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Rivera honored for work in city



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi presents Sammy Rivera with an embroidered "Hispanic American of the Year" jacket at West Haven's third Hispanic Heritage Celebration in the Harriet C. North Community Room of City Hall on Friday.

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Sammy Rivera, a prominent Allingtown business owner known for his big heart and generous spirit, received West Haven's Hispanic American of the Year award at the third Hispanic Heritage Celebration on Friday.

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and the West Haven Hispanic Heritage Committee recognized Rivera, a native of Cayey, Puerto Rico, during a midday ceremony in the Harriet C. North Community Room of City Hall. The event, traditionally held on the steps of City Hall, was moved indoors because of rain.

The committee bestows the award annually on a Hispanic resident who personifies service in West Haven's thriving Hispanic American community. Last year's ceremony was postponed because of the coronavirus.

At the 35-minute event, Rivera, who owns Budget Transmission at 950 Boston Post Road and Budget Car Wash at 936 Boston Post Road, honored his Puerto Rican lineage with dozens of friends and loved ones.

Along with descendants of folks from Puerto Rico and Latin America, he was also joined by an array of local and state officials, including City Council Chairman Ronald M. Quagliani, D-at large, as well as state Reps. Michael A. DiMassa, D-West Haven, and Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven, who presented Rivera with a General Assembly citation on behalf of the city's delegation.

Rivera, 44, told the crowd he was "completely honored" to accept the Hispanic American of the Year award and thanked the people who helped him along the way, a journey far from easy.

"I grew up very poor — I know what it was to drink powdered milk and government cheese," said Rivera, who was born in Cayey, a mountain town and municipality in central Puerto Rico.

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WHHS takes top spot in state challenge

West Haven High School received a Governor's Award and a Commissioner's Award recently by the State of Connecticut, for its excellence in improving its Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion rates through the state's inaugural FAFSA Challenge. The high school also served as hosts for the media event Sept. 24, which included Gov. Ned Lamont, Commissioner of Education for the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Charlene Russell-Tucker, and Deputy Commis-

sioner of Academics and Innovation for the CSDE Desi Nesmith.

The Governor's Award is presented to the school that showed the largest percentage point growth in FAFSA completion amongst similarly sized schools, relative to the previous year, while the Commissioner's Award is presented to the school that showed the highest FAFSA completion rate, also amongst similarly sized schools.

"Our students at West Haven High School are destined for success, but we know things like FAFSA comple-

tion can be a barrier to achieving that success," said WHHS Principal Dana Parades. "My team and I understand that it is our job as educators to remove those barriers and we were thrilled to participate in a challenge that aimed at doing just that."

Despite an exceptionally challenging and unprecedented 2020-21 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, West Haven experienced a 10.8-percentage point increase in FAFSA completion rates over the previous year, which greatly surpassed the 5-percent-

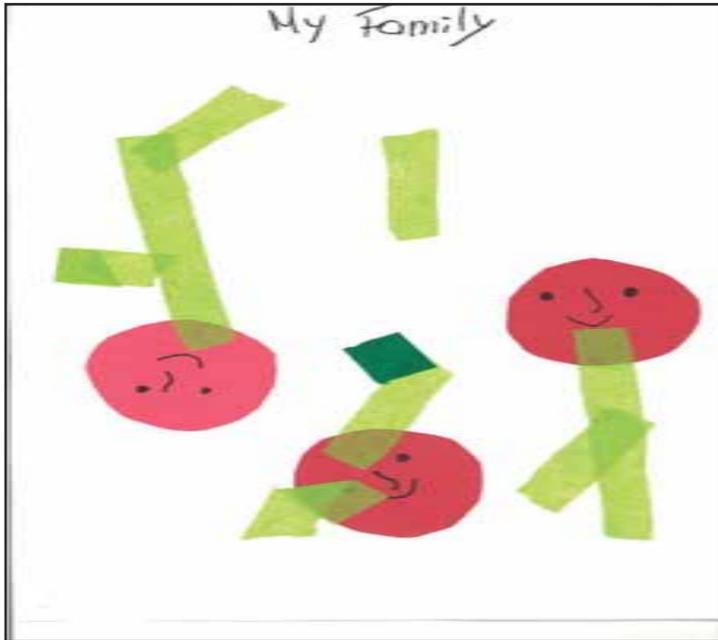
age point goal that Gov. Ned Lamont challenged all Connecticut schools to achieve last school year. Additionally, an incredible 59.8-percent of students in the high school's Class of 2021 completed the FAFSA.

FAFSA completion is strongly associated with postsecondary enrollment and outcomes, given that 90-percent of high school seniors who complete the FAFSA attend college directly from high school, compared to just 55-percent of FAFSA non-completers.

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Ashton Isreal, age 2 years 9 months, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. is looking forward to cooler weather to go apple picking with his family.

On this Date

2005 -- Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten publishes controversial cartoon. The Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten published a controversial cartoon of the Prophet Muhammad. The publication led to riots and protests in many parts of the world.

1966 -- Botswana becomes independent. Botswana gained independence from the United Kingdom.

1960 -- Premier of The Flintstones. The animated series The Flintstones premiered on TV. It was set in the stone age and it detailed the lives of the Flintstone and Rubble families. It ran for 6 years until April 1, 1966.

1949 -- Berlin airlift ends. After 15 months of airlifting supplies to Berlin, the Berlin airlift led by American forces came to an end. The Berlin Blockade was an international crisis where the Soviet Union blocked access of Western countries into Berlin.

1744 -- Battle of Madonna dell'Olmo begins. The battle was fought during the War of the Austrian Succession and ended with the Spanish and French victory over the Kingdom of Sardinia.



Photo by Frank Chasney

Adams representing state

Ms. Senior World Delegate 2021 Noreen M. Adams and Arlene DeGrand Painter, the manager of the West Haven Veterans Museum & Learning Center, on Sept. 11 flank a wedding dress made from a World War II parachute. The nylon gown is among an arsenal of military relics since the Revolutionary War on display in the 9,000-square-foot museum at 30 Hood Terrace. Adams, of West Haven, will represent Connecticut in the Ms. Senior World pageant from Nov. 6-10 in Biloxi, Mississippi. She will compete in the 70s age category.

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Oriental Park was a popular place in a bygone era. Filled with cottages, hoes and hotels, the neighborhood was a vital part of Savin Rock during the summer, but a place where people spent the year. Bordered by Peck Avenue, Thomas Street, California Street, Beach Street and Washington Avenue, it will be the subject of a walking tour this weekend by the West Haven Historical Society.

Oriental Park walking tour on Oct. 2

The West Haven Historical Society Walking Tour will take place on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. This year the tour will feature the Savin Rock neighborhood of Oriental Park which was a vibrant, spirited area with summer cottages and nearby homes and hotels that evoke a bygone era of the city's history.

Tour will start at the Savin Rock School parking lot which stands on the site of Oriental Park itself. The park included not only summer cottages for seasonal visitors but which later became all year round homes for local residents.

The walk will also take in the area including sections of Peck Avenue, Thomas Street, California Street, Beach Street, and Washington Av-

enue. It will last approximately one hour.

The cost of the tour is \$10 per person and includes a packet of photographs of the sites, a map of Oriental Park and the nearby neighborhood. Of particular interest will be various homes, hotels, and structures many dating back to the mid-19th century and the early beginning of Savin Rock. People are urged to wear comfortable shoes or sneakers,

People must register for the tour ahead of time and may go to the Historical Society's website whhistoricalsociety.org and follow the prompt info@whhistoricalsociety.org. Or call Jon at (203) 933-0081 to register and receive more information.

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University of New Haven theater students are collaborating with the West Haven Historical Society on the annual Graveyard Lantern Tour. This spooky local event, which "resurrects" several long dead West Haveners who are buried in the graveyards in the center of town. Join the West Haven Community and get ready for Halloween!



University of New Haven

A Partner in the Community

Dear Felicia

Howdy do, sweets! It's been an interestin' time here in the Asylum by the Sea, whot with things getting off the summer schedule and moving into what we're more used to in these parts. Yep, summer toined to fall last week, and though it's still on the warm side, some o' the usual arboreal specimens that seem to shed their leaves early are doing so. It's hard to believe but in jest a few weeks' time we know that these balmy temps are gonna crash, and the windows will but shut and the heat turned on for the next little while.

With that going on, the campaign for mayor seems to be in full swing. The Cohen town hall, witch was wet for the Sept. 22, drew almost double the Demmies debate – that was the exercise the group had before the primary.

There are some that might wanna make hay outta that statistic; but, let's face it, there

are a slew more Demmies than GOP. Still they got a headcount of 90 for Cohen, and under 60 for debate. Whilst some thought it might be an omen for Nov. 2, Cobina's take on it is that Cohen is not a known quantity and people wanna know what he's about. They already got a perty good understandin' of where Herroner is coming from.

Sammy Bluejay was at the proceedings and sez Cohen fielded lotsa questions with no notes, and was perty fluent on how he saw things.

Questions were drawn from texts and emails, as well as from the town hall floor. Barry, who can be an enigma to some was engaging, accordin' to Sammy, and when a query was posed about the arts, he broke out in a little song.

As one might suspeck, the usual folks from the Rossi camp who showed up to see what's what and determined

to leave halfway through the event. Sammy sez some in the Cohen camp were sayin' the visitors didn't like the applause. Maybe. One never knows. Maybe they thought they had enough of a flavor of what was being said. Effen Barry is smart, he'll keep his powder dry and not show all o' what is in his bag o' tricks.

One thing that cam outta the proceedings was Cohen's desire to "kick it up a notch" and have a "real debate" about leadership, transparency, quality of life, and economic development. He's said he wasn't thrilled with the usual format these debates seem to take. Sammy sez he offered up some requests and recommendations – or so he told the galthering.

Candidates sitting at separate tables, unable to stand or converse with one another, doesn't sit well with Cohen or others who felt that Lewis got the short end of the stick at the Dem debate.

Maybe. But I wouldn't expect that things are gonna git much more notched up. It jest ain't the way things work hereabouts.

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Meanwhile, the three-way race that we were all expectin, and even hopin' fer ain't gonna happen it seems. Nelly Nuthatch informed us that O'Brien caught

the disease that seems to be infectin' a bunch o' people this year: Not-filling-itis.

The way we got the story from Nelly some state paper or form had to be filed and it wasn't in time, that means that O'Brien wouldn't be on the ballot, but I guess can run as a write-in. Well, we know from past experience jest how effective those can be.

So, the three-way showdown Cobina was hopin' for – a trio on a dais debatin' the isshews would have really been a tonic for the staid politics these things turn into – will not be happenin' this go-round. It'll be the usual fare. But, with Cohen in the race, we're expectin' there will be some fireworks somewhere along the line. As we've said before neither Herroner nor Cohen are averse to throwing the verbal bomb effen they think it'll get notice.

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Meanwhile, the local papyrus had a story about flooding around here. Developers and those lookin' to develop are aware that the last couple o' years have been perty wet, and that a city perched along the shore and its estuary and setch might get a bit waterlogged on occasion. Even the Feds found that out jest a week or so ago.

I told yew that the gymnasium at the new high school got a bit o' water damage as did the cafeteria. Now, there were many reasons for it, including the fack that the retention pond planned wasn't done yet, and the construction around those areas is still ongoing. But it did have a few eyes rolling – including Cobina's.

'Twas the Feds, dontcha know that insisted the reconstruction have a new gym. The original plans had the old gym refurbished and useable. Nope, said some yokel in Washington. It's too near the flood area, and will flood in a 100-year storm – not understanding that in the 56 years the place was extant it didn't flood once cuz o' rain.

Soooooo, a new gym was built fully a city block away from where the old one stood, with the old one falling to the wrecker's ball more than a year ago. And the foist big storm we had – albeit a 500 year storm by all accounts – there was flooding there. However, the area where the former gym was might've been soaked – but not flooded.

Getting back to developers, we understand they might have some angst about building on wetlands, but do they hafta put houses everywhere? We know it's a quick way to turn a buck, but we still live in one o' the densest areas in the state on – I never forgit this lit'le stat from decades ago – 10.6 square miles. Effen the

rain doesn't git you, the density will.

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As we venture into October in the next few days, we hafta remember that Beach Street reconstruction is supposed to happen in the next lit'le while. Cobina makes her domicile in that area and is jest wonderin' what new Hell is gonna happen when that construction begins.

Beach Street is one o' the major arteries getting into that part o' town, and effen it has to be closed off like it was when they did the part in front o' the wastewater treatment plant – I didn't wanna say "sewage" – it could be a BIG problem over there.

As I mentioned to yew recently, since Water Street was closed, the traffic on First Avenue, particularly outgoing during rush hour, is brutal. That ain't to say incoming ain't brutal it is, but trying to navigate that area getting to the highway is a particularly frustrating affair.

Iva Lootey is of the opinion that as bad as the other Beach Street reconstruction was, this one's gonna be even worse. Campbell Avenue will become more choked with traffic, and areas setch as Sawmill Road and even Jones Hill and Woodmont Road – which are not great shakes, either, could see an uptick in congestion.

Let's hope the city comes up with a traffic plan before this area is rebuilt. Better to have something in place planned, than reacting to a situation that festers. It being an election year might work the favor of the average commuter.

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The Wag was in t'other afternoon and got Cobina wondering. A headline in the local papyrus stated the esteemed governor of our little Peoples' Republic is looking to extend his emergency powers after next Tuesday. Ya see, his powers lapse and his executive orders do as well. Now, probably the General Assembly will give him new powers, unfortunately.

As the Wag pernted out, we are perty much on the other side of the "pandemic" and it jest doesn't seem like politicos wanna give up the perks they got. Yeah, perks. They like rulin' by fiat, don't think otherwise. It'll be interestin' what happens. Probably by the time yew read this the General Assembly has forked over its authority once more and rule by decree will continue. Do I sound cynical? After decades of watchin' politicians in action, I don't think they do anything for the general welfare, only their own power.

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

*Cobina*

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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

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The owners don't care and don't answer the phone and all we know is they are waiting for parts.

They own 12 or more apartment buildings in Connecticut.

Fix it please! They need to be fixed or care needed. Help us please or we will hold back our rent.

*A Resident*

**Dear Resident:**

The elevator has been repaired! I contacted the building inspector who in turn referred me to Michael Esposito of the Fire Department. Mike called me with the results of his investigation which indicated the delay in repair of this elevator was due to parts and that at the time of his call to me, the elevator was repaired.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

When does the 201 Noble Street, West Haven Senior Center open? Let people know or is it a secret?

*LB Just Curious*

**Dear L B:**

The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 .m. according to a staff member at the Center.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

At the corner of Campbell and Main, vendors are parking their trucks on Campbell Avenue, further taking up space. Now as well as, the public parking lot behind Campbell Avenue businesses. City officials should take a look at the

trash on the ground around the dumpsters here, too.

*Donald A. Russo*

**Dear Donald A. Russo:**

I notified Council Woman Bridgette Hoskie who responded to your complaints with, " I know when we have our Farmer's Market vendors do park to load and unload. I'll provide feedback o the city and advise of the parking lots."

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Ever since the traffic lights at Wagner Place were changed, there are knots of traffic which sometimes approach gridlock at the Elm-Wagner, Main-Wagner-Kelsey intersections.

At the worst, the light at Elm-Wagner causes long lines of traffic that backs up to Main and when long lines which had formed on Kelsey and gets a green light, they advance and get stuck in the intersection and the light promptly turns red again, standing cars in the intersection and blocking lines of traffic on Main Street. Now, the lines on Kelsey are longer than they have been as so many cars pile up now due to the unfortunate light timing and the cars form two lanes because anyone turning right on Main Street can only get into the right lane at the last moment because of residents who have to park on Kelsey Avenue.

Whoever did the timing on these lights needs to get out and fix the problem. As it is now, we try to avoid these intersections altogether, but it is not always possible.

*NL Frustrated*

**Dear Frustrated:**

Councilwoman Bridgette



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

Hoskie replied to your complaint with, "I have sent this to the West Haven Police Department Traffic Division."

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

There is an orange cone in a deep hole on Fairfax Street. The hole is a couple of feet

away and was filled and the other one wasn't. This is a very dangerous section of Fairfax Street, especially at night when you can't see the hole of one until you are right in front of it. Please Repair

*Be Careful J M*

**Dear Be Careful:**

Gripe Vine reached out to Councilman Peter Massaro who replied, "I reached out to the individual who complained of this issue There are no cones on Fairfax Street. The two holes on Fairfax Street are filled."

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Here I am again to complain about the smoking store on Admiral and Orange Avenue that is a block away from UNH. That is crazy. We are

trying to stop our young people (from smoking). We could use a trash pail in front of this store.

*Stay Healthy RL*

**Dear Gripe Vine Readers:**

I have received complaints of 100-year-old trees on Highland Avenue that are hanging over people's houses and garages.

They are also complaining of old tree stumps that should be removed on Fairview Avenue.

Councilman Robert Bruneau received this complaint ad replied, "I will reach out to Bob Harrington, tree consultant to see what could be done. I will take a look into this. Thank you I will follow up."

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## Campaign thoughts

The primaries are over, the race is set, and the next several weeks will determine who will run the city for the next two years following a vote on Nov. 2. We hope it will be a time when voters in the city will not only find out what the candidates are about, but what their individual visions are for West Haven.

A race that promised to be a three-way race only a few weeks ago, turned into a two-way race when what seems to be a bugaboo with local politicians – filing paperwork – eliminated former Mayor Edward O'Brien from his independent comeback bid. Paperwork filings, or the lack of them, forced the Republican endorsed slate to petition to be on the ballot only weeks before.

The candidates then, incumbent Democrat Nancy Rossi, and challenger, Republican Barry Lee Cohen, are in a clear field to determine the next leaders of the city along with their slates. Here is what we hope will happen during this year's campaign, though we admit we are not going to hold our collective breath.

**What will you do?** – Most often, in fact, all the time, the campaigns turn into exercises in barb throwing. In West Haven this aspect of campaigning has turned into performance art. While both Rossi and Cohen are single-minded individuals and both can toss a one-liner toward their opponent, we hope the give-and-take does not devolve into *ad hominem* attacks.

What voters want to know is how the candidates will do their jobs if they are elected. With Rossi one has a body of work to survey and that gives Cohen an opportunity to critique it and say what he will or will not do differently. Conversely, Rossi can take those critiques and show her opponent is taking a wrong tack or does not know the ins and outs of a certain issue. That goes with the territory.

We hope it goes beyond that, however. The leaders of our city must provide a vision of what they see happening in the next few years and how they intend to facilitate it. How will the city be a better place when they leave office? What will be done to make things better.

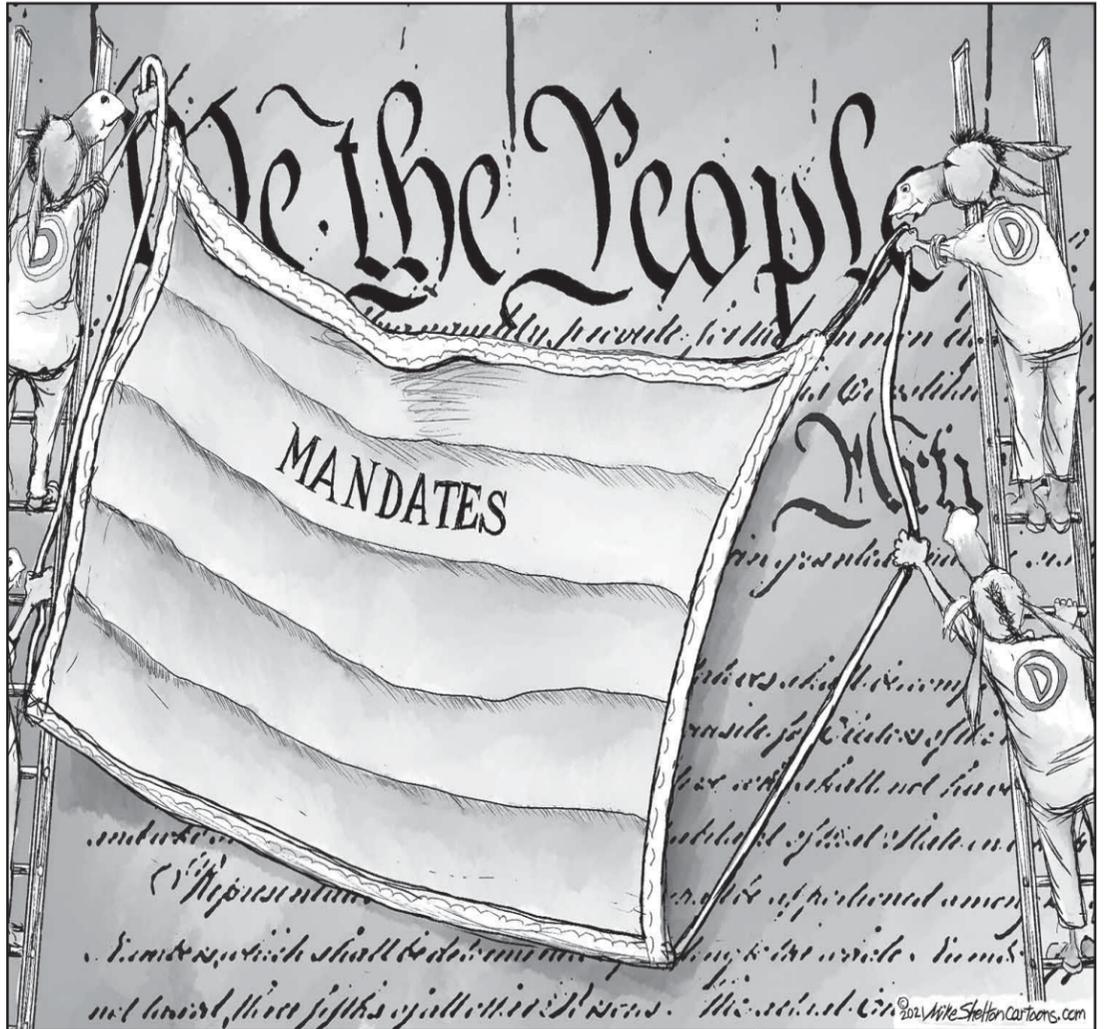
**Leave the platitudes at home** – When it comes to campaigns and sports personalities one can always be sure to hear a platitude – a catch phrase, or overly broad statement that never answers a question but remains in a positive light. Leave them out of the speechifying, and if a question is posed answer directly.

Residents want – and deserve – to have their concerns answered and those answers shouldn't be cluttered with platitudes that say nothing. Word salads are not very appetizing fare.

**Be respectful** – Party politics in West Haven has been termed “hard ball,” and to a large extent that is true. But hard ball does not have to include disrespect of the opponent, of the position, or of the public. When a candidate is disrespectful, all three are harmed.

Clarity of position, and understanding your opponent's position is important, especially if you find you must defend against it. Waving one's hand and scoffing at a position taken by a candidate is no way to let the public know why a position is bad or good. It may, in fact, turn voters off.

As we prepare to get fully into the 2021 municipal campaign, we are eager to see what both candidates see as the future of West Haven. That will serve the public and inform the voters. That is what campaigns are supposed to do.



## Tax proposal is jaw-dropping

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

Benjamin Franklin was right about death and taxes, but new taxes only become inevitable when a Democrat is elected president, and here we are.

The House Ways and Means Committee released an outline of tax proposals to offset President Biden's jaw-dropping spending plans, and it's the expected assortment of tax increases on business and the affluent that Democrats like to pretend can fund a social welfare state of the sort that Bernie Sanders has long pined and advocated for.

The individual tax rate would increase from 37% to 39.6%, the capital gains rate from 20% to 25%, and the corporate tax rate from 21% to 26.5%, among sundry other provisions befitting the hideously complex U.S. tax regime.

It's a sign of the scope of Biden plans that the committee version represents a step back from his tax proposals, yet still clocks in at an enormous \$2.2 trillion in estimated new revenue over ten years.

The corporate taxes are particularly noxious. Democrats love the politics of taxing corporations, based on the lazy and wrongheaded idea

that the corporate tax is the way to stick it to executives and shareholders. To the contrary, if businesses are taxed at a higher rate, they have less resources available the capital investments that improve worker productivity over time. This ultimately means lower wages for workers.

It is telling that no one is talking about going back up to the pre-Trump rate of 35%.

According to the Tax Foundation, a top corporate rate of 28%, the level that Biden favors, would once again give the U.S. the highest rate in the OECD at 32.3% once state level corporate taxes are factored in as well. France currently has the highest rate but is set to reduce it next year.

What's the sense in instantly making the business environment in the United States less favorable and giving a competitive advantage to foreign countries?

While the Way and Means draft rejects Biden proposals such as taking the capital gains rate all the way up to 39% (!), it does everything it can to try to hold anyone making less than \$400,000 harmless. As The Washington Post puts it, “The efforts are designed to avoid even the appearance of affecting middle- and lower-income households.”

This is where the Democrats are willing to talk the talk about a cradle-to-grave welfare state, but not walk the walk. There can be no European-style welfare state, at least not sustainably so, without European-style taxes.

The dirty secret about the Scandinavian countries that the left constantly holds up as a model is that they aren't afraid to tax the middle class. These alleged models of social justice tax more than we do and tax much more broadly, realizing that taxing the rich and corporations isn't enough to fund extensive and generous social programs.

The Tax Foundation calculates that if the U.S. had a tax system comparable to Denmark, we would be taxing all income over \$70,000 at 55.9%, Denmark's top rate.

The Ways and Means tax hikes would, sure enough, create Denmark-like rates. As Robert Frank of CNBC notes, the combined state and federal top tax rates in New York City would be 61.2%, in California 59.7%, and in New Jersey 57.2%. But the rates wouldn't reach down into the middle class. In fact, Democrats from high state taxes are determined to raise the cap on federal tax deductions for

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# Letters

## On vaccines, right wingers and Ben

I haven't read the West Haven Voice in a while and was a little surprised by the "right wing" slant on the Opinion page. Equating Progressive policy with totalitarianism is a bit of a leap. Most Democrats and Republicans are moderates. AS for President Biden wanting to mandate vaccinations on the entire nation. He does not have this power. As commander-in-chief he may have the power to require the covid vaccine for all military personnel, as George Washington did with the smallpox vaccine. He did say that people should get the vaccine or have a test week. All employers have the right to have rules to keep their employees and clientele safe. We are not allowed to smoke in schools, or hospitals. People are free to seek employment elsewhere if they choose. If they don't want to get vaccinated or wear a mask Remember, this is temporary, and there are plenty of left-wing anti-vaxxers, too

It was ironic that you mentioned Ben Franklin, who was an opponent of mandating vaccinations, until his son died of smallpox. He regretted the decision for the rest of his life.

Barbara Cavallaro

*Ed. Note: Thanks for agreeing with us. Biden doesn't have the power, that is what Washington struggled with, the limits of the Constitution. You conflate anti-vaxxers with those who are objecting to the mandate. It's a matter of personal freedom. We are adults. Funny you should mention smoking, those are state decisions, not federal dictates. Progressives want "Federal" mandates, hence the totalitarian warning. As far as Franklin, he might have subjectively regretted it, but objectively he was correct. That's all that matters. If you haven't noticed our conservative slant, you haven't paid attention over these last 24 years.*

## Tree destruction on mayor, warden

The blame for all the needless tree cutting in West Haven is completely with the mayor and the tree warden. They have the authority to stop all of this, and they choose not to.

The tree contractors are here to make more money, period. They couldn't care less about the trees or the environment.

This will continue as long as the mayor and tree warden turn a blind eye to it.

William Shine

## Anxiety program offered

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

## Lowry: Taxes abound

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state and local taxes -- limited in Donald Trump's tax reform -- to reduce the tax bite on their relatively affluent constituents.

Maybe don't increase taxes in the first place?

Indeed, rather than trying to spend historic amounts of money while their slender majorities last, it'd be better for the country if Democrats sought to fund their priorities by re-allocating dollars within the already vast federal budget. But standing the aforementioned Benjamin Franklin on his head, they believe that a trillion saved is a trillion wasted.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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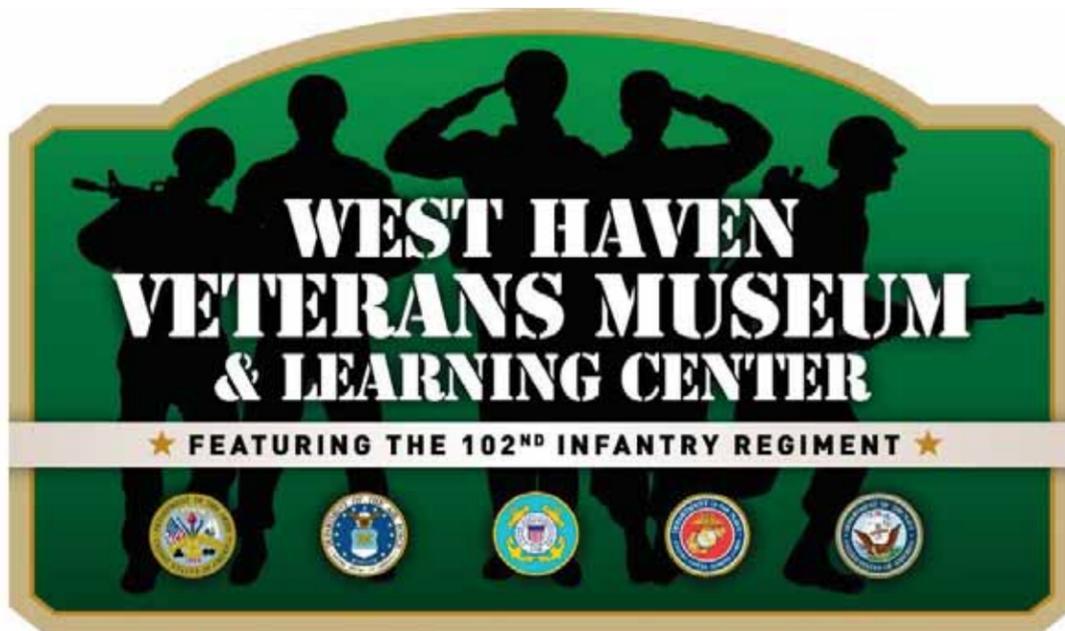
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# Rivera: *City businessman get top honors from city*

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Rico, and moved to New Haven's Fair Haven neighborhood with his mother and brother in 1981 at age 4.

Rivera thanked his aunt in the audience, Violet Cedeño, whom he lived with after his mother died, and his wife, Mallery, who was unable to attend the ceremony because she is pursuing a degree in nursing. He also thanked his "amazing" employees and "wonderful" customers from both businesses, many of whom attended as well.

"I was grateful yesterday, I am grateful today, and I will be grateful tomorrow for all that I have and all that's left for me to give," Rivera said. "Thank you for believing in me."

A Latin-flavored lunch after

the event was provided by Tata's Restaurant of Wallingford. Two cakes were provided by Costco of Milford.

In observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs through Oct. 15, West Haven recognizes the important legacy of Hispanic Americans and the inspiring contributions they have made to the culture and history of the United States.

Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on the civic and cultural life of America, enhancing and shaping the national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community.

Hispanic Heritage Month, which traces its roots to 1968, begins each year on Sept. 15,

the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile also celebrate their independence days during that period.

Rossi said Rivera epitomizes the noble qualities of serving his vibrant community and carrying on the proud traditions of Puerto Rico.

Rossi lauded the public-spirited Rivera, whom she called a man of faith and family, for his wholehearted devotion to the city and its robust Hispanic American community.

Rossi presented him with an embroidered "Hispanic American of the Year" jacket and a Puerto Rican flag. She also presented him with the first copy of West Haven's newly published centennial book, "City of West Haven: Village to Town," and WestHavenO-poly, the centennial version of the board game Monopoly.

The mayor then read a citation praising Rivera's good works.

"I hope you reflect with pride on the enduring contributions you have made civically and culturally to our local identity," Rossi said. "As a man of character, conviction, principle and wisdom, you personify the very best of West Haven."

The cultural event also included remarks by Rossi's executive assistant, Louis P. Esposito Jr., the master of ceremonies, and Joseph Rodriguez, the deputy state director of U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal's Hartford office.

Before a prayer by Planning and Zoning Commissioner Steven R. Mullins, Ana Garcia sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Puerto Rican national anthem, "La Borinqueña."

Rodriguez said his friend Rivera's "years of service" include donating toys amid the COVID-19 pandemic to the Three Kings Day celebration in January and supporting the hurricane relief effort in Puerto Rico.

Rivera moved to West Haven in 2005 when he purchased Budget Transmission Center.

His contributions to the city include serving as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and a member of the Redevelopment Agency.

Rivera lives with his wife of six years and their two children on Hamilton Street in Allingtown. He also has three children from a previous marriage.

Watch the ceremony on West Haven YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/>



Photo by Patrice Farquharson

## Let's go fly a kite

A pair of kites fly over Savin Rock at the Connecticut Kite Flying Group's "Kite Fly" on Sept. 11. Led by organizers Gary Engvall and Patrice Farquharson, group members from across the state flew kites of all colors, shapes and sizes at the event, part of West Haven's 100th anniversary festivities.

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Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and author Dan Shine reveal West Haven's newly published centennial book, "City of West Haven: Village to Town," at City Hall on Friday.

## Shine's Centennial book published, now on sale

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and author Dan Shine revealed West Haven's newly published centennial book, "City of West Haven: Village to Town," at City Hall on Friday.

Flanked by stacked copies of the hot-off-the-press book, Rossi and Shine discussed and showed the meticulous production of the 116-page historical work, which chronicles the stories and photos that shaped West Haven's past 100 years.

"It is the city's, the committee's and Mr. Shine's hope that the reader will find the following stories to be enlightening, entertaining and moving, in accordance with the content of each," said Rossi, the honorary chairwoman of the City of West Haven Centennial Celebration Committee.

Rossi said the book was commissioned by the committee to commemorate West Haven's 1921 birth and its incorporation by the General Assembly as Connecticut's

youngest town.

The \$20 book, printed in partnership with GHP Media of West Haven, is available in the Department of Human Resources at City Hall, 355 Main St., or by calling (203-937-3558). A book signing is scheduled for 5:30-7 p.m. Nov. 17 at the city's Main Library, 300 Elm St.

Rossi praised Sabo, the committee's chairwoman, for overseeing the book and West Haven Public Library Assistant Director Catherine Bushman for laying out the contents, including the black-and-white and full-color photos.

The information was sourced from the "Historian's Corner" series written by Shine, one of the foremost authorities on West Haven history. The cover was photographed by James Holt and designed by Toni Perry, who also provided the finished layout.

The book's articles are dedicated to Shine's father, Daniel R. "Bob" Shine, who died in 2004.



## United Illuminating continues trimming

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

United Illuminating will begin the next phase of its tree care program to reduce the amount of vegetation that UI says threatens power lines during storms.

UI's tree service contractor will increase the distance between vegetation and power lines by targeting trees and limbs in and around the center of West Haven along Campbell Avenue and Main and Center streets, said city Tree Warden Leo Kelly, who reviewed and approved the project.

Kelly said the circuit area provides electrical power to downtown businesses and City Hall.

The contractor, Lewis Tree Service Inc., will focus work on UI's "Utility Protection Zone," which extends 15 feet above, 8 feet below and 10 feet to the side of power lines, he said.

According to UI, the Orange-based utility

will designate trees for pruning or removal if they pose a threat to power lines or risk falling into or encroaching on the Utility Protection Zone, causing damage to the electrical system or outages due to their height and growth pattern.

## Energy Assistance offered

The city will begin accepting applications for the federally funded Connecticut Energy Assistance Program. Starting Oct. 4, appointments for all heating sources can be made by calling (203) 937-3572.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, applications will be processed via phone by appointment Monday through Thursday. No walk-ins will be accepted. Eligibility for assistance is based on the income and assets of an applicant's household. To qualify, applicants must provide pay stubs, including monthly Social Security benefits and pension checks, for the last four weeks for all household members 18 and older.



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# Alum gives \$1m gift to ND

Steve Fogler '78 credits Notre Dame High School with instilling a foundation that shaped the man he has become today. He and his wife Liz recognized the role Notre Dame played in his life with a leadership gift of \$1,000,000, the largest single gift ever received by the school.

The Foglers' landmark gift was the catalyst to Notre Dame's \$10 million *Excellence Imagined: Our Campaign for the Next Generation* that will transform the school's campus, providing innovative facilities and space for teaching and learning uniquely designed for educating young men. Hundreds of donors have already shown their support for the Campaign that has raised more than \$7 million since its inception in May of 2019.

"Notre Dame High School has transformed the lives of thousands of young men, including my own. We hope our gift will inspire other alumni to reflect on the opportunity they were afforded, and invite them to play a significant role in Notre Dame's future for generations of students to come," said Fogler '78.

*Excellence Imagined* targets three key areas of growth and transformation for Notre Dame. A new centralized

and welcoming \$3.5 million Student Center, a \$2 million Faculty Collaboration Center, new and expanded classrooms, a completely renovated cafeteria, along with modernization and upgrades to the school's exterior, will provide a contemporary space for teaching young men. The plan also funds continued growth of the school's academic program, building on the nine innovative signature programs, including International Baccalaureate, Sports Medicine, Engineering, and Video Production. More than 65% of today's Notre Dame students receive financial aid. The Campaign will provide increased endowment funding to ensure a Notre Dame education remains accessible for students in need.

Over 12,000 men have graduated from Notre Dame since the first class graduated in 1950. Today, Notre Dame educates over 500 young men from New Haven, Fairfield, and Hartford counties. While teaching and learning look different today than in 1950, all alumni will recognize the legacy of the Brothers of Holy Cross. Notre Dame educates the minds and hearts of young men and builds on the tradition of brotherhood that is a

vibrant part of ND's 75-year history.

*Excellence Imagined* is Notre Dame's most ambitious campaign ever. Notre Dame President Robert Curis remarked, "Steve and Liz Fogler's \$1 million lead gift demonstrates their steadfast belief in our mission and commitment to the future success of Notre Dame High School." He added, "I am inspired and deeply grateful to our donors who have already supported this Campaign and I invite all in the ND community to join us. Together, your generosity will transform our school and propel Notre Dame forward for the next generation. Together, we are *Excellence Imagined*."

Kathy Wielk, Vice President for Community Relations and Leadership Giving, is energized by the community's response to this Campaign. "Our Holy Cross mission of educating minds and hearts transcends generations. Throughout this Campaign, I have heard countless stories from alumni about their ND experience and how it positively impacted their lives. There is no better time, or opportunity, to invest in Notre Dame's future than through a gift to the *Excellence Imagined* Campaign."



## Annual memorial Oct. 17

The West Haven Fire Department will be conducting its annual Firemen's Memorial ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 17. The ceremony will take place on the West Haven Green, at the Firemen's Memorial, and will begin at 10:00 am. Each year the department honors those members who have passed away during the year as well as all those who have come before. This year we will be ringing the bell for the following members:

Thomas Beurer, Hook & Ladder Company 1; Arthur Ferris, Stevens Heights Engine Company 5; Vincent Liberti, Career Department; Donald Vogt, Hook & Ladder Company 1; Ronald DeBrigita, Career Department; John Riccio, Savin Rock Hose Company 4, WSFD Career Dept.

If anyone has a family member who has passed away during the year and is a Career or Volunteer member of the WHFD, please contact us at [whfdhistory@gmail.com](mailto:whfdhistory@gmail.com) and we will add them to the list.

The 2021 event program is dedicated in memory of Edward P. Donegan. Donegan joined the Career Department on March 1, 1968, and was promoted to Superintendent of Apparatus on February 13, 1991. He retired on Sept. 30, 2005, after serving the Department for 37½ years.

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# Award: *WHHS* wins state's challenge

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See "This award is a testament to the work that occurred at West Haven High School during the pandemic," said Superintendent Neil Cavallaro. "Our administrative team, counselors, and teachers encouraged students to complete the FAFSA forms and make them believe that going to college was a realistic option for them. Our experience in the past had been that many students, thinking they couldn't afford the tuition, ultimately gave up on pursuing their goals and dreams."

West Haven High School hosted the media event with representatives from the other winners, Synergy Alternative Program (East Hartford), Orville H. Platt High School (Meriden), and P-TECH Norwalk (Norwalk). Nesmith facilitated the panel discussion which included remarks from Commissioner Russell-Tucker and Gov. Lamont, as well as questions for counselors, school and district leaders, college partners, and students. Representing WHHS on the panel were Principal Dana Paredes, school counselors Debbie Kachmar and Holly Benedetti, and seniors Justin Rodriguez, Danielle Ricketts, and Anaelcea Turcio.

Rodriguez serves as captain of the boys cross-country and track & field teams, is president of the Robotics Club, and was selected to serve as a Peer Advocate. He plans to major in biology and attend Medical School.

Turcio is captain of both the girls volleyball and tennis teams and is a member of the Newspaper Club, Peer Advocates, and the National Honor Society. She plans to attend college to possibly study political science.

Ricketts was born and raised in Jamaica and immigrated to the US less than three years ago. She is a student representative for the Board of Education, a selected Peer Advocate, Editor-in-Chief for the Rostrium (WHHS school's online

newspaper), President of the Teens for Christ Club, President of the International Club, and is part of the Yale Pathways to Arts and Humanities and the Yale Pathways to Science. She plans to attend a four-year university next fall and intends to major in biomedical science/public health.

Left to Right: Holly Benedetti (WHHS counselor), Debbie Kachmar (WHHS counselor), Justin Rodriguez (WHHS senior), Anaelcea Turcio (WHHS senior), Dana Paredes (WHHS principal), and Danielle Ricketts (WHHS senior).



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# Centennial concert finally heard

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

What a Fool Believes, the incomparable Doobie Brothers tribute band, came rocking down the highway and took it to the streets of West Haven on Sept. 19.

Well, more like Old Grove Park — dubbed “China Grove” by the New Hampshire-based group, a tongue-in-cheek reference to the Doobies’ 1973 rocker.

After a trio of rain postponements, the six-piece band performed a hit-packed set of the Doobies’ signature chords and harmonies in front of a vibrant crowd of about 1,000 concertgoers in the 151-year-old Grove overlooking Long Island Sound.

Billed as “a Doobie Brothers experience,” the two-hour show capped the Centennial Concert Series as part of West

Haven’s 100th anniversary festivities.

Radio personality Brian Smith, the evening’s master of ceremonies, entertained the gathering between sets with bursts of quick-witted humor.

The show, presented by the City of West Haven Centennial Celebration Committee, was 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.

What a Fool Believes’ fun-filled, high-energy performance celebrated the Doobies’ 50th anniversary and covered both the Tom Johnston and Michael McDonald eras.

With many people on their feet and some dancing, the

band played such timeless songs as “Listen to the Music,” “Long Train Runnin’,” “Black Water,” “Takin’ It to the Streets” and, of course, “China Grove.”

They were anchored by the smooth-sailing yacht rock classics “Minute by Minute,” “What a Fool Believes” and “I Keep Forgettin’ (Every Time You’re Near),” McDonald’s 1982 solo output.

The show was sponsored by West Haven Vietnam Veterans, of which several members attended and were acknowledged by Smith and the grateful crowd.

A row of food and dessert trucks served up eats and sweets on Palace Street, including Franco’s Fried Dough-Licious, Mister Softee and West Haven Ices.

The concert joined 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 Centennial Fireworks on Sept. 3. The rural and residential sections of Orange separated in 1921 when the residential part, West Haven, became the state’s youngest town.

In the spirit of West Haven’s birthday, committee Chairwoman Beth A. Sabo sold cen-

tennial coins, lapel pins and WestHavenOpoly, the centennial version of the board game Monopoly featuring prominent locations in the community.

All merchandise proceeds generated by the committee will offset expenses and support the \$50,000 centennial budget approved by the City Council, said Sabo, the city’s commissioner of human resources.

For other centennial merchandise, visit the official online store at <https://merch-webstores.com/West-Haven-Centennial/shop/home>.

The store, hosted by West Haven vendor West Shore Associates, sells such centennial-branded merchandise as long- and short-sleeved T-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, stainless steel tumblers, stemless wine glasses, insulated beverage bottles, ceramic mugs, retro sunglasses, canvas and cotton tote bags, eco-performance face masks, and pigment-dyed twill and mesh trucker caps.

A portion of the vendor’s merchandise proceeds will support the centennial account, Sabo said.

Watch the concert on West Haven YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MD7Hk8v4qhs>.

For a complete list of

centennial events, see the schedule at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/343/Centennial-Events>.

## Sustainability focus of day at city market

The Tony Inzero Farmers Market, West Haven SustainableCT and ArtsWestCT will present Sustainability Day, an interactive day filled with farmers, special guest and seasonal vendors, and community organizations.

The Sustainability Day market is set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today on the Green at Campbell Avenue and Main Street.

The market, held every Thursday and Saturday through Oct. 23, features a variety of farm-fresh goods, including honey, flowers, fruits and vegetables, from longtime Connecticut Grown farmers Mary Ann Borrelli, the owner of Borrelli Farms, and John Marcucio, the owner of Marcucio Farms.

The Sustainability Day market will have guest vendors alongside regular vendors who will offer a range of goods, such as precious metal jewelry, crystal jewelry, homemade candles, handmade masks, and handcrafted soaps.



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

West Haven VA Hospital  
The year was 1909: Theodore Roosevelt's term as president was ending and William Howard Taft's term was just beginning. The population of our 46 states stood at 90 million.

A new six room house could be bought for \$735 from Sears and Roebuck and a new Model T Ford cost even more at \$850. Gasoline cost 20 cents per gallon.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military had purchased its very first aeroplane; America was withdrawing its occupation troops from Cuba; Japan was beginning a 38-year occupation of Korea, and the U.S. Navy was founding a naval base at a little known place called Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

On a hill at the corner of Campbell Avenue and Spring Street was a piece of ground known as Lion Park. To satisfy the need for treating the many and rampant tuberculosis cases, and to create an overflow facility for

New Haven Hospital (today called Yale-New Haven Hospital), construction of a 100-bed hospital was begun on that tract of land; initial funding was provided by a gift of \$1,325,000 from Mr. Eli Whitney, President of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

At that time, the Visiting Nurse Association of New Haven used a part of Lion Park for a Day and Night Camp for children who were afflicted with tuberculosis in its early stages.

As time passed, additional monetary gifts were forthcoming from Sarah Winchester, in memory of her husband William Wirt Winchester: Thus, the hospital building was named for him. Before the building was completed, the US Government in 1918 leased it for the purpose of establishing a hospital for soldiers afflicted with tuberculosis. That hospital became known as United States Army General

Hospital No. 16, and bed capacity was increased to 650.

The hospital was designated by the War Department as the parent hospital for all Army tuberculosis institutions throughout the country, and a school was established and opened in May 1918 for the instruction of medical officers who were to be sent as examiners on various tuberculosis boards or were eventually part of the personnel of other Army hospitals for the treatment of other lung diseases.

The hospital continued on, performing a variety of functions under a number of different agencies during the ensuing years.

At the close of World War II, it was determined that there was a need for additional hospital facilities in the state of Connecticut to care for veterans: And so, it was that in 1948 the Winchester Hospital and grounds were purchased by the United States Government for the purpose of erecting a hospital on that site.

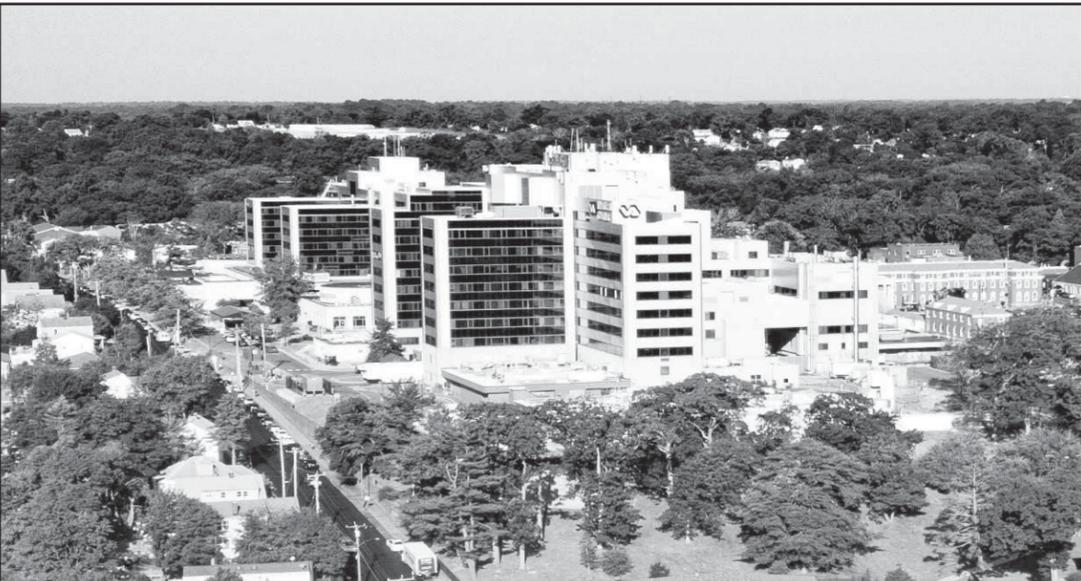
The new hospital was intended to provide treatment to veterans in need of hospital care of general and surgical tuberculosis and neuro psychiatric conditions.

Ground breaking took place in 1950, and in 1953 the hospital opened up as a new facility that offered a great many services to those who had served in the U.S. military and needed medical care.

Today, decades later, the West Haven V.A. Hospital continues its mission, providing a comprehensive A to Z listing of medical and related services, made available to those who did and do stand for our flag and protect its people. Well done!



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



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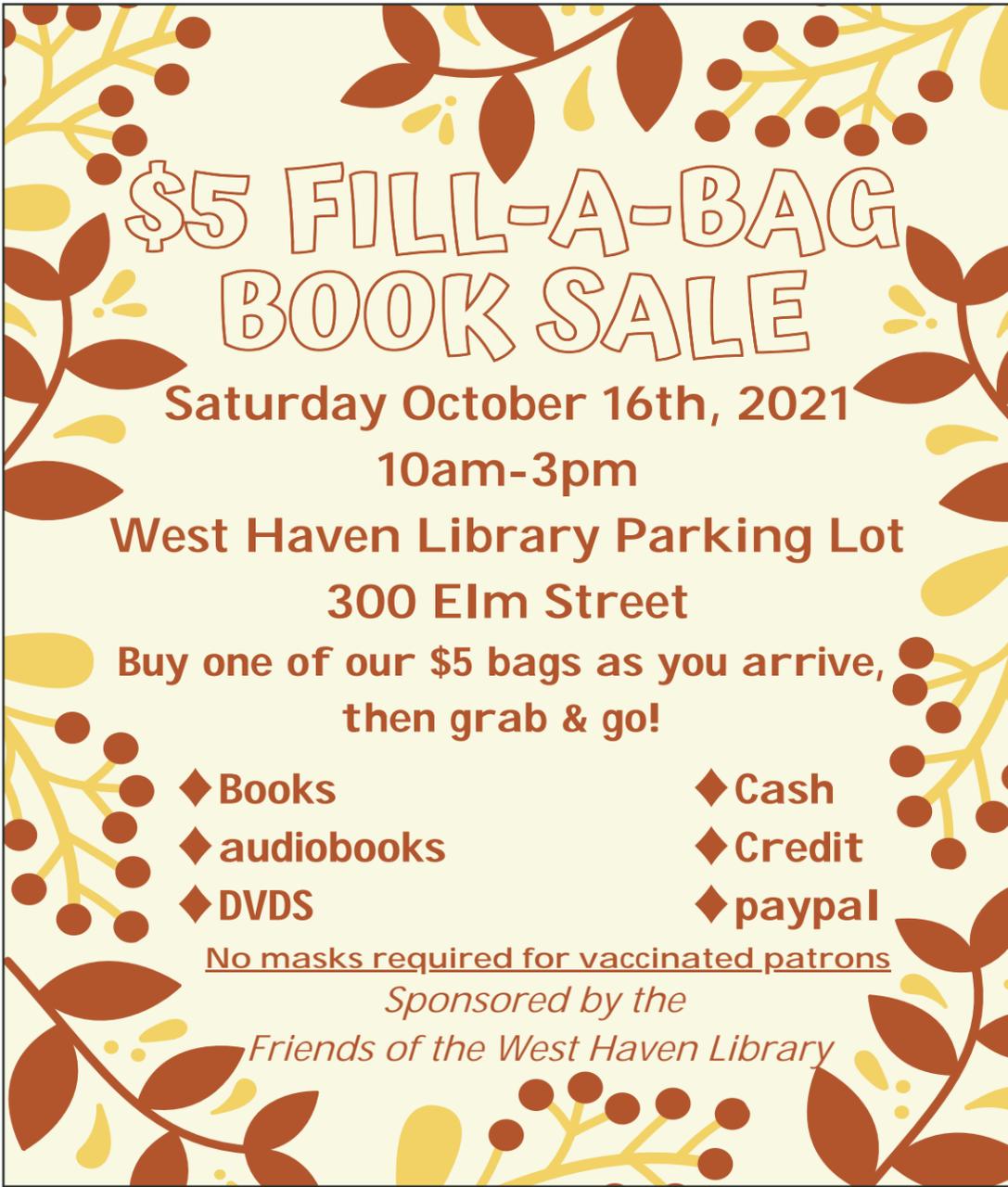
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# Westies: *Volleyball gets its first victory*

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After losing the season opener on the road against Hamden, the West Haven girls volleyball team was looking forward to playing at home. Unfortunately, Sheehan spoiled the homecoming.

Despite playing well in the first two games, the Westies did not have enough in a 3-0 loss to the Titans Wednesday afternoon at West Haven High.

Asia Ford led the Westies with eight kills and four blocks, while Jenna Johnson had five assists, three digs, and three kills. Dulcemaria Castillo led the way defensively with four digs.

West Haven fell to 0-3 to start the season with a 3-1 loss at East Haven Friday evening. The Westies battled but fell, 25-22, 25-27, 17-25, 17-25.

Ford led West Haven with eight kills, while Jenna Johnson had seven assists and four digs. McKayla Fowler added four kills, two digs and two aces in the loss.

West Haven played a tough match Monday afternoon at West Haven High. While it may have been the best the Westies have played thus far this season, it was not enough as Scared Heart Academy sent West Haven to its fourth straight loss to open the year.

In a hard fought match, the Westies fell, 18-25, 25-20, 18-25, 25-21, 6-15.

Junior Jenna Johnson ran the offense with 24 assists, while adding five kills. She also had six digs on the defensive side. Castillo led the defense with 16 digs, while Jordyn Johnson had seven digs, and Branyelis Brito and McKayla Fowler each added six digs.

Tanasia Fidalgo and Asia Ford also played well on the offensive side with 11 and eight kills, respectively. Fidalgo also added four blocks.

After starting the season with four consecutive losses, the West Haven volleyball team is finally in the win column. Playing a complete game throughout, the Westies posted a 3-0 road victory at Bassick Wednesday afternoon. With the 25-6, 25-6, 25-9 victory, West Haven improved to 1-4 on the year.

Fowler led the offense with 14 aces, while Ford had six aces. Jenna Johnson added three aces and three assists, Mya Flemming had three aces, Jordyn Johnson had three aces and two kills, while Morgan Montz chipped in three aces and one dig.

After posting its initial win of the season against Bassick, West Haven was looking to carry that momentum into Friday evening's contest against Guilford.

Unfortunately for the Westies, Guilford had other ideas. Not letting West Haven get on a roll, Guilford posted a 25-14, 25-18, 25-21 win over West Haven.

Jenna Johnson led the way for West Haven with eight assists and eight digs, while Ford had six kills and Fidalgo had four kills. Castillo added seven digs and two kills, Jordyn Johnson had four digs, and Turcio chipped in three digs.

The West Haven girls swim team opened the year with a 98-80 loss at West Haven High Friday afternoon. Despite not having any first-place finishes, the Westies had plenty of swimmers place in the top three in different events.

The 200 medley relay team of Lauren Blake, Molly Wilson, Kaelyn Falanga, and Victoria Acuna was second in 2 minutes, 6.91 seconds. The 200 free relay team of Raquel Camey, Isabella DeLauri, Emily Guthrie, and Kaylee Taulty also placed second in 2:09.55, while the 400 free relay team of Acuna, Falanga, Blake, and Wilson placed second in 4:39.39.

In the individual events, Isabella DeLauri placed third in the 200 freestyle in 2:42.62, freshman Olivia DeLauri was second in the 50 freestyle in 30.91 seconds and third in the 100 freestyle in 1:12.09.

Wilson placed third in the 200 IM in 2:52.94, Taulty was second in the diving event, and the 100 butterfly saw Falanga place second in 1:10.11.

Acuna was third in the 500 freestyle in 6:56.47. Falanga also placed second in the 100 back in 1:12.46, and Wilson was also second in the 100 breast in 1:19.91.

West Haven fell to 0-2 with a 92-86 loss against Jonathan Law at Foran High Wednesday afternoon.

West Haven won the 200 medley relay in 2 minutes, 8.18 seconds with a team of Blake, Wilson, Falanga, and Acuna.

In the individual events, Falanga won the 200 IM in 2:36.20, Acuna was second in the 50 free in 30.11 seconds, Taulty was third in diving with 166.05 points, and Blake was second in the 100 butterfly in 1:21.85.

Wilson placed third in the 100 freestyle in 1:06.75, Falanga was second in the 500 free in 6:15.49, and Blake placed second in the 100 back in 1:17.41. Wilson won the 100 breast stroke in 1:22.24.

West Haven fell to Mercy 104.5-72.5 Monday afternoon at the West Haven High Pool. With the loss, the Westies dropped to 0-3 on the year.

The Westies placed second in the 200 medley relay with

a team of Blake, Wilson, Falanga, and Acuna in 2 minutes, 9.73 seconds. Falanga also won the 200 IM in 2:38.27, while Wilson was second in the 50 free in 29.38 seconds.

West Haven had the top two spots in the diving event as Taulty was first and sophomore Amber Militrano was second. Falanga was victorious in the 100 fly in 1:14.24, Blake was second in the 100 back in 1:15.82, and Wilson was second in the 100 breast in 1:23.66.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Wilson, Emily Guthrie, Camey, and Acuna was second in 2:05.25, while the 400 freestyle relay team of Falanga, Acuna, Blake, and Khando Dorjee won in 4:34.94.

West Haven fell to 0-4 with a 94-89 loss at Hamden Thursday afternoon.

The 200 medley relay team placed first with a team of

Blake, Wilson, Falanga, and Acuna in 2 minutes, 7.52 seconds. The 200 free relay also won in a time of 4:32.84 with a team of Acuna, Elyze Ancheta, Falanga, and DeLauri.

Emily Guthrie placed third in the 200 free with a time of 2:37.93, while the 50 free saw Falanga place second in 27.08 seconds, and Wilson place third in 29.02. Diving saw Taulty place third with 158.80 points, while the 100 fly had Blake second in 1:24.61 and Raquel Carney third in 1:36.35. Acuna was second in the 100 free in 1:08.44, while Ancheta was third in 1:21.21.

Falanga won the 500 free in 6:07.61, while Blake was second and Taulty third in the 100 back.

The West Haven boys cross country teams traveled to Wharton Brook State Park Tuesday afternoon to run against Lyman Hall, Hand

and East Haven.

The boys topped Lyman Hall and East Haven, but fell to Hand. Despite losing all three team meets, the girls had improving times.

For the girls, junior Amanda Gullo placed ninth at 25 minutes, 50 seconds. On the boys side, senior Justin Rodriguez was ninth in 19 minutes, senior Alex Potter finished 11th in 19:11, and junior Khai Out-havong was 16th in 20:53. Sophomore Matt Pagan 17th in 20:54.

The boys cross country team placed third Tuesday afternoon in a meet at Cheshire, which also included Jonathan Law and Wilbur Cross.

The top runners for the boys were Potter in 19 minutes, 20 seconds, and Pagan in 19:30. Pagan improved his time by one minute in one week. Senior Justin Rodriguez also ran well in 19:58.

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# Tigers take 4-2 win in Youth Soccer action

The third weekend of action in the West Haven Youth Soccer League saw the Porto Funeral Home Orange Tigers defeating Sports Sanitizing of CT, 4-2. Nice field play and nice passing had the Tigers in control for most of the game. Assists and goals by Aiden Dowdye, Jesus Rangel, and Julius Stokes led the way to victory, while defense hustle by Uche Eze and Gerard Pringle limited the chances on goalie Zach Cruz, who made some key saves. Milano & Wanat defeated West Haven Police Local 895 3-1. Making passes that were key to scoring were Ethan Fonseca and Jaxon Cruz. Goals by Devonte King, Kingston Ortiz, and Fonseca. Great defense was on display by Wade Little and James Nhean.

The #DAVILATRIBE Sharks played the Stowe's Seafood Sharks, winning 6-2. For the Sharks, Victoria Rodriguez played more aggressive to get to the ball. Jada Turner's speed helped her to move the ball down the field and score. For the Emeralds, Giada Jimenez showed her leadership skills to guide the defensive line. Alliana Wilson saved many goals while playing goalie. UNH Grey Wolves faced West Haven Professional Firefighters in a

game of good sportsmanship. The Grey Wolves came out on top 5-0 with a hat trick scored by Justin Chacon and a goal scored by Jacob Smalls. Great defense was shown by Omari Knox and excellent field play by Armanny Rijos, James and Carlos Bazar, and Jayden Williams.

The Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center Gold Ninjas took on Meledes Construction LLC. The Gold Ninjas had a great game, with Bentley Cisse playing tough and staying in the middle of the action. Malcolm Jr Gibson showed a lot of heart and hustle, and Jayceon Gonzalez put three goals in the net using his speed. P & B Express took on Porto Funeral home, with the Express coming out on top, 5-4. Awab Abdelmageed was instrumental in the win, picking up a hat trick. Boden Rogers played tenacious defense in the win. West Shore Family Dental had a big 4-0 win over Stars Ice Cream. Theodore Lasso had two goals, while James Tart picked up one off of a free kick.

The Elite Soccer Camps Golden Wolves played a close game Saturday morning against the Seacrest Retirement Center Maroon Murders, with the Elie Soccer Wolves coming out on top

in the close battle. For the Wolves, Ryan Abekah scored, while Santino Amato and James Bayona worked hard. Nicolaus Deonarine, Trevor Hinton, and Maddox Carrasquillo all showed a lot of hustle. For the Mauraders, Jacob Rader made some fantastic saves in goal, Seth Empric worked hard in midfield, and Jonah Ramirez contributed on defense. The Gunning Law Firm Rhinos defeated Capetta Italian Imports 6-0. The Rhinos came out with a lot of intensity and grit, with Valentina Massa and Avery Linen leading the charge with great tackling and passing. Emma Routh and Camila Gomez Nauzan provided the scoring with excellent footwork and ball skills.

In their best game yet, #DAVILATRIBE fell to R. Mark Pappas DC Blue Birds. Going down 3-0, they made a comeback in the second half and tied it at 3-3. Despite some excellent play, they lost 4-3. Joelle Dixon started in goal for her first time and made many saves. Karine Davila sparked the attack, scoring two goals. Daniela Camey picked up her first goal of the season. Amiliana Gonzonlez worked hard and made nice passes. For the Blue Birds, Emilie Werle was able to break free on the

defense with less than a minute left in the game to notch the game winner. The offense was well balanced for the Bluebirds with Phoebe Dinuzzo, Winter Valdivieso, Werle and Allyson Hernandez all scoring. The defense was lead by Tomi Yekinni. Brooklyn O'Mara and Isabella Cellantano controlled the net for the Bluebirds.

Vio's Sports Plus took on Keenan Funeral Home Saturday. Jordaniel DeJesus Colon scored three goals and played the duration of the game. Joseph Wynosky scored a goal and showed great team spirit, while Sebastian Heath overcame his apprehension of playing during a game and scored a goal. Jonathan Colon made several assists passing the ball to set up teammates for goals. The Top Hat Dance Academy played the West Haven Italian American Civic Assn. Laila Clayton scored and presented stamina and dedication by playing the entire game, while Lexi Jimenez made several assists and showed defensive skills. Harper Albarado was a great team player by not giving up and using her defensive skills on the field.

The CT Pest Elimination West Haven U10 girls travel team went to Southington for a Friday night show-

down. The game did not go in the favor of the Westies, as they fell 4-0. The girls had a quick turn around the next day against Hamden, a game which the Westies dominated from start to finish only to find themselves down twice in the game. The game ended 2-2, with goals scored by Allyson Hernandez of a spot kick and Ariel Titus scoring the tying goal with one minute left in the game. The West Haven Federation of Teachers U10 Boys Travel Team played twice this past weekend. On Saturday, the Westies hosted Southington. It was a thrilling back-and-forth draw, ending 5-5. Luca DeCresenzo, Ryan Abekah, and Roland Greene all scored, while Josiah Soto played a solid first half in goal. Jimmy Clark and Jaxon Cruz worked to get the ball into the attack, and Mason Dasilva, Matteo D'Elia, and Davonte King dominated the midfield with good passing and positional play. The Westies were right back in action on Sunday, falling 4-2. Nathan Powell and Abekah scored, and Cruz and King split the time in goal. Jax Guarino was great on defense, along with Collin Gibbons and Seth Empric. Ayebatonye Issac, Russ Rambo, and Jesus Rangel showed a lot of hustle throughout the match.

## Bantams remain undefeated in Youth Hockey play

The West Haven Mite A's were back in action this weekend, playing twice. On Saturday, the young Westies hosted the CT Chiefs, falling to the skilled team.

Jameson Schempp made some fantastic saves to give his squad a chance. Ben Trenchard and Cooper Owens worked hard on defense, and Jax Guarino tried to spark the Blue Devil attack.

On Sunday, the Westies traveled to Shelton to take on the Riverhawks. The Blue Devils rebounded nicely from the day before, coming away with the win off of goals from Brady Salkins, Logan Minio and Caden Minio, Henry Seslar, and Guarino.

Trenchard and Owens were once again strong on defense, with Trenchard contributing to the attack with a pair of assists, and Owens notching goals of his own. Jameson Eid also scored and backchecked hard to help out on defense, and Schempp played another strong game in goal to secure the win for West Haven.

On Saturday, the Mite B team took on a very skilled Southern CT 8U Maroon squad. The Mite B defense was led by Alexa Jacob and Finn Mclaughlin with stellar goal tending from Landon Silverman. Keegan Jackson led the

offense, creating numerous opportunities in front of the net.

On Sunday, the Mite B team traveled to Terry Conners Rink in Stamford to face the Stamford 8U team. With strong net minding by Landon Silverman, the Westies battled hard against the experienced Stamford team. Keegan Jackson continued to lead the offense, supported by the tenacious duo of Jack Weiss and Sadie Moll.

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team closed out its second week of action with a solid 8-1 win over local rival Milford Southern Stars at the Edward L. Bennett Rink on Sunday morning.

Colton Bruneau scored followed by Logan Stackpole. JJ Charbonneau scored on a well-placed pass from Bruneau, who would go on to score three more goals in the game.

Evan Harrison made a few big saves between the pipes to hold Southern to only one goal and was helped with a strong defensive effort from Kyle Johnson, Joe Mondo, and Ryan Schempp.

Colin Whelan wrapped up the scoring with two goals in the third period.

The West Haven Peewee A team finished up its second

weekend of the season going 1-1, earning its first win of the season.

On Saturday, the Blue Devils hosted the Southern Stars at the Bennett Rink, falling to a talented Stars team, 7-1. West Haven scored its only goal by Michael D'Auito. Mason LaCroix started the game in net with Kai Lupa coming in in relief.

On Sunday, the Blue Devils traveled to Norwich where they took on the Southeastern Seahawks and skated to a 12-1 victory.

First period goals came from Ty Silva. Raymond Weston, Michael D'Auito Cam Lipford (2) and Allesandra Picard went on to score her own goal to make it 6-1.

West Haven came out in the third period scoring six more goals. Weston, Picard, Aedan Guarino (2), Michael D'Auito (2), scored the team's tenth goal from a feed by his brother David D'Auito.

Lupa started the game in net with LaCroix coming in relief. The pair had a combined 11 saves in the game.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team remained undefeated on the young season with a tie and a win this weekend. The Blue Devils tied Greater New Haven A, 4-4, and dismantled Stamford

A, 7-1, to push their record to 4-0-2.

On Saturday at Edward L. Bennett Rink, Greater New Haven scored the only goal of the first period on a power play. Just 31 seconds into the second period, the Westies tied the game with a power play goal of their own by Brady Price.

Parker Guarneri then gave West Haven a 2-1 lead. GNH would tie the game at two before Price scored on a breakaway for a 3-2 lead into the third period.

The Blue Devils made it a 4-2 on a goal by Tanner Walsh.

Penalties undid the Westies down the stretch though. The Warriors scored two power play goals and the teams skated to the 4-4 tie. John Kennedy (five saves) started in goal and Trevor Cathey (19 saves) relieved in the first period.

The Westies headed to Terry Connors Rink to face Stamford on Sunday evening. Mike

Page scored a pair of goals, with Guarneri and Matt Molnar assisting, in the opening period to give the Westies a 2-0 lead.

Page notched a hat trick with a goal in the opening minute of the second period with Guarneri assisting. Guarneri then made it a 4-0 contest with a 5-on-3 power play goal, assisted by Joey DiGioia.

Stamford cut the West Haven lead to 4-1 early in the third.

Page then blew the game open with two more goals, both unassisted, before Alex Bowery capped the scoring on an assist from Elam. Kennedy posted two shutout periods in goal, before Cathey played the final period of the 7-1 victory.

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'Hawks outlast Patriots, 37-20

The West Haven 8U team (2-2) outlasted the Waterbury Patriots, 37-20, on Sunday in Waterbury. The game was back and forth, with big offensive plays and key defensive stops. Seahawks' running back Andrew Cuzio led the attack with three scores. Khylan Crawford added a score in the win. The defense had good tackling from Caleb Gibbs and Colin Watson who recovered a fumble to stop a Patriot drive.

The 10U Seahawks (4-0) remained unbeaten with a 31-0-win vs the Harford Hurricanes. Seahawk running back Tristian Crawford led the way with three touchdowns including an exciting strip on defense and return for score. Majesty Whitaker and Mighty

Jackson added scores for the Seahawks. Nehemiah Thames also connected on a touchdown pass. The stingy defense was led by defensive lineman Chris Summers, Jaden Potter and Jaxson Ryan. Jermaine Gibbs led the team in tackles.

The 12U Seahawks lost a defensive battle to Hartford, 12-7, to fall to 2-1 on the season. Caden Stanley accounted for the lone Seahawk score with a 55-yard fumble recovery to put the hawks in the lead 7-6 in the first half. TJ Stevenson, Yusef Turner and Angelo Petruzzello excelled on defense.

The 14U team fell to 2-2 on the season with a 37-0 loss to Hartford. Ky'zhan Harris played will on offense and defense.

The Seahawks will return home this Saturday at Veterans Field with important divisional games. Flag football begins at noon and the 8U team will take on Manchester at 1, 10U vs. Trumbull at 3, 12U vs Trumbull at 5, and 14U vs Trumbull at 7.

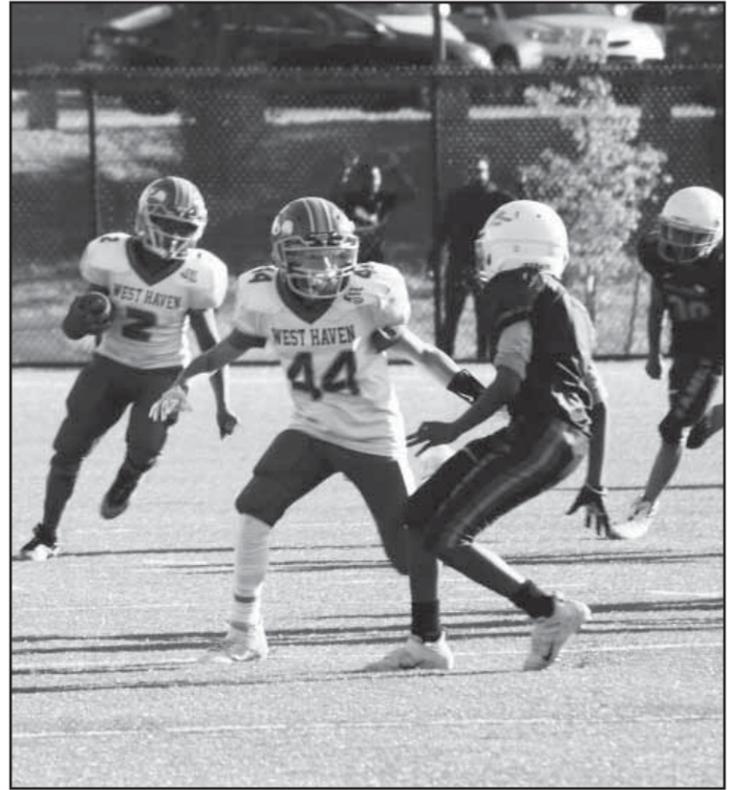


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Seahawk 12U running back Tyrone Stevenson (2) follows the block of Colin Murrery (44) during first half action against Hartford, The Seahawks fell, 12-7.

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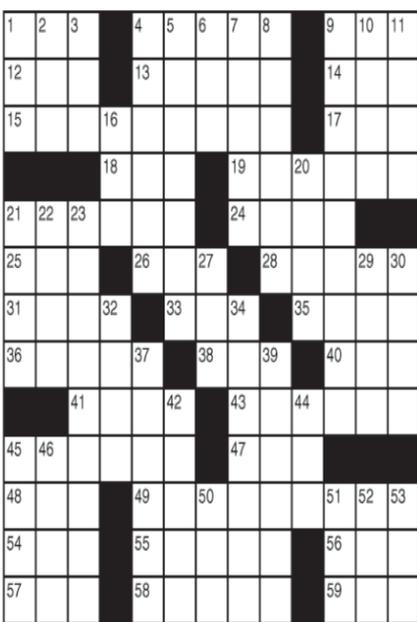
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- 4 Gasoline dispensers
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- 14 Blond shade
- 15 Online reference source
- 17 Carefree
- 18 By way of
- 19 Pancake toppers
- 21 Museum tour guide
- 24 - Hari
- 25 Swelled head
- 26 Solidify
- 28 Semesters
- 31 Stately trees
- 33 Homer's neighbor
- 35 Mt. Rushmore's state
- 36 Seized vehicles
- 38 Dict. info
- 40 Sundial numeral
- 41 Hgt.
- 43 Ancient pyramid builders
- 45 Bale
- 47 Mineral suffix
- 48 Days of yore
- 49 Sibelius work or vodka



- 3 brand
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- 5 Totally
- 6 Inventor
- 7 Whitney
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- 9 Lauder of cosmetics
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- 14 New York airport
- 15 Now, in a memo
- 16 Reasons
- 17 "- been had!"
- 18 Numbered rds.
- 19 Woodland grazer
- 20 Leer at
- 21 Summaries
- 22 Went first
- 23 Primary
- 24 Tackles
- 25 moguls
- 26 Auctioneer's cry
- 27 Cecil B. -
- 28 Arm's-length portrait
- 29 Femme -
- 30 Ore layers
- 31 Longing
- 32 Smile broadly
- 33 Forearm bone
- 34 Rebel Turner
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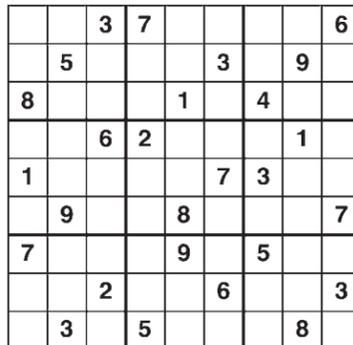
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Weekly SUDOKU

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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HOOF ON DOWN! How many animals and birds can you find in this picture of the local petting zoo? We counted over 25.

AN ODD PROBLEM! Professor Flunkum challenges you to arrange five odd numbers so that they add up to 20. The same number can be used more than once. (There's a catch, natch.)

Answer: 13 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 20. (13 counts as two odd numbers.)

FIND THE HATS! Hidden in the grid are the names of eight types of hats. Starting at any letter, spell a name by going from letter to letter horizontally, vertically or diagonally. You can use each letter only once when spelling any one name. As an example we've given you a CAP by circling the letters.



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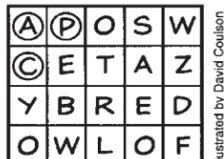
by Charles Barry Townsend



DOWN THE LADDER!

In this puzzle, you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example we changed COIN to BILL in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

- 1. FIND to LOSE
- 2. MUTE to TALK
- 3. BIKE to WALK
- 4. BECK to CALL
- 5. MEAT to BALL



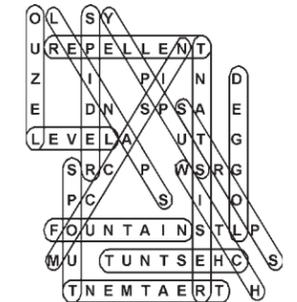
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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Hubbard Farms marks own 100th

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Hubbard Farms Park on Saturday was transformed into a Civil War encampment and a venue for children's activities, food and live music to celebrate the legacy of the Hubbard family and farm at the West Haven centennial exhibit, "Hubbard Farms."

The five-hour exhibit, presented by Hubbard family member Steven Johnstone, was part of the West Haven Centennial Celebration, 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 honorary chairman of the City of West Haven Centennial Celebration Committee.

Local cover band The Navels kicked off the late-morning festivities, performing a two-hour-plus set of classic rock anthems on a flatbed truck provided by Bruneau's Garage of West Haven outside the park's main entrance on Hubbard Road. The group was followed by guitarist John Ciambriello, who played acoustic renditions of Top 40 hits.

As the music played, kids had balloons made and their faces painted by Picasso Parties, also of West Haven, courtesy of the committee.

Police closed Hubbard Road from Honey Pot to Jones Hill roads, turning the West Shore neighborhood into a vibrant block party.

Visitors parked at Pagels Elementary School on Benham Hill Road and accessed the park through a gate behind the school next to the playground.

The encampment featured a display of Civil War relics collected by the 8th Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, Company A, a Union Civil War living history and reenacting organization.

Regiment members reproduced an authentic Civil War era campsite on the summit of the wooded park — the farm's hayfield back in the day — and answered questions and posed for photos.

During the exhibit's finale, the regiment, flanked by Hubbard descendants and other spectators, performed a salute by loading and firing their Springfield muskets multiple times. Johnstone, who was assisted by Councilman Barry Lee Cohen, R-10, said the successful exhibit was attended by more than 500 people, many of whom walked to the park from their homes in the 10th District neighborhood.

"It was a day filled with emotion for a lot of us 'Hubs,'" said

Johnstone, the president of the Hubbard Family Association. "For me, personally, I went for a walk in the woods a couple of times because all I could think about was my grandparents and great-grandparents. I wish they could have been here to see this.

"On a different note, however, how stinkin' cool was that! Everyone has been asking, 'Are you going to do an event next year?' I don't have an answer right now because I've got a lot on my plate, but I have a couple of things in mind. I just want to get on to the next phase of the park revitalization, which is bringing the pond back to get ice skating down here this winter. That's my top priority right now for the park."

According to Johnstone, the park property was a dairy and hay farm from the late 1700s until 1973, when his family sold the land to a local builder, who was unsuccessful in developing the property — the last remaining part of the farm that was not sold and developed. In the late '70s, the property was sold to the city, which made it into a nature center in the mid-'90s, he said.

After exploring the manicured trails of the 7.6-acre park, people of all ages walked across the road to the tented grounds of the Hubbard family homestead, where they looked at the specially curated exhibits of farm antiques and heirlooms handed down from generations of Hubbards, as well as photos with descriptions chronicling the family farm and ice skating pond.

Johnstone's mother, Debbie Conable Johnstone, and his cousin Sheila Hubbard Hebert served as the exhibit narrators.

Debbie Johnstone, the daughter of Allena A. Hubbard Conable, and Hebert, the daughter of Harry B. Hubbard Jr., discussed what it was like growing up on the farm, showed farming tools, and talked about their family's history dating from the founding Hubbards in Colonial West Haven, then known as West Farms. Along with Hubbards in the military, the exhibit also showcased reunions, including photos from the family's 150th annual gathering in 2006, and last year's extensive park restoration.

After a five-month cleanup led by Johnstone and Cohen, the park, formerly the Hubbard Nature and Education Center, was officially renamed Hubbard Farms Park and reopened Sept. 29, 2020.

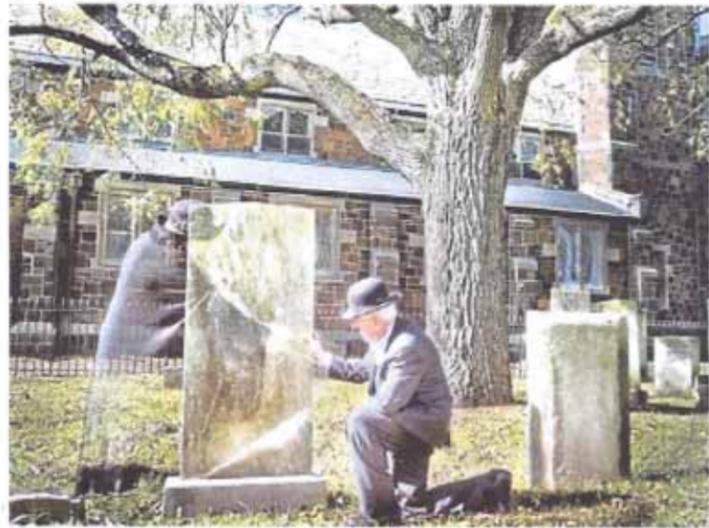
In addition to the sponsors' support, more than \$11,000 of in-kind and monetary contributions were made by over a dozen businesses.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Members of the 8th Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, Company A fire their Springfield muskets during the finale of the West Haven centennial exhibit, "Hubbard Farms," in Hubbard Farms Park on Saturday. The regiment is a Union Civil War living history and reenacting organization that helped celebrate the legacy of the Hubbard family and farm with a Civil War encampment. The exhibit also included children's activities, food and live music.

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Westies rebound

Both the Middletown and West Haven football teams entered Friday evening's battle in unfamiliar territories. With each team struggling to start the season, something had to give.

What gave was the play of a trio of backs from the Westies.

Led by the running of juniors Deven Robinson, Avian Evans and Trevor Tompkins, West Haven rallied for a 20-13 victory over the Blue Dragons at Ken Strong Stadium.

Trailing 16-13 after Middletown sophomore quarterback Colin Skene connected with Matthew Steuerwald on a 71-yard scoring strike with 7 minutes, 43 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, the Westies went to work.

Behind a bruising offensive line, which helped the Westies rush for 377 yards in the game, West Haven needed just six plays to march 67 yards. The big play was a 46-yard run by Robinson, before Tompkins capped the drive with a 1-yard score with 4:58 to go for a 20-16 lead.

West Haven then had a pair of tests to pass. With Skene finishing 23-of-33 for 281 yards and a scoring strike, Middletown would get the ball back two more times with a chance to win the game.

On a 4th-and-7, West Haven held the Blue Dragons one yard short of the first down with three minutes to go. After West Haven failed to convert a first down to ice the game, Skene and company had one final chance.

West Haven again held firm. Despite the Blue Dragons marching to the West Haven 25, the Westies forced an incomplete pass on fourth down to end any thought of a Middletown comeback in the final seconds.

The Westies jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the opening quarter. After turning the ball over inside the Middletown 10 on its opening possession, West Haven took the first lead of the contest with a 7-play, 53-yard drive.

Evans, who finished the game with 147 yards on 16 carries, was the key to the drive, running for 34 of those yards. The junior capped the drive with a 17-yard scamper for a score with 4:43 to go in the first quarter.

Heading into the contest, Boshea was worried about

the play of his special teams. Those concerns continued in the opening half as the Blue Dragons capitalized on West Haven's miscues to get on the board and tie the contest.

A bad snap by the Westies on a punt after their next possession gave Middletown possession at the West Haven 22-yard line. The Blue Dragons needed just two plays to capitalize when David De'Leon scored from 11 yards out with 8:03 left in the first half.

West Haven appeared to remain in front when the extra point sailed wide, but a roughing the kicker penalty gave the Blue Dragons another shot, and Griffin Ladd capitalized to even the game.

The Westies did not take long to take the lead again as they marched 69 yards on 11 plays to go back in front 13-7. Evans had the big run in the drive with a 17-yard scamper, before Tompkins put the Westies in front 13-7 with a bruising 6-yard run with 3:07 to go in the half.

Middletown blocked the extra point, keeping the West Haven lead at six.

The Blue Dragons inched closer before the half and could have gotten more if not for three penalties stalled their last drive. Ladd saved the Blue Dragons as he booted a 36-yard field goal with 40 seconds remaining in the half to cut West Haven's lead to 13-10.

Traveling to Guilford to play a tough soccer program is never an easy task. West Haven girls soccer coach Pete Trenchard can appreciate how his girls played Tuesday evening.

Holding a tough Guilford squad to just seven shots, West Haven came away with a 1-1 draw to move to 1-1-2 on the year.

With just five shots in the game, West Haven made the most of those opportunities when Madison Lentine scored a brilliant goal off a free kick at the 60:18 mark.

West Haven could not hold on as Guilford scored with 14 minutes to go to force the even game.

Kassidy Carrano finished with six saves in the draw for West Haven.

Looking to continue picking up points and playing its third straight contest away from home, the West Haven girls

soccer team battled and came away with a 3-0 victory over Wilbur Cross Thursday afternoon. With the victory, West Haven improved to 2-1-2 on the year.

The Westies wasted no time getting on the scoreboard, then battled from there. Just one minute, two seconds into the contest, Julia Tsakonas scored off an assist from Cori Severino for a 1-0 advantage.

Severino, who was a part of the early first half celebration, then capped the first 40 minutes with another reason to celebrate as her unassisted tally gave the Westies a 2-0 halftime advantage.

The Westies again scored early in the second half. This time, it was Lentine who scored off of a free kick 2:40 into the half for a 3-0 advantage.

West Haven held a 12-3 shot advantage in the game with junior goalkeeper Carrano picking up the shutout with three saves.

The team fell to 2-2-2 with a 2-0 loss at East Haven Saturday morning. Despite forcing East Haven goalkeeper Sera Lendroth to make 11 saves, West Haven could not find the back of the net.

East Haven scored twice in the opening half and made the goals hold up. Emily Pycela had both goals, scoring at the 15 and 25-minute marks. Carrano made eight saves in the loss.

The West Haven boys soccer team improved to 2-0-2 with a 2-0 victory at Shelton Monday evening. The win allowed the Westies to remain undefeated early in the season.

The West Haven defense was again stellar, helping goalkeeper Brian Carew post his second shutout of the year. Carew needed to make just one save as West Haven held a 10-3 shot advantage.

West Haven took a 1-0 lead with 2:09 left in the first half as Donaldo Yanez scored off an assist from Victor Lorenzo. The goal by Yanez would hold up as the Westies limited the shots by the Gaels throughout the contest.

Mubarak Issa scored an unassisted goal 10:50 into the second half for a 2-0 advantage.

The success of the West Haven boys soccer team continues. After squandering a two-goal lead, West Haven rebounded to defeat North



Photo by Todd Dandelske

Mya Flemming (10) goes for the block against Sacred Heart Academy

Haven 5-3 Tuesday evening at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven.

Issa scored twice, Daniel Duarte, Yanez, and Alan Hernandez each scored once, and Carew made three saves as West Haven improved to 3-0-2 on the year.

Issa gave West Haven a 1-0 advantage with an unassisted goal at the 24:59 mark, before Duarte scored off an assist from Yanez 1:38 later for a 2-0 lead.

North Haven's Jack Pollard cut the deficit in half 6:04 before the half, then evened the contest 13:44 into the second half.

With West Haven holding an 18-7 shot advantage in the contest, the Westies took the lead for good when Yanez scored off an assist from Brian Rivadera with 8:36 remaining. Issa scored with 5:39 remaining for a 4-2 advantage, before North Haven used a late goal

to get the game closer.

West Haven suffered its first loss of the season Saturday afternoon with a 3-1 loss in Milford against Jonathan Law. With the loss, the Westies fell to 3-1-2.

Law got off to a quick start in the contest and never looked back as Marcus Dostal scored twice in the first 15 minutes to give Law a 2-0 advantage.

The Westies cut the deficit in half at the 21:32 mark of the opening half when Victor Lorenzo scored off an assist from Yanez.

The goal by Lorenzo was as close as the Westies would get as Law added another tally in the second half with 12 minutes to go to extend the margin to 3-1.

West Haven held a 17-5 shot advantage in the game, but could not dent the back of the net more than once. Carew made two saves in the loss.

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