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PHIL LISCIO

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Liscio is 'Primo Italiano'

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and the West Haven Italian Heritage Committee will honor the city's "primo italiano" at the 22nd Italian Heritage Celebration.

Westies Care founder and President Phil Liscio, who has strong ties to the city's Italian-American community and is well known for feeding the less fortunate, will receive West Haven's Italian-American of the Year award at noon Friday at City Hall, 355 Main St.

The award is bestowed annually on an Italian resident or couple who personifies service in the city's close-knit Italian American community. Last year's ceremony was postponed because of the coronavirus.

Accompanied by Italian music and guided by Rossi, members of the committee and the West Haven Italian American Civic Association will escort Liscio to the steps of City Hall for his spe-

cial recognition. An Italian-flavored lunch will follow.

"With humility I am honored to be named West Haven's Italian American of the Year and to be added to a list of such notable Westies as Francine and Mario Coppola, Aniello Cappetta and Grace Hendricks," said Liscio, the grandson of immigrant grandparents from the town of Monteleone di Puglia in the province of Foggia, Italy.

Liscio, 65, will pay homage to his Italian lineage with scores of friends and loved ones, along with an array of dignitaries and descendants of folks from the old country clad in red, white and green.

"I was raised in a household where diversity, equality and assisting those in need crystalize the hallmark of our ancestors who created this great country through immigration," Liscio said.

Liscio's paternal grandparents, Fidel Liscio and the former Josephine Geraci, left their home in

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Medical Center opens

CEO Michael R. Taylor of the Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center cuts the ribbon with Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, center, to mark the grand opening of the center's 9,500-square-foot care site at 410 Campbell Ave. in West Haven on Oct. 6. With them are, from left, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz; state Sen. James J. Maroney, D-Milford; state Rep. Charles J. Ferraro, R-West Haven; Dr. Mark Silvestri, the chief medical officer of medical and dental services; and Dr. Ece Tek, the chief medical officer of mental health and addiction services. See page 8 for all the details.



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Aser El Barry, age 6 months, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. is observing the kind of weather that is just right for pumpkins!

On this Date

1994 --Two Israelis and a Palestinian Share the Nobel Peace Prize. The Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister, Shimon Peres shared the Nobel Peace Prize, which is annually awarded by the Norwegian Nobel Committee based in Oslo, with the President of the Palestinian National Authority, Yasser Arafat. The Award was given out to the two parties for their efforts and work on the Oslo Accords, a series of agreements between the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) and Israel.

1984 -- Joseph Kittinger Starts on his Solo Gas Balloon Flight Across the Atlantic. 4 days later, on September 18, Kittinger became the first person to traverse the Atlantic in a balloon called the Balloon of Peace. As a member of the US Armed Forces, Kittinger jumped from a height of 102,800 feet on August 16, 1960, becoming the first person in ever to jump from that height.

1947 -- First Human to Fly Faster than the Speed of Sound. American Air Force test pilot, Chuck Yeager, flew the Bell X-1, an experiment aircraft at Mach 1.07 at an altitude of 45,000 ft.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Brazilian meat market opens

Sabi Meat Market owner Sergio Dos Anjos is joined by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi on Oct. 5 to celebrate the Brazilian market's grand opening at 391 Campbell Ave. Sabi, housed in a building of small businesses on Campbell Avenue between Brown and Court streets, features a butcher shop and specializes in food items from Brazil, said Dos Anjos, a native of Sabinópolis, Brazil, who has lived in West Haven for the past 18 years.

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Officials tour city's Hispanic businesses

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi toured three Hispanic-owned businesses in West Haven on Oct. 1.

Bysiewicz and Rossi, who was joined by Executive Assistant Louis P. Esposito Jr. and City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath, visited the West Haven Animal Clinic at 959 Campbell Ave., Budget Transmission Center at 950 Boston Post Road and La Catrina Restaurant and Cantina at 240 Captain Thomas Blvd.

With the small businesses in full swing, the state and city leaders talked shop with Animal Clinic owner Dr. Ralph L. Padilla, Budget Transmission owner Sammy Rivera, who also owns Budget Car Wash at 936 Boston Post Road, and La Catrina co-owners Nicolas Altamirano Escobedo and Karen Sanchez Benitez.

Bysiewicz and Rossi received an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of each business and chatted with the owners about surviving the coronavirus pandemic, the importance of small businesses in Connecticut, and how they are driving economic growth

statewide, including in West Haven.

Padilla, who has practiced veterinary medicine since 1981 and owned the clinic since 1985, said he takes pride in his Puerto Rican heritage and profession by giving back as much as he has received.

With his Puerto Rican flag-draped office door in view, Padilla paused with Eleanor, a Rottweiler dog; Gizmo, a Persian cat; and Buddy, a cockatoo parrot.

Rossi said Padilla's pro bono services at the West Haven Animal Shelter include dealing with the prevention and treatment of diseases and injuries in animals, both domestic and wild.

The New York City-born Padilla, who traces his paternal lineage to Naranjito, Puerto Rico, was the first recipient of West Haven's Hispanic American of the Year award at the inaugural Hispanic Heritage Celebration in 2018.

Rossi and the West Haven Hispanic Heritage Committee bestow the award annually on a Hispanic resident who personifies service in the city's thriving Hispanic American community.

Rivera, the 2021 Hispanic American of the Year, became

the award's third recipient on Sept. 24. Last year's ceremony was postponed because of COVID-19.

On Route 1 in Allingtown, Rivera showed Bysiewicz and Rossi his bustling automotive repair shop, established in 2005. As they greeted each of his nine full-time employees, Rivera pointed out that his burgeoning business enterprise includes his 4-year-old touchless car wash next door, a 24-hour operation with four employees.

Rivera was born in Cayey, a mountain town and municipality in central Puerto Rico, and moved to New Haven's Fair Haven neighborhood with his mother and brother in 1981 at age 4. He moved to West Haven when he purchased Budget Transmission in 2005.

The public-spirited Rivera, who grew up "very poor," said he appreciates those who helped his business career and believes in paying it forward.

"The American dream is having a lot of employees and taking care of them — and them taking care of me and taking care of my customers," Rivera said.

Rossi said Rivera's good works include donating toys

amid the pandemic to the Three Kings Day celebration in January and supporting the hurricane relief effort in Puerto Rico.

Bysiewicz and Rossi made their last stop at La Catrina, where the owners opened the

visit by thanking Rossi for cutting the ribbon at the Mexican restaurant's grand opening on Feb. 24.

Altamirano Escobedo said La Catrina serves the taste of Mexico, specializing in such **See Businesses, page 10**

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GRAVEYARD LANTERN TOUR

Saturday, October 23
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Tickets are \$5. Tours begin at the Poli House at 686 Savin Avenue.

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

Here we are, honey bunch, another week, another month, and before any of us know it, t'will be Christmas and the snow will be flyin'. Of course, Cobina is worried about this season more than in the past few. Whot with the silliness in DC with Ole Man Creepy at the helm and his "green" energy kick, heating oil and gas have zoomed way up there, and that means the kopecks Cobina has stashed away might not cut it this year.

I guess that's what happens when certain lefties git into power. Now we hafta pay through the nose. Like we always say, elections – even irregular ones – have consequences. Re-read Molly Ball's Time Mag piece effen yew wanna know where I come from. It's still quite an admission of guilt by the guilty but safe.

Tennyrate, things are moving toward Nov. 2, or Election

Day. The Wag was in t'other afternoon and reminded Cobina that particular day is known in some circles as the "Day of the Dead," it bein' All Souls Day. Well, she can't think of a better day for most soulless politicians to be put on display than that day, that's for sure. And, over the years, this town, and this state have had more than its share of soulless types. We can think of a few even now.

Thinkin' of the Wag, we got a missive from Ed Granfield over the last few days, and thought we'd share it with yew. Some will think it sour grapes, but methinks it's a good analysis of jest where we are as a community on certain isshews. Granfield and his Charter Revision Commish were rebuffed a year ago, and he still hears from those who talk the talk, but never did the other half of that bromide:

"Hey Cobina remember me. I still read the Voice every

week, just cause I'm 'retired' doesn't mean I don't care or pay attention. Lots of people still whining about change, they had their chance to put educated professionals in charge of the city, but as always Westies beg for change, but never vote for it. In fact, always fight it. The Campbell Avenue project just another example, and the Beach Street battle is on the horizon.

"They still hate smart folks in suits in this town, and they always will. Yup 60 years of the status quo in WH, we are starting to sound/behave like the 1970s and 2017-21 NY Giants, funny how history tends to repeat itself. Where is a good ole bi-plane and banner when you need one? Should have thought about that last fall. '60 YEARS OF LOUSY POLITICS IN THIS CITY' would have looked great on the back of an old bi-plane flying around West Haven on election day for sure...LOL."

He's right in certain ways. As Granny used to say, some people could've been in Eden on Creation Day and still complain, yet when they git a chance to make changes don't. That's our little burg in a nutshell. The politicians do their thing every decade or so about charter revision, go through the motions, and then ditch anything that will hurt the sta-

tus quo.

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Granfield hit the nail on the head with the Beach Street scenario. We see in the local papyrus the city is seeming to "rethink" the project to put the roadbed up about 7-11 feet higher than currently. After years of complaining about flooding, particularly after major storms – not necessarily hurricanes – people seem to be having second thoughts. The city, meanwhile, is allowing the public to air its concerns.

No matter what yew do, there are gonna be people to oppose altering what is there. We wonder why everything around here – heck, everything in politics lately, is an either/or proposition. Can't it every be a both/and? Things don't hafta be mutually exclusive, but it seems every time something is brought up, there are 100 reasons not to do it.

Sammy Bluejay was in t'other afternoon and predicts that the nays are gonna outnumber the yeas in this particular instance cuz that's what happens when it comes to projects like this. People have a reason to say no,, and rarely go outta their way to say yes. It's like the old saying in politics, "People don't do to the polls to vote someone in, they go to vote someone out."

The pernt is people lookin' to change a body have more incentive to get up outta the armchair. That's why when voting numbers are up, people tend to lose their jobs.

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Meanwhile, as noted above, we are moving toward the witching hour as far as the politicians in the burg are concerned. Nov. 2 is coming up fast, and one o' the most amusing things we're hearing via Nelly Nuthatch is the machinations going on behind the scenes over at least one of the debates going on.

Nelly happened by t'other afternoon and sez that one of the debates betwixt herronner and Barry Lee Cohen has taken on almost summit meeting-like status as far as the logistics go. Now, by the time yew git this missive, these bumps in the road will have probably been smoothed out, but let's jest say how things are supposed to be presented was the topic of quiet a bit of give-and-take.

I don't wanna git into the weeds on this, but let's jest say that each candidate wanted the rules to reflect a certain way of doing things, and there was not a lot of agreement up to the last installment Cobina heard. And, as yew might expect, both candidates wanted things in a way that would most likely play to their strengths.

The days of three or four debates are definitely over! The groups that used to sponsor these things are either no longer around or not anything like they used to be. Soooo, there will probably be one

or maybe two "debates," though the format is probably not going to be a real debate style. I'll give you more info as I git it.

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Meanwyile, I see that Rosa Richardson is running for school board again, as she was not on the roster of incumbents. Of course, this is an inside baseball thing, and has to do with some of the intramural difficulties in the GOP wagon. It'll be interestin' to see how Rosa fares in the run up to Nov. 2. Usually the PTA or PTSA or whatever in Blazes they're calling themselves this time sponsored a Bored of Ed forum for candidates. Ain't heard effen that is takin' place, either. This whole campaign has been a bore so far.

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Iva Lootey had a good question. It seems the city is in some type o' projeck to git rid of "invasive species" of plants that are along the Boardwalk and shore areas. In fact, this has been goin' on for more than a decade with swamp grasses and stuff like that. The marshes along the Cove River, for example, have not yet filled in after "invasive species" were eradicated more than a decade ago.

Well, effen yew've paid attention of the summer, trees were cut down along the shore, and some other plans and things ripped up, including at Savin Rock itself. Now we git the announcement this city is lookin' to git rid of "invasive species."

Iva's query was rather simple: aren't all species "invasive" to some degree or t'other? Heck most o' the plant life is carried along the four winds, and land wherever they land. Ain't that the way Mommy Nature planned things?

The question, I guess, is when does a plant become "invasive." Sometimes these terms are used to justify things with the public. Could this be one o' those times?

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Hmmm. People were questioning the use of COVID funds by the city in paying some workers. Now there is a full-fledged investigation from the feds! Was something in the offing.

One day a query, the next a probe with raid and everything. Something tells me there is a subtext to this story. Isn't it interesting that this is coming up jest a couple weeks before election, and the funds were dispersed months ago? Now there is an audit.

Let's jest say that people should keep their powder dry until some real accusations are made. Right now, there are names and reputations that are being trashed over something that may or may not be. Never liked, never will. Let's let the law enforcement people do their jobs.

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

*Cobina*

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# Gripevine

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

I just finished reading a news release in a local paper that contained a full description of the safety hazards on Campbell Avenue. I have received numerous complaints from my readers describing the dangers of this area and the lack of stop signs here as well as blinking red lights. Gripe Vine has reached out to councilmen in this neighborhood and according to Councilman Mitchell Galignano, "The traffic lights at the end of Exit 43 and Campbell are controlled by the State of Connecticut. I have someone looking into this. So that what they can see to keep this light working at all times, and not blinking. I will keep you posted as I get information."

Now, you all know I have been writing this column for many years. Seldom do I place my personal opinions here because this is YOUR column. You complain, I try to solve.

But, today, I really have to put in my two cents.

In a recent column, a complaint indicated motorists are running a stop sign at a school bus stop. I followed through and hopefully this practice stopped. However, today I'm making a request for any member of the police department whether you are off duty or not who witnesses this flagrant, dangerous practice of motorists running through stop signs, to take a moment and either ticket the individual or report it immediately. The police department has also been notified by councilmen and councilwomen who have asked for their surveillance. According to some of my readers, nothing has changed.

Another dangerous area is Second Avenue and Marian Avenue and Beach Street. I constantly receive complaints from caring readers for help in protecting residents in these neighborhoods from speed-



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

ing cars. We all thank the West Haven Police Department. It's not an easy job to protect and these days get criticized, but as a media representative for West Haven residents, may I ask for more participation from city officials by observing and repairing broken or missing stop signs as soon as possible? If you see a missing stop sign, a broken traffic light, call the West Haven Police Station at (203) 937-3900. This is an ongoing problem, and I am hoping we can get it solved before there's a tragedy.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

There are 100-year-old trees on Highland Avenue that are hanging over people's houses and garages. There are also old tree stumps that should be removed on Fairview Avenue.

Will you help our neighborhood and get these trees removed?

LJ

**Dear LJ:**

Thanks to Councilman Robert Bruneau who responded to my request for assistance with these trees, "I was out with Bob Harrington, the city's tree consultant and I witnessed him trim a bunch of trees on the lower half. If you can be more specific, we can have him revisit. I am talking to the city to have the stumps removed on Fairview. I will follow up on it." I feel confident my readers will let me know where else these old trees that need trimming are located and I will be happy to forward this information to Councilman Bruneau.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

This is a problem that needs to be addressed by the city. The city should contact the owner of this large, wooded lot and insist it be cleaned up of all dumped furniture and trash. It is blight and by not addressing it, the dumping is encouraged. Most recently on my work to the VA I noticed the queen-sized mattress leaning in the woods and walkway to the overpass. The neighbors all do a good job keeping their properties maintained. I

don't think any neighborhood should have to tolerate this ongoing disrespect for our community.

TRG Really Annoyed

**Dear Annoyed:**

Councilman Mitchell L. Galignano who investigated your complaint and forwarded his reply to Gripe Vine, "I actually live around the corner from this dumping ground, I have cleaned up a few times myself. The issue is, we do not have cameras yet and people are just plain slobs. One thing we know is that this done at nighttime, and we can't be everywhere all the time. I have inquired about getting cameras but anything like this takes time and of course money. I will keep you posted on any developments on this issue.:"

Gripe Vine Readers, as you can see, Councilman Galignano has made a sincere effort to help stop this illegal dumping issue. Perhaps the West Haven Police Department night cruiser in this neighborhood and can swing around frequently night and day making themselves visible to those individuals who dump items illegally

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Ever since the traffic lights at Wagner Place were changes, there are knots of traffic which

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The wooded area along Stevens Avenue near the highway overpass has become a dumping site that has been an ongoing problem.



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## Hail Columbus and West!

*(Trigger Warning: For those ill-educated and emotionally immature, do not read the following)*

Monday was Columbus Day – not indigenous people's day, or some other non-descript “woke” nonsense, but Columbus Day. Hail Columbus! Christopher Columbus, explorer, privateer, complex individual was a man of his time, the good and the bad. That is something people, especially those who consider themselves our moral and intellectual betters, will not or cannot admit. To do so would give humanity to a man that has become an icon of a society they despise.

Columbus was motivated by adventure and greed, religion and superiority, righteousness, and base desires. In other words, Columbus represents every hero, every mythology, every human. History is made up of men and women who were that: good and bad. They had superior motives and they had base motives. It is that history that today's elites seek to eradicate for our collective memory. They will fail.

Western Civilization, the culture that gave us the freedoms we now enjoy and allowed the thoughts which engendered those thoughts to become action, is and was different than anything that came before it. Its eventual amalgamation with Christianity and the basic tenet that individuals are of value in and of themselves was a driving force in what followed over the next 2000 years to our present day.

The balance between individual responsibilities and rights culminated in the Constitution – the very document the National Archives now places a “warning label” upon because the ill-educate of today cannot bear it lest their coddled sensibilities be offended.

Truth be told, however, the elites that foster the iconoclasm of the age, look to replace Western Civilization's emphasis on the individual with some dystopian iteration of Socialism – or worse. The fact socialism, so much in vogue among the elites and those in academe, has never been workable, let alone successful, wherever it was attempted is brushed off with the notion that it hasn't been done “correctly.” That sentiment bespeaks a dismissal of human nature – both good and bad – that is beyond belief.

Indeed, one component of socialism, the Progressive state run by competent benign bureaucrats, has been expanding in this nation for more than 100 years. The bureaucrats, we find are neither competent nor benign. They, like all humanity, seek to exert power and expansion of power. Part of that power is the refusal to do the will of the electorate, instead holding that public in contempt. Can we really deny that is happening almost daily? We think not. The last few years bear it out.

Columbus, and the Western Civilization that spawned him and others, is to be lauded because our civilization is to be lauded with all its foibles, with all its warts. The good brought about through Western thought, its sense of right and wrong, and its respect for the rights that come from being are to be praised and revered.

For those seeking to supplant Western thought and freedoms – while enjoying its benefits – see things with immaturity and stunted self-righteousness that show the narrowness of their world view. Those who are intolerant or need trigger warnings, or, indeed, cannot listen to opposing arguments, should not and must not be taken seriously.

Hail Columbus with all his warts and successes, and hail Western and Christian values from which sprang most equal society the world has ever known!



## Arm Taiwan to the teeth

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

We warned China to stop its incursions into Taiwan's air defense identification zone -- and the Chinese responded by flying even more aircraft into the zone.

The 56 Chinese flights last Monday brought the total for October to 149, already the year's highest monthly total.

The flights have been steadily increasing in recent years, as Beijing harries Taiwan and demonstrates its discontent with the island nation's closer relationship to the United States. The Chinese may also want to wear down the Taiwanese by forcing them to constantly respond.

Regardless, the flights underscore why Taiwan is the most dangerous and potentially most consequential flashpoint on Earth.

If China can successfully absorb Taiwan while limiting the military, economic, and diplomatic costs, it would vindicate President Xi's vision of an ascendant China undoing past humiliations, represent a milestone in China's campaign to establish hegemony in the most important region of the world, and, perhaps, collapse the credibility and global position of the United States.

On the other hand, a debacle

in Taiwan could have devastating economic and diplomatic consequences for China, threatening Xi's rule.

In other words, attention must be paid -- the trajectory of the modern world is conceivably at stake.

The Trump administration began to reorient the U.S. defense posture toward this threat, and the Biden administration has followed up, most importantly, with the nuclear submarine deal with Australia.

It's been completely obvious for a long time that China has been preparing, if it so chooses, to take Taiwan by force of arms, and keep us from being able to do anything about it.

It has massively increased its force of ballistic missiles, better to target a wide array of ships and hold at risk U.S. ground units. Prior to the latest, more serious iteration of the missile threat, Tom Shugart of the Center for New American Security estimated that a preemptive Chinese strike on our bases in the region “could crater every runway and runway-length taxiway at every major U.S. base in Japan, and destroy more than 200 aircraft on the ground.”

China has been churning out long-range strike aircraft and engaged in a historic naval buildup. It now has the largest

navy in the world.

Nonetheless, invading and occupying Taiwan after launching a gigantic, logistically taxing amphibious operation across a 110-mile strait would be no small feat, to put it mildly.

It should be our objective to keep China at bay, toward the goal of keeping it from establishing its dominance over Asia, as former Trump defense official Elbridge Colby argues in his compelling new book “The Strategy of Denial.”

But the Taiwanese haven't exhibited the urgency one would expect of an island of 24 million people coveted by a nearby nation of 1.4 billion people that makes no secret of its compulsion to try to swallow it whole.

Until a few years ago, Taiwan's defense budget was shockingly inadequate. Its military reserves are lackluster. Its frontline units tend not to operate at full strength. It has often been seduced by the allure of so-called prestige weapons, such as top-end fighter aircraft that are irrelevant to its predicament.

We should be fortifying Taiwan and making it as difficult as possible for China to take. That means stockpiling food, energy and munitions against

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## Historical Society plans annual Graveyard Tours

The West Haven Historical Society will hold its traditional Halloween Graveyard Lantern Tour on Saturday evening, Oct. 23. The begins at 5 and end at 7:30. Cost is \$5 adults \$2 for children 12 and under. Attendees must first meet at the Poli House lawn, 686 Savin Ave., across from the Green and proceed in groups of 15-20 people over to the Green where the tours start.

The Graveyard Tour has become a tradition in the city as one of the most popular events held during the Halloween season. This year the Historical Society will “resurrect” from their graves individuals who made significant contributions to West Haven history. This year the public will “meet” Harriet North, former City Historian and weekly columnist for the City News and West Haven Voice as well as Ken Strong, the city’s first All-American football player. They will be among three other individuals including Sara Benham a teacher at the Oak Hill Seminary for Ladies located on Church Street in the 19th century.

People who plan to attend the tour should wear comfortable shoes or sneakers. In the event of inclement weather, the event will not be re-scheduled.



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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 back up to Main and when long lines which had formed on Kelsey and get a green light they advance and get stuck in the intersection and the light promptly turns red again stalling cars in the intersection and blocking lines of traffic on Main Street. The lines on Kelsey are longer than they have ever been as so many cars pile up no 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 intersection’s altogether, but it is not always possible.

SY Frustrated

**Dear Frustrated:**

This is a heavy traffic intersection and immediately notified Councilwoman Bridgett Hoskie and Councilwoman Chrystal Fanelli, anticipating a prompt solution. As of this writing, I have been waiting for a reply since Sep. 23. With numerous irritants facing us these days, harassment in traffic is not welcomed. You will either see an improvement at this intersection soon or I ask you to contact the WHPD and let them know.

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## Lowry: China threatens

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a Chinese blockade. It means making its infrastructure more resilient and enhancing its cyber capabilities. It means increasing its capability to detect an early mustering of Chinese forces. It means more mines, anti-ship missiles, air-defense capabilities and unmanned systems to frustrate a cross-strait invasion.

The Chinese have been focused on “area denial,” missiles and the like to deny our access to Taiwan and its environs. But these capabilities can be turned against China, too.

If we are ever inclined to forget about how pressing the threat is, not to worry, the Chinese will have more flights or other provocations to remind us.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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# Scott-Hill Center opens doors

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

The Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center held a ribbon-cutting Oct. 6 to celebrate the grand opening of its 9,500-square-foot care site at 410 Campbell Ave.

The late-morning ceremony, outside the center's main entrance, featured public officials and representatives of health and social services organizations, as well as community members.

The event included remarks by CEO Michael R. Taylor; Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz; state Sen. James J. Maroney, D-Milford; state Rep. Charles J. Ferraro, R-West Haven; and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi.

"Our new West Haven facility demonstrates our continued commitment to the city of West Haven, to the thousands of West Haven-area residents who we've served over the years, and to the thousands

more who we now have the capacity to serve," Taylor said.

Bysiewicz said, "This facility means that more people have access to great health care."

Rossi added: "I'm so excited that we have a state-of-the-art health care facility in West Haven. It is an honor to have you."

According to Taylor, the new practice location triples CS-HHC's capacity to improve community access to the health center's integrated primary medical, medical specialty and behavioral health services.

"We are absolutely delighted to expand our fully integrated services at this critical time in our West Haven location," said Dr. Ece Tek, the chief medical officer of mental health and addiction services, noting the growing need for mental health services in general. After cutting the ribbon

with a pair of oversize scissors, Taylor led officials on a tour of the renovated building, formerly the Beecher & Bennett-Taylor Funeral Home.

Other West Haven attendees included City Council members Bridgette J. Hoskie, D-1, Robbin Watt Hamilton, D-5, Treneé McGee, D-7, and Barry Lee Cohen, R-10.

Hoskie, who represents the district that includes the center, said: "(CS-HHC's) experience and history of being a vital part of fighting this pandemic will benefit our city and residents greatly. The fact that one of their goals is to fight health disparities while providing services to all makes their expanded presence a great asset for West Haven."

Council Chairman Ronald M. Quagliani, who could not attend, extended his best wishes.

"I offer my congratulations on CS-HCC's new state-of-the-art facility that will further support and advocate for so many of our residents," said Quagliani, D-at large.

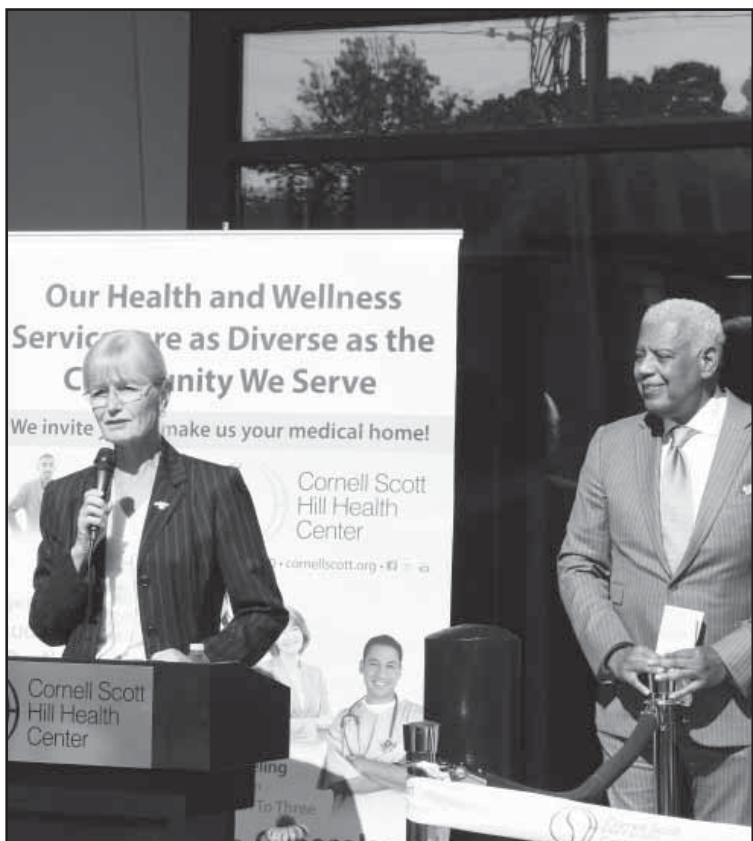


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Mayor Nancy R. Rossi delivers remarks celebrating the Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center's new care site in West Haven as CEO Michael R. Taylor looks on.

## Cohen to host 2nd town hall Oct. 20 at SRS

Councilman Barry Lee Cohen, the Republican mayoral candidate, and his One West Haven Team have scheduled town hall meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the Savin Rock Community School, 50 Park St. 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 Governor Lamont.

"Our town hall last month at West Haven High School allowed us to thoroughly address every question submitted by text, email, and audience members. With almost 100 attendees, we ran well over whereas we felt another town hall was essential," Cohen said.

He said the format will aid people making a choice.

"Unlike recent, staged debates that do not offer a true exchange of ideas between candidates and participates, our series of town halls, including four prior town halls held at Morrissey Manor, Prete, Surfside, and Union, offers the ideal opportunity for voters to freely express their concerns on the need for fiscal responsibility, economic development, essential use and monitoring of American Rescue Plan funds, unanswered blight complaints, and much more. I look forward to addressing their questions and continuing the conversation," he said.

Further information may be obtained by contacting [barry4westhaven@gmail.com](mailto:barry4westhaven@gmail.com).

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The various out-of-school time programs offered city youngsters, as well as those programs offered those with special needs were just some of the highlights of this year's annual report, published by the West Haven Community House last week. The Washington School early morning program was one of the those touted by the agency.



## Annual report positive for WHCH, despite pandemic

While the world wrestled with Covid-19 during the past year, West Haven Community House had its own sets of struggles and accomplishments as noted in its Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

According to Executive Director Patty Stevens, WHCH was encouraged to be able to open programs in July of 2020 as the community began to venture out.

"You will see that our usual number of participants during this challenging year were much smaller than pre-pandemic," Stevens noted in the report. "However, we are

proud to report that programming was a success and everyone that participated received vital services in a healthy, safe, and protected environment."

During the past year, WHCH welcomed back staff from its Head Start and Children and Youth Services programs.

"We are grateful for their willingness to return to help these preschool and elementary school children experience valuable socialization activities," Stevens stated. "We are especially grateful for our Community Connections Day and Residential and Day staff

that worked throughout the pandemic closings and ensured that our residential clients were safe, engaged and well taken care of."

Previous reports during the pandemic, noted just the financials of the West Haven Community House. The 2020-21 report notes the programming of:

Children & Youth Services – An out-of-school-time program giving parents peace of mind knowing their child has an affordable, safe and constructive place to be while they are at work.

Community Connections

– A residential and day program providing opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities to experience community living and increased independence.

Head Start – A school readiness program for income eligible, working families that give children from at-risk backgrounds a "Head Start" with the skills they need to be successful in school and life.

The closing of Fiscal Year 2020-21 also saw a change of leadership at the Board of Directors. President William Heffernan, who served three-terms and passed the reigns of

leadership to his sister Katie Farrell.

The Annual Report also thanks the hundreds of donors who make it possible to WHCH to provide the best possible programs for adults with intellectual disabilities, children and families, according to Stevens.

"We are so honored to have dedicated staff and board members and a community that supported us through this pandemic with both financial and compassionate resources to ensure that our agency and programs survive," according to Stevens in the report."



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## Businesses: *Officials* tour Hispanic outlets

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authentic dishes as tacos, burritos, tortas, quesadillas and enchiladas made from his mother's time-honored recipes, along with savory fish, chicken, steak and pork entrees. The fusion of traditional Mexican cuisine is complemented by creative concoctions of citrusy-flavored margaritas and other zesty cocktails.

Altamirano Escobedo and Sanchez Benitez, who hail from Puebla, Mexico, and now live together in Hamden, chose the West Haven location, housed in the Savin Rock Plaza near the beach, because they "love the city."

Accentuated by bright hues of the owners' native Mexico, the remodeled restaurant and bar, open for lunch and dinner daily, is decorated with Spanish furnishings, knickknacks and murals.

The striking theme of La Catrina is "Dia de los Muertos," or "Day of the Dead," the popular Mexican holiday that commemorates loved ones who have died.

"La Catrina," a female skeleton donning a dress hat with feathers, is the referential image of death in Mexico and the symbol of Dia de los Muertos, observed Nov. 1-2.

As a tribute to the culture and people of Mexico, the restaurant's festive and spacious dining room and barroom are enlivened by vivid pink and yellow stucco walls that showcase Day of the Dead-themed murals with skeleton faces painted by West Haven artist Cruz Manuel.

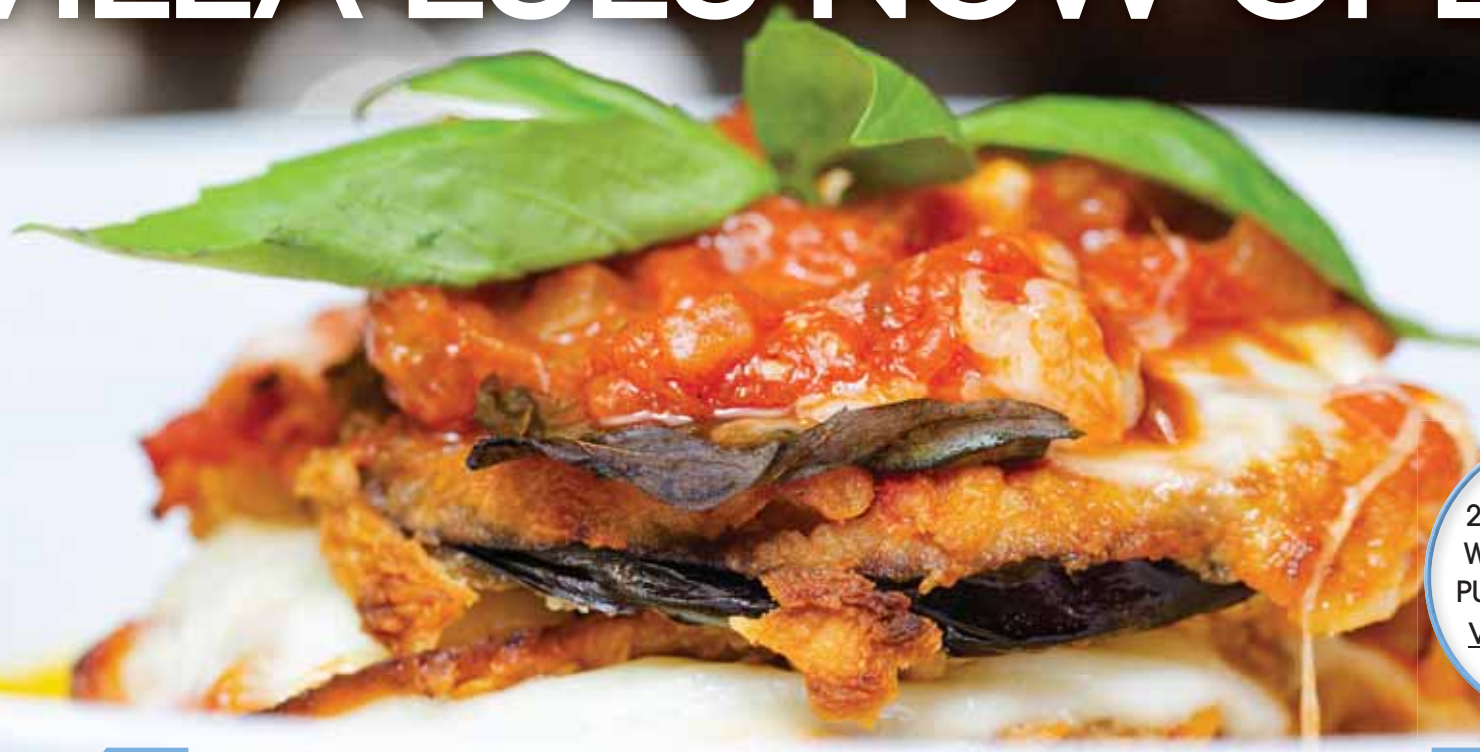
Like Padilla and Rivera, the owners of La Catrina are committed to supporting their vibrant community and carrying on the proud traditions of Mexico.

Photos by Michael P. Walsh



Dr. Ralph L. Padilla, the owner of the West Haven Animal Clinic at 959 Campbell Ave., holds Gizmo, a Persian cat, with Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, center, and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi during their tour of Hispanic-owned businesses in West Haven on Oct. 1. Below -- udget Transmission Center owner Sammy Rivera, center, is joined outside his automotive repair shop at 950 Boston Post Road by, from left, City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and mayoral Executive Assistant Louis P. Esposito Jr.

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# Fed probe of COVID expenditures rocks city

A raid on City Hall Friday and calls for a forensic audit into the expenditure of federal COVID-19 relief funds, reverberated through West Haven, with federal, state and city agencies collaborating in a joint probe. Mayor Nancy N. Rossi ended days of speculation and rumor with the announcement of the investigation in a YouTube announcement. Meanwhile, FBI investigators searched City Hall and took away possible evidence.

"Over the last two weeks I have personally reviewed many of West Haven's federal CARES Act expenditures. I have come across several large expenditures that cause me great concern. Some of these expenditures appear improper and may be potentially fraudulent," she said in the online announcement.

The city received \$1.2 million in CARES Act funding, earmarked for expenses incurred during the pandemic.

Saying it was her responsibility to bring this to the attention of city residents, she said her review was "troubling."

"After reviewing the expenditures, I suspect that some of these funds might have been diverted, and not used for the purpose they were intended," she said.

Rossi sent her concerns to the city's auditor, Clifton, Larson, Allen, as well as the Office of Policy & Management, which earlier voiced concerns about expenditures.

Rossi was curt in her remarks and warned that any irregularities that rise to the level of illegality will be "prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

She has requested a forensic audit by made by the city and will make a formal request to the City Council for the funding.

Meanwhile, City Council Chairman Ron Quagliani, a former chief of the WHPD voiced his own concerns regarding the allegations of wrongdoing. He said the coordination of federal, state and city officials in the investigation is a welcome approach.

"In my experience it is appropriate, and I welcome, having both administrative and law enforcement investigations occurring concurrently as they focus on very different issues," he said. "The audits underway typically focus on processes and controls while law enforcement investigations focus on violations of the law."

Quagliani said the presence of federal law enforcement is to be expected considering the sourcing of the funds.

"Since the irregularities in-

volve federal grant funds it would make sense that federal law enforcement investigates any potential criminal wrongdoing although the Council has not been notified of such an investigation taking place at this point," he said.

Regarding the council's participation in the investigation, he was emphatic.

"The Council will do everything we can to ensure a thorough investigation and swift action once the audit and investigative findings are known," he said.

With the municipal election only two weeks away, how this news will affect voter confidence is not known. GOP candidate Barry Lee Cohen said the probe hurts the city.

The fact Rossi made a public announcement had once source saying she was "getting out ahead of the story."

Indeed the crux of her statement was full public disclosure, which may be seen as a plus in the coming weeks.

"The ongoing federal and state investigations, in addition to the FBI agents descending on city hall is a scar on our city," he said.

Cohen, who has been critical of Rossi's leadership, said the investigation shows it was lacking.

"The public trust has been breached by this mayor. We are witnessing not only fiscal mismanagement, but incompetence," he said.

"We have a mayor that does

not lead, points fingers at others and is unfit to serve. Not only did this mayor hold onto information for two weeks, she had full knowledge of the vendor in question since they were hired by her months ago."

He said problems should have been seen at the beginning.

"You don't need to be a certified public accountant (CPA), to easily learn that city employees were hired to facilitate the distribution of Covid funds. This is outrageous," he said finally.

Rumors of possible "irregularities" had been filtering out of City Hall for days before published reports give some

credence to the reports.

Names have been attached to the claims, but nothing concrete has come out of the probe so far, except to reiterate the fact some possible fraud might have occurred.

At press time the investigation was still ongoing with no arrests or people of interest identified.

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## Senior Center launches newsletter for members

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

The West Haven Senior Center reopened its doors July 8, and every day since has welcomed its membership of residents 55 and older with open arms.

WHSC, based at 201 Noble St. and operated by the Department of Elderly Services, provides a variety of programs and services that allow West Haven's older residents to "enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourage their involvement with the community."

Abiding by her predecessor's monthly bulletin, new Elderly Services Director Alyssa Maddern is also creating and distributing a monthly newsletter, City of West Haven Highlights, through a mailing list and electronically.

According to Maddern, the free newsletter is distributed to more than 300 current and potential WHSC members.

Residents can join the newsletter mailing list by contacting WHSC at 203-937-3507 or amaddern@westhaven-ct.gov.

Residents can also get the newsletter on the Elderly Services/West Haven Senior Center page of the city website at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/161/Elderly-Services>.

"The West Haven Senior Center is thrilled to be back open and is pleased to have back its current WHSC members and welcome new members," Maddern said. "We are here to serve the West Haven senior community and are always striving to enhance our innovative programming and support services."

Maddern added: "So if you or someone you know has any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Welcome to your home away from home, and see you next time at the West Haven Senior Center!"

### Plant restoration project begun

After consulting with the New Haven office of Save the Sound and the Land Trust of West Haven Inc., the city launched the first of a three-phase project Oct. 6 to restore the beachfront parcels along the boardwalk that were previously overrun by invasive plant species.

The project will unfold over the next two years in the following phases:

- Remove invasive plants.
- Perform a site analysis and recommend restoration alternatives.
- Choose a restoration design and implement it.

The project's ultimate goal is to showcase the best practices of coastal resilience in a way that is educational and enjoyable while enhancing West Haven's regional reputation.

For the latest updates on the project, visit the Shoreline Restoration page on the city website at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/354/Shoreline-Restoration>.



Photo by Monica L. Pang

### Lions Club donates school supplies

Members of the new chapter of the West Haven Lions Club of Lions Clubs International, joined by chapter mascot Victory the service dog, present bins of school supplies to city Youth and Family Services Director Diane Dietman, far right, at Physicians Physical Therapy at 544 Campbell Ave. on Sept. 21. From left, Lions Marianne Miller, Victor M. Borrás, Rob Craven and Patrick Moore; club President Carolyn Sires; past Lions Club District Governor Bill Manthey; and club Vice President Steven R. Mullins. Dietman said the supplies, collected through the club's back-to-school drive, will benefit Savin Rock Community School and Washington Elementary School.



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

**Milton C. Cochran, USMC  
Part I**

Antoinette "Toni" Cochran awoke suddenly; she sat bolt upright in the darkness and shook her husband: "Bus, Bus, wake up! Something terrible has happened to Milt. I don't know how I know this but I'm sure of it! What do we do?"

Call it mother's intuition, call it what you will; but Milt's mother was correct. Half-way around the world there had been an explosion which would bring destruction, death, loss and love into Milt's life.

*"Shy and quiet most have found; but still we know when Milt's around."*  
*Seymour High School Year-*

*book, 1964*

Born Jan. 6, 1947, Milt Cochran grew up in a loving family with two brothers. He was an average student, but he excelled at baseball; as the years went by, his pitching skills became well-known up and down the Housatonic River Valley. Colleges and professional teams began to take an interest in him; scouts had their eye on him. The future was bright for Milt Cochran.

The human body is strong, yet fragile. The rigors of pitching every high school game of his senior year began to tell on Milt; his shoulder began to separate, and it became clear that as a baseball player he was finished.

What should he do next? Milt sat around the kitchen table with his father and uncle and discussed the matter. Both were World War II infantry veterans, and advised Milt to join the Navy. He would be on board a ship, they said, and he'd be safe. Yes, that sounded like a good idea, so Milt enlisted.

The Navy made him a Hospitalman, possibly because they knew he had worked at Griffin Hospital. Milt received his training, and was then assigned to the U.S. Sub Base in Groton, Connecticut. He would have been content to have stayed there indefinitely, but fate had very different plans for him.

One chilly October Morning after returning from an ambulance run, he was told to pack his gear and prepare to be assimilated into the Marine Corps.

Milt was astounded: He had joined the Navy to be on a ship, not to be a Marine, as he told anyone who would listen. But his protests fell on deaf ears, and so, after intensive field training at Camp Lejeune, he was off to join the 2nd Battalion of the 1st Marine Division, somewhere near Danang, South Vietnam. With trepidation that bordered on terror, Milt the would-be sailor was delivered to "H" Company and became part of the ground forces.

Milt quickly became aware of the strong bond that exists between fighting men who face death on a daily basis. He also gained an understanding of the powerful bond that exists between the Marines and their medical corpsmen.

And finally, he came to the realization that combat corpsmen bleed and die just like the men that they care for; in fact, he discovered that those corpsmen were prime targets, singled out for death by the enemy.

But like his fellow corpsmen, Milt was loyal to his men, and never hesitated to go out on a dangerous patrol, or to go out under heavy fire, whenever he heard the call, "Corpsman up!"

Milt was supposed to serve a thirteen-month hitch in Vietnam; that hitch was cut short after seven months that seemed like eternities in themselves.

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



Milt Cochran in his days as a pitcher for Seymour.



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# Veterans' groups honor Granfield

During a brief ceremony aboard the Black Mariah, Captain Kathy Granfield was awarded a plaque designating her non-profit program, Veteran Angler Charters, as a Purple Heart Trail member. The award was presented by Major Dan Eddinger, CT Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and National Coordinator for the Purple Heart Trail; the Purple Heart Trail is a symbolic trail throughout all 50 states to commemorate and honor all men and women who have been wounded or given their lives in combat while serving in the U.S. armed forces. The trail's purpose is to remind the public of those who sacrificed for their country.

The ceremony took place on Oct. 11, and was attended by Granfield's associates, friends, and members of the Military order of the Purple Heart.

Granfield is president of Veteran Angler Charters, an all-volunteer organization which offers free, small group charter fishing trips to injured and recovering veterans from all conflicts and from all branches of the armed forces.

Their mission is to provide our troops with recreational rehabilitation and therapeutic support. The organization was founded in 2008.



Photo, Left to Right: Bob Sodergren, 173rd Airborne Brigade, John Alberghini, 101st Airborne, Kathy Granfield, Daniel Eddinger, National Coordinator Purple Heart Trail, 2nd Infantry; Juliet Taylor, Disabled American Veterans; Dennis D. Iulio, Combat medic, Army; Navy corpsman, ER Nurse, Army; Al Meadows, Army 9th Infantry, Mobile Riverine Force.

## Liscio: 2021 honoree embodies giving back

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southeastern Italy and came to America for "a better life," arriving on New York's Ellis Island in September 1902 and eventually settling in New Haven.

His grandfather served in the U.S. Army in World War I and worked as an automotive painter. His grandmother was a homemaker and a restaurateur who operated Kimberly Pizza on New Haven's Kimberly Avenue for more than 20 years.

In the intrepid spirit of Italians who charted a course for millions of immigrants who followed their crossing to America, Liscio and his grandparents are a testament to the

diversity and promise of the United States.

"Phil has a long history of public service in West Haven," Rossi said. "He has touched so many lives through his volunteer efforts."

Liscio collects food for the pastor's pantry at the First Congregational Church of West Haven, 1 Church St., and the pantry at the West Haven Emergency Assistance Task Force, 674 Washington Ave. The pantries provide food for residents in need.

"West Haven can always count on Phil," Rossi said. "Even through the pandemic, when people were challenged by hunger and shortages, he was providing meals to any-

one in need. It is my great pleasure to recognize Phil in this way."

For three months starting in May 2020, Liscio and Westies Care teamed up with the city and the First Congregational, Our Lady of Victory and Vertical churches to deliver 13,000 meals to needy residents and front-line health care workers during the height of COVID-19. The meals — 20 pizzas per day on weekdays and five trays of ziti and Italian bread per day on weekends — were donated by Lorenzo's Restaurant of West Haven.

Each week since August 2020, Liscio has delivered 15 pizzas from Lorenzo's to veterans sheltered at New Haven's Columbus House. The pizzas are made possible by Our Lady of Victory.

In observance of Italian American Heritage Month, West Haven recognizes the unique and vibrant culture of Americans of Italian descent and celebrates the story of generations of Italian sons and daughters who came to the U.S. seeking hope and opportunity to reach for the American dream.

At the ceremony, Rossi will present Liscio, West Haven's top "paisano" of 2021, with an embroidered "Italian American of the Year" jacket and a mayoral citation for his civic-minded good works.

He will also receive an Italian flag from Paul M. Frosolone, the president of the Italian American Civic Association, and Roberta Daniels DeFonce, a past president of the association's Ladies Auxiliary.

The cultural event will include remarks by mayoral Executive Assistant Louis P. Esposito Jr., the master of ceremonies, and an Italian bless-

ing by the Rev. E. Carl Howard, the senior minister of the First Congregational Church.

Before remarks by Rossi, Liz Levy will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Italian national anthem, "Il Canto degli Italiani."

Liscio was born in Buffalo, New York, on Feb. 2, 1956, to Leopold "Paul" Liscio and the former Geraldine "Gerry" Grover.

His father, a World War II veteran who served in the Army Corps of Engineers, joined the Panza Construction & Woodworking Co. at age 14 and worked for Sabino "Sabby" Panza maintaining rides at Savin Rock Park. His mother raised 11 children and was a skilled baker and cook.

Liscio, who mostly grew up in Milford, graduated in 1975 from Milford High School, where he was a three-sport athlete.

He attended Westchester Community College in New York and was a member of the club football team that won a national championship in 1975. The team was inducted into the college's Hall of Fame in 2014.

Liscio, a resident of West Haven since 1991, is perhaps best known for his lifework with Westies Care Inc., a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity. The Westies Care Community Service Award, presented yearly at the Westies Care dinner and awards ceremony, recognizes young people and adults who exemplify the organization's "core values of service, community and education."

Liscio founded Westies Care in 2009 in memory of his son, Daniel L. Liscio. To honor his undying spirit, the Liscio family established a scholarship program and organized com-

munity outreach projects in Daniel Liscio's name.

Westies Care's charitable contributions have included raising money for the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program, WHEAT and the Friends of Fisher House CT.

Westies Care and their sponsors have awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships to high school seniors from West Haven who have continued their education.

Liscio is a longtime member of the West Haven Rotary Club and sits on the board of directors.

His volunteerism in West Haven has included coaching girls basketball and softball and serving as PTA president of Mackrille Elementary, Bailey Middle and West Haven High schools.

Liscio is employed by Yale University as a security guard and the First Congregational Church as facilities manager. He also volunteers as the church's community outreach chairman.

A proud ambassador of his rich Italian heritage, Liscio received the 2012 Community Service Award from the West Shore Lodge 2832 Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America.

He is also a former recipient of the Rotary Club's Presidents Award and the West Haven PTA Council's Founders Day Unsung Hero award for service to Bailey School.

Liscio and his wife of 30 years, the former Janet Husmer, live on Bluff Avenue near West Shore's Sea Bluff Beach.

They have two daughters: Courtney Liscio, of Somerville, Massachusetts, and Lauren Liscio, of Brooklyn, New York.

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# Soccer teams compete in annual WHIT

On Columbus Day weekend, the West Haven Youth Soccer League hosted the annual tournament, the West Haven Invitational Tournament, or WHIT. Besides a weekend of good soccer and sportsmanship, the tournament also raises money for Breast Cancer Awareness and, all of the West Haven teams wear pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

The West Haven U15 boys travel team started the weekend with a win against Cheshire. While all the boys played well, Evan Lennon scored his first ever goal. Ryan Malone and Sean Studley both had very strong performances. The boys went onto game two on Saturday with another win, this time against New Haven. Goals were scored by Dylan Petrie, Santi Morales, Pablo Ferrigno, and Alex Cortez. Matthew Pasacreta, Gabe Greengas, and Raymond Listorti had strong performances on the field. On Sunday the boys played two games against the West Haven U15 Rec team to determine tournament champions. Both teams played great games. Victor Davila and Matt Fowler held down the goal while Chase Agvent, Efrain Brown, RJ Jackson, and Mekayan Fowler dominated

on defense. Great field performances by Nate Charron and Jackson Murphy. Bryan Brown and Alix Obas each scored a goal, helping the West Haven U15 boys travel team take home the championship.

The West Haven U10 girls put together a great team performance in the WHIT tournament this past weekend, they started with back-to-back shutout wins against North Haven and West Haven U9 on day one. Day two started with some early rain, but that did not slow them down because they opened the flood gates against New Haven, shutting them out twice in the same day 6-0 and 5-0. West Haven was led by Ariel Titus providing scoring and great passes

The U12 boys travel team played hard during each of their four games at the WHIT. Alex Johnson, the team's starting goalkeeper, was at the top of his game the entire tournament. He made his opponents earn each of their goals. Rick Hernandez Arce, Jordan Walker, Grayson Laudano and Mikey Vargo worked very well together on defense, making several tremendous stops each. Midfielders Jaxon McDaniel, Eric Smith, Jackson Schoeman and

Mike Villagomez were pivotal in several turnovers and setting up forwards Toby Warcholic and Jayden Abekah to move in for the goal.

It was a weekend full of action for the U11 girls at the WHIT tournament. They took home a win against the Wallingford U11 girls, but fell short against New Haven, Wallingford U12, and West Haven U12. Throughout the weekend, Josylyn Davila dominated in defense as Kylee McCoart and Francesca DeMartino worked hard in goal. Gillian Wynus, Luciana Cappetta, Stella Porto, Josylyn Davila, and Francesca DeMartino all put one in the net for West Haven.

The West Haven U10 boys travel team split into two squads to participate in their first ever WHIT. West Haven U10 Blue opened the weekend with a 5-1 victory over Cheshire. Ryan Abekah scored several goals, while Mason DaSilva and Matteo D'Elia supported him in midfield. In game two on Saturday, West Haven Blue took on West Haven White, which ended in a thrilling 7-7 draw. Jaxon Cruz and Josiah Soto were outstanding in goal, while Ben Trenchard and Jax Guarino were solid on defense. West Haven White

took on Cheshire in their second game of the day, winning 5-3. Seth Empric and Collin Gibbons controlled the back line. Jesus Rangel and Jimmy Clark both had a good overall game.

On Sunday, both teams were back in action. West Haven White started off the morning with a win against Coginchaug, 6-1, behind four goals from Roland Green. Jacob Warren capped off the scoring, after a six pass sequence involving five different players. West Haven White finished their weekend with a tough loss against a skilled Guilford team, 3-1. Davonte King made several excellent passes, and Luca DeCrescenzo impressed in goal the first half and on the field in the second.

West Haven Blue opened its first game on Sunday with a 5-3 loss to Coginchaug, in what was a close and competitive match. Nathan Powell and Tonye Isaac were aggressive on defense, winning the ball and making smooth passes forward.

The Blue squad also fell to undefeated Guilford in their final match of the WHIT. Jacob Rader made some excellent saves in goal in the first half to keep his team in the game.

## Mite B squad back on the ice vs. Darien

The West Haven Mite B team was back in action this weekend.

On Saturday, the Westies faced a determined Dairen 8U team. The Mite B offense was led by Keegan Jackson and Santino Martin. The Mite B's fought hard to limit scoring opportunities by Darien with strong defensive play by Austin Picard and Finn McLaughlin.

On Sunday, the team traveled to Stamford to face the Darien Gray team. Landon Silverman was flawless in net, supported by an aggressive offense led by Jack Weiss.

The Mite B's were strong on both ends of the ice, with no-

table performances by Mason MacDonald and Alexa Jacob.

The West Haven Mite C team played in a jamboree this weekend at Milford Ice Pavilion.

In the first game, goals were scored by JP Beebe and Emmet Hemming. Great saves were made by goalie Abby Hemming. The Mite C's also had great passing and shooting from Kiera Harrison and Sarah Mastroni.

In the second game, the Mite C team had a goal by Beebe and help from his teammates, Emmet Hemming, Kiera Harrison and Mastroni, with more great saves made by goalie Abby Hemming.

In the third and final game of the jamboree, West Haven had goals from Landon Silverman, Beebe, Emmet Hemming and Finn McLaughlin, with shots on net by Harrison, Sadie Moll and Mastroni.

In net for the third game was Abby Hemming, who made lots of great saves for the team.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team earned three decisive wins this weekend and remain undefeated on the season with a 7-0-2 record. Ten different players scored goals as the Blue Devils outscored their opponents 27-7 in the three games.

On Saturday afternoon at the Edward L. Bennett Rink,

the Westies hosted Wallingford A. Brady Price swept in Theo Diakomis' pass to open the scoring forty seconds in. Brody Elam fired on net and Sean Studley deftly redirected it through the five-hole making it 2-0 one minute later. Diakomis knocked in a rebound of Price's shot, before Wallingford cut it to 3-1. Leo Mazurowski's point shot was saved, but Alex Bowery slammed it home for a 4-1 lead after one period.

Mike Page scored on a breakaway, Studley took Tanner Walsh's pass and banked

one in off the far post, then Bowery (hat trick) cleaned up a rebound of a Price wrist shot to make it 7-1 after two periods.

Bowery roofed one after a poke check and Page sniped the top corner off a feed from Price to complete the scoring for the Westies.

John Kennedy started and Trevor Cathey relieved in goal as both were solid throughout. On Saturday evening, the Westies' defense stymied the Central Capitals A team in a resounding 10-1 victory. Elam,

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# Westies: *Lady booters top Greenies, 6-2*

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 eight kills. Defensively, Fowler and Castillo led the way with 11 digs.

West Haven lost its seventh consecutive match with a 3-0 decision against East Haven Friday evening. With the 25-22, 25-19, 25-17 loss, West Haven fell to 1-11 on the year.

Jenna Johnson led the West Haven offense with 10 assists, and also was stellar on defense with 11 digs. Castillo had nine digs, Jordyn Johnson had seven digs, and Ford had three blocks. Fidalgo had four kills, and Ford added a pair in the loss.

The West Haven girls soccer team picked up its third victory of the year with a 3-1 decision over Foran at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven Tuesday evening. With the victory, the Westies improved to 3-2-2 on the year.

After a slow start in which Foran used a goal by Lauren Ardolini just seven minutes in to take a 1-0 lead, the Westies rode the play of freshman Jaylyn Powell to pick up their play in the game.

With Powell in the contest, the Westies needed just 16 minutes to respond as a perfect cross from senior Madison Lentine was converted by Powell for the equalizer at the 23:37 mark.

With the game even at the

break, Powell made sure the Westies came out on top with her second of the night at the 63:28 mark for a 2-1 lead. Lentine then iced the contest with an insurance goal at the 82:25 mark off assists from Cori Severino and Julia Merola.

Kassidy Carrano made nine saves for the Westies, who were outshot 10-8.

West Haven fell to 3-3-2 with a 3-0 loss at North Haven Friday evening. Despite holding a 9-8 shot advantage, the Westies could not find the back of the net. Carrano made five saves in the loss.

After a tough defeat Friday evening, West Haven returned to action Monday evening with a home contest against Hamden. After falling behind early, junior Julia Tsakonas took over.

Scoring four times, including three in the second half, Tsakonas helped West Haven rally from a two-goal deficit to defeat the Green Dragons 6-2 at Ken Strong Stadium.

Trailing 2-0 after allowing two goals in the first 17:20 of the contest, West Haven cut the deficit in half when Tsakonas scored off an assist from freshman Jaylyn Powell at the 20:51 mark.

The score remained the same until West Haven took over in the second half. Cori Severino scored off an assist

from Maya Bermudez 2:26 into the half, before Riley Severino's corner was headed in by Bermudez 6:03 later for the go-ahead tally.

Tsakonas iced the game from there as she scored the final three goals. Cori Severino assisted for a 4-2 advantage, and Lentine picked up a helper on the final tally of the game.

West Haven held a 13-5 shot advantage in the game. Carrano made three saves in the win.

The boys soccer team responded nicely from its first defeat of the year with a 9-1 road victory over Coginchaug Tuesday afternoon. With the win, West Haven improved to 4-1-2 on the season.

Senior Mubarak Issa led the way with three goals, Donald Yanez had three assists, and Sebastian Navarro finished with a goal and two assists as the Westies held a 33-3 shot advantage in the contest.

Seniors Holden Axelrod and Wilson Cordova combined on the win, making one save in a dominant West Haven effort.

West Haven took a 5-1 lead at the half as Navarro scored off an assist from Yanez just 5 minutes, 17 seconds in. The Westies increased the margin to 2-0 when Issa scored the first of his two goals 2:17 later off an assist from Rafael Gazcon. When Gazcon scored

at the 12:26 mark, West Haven increased its margin to 3-0.

Coginchaug got on the board at the 20:20 mark, but a goal by Issa, assisted by Navarro, and another by Keizer Tandazo off an assist from Yanez put West Haven ahead 5-1 with 7:15 left in the half.

Issa opened the scoring in the second half off an assist from Navarro, before Marcos, Victor Lorenzo, and Jonathan Mendez capped the scoring. Yanez and Marcos assisted on the final two goals.

West Haven dropped its second decision of the year with a 3-1 loss against Amity Friday evening at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven.

The Spartans put the Westies behind early as Diogo Artaza scored 13 minutes, 11 seconds into the contest. Artaza's goal held up until the Westies knotted the contest 16 minutes later.

Mubarak Issa evened the game for West Haven when he scored at the 29:45 mark off an assist from Yanez.

Luca Santin put Amity on top 2-1 just 10:11 later. The Westies battled, but could not get the equalizer. Artaza scored his second of the game with 13:14 left as Amity posted a 3-1 victory.

West Haven held a 13-7 shot advantage in the loss. Brian Carew made five saves for the Westies.

After suffering its second loss of the season, West Haven immediately got back on the winning track.

Led by a pair of goals from Issa, West Haven improved to 5-2-2 with a 4-1 victory over Sheehan at Ken Strong Stadium Saturday afternoon. West Haven dominated from the start, outshooting Sheehan 18-5.

Issa allowed the Westies to take control of the contest as he scored twice in the game's

first 24 minutes. Rivadera assisted on Issa's first goal at the 21:52 mark, before Collin Charon picked up the first of his two assists on a goal by Issa at the 23:11 mark.

The 2-0 lead remained until the game's final 12 minutes. Victor Lorenzo put the game away with a goal off an assist from Charon with 10:57 left, before Alan Hernandez assisted on a goal by Rivadera with 7:20 to go.

The swim team fell to 1-5 with a 99-82 loss against Shelton Thursday evening. West Haven had several first and second place finishes, but it was not enough in the loss.

The 200 medley relay team of Lauren Blake, Molly Wilson, Kaelyn Falanga and Victoria Acuna won in 2 minutes, 5.89 seconds. The 400 free relay team of Acuna, Blake, Olivia DeLauri, and Falanga won in 4:28.76.

The 200 freestyle saw Acuna place second in Acuna 2:33.22, while Falanga won the 200IM in 2:30.91.

Diving saw West Haven place in the top three as Kaylee Taulty was first with 159.40 points, Amber Militrano was second with 130.15 points, and Emma Ryan was third with 118.05 points.

The 100 fly saw Falanga place second in 1:09.03, Blake was second in the 100 back in 1:18.61, and Wilson won the 100 breast in 1:22.72.

The West Haven boys cross-country team placed third in a meet with Shelton and Foran Monday afternoon in Shelton.

West Haven's top runners were senior Justin Rodriguez, who finished 12<sup>th</sup> in 19 minutes, 24 seconds. Sophomore Matt Pagan was 13<sup>th</sup> in 19:28, and senior Alex Potter was 14<sup>th</sup> in 19:33.

On the girls' side, junior Amanda Gullo placed 15<sup>th</sup> in 25:24.

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Emma Walker battles for position against the Branford Hornets.



# Hockey: *Bantams roll over Wallingford, 10-1*

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Mazuroski, Joey DiGioia, Cam Levy and Dylan Bosworth played fast and physical in front of Cathey and Kennedy.

Parker Guarnieri slid a nice pass to Gio Ferrucci for a short-handed one-timer to start the scoring barrage early in the first period.

Page earned another short-handed goal 38 seconds later. Bosworth flipped in a backhand and Page got another short-handed tally to make it 4-0 after one.

Page (hat trick) roofed one in the slot from Ferrucci, Bowery tipped home Elam's shot, Walsh backhanded in Zach Melchior's pass, and Guarnieri fed Page again making it

8-0 after two.

Walsh's tough angle shot and Price's redirect of Bosworth's point shot capped the Westies scoring in the third.

A breakaway late in the game ruined the shutout but Cathey and Kennedy were both sharp in net for the game. The Blue Devils headed to Norwich to face the South-eastern Seahawks on Sunday morning.

Ferrucci flipped one in from the blue line, giving West Haven an early lead, before the Seahawks tied the contest.

Studley's wrap-around attempt squirted to Melchior, who tapped it in to regain the lead.

Price slammed in a rebound

of Diakomis' shot making it 3-1 after the opening period. Price fed Bowery from behind the net and Page hit a streaking Bowery, who juked the goalie and scored to push the lead to 5-1.

After a Seahawks goal, Mazuroski zipped in a rising wrist shot to make it 6-2. Price and Studley each scored unassisted goals with hard wrist shots in the third period.

Kennedy and Cathey were clutch between the pipes again in the 8-3 win.

West Haven extended its unbeaten streak to ten games to start the season with a decisive 10-1 victory over South Windsor A on Saturday at Edward L. Bennett Rink.

Page led the Blue Devils with five goals, while Guarnieri and Dylan Bosworth both had three assists.

The Westies jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the opening period and never looked back. Gio Ferrucci started the scoring with a one-timer from Guarnieri and Page. Leo Mazuroski fed Page for his first tally, and Elam fed a pass to Bosworth and Page redirected in his point shot.

Another point shot by Cam Levy was passed by Studley to Melchior, who banged the shot home.

Price cashed in a breakaway from Bowery, and Page went bar down from a tough angle to cap the first period onslaught.

Levy found the net through traffic with Bosworth assisting to start the third period. Guarnieri slid Ferrucci's pass to Page for an easy tap-in, Mazuroski rang one off the post and Matt Molnar fired home the loose puck, and Page roofed a pass from Guarnieri to cap off the scoring.

Cathey started in goal and made a few nice saves early in the contest.

Kennedy relieved and also play well in goal.

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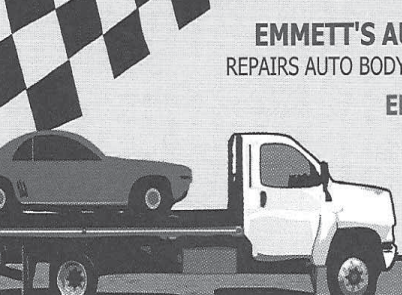
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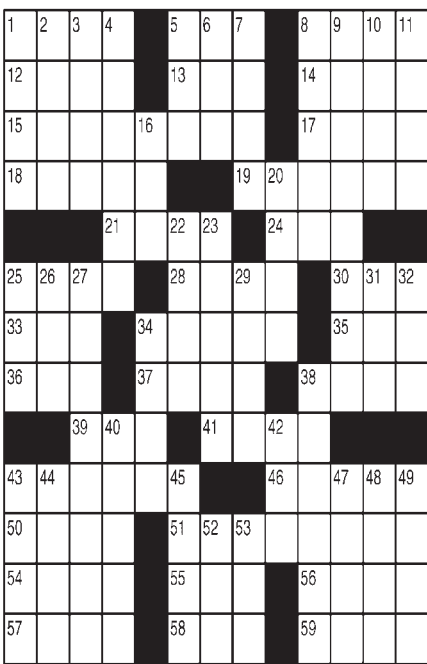
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 - Valley, Calif.
- 5 Indent key
- 8 Booty
- 12 Portent
- 13 Hot temper
- 14 Corduroy ridge
- 15 Arm of the Arctic Ocean
- 17 Desire
- 18 Sub detector
- 19 Sunflower State
- 21 Study all night
- 24 Pvt.'s superior
- 25 Salamander
- 28 Canal feature
- 30 Acapulco gold
- 33 "The Greatest"
- 34 Continental cash
- 35 "Awesome!"
- 36 Sweetie
- 37 Apple computer
- 38 Memory unit
- 39 A billion years
- 41 Crazy
- 43 Treat badly
- 46 Available
- 50 Contented sounds
- 51 Left the band
- 54 " - Rhythm"
- 55 Actress Mendes
- 56 Now, on a



- memo
- 57 Cuts off
- 58 Gym unit
- 59 Egyptian deity
- DOWN
- 1 Scatters seeds
- 2 Texter's "As I see it"
- 3 Chow -
- 4 Unbroken
- 5 " - the sea-son ..."
- 6 Exist
- 7 Toucan's feature
- 8 Tried to hit a
- homer
- 9 Veteran's tale
- 10 Pond growth
- 11 Pop music's Bee -
- 16 Goof up
- 20 Requests
- 22 Grad
- 23 Aesopian ending
- 25 "Unh-unh"
- 26 "Evil Woman" gp.
- 27 Port authori-ty?
- 29 Designer Chanel
- 31 Squealer
- 32 Poetic tribute
- 34 Drei minus zwei
- 38 Dwarf tree
- 40 Expels
- 42 Camp bed
- 43 Postal deliv-ery
- 44 "Othello" vil-lain
- 45 Ornamental jug
- 47 Pitch
- 48 Jai -
- 49 Band in Boston?
- 52 Prior night
- 53 Snooze

## MAGIC MAZE • WELL-MADE WORDS

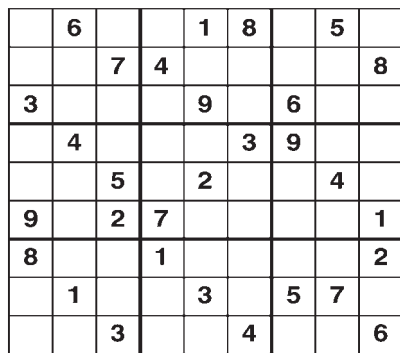
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C A Z X W L W L W V U S R L Q  
O N M K J D L L E W X A M L I

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: CONTAINER FOR HOLDING INK  
Cromwell Orwell Swell Wellhead  
Dwell Powell Unwell Wellington  
Farewell Roswell Well-done Wellpoint  
Maxwell Stilwell Wellborn

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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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**FLYING PIGS!** There's a lot of kicking and passing going on here! Can you pick out two balls that look exactly alike? It's up to you to decide.

**WHERE DO THEY GO?** Try placing the digits 1 through 8 in the grid so that no two consecutive numbers are next to each other either horizontally, vertically or diagonally. There is more than one solution.

**A WORD SQUARE!** When filling in the grid at right, the same four-letter words are used both across and down. These hints should help you solve this one in under 60 seconds:

- Lacking a covering.
- From a distance.
- Melted rock.
- Dull or dreary.

**Junior Whirl!**  
by Charles Barry Townsend

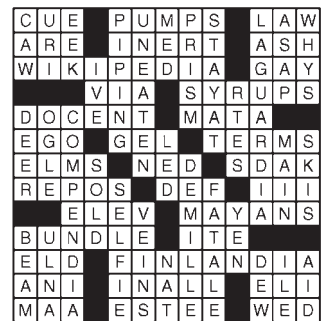
**BUZZ WORDS!**  
Can you figure out what the nine words in our puzzle grid are? We give you the first and last letter of each word plus a hint to its meaning. Also, if you get them all correct, the middle letters, read across, spell out a hidden word.

- Type of scale.
- Prickly shrub.
- To leave desolate.
- Heavy artillery fire.
- A type of printing for the blind.
- Heavy fabric.
- A clam is one.
- Dagwood's wife.
- Short prickly hair.

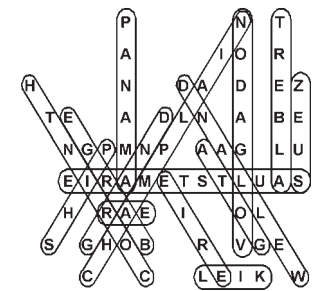
## Answers to last week's puzzles

### King Crossword - Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.



### CANAL



### Weekly SUDOKU - Answer

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

# HIDDEN GEMS

*Cooperative Effort between the Voice and Economic Development*

Life tends to get busier in the Fall. One glance at the average household's calendar will reveal how much we get to be like those squirrels darting around - easily double and triple-booked this time of year. So, it makes good sense that we might look to local businesses to cut through a few of the things on our to-do lists and lighten our loads.

To do so, we need not travel far. Here are a few we think deserve more attention:

**West Haven Computer Repair** - 541 Campbell Ave. Walk in across from City Hall with your broken computer or phone screen or a cord that's missing, and they'll make your devices usable again, affordably. No need to be annoyed or embarrassed if you break your screens a lot. In no time at all it'll be like it never happened, and you can walk out with a protective cover on your phone to prevent another incident. The owner operates a cash-only business, but thoughtfully provides an ATM on the premises.

**Cameo Cleaners** - 441 Campbell Ave. Nothing piles up like laundry! When it

gets to be too much, keep in mind that this business offers a Wash-Fold-Dry service. One Google reviewer writes, "I tried them because I was unable to do it myself. They were wonderful, very nice and returned my things neatly washed, folded and clean. The prices are great and so are the people that own it. I am more than satisfied with the service they provide to me."

Of course Cameo does traditional dry-cleaning, too. If you prepay for your cleaning they take 20% off the total charge. They specialize in hard-to-clean items. One customer reported that his scuffed suede shoes were made like new, at a fraction of what he estimated he would have spent in New Haven. In addition, Cameo expertly handles custom-tailoring and alterations.

**Paw Prints Dog Grooming** - 29 Wagner Place. It's not just us humans who started to look shaggy during quarantine! Happily for dog owners, this business successfully reopened in May thanks to great reviews, a convenient location near Stop and Shop, and a loyal following. Denise

and Katlyn are known for taking their time to understand specific wishes and cater to the grooming needs of various breeds, large and small. From Great Danes to Chihuahuas, they certainly do not apply a one-size-fits-all approach! The dogs seem relaxed and happy when they get picked up, which is an important indicator - perhaps most important. Bonus: the clientele appreciate learning about new products and trends in dog-grooming because this business stays so knowledgeable. PS: Paw Prints takes Sundays and Mondays off, returning calls on Tuesday.

**Gatisonella Bakery** - 19 Wagner Place. Whether you want to treat yourself or some-

one you care about, celebrate a special occasion or get out of baking for that thing you signed up for, this business can help! Brand new on the economic scene in West Haven, the owners had their ribbon cutting over the summer and seem to be off to a strong start.

New seasonal cupcake flavors are being developed all the time, so feel free to give your input. Other products include brownies, cannoli and pudding in convenient individual sizes or trays if you order ahead. A little-known fact is that there is a coffee pot in the corner for complimentary self-serve for customers, a welcome alternative to drive-throughs where you might

run into someone you know or get to meet a new neighbor. All in all, stopping here is the bright, sweet spot in a lot of people's days.

More next time.



**Gatisonella Bakery tempts passers by.**

## Around Town

### Garden Club plans monthly meeting

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 18, at Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road, at noon.

Members will bring their lunch and the program will be presenter, Jo-Ann Lister, making Halloween centerpieces for the members to make. Newcomers are always welcome to join us. For further information, call Iris at (203) 937-1674.

### Rosary Rall planned Saturday on Green

On Saturday, Oct. 16 at noon, Catholic parishes in the city will join for a Rosary Prayer Service, near the gazebo area of the West Haven Green.

Some chairs will be available, but those attending should bring their own chairs. For information contact Eva Cestari, (203) 933-7141 or Maria Sangiovanni, (203) 934-5910.

### Energy assistance offered

The city is accepting applications for the federally funded Connecticut Energy Assistance Program.

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.

Applicants who have difficulty speaking English are asked to have a translator.

Eligibility for assistance is based on the income of an applicant's household. To qualify, applicants must provide pay stubs, including monthly Social Security benefits and pension checks, for all household members 18 and older.

Applicants must also provide SNAP benefits, a current utility bill, Social Security numbers and birthdates for all household members.

## WEST HAVEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS GRAVEYARD LANTERN TOUR



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THIS YEAR!

## Devils rebound after tough loss

After suffering a its first loss of the season against Hamden, the West Haven football team has responded in fine fashion. The Westies have bounced back with a pair of wins, including a 27-20 victory over Fairfield Warde Friday evening in Fairfield.

Trailing 7-0 in the second quarter, West Haven got on the board and cut the deficit to one when freshman Nick Conlan connected with Jamaine Galloway on a 10-yard scoring pass. When the kick failed, West Haven trailed 7-6 at the half.

The third quarter saw a different West Haven team as the Westies rallied for three touchdowns and took a 27-14 lead.

West Haven took the lead for good when Paul Williams ran in from two yards out on West Haven's opening possession. When Conlan hit Trevor Tompkins on the two-point conversion, West Haven led 14-7.

After Warde fumbled the ensuing kickoff, Conlan then helped West Haven to a 21-7 lead when he connected with Chauncey Evans on a 10-yard scoring strike. Raul Sanchez kicked the extra point to give West Haven a 21-7 lead.

Ahead 21-14, West Haven scored the eventual winning touchdown late in the third quarter.

Following a big 77-yard run by Trevor Tompkins on third down, Amir Nakome scored on an 8-yard run. The conversion failed, keeping West Haven on top 27-21.

Tompkins finished with 141 yards on the ground.

The volleyball team lost its second consecutive match and fell to 1-6 with a 3-1 home defeat against Lauralton Hall Monday evening. The scores of the match were 25-17, 23-25, 25-19, 25-12.

Junior Jenna Johnson ran the offense with 20 assists, while also adding five digs, three kills, and two aces. Jordyn Johnson added 10 digs on the defensive side and had two aces, Mckayla Fowler had seven digs and four kills, Tanasia Fidalgo had eight kills, three aces and two digs, while Asia Ford added eight kills, two blocks and two aces.

Morgan also had five digs and Branyelis Brito chipped in four digs.

Looking to get on a run, West Haven was poised for a good start Wednesday evening. Leading two games to one, West Haven had a chance to get back in the win column.

Unfortunately for the Westies, they could not close out the match and Foran won the last two games to defeat the Westies 25-20, 19-25, 21-25, 25-19, 15-9.

With its third consecutive loss, West Haven fell to 1-7 on the season.

Jenna Johnson led the way for the Westies with 19 assists, five aces, and five kills on offense, and eight digs on defense. Ford and Fidalgo each had 10 kills, with Ford adding four aces.

Fowler chipped in six digs, three kills, and two aces, Jordyn Johnson played well with 10 digs and five aces, Dulcemaria Castillo added four kills and three digs, and Brito had four digs.

West Haven dropped its fourth straight decision and fell to 1-8 on the year with a 3-0 loss at Lyman Hall Friday evening. The scores of the contest were 25-19, 25-13, 25-19. Castillo led the Westies with 11 digs, while Jordyn Johnson had eight digs. Ford chipped in six kills, while Jenna Johnson had six assists and two digs. Fowler, Fidalgo, and Branyelis Brito each had three digs for West Haven.

West Haven continues to battle. Unfortunately for the Westies, the wins are not following.

In a close contest with Hamden, West Haven was unable to pick up the victory as the Green Dragons prevailed 25-19, 25-20, 25-19 at West Haven High Monday evening. With its fifth straight loss, West Haven fell to 1-9 on the year.

Fowler, Anaelecea Turcio and Castillo led the way with six digs apiece. Jenna Johnson had six assists and five aces, and Fidalgo added five kills.

West Haven got off to a good start Wednesday evening against Sheehan. The Westies were unable to maintain that start.

As a result, Sheehan came back from a first game loss to defeat West Haven, 9-25, 25-14, 25-10, 25-15 at Sheehan High In Wallingford. The loss was West Haven's sixth straight and dropped the team to 1-10 on the year.

Jenna Johnson ran the offense with 19 assists, while also adding four digs and three aces. Fidalgo had 11 kills, while Ford had

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Photos by Todd Dandelske



Above -- Victoria Acuna swims in the 500m against Shelton. In cross-country, Sophomore Matt Pagan finishes 2nd to help the Westies beat Stratford and Bunnell. Below -- The boys' and girls' cross-country teams start their race against Stratford and Bunnell.

