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## DiMassa arrest saddens many as probe grows

The arrest last week of now-former City Hall employee and current State Rep. Michael DiMassa (D-116), has shocked and saddened many both in the city and around the state. Called an "up and comer" by colleagues at the State Capitol, the arrest for alleged fraud was particularly hard to hear.

There is more information to be released as the investigation unfolds, and the possibility of more arrests made. In the indictment presented last week by the FBI, an unidentified informant was cited, and reports of a potential arrest of one or more others is expected.

Since the announcement of possible fraud was made by Mayor Nancy Rossi two weeks ago, rumors had been swirling about DiMassa, 30, who has worked at City Hall since he was an intern, studying at Albertus Magnus College.

DiMassa ended his tenure at City Hall, resigning his position as executive assistant, splitting his time in two different departments.

His problems began last year, when the City Council designated him and another employee to help handle the federal funds the city was to get from Coronavirus Relief Funds. It is alleged he then used that role to form a business partnership, Compass Investment Group, LLC. He, and others, then submitted invoices to the account, totaling more than \$600,000, for work that was not performed.

It is further spelled out in court records he made several withdrawals from the business account, which were then possibly used to gamble at Mohegan Sun. In his appearance before a federal magistrate last week, DiMassa was said to be in a gambling rehab program.

In a statement last week made just after the arrest, Rossi echoed sentiments heard in her initial social media announcement two weeks ago. She wants those charged to be prosecuted and jailed if found guilty.

"I want to commend the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on its speedy investigation and arrest of Rep. Michael A. DiMassa," the statement read. If Rep. DiMassa broke the public's trust and his oath to protect and serve his constituents and is found guilty of fraudulent activity, I am demanding that he

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Photo by Sue Barstein

### 'Who ya gonna call?'

It was a Halloween extravaganza, Saturday evening, as West Haven United, the First Congregational Church and the city sponsored "Halloween on the Green." Children of all ages had fun dressing up, playing games, and meeting up with spooky characters. This youngster played "Ghost Buster."

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Carl Moore, age 4, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc is looking forward to spooky weather for Halloween.

### On this Date

2007 -- Argentina Elects its First Female President. Former First Lady of Argentina, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, won the elections with over 45% of all votes cast. She was re-elected to office again in 2011, this time with over 50% of the votes cast. Kirchner was not the first woman to serve as Argentina's president, but she was the first one to be elected. Isabel Martínez de Perón served as the country's head of state after her husband, President Juan Perón, died in office. When she was sworn in to replace her husband on July 1, 1974, she then became the first woman to be a president of any country to date.

1995 -- Fire Breaks Out between Two Metro Stations in Baku. Over 300 people traveling in a train between Ulduz and Narimanov stations in Azerbaijan's capital city were killed as smoke filled the subway tunnels.

1938 -- Germany expels Polish Jews. Germany expelled about 17000 Polish Jews and sent them to Poland which refused to take them in.

1919 -- US Congress Passes the Volstead Act. The act enumerated ways to enforce Prohibition. Prohibition was put in place in the country by the 18th Amendment.



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### Center receives donation

Elderly Services Director Alyssa Maddern, left, receives a copy of "Super Word Seeks" and other cognitive-focused products donated by Debra Yurschak Rich of Penny Publications on Oct. 20 at the West Haven Senior Center. Penny Publications LLC, based in Norwalk, is recognized as North America's leading puzzle magazine company.

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### Competition winners

Dancers L-R Ethan Kubicko, Jordyn Buchholz, Caty Aloï and Bailey Mandeville were award winners from the West Haven-based Mulkerin School of Irish Dance. The school had the dancers compete and place in overall as well as solo competitions in Nationals Irish Dance Championship. They also competed in a world-wide virtual competition.

### Eucharistic Miracle exhibit at St. Louis, Nov. 13-14

St. Louis Church is hosting a Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles at the church, 89 Bull Hill Lane, on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 1-7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. With an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions, the exhibition presents some of the Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world, and which have been recognized by the Church. By means of these 159 panels, one can "virtually visit" the places

where the miracles took place. For information, call Eva Cestari, (203) 933-7141, or Monica Pang, (203) 934-5240.

### Garden Club slates confab

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 8, at the Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road, at noon. Members will bring their lunch and the program will be presenter Mary Genovese, creating a holiday table setting.

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# Dear Felicia

Here we are, sweetie pie, and by the time yew git this missive, it'll be jest days before the voters go out to pick who will be the mayor and council for the next two years. Whilst some may think it's a shoe-in for the incumbent, there is some angst in the ranks over the recent turn of events in the Actors Colony. More about that later, but suffice it to say that things got a bit bumpy along the road to re-election over the last few days.

As of this writing, the boys and girls in the campaigns are doing their final pitches to the voters. We got the candidates heading the tickets to answer a few queries as we did in the primaries, and it should be an interesting read for those lookin' fer information. Whilst there have been few fireworks in this campaign, I guess the "debate" the two had a couple weeks back proved what

everyone thought: the two can trash talk with the best o' them.

Both candidates, Herronner and the challenger, or as they are known on the streets, Nancy Rossi and Barry Lee Cohen, could pitch a barb as well as anyone and took opportunities to do so. As I told yew before hand, the negotiations for this debate took on that of an international peace conference, with both candidates lookin' to get the advantage.

In the end it looked like both got something o' what they wished for, and the games began. How many heads were turned or minds changed in this go-round remains to be seen.

In a city as heavily Demmie as this one, Cohen had to show that he will be an effective leader and a breath of fresh air. Rossi is the one with the record, and she defended

it, like it or not. The gal is single-minded and knows what she wants done.

It will be an interesting vote, and we shall see if a) the voters are OK with what they've got; or b) decide that after 30-plus years of one-party rule, it's time for a change. We shall see.

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*Sammy Bluejay was at the debate, and, of course, the investigation into the misuse of federal funds came up in the discussions. This was before the arrest of people and the naming of names. But it was a few days after the famous video where herronner made the announcement.*

*Sammy sez that Cohen did make a few pernts by saying the oversight of setch funding stopped at the third floor office in the southwest corner of the Actors Colony. But, he did say that Rossi seemed to fend off the criticism – at least to the satisfaction of her supporters in the audience.*

*Tennyrate, the elephant in the room was the FBI probe. Now, some may dispute whether the feds "raided" City Hall. That was the topic Iyam told of a few people in social media. Let's jest agree they didn't come for a cup of tea and cookie. And, the "visit" was not exactly expected.*

*But days later the city was rocked by the arrest of State Rep and young wunderkind Michael DiMassa. I know that Cobina was*

*saddened by the news. Ya never wanna see a young person with much on the ball be implicated in something like this. Over the last few years, we have seen this too often. And, as the Wag pernted out when the news reports were broadcast, there seems to be a common thread in all this: waging.*

*Mike Siwek, late Housing Authority head, Steve DeCrescenzo, late City Council-at-large, and now DiMassa all seem to have the curse of the wagger in their past. It was the downfall of the previous two, and seems, effen it's tue, it'll be the downfall of another.*

*The fact that DiMassa is now enrolled in a "rehab program" for gamblers was probably arranged by his mouthpiece prior to his plea in federal district court. That's usually the route these things take. There is still a part o' Cobina that hopes it's all OK, and things are gonna come out in the wash. She thought the same for Siwek and DeCrescenzo. Setch a waste.*

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Just two or three more observations concerning this turn of events. The foist is Cobina ain't sure things are gonna stick to Rossi on this one, thought there seems to be an attempt by at least one former State Demmie official to make it so.

A statement came out this week from Ed Marcus, former Democratic State Central Committee Chairman, who seems to be no great friend of the current incumbent. In fact, Nelly Nuthatch tells me it was Marcus and some group he's fronting that came up with the initial complaints about use of the federal funds.

Let's jest say that Marcus and Herroner aren't going to be exchanging Christmas cards this year.

The second is that the statement by herroner concerning DiMassa's arrest was forceful, it seemed to lack a little empathy. When Cobina read it she was impressed by the directness, but the lack of a certain humanity was also apparent. Cold I guess is the word Iyam lookin' fer. Maybe Cobina is getting soft in her old age.

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*Our use of a note from Ed Granfield on the fact the city didn't do any charter revision and people were complaining to him elicited the usual responses, it seems. Whilst I don't peruse the social media sites – I'll be damned before I give Zuckerberg any mind – one wishes the responses weren't the same Democratic talking pernts that were used a year ago to ditch the package.*

*And we know that's what was done cuz the "objections" were word for word was the talking point sheets out last year said. But, I forget, in politics is all*

*about narrative, and the yokels who use social media are the ones who seem to push the narratives.*

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Iva Lootey came by t'other day and sez that the work at the Haven site seems to be slowing down rather than picking up. Cobina decided to go by there in her gassamobuggy, and it seems Iva might be right. Whilst there was a lotta activity there for a while, and there is certainly a large dune of debris over there, not much else seems to be happening.

About a year or so ago, there was a big announcement that Christmas 2022 was gonna be the holiday event for the Haven. One wonders.

Whilst she was traversing the area, Cobina came to the startling realization that it's gonna be 25 years since the project was foist announced by Rich Borer come September of 2022.

That's 25 years, four or five iterations of the project, and one big hole in the ground later. Who knows, maybe by 2030 the danged thing will be completed. But who knows effen we'll still be here to talk about it.

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*Using the summer-like weather, it seems the paving frenzy that's been going on in the city for the last five months is continuing.*

*More streets have been milled, and more asphalt trucks seen coming back and forth. We thought things were over for the year until we had to go out, and sure enough we had to navigate "raised structures" setch as manhole covers and other things. One wonders effen the whole thing will cease once the ballots are counted next week – but Cobina is a cynic.*

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The one thing Cobina is thankful for is that she's put kopecks away to pay this year's heating bills. Some weather mavens are calling for a cold winter and the price of heating is supposed to go up anywhere from 30-50 percent, depending on what is used. This is, of course, thanks to the doddering old fool at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, and the socialist screwballs who're pulling the strings – like number 44.

It's only gonna git worse. And there is a part o' Cobina that hopes so. Then maybe even the people who pull the D lever by rote will see that the oldest party in the world is being run by ideologues. They call the GOP a cult. They don't have mirrors in their bathrooms.

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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:**

West Haven was once referred to as "Waste Haven." Now as I drive the city streets, I realize that West Haven has become "Trash Haven." It is heartbreaking to see street after street lined with trash and litter of all types. I am picking up litter on my street in an effort to keep it clean.

Sadly, I see no solution to this problem. This city will become like an inner city of blighted projects and dangerous neighborhoods. Property value will decline, and many residents will leave. Also, if gang's graffiti is not quickly removed its multiples. Ansonia implemented a program to remove graffiti immediately and it has reduced the incidence significantly.

Absentee landlords must be held accountable for their blighted unkempt properties! Their tenants should have to abide by our city regulations. Did any of you ever drive around this city and see what I see? Lawns not mowed, mattresses on curbs and cars parked on lawns are few of the city ordinances being ignored.

Speeding cars, trucks and motorcycles are a problem throughout the state. It is especially dangerous on our city streets. There seems to be a disregard for the traffic laws everywhere. We need more law enforcement officers on our streets! I have never seen a speeding car stopped. This summer I have had cars pull out from behind me at a stop sign and pass me on the left. I suppose I took too long coming to a complete stop!

The vehicles that are avoiding paying taxes to the city by out of state tags are numerous.

Please do something about this. I should not have to pay higher taxes because these residents are dishonest. There are several in my neighborhood. It is easy to spot them as they always back into driveways to hide their out of state plats.

Finally, noise pollution! Illegally muffled motorcycles are a plague. Why aren't the riders ever stopped, ticketed, or have their bikes confiscated?

Once many years ago when I complained to the West Haven Police, I was told it was useless to stop them because they pay tickets, fix the muffler, and simply cut it again! This is a reason for rewarding for not addressing this nuisance. The damage to their hearing will catch up with them eventually. I would not care. They threaten mine.

The illegal fireworks in my neighborhood began in April. They have continued every night and sometimes during the day. Massachusetts has made all fireworks illegal with the penalties being fines or jail! Fireworks are detrimental to the environment. They frighten animals, nesting birds and our veterans with PTSD, residents fighting illness and workers who need uninterrupted sleep. They pollute the Long Island Sound; they pollute the soil and the air. They are detrimental to the hearing of those close to them. There are better ways to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Please chain off the entrance to the boat ramp on First Avenue and Monahan Street after the posted hours. There are cars parked their nightly after the 10:30 closing. Can you imagine what's going on down there? Shall we start with drug



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

dealing and prostitution? And, loud music, trash and illegal fireworks and you have the complete picture? Another solution is to have it patrolled nightly and fine these offenders. Don't just chase them out of the area! Just think how much revenue this could bring to the city in just one warm, weather season.

Finally, prohibit Airbnb's from inhabiting residential neighborhoods. The one near me has been the source of college parties, loud music, and illegal number of renters. There is obviously no enforcement of the rules adopted by the city for these places. Last year, a college bus unloaded almost 12 young women in front of a residence on April Street. They are a nuisance

and lower my property value. Please address these problems before its too late to save West Haven.

*First Avenue Resident*

**Dear First Avenue Resident:**

There are a number of complaints in your letter that I will investigate; out of town license plates, police patrolling the First Avenue boat ramp, number of speeding motorcyclist ticketed so far this year, West Haven fireworks regulations, and illegal dumping of items at the curbs.

By the way residents in the Stevens, West Spring area, have you seen any police cars patrolling this area lately searching for illegal dumping in this neighborhood? I hope

so. I have asked them through this column to do so.

Thank you for caring about West Haven. There are many, many, subscribers to the Voice and your comments will, I hope, create a surge of caring in this city

**Coming up:** abandoned truck on Front Avenue. Overgrown trees on Anderson Avenue....Colonial Boulevard driveway blockage...traffic light misguidance on the Post Road..basketball rim missing at Mason Park,,,, pot holes on Captain Thomas Boulevard.... reader suggests our trash pick-up system is updated....more illegal dumping of trash on Stevens Avenue...Nashawena Avenue gripe..

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## Gaming: been here before

This month the State of Connecticut went searching at the end of another rainbow, and hopes it found another pot of gold. Whether legalized sports gambling will be that pot of gold remains to be seen, but state politicians – always looking for more ways to fill state coffers – hope it is the next big thing.

Sports betting has been around for decades, football slips, pools, prior to daily numbers, people “played the numbers” with their local bookies, and then big payoff games like Powerball were added to the mix. What was once illegal because the state couldn’t tax it, became legal when the state joined the game. In every case, Connecticut, and other states, hoped it would be a big payday, and add to their treasuries.

According to the state’s own website and various sports betting operations, which stand to make millions, the state’s casino sites will be the first to place bets, which other sites added – much like Off-Track Betting.

The state politicians are salivating over this new delve into vice, hoping to generate an additional \$30 million in the next fiscal year, with the payout growing to \$83 million in five years. The casinos offered the betting first, with Off-Track Betting sites and state-licensed sites coming on-line once some procedural issues were determined.

If we sound a bit underwhelmed by the new gaming and the hoped-for bonanza, we are. Since the 1970s, Connecticut and other states have increased their participation in gaming all in the hopes of increasing the bottom line.

When the state lottery was first introduced in the mid-1970s, it was to improve education with the added money going toward schools. Of course, the money received was put into the general fund, and then (at least theoretically) found its way into school spending. At the time we remember saying it was the only “trickle down economics” the state’s Democratic majority liked.

Some 40-plus years since it was introduced, school spending has gone up, Connecticut pays one of the highest per-pupil rates in the nation, but somehow there’s never enough.

More spending creates more expansion, which creates the need for more money. How this helped students is anyone’s guess. Scores are down, kids are functionally illiterate, and now we have things like Critical Race Theory and the bogus 1619 Project muddying the works.

While politicians are hoping this is the next best thing, putting more dollars in their grubby little hands, we all know better. It’s axiomatic: the more they get, the more they spend.

The late President Ronald Reagan once said the closest thing we have to eternal life here on earth are federal programs. Add to that mix state programs – all intended to spend what comes into the treasury.

The Lottery, Off-Track Betting, Powerball, the income tax --all were supposed to end the state’s insatiable need for more money by furnishing those funds. But the need is insatiable.

New programs will be pushed as “necessary” and, using the new buzz word “equitable,” getting passed. They will cost money in implementation and bureaucracy, and the cycle continues.

The new sports betting panacea will be short-lived. The General Assembly will spend, spend, spend, and the receipts will not outpace the spending. Newer and more exotic ways will be floated to get more money. We’ve seen this act before. We know how it ends.



## Biden’s ‘sputnik’ moment

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

The Biden administration is hesitant to call our competition with China a new Cold War, even though Beijing has zero qualms about making the parallels with our decades-long struggle with the Soviet Union abundantly clear.

We are once again discussing a “Sputnik moment,” a nuclear arms race, and a missile gap -- all throwbacks to the 1950s-1980s -- thanks to China’s aggressive pursuit of military capabilities designed to deter and defeat the United States.

Whatever Beijing may say and however we may try to comfort ourselves with cushioning delusions, the Chinese have repeatedly made it plain that they intend to hold U.S. bases and our homeland at risk.

The example of Sputnik, the primitive Soviet satellite launched in 1957 that raised the prospect of the U.S. losing the space race, was on everyone’s lips with a bombshell Financial Times report over the weekend.

According to the FT, the Chinese tested a nuclear-capable hypersonic missile that circled the Earth once before descending on its target, thus demonstrating “an advanced

space capability that caught U.S. intelligence by surprise.”

It’s not clear why anyone would be shocked. It wasn’t a secret that China and Russia were developing these technologies, and indeed, it wasn’t a secret that China had leapt ahead of us.

(The Chinese, bringing the same transparency they’ve shown regarding the origins of COVID-19, say it was just a routine space launch.)

Hypersonic missiles bring a new element to the ever-evolving competition between missile offense and defense.

As former state department official Christian Brose notes in his book “The Kill Chain,” ballistic missiles travel fast but in a predictable parabolic path. Cruise missiles, on the other hand, travel relatively slowly but are maneuverable and therefore unpredictable.

Hypersonic missiles are both unpredictable and fast -- six times faster than a Tomahawk missile.

That means they are uniquely suited to defeat our missile defenses. Not only can’t we counter them, we can’t track them adequately at the moment.

Over the summer, the head of North American Aerospace Defense Command -- yes, that’s NORAD of Cold War

fame -- said that the new missiles would pose “significant challenges to my NORAD capability to provide threat warning and attack assessment.”

The FT reports that the test missile missed its target by roughly two dozen miles. That’s a significant miss but wouldn’t necessarily be that much comfort if the missile were carrying a nuclear payload. And the targeting will presumably be improved -- that’s one reason to carry out the test in the first place.

An MIT professor told the FT that just because China tested the capability doesn’t mean that it will deploy it. But the history of expansionistic totalitarian states forbearing from fielding advanced weapons after pouring significant time and resources into developing them is not, to say the least, very encouraging.

It’d be best if we abandon all wishful thinking and admit the obvious.

We’ve had a zombie arms control policy focused on deals with Russia, while China has been aggressively adding new weapons and delivery systems.

We’ve allowed China to rob our technology and pour it into developing threats against us.

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# Liscio hailed for philanthropic work

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

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, received West Haven's Italian American of the Year award at the 22nd Italian Heritage Celebration on Oct. 15.

Amid a sunny, warm autumn day, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and the West Haven Italian Heritage Committee honored Liscio, the grandson of immigrant grandparents from the town of Monteleone di Puglia in the province of Foggia, Italy, during a midday ceremony on the steps of City Hall.

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 celebration was postponed because of the coronavirus.

As the sound of Italian music filled the air at the half-hour cultural event, Liscio saluted his Italian ancestry with dozens of friends, colleagues and loved ones, including his wife, Janet Husmer Liscio, and his sisters Jo Anne Droller, of Naugatuck, and Doreen Roy, of Hollywood, Florida.

A Liscio, 65, also received an Italian flag from Paul M. Frosolone, the president of the West Haven Italian American Civic Association, and Roberta Daniels DeFonce, a past president of the association's Ladies Auxiliary.

Liscio told the crowd, some donning red, white and green, that he appreciated the recognition and thanked his wife of 30 years, whom he met in 1989 while they worked part time at Horwitz Department Store, formerly at 544 Campbell Ave., and he married two years later.

"Janet is the reason I awake each day," said Liscio, choking back tears. "She blessed me with two beautiful daughters, Courtney and Lauren, who have made us proud parents. Janet made the sacrifice by working each day at Yale, thus allowing me to work from home and be a full-time house father."

He added, "Any good I have accomplished was due to great friends, mentors and collaborators — far too many to name."

Rossi read a mayoral citation praising Liscio's civic-minded good works and "dedication to strengthening and enriching the unique heritage and vibrant traditions of our Ital-

ian American community."

"As a second-generation Italian resident of West Haven and a humble ambassador of helping those in need, your extraordinary story of philanthropy and remarkable legacy of service are treasured by our city," Rossi said. "I admire your enduring values of faith and family, and I am grateful for your devotion to shaping the fabric of our Italian American community and to steering the course of our diverse city."

Rossi then presented Liscio with an embroidered "Italian American of the Year" jacket and a West Haven centennial-embazoned tote bag containing a signed copy of the new centennial book, "City of West Haven: Village to Town," along with a centennial coin, lapel pin and decal. He also received WestHavenOpoly, the centennial version of the board game Monopoly.

The ceremony included remarks by mayoral Executive Assistant Louis P. Esposito Jr., the master of ceremonies, and an Italian blessing by the Rev. E. Carl Howard, the senior minister of the First Congregational Church of West Haven. Liz Levy sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Italian national anthem, "Il Canto degli Italiani."

Liscio has a long history of public service, including collecting food for the pastor's pantry at the First Congregational Church, 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.

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.

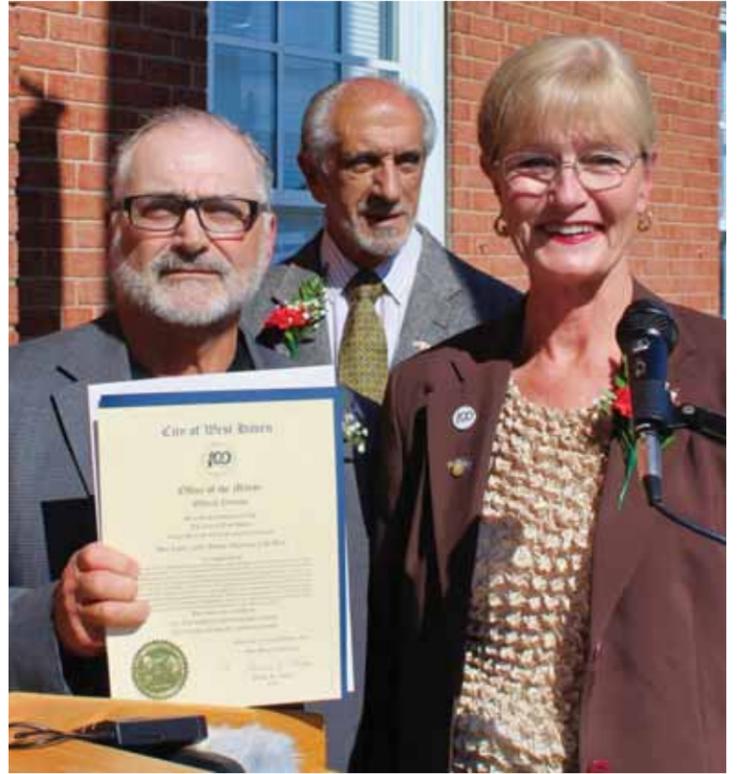


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Phil Liscio is presented with a citation from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi for "the immeasurable contributions you have made to the civic and cultural life of West Haven" as Executive Assistant Louis P. Esposito Jr. looks on.



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# The Candidates make final pitch

Voters go to the polls Tuesday to determine who will lead the city for the next two years in both the mayor's office and City Council. The Nov. 2 election will see incumbent mayor Nancy Rossi look for her third term as chief executive. She is opposed by Republican candidate Barry Lee Cohen.

Both candidates were asked to make a final pitch to voters, answering a set of questions posed by the Voice editor. The following two statements are answers to those questions. The answers are their own, the only editing was for space purposes.

## Remain on course we've charted

**With the campaign drawing to a close, what is your final message to the voters? Has that message changed, been modified or altered because of what you've learned in the last several weeks?**

The message is clear – Let's keep the momentum and let's keep moving West Haven forward. West Haven has made great progress over the last four years. We have rescued our city, reduced our debt, addressed deferred maintenance issues, put an aggressive paving and sidewalk repair

program in place, renovated parks and playgrounds across the city, are near completion of the new high school on schedule and under budget, initiated the replacement of Washington Elementary School. We have seen more investment and proposed economic development in the last two years than the city has seen in decades. We have assembled a great team of elected officials and appointed officials, who really care about the city and now we are getting things done and the city has not looked this good in a very long time.

**What issues particularly showed themselves during the campaign, and did those issues surprise you in any way?**

The reception from our residents has been very positive. Generally, people are happy with the recovery of the city and the efforts to maintain and upgrade our city owned assets. The last several weeks have been the most stressful after I reviewed and then found the possible fraudulent activity with the CARES Act funding and reported it. Although disappointing, the FBI

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MAYOR NANCY ROSSI

## Unlocking city's full potential

**With the campaign drawing to a close, what is your final message to the voters? Has that message changed, been modified or altered because of what you've learned in the last several weeks?**

West Haven is a city of unrealized potential. These next two years will be critical for our city to rein in taxes and implement stringent financial controls. As further magnified by the ongoing state and FBI investigations and the subsequent arrest of a city employee, my administration will re-

establish ethics, integrity, accountability, and transparency to restore the public's trust which has been shattered.

My team will also plan and execute true economic development, along with repairing our damaged reputation with developers, federal and state agencies, and other investors. This essential work will allow us to begin improving our quality of life that has been in steep decline over the last four years. Rampant blight and deteriorating infrastructure throughout our city will be addressed.

To meet these daunting challenges, it all starts with the leadership of a full-time, fully engaged mayor that understands that fiscal responsibility goes well beyond balancing the books. Not a mayor that has been missing in action during some of the most difficult times in our city's history.

Should it be hurricanes and falling trees, flooding and property damage, or public housing support, I will continue to be present and hands-on, with an open mind and open heart.

We all pray that we will never experience the likes again of the pandemic. However, you can be assured that no matter the emergency, I will be there to

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# City synagogue names new senior rabbi

The city's only remaining synagogue has announced the installation of a new leader.

Simchat Yisrael, a Messianic Jewish Congregation, announced the official installation of their new senior rabbi, Rabbi Joshua Brumbach.

Rabbi Brumbach and his family join the West Haven synagogue from a previous pulpit in Los Angeles. In addition to his role as Senior Rabbi at Simchat Yisrael, Rabbi Brumbach also serves as adjunct faculty at The King's University and Messianic Jewish Theological Institute (MJTI).

He is a popular teacher and conference speaker, the author of numerous articles, and two

biblical commentaries, *John's Three Letters: On Hope, Love, and Covenant Fidelity* (2019) and *Jude: On Faith and the Destructive Influence of Heresy* (2014).

Rabbi Brumbach additionally serves as President of the Messianic Jewish Rabbinical Council.

He is currently completing a doctorate in early rabbinic literature at Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership, holds a MA in Rabbinic Writings from MJTI, and a BA in Ancient Near Eastern Civilizations and Biblical Studies from UCLA.

He is an accredited Jewish educator, has studied in various Jewish institutions,

and is ordained by the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations and the Messianic Jewish Rabbinical Council.

Rabbi Brumbach is also an avid mountain biker, loves the outdoors, and he and his wife have two young sons.

They are excited about living in the New Haven area

and being involved in the local community.

"The arrival of Rabbi Brumbach is a breath of fresh air for our entire community," said Simchat Yisrael's President, Eleiah Sexton. "You can really feel the energy and enthusiasm of the whole congregation trending upward as we've welcomed the new

rabbi. We're very excited to see what wonderful things lay ahead for our community in this new season."

Simchat Yisrael's previous Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Tony Eaton, will now serve the congregation as Rabbi Emeritus after his faithful leadership of the synagogue for nearly 30 years.

## Arrest: *Saddens, angers*

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and any other individual(s) involved be held accountable and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. If convicted, all individuals involved should go to jail."

Rossi, who stated two weeks ago her review of the invoices led to the allegations of fraud, will keep city taxpayers informed should any other information she can publicize come forward.

"As I stated when I found and reported this probable fraudulent activity, I will update our residents when information becomes available and when its release will not compromise the ongoing investigation," the statement read.

City Council Chairman Ron Quagliani (D-at-large) said in a statement this week the legislative body is waiting for more information and supports fiscal oversight measures.

"While these audits and investigations are ongoing, the Council supports additional emergency fiscal controls to ensure no other funds are being diverted," he said. "Once the Council is presented with the findings of these audits they will be publicly reviewed, and the appropriate actions will be taken swiftly."

This is not the first problem with the city's use of the federal funds. Rossi herself has been criticized for improper use of the funds to pay overtime to salaried employees, using COVID-19 money. Former Democratic State Central Committee Chairman Edward Marcus made those allegations in a statement last week, challenging Rossi's credulity in her video statement two weeks ago. Marcus filed a complaint about the use of the funds with the Attorney General's office.

"West Haven Mayor Nancy Rossi would like us to believe

that she discovered the serious problems with her city's unauthorized use of funds that were supposed to be allocated to the battle against COVID," said Marcus in his statement. "The problem is, the tale spun by Rossi, defies credibility. Rossi has certainly known about this."

Marcus said the complaint spells out the allegations, and the truth will come out during the investigation.

"It would be to Mayor Rossi's advantage to not play games and simply tell the truth," the statement read.

Marcus's statement was made prior to the arrest warrant for DiMassa, and is solely in reference to the overtime.

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# Around Town

## Stamp Club meets Tuesdays

The New Haven Stamp Club meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at 62 Clark Road, North Haven. Also, there is a stamp and coin show on the fourth Sunday of each month. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 554 Woodward Ave., East Haven.

## Pizza Wars is back at I-A Club

The West Haven Italian American Civic Association Women's Auxiliary is happy to announce Pizza Wars is back, Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Cielo Banquet Hall, 85 Chase Lane, from 11:30-1:30.

Entry Fee is \$5 and is open to the public. Sample pizza from some of the best pizzerias in the city. Vote for your favorite. The top 3 public favorites will be recognized. Blind judging for the title of West Haven's Best Pie. Top 3 recognized.

"The Singing Chef," Neil Fuentes, and winner of the Food Network's "Rewrapped" is our Celebrity Judge this year. The rest of the Judges Panel includes West Haven's favorite Chef & Inventor of the Pizza Doughnut, Jeff Lamberti, the True PizzaHolic, Ron Rogg, Chef/Owner of Simply Elegant Catering & Men's Club Member, Rich Goulart, and Chef/ Owner of Alphonse's Italian Street Food-Food Truck AJ Acampora.

Presently, participating pizzerias include: Mike's Apizza (Winner of the People's Choice & WH's Best Pizza last year), the Iconic Zuppardi's, Cappetta's, Lorenzo's, Full Circle, ReBar, Pizza King & Kabob, Casa Bianca and West Haven Pizza & Deli.

## Trunk or Treat at church, Saturday

Engaging Heaven Church, 870 First Ave., will be hosting its first annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 6-8 p.m. This is a free family event including decorated trunks, candy, games, a bounce house, face painting, and costumes.

## Pizza Wars is back at I-A Club

A food drive will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Our Lady of Victory Church, 300 Captain Thomas Blvd., from 9 a.m. to noon to benefit WHEAT. Most needed food items are peanut butter, mac and cheese, tomato sauce, pasta, soup, hot and cold cereal, canned vegetables. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee of Our Lady of Victory and St John XXIII parishes, this is a drive-thru event.

Alternatively, food donations can be picked up at your doorstep by calling Charlie at (203) 934-9740. Monetary donations (cash or checks made payable to WHEAT) are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Food Drive or mailed to WHEAT, 674 Washington Ave, West Haven 06516.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

## Rossi, Shine sign centennial book

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and author Dan Shine sign a paperback copy of the new centennial book, "City of West Haven: Village to Town," for Juliet Taylor, an Army veteran from Bridgeport, in the first-floor foyer of City Hall on Oct. 20. The \$20 book, printed in partnership with GHP Media of West Haven, chronicles the stories and photos that shaped West Haven's past 100 years. The information was sourced from the "Historian's Corner" series written by Shine, one of the foremost authorities on West Haven history. The 116-page historical work, which has black-and-white and full-color photos, was commissioned by the City of West Haven Centennial Celebration Committee to commemorate West Haven's 1921 birth and its incorporation by the General Assembly as Connecticut's youngest town. Rossi, the committee's honorary chairman, and Shine will sign more books from 5:30-7 p.m., Nov. 17 at the city's Main Library, 300 Elm St. The book is also available for purchase in the Department of Human Resources at City Hall, 355 Main St., or by calling Commissioner Beth A. Sabo, the committee's chairman, at (203) 937-3558.



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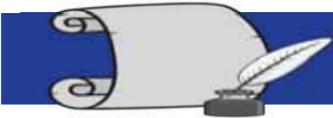
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

**Milton Cochran, USMC  
Part II**

So, Milt Cochran became "Doc" to a platoon of Marines. He followed them through the jungles of Vietnam where temperatures over 120 degrees were common.

They fought the enemy and they fought the elements of nature, and bugs, and reptiles, and parasites. Milt cared for his men's feet and he cared for his own.

His jungle boots rotted

away, and he was given replacements—taken from a dead Marine—that were two sizes too big for him.

Later in life, Milt would blame those big boots for a life-changing moment that took him away from Vietnam and the Marines who were in his care.

He loved his men and they loved their Doc. In his words, "I was their orthopedic surgeon, their neurologist, podiatrist, and psychologist all

rolled into one. I enjoyed the faith these Marines placed in me, but I realized that their respect and my peace of mind could be earned in one way only; by my being with them on the trail or in a firefight, ready to respond to that most dreaded of battlefield sounds... the call of 'Corpsman up!'"

Doc Cochran exulted when he was able to save a life or help a buddy, and whenever a Marine died in his arms, he crumbled and went to pieces.

Then came the ill-fated day in July of 1967 when the platoon was headed out on patrol. Milt was second in line behind the point man, Frank Ducala, pushing their way through chest-high elephant grass.

He never saw the trip wire that set off the explosion, blasting a crater in the ground, leaving him shattered, bleeding, on fire and near death.

Combat Corpsman George Gallagher rushed to Milt's side, stanching his bleeding, dressed his muddy wounds, prepared him for the medevac helicopter, and saved his life—Milt would never see him again—ironically, Doc Gallagher himself would be shot and killed in combat a few weeks later.

Bus Cochran was at work at the Seymour town garage when he noticed an automobile with US Navy markings pull up outside. He went to meet them.

"Are you looking for me?"  
"Are you Charles Cochran?"  
"Yes."

"Is your son Milton Cochran?"

"Yes. Just tell me, is he dead or alive?"

"He's alive, but just barely."  
The little group left the ga-

rage and proceeded to the family homestead to gather the relatives and wait for Milt's mother to get home from work.

Milt was taken from Vietnam to a hospital in Japan for his initial treatment, then to Alaska, then to Philadelphia, and finally to the West Haven Veterans Administration Hospital. His precarious condition necessitated these many stops: The explosion had taken one leg below the knee, shattered the other leg, blown away one buttock, severed arteries, and rendered one arm and hand useless.

Many of us might have given up on living at this point; but not Milt Cochran, for whom fate had other plans.

To be continued-



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



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## Letters, we get letters

### Don't let present problem define us

To the West Haven Community:

As a life-long resident of the City of West Haven, I am saddened by the recent events facing our city. It is very upsetting that monies intended to help our community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic have allegedly been diverted for personal use.

As the Chairman of the City Council, I want to say I am sorry to our community that this has occurred. Multiple audits and investigations are in process to determine exactly what gaps led this to occur. Emergency fiscal control measures have been put in place until a full set of actions are taken based on the audit findings.

We have done much work over the last few years in partnership with the State of Connecticut to improve our overall fiscal condition and balance a \$165 million budget. However, while it matters, I understand how it is overshadowed by what is currently taking place.

This council has worked through some unique challenges including governing with state oversight and meeting remotely for a year and a half during a global pandemic. While we have worked hard, we clearly can do more to be better stewards of the city's assets.

I understand that we need to be patient during these audits and investigations. That does not make it any easier because I, am, like you anxious for answers on how this could happen. I can assure you that as soon as the council is presented with the findings of these audits that they will be publicly reviewed, and the appropriate actions will be taken.

I take this issue very seriously, but I will not, nor should you, let this issue define who we are as a community. Bad things happen in life and lessons will be learned, but the good that is done in this community each and every day by the hardworking people of West Haven is what will continue to shine through even in the darkest of times.

*Ronald M. Quagliani*

### Thinks objective thinking is unbalanced

I am worried that the editor no longer thinks rationally. In his reply to Barbara Cavallaro on Sept. 29, he states that in relation to Ben Franklin, who originally opposed vaccine mandates only to regret his decision later after the death of his 4-year-old son to smallpox, Franklin "...might have subjectively regretted it, but objectively he was correct. That's all that matters."

Franklin wrote in his autobiography "In 1736 I lost one of my Sons, a fine Boy of 4 Years old, taken by the Small Pox in the common way. I long regretted that I had not given it to him by Inoculation, which I mention for the Sake of Parents, who omit that Operation on the Supposition that they should never forgive themselves if a Child died under it; my Example showing that the Regret may be the same either way, and that therefore the safer should be chosen."

One can only hope that the editor himself does not have to feel the regret that Franklin felt; however, from his response to Ms. Cavallaro, I can only imagine that if he lost an unvaccinated family member, friend, or neighbor to Covid-19, he would sleep happily and soundly knowing he was, in his own mind, "right." Hey, that's all that matters.

*Dominic Francese*

*Ed Note: Because I think in a rationally, I made the response. Whether a Franklin regretted it or not, his reasoning was sound: Government should not make that decision. Full. Stop. It is because modernity only thinks subjectively, we are in the fix we're in governmentally, socially, and institutionally. Situational morality is no mmorality at all.*

## Lowry: China threatens

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We've been much too slow in developing the next generation of weapons, including hypersonic missiles, and are modernizing our nuclear triad at a glacial pace while China is rapidly adding new capabilities.

The response to the new circumstances should reflect a Cold War-era urgency. The Biden administration has proposed more spending on hypersonic missiles, but the latest news should mean even more of an emphasis on their rapid deployment, so we can hold at risk Chinese assets and maintain our deterrence.

We should, with an eye to the growing Chinese missile threat, deploy missile-defense interceptors in Australia and more sensors in space, as well as work toward directed-energy weapons that would be the best counter to hypersonic missiles.

If we aren't going to call it a new Cold War, we must -- or risk falling further behind -- treat it as one.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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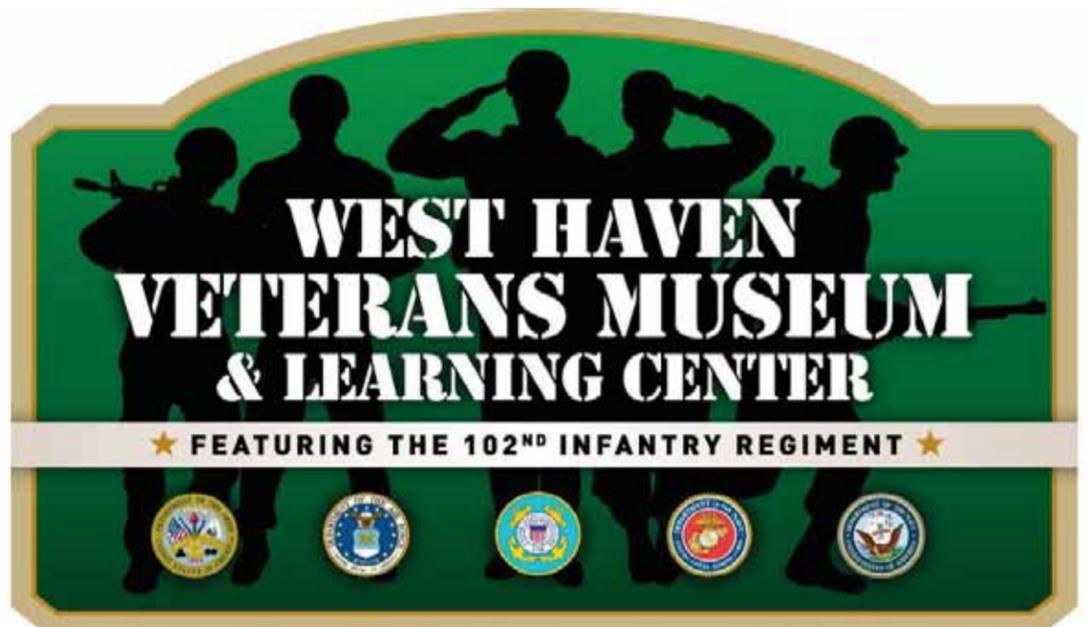
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# Rossi: *Keep city's momentum going forward*

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immediately investigated the issue and made an arrest. I believe there will be additional arrests and I want all those individuals involved to be held responsible to the fullest extent of the law and punished. Although I do not take responsibility for the criminal activity of the individuals involved, I am accountable to the taxpayers to ensure that this never happens again. In that effort, our residents should know I have made it a priority to address and add the additional fiscal controls nec-

essary to prevent a future issue.

**What do you see as the most pressing issue to be addressed in the first 100 days of your administration?**

Once re-elected, myself, and the Rossi team will continue the progress of the last 4 years. The most pressing issue will be to finalize the city's plan and budget for the \$29 million of federal American Recovery Act funds. We have an online form where we are collecting ideas from residents, then we will hold at least three public hearings across the city. The plan is due Janu-

ary 31, 2022. Once our recommended plan is complete, it will be forwarded to the City Council for additional public input and formal approval, before the plan is submitted to the federal government. This funding will give the city a great opportunity to make investments in our community that will pay dividends to future generations.

**What is your biggest asset in looking to lead the city over the next two years? Why should voters pick you?**

My biggest assets are my business background, experience, and my work

ethic and that of the members of my administration. The voters should pick me because I have delivered on my campaign promises and I am the only candidate in this race with proven results and a real plan. When re-elected, we will continue the good work we have started, and West Haven will continue to benefit! The City will build on the solid foundation that we have laid over the past 4-years.

**Final statement**

Let's keep the Momentum! Let's keep moving West Haven forward!

# Cohen: *City's potential is not fully realized*

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lead, listen, and clearly communicate. There will be no "radio silence," but action.

As mayor I will offer leadership without excuses. I will be accessible, forthright, and accountable. The days of finger-pointing at prior administrations will stop. Transparency will be practiced, not preached.

**What issues particularly showed themselves during the campaign, and did those issues surprise you in any way?**

**Changing the Culture of City Hall --** The third floor of city hall is renowned for its lack of communication and follow-up to constituents' requests. After the long delayed The Haven, the most often registered complaint by the hundreds of voters I've spoken with over the last six months is this administration's non-responsive or sometimes terse responses to infrastructure, blight, and safety requests. Some of the most straight forward questions often involve several circular calls or go unanswered.

Be assured my team will offer respect and gratitude---and work to keep you updated on requests. This will include optimized, expert use of digital technologies, including website and social media. Communications will also include a point person and advocate to assist our seniors, veterans, and special need residents. We will never forget that we work for you!

**Fiscal Mismanagement --** As a former global director of a \$1 billion corporation and now a business owner, I am keenly aware that being mayor is more than balancing a budget that has been largely dependent on using state and federal funds. Fiscal stability and growing the grand list also include negotiating in good faith and eliminating ill-conceived budgetary practices. As our next mayor I will demand that standard operating procedures be established and firmly adhered to. No longer will invoices will be approved with scant information for services supposedly rendered.

Specifically, my administration will be vigilant in the approval of vendors. Unlike the complete lack of oversight by my opponent that resulted in fraudulent payments totaling \$636,000 to an outside shell company, checks and balances will be put in place. I will demand transparency and accountability for every dollar spent.

My opponent, a certified public accountant (CPA), cannot run away from the fact that after the city council voted to approve her and two other city em-

ployees as designees to oversee and distribute Covid funds in December 2020, this outside company was hired only weeks later. To not know that the LLC was owned by two city hall workers is not in line with the training of a financial professional. Any other CEO in the same position would have resigned.

**Economic Neglect --** My opponent has abandoned the essential responsibility of engaging businesses and developers to others. This economic neglect must be remedied quickly.

Be assured, I will provide work tirelessly to earn the trust and confidence of key stakeholders that are now questioning doing business with our city. Their skepticism has grown more pronounced due these last few weeks.

Unlike my opponent who cannot name one project that she initiated herself from start to finish, I am ready to hit the ground running on Day 1 to Win for West Haven. I will surround myself with professionals that realize that opening a 7-11 is not economic development, nor is a supporting hundreds of apartments that will strain our city services.

While other local municipalities bring in new business, we continue to lack the leadership that competes and wins for West Haven. The result has been higher taxes, reduced services, and a lower quality of life. This will not stand.

**Improve Infrastructure and Eliminate Blight --** Cracked sidewalks, potholes, blighted properties, and an unkept shorefront continue to plague our city. Enforcing the ordinances on the books, in concert with consistent action and communication---not delay and silence---will be a mandate, not an optional exercise.

Let's be real, there are areas of our city that look like a dump---some of which are used as a dump. From Spring St. to Front Avenue, from The Haven and beyond, you have my promise that action and communication ---not delay and silence---will be a mandate, not an optional exercise.

**What do you see as the most pressing issue to be addressed in the first 100 days of your administration?**

In addition to regaining the public's trust, it's economic development. We must capitalize on our strategic location to major roadways, coupled with a train station and two outstanding universities. We should be the envy of other municipalities. Instead, we've become the bridesmaid that drops their bouquets.

For far too long West Haven has

been coined the "City of Missed Opportunities." Time and again, it's the same drum beat: 'West Haven is hard to do business with. We don't pick up the phone. We don't return emails. We don't engage.' This is completely unacceptable. And if this does not change, it's the residents' who will continue to bare too high a tax burden and our quality of life will continue to decline.

We must showcase our city, so we are top-of-mind to businesses and developers to build and grow in West Haven. Robust economic development will provide long overdue tax relief to our residents.

In terms of specific projects, I will be re-engaging with the developers of The Haven. The time to act is now. A neighborhood needs answers, not the vandalism and unsavory activities that occurred under this administration's watch.

Furthermore, I am excited to explore and provide new opportunities to revitalize our dormant downtown, which starts with the deteriorating building directly across from City Hall. It's also time we stopped talking about an arts center which is an essential component to any thriving downtown, and focusing on moving it forward.

My longtime advocacy for a technology corridor spanning from Frontage Road / Railroad Avenue to the train station is unwavering . Tapping state and federal programs and officials, in conjunction with private investors and leading organizations, such a venture will be vigorously pursued.

My team will focus on revitalizing the Boston Post Road through a renewal plan to best optimize the geographic challenges of this area. I will be collaborating closely with developers and businesses to fill vacancies that will enable subsequent phases of development at this high-profile entrance to our city.

Our shoreline should be the envy of Connecticut, not a series of scars on our shorefront. From working on the successful redevelopment of the Savin Rock Conference Center site, to engaging new commercial interest from Captain Thomas Blvd to Beach Street, strategic planning and execution of our cherished shorefront will include collaboration with residents and small businesses alike.

As I've stated from the start of this campaign, it will take me more than two years to get much of this done. However, you will see progress on each of these vital programs.

**What is your biggest asset in looking to lead the city over the next two**

**years? Why should voters pick you?**

Unlike my opponent, I am a lifelong Westie and know what West Haven was and what it once again can be --- and much more. I am also not a politician, but a community servant. For well over 35 years, I've proven my leadership, financial discipline, and executive management acumen in both the private and public sectors.

As a leader, I take responsibility for mistakes. Success is due to teamwork and collaboration. It's not about "I" but, "we."

With in-depth experience in strategic planning, business, marketing, and communications, as mayor I will also serve as our city's Chief Marketing Officer. It will take more than two years, however, have no doubt that I have the passion and energy to move West Haven forward.

5. Final statement.

Now more than ever, it's time to put party labels aside. Serving the public should never be about R, D, I, U---because it's about us! Together, we can do more united versus the lack of accountability, accessibility, and transparency that has divided and disillusioned us for far too long.

A Cohen administration will not be led by one party or one faction. I will not be a West Shore mayor. I will be West Haven's mayor. West Haven is a city with untapped and unlimited potential. You can be assured I will be on a mission that we meet and exceed our potential.

This is our moment to move ahead. And it's not the "momentum" of monumental mistakes, fiscal mismanagement, and moving backwards. It's time for West Haven to shine ---and not fall behind.

Together, we will once again make West Haven a place where families, veterans, and senior citizens can work, live, and thrive. Together, we will become ONE WEST HAVEN.

SUNDAY

Oct. 31



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# West Haven Fire Services/ Fire Safety Checklist



**On October 30, 2021: Remember to turn your clocks back one hour**

**ALSO**

## **CHECK YOUR SMOKE & CO DETECTORS**

### Heating Equipment

- Keep electric space heaters at least 3 feet from all combustibles
- Replace furnace filters once a year
- Clean lint from behind clothes dryer
- Install a sparks screen in front of the fireplace
- Have chimney, furnace inspected and cleaned annually**
- Dispose of ashes in metal containers
- Keep newspapers, other combustibles and clutter away from water heater/furnace



### Electrical

- Avoid overloading electrical circuits
- Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage
- Do not tack cords to the walls or run them under rugs
- Maintain air space around electrical equipment such as TV, VCR, stereo, etc.
- Install additional outlets, by a qualified electrician, to avoid using cube taps and extension cords
- If you must use extension cords, use only the kind that have a built in circuit breaker



### Flammable Liquids & Hazardous Materials

- Limit the amount of chemicals stored
- Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly.
- Store hazardous materials in proper containers with tight fitting lids and correct identification labels
- Store hazardous materials away from heat sources
- Allow proper ventilation when using flammable liquids and hazardous materials
- Put oily rags in metal containers with tight fitting lids, not in a pile where they can spontaneously ignite.



### **DO NOT STORE PROPANE or GASOLINE INSIDE YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS**

Store in detached garage or shed or on deck

If you need to dispose of Propane Tanks call 203-488-1956

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### Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended**
- Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles
- Never store combustibles in oven or on stove top
- When barbecuing, move unit away from house
- Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers

### Smoking Materials & Candles

- Never leave cigarettes or candles unattended**
- Purchase and use ashtrays that have the center support feature
- Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers only
- Never smoke in bed**
- We recommend against the use of candles
- If you must use candles, place them in sturdy holders

### Smoke and CO Detectors

- Install SMOKE & CO detectors inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home**
- Test smoke, CO detectors once a month (use a broom handle to reach)
- Replace smoke, CO detector batteries twice a year(replace when changing time on clocks-Spring and Fall)**
- Replace smoke, CO detector units every ten years

### Fire Extinguishers

- Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher
- Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher (use P.A.S.S.-Pull the pin , Aim, Squeeze, Sweep )

### Develop & Practice a Home Escape Plan

- Develop a home escape plan that includes
  - Crawling low under smoke
  - Two exits out of every room
  - A meeting place outside (tree, mailbox, etc.)
- Practice escape plan with every member**
- Teach all family members how to:
  - Dial 911 in an emergency
  - Stop, drop and roll if clothes catch fire

**The use of a kerosene heater within the City of West Haven is prohibited by Ordinance**

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# ELECT Barry Lee Cohen MAYOR

NOV.  
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BECAUSE IT'S  
ABOUT US!**

## ALL ABOUT BARRY

- » Business owner; previously a global director of a \$1 billion technologies company.
- » Lifelong Westie
- » **High School:** West Haven High School - Class President (1978-1980)
- » **College:** B.A., Hofstra University; MBA, University of New Haven

## A LIFETIME OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

- » City Councilman
- » West Haven Community House, Board of Directors (2014-present)
- » Hubbard Farms Park Revitalization
- » WHEAT and West Haven Animal Shelter Drives
- » CT Humane Society

## BARRY'S PRIOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CITY INCLUDE:

- » West Haven Planning & Zoning Commission
- » West Haven Economic Development Task Force
- » West Haven Chamber of Commerce, Board of Dir.
- » Savin Rock Festival Committee

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Approved by Barry for West Haven, Angela Driver Treasurer.  
Approved by Barry Lee Cohen.

## FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Barry knows that being mayor is more than balancing a budget by using state and federal funds. It's negotiating in good faith, eliminating ill-conceived status quo budgetary practices, while demanding transparency and accountability for every dollar spent.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- West Haven will no longer be known as the "City of Missed Opportunities." From a shorefront resurgence to the revitalization of the downtown, from reimagining the Post Road, Barry will build strategic partnerships and engage key stakeholders in his mission to decrease our high tax burden. Getting excited about opening a 7-11 is not economic development, nor is supporting hundreds of apartments that will strain our city services.

## EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- Barry will establish new, stronger partnerships with universities and corporations while advocating for expanded learning opportunities. Barry will continue to question spending that is not directly supporting students.

## IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE. ELIMINATE BLIGHT.

- Cracked sidewalks, potholes, blighted properties, and an unkept shorefront are scars upon our city. Enforcing the ordinances on the books, in concert with consistent action and communication---not delay and silence--- will be a mandate, not an optional exercise.

# Westies win 4th in a row, 35-13

Since a heartbreaking loss to Hamden, the West Haven football team has been on a mission. Behind three touchdowns for Deven Robinson and two more from Amir Nakome, West Haven defeated Hillhouse, 35-13, in a Southern Connecticut Conference Division II contest at Bowen Field in New Haven Friday evening.

West Haven has now won four games in a row and has improved to 5-1 entering next week's home showdown against Notre Dame.

Controlling a large portion of the contest, West Haven rebounded after surrendering a pair of fumble recoveries for Hillhouse scores in the first half.

West Haven, very much alive for a postseason bid, ran for five touchdowns, scored a safety on defense, and never allowed Hillhouse to use its speed to hurt the Westies.

West Haven dominated play in the first half, but only went to the intermission ahead, 20-13. Coach Rich Boshea had to have mixed emotions with the offense, as the Westies outgained Hillhouse 198-48 in the opening half, but fumbled twice to lead to a pair of Hillhouse fumble returns for touchdowns.

Ahead 14-0 and looking to blow the game open, West Haven saw the momentum of the game shift to the Academics.

On second down, Hillhouse sacked West Haven freshman quarterback Nick Conlan, forcing a fumble. Hillhouse senior Lee Granger picked up the fumble and raced 41 yards for the score, getting the Academics within 14-7.

The Westies went back to the ground game, but that had a poor ending as well.

The Academics (1-5) forced another fumble and Frank Daniley scooped up the loose ball and returned the fumble 50 yards for the score. West Haven blocked the extra point, retaining a 14-13 lead with 6:26 remaining in the half.

With all the momentum now on their side, the Academics needed a big stop. That did not happen as West Haven marched 63 yards in nine plays, capped by a 16-yard touchdown run by Nakome with 2:16 left in the half for a 20-13 advantage.

The Westies made it look easy on their opening drive,

marching 51 yards on seven plays, capped by an 11-yard score by Robinson 2:37 in.

After West Haven turned Hillhouse aside later in the opening quarter, the Westies started a drive which ended 2:11 into the second quarter with a 9-yard touchdown run by Nakome. Robinson ran in the conversion for a 14-0 lead, before Hillhouse cashed in on a pair of West Haven fumbles.

The Westies put the game away in the third quarter when Robinson sandwiched touchdown runs of five and two yards around a safety when a Hillhouse snap went out of the endzone.

The volleyball team has been looking for a spark. The common denominator this season has been missed opportunities, whether by communication of team errors.

Tuesday evening saw the trend continue as the Westies dropped their eighth straight contest and fell to 1-12 with a 3-1 loss at Sacred Heart Academy. The scores of the match were 17-25, 7-25, 27-25, and 13-25.

Jenna Johnson ran the offense with 13 assists, while adding three kills and two aces. Johnson also played well on defense with seven digs.

Dulcemaria Castillo led the defensive efforts with 11 digs, Anaelecea Turcio had seven digs, Mckayla Fowler had six digs, and Jordyn Johnson had five digs. Tanasia Fidalgo played well on offense with 19 kills, and Asia Ford had seven kills.

Despite playing one of its best matches in a long stretch of contests, West Haven team could not get on the winning side. Rallying but falling short in each of the first two games, West Haven fell to North Haven, 25-22, 25-19, 25-10 at West Haven High Wednesday evening.

West Haven fell to 1-13 with its ninth straight loss.

Jenna Johnson continued to play well on both sides of the ball as she ran the offense with 12 assists and added seven digs on the defensive side. Fidalgo also played well with seven kills, three digs, and two aces, while Castillo had a balanced effort with five aces and five digs. Ford added four kills and three blocks, while Jordyn Johnson had five digs.

West Haven fell to 1-14 with



Photo by Todd Dandelske

**Asia Ford goes up for the kill in the Blue Devils 3-0 win over Bassick. The win ended an 11-game losing steak for the team.**

a 3-1 home loss against Guilford Saturday afternoon. The loss, 25-21, 23-25, 25-13, 25-14, was West Haven's tenth in a row.

Jordyn Johnson led the defensive efforts with 13 digs, while Branyelis Brito had 10 digs. Asia Ford also had a solid day on defense with six blocks and five digs, Castillo had seven digs, and Samantha Carrion had four digs.

Jenna Johnson again had another solid outing with 13 assists, six kills, and four aces on the offensive side, and six digs on defense. Fidalgo had six kills and three aces, while Castillo had four kills.

With a handful of games remaining in the regular season, West Haven was looking to finish strong. That did not happen Monday evening.

Coming out slow, West Haven never recovered in a 25-17, 25-22, 25-21 loss at Luralton Hall. The defeat dropped the Westies to 1-15 on the year.

Jenna Johnson ran the West Haven offense with 12 assists, six aces, and two kills. Fidalgo had eight kills, and Ford add-

ed five kills.

Brito led the defensive efforts with five digs, while Castillo had four digs.

In what was a complete team effort, the Westies topped Bassick, 25-14, 25-14, 25-21, to snap an 11-game losing skid on Senior Night at West Haven High. West Haven improved to 2-15 on the year with the victory.

Jenna Johnson had a stellar evening with 18 assists and 14 aces on offense. Turcio had seven aces, Fowler added six aces and four digs, while Ford had five kills and four aces.

After picking up its second win of the season, West Haven was looking to sustain some momentum. Despite playing well, West Haven was unable to hold on to its lead and fell to Foran, 3-2, at Jonathan Law Thursday evening.

Johnson led the way for West Haven with 22 assists on the offensive side and 10 digs defensively. Ford added eight kills and six aces on offense, and three digs and two blocks on defense.

Brito was solid on defense

with 10 digs, Fidalgo chipped in nine kills and three digs, Jordyn Johnson had eight digs, and Fowler and Castillo each had five kills and four digs.

Having entered Tuesday evening's contest with Mercy with two wins in its last three games, the girls soccer team was looking to keep the momentum going. Unfortunately, Mercy had other ideas.

In a game closer than the score would indicate, the Tigers scored two first half goals, on their way to a 4-0 victory at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven.

West Haven held a 10-8 shot advantage in the contest but could not dent the back of the net. Mercy finished with eight shots as Cassidy Carrano finished with four saves in the loss.

Trailing twice in the contest, West Haven rallied each time to post a 4-3 victory over Guilford Saturday afternoon at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven.

Trailing 2-0 after Guilford scored once in the first half  
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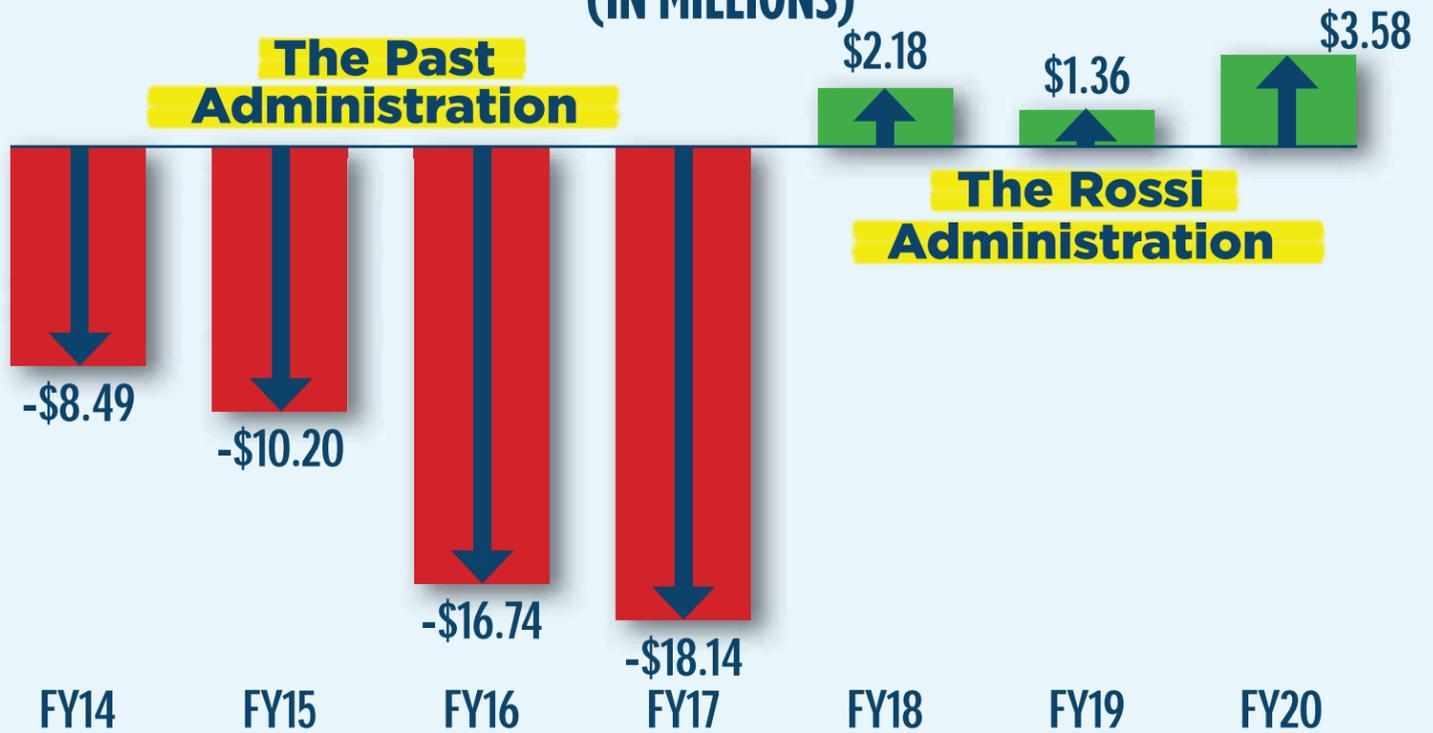
## Bringing **Honesty, Integrity, & Stability** to West Haven

*Four years ago, when Mayor Nancy R. Rossi entered office, West Haven's financial house was in near collapse, our city's schools, parks, roads, commercial districts and beaches were neglected, and we were struggling to attract businesses and investments.*

**Since then, Mayor Rossi and her team have prioritized fiscal responsibility, quality of life, and economic development to make West Haven a place we are proud to call home.**

FISCAL  
RESPONSIBILITY

### AUDITED GENERAL FUND BALANCE (IN MILLIONS)



QUALITY  
OF LIFE



**Visible progress has been made by Mayor Rossi and her team to restore the charm and character that is our Westie community. The Rossi team has:**

- ★ Implemented sidewalk replacement and street paving programs
- ★ Renovated city parks, athletic facilities and playgrounds
- ★ Secured millions in state grants for infrastructure improvements
- ★ Replaced flood gates and walk bridge at the Cove River
- ★ Created and appointed the Community Alliance Committee for equality
- ★ New West Haven High School project nearly complete
- ★ Initiated and began the process to replace Washington Elementary School

ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT

**Mayor Rossi understands when our economy is strong, our entire community thrives. As mayor, she has worked to:**

- ★ Encourage investments into the city that are bringing new development and jobs
- ★ Support new businesses that are opening up and established businesses expanding
- ★ Grow the Grand List to expand our tax base and level the tax burden for residents
- ★ Bring a new Southern Connecticut Gas facility and 150 new jobs to West Haven
- ★ Partner with Yale-New Haven to open its new Regional Operations Center



**Let's keep the momentum going!**

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AND THE DEMOCRATIC TEAM

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# Westies: *Squads push toward postseason*

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and again to start the second half, West Haven cut the deficit in half when Riley Severino scored an unassisted goal 11:07 into the second half. Just 4:56 later, Julia Tsakonas scored off an assist from Grace Nowak to even the game at two.

Tea Gambardella gave Guilford a 3-2 advantage with 8:14 remaining, before the Westies rallied. Madison Lentine evened the game with 5:07 later off an assist from Tsakonas, before Maya Bermudez scored the go-ahead goal 50 seconds later off an assist from Lentine.

Guilford held an 11-10 shot advantage. Carrano made eight saves in the win.

Lentine, Cori Severino, Riley Severino and the senior class knew what was at stake when they took the field against Wilbur Cross Monday evening. Not only was it Senior Night, but the Westies had a chance to clinch a berth in the postseason with a victory.

Behind two goals and two assists from Lentine, and a goal and two assists from Cori Severino, West Haven qualified for postseason play with a 6-1 victory at Ken Strong Stadium.

Sophomore Ariana Izzo added a pair of goals and Carrano needed to make just two saves as West Haven improved to 6-4-2 on the year.

The Westies took a 3-0 lead to the half and never looked back in the victory. Izzo started the scoring off an assist from Emma Walker 17 minutes, 21 seconds in, and Lentine increased the lead to 2-0 6:22 later with assists going to Cori Severino and Tsakonas.

Izzo assured West Haven was going to play in the postseason when she scored her second of the game less than five minutes later for a 5-0 advantage. Lentine assisted on the goal which gave the Westies

a commanding lead.

Lentine and Cori Severino were at it again 10:24 into the second half when Severino assisted on Lentine's second goal of the game. Tsakonas gave West Haven a 5-0 lead with eight minutes remaining, before Cori Severino capped West Haven's scoring off assists from Lentine and Riley Severino with 1:55 to go.

Cross scored a late goal to spoil the shutout bid. West Haven held an 11-3 shot advantage in the game.

West Haven improved to 7-4-2 with a 3-0 victory over East Haven Wednesday evening at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven. The victory was West Haven's third in a row.

The Westies led 1-0 at the half, then used a pair of second half goals to pull away. In between, West Haven used a solid defensive effort to preserve the third shutout of the year for Carrano, who finished with six saves.

West Haven took a 1-0 lead in the first half when Cori Severino scored off an assist from Lentine just 5 minutes, 42 seconds in. Severino's goal held up until early in the second half.

Tsakonas gave the Westies a 2-0 advantage when she scored off an assist from Lentine 3:28 into the second half. Jaylyn Powell capped the scoring at the 69:30 mark for a 3-0 lead.

The boys soccer team returned from a week off with a hard-fought 2-1 road victory over Branford Monday evening. With its second victory in three games, West Haven improved to 6-3-2 on the season.

A week after falling to cross-town rival Notre Dame, West Haven turned to its seniors to get back on the winning track. Donaldo Yanez and Jerson Aquino scored, Brian

Rivadera added an assist, and goalkeeper Brian Carew made seven saves.

Yanez gave West Haven a 1-0 lead at the 20:23 mark of the opening half with an unassisted tally. The goal by Yanez held up until the mid-point of the second half.

Jerson Aquino gave West Haven a 2-0 lead when he scored off an assist from Rivadera at the 60:13 mark. The goal by Aquino would prove to be big as Branford scored on a penalty kick with less than 11 minutes remaining to cut the West Haven lead in half.

Branford never got closer and West Haven, which held an 18-8 shot advantage, held on for the victory.

After starting the season 4-1-2, the Westies have hit a tough stretch. West Haven lost its second game in three meetings and third in five contests with a 3-2 loss at North Haven Friday evening.

The Westies held a 22-11 shot advantage in the contest, but North Haven goalkeeper Mark Ludovico made 10 saves to keep West Haven from winning the contest.

West Haven took a 1-0 lead to the half when senior Mekhi Pittman was credited with an own goal at the 27:37 mark of the first half.

The lead held up until North Haven scored the equalizer and go-ahead goals in a three-minute stretch. West Haven's Mubarak Issa knotted the game with 6:40 left in regulation on an unassisted tally, but North Haven's Zion Teclechiel scored his second of the game with 3:10 left to give North Haven the victory.

West Haven knew it was in for a battle Wednesday evening when it played host to undefeated Jonathan Law. After falling behind early, West Haven responded with three

unanswered goals in a 3-1 victory at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven.

The Westies saw Law score first in the contest, but less than one minute later the game was tied when Sebastian Navarro scored off an assist from Alan Hernandez. The goal, just 40 seconds after Law's tally, set the tone for the rest of the contest.

With the game even at one at the half, West Haven took the lead for good 9 minutes, 10 seconds into the second half when Rafael Gazcon scored off an assist from Yanez. The goal by Gazcon held up, and Issa scored an unassisted tally with 2:23 remaining for the 3-1 margin.

West Haven held a 20-11 shot advantage in the game. Carew made nine saves in the win for West Haven.

Behind the shutout goalkeeping of Carew and Holden Axelrod, and the offense of Yanez and Rivadera, the Westies defeated Coginchaug 4-0 at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven.

The shutout was West Haven's third win in four contests and helped the team improve to 8-4-2 on the year.

Yanez gave West Haven a 1-0 lead with 5:47 left in the opening half with the first of his two unassisted tallies. When Yanez scored 2:41 into the second half, the Westies held a 2-0 advantage.

Rivadera then helped put the game away with two goals in less than two minutes late in the contest.

West Haven held a 28-5 shot advantage in the contest. Carew finished with two saves and Axelrod made one in the victory.

West Haven improved to

9-4-2 with its third consecutive victory Saturday afternoon at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven. Behind goals from Donaldo Yanez, Mubarak Issa, and Brian Rivadera, West Haven defeated Shelton, 3-1.

Yanez opened the scoring with a goal 1:32 into the contest off an assist from Hernandez. The goal by Yanez would hold up until Issa gave West Haven a 2-0 lead off an assist from Murtaza Amjad with 14 minutes left in the half. Rivadera increased the lead to 3-0 off an assist from Issa 10:32 into the second half, which was more than enough for West Haven.

The girls swim team traveled to Guilford Monday afternoon. Despite swimming well, the Westies saw a tough Guilford squad post an 82-74 victory.

West Haven took home just one first place finish in the meet. Senior Kaelyn Falanga won the 200 freestyle in a time of 2 minutes, 16.50 seconds.

West Haven improved to 2-7 with a 95-77 victory over Branford Thursday afternoon in Branford. The Westies placed first in six events in the victory.

West Haven won a pair of relay events as the 200 medley relay team of Lauren Blake, Molly Wilson, Falanga, and Victoria Acuna came out on top in a time of 2 minutes, 9.82 seconds. The 200 freestyle relay team of Wilson, freshman Olivia DeLauri, Raquel Carney, and freshman Emily Guthrie won in 2:02.25.

Falanga was also victorious in the 200 freestyle in 2:11.19, and the 500 freestyle in 6:03.87. Acuna was victorious in the 50 freestyle in 29.84 seconds, while the 100 freestyle was won by DeLauri in 1:09.19.



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Brian Rivadera (11) gathers in the ball in the Westies 4-0 win over Coginchaug.

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# Squirt AA team wins Halloween tourney

The West Haven Youth Hockey Mite A team was back in action with two tough games. On Saturday, the Westies hosted the CT Junior Rangers Elite, with the two teams playing to a thrilling tie.

Logan Minio and Brady Salkins led the offense, while

Henry Seslar worked the wing. Cooper Owens sparked the counterattack from defense, and Caden Minio back-checked hard to help his team defensively.

The Westie Mite A's were back in action on Sunday, with a late afternoon game

against Northwestern in South Kent. After a close first period which saw Jax Guarino score and Jameson Schempp make several big stops in goal, the Westies pulled ahead and never looked back. Jameson Eid also scored, and Keegan Jackson covered on defense

and got into key positions on offense. Ben Trenchard did a superb job on defense in the win, stripping the puck from the Northwestern skaters, and passing it up to pick up a few assists.

The West Haven Mite C hockey team played two games this weekend. On Saturday, the Mite C's faced Southern CT.

Abby Hemming was in net for West Haven and goals for the Blue Devils were scored by Landon Alling and JP Beebe. Other shots on net were made by Emmett Hemming, Carter Liston, Kiera Harrison and Sara Mastroni. Caleb Ford and Jackson Ford played defense, and also had shots on goal. Abby Hemming made great saves for the Blue Devils.

On Sunday, the Blue Devils faced the Milford Mud Hounds. Multiple goals were scored by Alling, Beebe and Liston. Emmett Hemming and Ford each had a goal during the game.

Excellent hustle and shots on net were displayed by Ford, Mastroni and Harrison. Abby Hemming again was

in net for the Blue Devils and made excellent saves.

The West Haven Squirt AA Team played in the Haunted Shootout in Marlborough, MA, and took home the title.

The action kicked off Friday morning against the Providence Hockey Club, with West Haven posting a 14-0 win. Quinn Smith recorded his first shutout of the tournament and with hat tricks were recorded by Colby Cushing and Rocco Kelly.

The Westies had a slow start for the first five minutes, before taking a 5-0 lead after one period on goals by Kelly (2), Stella Porto, Jeremiah McGrath, and Owen Santos.

In the second period, the Westies continued to pour it on with seven more goals with tallies coming from Sophie DiGioia, Kelly, Andrew Lacasee, Dylan Spreyer, Charlie Gunning and two from Cushing. West Haven closed the scoring in the third period with goals coming from Jaxon Troyer and Cushing.

The Westies then faced the Maine Moose Friday evening and posted an 8-0 victory. West Haven stuck to its game plan to get pucks deep and forecheck with persistent pressure. Smith recorded his second shutout of the tournament.

The Westies improved to 3-0 with an 8-0 victory against the Greater New Haven Warriors. Smith recorded his third straight shutout of the tournament and goals were scored by Kelly, Gunning, DiGioia (4), Cody Young, and Peyton Berlepsch.

West Haven entered the cross-over round as the top seed, only to have to face their Connecticut rivals, the fourth-seeded Greater New Haven Warriors again. The Westies again prevailed 10-1.

The Blue Devils led 2-0 at the end of the first period on goals by Andrew Lacasse. With West Haven leading 2-1, Lacasse scored the next two goals and assisted on the fifth by AJ Farrell to stretch the score to 5-1.

The Westies tacked on another five, with goals from Gunning, Troyer, DiGioia (2) and another by Lacasse for the 10-1 victory.

West Haven advanced to the finals against second-seeded Weymouth and took home the title with a 3-1 victory.

Lacasse gave West Haven a 1-0 lead when he beat two defensemen out of the corner and passed to a well-positioned Peyton Berlepsch, who took a quick wrist shot to beat the goalie on his glove side for a 1-0 lead.

The goal by Berlepsch would hold up through the  
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The West Haven Squirt AA team celebrates its tournament championship in the Haunted Shootout, played in Marlborough, MA last weekend.

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## Youth Hockey

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second period as both goalies were solid in net.

Weymouth evened the game early in the third period, banging a rebound home on a third chance to knot the score at one.

With 4:45 left, Lacasse was able to slide a pass over to DiGioia who buried the shot top shelf.

Smith turned away a flurry of shots in the last two minutes with a Weymouth empty net, and West Haven secured the championship with 17 seconds left in the game when DiGioia hustled to the puck and came out from behind the net to put the nail in coffin by scoring her second goal of the game.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team advanced to the championship game of the Haunted Shootout in Marlborough, MA but was denied, 2-1, in a hard-fought game against Greater New Haven A. Goaltender Trevor Cathey was tremendous in net for the Westies in the final game with several clutch saves. His kick save off a turnover and stuff of a power play attempt kept the game scoreless early.

Gio Ferrucci won a face-off back to the point where Cam Levy's shot was redirected by Parker Guarnieri off the post, but he hustled after the rebound and cashed it in giving the Westies a 1-0 lead in the opening period. Five minutes into the second period GNH tied the contest. Cathey saved a wraparound attempt, but couldn't stop the rebound shot.

The back-and-forth game remained tied into the third as the defense of Brody Elam, Dylan Bosworth, Levy, Joey DiGioia and Leo Mazuroski held strong. With just over five minutes remaining, Bosworth's point shot was redirected by Alex Bowery off the post. Cathey stood tall during a late GNH power play, but the Warriors finally got one to go with 1:36 on the clock.

The Westies then pulled Cathey in the final 30 seconds and skated 6-on-4 after a late penalty. Brady Price fed Sean Studley in the slot, but a defenseman dove to block the shot and the goalie covered it with one second left to seal the win.

Studley led the Blue Devils' offense in the tournament with nine points (five goals and four assists) while Price led the team with six goals.

Mike Page scored four goals, Tanner Walsh had two goals and two assists, while Guarnieri, Ferrucci, Matt Molnar and Zach Melchiorre scored a goal apiece. Theo Diakomis and Levy added assists. West Haven outscored their opponents 21-5 in the five games.

West Haven faced top-seeded Genesis (PA) in the semifinals Sunday morning. Cathey posted his second shutout of the tournament, all five defensemen were outstanding, and the top line of Bowery-Price-Studley combined for four goals in the 5-0 win.

The Westies scored 4:35 into the game when Bowery kept in the puck and Studley grabbed it. He slid it to Price for a one-timer.

Thirty seconds later Walsh banged home his own bouncing rebound to make it 2-0.

In the second period, Price worked the puck off the boards and found Studley streaking down the slot for a one-timer and a 3-0 lead. Studley opened the third by burying a wrist shot and Bowery capped the scoring when he followed up his initial shot a minute later.

The Blue Devils earned the No. 4 seed by going 2-1-0 in pool play. On Friday afternoon, West Haven opened the tournament with a 6-0 win over North Jersey Avalanche, then trounced Weymouth (MA), 8-1, later Friday night.

On Saturday the Westies lost a tight game, 2-1, to Greater New Haven

In the win over the Avalanche on Friday, Cathey was sharp in goal in posting the team's first shutout of the season. Page and Price each scored a pair of goals, while Studley added a goal and assist. Bowery and Walsh chipped in with two assists apiece.

In the nightcap on Friday, Price led the offense with a hat trick and an assist. Studley had three assists and a goal. Ferrucci, Page, Molnar and Walsh added goals.

John Kennedy was sharp in between the pipes. In Saturday's loss, Page scored an unassisted goal while Kennedy was excellent in goal and Cathey solid in relief.

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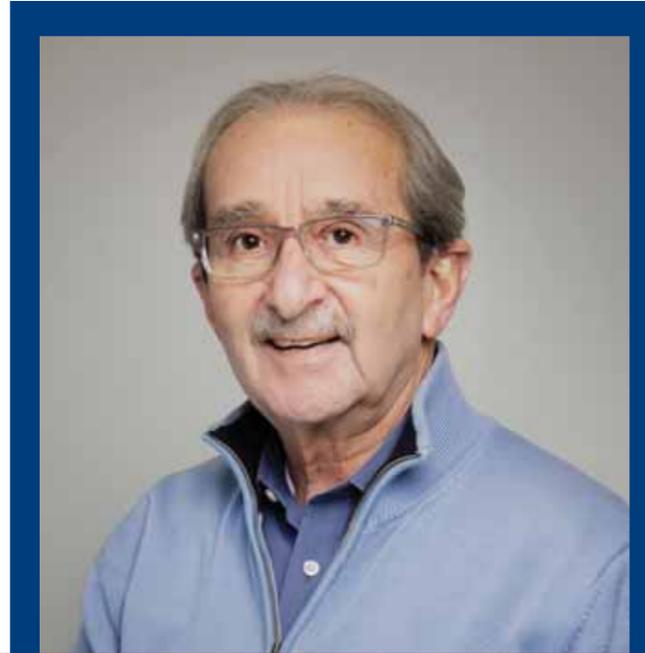


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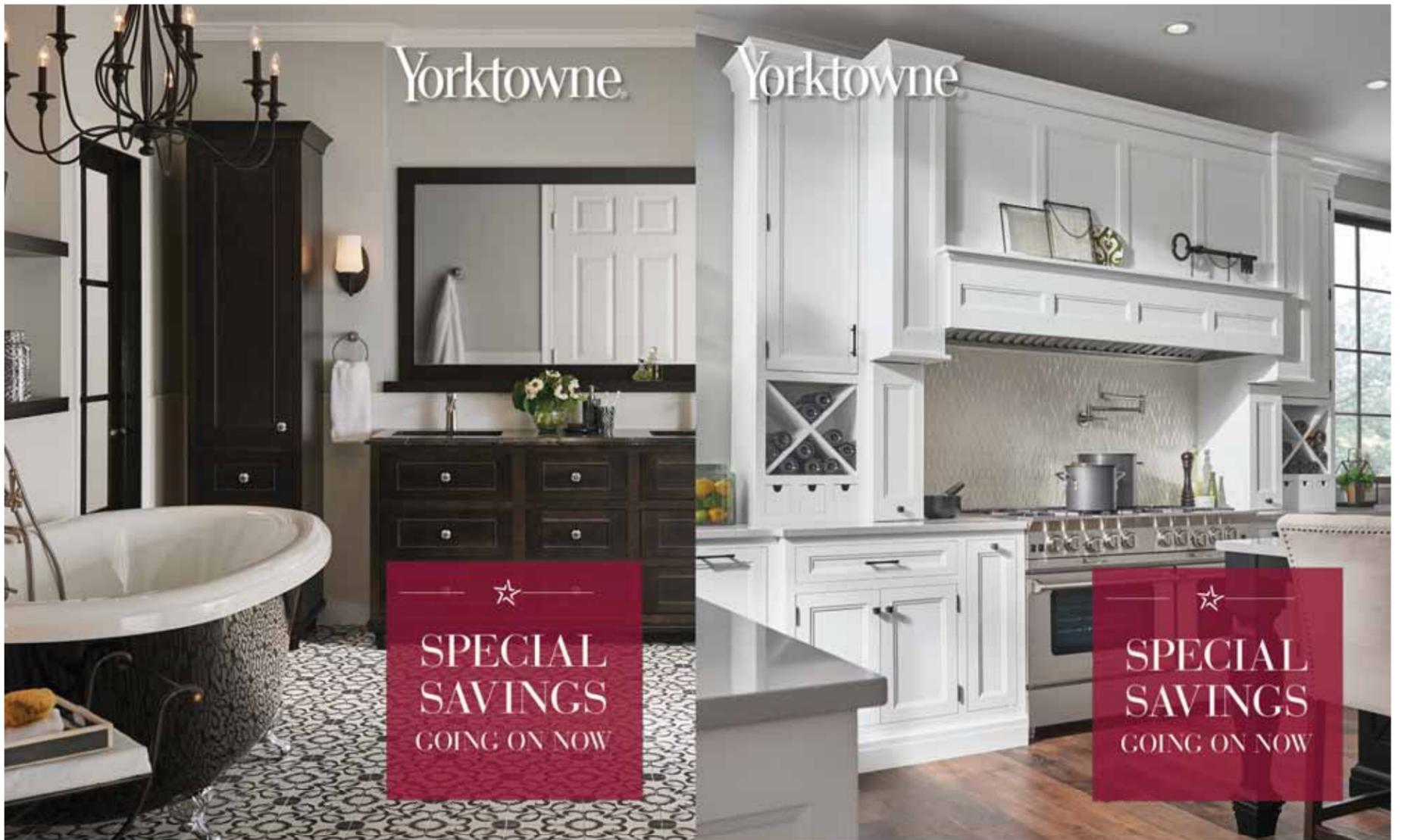
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## Ball control

Barack Issa (9) looks for an opening in front of the Shelton goal in their 3-1 win. The Blue Devils are looking to run the table as the season winds down, and the CIAC Tournament comes into focus.

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# Seahawks' 10U team goes unbeaten



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Seahawk Defender Muyakanwi Ngoh (12) holds onto a Redding-Easton running back, while his teammates come to help. The Seahawks' 10U team won and remain undefeated at 8-0.

## M&W ties Tigers in Youth Soccer action

In West Haven Youth Soccer action, Milano & Wanat played the Vio's Sports Orange Tigers to a 2-2 tie this weekend. The game saw some nice passing with some good foot work from both sides. Defense was big at the end of the game for Milano & Wanat. Goalie Nour El Mouki made several key saves and defenders James Nhean and Ace Haughton helped protect the goal. Goals were scored by Jaxon Cruz and Ethan Fonseca for Milano & Wanat and Pablo Lopez and Aiden Dowdye for Orange Tigers. The Gunning Law Firm Rhinos defeated Cappetta's Italian Imports 6-0, picking up their third straight shutout. The Rhinos started the game with a ton of energy, with early goals by Emma Routh and Avery Linen. Valentina Massa and Julianna Aviles lead the charge with great tackling and passing.

The #DAVILATRIBE Sharks played the Stowe's Seafood Emeralds, with the Emeralds beating the Sharks, 7-2.

For the Sharks, Makayla Botchie played great on defense. Julian Crudo

helped move the ball up to her teammates, and Jada Turner scored for her team keeping them in the game. For the Emeralds, Karla Urgiles scored her first goal of the season and Sofia Bongiorno-Nucci had a hat trick. Aurora Chevalier had some big saves in goal.

West Shore Family Dental had a good offensive game against Stars Ice Cream, being led by Nylah Beyah and Sophie Mazuroski. Dayanna Calle Va had another great day in the net with several key stops. Isabell Millard and Alissia Wala worked hard and Leila Lancaster had a good game in mid-field. The Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center Gold Ninjas had an awesome and fun game against P&B Express Blue Lizards.

Liam Rowland keeps getting better each week in speed, strength, and communication, and Zeke Hanlin displayed some quick dribbling skills and scored. Sami Vahora never runs out of energy and showed some great moves, while Alexander Wright showed a lot of skill and hustle to earn his hat trick.

For the Lizards, Alexander Urgiles found himself at the heart of many key defensive plays doing a great job of clearing the ball and winning tackles. Youssef El haouzi hustled around the field making great passes and Abdel-Nasir Issaka had a great team attitude jumping between two fields and providing positive energy and demonstrated his team spirit and ball handling.

The R. Mark Pappas Blue Birds played #DAVILATRIBE Irish Green with the Green coming out on top, 6-5. The Bluebirds' Allyson Hernandez had five goals. The defense was anchored by Brook O' Mara and Tomi Yekinni made several great plays to turn away attacking danger. In net for the Bluebirds, Amelia Rambo played strong making several stops and directing the defense. Isabella Celenzano, Emilie Werle, and Gabby Watson played well for the Bluebirds.

The Seacrest Retirement Center FC lost, 5-1, to Stars Ice Cream. Robin Munoz Escobedo and Charles Jeffrey split

The West Haven Seahawks finished the regular season and 3 of the 4 tackle teams will advance onto the Southern Connecticut Pop Warner playoffs that will begin this weekend.

The 10U team (9 and 10) finished the season undefeated and improved their record to 8-0 with a 55-13 win over the Redding-Easton Falcons. The 10U team earned the top seed in the conference playoffs. They will compete in the semi-final round on Nov. 7.

The Hawks had 8 players score Jacari Harris, Jermaine Gibbs, Trayvon Jaynes, Mighty Jackson, Skyler Stanford, Chace Stanley, and Jadon Spell. Tristian Crawford caught a 55-yard scoring pass from Jeremiah Thames. Chris Summers and Will Pastore each accounted for an extra point conversion. The defense was led by Muyakanwi Ngoh, Brady Coe and Kaden Lafountain.

The 8U Seahawks lost to the unbeaten Danbury Trojans, 27-7. Andrew Cuzio and Jackson Boynton led the Seahawks offensive attack. Playing well on defense was Kaleb Gibbs and Caleb Redman.

The 12U Seahawks lost to the Bloomfield Warriors, 32-0. Quarterback Mason Wright and Colin Murray played well on offense. JJ Lugo, TJ Stevenson, and Kody Barnes led the defense.

The flag football team (#1) played well against Naugatuck scoring 5 touchdowns. Khaliel Canty, Grant Locke and Camron Spell played well on offense and defense.

The 8U and 10U teams play this Sunday. The 8U team plays at Naugatuck High School at 9 on Sunday against Naugatuck to see who will advance to the semi-final round. The 12 U team will play Stratford at 11:30 at Chicopee High School. For more information, please visit [www.westhavenseahawk.com](http://www.westhavenseahawk.com)

time between defense and goalie making big plays, while Daniel Goldberg controlled the middle and Abdsalam Naas scored for the Seacrest Retirement FC. The Elite Soccer Camps Golden Wolves took on Sports Sanitizing of CT, with the Wolves, winning 3-0. Ryan Abekah scored, and joined Santino Amato preserving the shut out in goal.

James Bayona and Maddox Carrasquillo worked hard to win the ball, and Dante Douthit showed a lot of hustle. James Warren and Maaz Mohamednour played well on defense in the win for the Wolves.

The Top Hat Dance Academy West Haven U10 girls, riding a five-game winning streak, played at home against Milford. West Haven played their best game of the year, with excellent ball movement and great positioning. The duo of Phoebe DiNuzzo and Kendall Gilchrest played a great game on defense. Alessia Coletta and Amy Congacha provided the scoring to secure the 5-0 win for West Haven.

# Centennial Fire Expo slated for Nov. 6

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

West Haven's three fire departments will salute the community's 100th anniversary with an exposition of all things fire service.

The Centennial Fire Expo is set for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6 in the parking lot of the Savin Rock Conference Center, 6 Rock St., and in front of Savin Rock. The rain date is Nov. 7.

Free parking is available in the lots of the conference center and West Haven High School and the lots off Captain Thomas Boulevard.

The expo, presented by the City of West Haven Centennial Celebration Committee, is part of a six-month series of free events commemorating the community's 1921 birth and its incorporation

by the General Assembly as Connecticut's youngest municipality.

West Haven's fire service includes the independent West Haven Fire Department, which serves the First Fire Taxation, or Center, District, and the independent West Shore Fire Department, which serves the Shore's 2nd District. It also includes the 3rd District's formerly independent Allingtown Fire Department, which was taken over by the city in July 2012 and is now known as the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown.

Together, the departments have been in operation for 350 years — West Haven since 1888, Allingtown since 1907 and West Shore since 1918.

West Haven Chief James P. O'Brien, West Shore Chief Ste-

phen Scafariello and Allingtown Chief Michael R. Terenzio are organizing the large public exhibition, which will feature engine and truck displays, including antique fire apparatus, and a fire service exhibit at the Savin Rock Museum, 6 Rock St.

The expo will include Mack firetruck rides, a hazmat trailer, food trucks, the departments' rescue boats and fire merchandise vendors, along with pop music by Acoustic Mafia and an appearance by Sparky the Fire Dog, said organizer Beth A. Sabo, the committee's chairwoman.

It will also include educational demonstrations on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, drone technology, home sprinkler systems, first aid, and fire code and investigation.

West Haven firefighters will demonstrate the departments' 35-foot smoke trailer and show children what to do in the event of a fire.

Allingtown firefighters will install car seats for people. They will also inspect those already installed to ensure that the portable seats have been properly fastened for securing small children.

Fire apparatus dealers and members of the University of New Haven's Fire Science and EMS/Paramedic clubs will have resource tables with information on products and programs.

Jennifer A. Amendola, the director of the 911 Communications Center at police headquarters, will educate people on the structure of West Haven's Emergency Reporting System, known

as ERS.

Representatives of Griffin Hospital will give doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to those 18 and older, and members of the city Health Department will have information on the coronavirus, food sanitation and the flu.

The city Department of Emergency Management will have information on West Haven's Community Emergency Response Team, storm preparation, post-storm recovery, and natural and human-made disasters. Emergency Management Director Joseph Soto said the CERT program, which needs volunteers, educates volunteers on disaster preparedness for hazards that could impact their area. Soto will sign up residents for the city's emergency notification system to receive alerts.



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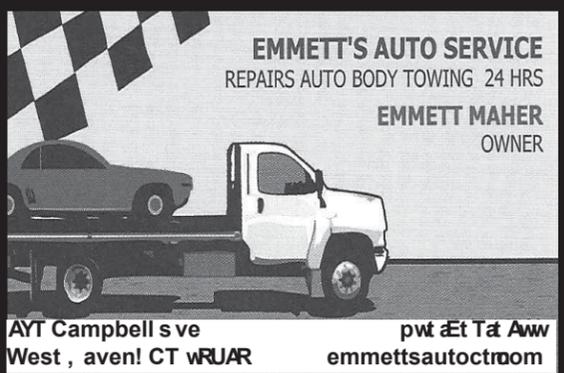
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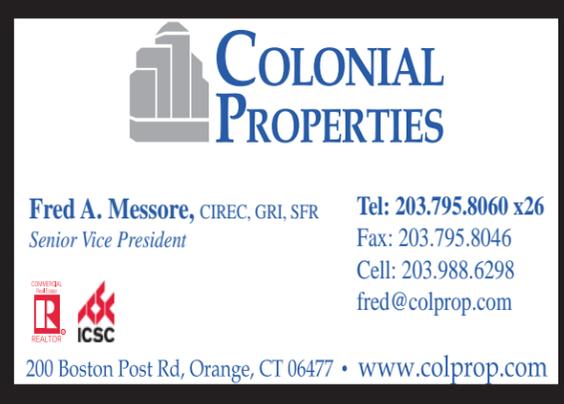


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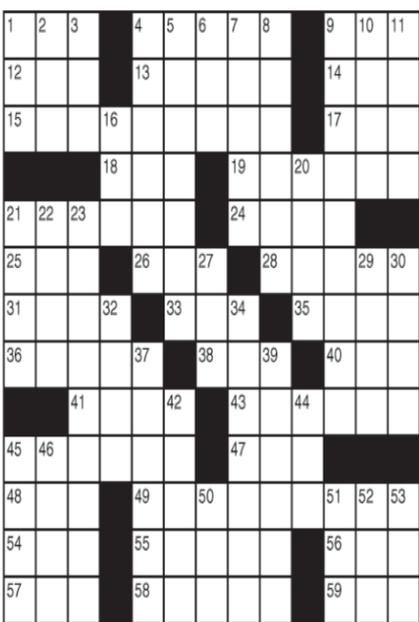
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- 12 "Right you -!"
- 13 Not moving
- 14 Blond shade
- 15 Online reference source
- 17 Carefree
- 18 By way of
- 19 Pancake toppers
- 21 Museum tour guide
- 24 - Hari
- 25 Swelled head
- 26 Solidify
- 28 Semesters
- 31 Stately trees
- 33 Homer's neighbor
- 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



- 7 Spectrum
- 8 Patronize, as a hotel
- 9 New York airport
- 10 Now, in a memo
- 11 Reasons
- 16 "- been had!"
- 20 Numbered rds.
- 21 Woodland grazer
- 22 Leer at
- 23 Summaries
- 27 Went first
- 29 Primary creator
- 30 Tackles moguls
- 32 Auctioneer's cry
- 34 Cecil B. -
- 37 Arm's-length portrait
- 39 Femme -
- 42 Ore layers
- 44 Longing
- 45 Smile broadly
- 46 Forearm bone
- 50 Rebel Turner
- 51 Morning moisture
- 52 -de-France
- 53 Succor

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**MAGIC MAZE ● - CANAL**

S O K H D A X U Q N K H E B Y  
V S P M J H E B Y V T Q O L I  
G D B Y W P T R P M K N I T F  
D B Y W U A S Q O M I O K R I  
H F D B Z N X W D A U D S E Z  
Q T E O N A L D L N J A H B E  
F D N G P M N P C A A G A L U  
Y W E I R A M E T S T L U A S  
V T H S R A E Q I O P O L N L  
K S I G H O B H O R F V G E E  
C B Z C Y W C R V L E I K U W

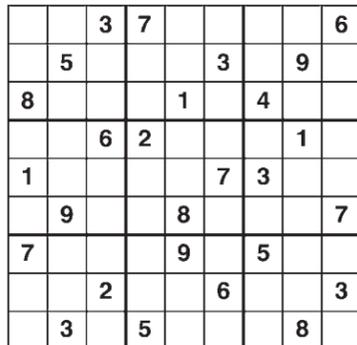
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: Compliments of your Dentist

- Albert
- Barge
- Champlain
- Corinth
- Ear
- Erie
- Gota
- Grand
- Kiel
- Panama
- Sault Ste. Marie
- Ship
- Suez
- Volga-Don
- Weiland

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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: ♦♦**

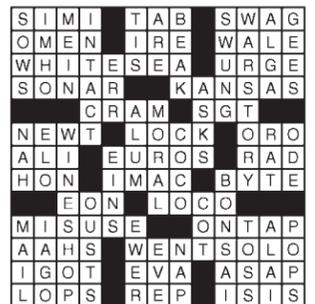
- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**Answers to last week's puzzles**

**King Crossword**  
**Answers**

**Solution time: 24 mins.**



**MAGIC MAZE ● ROOT VEGETABLES**

H J H E B Y V P T Q O L I G D  
B Y W R T R P M K I F D T B  
T Y W U S U S T O O M K I O F  
D E G T O O R A C C U Y K R B  
Z X E A W U S T O O N L E R J  
H E F B R D O O C H A G E A Y  
B I B A R L H O K S N W L C V  
T S O G L A I P N I L O K I H  
F E C A B Z G C G D Y W I V U  
S R I P I N R U T A Q P N N M  
L S M A Y P I N S R A P J I O

- Beets
- Garlic
- Ginger
- Kohlrabi
- Leek
- Onion
- Parsnip
- Potato
- Radish
- Rutabaga
- Squash
- Sugar beet
- Turnip
- Yams
- Yucca root

**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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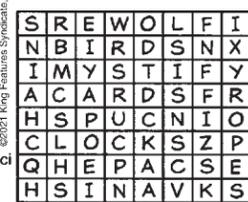


**PARDON MY PASTEBOARDS!** The Great Carducci needs more practice. Can you spot three cards above that are exactly alike?

**IT MUST BE INFLATION!** Can you make this equation correct by adding two punctuation marks? It's tricky!

**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read top to bottom along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

**Junior Whirl**  
by Charles Barry Townsend



**MAGIC QUESTIONS!** Hidden in the diagram at left are 11 words associated with magicians. They can be read up or down, side to side, or diagonally. The following questions will help you find the words:

1. What appears from silk scarves?
2. What do magicians wear?
3. What do they shuffle?
4. What is used to bind them?
5. What do they do when tied up?
6. What do they grow from nothing?
7. What do they do to their audience?
8. What can't hold them?
9. What do they cut and restore?
10. What do their assistants often do?
11. What magician was the greatest?

Two colors do the trick. 5:50 = 6:00 (when telling time).



1. Birds, 2. Cape, 3. Cards, 4. Chains, 5. Escape, 6. Flowers, 7. Mystery, 8. Locks, 9. Fopes, 10. Vanish, 11. Houdini.

# HIDDEN GEMS

Cooperative Effort between the Voice and Economic Development

Continuing our tour of the city, highlighting local businesses, we visit some establishments dealing in various interests

**Elm City Materials.** - 7 Spring St. Driving by, you might (rightly!) figure that this business mainly caters to large-scale construction companies and road projects. But did you know they also sell landscaping materials at wholesale prices to individual homeowners looking to spruce up their properties? If you've been meaning to fill in an old pool or add some crushed stone to your driveway, this might be the season to get it done. Family owned and operated, Em City Materials has just passed its 10-year milestone since it was founded in 2011. They deliver, and also rent dumpsters online.

**Some Things Fishy** - 17 Kimberly Ave. West Haven's one and only bait and tackle shop is family-owned and open for business. They have everything from frozen squid to fancy rods and reels, and will patiently answer any questions you may have about

what's biting locally these days. With warm days stretching into the Fall and some saltwater species available to catch year-round, you might enjoy adding this stop to your weekend routine as you plan much-needed R&R.

**Budget Car Wash** - 936 Boston Post Rd. This business has invested in some serious upgrades to give customers a luxurious experience at a budget price. New products (soaps, for example) give your car tender, loving care. As the season rolls towards winter, remember that road salt can be very damaging to the body and undercarriage. Happily, that's nothing that Budget Car Wash can't handle. Self-service and express versions available.

The advantages of staying close-to-home while meeting your household's needs are obvious. Such errands conserve gas by lessening automobile usage and can more easily fit in between school pickups and various other activities in a busy lifestyle. However, shopping locally also benefits the entire com-

munity. Since local retailers return more money back into the local economy than a national retailer would, this means that when you spend in West Haven, more of your dollars stay here and benefit more

people. Keeping our local businesses strong also fuels new employment and job opportunities.

And we get to enjoy the colorful personalities, friendliness, skills and humor of the

professionals who staff these establishments.

So tell us about any other gems you have found, remember these places when you have various needs, and above all, shop local this fall!

## Veterans Museum to honor its own

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

The Veterans Museum & Learning Center will observe West Haven's centennial with an exhibit honoring the community's service members.

The open house exhibit, "A Salute to Veterans of the Last 100 Years," is slated for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 7 at 30 Hood Terrace. Doughnuts and refreshments will be served.

The exhibit, presented by the City of West Haven Centennial Celebration Committee, is part of a six-month series of free events marking the community's 1921 birth and its incorporation by the General Assembly as Connecticut's youngest municipality.

The public display will include a "visual representation," or wall, of more than 300 names of West Haven men and women from the past 100 years who defended the liberty and integrity of the United States while serving in all branches of the armed forces, said Arlene DeGrand Painter, who manages the museum.

Painter said city Human Resources Commissioner Beth A. Sabo, the committee's chair-

woman, will talk about the patriotic memorials, monuments and statues for veterans in West Haven and the annual services commemorating them.

Museum member Barry Josephs, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War, will discuss the history of Veterans Day, Painter said.

The event will also include tours of the museum, a living history of America at war.

The 9,000-square-foot museum shows collections from the 102nd Infantry Regiment and the New Haven Grays, a protective force formed after the War of 1812. It also displays relics from each conflict since the U.S. fought for independence, allowing visitors to walk a timeline around the camouflage-clad warehouse off Sawmill Road.

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, the committee's honorary chairman, said the exhibit will join a long list of special events celebrating 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 and the "Hubbard Farms" exhibit in September.

## Who's looking out for YOU?

West Haven **paid \$636,000** to a company owned by city employees **for services not performed.\***

\*FBI Affidavit October 2021

Elect **NEW** people to **MAKE SURE THIS NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN!**

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Working together as a community, we have achieved so much to move West Haven forward. After the challenges of the past year, now is our time to recommit to continuing the progress.

- Balanced Budgets**
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- City-Wide Park Restoration**
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