored off an assist from Max Schroeder.

Greater New Haven got within 3-2, but Brady Price scored off an assist from Mastroni with 1:17 left, and Thomas Porto sealed the game in the final seconds off an assist from McCarthy.

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### Celebrating a big goal!

Jenna Hunt celebrates a goal in the Westie Sharks victory over Guilford. The West Haven-Sacred Heart combo squad completed the 2021 season with a league championship in a year that did not see a state tournament.



## Westies: Boys' quintet, girls' hockey win crowns

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shots by Celentano and Boyhen were turned aside less than two minutes in.

The Grizzlies then took over. If not for the spectacular goaltending of Nowak, Guilford could have had a couple of goals on the board.

Nowak turned aside 11 shots in the first period, with her best coming when Epke flew past the WH/SHA defense, but was denied by a glove save with 9:46 left in the opening period.

Epke then fed Cuozzo in front, but Nowak made a great pad save, before the WH/SHA goaltender denied Epke in

front with a blocker save with 4:33 to go in the first period.

With a dominant 6-0 victory over No. 4 Masuk/Barlow, the Westie Sharks advanced to the finals to play Guilford.

The contest against Masuk/Barlow was decided early as WH/SHA scored four times in the opening period and never looked back. Boyhen and Mackenzie Gardner led the way in the game with two goals apiece. Gardner also added two assists, and Celentano had a goal and an assist in the win.

The Westie Sharks scored four times in a span of 4:09 to take control of the game. Boyhen opened the scoring 5:38 in off assists from Celentano and Gardner, Gardner scored 1:14 later off an assist from Emilee DeGrand, and Hunt scored an unassisted goal one minute later.

When Boyhen scored an unassisted goal with 5:13 left in the period, WH/SHA led 4-0. Gardner, off an assist from Meghan Dupre, and Celentano, off an assist from Cohrs, wrapped up the scoring in the second period.

Nowak made eight saves in the shutout win for the Westie Sharks.

The season has come to an end for the West Haven girls basketball team.

Despite a valiant effort by the Westies, the depth of Sacred Heart Academy proved too much as the Sharks won the Southern Connecticut Conference Division II title at North Haven High Thursday evening with a 55-39 victory over West Haven.

The Sharks finish the season at 14-1, while the Westies end the campaign at 9-5.

The Westies kept up with the tempo early as a 3-pointer by Cassidy Carrano gave West Haven a 5-3 lead. That was West Haven's last lead of the game.

West Haven got within 18-16 when Amani Abuhatab scored the last five points of the opening quarter for West Haven, but the Sharks led by 11 at the half.

The Westies got as close as 35-28 in the third quarter, but the depth of the Sharks proved to be too much for West Haven.

Abuhatab led West Haven with 19 points in the loss.

Using a strong defensive effort, second-seeded West Haven topped third-seeded North Haven 48-39 at West Haven High Monday evening in the league semifinals.

Abuhatab was the story in the game for West Haven. Not only did she finish with 20 points, but the sophomore controlled the boards with 15 rebounds.

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