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## Rossi wins party nod

Mayor Nancy Rossi overcame a challenge for her own party's nomination, Tuesday, beating challenge candidate John Lewis. In a relatively light turnout, Rossi topped Lewis by 1,500 votes, 1830-1380. She will now face Republican Barry Lee Cohen, a Republican, and former Mayor Edward O'Brien in the Nov. 2 general election.

Apart from one candidate, Rossi's coattails were able to pull her slate across the finish line, Tuesday.

In the GOP's only primary, Colleen O'Connor won her run-off to be one of the party's nominees for Councilman-at-large. O'Connor was denied the nomination in July when incorrect names were placed on caucus ballots.

Lewis attempted to make the campaign hinge on the steady tax increases seen under the Rossi administration. While that seemed to attract some voters, most seemed to understand the Municipal Accountability Review Board, the panel that has overseen city finances since the day Rossi took office in 2017, was pushing for the levy hikes.

Rossi, on the other hand, pushed her record and the rebound the city has seen in the last few years after undertaking the austerity measures, she put into place. It is expected she will continue this track during the general election.

Waiting in the wings is O'Brien, a Democrat, who opted to stay out of a three-way primary race and put all his chips on the general election. He has stated this was the only way he could keep his team of candidates together, pushing his agenda.

Cohen, meanwhile, has planned a city Town Hall at the West Haven High School auditorium on Sept. 22.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

## Happy to be back!

High school sports returned last week with football taking center stage after a year's absence. Deven Robinson celebrates his TD with Chauncy Evans in the Blue Devils opening night 52-16 victory over Bassick. A full slate of games was played with West Haven teams taking the court, pool and field. See the back page for more details.

## Fire Depts. awarded FEMA grants

By Michael P. Walsh

*Special to the Voice*

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded West Haven's three fire departments four grants totaling \$1.23 million for breathing equipment, a firetruck, advanced training and a pair of in-station diesel exhaust systems, U.S. Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced at a news conference on the Green on Monday.

"These grants are dedicated to protecting and strengthening our com-

munities and providing lifesaving training and technologies to keep our families safe," said DeLauro, D-3, the chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee.

DeLauro and Rossi heralded the awards, part of FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, with FEMA Regional Fire Program Specialist David L. Parr and city Grant Coordinator Doug Colter.

They were joined by West Haven Fire Department Chief James P. O'Brien and Deputy Chiefs William S.

Johnson IV and Ronald Pisani Jr., West Shore Fire Department Chief Stephen Scafariello and Deputy Chief Dickson Dugan, and City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown Chief Michael R. Terenzio, Deputy Chief Michael T. Esposito and Commissioner Cori Nunley.

Rossi thanked DeLauro for supporting the federal funding and fighting for West Haven. She also thanked Colter and the departments' chiefs for writing and submitting the grants.

"Small cities like West Haven rely

on this funding to meet the health and safety needs of our firefighters," Rossi said.

According to DeLauro, an Assistance to Firefighters Grant is a competitive grant awarded to fire departments and emergency medical service organizations to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public and first responders. Fire departments and EMS organizations can use the grants to buy emergency response equipment, personal protective equipment,

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Mason Heyward, age 2, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. is getting ready for apple-picking weather!

## On this Date

**1982** -- Members of a right-wing Lebanese militia massacre 1500-3000 people in two Beirut-area refugee camps. The killings took over three days in the Palestinian refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila and were led by the Lebanese Christian Phalangist militia.

**1978** -- An earthquake measuring 7.7 on the Richter Scale rocks the city of Tabas in Iran. More than 11,000 people were killed during the natural disaster.

**1963** -- Malaysia is created. The Federation of Malaya united with Sabah, Sarawak, and Singapore to create Malaysia. Singapore left the arrangement two years later.

**1920** -- A bomb explodes on Wall Street, New York killing 38 people. The Wall Street Bombing, as the incident is known, was the deadliest such act on American soil to that date. It is still not known who was responsible for the bombing.

**1908** -- General Motors Corporation is founded in Flint, MI by William C. Durant and Charles Stewart Mott. The company, also known as GM, was one of the world's largest makers of cars and trucks.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

## In Ms. Senior World pageant

Ms. Senior World Delegate 2021 Noreen M. Adams is congratulated by state Rep. Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven, left, and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi on the steps of City Hall on Friday. Adams, of West Haven, will represent Connecticut in the Ms. Senior World pageant from Nov. 6-10 in Biloxi, MS. She will compete in the 70s age category

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# Grants: *FDs get \$1.23m for new equipment*

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firefighting and emergency vehicles, and training materials, she said.

The AFG funding, touted by DeLauro and Rossi in front of two dozen firefighters flanking the Firemen’s Memorial on the Green, includes a \$373,636 regional grant for 57 self-contained breathing apparatus and three rapid intervention air packs that will benefit all three departments, said Terenzio, whose department hosted

the grant application.

The funding includes a \$545,454 grant for a new rescue fire engine and a \$272,595 grant for advanced training, both for the West Haven Fire Department. It also includes a \$39,333 grant for replacing the in-station diesel exhaust systems at West Shore’s headquarters on Old Ocean Avenue and Station 2 on Benham Hill Road.

Scafariello said the new exhaust systems will safeguard

firefighters from cancer-causing carcinogens.

The \$373,636 grant, written and submitted by Terenzio and Colter, will replace obsolete SCBA apparatus with new equipment that meets standards established by the National Fire Protection Association and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The SCBA equipment, worn on the backs of firefighters, “is a vital component of firefight-

ers’ PPE that enables them to safely enter into smoke-filled and other dangerous and toxic atmospheres,” said Terenzio, whose department will receive 22 SCBA air packs.

The West Shore and West Haven departments will receive 23 and 12 SCBA packs, respectively.

Terenzio said each department will receive a rapid intervention air pack to aid its rapid intervention team in the event of rescuing a downed firefighter.

According to Terenzio, each SCBA pack costs about \$7,000, and each RIT pack costs about \$4,000.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

City of West Haven Fire Department Allintown Chief Michael R. Terenzio discusses the lifesaving benefits of the SCBA air packs. Terenzio’s department hosted the application for the \$373,636 regional grant for 57 self-contained breathing apparatus and three rapid intervention air packs for all three departments.

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# Dear Felicia

Howdy do, sweets. It's the middle o' September and the weather is still warm and humid, bordering on hot. But as yew know around these parts that could change on a dime, and usually does. This missive is bein' writ before the voting starts for the Sept. 14 primary, and you should know the winner by the time this gits to you.

Headin' into Primary Day things were perty much the same as they were before the hours were ticking down. As I said to yew last week, this has been one o' the quietest primaries for the Demmies one has seen in a long time. Usually, things are popping, people are angry with each other, and accusations are tossed to and fro. Not this time.

The weather always plays a part in these things. Politicos will tell yew that sunny weather will help the incumbent, whilst stormy weather (don't git into your Lena Horne rou-

tine) brings out the vote for the challenger – people will come out to vote a person out, goes the bromide.

No one was makin' any predications about this goin' into the final hours cuz the turnout is what's gonna be the tell. Effen the turnout is way low, John Lewis will have a better chance of beating Nancy Rossi. However, effen the turnout is average or a bit above, Rossi was thought to have the upper hand.

That was the thought going in, and, of course, as I said, we're scribing this before anything is known. You, on t'other hand will have a handle on whether those prognostications were on the money.

Last week, the papyrus had both candidates answer the same questions and the Wag was in t'other afternoon and made an interesting observation. He thought Lewis, who was making taxes a plank in

his primary campaign, missed an opportunity to expand on his answer about taxes.

Says the Wag, it's easy to say taxes are too high, but the real kill shot would have been effen he had an alternative to the tax increases/spending as mandated by the MARB (Municipal Accountability Review Board). Effen he said the city could have done something other than raise the taxes the way the MARB insisted, he would have made a solid pernt. Instead, it was just a generic "taxes are too high" mantra, when everyone knows MARB wouldn't approve the budgets effen they didn't have tax increases.

Meanwhile, sitting in the wings are the Republican candidate and Ed O'Brien who is running as an independent this go-round.

O'Brien, like to told yew last week, was watching this whole thing unfold very carefully, and now knows a couple of very important things: who his opponents are gonna be; what they are using as planks of their campaigns; how he can craft his campaign to be different; and what voter demographic he has to tailor his campaign for and to. That last one is a big one.

Effen Lewis takes the primary, O'Brien has to appeal to something other than the

voters both he and Lewis are reaching. They could be fishing outta the same pond, as I said before. That means both would hafta expand their appeal to other voters.

Effen Lewis lost, O'Brien probably has many of those voters, but not all. The fack he didn't stay in the party will irk some. It'll be interesting to see how that plays out.

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Barry Cohen, the GOP standard-bearer, is prepping for his own town hall at the high school auditorium on Sept. 22. That's a perty good offensive move on his campaign's part. Effen anyone wants to know what his campaign is hoping to do effen it wins, this is a good opportunity. It gives people a bit of a venue to vent effen that is their pleasure, and gives the slate the ability to meet and greet with the average voters.

It'll be very interesting to see what the turnout is for this lit'le event. Effen he gets a sizable throng warming the seats of the auditorium it might be a gauge as to how discontented the populace might be under the current regime. Effen it's a light turnout, it could be interpreted by the political class that people are perty satisfied, despite the grousing about taxes.

Effen he live-streams the town hall, he would have an event bigger opportunity to reach voters who might not be happy with the present crop of rulers. One way or t'other it should be a fun campaign.

One thing the party has to do is go outside its base. There are only about 3700 registered Republicans, and that number has stayed consistent for about three decades.

In the old days, when the GOP used to win elections, the platform was attractive to Independents and disaffected Demmies. That's what's gotta happen this time 'round. Also, the party has got to pull together and not stay segmented. It only works for the Demmies cuz they have about 3.5-times as many on the rolls. Like I said, this "election cycle" as they like to call it nowadays is gonna be a hoot – at least for observers like yew and me.

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Weather, as yew know has been on the wet side around these parts. We've had more rain in the last couple o' weeks than the ground can handle. Frum whot we understand thing go soooo bad the gym floor at the new high school got an unscheduled bath, and is unusable for a time. Events had to be moved, and an insurance claim'll be made to repair the damage.

Now, in all the years Cobina can remember, the old gym was never flooded – but it was the feds who told the city they had to build a new gym cuz

the old one was too close the flood zone. The original plans had the old gym refurbished and used, but some pencil-pusher said with the federal government said uh-uh, it has to be torn down. So, there we have it, government efficiency at its best.

Now, one has to wonder effen we have storms like this on occasion effen this is gonna be a regular occurrence. Jest asking....

But gittin' back to the weather, one of the casualties of the weather has been the Centennial Concert that was supposed to be a blowout event. That event has been postponed twice already, and is set to happen this weekend.

From what Sammy Bluejay sez, all the persons of interest around here are keepin' their fingers crossed that no storms venture their way up the coast and dump anymore rain and postpone anyore events.

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Speakin' of events, Nelly Nut-hatch reminded Cobina that this weekend finds the annual town-gown event, the WestFest is back on after a year's absence for the usual reasons. This is an event that tries to git students from UNH to get to know where they are living over the next little while – besides going through the "Campbell Avenue Crawl." It's also good PR for the university, letting potential students know about the college. It's a win-win.

Then at the end o' the month is the Apple Festival, sponsored by the Congregational Church on the Green. That's usually a nice way to begin the fall, and brings out hundreds o' people over the weekend. Sooooo, there's still some things to do before the coats and hats come outta moth balls.

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I know these are state roads, but Cobina has been traveling in her gassamobuggy, and there's two very dangerous areas that the state better look at before something serious happens. The intersection of Sawmill and Meloy Road is very busy around late rush hour, and the lines o' cars tryin' to git onto the highway block off traffic trying to turn left onto the thoroughfare. It gits to the pernt people run the red light to try to git moving.

Then there's Wagner Place and Main Street/Kelsey Avenue. The same thing happens in the early rush hour with people trying to get onto Wagner Place. The lights ain't synced and it gets very congested. Something bad is going to happen

But, knowing the state, it won't be fixed until something does, in fact, happen.

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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

What is going on here in West Haven? I have lived here for more than 30 years on Lester Street, and something is definitely wrong.

Here are just a few issues: There is a couch sitting in front of 42-44 Lester St. It was put to the curb after bulk trash had passed. I had called the blight department to complain about this. I have also emailed the mayor several times and still the couch sits there. It is over a month now. I was told that the city will charge the homeowner \$100 a day for trash that should not be there. If this is true, that household owes thousands.

There is a noise ordinance in West Haven Well, very loud Hispanic music that continues to play at 2:39 am, early Sunday morning. I called WHPD. Of course, they do not show up until almost 3 a.m. when the music was finally turned off before they got there. Also, I thought you could not park within 10 feet of a fire hydrant. On the corner of Lester Street and Savin Avenue, cars are parked right next to the fire hydrant all the time. I have called the WHPD about that also. They do not always come to that call and when they do, they do not give tickets to the illegally parked cars. Aren't our public servants supposed to be concerned with public safety? Obviously not for those who live on Lester Street.

The issues are long, and no one cares. So, I guess I can do whatever I want and will not be held legally responsible for my actions just like all the other people that the city turns a blind eye to. Leave big garbage on my sidewalk and play

loud music all hours of the night.

If you want to live in a free-for-all town and do whatever you want without consequences, please come and live in West Haven, run by Nancy Rossi, a mayor that just doesn't care. A mayor who is more concerned to getting elected instead of doing her job and helping the people.

*PZ WH Resident*

**Dear Resident:**

I requested a reply to your letter from Mayor Nancy Rossi. Here is the mayor's response:

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

The first complaint I received was Friday, July 9, 8:09 p.m. through email. The neighbor on Savin Avenue had his pool collapse dumping gallons of pool water in adjoining properties. The author of this letter wanted the city to clean up the water which damaged her grass and several gardens. I advised her to contact her homeowner's insurance agent and she thanked me for the information, so I thought she was all set and pleased with the response.

The second complaint was Aug. 23. The same resident on Lester Street contacted me again through email to complain that two couches had been dumped in front of 42-44 Lester St. She said they were dumped after the last bulk trash pickup. The last bulk trash pickup was April 23, which was four months earlier. So, the couches stayed there four months before I learned about it.

I reached out to the resident to ask if she had contacted Public Works; she explained she contacted the Blight De-



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

partment on Aug. 17. I asked if she knew who she spoke with, but she did not ask for the name. So, I forwarded the complaint to Public Works for the couches to be picked up. The resident went on to state she sent a text message with

pictures on Wednesday Aug. 18, to 203-937-3590. The number belongs to the Building Department, but it is a land line, so the pictures could not be transmitted.

I did everything I could to assist the resident, and the couches were removed. Then I received a request from Eleanore Turkington, West Haven Voice with an anonymous complaint letter from the Lester Street resident. The complaint letter never listed the pool complaint but did go into detail about the couches which states it had been over a month now which is inaccurate. I only found out about it on Aug. 23.

The resident goes on to list several complaints regarding loud music, parking in front of a fire hydrant, and com-

plaints about WHPD. She had called WHPD, and she was not happy with the response time. My understanding is the WHPD has to prioritize the more serious complaints like a domestic, break in, automobile accident, etc. As mayor, I call about all our residents and do my best to facilitate complaints to the proper employee or department so the complaints will be rectified as soon as possible.

*Mayor Nancy Rossi*

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## Maybe we needed this...

Maybe we needed this. We needed – as a nation – to experience the utter vapidness and shallowness of Progressive governance. That is becoming more and more clear as the ineptitude of the Biden administration becomes more and more apparent. As a nation we had to see that what is discussed in the Harvard faculty lounge does not translate in real world situations. But that's not all.

The nation must experience the frustration and anger and the absolutism of Progressive polity, and show it to be what it really is, totalitarianism masquerading as something new and “on the right side of history.” For, you see, when Progressives are faced with the Constitution, our laws, and our institutions the first thing they want to do is change them, scrap them, and put in a replacement that does one thing only: give them more power.

This has been on full display over the last several weeks, but, perhaps, no better example was given than Joe Biden's address to the nation on his six-pronged effort to stop COVID.

In a speech filled with misstatements, lies and outright mischaracterizations, the current occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is demanding vaccination mandates, first in federal departments, and next in the private sector.

Telling the nation those who are not vaccinated have no rights, Biden wants to force by government fiat the vaccination of the entire nation.

Sorry. No. The executive order he wants to produce, and the Labor Dept. rules he wants invoked should not only be declared unconstitutional, but Biden himself should get reprimanded by the courts for this attempt at imperious rule.

People have choices about what treatments they want. They have rights as free individuals, and no diktat, no matter how noble the cause, should infringe on their freedom. Full. Stop. People have reservations about the vaccines, and who could blame them. These are the same people who said they wouldn't take these vaccines in the previous administration, and problems overseas have put into question their efficacy and safety. Teenage boys are susceptible to inflammation around the heart.

But, beyond that, there is the unequivocal right to determine what goes into one's body. “My body, my choice,” is a mantra of the left when it comes to other things.

That feeling seems to disappear when it comes to vaccines. There is no superseding of individual rights “for the greater good,” by government entities. That is the stuff of totalitarian regimes. There is only one way to fight this abuse of power: don't comply.

As we have said before, Progressivism is the philosophy whereby a government run by “experts” makes decisions for the “great unwashed.” There is a wide expanse between navel-gazing utopian fantasies and real-world dystopian implementations.

There is more to say on this but suffice to say now Progressives will go to any lengths to impose their will on people, while accusing their opponents of the same offense.

The vaccine debate is but one example of this use of force to impose political will. Frustrated by our institutions and our Constitution, they show how they really are, and it is not a pretty, or attractive, sight. Benjamin Franklin's words ring as true today as they did in 1790: Those who would give up essential liberty, to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.



## Nation's decline is overstated

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

It's hard to imagine more humiliating images than what we've seen in Afghanistan in recent weeks, from the hasty evacuation of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul to the chaotic scenes outside the airport.

Our surrender to a band of AK-47-bearing guerrillas after 20 years has, understandably, occasioned autumnal thoughts about American power.

Even the Soviet Union, on the cusp of full collapse, managed to get out of Afghanistan in good order and leave behind a government that endured for several years.

What does it say that we couldn't match that?

Writing in *The New Yorker*, Robin Wright says the pullout may serve as “a bookend for the era of U.S. global power.” Allister Heath, editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, argues that “the botched exit is merely the latest sign that the American era is ending.” Francis Fukuyama says the images in Kabul “have evoked a major juncture in world history,” although he thinks “the end of the American era had come much earlier.”

There is no sugar-coating our defeat in Afghanistan and the abject position we put ourselves in during the final days.

The withdrawal is a blow to our counterterrorism capabilities, our prestige and our geopolitical position.

For all of that, though, no one in the world has the formidable advantages of the United States, which still outstrips everyone else, including China, on every material metric that matters.

Great powers don't go away easily. The British could be forgiven for thinking that it'd be all downhill after losing their American colonies in a long war joined by their traditional rivals France and Spain. Instead, British imperial power had not yet peaked.

Our exit from Saigon in 1975, to this point the touchstone for modern American defeats, was followed by Communist advances all over the map. Yet, within 20 years, we'd win the Cold War and ascend to unprecedented global power.

We are still blessed with an extraordinarily favorable geographical position, as a continental nation with friendly neighbors, access to two oceans, enormous reserves of oil and gas, and vast amounts of arable land.

We produce about a quarter of global GDP, a share that has held up over the years.

We are responsible for an astonishing 40% of all military

spending in the world. It was ridiculous that Biden made a bragging point of the evacuation, but it's true that no one else would have been capable of such an operation.

We dominate the list of top universities in the world.

There is no country people would rather come to. A Taliban spokesperson interviewed on Iranian TV, when challenged why so many people want to flee Afghanistan, rightly pointed out that if American planes were taking people out of Iran, there'd be a rush for the exits there, too.

In his book, “Unrivaled,” Michael Beckley of Tufts University and the American Enterprise Institute rebuts the notion that China is overtaking us.

American workers are more productive than workers anywhere else. China's labor productivity has improved, Beckley writes, “but remains half that of Turkey, lower than Mexico's, and roughly on par with Brazil's.”

We have demographic challenges, but other big powers, especially China, will be aging faster. Over the course of the century, Beckley notes, China will lose half of its workforce, or 470 million people.

Our alliance system is an

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## Cohen campaign slates Town Hall for Sept. 22

Councilman Barry Lee Cohen, Republican Mayoral Candidate, and his One West Haven Team have scheduled a public Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at the West Haven High School Auditorium. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the town hall beginning at 7. Masks are required inside school buildings per executive order by Gov. Ned Lamont.

"I'm extremely excited to address questions and concerns posed by West Haven residents and businesses. From discussing the unlimited potential of West Haven to leadership without excuses, I'm looking forward to an issue-focused, positive, and impactful evening," Cohen said.

After visiting thousands of households since Cohen's entry into the mayoral race on May 3, the Barry for West Haven campaign's platform virtually mirrors the key issues expressed most often by voters: improving the quality of life, addressing infrastructure and blight, backing our heroes in blue, the Haven development and the need for true economic development to lower the excessive tax burden on homeowners, his campaign noted.

To learn about Cohen and his platform, please visit [barry4westhaven.com](http://barry4westhaven.com). Further information regarding the Sept. 22 town hall may be obtained by contacting [barry4westhaven@gmail.com](mailto:barry4westhaven@gmail.com).

## Lowry: *We're not done*

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enormous force-multiplier, a network that, according to Beckley, "encompasses 25% of the Earth's population and accounts for 75% of world GDP and defense spending." China's formal ally, in contrast, is North Korea.

None of this is to deny that the contemporary United States is racked by self-doubt, poisonous politics and institutional failure.

It is only to say that if we are determined to squander our global position, it will take much more time and folly to do it. A further downward slide, like the disastrous withdrawal from Kabul itself, will be a choice, not an inevitability.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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# City commemorates 9/11 dead



Photo by Andrew Sacco

The sun rises over Savin Rock on Saturday as hundreds of American flags blow in the wind near the boardwalk on Long Island Sound. The flags represent the 343 New York City firefighters who died in the line of duty on Sept. 11, 2001, as well as the 257 active and retired FDNY members who have died of 9/11-related illnesses, including cancer.

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

Watch "West Haven Remembers 9/11: September 11, 2021" on the city's YouTube channel.

West Haven commemorated the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the evening of 9/11 with a flag-raising ceremony at the Bradley Point Park flagpole, followed by a candle-light vigil at the city's 9/11 memorial.

The solemn observance began with a presentation of the colors by the West Haven Police Honor Guard and the flag-raising by the West Haven Fire Department Honor Guard and the New Haven County Firefighters Emerald Society Pipes & Drums.

The flag-raising honored the memory of the nearly 3,000 people who died in the attacks.

The service included poignant remarks by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, state Rep. Charles J. Ferraro, Police Chief Joseph S. Perno and West Haven Fire Department Chief James P. O'Brien.

Louis P. Esposito Jr., Rossi's executive assistant, was the master of ceremonies, and Grace Kelly Nowak sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America."

A half-hour later, members of the West Haven Rotary Club distributed candles and programs at the Richard S. Gabrielle Sept. 11 Memorial, just off the boardwalk next to the Savin Rock Conference Center. The granite monument, paid for by the service club in 2002, was designed by Harold J. Schaller of H.K. Peacock Memorials Inc. in Valhalla, New York.

Gabrielle, 50, of West Haven, was killed during the attack on the twin towers in New York's World Trade Center complex. An insurance broker at Aon Corp., he was last seen on the south tower's 78th floor.

Declared Patriot Day by Congress in 2002, the city flew flags at half-staff in recognition of the national day of remembrance.

The vigil featured a wreath-laying by Deputy Police Chief Carl V. Flemmig Jr. and Deputy Chief Michael T. Esposito of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown, followed by taps played by former West Shore Fire Department Lt. Kevin McKeon. It also included Celtic folk performances by Irish singer-songwriter Liz McNicholl, including "The Bravest," a tribute to the heroes of 9/11, as well as a remembrance prayer by Vertical Church Pastor Ken Vance.

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# Ida remnants spoil gym floors at WHHS

The combination of incomplete landscaping and construction and a 500-year storm led to the damage at West Haven High School in the gym and cafeteria areas. The damage came about earlier this month with the remnants of Hurricane Ida dumping more than 7 inches of rain on the region.

In a letter to Superintendent of Schools Neil Cavallaro, the rainfall

amounts, incomplete landscaping of the new campus profile, and the fact an emergency retention pond had not been installed on the site as of yet, coalesced into water entering the new sections of the school.

"Ground water entered the building by the cafeteria and by the gymnasiums, West Haven High School Building Committee Chairman Ken Carney

wrote to Cavallaro. "There was no sustained damage to the cafeteria side of the building, however the wood floors in the gymnasiums were damaged."

Both the main gym and the auxiliary gyms were damaged and will need some wood flooring replaced. The all-purpose room adjacent to the gyms will need the entire wood floor replaced.

Carney said an insurance claim will be made to get the floors repaired, but the fact the area is still in hurricane season with possible storms coming up the coast, his committee was working to make contingency plans.

"Out of an abundance of caution, the engineers have been directed to review the drainage plan for the entire campus," Carney wrote.

## Teen anxiety study offered to parents at no cost

The Anxiety and Mood Disorders Program at the Yale Child Study Center offers comprehensive evaluations

### Bereavement group meets

The newly established Bereavement Support Group of West Haven for widows and widowers will hold its inaugural meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 22 on the upper floor of the Johnson Community Center, 201 Noble St.

The group, facilitated by Toni-Jo Limosani and Teddi McKenna, will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The West Haven Interagency Network for Children's support groups for parents and guardians of children with autism and other disabilities will resume in-person meetings on the upper floor of the Johnson center.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, WHINC is unable to offer on-site child care during meetings. The child care service is suspended until further notice.

The Parent Support Group resumed Sept. 13 from 6:30-8 p.m. The group, facilitated by Viola Waldo, will meet the second Monday of each month.

The Spanish-speaking Parent Support Group will resume Sept. 23 from 6:30-8 p.m. The group, facilitated by Daisy Rivera and Rosalyn Diaz, will meet the fourth Thursday of each month.

Anyone attending the indoor support group meetings must wear face masks and follow all COVID-19 protocols.

and treatments for children and adolescents ages 6 to 14 years. Services are provided at no cost to families who agree to participate in research but can otherwise be provided for a fee (with a sliding scale plan also available).

The program treats a range of anxiety disorders and fears, such as excessive worrying, social anxiety, difficulties, or refusal to speak to other children or adults outside the child's immediate family, separation anxiety, anxiety

relating to school (e.g., taking tests, speaking in class, attending school, etc.), and specific fears (e.g., heights, dogs, thunder, etc.).

The program is currently conducting two large clinical trials to treat childhood anxiety. One is for children 6-12 years old and includes two effective treatments for childhood anxiety - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Supportive Parenting for Anxious Childhood Emotions (SPACE), a parent-based

treatment. Families enrolled in this research are randomized to receive SPACE or Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for 12 weekly sessions.

Study participants receive evaluation and treatment at no cost and are compensated up to \$250. The second trial, for children 10-14, tests the effects of a brief computer-based training that targets attentional processes to reduce social anxiety in children. Attention training is a promising treatment for

anxiety disorders because the hope is to train the child's brain to divert from threatening stimuli. Participants will complete the computer program twice a week for four weeks. Study participants receive treatment at no cost and are compensated up to \$600.

If interested, please feel free to call (203) 737-4644 or email [anxiety.csc@yale.edu](mailto:anxiety.csc@yale.edu) to learn more about the Anxiety and Mood Disorders Program at the Yale Child Study Center.

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# Bond rating steady, outlook takes uptick

S&P Global Ratings on Sept. 7 affirmed West Haven's credit rating at BBB while upgrading its outlook on the city's general obligation debt to "positive" from "stable," Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced.

"We have assigned our 'BBB' long-term rating to the city's \$20.5 million series 2021 (general obligation) bonds and affirmed our 'BBB' rating on its existing (general obligation) debt," S&P said in its bond credit analysis.

"The outlook revision reflects improved performance based on structural budgetary changes and stronger budgetary controls evidenced by positive operations in both 2020 and 2021, despite the challenges posed by the pandemic," S&P said. "Notably, the city has benefited from state (Municipal Accountability Review Board) oversight

and through state restructuring grants; however, its financial position has been improving quicker than anticipated, when compared to the original five-year financial plan it adopted."

"This bond rating outlook upgrade from neutral to positive is great news for West Haven," Rossi said. "It is evidence the financial sector acknowledges that West Haven is on the right path."

Rossi continued: "The outlook was negative when the city was in financial chaos four years ago. We produced three consecutive balanced budgets with a surplus, are projecting another budget surplus for this fiscal year, and have built a healthy rainy day fund. This outlook upgrade will allow the city to compete for lower interest rates on future borrowing."

In its report, the New York agency said that in 2020, "West Haven saw positive revenue variances in several categories, the largest in MARB funds as the state did not fully fund its original budgeted amount because the city's local revenues outperformed budgeted expenses."

On the expense side, budgeted expenses were under budget by about \$3.6 million, according to the report, adding that the city anticipates about \$655,000 in expenditure savings in 2021.

The report pointed out that "several long-standing economic development projects are moving forward despite the current recessionary period," including The Haven, "a \$200 million luxury fashion outlet mall that is expected to generate \$2.5 million in taxes at full buildout."

The Acorn Group, responsible for The Atwood-University Commons development, "is continuing to develop mixed-use properties with full residential occupancy." The Yale New Haven Health Regional Operations Center has also been completed and has additional acres for development, the report said.

According to the report, the city is seeking to generate economic activity in various areas through opportunity zones and transit-oriented planning and zoning regulations.

"West Haven continues to apply and receive grants for various economic and infrastructure improvements, with the most recent for \$5 million in sustainability improvement for Beach Street, which has spurred additional development for underutilized properties in the area," the report

said.

"It is a nice feeling for our hard work to be recognized by Standard & Poor's, a worldwide, independent credit rating agency," Rossi said. "West Haven is definitely on the right path!"

## Tree-trim project at West Shore

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

United Illuminating has begun the latest phase of its tree care program to reduce the amount of vegetation that UI says threatens power lines during storms. Over the next three months, UI's tree service contractor will increase the distance between vegetation and power lines by targeting trees and limbs on Center, Church, Court and Atwater streets, said city Tree Warden Leo Kelly.

# Centennial concert rescheduled for Grove, Friday

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

The Doobie Brothers tribute concert performed by What a Fool Believes is now scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday in Old Grove Park.

The concert was postponed by rain on Sept. 5 and again on Sept. 9.

Billed as "a Doobie Brothers experience," the two-hour show will cap the Centennial Concert Series as part of West Haven's 100th anniversary festivities.

The concert, presented by the City of West Haven Centennial Celebration Com-

mittee, is part of a six-month series of free events commemorating the community's 1921 birth and its incorporation by the General Assembly as Connecticut's youngest municipality, said Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, the committee's honorary chairwoman.

The tribute band will celebrate the Doobies' 50th anniversary, performing such timeless hits as "Listen to the Music," "Long Train Runnin'," "China Grove," "Black Water," "Takin' It to the Streets," "What a Fool Believes" and "Minute by Minute."

"Six of the Northeast's top

professional musicians have pooled their talents, years of performance experience and their love of The Doobie Brothers to become the very best Doobies tribute show in the country today," the band said in a statement. "Inspired by the Brothers' superior songwriting, What a Fool Believes

delivers powerful harmonies and a fun-filled, high-energy performance covering a catalog of Doobies hits spanning both the Tom Johnston and Michael McDonald eras."

The show is co-sponsored by the West Haven Veterans Council and West Haven Vietnam Veterans. A row of food

trucks will serve up eats and sweets on Palace Street. The concert will join a long list of special events observing West Haven's secession from Orange a century ago, including the Centennial Boat Parade in June, the Centennial Savin Rock Festival in July and the Fireworks on Sept. 3.



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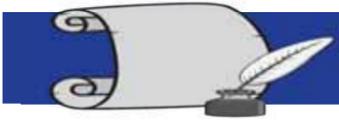
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

The Bilco Company "American inventiveness, and the desire to build developed because we were guaranteed the right to own our success." R. Paul

George W. Lyons, Sr. was born in New Haven in 1894, and initially received formal education only up thru the eighth grade. Following that, he worked as an apprentice in an iron and steel mill. He was then able to resume his education through evening courses at Yale Business School; in addition, he took correspondence courses in engineering. Whether he knew it or not, he was laying the foundation for what would be his great success.

In the mid-1920s, after gaining considerable experience in the architectural iron business, Lyons decided

to go into business for himself, for he had recognized an unfulfilled opportunity that he was prepared and equipped to capitalize on: The wooden basement entrance to his house was peeling and rotting and continually in need of maintenance and repair. What could he do to solve this problem and make a living from the solution? After experimenting with a braking press, welding torch and some twelve-gauge sheet steel, he had produced a prototype of the metal outside basement door which is so commonplace today! As a direct result the Bilco Company was incorporated in 1926 and production began immediately.

During the Great Depression, Bilco's workforce was reduced to only include Lyons and his two sons. In that

period of semi-idleness, product improvements were developed: Lyons added and patented safety devices and improved the overall sophistication of the door design itself. Also, by design, Bilco doors were intended to be installed by contractors or even by the home handyman, and this strengthened their position in the market. By now, imitators had come along to provide "me-too" products, but they could not compare with the more advanced Bilco products—thus Bilco maintained their products' position as leader in their field.

As World War II drew to a close, Bilco realized significant growth and outgrew their New Haven location. Thus, in 1953, Bilco moved into a new, much larger manufacturing facility on Water Street in

West Haven. That building, formerly owned by the defunct Steelcraft Power Boats offered five times the previous floor space available to Bilco and promised to be Bilco's for many years to come.

Bilco remained a family operation for decades, and today has relocated back to New Haven, after a stay in West Haven totaling 62 years. During that period, many West Haven families found their employment and livelihood within the walls of The Bilco Company.

We wish to thank Debra Blevins for her considerable help in the telling of this story.



Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice, and local history buff



Bilco doors is still considered the gold standard of metal hatchway doors. The company maintained its headquarters in West Haven until the Haven Project forced it to find a new home.



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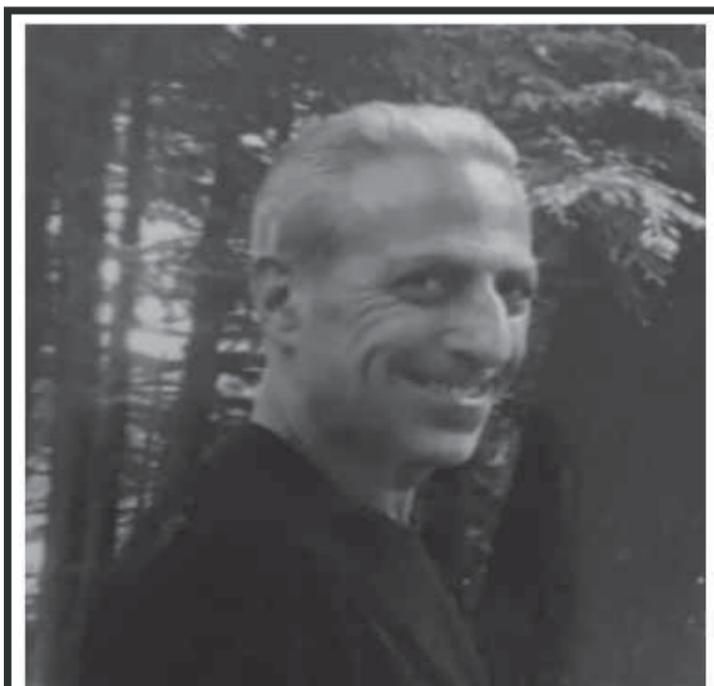
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# Rhinos open season with 6-3 win vs. Tribe

The West Haven Youth Soccer League opened the fall season last Saturday with beautiful weather and a full slate of games. The Gunning Law Firm Rhinos got a great start to the season with a 6-3 victory over the #DavilaTribe.

Lenanna Philogene scored two beautiful goals with her left foot, while Kendell Gilchrist and Emma Routh played intense defense. For #DAVILATRIBE, Klara Frost scored a goal. Vanessa Woolcock played a strong game in net, making some great saves. Areej Kassem played hard on defense and Anessa Worrell ran tirelessly.

The Stowe's Seafood Emeralds played Stars Ice Cream, with the Emeralds falling, 6-5. Sofia Bongiorno-Nucci scored her first goal of the season. Karla Urgiles played a terrific defensive game which kept the game close. For Stars Ice Cream, Sarahi Cruz Cruz had four goals and Chelsea Hernandez Fortin added their own. Jada Avila played a great game in midfield. Lania Donovan, Bellarosa Ramire, and Alimarie Sesler played great on defense.

The #DAVILATRIBE Sharks played West Shore Family Dental. Juliana Crudo tried to keep her team in the game by scoring. Analia Mack was determined to help her team and played a strong game.

For West Shore Family Dental, Amanda Fagnani and Sophia Mazuroski had several goals. The midfield line was led by Nylay Beyah with a goal. The keeper was Dayanna Calle Va, who

came up with several big saves. The Sharks fell 7-2.

In a great game, the West Haven Professional Firefighters Gray Wolves won, 5-0, against Stars Ice Cream. The Gray Wolves had goals scored by Stephen and David Christensen Justin Chacon, Jan Ibanez, and Joe Sperry. Great field play was shown by Christian Reyes and Yair Negrón in the win.

Rounding out the action on Saturday was the opening game for the West Haven U10 boys travel team. In what was the first game on a bigger field for many of the boys, they held up well against an older and more experienced North Haven squad, falling 4-2.

Davonte King picked up both goals for West Haven, while Luca DeCrescenzo and Josiah Soto both played well in goal. Ben Trenchard, Jax Guarino, Russ Rambo, and Seth Empric all played great on defense, and Matteo D'Elia and Collin Gibbons tried to spark the attack in the midfield.

The West Haven U11 girls travel team opened the season at home against Guilford on Saturday. Olivia Petrie and Josylyn Davila worked hard to defend the ball against Guilford. Stella Porto scored for West Haven, but the Blue Devils came up short, 4-2. On Sunday, they were on the road against Orange with a 4-1 loss. Celeste DiNallo attacked from the defense with Chelsea Frost. Luciana Cappetta scored for West Haven.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

## Getting an edge

**Brian Rivaderra battles for position in the Notre Dame game, Saturday. The teams battled it out to a 0-0 draw to open the**

# Youth skaters open up with full schedule

The West Haven Mite A travel hockey team opened the season with a big game over the Hamden Dragons on Opening Weekend at the Edward L. Bennett Rink.

Brady Salkins scored the opening goal, after Ben Trenchard stripped the puck of a Hamden forward and released Salkins into open ice with a nice pass.

Trenchard continued his

strong game on defense, and was joined by Cooper Owens. Jameson Schempp was strong in goal, making a few big saves early on to keep the Westies in the game.

Logan Minio and Jax Guarino established a strong connection, each setting up the other and each scoring. Henry Seslar also put the puck in the back of the net, while Jameson Eid and Caden Minio each had

a strong game as well.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team opened their season with a 4-4 tie against Yale A on Saturday at Bennett Rink. Brady Price opened up the scoring early, burying two within the first four minutes of the game. West Haven led 2-1 in the second when Alex Bowery picked top corner to make the score 3-1.

A surge of offense from Yale put West Haven in a 4-3 hole with six seconds to go in regulation. With an empty net, Alex Bowery got the puck to Brody Elam on the blue line. Elam quickly fired a shot on goal that found the back of the net.

West Haven had strong defensive efforts from Elam, Cam Levy, Leo Mazuroski, and Dylan Bosworth. Between the pipes, Johnny Kennedy and Trevor Cathey both had strong games.

The West Haven 16U Midget American hockey team fell in the semifinals of the Massachusetts Tier I Labor Day tournament.

The Westies opened the tournament with a 5-0 victory over the Springfield Rifles. Layne Jackson made several stellar saves in posting the shutout.

The Westies took a 3-0 lead in the first period and never looked back. Mike Madera opened the scoring off assists

from Max Schroeder and Jason Anderson, before Matt Stevens scored unassisted and Cooper Savoy scored the first of his two goals off an assist from Schroeder for a 3-0 lead after one.

West Haven put the game away with two goals in the second. Madera scored his second of the game off assists from Chris Adkins and Jake McManus, before Schroeder assisted on the final goal of the game by Savoy.

The Westies fell in the second game of the tournament to the Barnstable Raiders 7-1.

Madera scored to cut the deficit to 2-1, but the Raiders scored three times in the final 2:56 of the first and never trailed.

West Haven again fell in its third game 6-1 to the Manchester Flames. Trailing 2-0, Savoy got the Westies within a goal off an assist from Schroeder, but the Westies never got closer.

Needing a win to advance, West Haven posted a 4-3 victory over the Boston Bulldogs. Trailing 2-0, the Westies scored the next four goals in the win.

Schroeder cut the deficit in half off an assist from Savoy, and Dylan Bershtein scored the next two goals in a span of 2:06 for a 3-2 lead.

Mickey Dowd assisted on the first tally and Stevens on the second. Bershtein completed his hat trick with an unas-

sisted goal 2:44 into the final period.

West Haven advanced to play the Flames in the semifinals, but a fluke goal spoiled a masterful performance by Jackson in goal as West Haven was eliminated 1-0.

The Westies swept a weekend series with the Ct. Chiefs this past weekend, winning 5-0 at home Saturday and 6-0 on the road Sunday.

On Saturday, Patrick Conroy, Bershtein, and McManus scored once each, while Savoy had a pair of tallies. Savoy, Will Giaquinto, and McCarthy had assists in the win.

McCarthy, Conroy, Marco Goodmaster, Jason Alling, Haygen Axelrod, Gavin Luddy, and Yousef Ullah all played well on defense to support the goaltending of Jackson in the shutout.

The defense was at it again on Sunday, supporting the goaltending of Javed Ullah and Ben Amarone in the shutout.

Adkins, Schroeder, McCarthy, Dowd, Madera, and Anderson all scored in the win. Savoy had two assists, while Luddy, Stevens, and Adkins also had assists.

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# Seahawks take a split with Stratford 11s

The West Haven Seahawks hosted the Stratford Renegades this past week at Veterans Field. The 10U team (9 & 10) beat the Renegades in a tough, back-and-forth game, 18-7, to move their record to 2-0 on the young season. Tristan Crawford scored twice for the Seahawks and Majesty Whitaker added a score.

The defense was led by Jaden Spell who led the team in tackles and Jermaine Gibbs and Chris Summers played well.

The 12U Seahawk team (11&12) played its first game of the season with an impressive 31-18 win over a very good Stratford team. Seahawks' running back Azriel Pizarro had three rushing

touchdowns and JJ Lugo and Frank Green added scores. Caden Stanley, Will Cannon and Yusef Turner led the defensive effort for the Hawks.

The 8U Seahawk squad (7&8) lost a heartbreaker, 21-13, to Stratford after a competitive and back-and-forth game. The offense was led by Andrew Cuzio and Jackson Gabriel. Colin Watson and Jayce Jaynes played well on the defensive side of the ball.

The 14U team lost, 27-0, to an explosive Stratford team. The Seahawk flag teams (5&6) played host to Naugatuck and Derby.

The Seahawks will be back in action on Saturday at Veterans Field. Flag football will begin at noon. The Seahawk

tackle teams will host Chicopee at 8U beginning at 1. The Milford Eagles will come to town for the 10U (3p.m.), 12U (5 p.m.) and 14U (7 p.m.).

8U Seahawk running back Andrew Cuzio (11) runs for a touchdown during Saturday's game against the Stratford Renegades at Veterans Field.



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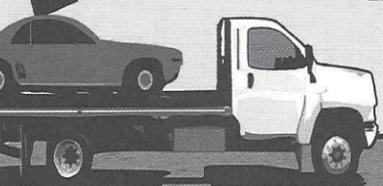
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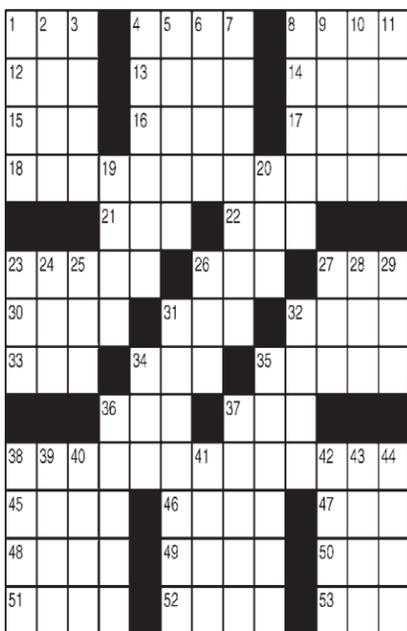
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**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

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- 8 Lose it
- 12 Single
- 13 Only
- 14 Chantilly, e.g.
- 15 Vitamin stat
- 16 Frost
- 17 " -  
Misbehavin'"
- 18 Improbable,  
unexpected  
wonders
- 21 Existed
- 22 Squid squirt
- 23 Song of  
praise
- 26 Frequently
- 27 "Lion" actor  
Patel
- 30 Intends
- 31 Dinner for  
Dobbin
- 32 Seethe
- 33 Sample
- 34 "Shoo!"
- 35 Crazy Horse,  
for one
- 36 Mountain  
pass
- 37 Hot tub
- 38 Insignificant  
sum
- 45 Car
- 46 "Who -?"
- 47 Ultimate
- 48 Leisurely
- 49 Fashion mag-  
azine



- 50 Multipurpose  
truck
- 51 Bottom lines?
- 52 Lushes
- 53 Melancholy
- DOWN**
- 1 Campus digs  
address
- 2 "The King -"
- 3 Noggin
- 4 Hindu retreat
- 5 Hotel units
- 6 Jai -
- 7 Fill with  
intense fear
- 8 Not taut
- 9 Hammer tar-  
get
- 10 Teen's woe  
attendees
- 11 Favorites
- 19 They give a  
hoot
- 20 Busy insect  
bursts
- 23 Bit of butter
- 24 Knightly  
address
- 25 Actress  
Adams
- 26 Feedbag mor-  
sel
- 27 Pair with an  
air
- 28 Outback bird
- 29 Irritate
- 31 Many  
Woodstock
- 32 Edict
- 34 Guy's date
- 35 Sudden  
bursts
- 36 Radiates
- 37 Long-legged  
shorebird
- 38 Obi
- 39 Stubborn  
beast
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- 41 Norway's  
capital
- 42 Burden
- 43 Jazz singer  
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- 44 Molt

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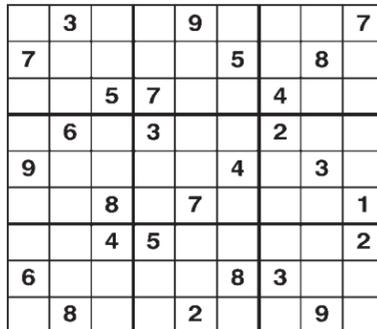
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all  
directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: FRESHWATER AQUATIC BIRD

- Chestnut
- Fountain
- Level
- Logged
- Moccasin
- Ouzel
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- Spaniel
- Spider
- Sports
- Spout
- Supply
- Treatment
- Witch

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**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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**PUZZLE CARD**



Christmas, since there is no "L" (Noel)  
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**SMART DARTS!** Using the target at right, how would  
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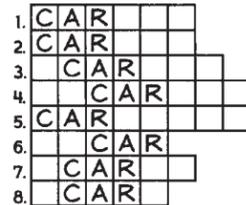
**RAIN GAME!** Pictured below are two puzzle grids. Each grid con-  
tains four words, which you must discern. Hints are given for each  
word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the  
corresponding words in Grid A.

- 1. Hard stone.
- 2. Mexican food.
- 3. Fence part.
- 4. Slender.
- 1. Type of bark.
- 2. Winter wear.
- 3. Teller of tall tales.
- 4. A clue.



**Junior Whirl**

by Charles Barry Townsend



**"CAR" FARE!**

THE following puzzle is a  
perfect way to pass the time if  
you get caught in a traffic jam  
this weekend. To the left is a list  
of eight words, each of which  
contains a "car." The following  
hints will help:

- 1. It holds water or wine.
- 2. Type of waiter.
- 3. A wind instrument.
- 4. Pasta.
- 5. A traveling show.
- 6. Type of priest.
- 7. An Egyptian beetle.
- 8. Neckerchief.



1. Carole 2. Carhop 3. Ocarina  
4. Macaroni 5. Carnival 6. Vicar 7.  
Scarab 8. Scarf

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**Answers  
to last week's  
puzzles**

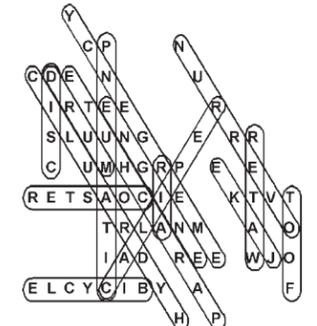
**King Crossword**

Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.



**BRAKE**



**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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

# HIDDEN GEMS

*Cooperative Effort between the Voice and Economic Development*

*This is the third in a series that is designed to introduce the community to West Haven restaurants, businesses, and hidden gems! This week we take behind the scenes view of West Haven health and fitness businesses where you can move a muscle or two!*

Through dogged determination to follow his dreams, Charles Ferraro turned his life-long passion into a thriving business—helping others build their skills and confidence along the way. At the age of 12, he began training in Martial Arts at Painter Park with local martial artists. Ferraro continued to perfect his craft through college and graduate school and after landing his first job his co-workers would ask him to teach them.

“I tried to discourage them by telling them I would teach them on Saturday mornings at 6 a.m. at the same park I saw folks practicing martial arts at years before. I really didn’t think anyone would show up at that hour so, you can imagine my surprise that when I went to the first class there were five students waiting for me. During our practices cars would go by and honk their horns at us. I wasn’t sure if they were friendly honks or honks meant to mock us. As the weeks went by people began to stop and inquire if they could join us for class. After about two months or so we had a dozen people practicing martial arts,” said Ferraro.

Realizing that there was interest in martial arts, Ferraro signed a three-year lease and launched a studio in Westville where he began his business before moving his school to the Boston Post Road in West Haven. Upon his move he changed the name to the West Haven Academy of Karate, which has been a fixture of the community now for the past 42 years.

“Over the years well over 20,000 students have come through our doors. I have had the privilege to guide over 4,000 students to black belt and over 450 students to the Master level explained Ferraro.

The school (dojang in Korean) teaches a traditional Korean martial art called Tang Soo Do, which Ferraro learned from the son of the founder of the art, Grandmaster Hyun Chul Hwang.

“At the West Haven Academy of Karate we offer classes in Tang Soo Do Karate

to men, women and children from 5 years old and up. Tang Soo Mi Guk Kwan is both an empty hand system as well as a system of specific weapon training and our practitioners become well versed in both,” said Ferraro.

With over forty years of experience working with children, classes focus on self-defense, self-confidence, self-esteem, leadership training and physical conditioning. While competition is not mandatory, it is available and students compete in national, state and local competitions for those who desire it.

“We are one of the oldest operating martial arts schools in Connecticut, and we have a proven track record. Our sparring team is both internationally and nationally acclaimed having won the national Team Sparring Championships 14 times in 20 years,” exclaimed Ferraro, “The training is on par with the finest anywhere and those that train here are competent and confident that they are learning correctly.”



The West Haven Academy of Karate has been on the Post Road since moving to West Haven Proprietor Charles Ferraro is considered one of the top instructors in the region.

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# Normalcy: Westies open season

After a year off, the West Haven football team was certainly excited to get back on the field. That excitement showed in a hurry in the season opener Friday evening.

Looking to get off to a quick start, the Westies did exactly that and cruised to a 52-16 victory over Harding at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven.

The Westies turned to a variety of players and found different ways to score in the first game since teams were allowed to play meaningful games on the field.

West Haven's first score of the season came on a 10-yard run by senior Amir Nakome and was followed by the extra point from sophomore Raul Sanchez for a 7-0 lead. A safety extended the lead to 9-0, before West Haven's passing game got going.

Junior Preston Denno found senior Chauncey Evans for a 45-yard scoring strike and a 15-0 lead. Junior Deven Robinson helped increase the lead to 22-0 with a 39-yard touchdown run, before the special teams got in on the fun.

Senior Tamayo Ferreira put West Haven on top 29-0 with a 39-yard punt return for a touchdown. When Nakome scored on his second touchdown run of the night, this one from 61 yards, the Westies were up 36-0.

After Harding got within 36-8 on a 20-yard touchdown run, junior Trevor Tompkins scored on a 30-yard run for a 44-8 lead. West Haven's final points came when freshman Nick Conlon hooked up with Ferreira for a 28-yard score. Senior Jamaine Galloyay took in the two-point conversion for the 52-16 final.

In a shortened season one year ago, the West Haven girls soccer team got off to a quick start, winning five games to open the campaign. Looking to get off to a similar start in 2021, the Westies accomplished the first step.

On the road to play rival Hamden, the Westies used the scoring of junior Julia Tsakonas (3 goals) and the goalkeeping of junior Cassidy Carrano (7 saves) to open the year with a 3-2 victory over the Green Dragons.

Tsakonas scored twice in the opening half and added the eventual winner in the second half. West Haven had 12 shots in the contest.

Tsakonas got the Westies on the board when she scored off an assist from Emma Walker at the 24:21 mark.

The junior's second goal came at the 39:08 mark off an assist from senior Cori Severino.

West Haven scored the eventual winner 13:22 into the second half as Tsakonas netted her third of the game off an assist from Maya Bermudez.

The rest was up to Carrano, who held off Hamden with seven saves.

The West Haven boys soccer team was looking to get off to a good start to the 2021 season. Heading into the contest against arch-rival Notre Dame, the Westies knew the Green Knights had a tough defense, having posted a shutout in their opener.

West Haven countered with a top defensive effort, but it was not enough as the two teams played to a scoreless draw Saturday afternoon at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven.

West Haven matched the defense of Notre Dame in terms of not allowing a goal as goaltender Brian Carew made three saves in the shutout.

West Haven had his opportunities with 13 shots, but could not dent the back of the goal.

Looking to get off to a quick start to the season, the West Haven volleyball team fell just short. In what was a tough battle, the Westies fell on the road in their season opener against Hamden, 20-25, 23-25, 25-19, and 17-25.

After losing two close games to open the match, the Westies rallied back in the third game to post a 6-point victory. West Haven could not sustain that momentum in the fourth game and fell by eight points.

Junior Jenna Johnson led the Westies with nine assists, four kills, and three aces on the offensive side, and seven digs defensively.

Junior Dulcemaria Castillo had six digs, while junior Tanasia Fidalgo added five kills, three blocks, and two aces.

Seniors Mckayla Fowler and Anaelecea Turcio each had four digs in the loss.



Photos by Todd Dandelske

Above -- Diego Soto #13 heads the ball in the Westies 0-0 tie against Notre Dame. Below -- Kaelyn Falanga competes in the butterfly against Foran.