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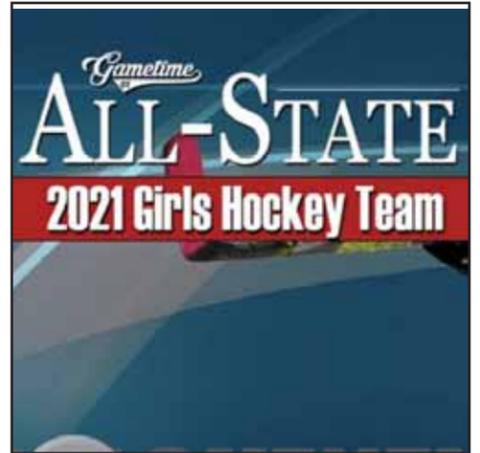


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### *No-hits Guilford*

West Haven's junior hurler Dylan Supan is given a ball by head coach Ron Luneau to commemorate his no-hit performance against Guilford. Supan needed just 75 pitches as West Haven defeated Guilford, 11-0, in a game ended after six innings. Supan hit two batters and had West Haven make three errors behind him, but the junior pitcher pitched with relative ease, tossing 46 strikes in his complete-game effort. For more on the game and other WHHS sports, see page 15.

## *Council to vote budget tonight*

The City Council is set to meet today to finalize its budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2022, after reviewing Mayor Nancy Rossi's \$165.54 million spending plan over the last four weeks. The City Charter requires a budget ordinance be passed by 11:59 on the first Thursday of May, and the council was expected to continue tweaking some items until it convenes for a vote.

The plan, proposed in March, would set the mill rate at 34 (not including fire taxes), keeping taxes relatively "constant," in that the mill rate considers revaluation done over the past year. Residents, then should expect no major increase in the taxes they pay.

Council Chairman Ronald Quagliani (D-at-large) said the panel was still making small alterations in the package. Two weeks ago, a transfer of some COVID relief funds was made to offset the Fire Dept. of West Haven-Allingtown's pension fund deficit. Other alterations are expected, according to the chairman.

"In addition to the Allingtown Fire Department changes that we previously discussed the council has raised various wage proposals to address some wage inconsistencies for similar job functions performed. (We) reduced a recommended Human Resource Commissioner position, which is currently vacant, to a part-time position with no medical benefits," he said. "The

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Photo by Dieane Dietman

### *Takeback Day a success*

From left, city resident Michelle Caprio, with Officers Douglas Bauman and Jennifer Brown, disposes of a bag of items outside police headquarters at 200 Sawmill Road on April 24 as part of the Prescription Drug Takeback Day held by West Haven's Police Department, Youth and Family Services and Prevention Council. The event collected 718 pounds of unused prescription drugs, expired over-the-counter medications and nicotine products, including electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices.

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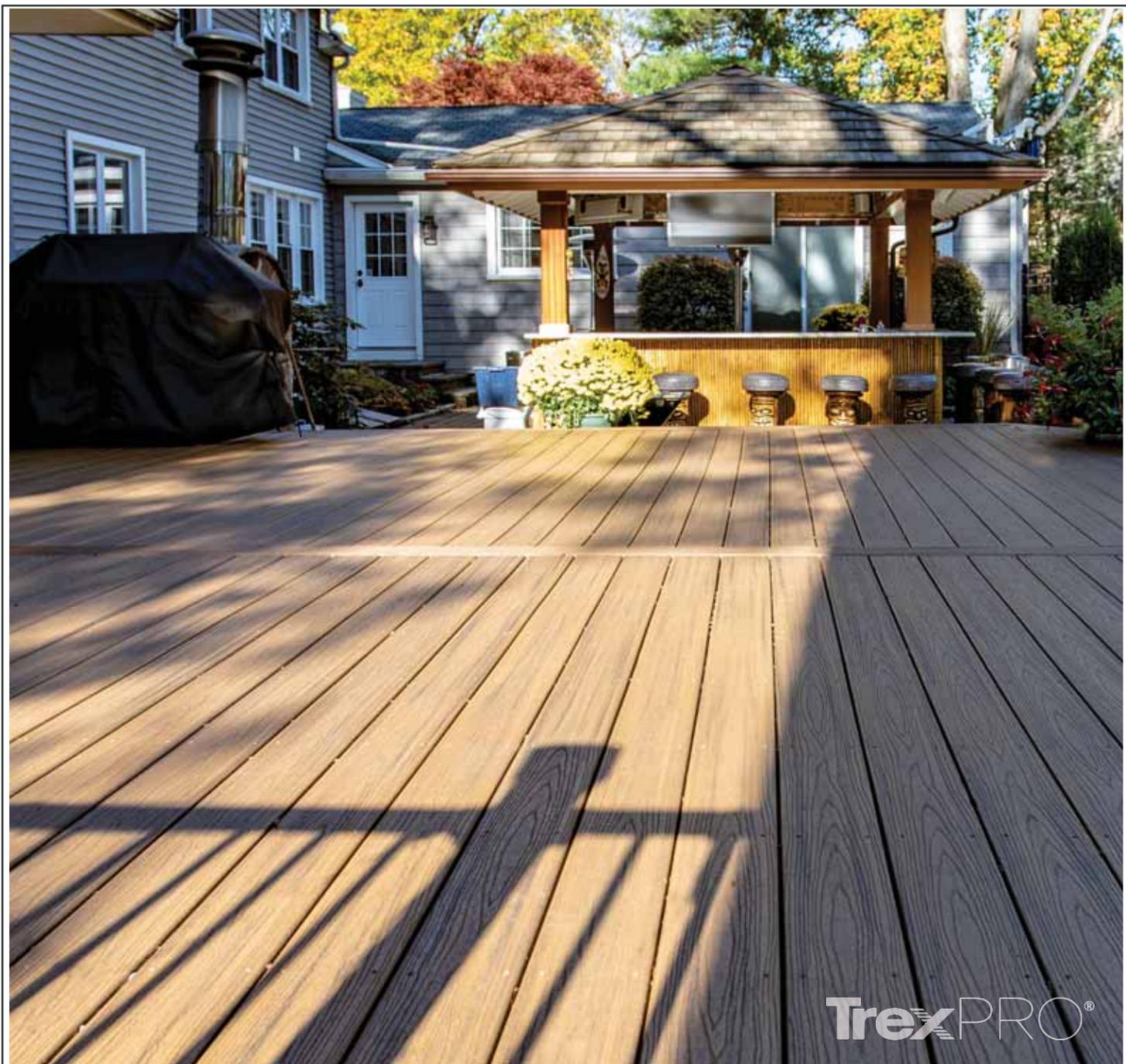
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Joshua Velez, age 3, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., sees all the colors of spring as he goes for walks with his classmates.



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## On this Date

**2004 -- The final episode of Friends is aired.** The immensely popular sitcom about Rachel, Monica, Phoebe, Joey, Chandler, and Ross had been produced since 1994. The final episode "The Last One" was watched by 52 million viewers.

**1994 -- The Channel Tunnel linking the United Kingdom with France is opened.** Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom and French President François Mitterrand inaugurated the "Chunnel". It measures just over 50 km (31 mi) and is the tunnel with the world's longest undersea portion.

**1976 -- A massive earthquake hits northeast Italy.** A total of 939 people died and 157,000 were left homeless in Italy's worst earthquake, which measured 6.5 on the Richter scale.

**1954 -- Roger Bannister becomes the first person to run a mile in under 4 minutes.** The British athlete took 3 minutes and 59.4 seconds to cover 1609 meters. The current record by Moroccan Hicham El Guerrouj stands at 3:43.13 (as at February 2014).

**1937 -- The Hindenburg zeppelin filled with hydrogen goes up in flames.** The footage showing a colossal fireball engulfing the German airship during a landing attempt in Lakehurst, NJ, has become iconic for the end of the zeppelin era. 35 lives were lost in the crash.

### Births

**1961 -- George Clooney,** American actor, director, producer, screenwriter.

**1953 -- Tony Blair,** Scottish/English politician, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

**1915 -- Orson Welles,** American actor, director, producer, screenwriter.

**1856 -- Sigmund Freud,** Austrian neurologist.

**1758 -- Maximilien de Robespierre,** French lawyer, politician.

### Deaths

**1992 -- Marlene Dietrich,** German/American actress, singer.

**1952 -- Maria Montessori,** Italian physician, educator.

**1919 -- L. Frank Baum,** American author.

**1862 -- Henry David Thoreau,** American writer, philosopher.

**1859 -- Alexander von Humboldt,** German geographer, explorer.

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# Cohen makes bid for GOP's nomination

The first Republican candidate for mayor made a virtual announcement Monday afternoon, while GOP leaders say a second unknown candidate has not announced. Tenth District Councilman Barry Lee Cohen has decided to seek his party's nod for mayor in the November elections.

The first-term Republican has been an outspoken critic of the Rossi administration since taking office, and presented a multi-faceted plan toward improving quality of life in the



BARRY LEE COHEN

city. Calling his campaign, "One West Haven," Cohen said his goal is to bring together all the groups, neighborhoods, and boroughs in the city, working toward making it a better place.

"Please know that I am not and will not be running against anyone. I am running for one West Haven. Together, we will once again make West Haven a place where families, veterans, and senior citizens can work, live, and thrive," Cohen said in his announcement.

He called upon voters to throw off party labels and look to a campaign that wants to make everyone a part of a new city.

"Our city is at a crucial crossroads to decide between the status quo of high taxes, rampant blight, deteriorating infrastructure, safety concerns, and racial divide or a new, brighter future. Together, we can do more united versus the factions that have divided and disillusioned voters for far too long," he said. "It's time to put party labels aside. As I have demonstrated throughout my life --I could not care less if you're an R, D, I, U--because it's about us."

Cohen, 60, has been a successful businessman in the

corporate world, and currently runs his own public relations firm. He believes his experience has given him the leadership qualities needed to run a municipality. It was leadership that was the first of his issues.

"It all starts with the leadership of a full-time mayor that understands that fiscal responsibility goes well beyond balancing the books, embraces challenges, owns responsibilities, and enthusiastically explores new opportunities to move West Haven forward," he said.

He said he will be accountable to the voters, accessible when they have questions, and take responsibility for decisions.

"I will offer "leadership without excuses." I will be accessible, forthright, and accountable. The days of finger-pointing at prior administrations will stop. Residents are tired of the same song, first, second and third verses. Transparency will be practiced, not preached," he said.

He said the proof of what one does in giving back to the community is not in the number of committees or organizations attached to a name, but the results that come from those associations. He pointed to his involvement in WHEAT,

the West Haven Community House, Hubbard Farms, and the Chamber of Commerce as a way of giving back.

"But it's not what committee you join ---but what you do! As many of you have witnessed, I'm a roll up the sleeve's, hands-on guy and that is exactly what you will get on Day

1 when I am elected your next mayor. No deflection, no excuses," he said.

As far as a program for the city, in economic development, he posed the question, "Why not West Haven." He believes previous administrations have not made solid

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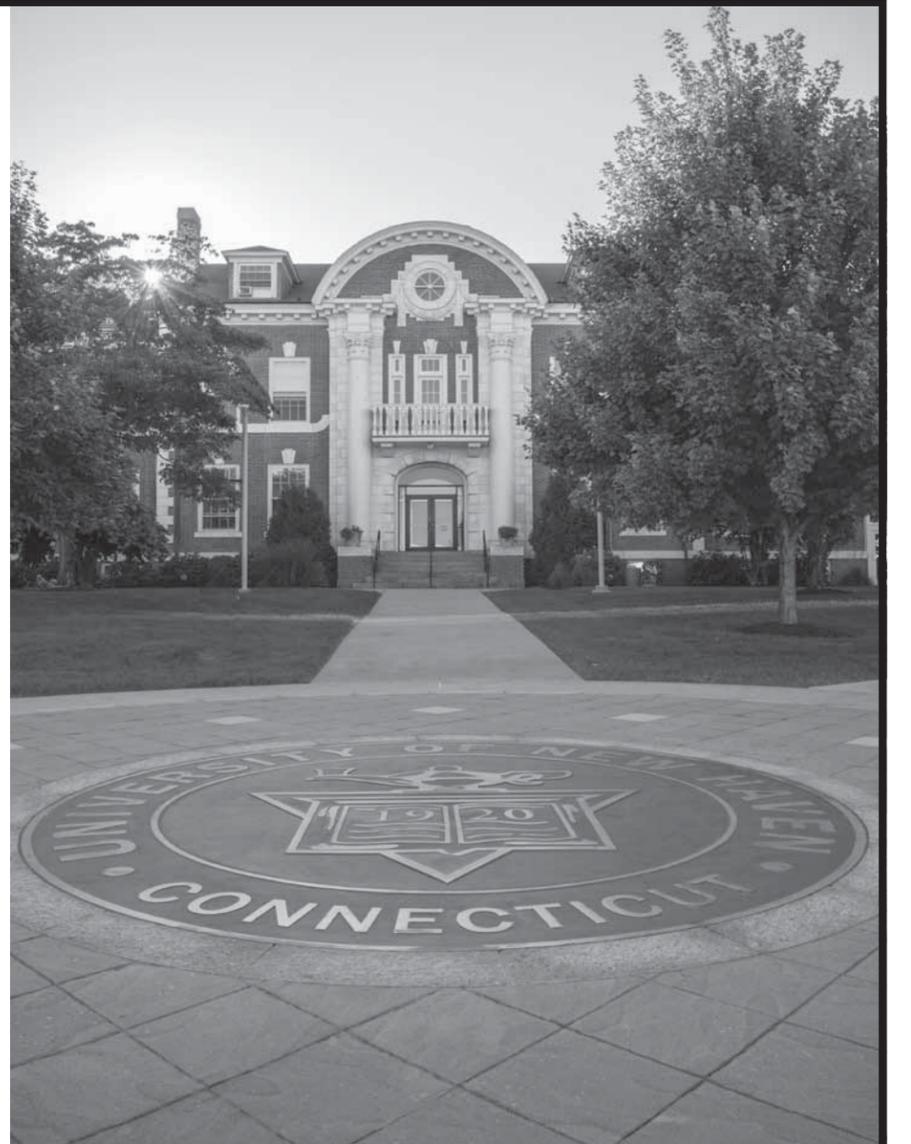
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# Dear Felicia

April has toined to May, and those April showers are bringing up May flowers effen Cobina's allergies have anything to say about it. It's been quite a spring so far, honey bunch. Like I sez to you a few weeks ago, for the foist time in a while we seem to be havin' a real spring with gradually warm weather – and a few cold spurts along the way. Let's hope with May coming upon us things get nice and warm. But yew remember what Granny Navalance used to say, "After May, the year just flies by." Let's hope not. Yew and I don't need things to git any faster at our age.

Here in the Asylum by the Sea, we are getting set for the City Council to pass the annual budget by means of an ordinance vote. The boys and girls on the City Council have done their due diligence, and

reviewed things, and as of this writing, the meeting has to happen this week, cuz the charter calls for the budget to be passed by 11:59 this peey-em.

As we've said they've done a bit of work around the edges of the budget, according to Sammy Bluejay, and given a few bucks hither or thither, but it is expected that the budget will pass perty much as is. As our esteemed editor notes in his editorial this week, there seemed to be a different attitude and atmosphere here abouts this time 'round.

It's probably cuz things seem to be pernting in a positive direction for the first time in a very, very long time. Things aren't as dramatic as before. Every decision doesn't have the earth-shattering importance it seems to have in past years. That's not a bad

thing. We shall see how things turn out, but for the first time in a while, the budget ordinance process doesn't seem as onerous as it's been. That's jest Sammy's take on it.

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Well, was it really a surprise? By the time yew git this missive Barry Lee Cohen, the foist-term councilman from the Tenth District has thrown his chapeau into the arena and will be seeking the GOP nomination for mayor. This has been a rumor for a few weeks, and Cohen made his announcement earlier this week. He did it after consulting with party leaders and friends and family, we are told. This will add a new spice to the mix, that's for sure.

Cohen has made a splash since he was elected to the council. He is involved in everything, makes sure the GOP gits props if it does anything of importance, and has been a burr in the saddle of more than a few Demmies, cuz he calls them out on occasion.

He is a person who's been in the corporate world, so he knows when bovine fertilizer is being sent his way, and makes sure that the person sending it gets it back. Bovine fertilizer is the coin of the realm when it comes to politics, especially here in our little corner of the universe.

So, Cohen is the foist Republican to announce. Iva Lootey was with me for tea t'other afternoon

and sez that members of the GOP are still wondering who the "dark horse" candidate is that was mentioned in song and story a few weeks ago. No indication has been forthcoming, which is surprising in this berg, which has a big problem keeping secrets. As the old expression goes, "A secret is something you tell one person at a time."

Tennyrate, Michele Gregorio has opted outta a run this time round, citing other interests and projects. Who can blame her? There was in-fighting last time around, and the unified support that was expected neve came about. It'll be interesting to see what happens this time.

Steve Mullins has already let it be known he ain't interested in a run in '21 as he is not happy with the party leadership. Sooooo, right now it's Cohen and a possible "other."

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As far as the Demmies go, it seems the three-way primary is set. Don't expeck that anyone will be opting outta this one. As yew remember, it's two challengers that have announced: John Lewis and Ed O'Brien. Herronner is yet to announce, but that ain't unusual. The incumbent always seems to wait a while – sometimes until June – before making it official.

Word is amongst Demmies that she will run again, and will tout her fiscal program as a success. And, why wouldn't she? Things do seem to be looking up.

Methinks, though, effen this Enterprise Zone don't start pan-ning out some, that could be a big isshew come the primaries and/or the general election. Bit announcements usually fade into the mist of history in these parts. The Arts Center, the UNH Law School, 5 Water Street, the list is endless. It's gonna be an interesting summer.

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Nrllly Nuthatch was flut-terin' about the berg and mentioned that on top of sidewalk replacements being made all over town, paving is going on everywhere, it seems. Milling and paving have happened in various parts of town, including the Burma Road that was once Prindle Hill Road. One can actually traverse the street and not have one's gas-samobuggy needing a realignment. That's progress.

Of course, Nelly mentioned that Chestnut Street was just paved, and what did we see there just days after – the gas company making a hole to do some repairs. Yikes!

Frontier – the phone company – is doing all kinds of work on telephone poles. It don't seem one can travel more than a few blocks before one is coming up to a "lane closed" area. It's been going on for a few weeks and I guess we can

expeck it's gonna go on for a few more.

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The Mystick Maidens of the Marsh are gonna do it again, honey. Effen yew recall, the city announced that the Memorial Day parade is back on the schedule, and the city is lookin' for marching units. I think the MMM's Dixieland Band and our color guard would make a fine addition to the procession.

Of course, yew remember that over the decades we were never allowed into the parade for reasons that none of us were ever privy to. Soooo, we're gonna put in an application this time around and see effen it works. How knows, maybe for the foist time in history the Mystick Maidens will be getting the recognition we deserve. More later.

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Madame Olga came by and was relating to Cobina how the demolition over in the Haven Project seems to be proceeding apace. More buildings are down and the clean up of the debris is gong on. Even some of the former domiciles seem to be missing from former locations, so I guess we can say the project is really going forward.

There's an old boat house out there in the sound, and Olga was wondering what was gonna happen there? She looked in her crystal, but things were a bit cloudy. Not sure effen that boathouse was a relic from the city's ship-building days, but effen it is, maybe it should be preserved. Maybe the local history buffs – including our own Dan Shine and City Historian Jon Purmont can clarify the pedigree of that building.

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With that in mind, one wonders about the Enterprise Zone that was so loudly touted in these pages and elsewhere jest before the foist of the year.

It would seem that with the fall elections coming up, the success of setch an undertaking would be a major isshew come the campaign. With little hoid about it since the big splash and the folly up that this papyrus did a few months back, nothing has been hoid since. We know these things take time, but don'tcha think some news would be coing forwarrrd about his item? Cobina would think so. That's jest the way things are in our little corner of the universe, though. Thingss are given a big gala announcement and then things aren't hoid for moonths, years or decades. Does anyone remember Sursum Corda? That was almost 40 years ago, but it lingered for years, and years and years.

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

*Cobina*

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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I am writing to ask for your help for the seniors in West Haven. We had a senior center at Forrest School and that closed., so we went to Noble School Center and they closed that. We all need exercise, and we all need to be together.

Shame on West Haven for not opening our Center.

*Ruth Lombardi*

**Dear Ruth Lombardi:**

I have written to Council Woman Robin Watt Hamilton. She promptly responded with, "I will be happy to bring this concern to the new Director of Elderly Service when hired."

Now, Ruth, I am going to ask all the seniors who are interested in seeing updates on a senior center opening to write to me. I will do my very best to keep seniors updated through Gripe Vine on this issue.. Write to me at [gripevine4wh@aol.com](mailto:gripevine4wh@aol.com) or drop a note in the mail to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice, 840 Boston Post Road, West Haven 06516 If there is enough interest from West Haven Seniors in a senior center and/or activities, I'll be happy to pursue your

inquiries.

**Dear Gripe Vine Readers:**

There have been numerous additional complaints on safety hazards at Benham Hill Road and Hubbard.

I have notified Councilman Barry Lee Cohen with these complaints and he said, "Benham and Hubbard are in my district. As previously reported, we have placed a couple of signs on Hubbard Road as well as one placed on a neighbor's yard right on Benham before the stop sign at the corner intersection.

I have spoken with a couple of neighbors over the past month. At this early stage of placements, they reported that the signs have helped somewhat, however to your point, there are still cars that do not stop at the signs at both locations. The traffic division was previously alerted to the sign locations and they have and expect to continue to monitor. I will reach out again to confirm this concern."

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Things never stopped and now larger trucks are appear-



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

ing more frequently on Voss Road. One appears to have heavy roofing material on it which leads to the company on Frontage Road across from the old Sears building. I guess nothing will be done to resolve this neighborhood issue. I did see a patrol car come down the street once a couple of weeks ago. So, I think that would satisfy the neighborhood.

We used to have such a nice neighborhood and now I can't cross the street to visit my neighbors without really being cautious. Someone is going to get hurt as there are plenty of trucks that really travel fast.

The images I have submitted to you, Eleanore were taken on April 24.

*Driving Me Crazy, RD*

**Dear RD:**

Council Woman Chrystal

Fanelli has been notified once again, of the dangers on Voss Road. As soon as I hear from her, you will either see the neighborhood without truck traffic or a response indicating her investigation into your complaint.

I have submitted your photos of truck traffic along with today's column.

**Note To LT Want it Paved:**

The city paved the Allings Crossing Road area you discussed, and now has a new surface.

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**Coming up....**tv commercial gripes...container parked in private driveway complaint... noise level at Oceanside Condominiums...out of state truck parked illegally"...dip in sidewalk on city line...illegal trucks on Jones Hill Road.. trash receptacles on Bellvue and Howard Avenue..Beach Street speeding...Second Avenue stop signs...surrounding streets off Michael Drive need paving...motorcycle gripe on 4th Avenue...no sign on two lane merge on Campbell Avenue...

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## Budget passage 2021

By the time this newspaper hits the streets, the City Council will be in the last stages of finalizing the budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2022, beginning July 1. The charter-imposed deadline of the first Thursday in May is today, but indications are the actual passage of the ordinance may not require a last-minute push.

Mayor Nancy Rossi's budget plan seems to hit all the right spots with the council, including a full funding of the library system, something we have not seen in quite some time.

The council has made some adjustments to where COVID-related state and federal money go, but they have shown proper focus in directing those funds where it is needed. The Fire Dept. of West Haven - Allingtown, for example, saw some funds put into its pension plan.

This budget cycle has augured what we hope will be a new era in the city's ability to do business. Over the last several years, particularly the last four, the city has been under the thumb of the Municipal Accountability Review Board. That was the result of an decision made to sell bonds to pay off a longstanding city deficit. The result was, utilizing a recently passed statute by the General Assembly, the city going into virtual receivership.

We have undergone the scrutiny, jumped through the state-mandated hoops, and seem to be, thanks to a big boost through revaluation, in a better position than we've been in the past. Indeed, the decision by Rossi to decline use of the final \$2 million in state fiscal aid was a sign of positive change.

We hope with the new boost in property valuation and the possibility of actual progress being made on the Haven Project and the Enterprise Zone along the West River, we might see the long-awaited development boom that politicians have promised voters for the better part of 30 years.

With the passage of this budget ordinance, we see better times for the city, better than we have seen in quite some time. As long as city leaders remain frugal in expenditures, and use bonding only when necessary, the city should be fiscally steadier and healthier. That is something we all should be happy to see.

## Memorial Day Parade on

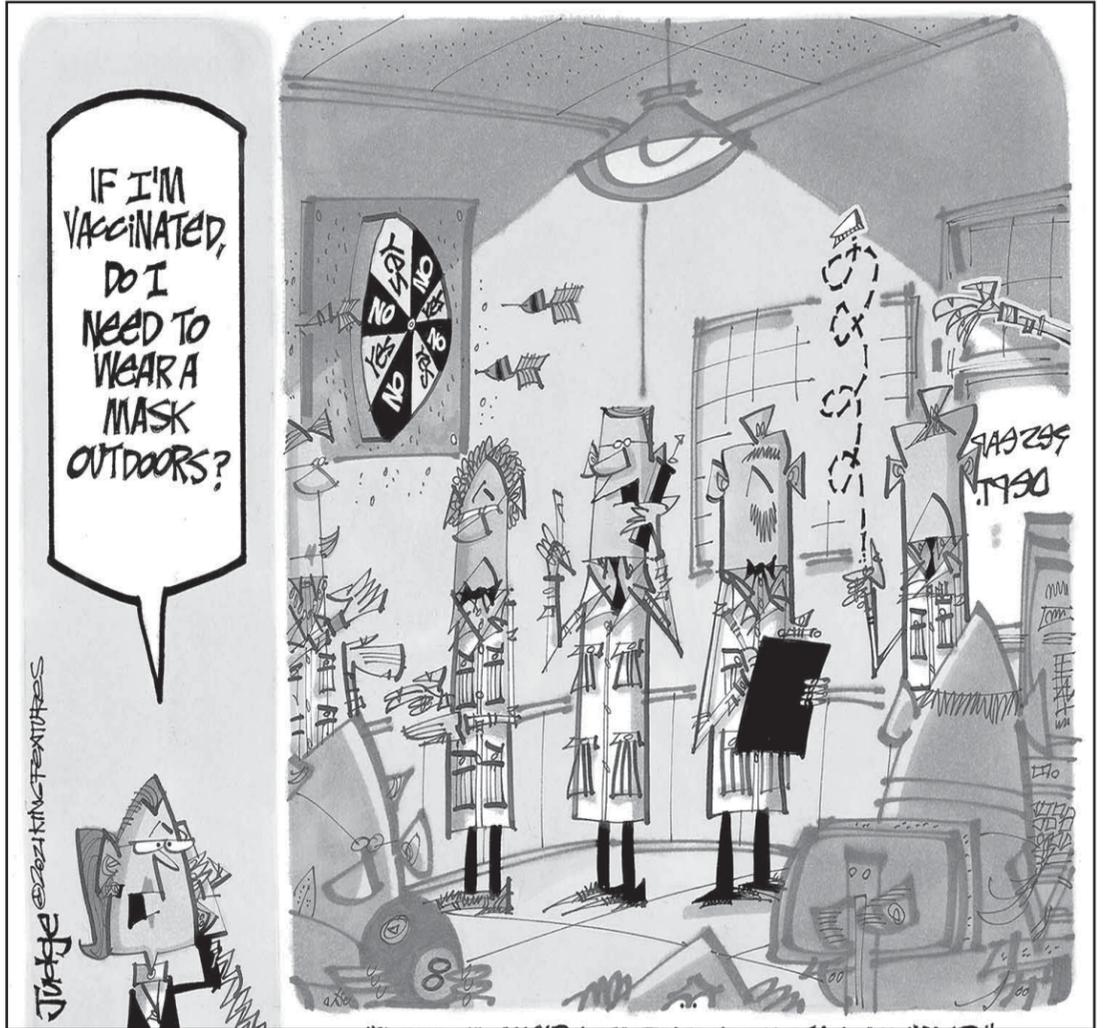
One more positive came from the recent announcement by City Hall that the Memorial Day Parade will be making a return. This is welcome news, and another sign we are coming out of the pandemic-induced purgatory of the last 15 months.

This announcement, along with loosening of restrictions by Gov. Ned Lamont concerning outdoor activity is yet another indication we are getting back to some semblance of normality.

We are glad the use of masks outside is to be abandoned, and look forward to the day when use of masks is at least called "optional" indoors. In this respect, Gov Lamont has shown a bit more common sense than some national leaders, who seem to believe mask use is required - unless, of course, it is abandoned during a protest or riot.

As the summer rolls on we hope to see more things open up, and a lessening of the anxiety that has accompanied this most recent illness outbreak.

It will be great to see marchers come up Campbell Avenue as in the past, and honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in preserving the nation. It is just another sign we are coming out of the chaos.



## Biden's radical gambit

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

There's believing your own press releases. And then, there's believing your own delusions of grandeur.

Joe Biden should look at the mirror every day and see a president elected on the basis of the unpopularity of his predecessor at a time when the country was slammed by a once-in-100-years pandemic.

Instead, by every account, he sees a transformative leader with a mandate to change America as rapidly and irreversibly as possible.

As the news site Axios noted, Biden wants his next 100 days to be "more audacious" than his first 100, as he seeks "to re-engineer the very fundamentals of America -- inequality, voting rights and government's role in directing economic growth."

Oh, is that all?

Biden's drive to make himself the next FDR and erect a massive progressive edifice on the slightest of political foundations is monumentally arrogant and almost certainly bound to fail.

Biden is contemplating the sort of the bait-and-switch that rarely goes over well. Yes, the policy plans he ran on last year were further to the

left of Barack Obama's and of Biden's own lengthy record as a U.S. senator. But Biden described himself as a moderate who wanted to work with Republicans and restore a sense of normality to Washington.

He said, as he put it when urging Republicans not to fill the Ruth Bader Ginsberg seat on the Supreme Court, "We need to de-escalate, not escalate."

No one listening to that or a thousand other things Biden said during the campaign would have had him pegged as the guy who'd immediately set about making wrenching changes in the American way of life.

For a would-be FDR, Biden doesn't seem to understand that a fundamental source of the New Dealer's power was enormous congressional majorities.

FDR came into office in 1932 with almost a 200-seat majority in the House, 313-117, after Republicans lost more than 100 seats.

Biden came into office in 2020 with a bare 9-seat majority in the House after Democrats surprisingly lost ground all over the country. It's the narrowest Democratic House majority since the last two years of the administration of

Rutherford B. Hayes.

In the Senate, FDR had 58 Democrats, as Republicans lost 12 seats in 1932 in one of the worst senatorial drubbings in history.

Biden has a 50-50 tie after Democrats eked out two special election victories in Georgia earlier this year, with Vice President Kamala Harris on standby to break ties.

The fate of Biden's legislative agenda hangs by a thread, depending on whether Sens. Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema, relatively moderate Democrats, support his proposals. If FDR had been equally dependent on a couple of ideologically unsympathetic Democrats from the outset of his administration, he wouldn't be FDR.

If Biden feels emboldened by his first 100 days, he's defining achievement downward. FDR signed into law more than a dozen major measures addressing the Great Depression during his first 100 days, while Biden got a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill -- a huge amount of spending, yes, but much of it is temporary.

Pro-Biden pundits are currently exulting that he has about a 53% approval rating, a respectable showing, if hardly

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# School nurses play important role for kids

By **Saundra McCauley R.N.**  
West Haven School Nurse

May 12, 2021 is National School Nurse Day. The first school nurse was hired in New York City in 1902 as an experiment to see if a nurse in the school setting made a difference in the absentee rate. The experiment was wildly successful, and prompted the hiring of 12 more school nurses. As a result, the school district saw a 90% decrease in absenteeism.

The first records for school nurses in West Haven date back to 1930. There were two nurses at that time who serviced approximately 10 schools. They traveled from school to school, one of them by bus. Their duties included screenings, vision and hearing, height and weight. Underweight children were a concern, and so the Junior Women's Club and the Red Cross teamed up to fund a daily breakfast milk program in the schools.

School nurses would also assist the school physician with physical exams, vaccinations, diphtheria treatment, and prevention. School attendance was negatively affected by outbreaks of flu, measles and scarlet fever. Nurses consulted with parents regarding the care of children during

these illnesses and advised when the child could return to school.

In 1965 there was a full-time nurse at West Haven High School and 7 or 8 other nurses who traveled to the remaining public and private schools in West Haven. Children were now being immunized from a number of childhood diseases, and physicals were required for school entry.

The nurse's responsibilities now included making sure all children had the correct number of immunizations to be in school and guiding parents to the proper resources if they did not. Screenings continued to take up a large portion of a nurse's time, referrals were made, and parents were assisted with follow ups on referrals. In 1972, West Haven High School began holding double sessions, and a second nurse was added.

In 1986 Mayor Sal Guerra decided that there should be a school nurse in every school. That year, a full-time nursing supervisor was hired. By December of 1986, there was a full-time nurse in every public and parochial school in West Haven. Since then, school nurses have taken on even more responsibilities.

Over the years, an increasing number of children have

been coming to school with serious health problems: asthma, diabetes, and food allergies to name a few. The nurses, with the help of the parents, plan for each child's care in their school. The nurses also advise the teachers as to any health

problems in their classrooms and what they need to know to help keep the child safe.

Pre-pandemic recess in the elementary schools was always a busy time in the nurse's office. Now, at the height of the pandemic, nurses are con-

tact tracing, quarantining, and educating students staff and parents.

The school nurse role continues to change year after year with the ultimate goal of keeping the children safe, healthy, and in school.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

## WHHS student wins competition

West Haven High School junior Lance Andriulli, second from left, receives a gold medal in the school atrium April 23 for winning the public speaking competition in March at the virtual Spring State Leadership Conference of the Connecticut chartered association of HOSA-Future Health Professionals. With Andriulli are, from left, Principal Dana Paredes, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and junior Nabiha Khan, a co-president of the school's HOSA Club. Andriulli received the medal from his HOSA adviser, Valerie Cosenza, a registered nurse who teaches nursing at the school, for his four-minute-winning video, "Unlocking Your Potential." He was joined at the midday ceremony by his grandmother, Theresa Andriulli.

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# 13th Walk of Honor addition dedication set

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

In accordance with federal and state guidelines, members of the West Haven Veterans Council and city officials will dedicate the 13th phase of the brick Veterans Walk of Honor at 5 p.m. May 29 in Bradley Point Park.

All veterans are invited to participate in the seaside ceremony, which will feature a presentation of the colors, an invocation and taps, as well as remarks by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Veterans Council President Dave Ricci.

The public is also invited. The city will follow all current and future COVID-19 directives to ensure the health and safety of both participants and spectators.

Rossi's executive assistant, Louis P. Esposito Jr., will serve as the master of ceremonies.

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

The bricks, which cost \$75, have charcoal lettering for personalized messages.

About 2,850 bricks have been installed so far, including 130 for the 13th phase and 51 for the 12th phase, which was dedicated May 25, 2019. Last year's ceremony was postponed because of the coronavirus.

In May 2015, the dedication of the eighth phase included the dedication of a granite stone in memory of Veterans Council President Lorelee "Lori" Grenfell, who died Feb. 19, 2015, at age 60.

The memorial was crafted by Giordano Bros. Monuments of West Haven.

The Walk of Honor's first phase and the city's Korean War Memorial were dedicated in May 2007.

In May 2008, the walkway's second phase and a memorial in honor of World War II Army Pfc. William A. Soderman were dedicated.

Soderman received the Medal of Honor after he distinguished himself in December 1944 while defending an important road junction near Rocherath, Belgium.

Four years after his death, on July 1, 1984, the flagpole in Bradley Point Park was dedicated in Soderman's memory.

City Human Resources Commissioner Beth A. Sabo has overseen the construction of all phases of the walkway, which was built by City Point Construction Co. of West Haven.

Sabo has also supervised the design and placement of the granite Korean War and Soderman memorials, which were made by Shelley Bros. Monuments of Guilford.

Also in 2008, 14 grave markers signifying every war in U.S. history and peacetime

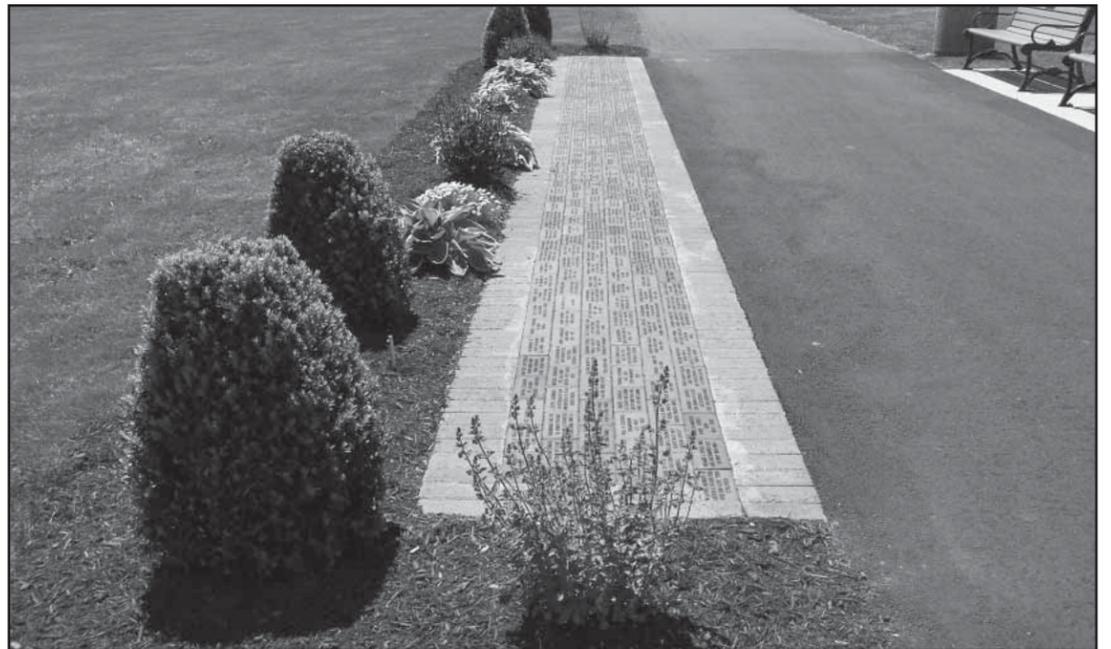
were dedicated.

The markers are mounted on granite posts.

Subsequent dedications have been held amid much fanfare, attracting hundreds of veterans and their families from all corners of the state and beyond.

Photos by Michael P. Walsh

The brick Veterans Walk of Honor in Bradley Point Park.



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The City of West Haven is seeking competitive proposals for a qualified firm to provide Pension Investment Consulting services. Respondents are required to submit five (5) copies of their fee proposal and qualification statement in sealed envelopes by no later than Friday May 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Office of the Corporation Counsel, Third Floor, 355 Main Street, West Haven, Connecticut 06516. Late submittals will be rejected. Respondents should submit the fee proposal in a separate sealed envelope. All submittals should be labeled with RFQ/RFP number and RFQ/RFP title.

Project specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Corporation Counsel or may be accessed from the City of West Haven's website at [www.cityofwesthaven.com](http://www.cityofwesthaven.com). Questions regarding the specifications may be directed, in writing only, to Attorney Lee Tiernan at [ltiernan@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:ltiernan@westhaven-ct.gov).

Each respondent shall honor their proposal for ninety (90) business days from the date of proposal opening, without modification. Upon award of the RFQ/RFP, the winning respondent shall be bound by the proposal price throughout the contract period.

The City of West Haven reserves the right to reject any or all proposals; or to waive defects in same, if it deems such to be in the best interest of the City. The City of West Haven is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer.

## Tax relief program applications taken

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.

## Lowry: *Biden's not FDR*

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a position of overwhelming strength from which to try to revolutionize the country. Importantly, FDR initially got even more powerful after 1932. Republicans dropped down to only 17 senators and 89 congressmen in 1936, whereas Biden will be lucky to hold on to his slender congressional majorities next year.

With his legislative margin of error so thin, it's unlikely that Biden will get his way on much besides spending and taxes. Almost all of his sweeping proposals, from federalizing elections to making D.C. a state, will fall by the wayside.

More to the point, it's wrong for Biden to attempt to force through such radical measures when his mandate for them exists only in his ridiculously inflated self-image.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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## City-wide Memorial set for Green on May 13; sponsored by 1st Church

The Rev. E. Carl Howard, senior minister of the First Congregational Church, announced the church is hosting a City-Wide Memorial Service to remember and honor the lives lost to COVID-19. He is inviting residents to come to the Green to participate. The outdoor memorial will take place at 7:30 p.m. on May 13 and include a lighting ceremony.

Speakers include: the Honorable Nancy R. Rossi, mayor; Howard and other clergy and spiritual leaders of the West Haven Community, the ringing of the church bells will occur at 8:02 p.m. in a moment of unity and remembrance.

"Despite the roll-out of vaccines, the effects of the pandemic are still present, with many Westies still grieving the loss of family, friends, and neighbors. We must honor and remember those who have died and reflect on what has been one of the more challenging periods in the city's history, and renew our commitment to coming together as we heal together," Rev. Howard said.

CDC guidelines will be followed.



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# School staff feted with 'Zupp's' pizza

By Miguelina Felix  
Special to the Voice

Staff Appreciation Week was marked to thank all West Haven school employees for their hard work and effort throughout the school year. To show appreciation for the dedication shown by all staff, the West Haven Board of Education, and unions, partnered up to bring Zuppardi's Pizza truck to each school building for all employees to enjoy.

Kristen Scanlon, West Haven Federation of Teachers President, was thankful for the thoughtfulness.

"We feel very grateful the superintendent, Board of Education, and the Board of Education unions generously decided to join us to celebrate everyone's hard work and dedication," she said.

Superintendent of Schools Neil Cavallaro expresses his sincerest gratitude to all staff.

"This has been an extremely challenging year. Our entire staff was asked to perform a number of duties and responsibilities that just the prior school year, no one could imagine," he said. "When Kristen Scanlon approached me with this idea as a way to celebrate our employees, I was thrilled to present it to Cebi Waterfield. The Board immediately got on board, the feedback has been great. Who doesn't love Zuppardi's Pizza?"

Cebi Waterfield, Chairman of the Board of Education also extends her appreciation to all West Haven School employees who she describes as having an impact and outreach that went above and beyond.

"The Superintendent had this idea and we wanted all staff to realize just how important they are to us as a whole," she said.

Waterfield acknowledged this school year has been unique in the various methods staff used to teach students and support families.

Photos by Miguelina Felix

Kristen Scanlon, left, president of the West Haven Federation of Teachers, checks over a "Thank You" sign with Taryn Driend, Savin Rock Community School principal, while a group of third grade teachers enjoy the pizza. The Zuppardi's truck is at the ready, taking orders.



## Cohen: *Makes bid for GOP*

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attempts to sell the city and what it offers.

He said his plan is to market the city, and do away with the hurdles, real and perceived, that prevent developers from coming here.

"I've spoken with many developers and business owners, and I repeatedly hear the same story: West Haven is extremely hard to do business with.

"No one engages them. No one returns their emails or calls. I promise you, that will change on day one of a Cohen administration. And it will start with a comprehensive economic development and marketing plan with set milestones and deliverables. This will include an economic development summit, the formation of a Task Force comprised of leaders throughout the region, as well as an empowered Eco-

conomic Development Commission," he said.

Other planks in his platform include revitalizing the Post Road, revitalizing shorefront areas and working to curb longstanding problems of blight and a deteriorating infrastructure.

Other planks include:

- ~ Advocate for a technology corridor spanning from Frontage Road / Railroad Avenue to the train station;

- ~ Identify options that will allow for the orderly transition to a defined WHPD benefit pension plan with a disability component;

- ~ Put together a comprehensive plan for revitalization of downtown.

After listing what he hopes to accomplish, Cohen called for unity in the new administration, and calling for "One West Haven," heading toward and beyond election day.

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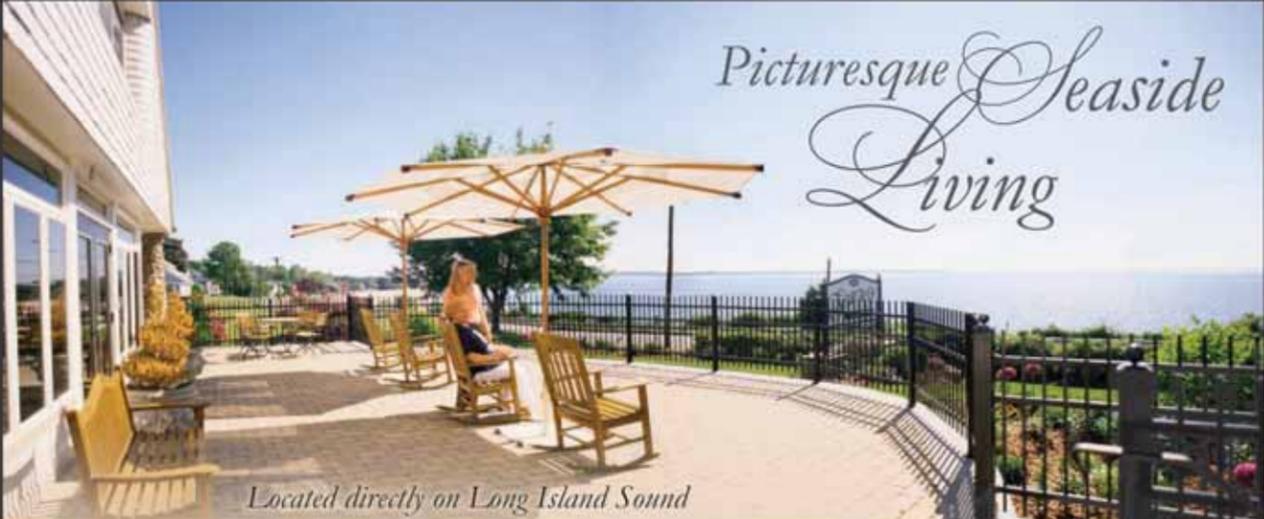
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# All-State trio excels in classroom, on ice

By **Miguelina Felix**

*Special to the Voice*

Three members of the WHHS-SHA hockey team have found a way to balance scholastic performance and athletic excellence. That excellence has been rewarded as all three have been named to the 2021 All-State Hockey Team.

Mackenzie Gardner, Grace Nowak, and Jenna Hunt are three young women who have made a name for themselves in the Sharks hockey team. However, these girls have spent equal time not only taking part in various sports, but also concentrating on academics. Maintaining a balance between both can be an overwhelming task, but they have shown that it is indeed possible.

Mackenzie Gardner is the captain of both the soccer and lacrosse teams at West Haven High School. Her involvement goes beyond sports, serving as the Board of Education student representative, member of the SADD club, Class Council President, Peer Advocates, and National Honor Society.

Gardner stays equally involved outside of school, participating in Prevention Council, pageants, and volunteering at WH Learn to Skate to help young boys and girls begin their hockey careers. Outside of all these activities, Mackenzie has discovered a passion for pageants and taking part in community volunteering. She maintains a positive attitude and motivation and has even already signed up for a few 5ks coming up this summer. Mackenzie is a true team player embodying team spirit, responsibility, leadership, and dedication, according to Coach Erin Blake.

"The list goes on. She is a trueborn leader. 'Mama Mack' always is prepared. Her work ethic is admirable not only on the ice, as well as in all aspects of her life," Blake said.

Holding a 4.085 GPA, Mackenzie's future aspirations include attending college at the University of Tampa or the University of New Haven. She plans on obtaining a bachelor's in finance and then at-

## Diaper Drive-Thru planned Saturday

A Drive-Thru Diaper Drive will be held on Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at New Life Church, 255 Jones Hill Rd, West Haven (corner of Jones Hill Rd and South Street) The drive, which is sponsored by the Our Lady of Victory and St. John XXIII parishes, will benefit the West Haven Diaper Bank. Most needed sizes are 3 and up. Cash and check donations (payable to New Life Church) are also welcome.

tending law school with the dream of becoming a lawyer in Long Island someday!

Grace Nowak is an outstanding athlete and student. With a 4.344 GPA, Grace is very involved at West Haven High School. She is a member of the SADD club, Fill-A-Bag, Fuel-A-Mind, class council, mock trial, and theatre. Grace is also on the girls' soccer team and was recently named captain for the 2021 season.

Her involvement outside of the high school extends to forms of art that she enjoys such as pageants, singing, and acting. She also volunteers to help at WH Learn to Skate.

Blake describes her as, "an all-around all-star."

From high heels to hockey skates and giving her all to others, to giving it all on the ice, everything Grace does she does wholeheartedly, according to Blake.

"On the ice, she is the backbone of our team. When she touches the ice each game you can see the determination in her eyes to win the game, and nothing can take that away from her," Blake said.

Nowak's future aspirations come from her involvement in theatre since the age of eight. She plans to attend a performing arts college in New York, where she will double major in musical theatre and pre-law. Her dreams involve one day being on Broadway with a fallback career as an entertainment lawyer.

Jenna Hunt rounds out the

trio. Although Jenna is a student at Sacred Heart Academy, she is very much a team player and piece of the puzzle on the hockey team. She is an A student and stays active as a member of the Ski Club. She is a member of her school's Key Club, a service organization to encourage leadership through serving others.

Hunt also plays lacrosse at Sacred Heart Academy and enjoys hanging out with her friends in her free time. Jenna is known for her strength, determination, aggressive play, and putting the puck in the net. Coach Erin Blake says, "Jenna has always been a force on the ice since her freshman year. She can always be counted on as a leader on the ice to rally the team by putting the puck in the net. Her strength on the ice and keen hockey sense has been a key part of our success this season."

This motivated all-around team player aspires to be an athletic trainer someday and will be attending the Frederick Gunn School next year to play hockey!

Academics and sports represent a complete package that enables success to happen for life, say experts. These three young individuals have gained knowledge and confidence through sportsmanship and academics in the classroom. They have learned to win and lose gracefully. They have learned that nothing worth having comes easy and that hard work pays off.



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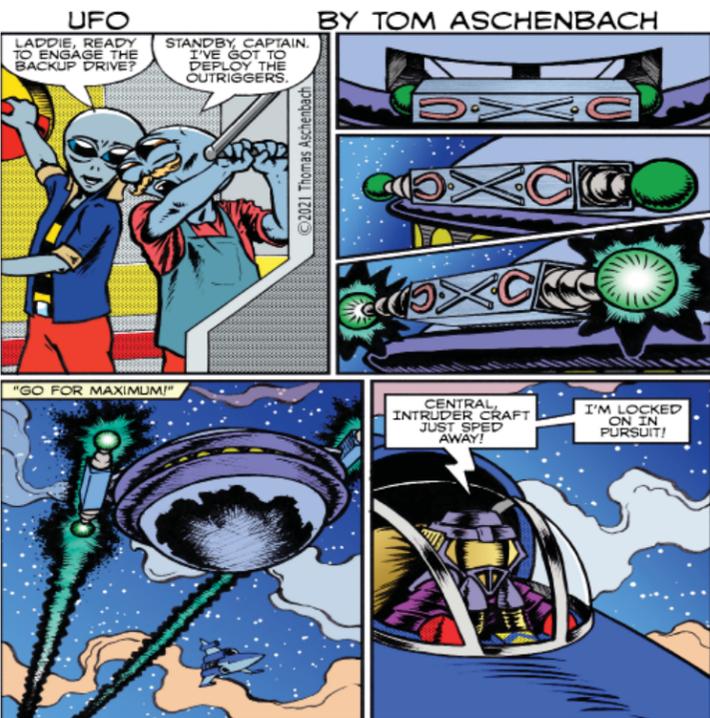
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## Spring Street cleanup

Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy holds a trash bag while Mayor Nancy R. Rossi disposes of a plastic bucket found in a marsh off Spring Street during the city's Earth Day cleanup April 22. The grassroots cleanup, organized by the Department of Public Works and local developer The Smyrna Group, targeted the south side of Spring Street, which connects West Haven and New Haven along the marshes that lead to Long Island Sound. Also pitching in for the effort were Rossi's executive assistant, Louis P. Esposito Jr.; Councilman Robert Bruneau, D-9; Ernie Chiarelli, the Public Works Department's project coordinator and sidewalk inspector; and Smyrna representatives. Volunteers picked up rubbish in the marshland and placed it into trash bags provided by public works. The department also provided a front-end loader and dump truck to remove the bags. Bruneau, who owns Bruneau's Garage in West Haven, provided a tow truck to drag rubber tires and wooden railroad ties from the water.



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## Hubbard Farms spruce-up

To commemorate Earth Day, West Haven residents Tom (right) and Carol Ryder provided a variety of plantings to spruce up the Hubbard Farms Park main sign area. They were joined by Councilman Barry Lee Cohen (R-10) and Steven Johnstone, (left) President of the Hubbard Family Association, and the park's main sponsor.

## Budget: *Vote set today*

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changes, thus far, have not impacted the bottom line."

Finance Committee Chairman Bridgette Hoskie echoed Quagliani's assessment, adding a couple of her own.

"We added funds to Trees & Shrubs as well as added more money for digitization project in the Clerk's office. This is above and beyond the changes we previously made in the budget for Allingtown FD.

Going into the final hours, the committee chairman, who runs the committee-of-the-whole sessions during the budget review has been pleased with the council's work ethic during the process.

"I am very pleased with the level of commitment that everyone has shown in reviewing this budget. A lot of time has been spent analyzing it then going back to critique it again and again by all of us," she said. "The meetings with the department heads went very well. Their collaboration coupled with the mayor's and the members of the City Council on this

budget is something that should be noted.

She believes some other tweaks might be possible going into the final vote.

"I do expect there to be additional suggestions/ ideas/ changes to be brought forward in (Thursday's) meeting. Personally, I will be suggesting some things that I hope will bring value," she said.

With hours to go before the final vote, Republican Councilman Barry Lee Cohen (R-10) said the overall process has been a success, but he has some concerns.

"Fiscal responsibility is more than just balancing the books. It's justifying how the funds are being used to maximize the quality of life for every resident. At this point in our deliberations, I agree with many of the adjustments that have been made. However, I remain concerned about some of the proposed increases in overtime, as well as several of the proposed, newly created full-time positions. For other areas, I respectfully question the direction and overriding strategies that were presented on how the budgeted funding will be deployed," he said.

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**Historian's corner** **By Dan Shine**

**West Haven's Centennial  
Part VI**

Since the arrival of European settlers to this area in 1638, the development of West Haven has moved along through what we might see as predictable stages:

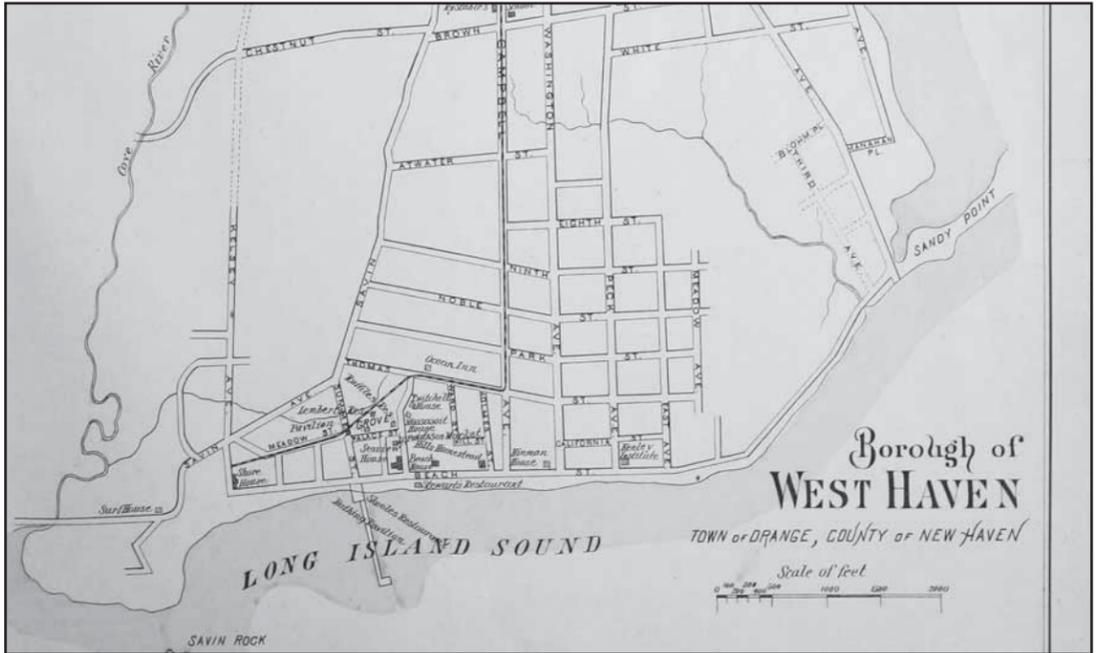
- People roamed about in search of sustenance (crude farming, hunting, fishing).
- Next, they began to employ simple tools and information to grow crops and raise domestic animals. By definition they had become farmers.
- Through gradual enhancements, they began to produce food in excess of their immediate needs and offer them for sale to others.
- As efficiencies continually increased with the rise of mechanization, less people were required to produce larger quantities of food, causing more people to seek non-farming occupations. At the same time, industrialization was taking shape, brought about by the introduction and evolution of machinery. This period was characterized by the use of steam power, the growth of factories, and the mass production of manufactured goods.
- As a direct result, between 1700 and 1900, increasing numbers of people moved from the farms into the cities; by 1900, the majority of Amer-

icans were city dwellers, and the scales continued to tip in that direction.

By 1921, West Haven and Orange had drifted further and further apart from the things that had bound them together back in 1822. For 48 years West Haven had been a borough of Orange, as both communities had begun to recognize that they were separate and distinct from one another. Now, it was time for West Haven, as described by an Orange historian, to "go its own way."

There is in the state records, Senate Bill No. 668, introduced in January 1921 and approved June 24, 1921. The title is, "AN ACT DIVIDING THE TOWN OF ORANGE AND CREATING THE TOWN OF WEST HAVEN." This act sets down a description of the boundaries of the new town, which remain the same to this day. It describes the powers, authorities and privileges available to the town, along with the obligations under which it functions. It describes the mechanisms of the split, and identifies those who would initially be responsible, and those who would wield authority within. West Haven was now its own entity as town #169, and it was on its way!

Our thanks to Colleen Bailie and the West Haven Public Library for their kind assistance with this story.



Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice

**Applications available May 3-28 for summer youth employment**

Applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program will be available from May 3-28 in the athletic director's office at West Haven High School and the main office at Bailey Middle School.

The four- or five-week summer program, which begins July 5, is aimed at funding positions for low-income city residents ages 14-21.

Students must return applications with all required documents to their school office.

Students who attend other schools must download an application on the city website at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/3267/Summer-Youth-Employment-Program-Application-2021-PDF>.

Downloaded applications with all required documents are due by noon May 28 to coordinator Jim Eagan, Summer Youth Employment Program, Department of Human Resources, 355 Main St., West Haven 06516. Applications can also be inserted into the drop box at the Main Street entrance of City Hall.

No applications will be accepted after May 28.

Students must also include copies of information, such as a birth certificate and Social Security card, as well as documentation of household income.

Family income is based on the number of people per household and is required to be within 185% of state poverty income levels. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Applicants will be notified by mail or phone if more information is needed.

**Veterans Museum opens for spring**

The West Haven Veterans Museum, 30 Hood Terrace is now open Wednesday through Saturday, 10-2. For more information, call (203) 934-1111 or email, [whmilmuseum@snet.net](mailto:whmilmuseum@snet.net).

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Mayor Nancy R. Rossi reads a citation recognizing members of Cub Scout Pack 288 for their leadership and volunteerism in planting a pink flowering dogwood on the Campbell Avenue side of the First Congregational Church of West Haven during an Arbor Day event Saturday. With them are, from left, Tree Warden Leo Kelly, City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath, Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli, Treasurer Michael P. Last, and City Council members Colleen O'Connor, R-at large, Gary Donovan, D-at large, Barry Lee Cohen, R-10, and Chairman Ronald M. Quagliani, D-at large.

# Plantings celebrate Arbor Day in city

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

Throwing shovels of dirt, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and city leaders dedicated the planting of a sugar tyme crab apple in Old Grove Park in observance of West Haven's Arbor Day celebration Friday.

Accompanying Rossi at the annual tree planting were her executive assistant, Louis P. Esposito Jr.; Councilman Gary Donovan, D-at large; Treasurer Michael P. Last; Tree Commission member Gail S. Burns;

Housing Authority Commissioner Harold "Hal" Burns; Tree Warden Leo Kelly; and Steven Johnstone, the owner of Hubbard Farm's Wood and Snow LLC of West Haven.

Rossi marked the ceremony, held near the beachfront bathhouse, by reading a mayoral proclamation declaring Arbor Day in West Haven.

Reading the proclamation, Rossi said the sugar tyme crab apple, grown in the North, "is known for its abundant pink buds, lightly fragrant white

flowers and persistent dark red fruit."

The tree was paid for by the city.

"The spirit of Arbor Day remains strong and underscores the importance of planting trees to provide us with clean air and water, habitat for wildlife and endless natural beauty — all for a better future," Rossi said.

The next day, Rossi also dedicated the planting of a pink flowering dogwood on the Campbell Avenue side

of the First Congregational Church during an Arbor Day event attended by members of Cub Scout Pack 288 and the church, including Christopher E. Vargo Jr., a pack den leader, and the Rev. E. Carl Howard, the senior minister of the 301-year-old church.

Among the West Haven officials in attendance were Donovan, Last, Kelly, and Gail and Hal Burns. They were joined by City Council Chairman Ronald M. Quagliani, D-at large; council members Barry

Lee Cohen, R-10, and Colleen O'Connor, R-at large; City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath; Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli; and Ernie Chiarelli, the project coordinator and sidewalk inspector for the Department of Public Works.

At the Campbell Avenue tree planting, held on a small plot of land maintained by the city and picked out by Kelly, Rossi read a citation congratulating and recognizing the Scouts for their leadership and volunteerism, saying, "Your dedication to this project and event is truly appreciated."

The flowering dogwood, native to eastern North America, "is commonly planted as an ornamental in residential and public areas because of its showy bracts and interesting bark structure."

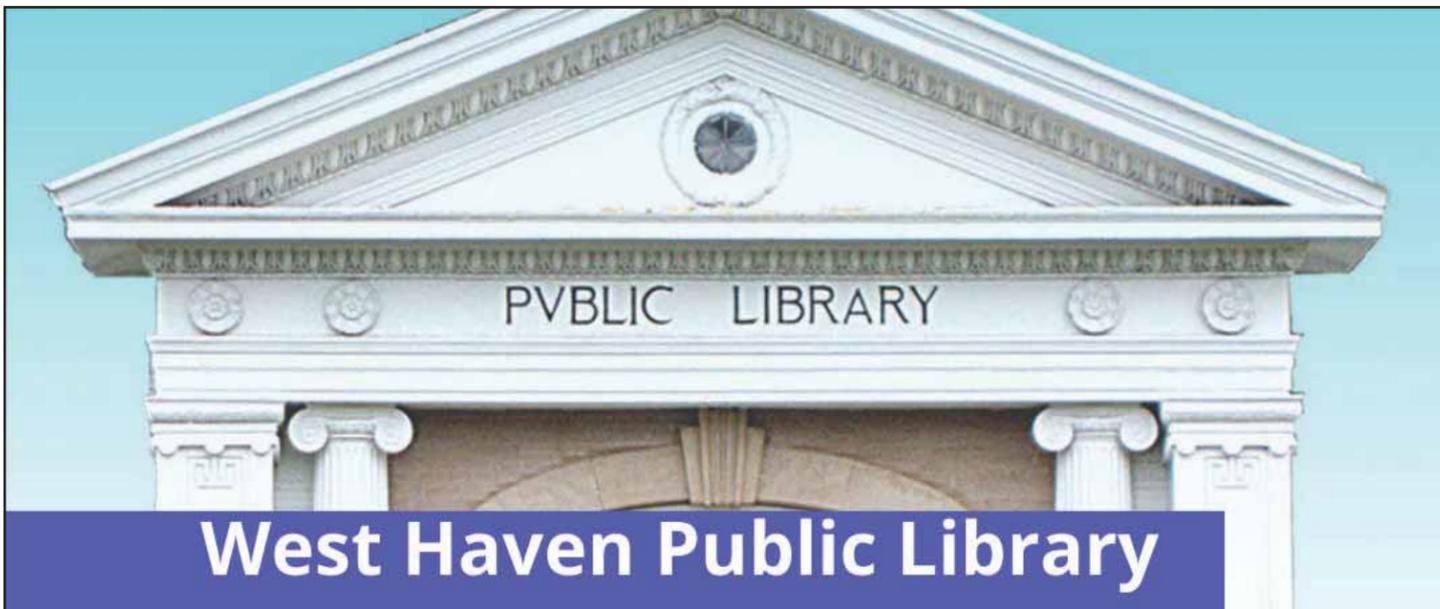
According to Vargo, who is also chairman of the church's board of trustees, the Scouts wanted to do something special to commemorate Arbor Day, "so we had the idea of asking the First Congregational Church, its charter organization, to partner together and plant a tree in the city. Without hesitation, the Rev. Carl Howard agreed to purchase a tree as part of the church's outreach initiative."

Both trees were recommended by Kelly.

"Leo Kelly was a tremendous help with setting up the event, acquiring the tree, and advising us of its placement and care," Vargo said. "This project and event were a great learning experience for the Scouts and a wonderful outreach for the church."

Vargo added, "The Scouts were excited to work together to plant a beautiful dogwood around the church's Campbell Avenue driveway."

Rossi has been working with Kelly and the Tree Commission to improve West Haven's tree inventory process and implement a sustainable and safe treescape in the heart of downtown. Arbor Day was founded in 1872 by Julius Sterling Morton.



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# My two cents

By Bill Riccio, Jr.

When Exhibition Stadium was opened in West Haven in 1947, it was an interesting construct. More functional than beautiful, it was built by Maurice P. Quigley to be a home to the West Haven Sailors, a semi-professional baseball outfit that played barnstorming major leaguers, teams that had a certain genre, like the House of David, and other teams like the Meriden Insilcos, Waterbury Brasscos, etc.

Built to seat 4,000 spectators, the original grandstand had a certain character to it. A single-deck construction, the grandstand's seats were purchased from the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and taken from observation cars that used to follow the Yale-Harvard Regatta on the Thames River in New London. By some people's estimates, the seats were near 50 years old when they were installed in the new ballpark.

Like the girl everyone likes not for her beauty but personality, the park was never a looker, but had tons of personality. Lights were put in on stanchions that still stand today, the plot of land allowed for a short right field (315 it once said, but was more like 301) 400 to center (though just to the left of that is 410), and about 327 down left.

The stadium was renamed Quigley Stadium after the Sailors' owner, who passed away in 1960, and a monument was installed that once sat right before the main portal behind home plate.

Quigley was the home of Notre Dame football and baseball almost from the outset, West Haven played there when Donovan Field was no longer suitable, and before Ken Strong Stadium was constructed in 1967, and it was the site of intra-city rivalry games between junior leagues, such as the West Haven Babe Ruth-West Shore Athletic League annual All-Star game, Little League City Series games, and a jamboree by the West Haven (now Ray Tellier) Midget Football League.

The stands were torn down in the 1990s, and the field underwent a renovation that saw the current grandstand put in. A second renovation has taken place within the last decade or so.

This writer, a member of the Greater New Haven Baseball Umpires Association, has umpired hundreds of games on the field over the years. It is home to the West Haven Twilight League, which moved there in the late 1980s. I went there for a JV game last week, and what I saw angered and bewildered me.

To put it bluntly, Quigley Stadium is a dump. Since the grandstand was taken down, the place has lost some of the charm it had, and cinder overlays most of the stadium footprint outside of the field. But there was always an attempt to keep the field in some semblance of shape. It is, after all, a city landmark, and a reflection of the community as seen by visitors from outside.

No longer.

The outfield is barren of any type of green, and what green is out there is not grass but some type of weed. Dandelions are so plentiful an army of old Italian ladies could spend a month there plucking them out for salad and wine making.

As a taxpayer and resident, I was embarrassed by what I saw. The outfield borders on dangerous because of the lack of care. And let us be clear, what has happened is not a lack of money or a lack of manpower, what happened to the field happened because of neglect. On the walkways in front of the grandstand a type of grassy weed grows where there was once only cinder.

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Photo by Todd Dandelske

Michael Kelly carries the ball around an Amity defender in the Blue Devils' loss. After starting strong, the Westies have hit a bump in the road, but recouped in a game against Jonathan Law.

## Baseball hits a bump; lacrosse snaps back

West Haven junior Dylan Supan has been playing well during his team's recent winning streak. Supan decided to up his play to yet another level last Tuesday afternoon.

Needing just 75 pitches, Supan tossed a no-hitter as West Haven defeated Guilford 11-0 in a game stopped after six innings. Supan hit two batters and had West Haven make three errors behind him, but the junior pitcher pitched with relative ease, tossing 46 strikes in his complete-game effort.

"He (Supan) had the game of his career," West Haven coach Ron Luneau said. "How many people can say they threw a no-hitter and drove in four runs? He is a solid pitcher who throws strikes. He is always around the zone."

Supan also starred at the plate where he had two hits, drove in four runs and scored once as well. Supan led an 11-hit attack which also saw Mike Boni finish with three hits and four runs batted in, and Dan Izzo also had a pair of hits. Izzo, Gianni Gambardella, and Jake Romano each scored twice.

The Westies used a pair of big innings to win their fifth game in a row after starting the season with a pair of losses. West Haven (5-2) scored six times in the second, once in the third, and four more in the sixth to end the game.

Supan retired the first 11 batters of the game, before Guilford had a batter reach on an error with two outs in the fourth.

Supan worked around West Haven's third error in the fifth by getting a double play ball, before retiring the final three batters in succession in the sixth after walking the first two batters of the frame.

Since that game, West Haven took an 8-1 vic-

tory over Sheehan with Gambardella going the distance; a 3-1 victory over Foran;

Jones and Gambardella led the Westies with two hits apiece, Boni drove in a pair of runs, and Jake Romano knocked in another.

Axelrod tossed five innings of six-hit ball, allowing one earned run, while walking four and striking out four. Dan Izzo pitched the final two innings, walking two and striking out four.

With both teams picking up their play of late, West Haven winners of five straight coming into the contest and the Notre Dame Green Knights winners of three of their last four, the intensity was certain to be present in the first meeting of the year between the two teams.

When all was said and done, it was West Haven which took home the initial meeting of the two teams with a 3-0 victory over the Green Knights at Piurek Field in West Haven.

Gambardella continued to impress with his third victory of the year. Gambardella needed just 83 pitches, 62 of which were strikes, to toss a complete-game two-hitter, striking out eight and walking just one batter.

West Haven was in a prime position to post an upset of top-ranked Hand-Madison. West Haven came out hitting and did not slow down for four innings, taking an 11-0 lead.

Three outs away from the game ending due to the mercy rule, the unthinkable happened. The Tigers prolonged the game with five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning, and added five more in the sixth to get within 11-10.

West Haven scored once in the seventh, but not adding more would hurt as Hand's Danny Weinstein blasted a walk-off homer in a dra-

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matic 13-12 win for the Tigers in Madison.

The comeback spoiled what looked to be a solid win for the Westies. DeSanty hit a two-run homer, Jones hit two doubles and Axelrod pitched well for the first four innings, before the Tigers turned the tide in the fifth.

West Haven finished the game with 14 hits.

Two games into the 2021 season, the West Haven softball team has shown it is going to come out swinging. For the second straight game, West Haven was in double digit hits and improved to 2-0 with a 14-7 victory on the road over Guilford.

Five players had multiple hits in the contest, led by Paige Beurer with three hits. Mia Rubirosa, Juliana Petruzzello, Neve Krajcir, and Brianna Miller each had a pair of hits, with Miller also scoring four times. Rubirosa, Petruzzello, Beurer, and Krajcir each scored twice, while Beurer drove in four runs, and Krajcir knocked in three. Krajcir picked up her second victory of the year by tossing five innings, allowing seven runs, four of which were earned. Krajcir walked three and struck out eight. Rubirosa pitched the final two innings, walking one, striking out four, and not allowing a hit.

Through three games in the 2021 season, West Haven has had no problems heating up. After scoring 33 runs in their first two games of the year, the Westies added 15 more in a 15-10 victory over Sheehan in Wallingford Friday afternoon.

West Haven pounded 19 hits, led by four from Miller, who also drove in five runs, and scored twice. Rubirosa also had four hits, while Raccio added three, and Petruzzello, Krajcir, and Melanie Jimenez each added two.

West Haven went into Milford Saturday morning ready to keep its hitting shoes on. Having scored 48 runs in the

first three games of the season, the Westies expected more of the same. Unfortunately for West Haven, Law had no part of it. Holding West Haven to just five hits, Law ended West Haven's three-game winning streak to open the season, topping the Westies 11-0 at Jonathan Law.

Miller led West Haven with a pair of hits as the Westies struggled to get going offensively. Krajcir took the loss, allowing 10 hits and eight runs, in four innings of work. Raccio pitched two innings and allowed three runs on three hits, while walking two and striking out three.

West Haven team lost its second straight game with a 7-4 defeat at Cheshire Monday afternoon. With the loss, the Westies dropped to 3-2 on the season.

West Haven fell to 3-3 as it dropped its third straight decision in a 19-2 loss to East Haven in the home opener at Biondi Field Friday evening.

East Haven took a 1-0 lead in the first inning, before putting the game away with 13 runs in the second inning. Down 19-0, West Haven scored single runs in the fourth and fifth innings, before the game ended with the mercy rule.

West Haven fell to 1-6 with a 6-1 loss at Shelton. West Haven's lone victory came when top-seeded Lopez defeated Shelton's Nell Komorowski, 6-4, 0-6, 7-5.

The rest of singles play saw Shelton's second seed Jess Jayakar defeat West Haven's Oronzio, 6-0, 6-0, Emily Carlin top West Haven's Hauer, 6-0, 6-0, and fourth-seeded Carolyn Maher defeat West Haven's Turcio, 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles play, Shelton's top seed of Cassidy Wojtowicz and Sam McCook defeated West Haven's Aciker and McLaughlin 6-1, 6-0. Shelton's second seed of Emily Ahern and Emily Cacchillo topped West Haven's Massaro and Mumar, 6-0, 6-1, while third-seeded Lily May and Rachel



Photo by Todd Dandelske

Hunter Axelrod races around third to score during the 3-0 win over NDWH.

Morrow defeated West Haven's Williams and Elyze Ancheta 6-0, 6-1.

West Haven fell to 1-7 with a 7-0 loss to Branford at Painter Park in West Haven Wednesday afternoon.

In singles play, top-seeded Lopez fell to Shea Lepre 6-1, 6-3, second-seeded Oronzio lost to Leila Omeragi 6-0, 6-1, third-seeded Hauer lost to Evelyn Mollow, 6-0, 6-0, and fourth-seeded Turcio lost to Nuala Pamdyal, 6-1, 6-1.

In doubles play, top-seeded Ancheta and Valverde fell 6-0, 6-0, second-seeded Williams and Aciker 6-2, 6-2, and third-seeded Jenna Massaro and Mumar, 6-3, 6-3.

West Haven entered Monday's match against Wilbur Cross searching for its first win of the season. Despite a solid effort, West Haven was edged by the Governors, 4-3, in New Haven and fell to 0-7 on the year.

In singles play, top-seeded Jacob Martin of Wilbur Cross defeated Sager of West Haven, 6-1, 6-0. Jayden Rivera of Cross topped West Haven's second seed Khan, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1, and Osiana Brown, of Cross defeated Jamalee of

West Haven 6-0, 6-0. Fourth-seeded Mohamed of West Haven topped Roxanne Virtue of Cross, 7-5, 7-5.

In doubles play, Young In Kim and Adam Sharqawe of Cross topped West Haven's top seed of Abdul Mohamednour and Ahmed Muhamednour 7-6 (10-8), 7-5. West Haven's second seed of Leum and Vets defeated Tresor Mkambilwa and Paulette Jara 6-0, 7-5, while West Haven's third seed of Diaz and Imerukaj topped Keren Tan and Jashaun Ogaro of Wilbur Cross 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.

West Haven snapped a two-game losing streak and improved to 4-2 with a 15-5 victory over Jonathan Law Wednesday evening in Milford.

Fowler led the Westies with six goals and one assist, Moscato had two goals and seven assists, while Nate Smith had two goals and two assists, and Miller and Talamelli each had a goal and an assist.

The Westies held a 6-0 lead after one quarter and never looked back as Miller got things going off an assist from Kelly with 9:44 left in the quarter. Just 1:23 later, it was 2-0 on an unassisted goal by Moscato, before Smith scored off an assist from Miller three minutes later.

Smith then assisted on Moscato's second goal for a 4-0 advantage, before Fowler scored off an assist from Moscato with 2:15 remaining in the quarter. Talamelli wrapped up the first quarter scoring off an assist from Moscato with 1:02 remaining.

Law scored the first two goals of the second quarter and got within 7-4 after Smith had scored for the Westies.

Goals by Fowler and Joe D'Aurio in the third quarter extended the lead to 9-4, before Fowler scored twice, the first assisted by Moscato and

the second by Talamelli, for an 11-5 advantage.

Fowler scored the first two goals of the fourth quarter, both assisted by Moscato, before Ethan Phelan and Kevin Gardner rounded out the scoring.

The West Haven girls lacrosse team moved to 0-4-1 with an 11-11 tie at Shelton Friday evening. West Haven had six different scorers in the contest, but could not pull out the victory.

Caitlin Welch led the West Haven offense with four goals and an assist, while Brooke Moscato scored twice, and Melissa Tsakonas had a goal and an assist. Mackenzie Gardner also scored for the Westies.

West Haven fell to 0-5-1 with a 16-3 loss to Sacred Heart Academy Friday evening. The Sharks led 10-0 at the half and never looked back in defeating the Westies.

Gardner led the Westies with two goals, while Julia Tsakonas scored once. Mia Celentano and Emilee DeGrand each scored four goals, while Jianna Cohrs and Lia Prato scored twice in the win.

Militano made six saves in the loss for West Haven.

The West Haven boys track team improved to 2-0 with a 61.5 - 58.5 victory over Hamden at Hamden High School.

Senior Anthony Vendrella won the 110M high hurdles in 16.6 seconds and was also first in the 300M hurdles with a state-qualifying time of 42.7 seconds.

Sophomore Avian Evans was stellar his track and field debut by taking first in three individual events. Evans won the 100M in 11.9 seconds, the long jump at 18'-6", and high jump at 5'-5".

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## My two cents

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As noted above, twice in the last several years major renovations were done to the field so that it would be a showcase. The city collects rental fees for its use. That implies the city is not holding up its end of an implied bargain: payment for a field that is presentable and playable. It is playable, but just barely.

Quigley Stadium is in the new Enterprise Zone along the West River. Are we to assume that the neglect we saw is somehow planned? Is there a hope the Quigley Stadium site will be purchased and turned into something else? It has been talked about before, it even cost an incumbent mayor his job.

What I saw last week had nothing to do with finances, manpower, or anything else other than will. There is a lack of that.

Quigley Stadium has never been pretty, but it has always been functional. It is quickly losing that quality. It is an embarrassment to a community, and suffers the blight that gets homeowners fined.

The Twilight League opens later this month, and other teams will be using the site. Taking money from those organizations is taking it under false pretenses.

It is a disgrace.

# Youth Lacrosse League opens

The West Haven Youth Lacrosse League opened its spring season. The 3/4 Lightning picked up a big win over Hamden, 8-3. Charlie Gunning led the scoring, picking up four goals.

Rocco Kelly added three goals of his own, and Colin Whelan picked up one as well. The team passed and moved the ball well, as shown by the number of players picking up assists for Gunning, Kelly, and Whelan's goals.

Among the assist getters were Jeremiah McGrath, Shea Outhavong, Shawn Gilbert, and Anthony Parise. Dante Antonucci and Andrew Hogan came up big defensively, picking off passes and beating Hamden to ground balls. Ben Trenchard and Ethan Dion man marked well, limiting Hamden's shots on goal. Ethan McGrath made several saves in goal for the Westies in the win.

The K-2 Blue Devils played their first game against Milford, coming away with a close

6-4 win. Benjamin Trenchard, Jax Guarino and Brady Salkins scored their first career goals, with Anthony Parise and Shea Outhavong adding goals as well.

Benjamin Peretz and Isaac Perez also worked hard in their opening match for the Westies.

In the second week, 3-5 Lightning and the K-2 Westies played a double-header against Wallingford Sunday. The Lightning opened the day with a 10-0 win. Ethan McGrath and Anthony Parise combined for the shut-out in goal. T

hey were helped by Ethan Dion, Dante Antonucci, and Andrew Hogan, who all played a solid game defensively. Several West Haven players contributed offensively, led by Rocco Kelly, who scored the hat-trick and added an assist. Charlie Gunning and Jeremiah McGrath each had two goals and an assist. Colin Whelan, Cody Young, and Shea Outhavong round-

ed out the scoring with a goal apiece. Shawn Gilbert added two assists in the win.

The K-2 Westies played the second game, and came away with a big win, 10-1. Ethan McGrath and Jax Guarino each picked up two goals. Guarino was assisted by Ben Trenchard on his second goal, and he returned the favor later in the game when he set-up Trenchard for a goal of his own.

Brady Salkins scored a nice goal after he won the ball, cradled past a Wallingford defender and put the ball into the back of the net. Emmett Hemming battled hard for every ground ball. Graig Uzarski worked hard on defense in the win for the Westies.

# Shore Haven League offers scholarships

Shore Haven Junior Baseball is accepting scholarship applicants from June 2021 high school seniors pursuing further education.

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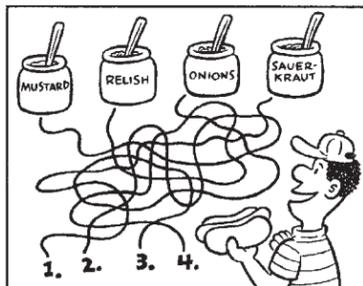


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**MAGIC MAZE • THINGS THAT FALL**

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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: INTEREST -  
Arches Leaves Regimes Snow  
Coconuts Pine cones Sea level Stars  
Dominoes Popularity Skydiver Stocks  
Fruit Rain Sleet



**HOT DOG!** Jimmy likes to "decorate" his hot dogs in the following order: mustard first, then relish, onions and sauerkraut. What routes should Jimmy take?

**GREEN STUFF!** When Farmer Brown closed up his roadside stand for the day, he found that he took in \$700 in dollar bills, half-dollars and quarters. He also noted that he had an equal number of each. Can you figure out how many of each denomination he had?

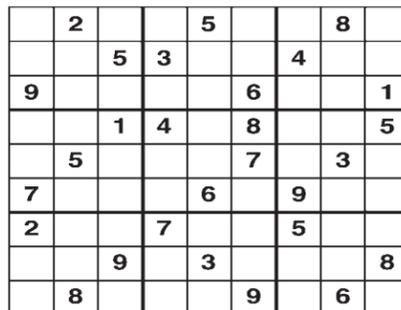
**NO MEAT BALL!** Pictured below are two puzzle grids, A and B. Each contains four words that you must figure out. Hints are given beside each word and one letter has already been filled in. Also, the words in Grid B contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid A.

- 1. Type of race.
- 2. A joke.
- 3. Type of rug.
- 4. Broken-leg feature.



**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦**

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

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**Junior Whirl**

by Charles Barry Townsend



**DINER LINGO!**  
Back in the golden age of diners, the staff had a colorful way of describing the items on the menu. Below is a list of diner expressions along with the items as they appeared on the menu. Can you match them up?

- DINER LINGO**
- "Gimme a shimmy!"
  - "Limey with china!"
  - "Bossy in a bowl!"
  - "Clean the kitchen, red lead!"
  - "A Garibaldi!"
  - "Hook it through the garden!"
  - "Shoe in the pan!"

- MENU ITEMS**
- Hash with ketchup.
  - Tuna-salad plate.
  - An order of Jell-O.
  - Fried fillet of sole.
  - English muffin with tea.
  - Beef stew.
  - Italian hero sandwich.

Above, our waitress is calling out an order. What is she actually requesting?

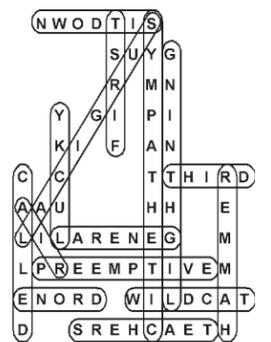
**Answers to last week's puzzles**

**King Crossword - Answers**

Solution time: 25 mins.



**STRIKE**



**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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

# 'Jackets defeat Shoreline, 4-1 in soccer

In the third week of the West Haven Youth Soccer League season, the Gunning Law Firm Yellow Jackets defeated Shoreline Wellness, 4-1. Alessia Colletta opened the scoring early on with a right-foot shot. Lehanna Philogene got her second goal of the young season. Emma Routh also got involved in the scoring with her first goal of the season. For Shoreline Wellness, Harper Golde gave goaltending a try and made some great saves. Chelsea Frost and Vanessa Whetzel played really tough on defense and the Davila sisters did well at forward.

The Elite Soccer Camps Red Rangers took on Porto Funeral Homes, winning a close game, 6-4. The Rangers passed the ball very well, with Benjamin Trenchard, Emmett Hemming, Jax Guarino and Matteo D'Elia finding teammates in open space. Jacob Rader, Seth Empric, and Luca DeCrescenzo scored, while Elias Padilla and Nathan D'Aurio showed a lot of hustle in the win for the Rangers.

The Vio's Sports Plus Maroon Wolf's played the Connell Scott Hill Health Center Gold Ninjas. The two teams played tough, but the Wolfs came out on top, 8-6. Connell Scott Hill Health Center team

showed great teamwork and attacked on the offenses side. The Wolf's Jayden Kaufman and Liam Ramirez scored in key moments of the game. While Blaise Shubin and Benedict Awuah made game-changing stops. As a team the Wolfs played well and played with a lot of energy. For the Ninjas, Liam Rowland showed a lot of hustle and heart, Sami Vahora displayed his stamina and dedication, and Zeke Hanlin worked hard for to get the hat trick.

The Stars Ice Cream Sharks defeated Rock House School of Music, 6-1. The Sharks were led by Haley Colon, Sarahi Cruz and Sydni Gayle who all scored. Martharyta Buren and Layla Puente played good defense in the win.

The Sports Sanitizing of CT Doritos played P & B Express, with the game ending in a 4-4. Sebastian Rivas and Adam Lennon led the way with a goal each for the Doritos. Jadiel Ramos contributed with excellent defending. Trent Fagan had a strong performance in goal, making several nice saves.

Baybrook Remodelers topped Seacrest Retirement Center, 4-1. Excellent goal-keeping was on display by Stephen Christensen and goals

scored by Caleb Awuah, David Christensen and Christian Reyes. Jaden Williams played an excellent game in the field.

The R. Mark Pappas D.C. Blue Lightning played a stout Cappetta's Italian Imports in a close, hard-fought game, with the Lightning winning, 9-8. The contest went back and forth several times, with both teams taking a turn holding the lead. The Blue Lightning were led on offense by Allyson Hernandez-Arce, Stella Porto and Phoebe Dinuzzo. The defense was anchored by Anne Charles and Ava and Taliah Boykin. For Cappetta Italian Imports, Juliana Aviles helped to control the ball and goals were scored by Kai Ruotolo, Celeste DiNallo, and Luciana Cappetta. The First Congregational Church Tigers battled #DavilaTribe to a 3-3 draw in the final game of the day on Saturday.

In travel team action, the Sweet Relief U11 Girls traveled to Shelton, tying the game, 2-2. Goals scored by Braelynn Elliot and Haleigh McCarthy with an assist from Sophia Empric on both goals. The U11 girls also traveled to Milford and tied 2-2 again. Both West Haven goals were scored in the first half by Elliot and Hailey Dargon. Sophia

Locklear played a strong game in center midfield. Lynnise Chesson played goalie on the second half, she had multiple great saves and did not allow Milford to score again.

The West Haven Italian-American Civic Association U9 girls took on Cheshire on Sunday. The first half saw the Westies get down by two goals. Still, the Westies managed to

battle back and even up the scoring in the second half with great goals by Karine Davila and Allison Hernandez. In what was a hard-fought battle, Cheshire manage to get the winning goal with two minutes left. The U10 girls were on the road against Guilford Sunday. Luciana Cappetta scored for West Haven, ending in a 2-2 tie.



Submitted Photo

## DAR Award winner

The Mary Clap Wooster Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), based in New Haven, recently honored ten area high school students at an awards recognition ceremony via Zoom. West Haven's Brianna Lynn Broadbent (shown with counselor Normal Merced), who was among the winners.

# WHCH celebrates Head Start teachers

The Community House, the cornerstone social service agency serving West Haven children and families for 80 years, celebrates Teacher Appreciation week by thanking the more than 45 wonderful, dedicated teachers employed in their Head Start preschool and Children & Youth Services before and after school care programs.

The Community House established the first Head Start

program and first licensed before and after school childcare center in West Haven.

"All of our teachers play a key role in developing the minds of young students, and are part of a dynamic, hard-working team who bring their all to the classroom every day, always exceeding expectations and moving our programs forward while giving families peace of mind knowing their child is cared for and thriving," said Patty Stevens, Executive Director of West Haven Community House.

"It's been a tough year, but our educators continue to stand out and give families hope and play a key role in developing the minds of students; and we appreciate all that they do each day", she continued.

One teacher from the Children & Youth Services before and after school program, Tan-

ya Charles, has been with the Community House for nearly 23 years. When asked about her experience, she said "I am real clear as to why I've dedicated so much of my time to this position; it's all about the children, their lives, and their lights. They matter".

The program focuses on the development of the whole child and provides academic enrichment activities that support the school's common core curriculum standards. Whether its STEAM, Social Emotional Learning or Literacy; the fun, hands-on activities are adapted to meet various developmental levels, learning styles and interests of the students.

Anne Rescsanski, a Community House teacher in the Head Start preschool program, who has been with the agency for 8 years, recently reflected on her teaching experience by stating "my favorite part of teaching is watching the children grow and develop and master their skills".

Created in 1965 as part of President Johnson's "War on Poverty," Head Start is the most successful, longest-running, national school readiness program in the United States. It provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition and parent involvement services

to children of income eligible families. Nearly 36 million pre-school aged children have benefited from Head Start.

As part of its mission, the Community House has always been committed to providing a variety of support services to preschool children and their parents. Starting with a nursery school back in the 1940's, and in 1978 was awarded the funding for the Head Start program with a \$38,000 grant, which was enough to operate a 15-child program. Today, the program provides comprehensive health, nutrition, and education services to more than 144 children and helps families achieve their goals around housing stability, continued education, and financial literacy.

"Preschool teachers will often take basic concepts and incorporate them into play. Children at this age learn through play that incorporates all their senses. While they are having fun and practicing essential social concepts - being respectful of each other, taking turns, etc. - they are unaware that they are even absorbing educational concepts," said Stevens. "Our teachers are experts at engaging students and offer lessons through playful and productive avenues", she continued.



Photo courtesy of WHCH

Teacher Anne Rescsanski oversees a class in the West Haven Community House's Head Start Program.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

### *Driving to the goal*

West Haven's Olyvia O'Mara drives toward the net against Sacred Heart Academy in the Blue Devils' game against the Sharks. O'Mara and her teammates are still looking for the first win of the season as they fell to SHA, 16-3. The sports news continues on page 15.



## West Haven Seahawks

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| Competitive Cheer (7-14 years old) | \$ 225.00 |

**\*\* Equipment and uniforms included \*\***

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Online payment options available at:  
[www.westhavenseahawk.com](http://www.westhavenseahawk.com)

#### **2021 Registration Dates**

|           |                |       |
|-----------|----------------|-------|
| May 13th  | Veterans Field | 6-8pm |
| May 27th  | Veterans Field | 6-8pm |
| June 10th | Veterans Field | 6-8pm |

Please bring registration form, birth certificate (original with seal and a copy) and the medical release form completed by your physician and submit current school year report card when available.

Forms: [www.westhavenseahawk.com](http://www.westhavenseahawk.com)

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