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Rossi sets list of goals for new year

With the end of 2021 and the beginning of the new year, the city's administration is assessing its progress in the past 12 months and setting its sights on 2022. Mayor Nancy Rossi was quizzed about the goals reached by the city in the past year, and those she hopes to accomplish.

As with most things in West Haven, the goals are centered around making the city's tax burden lighter for homeowners and shifting to a better commercial/industrial tax base. That includes several projects and processes accomplished over the last year, according to Mrs. Rossi.

"The city was successful in improving our aging infrastructure and aggressively marketing the city for Economic Development," she said. "The city achieved both priorities. On the city's aging infrastructure, we implemented a citywide program to update and improve city parks and athletic facilities, expand the paving and sidewalk repair program, and begin addressing some of our shorefront issues with the replacement of the flood gates at the Cove River,"

according to the mayor, the city replaced the half-century-old pedestrian bridge and gates at the Cove River, helping solve a long-standing problem, while attacking another beach-related issue.

"(We) have applied for the permit application for the raising of Beach Street,"

That project is looking to solve flooding problems that have plagued that area for decades but were made worse by hurricane and large storms over the past several years. The mayor then transitioned to economic issues.

"On Economic Development, we are seeing a significant interest in West Haven. Specifically, the landing of the New England Brewing Company, the sale of both the old Chick's property and Debonair Hotels to developers, the construction of 7-Eleven on Sawmill Road and the approval of the Special Taxation District for The Havens project are among the many success stories for the city in 2021," she said.

For the coming year, Mrs. Rossi has outlined an ambitious list of priorities:

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City celebrates Three Kings Day

From left, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, Sammy Rivera, the owner of Budget Transmission Center and Budget Car Wash on Route 1, and Jhonnathan Rivera, a board member of the Puerto Rican Festival of New Haven, portray the Magi — the wise men who brought gifts to the infant Jesus at Epiphany — at West River Hall in Allingtown on Jan. 6. Rossi and both Riveras, no relation, helped distribute free toys to 150 children at West Haven's celebration of Three Kings Day, a tradition in Spanish-speaking countries and part of the city's outreach efforts to the Hispanic American community. The holiday marks the arrival of the three kings — Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar — in Bethlehem.

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— 1045 -- Giovanni di Sabina elected Pope Sylvester III.

— 1156 -- According to legend, freeholder Lalli slays English crusader Bishop Henry with an axe on the ice of Lake Köyliönjärvi in Finland.

— 1265 -- First English Parliament summoned other than by royal command (in this instance by Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester) meets in Westminster Hall.

— 1320 -- Duke Wladyslaw Lokietek becomes King of Poland.

— 1356 -- Edward Balliol abdicates as King of Scots.

— 1502 -- The present-day location of Rio de Janeiro is first explored.

— 1503 -- Casa de Contratación (House of Trade) established by the Crown of Castile in the port of Seville to deal with American affairs.

— 1523 -- Christian II is forced to abdicate as King of Denmark and Norway.

— 1576 -- The Mexican city of León is founded by order of viceroy Don Martín Enríquez de Almansa.

— 1613 -- Peace of Knarod ends War of Kalmar between Denmark and Sweden.



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Ordination at Holy Spirit

Deacon Melina Dezhbod will be ordained to the Episcopal priesthood by The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, Bishop of Connecticut on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 pm at Church of the Holy Spirit, 28 Church Street. Due to the state's spike in Covid cases, the liturgy is by invitation only and limited to just fifty attendees. It will be live streamed on Facebook and YouTube. Dezhbod is currently serving the parish as a deacon and missional curate. Born in Tehran, Iran, Dezhbod, 24 escaped with her family from the Islamic state due to religious persecution. They were refugees when they came to Connecticut in 2000. Dezhbod's father, the Rev. Esmail Dezhbod, is also an Episcopalian priest in Connecticut.

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Budget-making cycle begins with new year

January means the beginning of the municipal budget-making season with things scheduled to be proposed in mid-March. As things begin, Mayor Nancy Rossi is optimistic the city will be on more sound footing than in past years and anticipates no big problems in the coming weeks.

“The budget process has begun for the fiscal year 2023, which begins on July 1. The city department heads, and Board of Education will submit their budget requests to me by Feb. 3rd. I will review all the requests and submit my recommended budget for fiscal year 2023 to the City Council by March 17 as required in the City Charter. The City Council will hold a public hearing and budget meetings with the departments and must pass a budget and set the mill rate by Thursday May 5 to be in compliance with the City Charter,” she said.

COVID has played a role in the process over the last two years, with some adjustments to accommodate. Mrs. Rossi believes this year should be a bit easier.

“With COVID, the last two years has been difficult to convene the Board of Finance, which is an advisory board to the mayor,” she said. “I do

plan on setting up a meeting in February, either in person or by Zoom, to review the department budget requests and discuss budget options and suggestions for next fiscal year.”

A major part of any municipal budget is the percentage of revenue coming from state tax-sharing programs. The numbers are important when determining mill rates. Five years ago, the General Assembly’s lack of a timely budget – and subsequent realignment of fewer funds – hurt the city, and other cities in the state. Rossi believes things should be settled early in the process.

“The General Assembly will convene in February for this year’s session. One of the items on their agenda will be making mid-term adjustments to the biennial state budget approved for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. I do not anticipate significant changes in state funding for fiscal year 2023,” she said.

The University of New Haven plays a key role in the economic life of West Haven, but as a university is exempt from taxes on most property. The state’s PILOT Program – Payments in Lieu of Taxes – takes care of some of the burden, but the relationship between the city and university has

helped relieve other liabilities over the years. That partnership has benefited residents as well.

“The University of New Haven’s property in West Haven is tax exempt and the city does receive state funding from the state’s Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) program. The University does contribute to the Allingtown Fire Department’s budget and is a good partner for the City of West Haven. The University offers city students 50% tuition discount as they continue to strengthen an already strong relationship with the City of West Haven. The city is committed to continuing the discussions with the University of New Haven on proposals that with benefit both parties,” Rossi said.

In December of 2020, the city announced an Enterprise Zone proposal for the corridor along the West River and Front Avenue in Allingtown. The state accepted the proposal in 2021, and it is hoped it will benefit the city’s economic – and budgetary – fortunes in the coming years. It has not had any affect so far, and will not in the coming budget, it seems. Rossi, however, said the new zone is attracting interest.

“The Enterprise and Opportunity Zones approved for West Haven have significantly

increased commercial interest in West Haven. The Enterprise Zone which encompasses much of the Front Avenue corridor has resulted in current business expansion and investors purchasing vacant lots. The city is looking forward to continuing the progress and

welcoming additional development in the area,” she said.

The Haven was announced as an upscale retail mall in 2014, the project has languished for much of that time, with demolition of purchased properties only beginning last

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Dear Felicia

The calendar turns, and the cycle continues. That's how it always seems around the office. Things might go on, years might pass, but certain things happen at certain times, and you can almost set yore watch to it – if not yore calendar. Here we are in January, and two things are gonna happen in the next few weeks. As we said, yew can bank on it cuz it happens without fail.

The foist thing to note is that the budget cycle begins anew in January with the notices of things, and department heads getting their wish lists together.

Like all wish lists, the heads of departments ask fer the things they really, really, really want, and hope for the things they really want – absent to reallys. With the department heads comes the Bored of Education. The school board will pass a budget wish list

like everyone else, and usually it's way over what anyone can afford – though in the last few years it has been a bit more realistic.

Madame Mayor with or without the Bored of Finance (some years more it has been more active than others) will cull the herd, looking at the requests and paring things down to the pernt that some kind o' budget outline can come inta focus.

Then what the state will contribute in the way of (for lack of a better term) "profit sharing," to each and every city is awaited like Christmas morning in most cases. That is where the city officials everywhere git to see what Santa Legislature is gonna divvy out in the way of various funding. I've seen politicos get giddy over this stuff over the years, sweets. It's quite something.

Effen yew remember, it was

not too many years ago, the budget process in each and every berg was put on hold cuz the General Assembly couldn't agree on a budget plan. It was that lack of decision that really put cities like ours right behind the financial eight-ball from which we never really recovered. That was especially true when dollars that were expected were summarily taken outta the budget. So, while it is a notification much anticipated by cities and towns, recent history has shown it ain't a done deal all of the. We didn't have much in the way of budget snags in Hartford of late, so there shouldn't be any bumps in the road.

Once that info is all gathered, herroner and her finance team work out a budget outline and then spend days and weeks honing it so that in March the new budget for fiscal year 2023, beginning July 1, is proposed.

That happens this year on March 23 I am given to believe, and then the City Council takes a gander at it for the next several weeks.

According to the City Charter, the council must approve a budget by the foist Thursday in May. They can pass it, or pass it with amendments, taking a super-majority of nine for each amendment. Effen the council fails to pass

the budget, it goes into effect by default as proposed by the mayor. That has happened more than once, and has been a disaster each and every time.

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Meanwhile, the second thing that happens this time o' year was the topic of a conversation betwixt yores truly and Sammy Bluejay over tea t'other afternoon. We see that that the City Clerk has sent notice the two political parties have filed their endorsed slates for the Democratic and Republican Town Committees. Those are the 60-member groups that are the ruling bodies of the respective parties. In the city's 10 council district, each has six delegates.

Those endorsed slates will be the subject of the next confab of the committees next month. Effen they are endorsed as is, than things continue as usual, effen there is a challenge slate or someone wants to primary in a district then the fun begins.

In the 1990s and early 2000s, the Demmies made a biennial habit of primaries for Town Committee. Cuz the party is trifurcated into factions, each with its own guru, there have been many, many battles.

'Twas ever thus. Whilst 40 years ago it was Harold Allen, Fred Johnson and Bill Roper leading the factions, now it's Morrissey, Borer and Picard. Sammy insists that the former mayor is still somewhat involved in city affairs, though he's departed these environs for the East Shore community of Madison.

So, it's anyone's guess what's gonna happen, but Cobina wouldn't be surprised effen there is some jousting in the majority party.

The minority party will be interesting to watch. Barry Lee Cohen, the former Tenth District councilman is by tradition the head of the GOP by the fack he was its standard-bearer in the mayoral elections last year. Soooo, it'll be interesting to see effen the relationship – or lack thereof – betwixt Cohen and some others in the party persists, and there might be a primary in that group, too. We'll keep yew posted.

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Nelly Nuthatch has indicated that something is percolating over at the Chick's site insofar as the sale might've been finalized of the property. We are told that the sale has been negotiated out, via Nelly, and that things should be moving over there as far as whatever the new plans are.

Somewhere in my memory bank is the understanding that the present building will be razed, but given my age, I might be wrong on that.

Jest a side note, the beach rebuild over there has been completed it seems. The rebuild was getting close to the green lights that serve as channel

markers for incoming ships, so something had to be done and pronto before erosion brought the lights down. There are about 40 feet of new beach over there. Let's see how long it lasts this time.

Tennyrate, that ain't the only thing about projecks that came to light. In questioning herroner for a story this week, she is using a request by the developers of the Haven to have a better handle on how and, more particularly, when things might actually happen over there.

Yew remember the state is giving the developers status as a special taxation district, with the funds collecting aiding the developers. Well, herroner is gonna make sure – she sez – to use that as a lever so the city will git some clarity on what's happening and when. The frustration in the neighborhood has been rising fer years with little occurring except some demolitions. Now it seems even the city administration has had it up to its bicuspid and wants answers when queries are posed.

That would be a change of pace. The developers have acted like it's no one's business, playing everything very close to the vest. Well, now some cards are gonna hafta hit the table – sooner rather than later, we hope.

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Before we go on, we want to offer our condolences to the family of Dan Krevolin, who passed away recently. Dan was always a jovial type, even when things were not going so well. He was a great member of the community, well respected and well thought of. He will be missed.

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Iva Lootey has noted that the work on the tidal gates for the Cove River has been completed. The heavy equipment was moved out jest before the holidays, yet the fencing is still up.

That's been a bit of an inconvenience for those who use that part of the walkway near Ocean Avenue. Iva heard that the reason is, like most things in this town and elsewhere, it's the stuff of a photo op.

Since the work was completed and the walk-bridge over the river was placed, there's, of course, going to be some type of ribbon-cutting because...sure there is. Sooo, until the big scissors if fished outta the closet and large ribbon is ordered from wherever, the fencing will stay up.

Like we need another photo of the usual suspects. Hoo boy.

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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:**

The baseball fields by Chick's Drive-In are contaminated with lots of dog feces and goose feces along with chewed up balls and of course garbage. This disgusting material degrades into the soil, therefore contaminating it. With sprung coming and the kids (old and young) are playing there, they are playing on contaminated soil. Do they realize this? This is a public issue that no one is addressing.

There are law sin West Haven for dog owners to pick up their dog poop and keep their dogs on a six-foot leash, yet there are many people who do not follow this, and no one ever enforces it.

My husband and I take our dog to the dog field to run in an enclosed area. We always watch him and pick up his poop. We feel it is a privilege that the city lets us do this yet so many people are taking advantage and are leaving a disgusting mess. We have ap-

proached people to pick up their dog's poop and to keep their dog on a leash. We have been accosted, sworn at, and threatened to be shot.

There have been signs put up detailing the laws, but someone tore them down multiple times. For the lazy people who take their dog to run and poop all over and dig holes, but they are not dog lovers and probably don't even vaccinate their dog, let alone care for the public or for the sake of the children and other people who use the park. They are selfish people. Hopefully, you can shed light on this problem and help the mayor keep our city clean.

*John and Patti Zilinski*

**Dear Zilinskis**

My readers and dog owners will be eager to see if three will be an improvement in this area very soon' West Haven taxpayers as well. If you are regular visitors here, please let me know if you see any changes here. Email [gripe-](mailto:gripevine4wh@aol.com)



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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

There are two big holes in front of 305 Captain Thomas Blvd. One is in front of in the northbound lane and the other in the southbound lanes. If no one calls attention to these holes they will just remain there instead of being filled. Another hole I would like to see filled is at Savin Avenue and Main Street northbound.

This is a severe and serious hole that should be refilled without any delay!

JY

**Dear JY:**

Following receipt of your letter I notified Councilman William Conlon of your concerns and have not yet received his reply. You can be sure the Councilman will be in touch with Gripe Vine and make efforts to resolve these issues

**Coming up:** When will the Ward Heitman museum re-

open...huge crack in the road at Sawmill Road and Greta Street...traffic light not working at Campbell Avenue and Captain Thomas Blvd ...overgrown trees on Blohm Street... traffic sign needed at two-lane merge at Campbell Avenue going south. Pot- holes on Ashwood... Christmas decorations need at the Grove... large pot- holes at Third 'Avenue...Kelsey, Main and Wagner, Elm, traffic "mess"... sidewalk... no place to dispose of bulk trash...and more.

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## CT tax amnesty program ends Jan 31

The Connecticut Department of Revenue Services' (DRS) 2021 Tax Amnesty program offering individuals and businesses the opportunity to pay back taxes at a reduced interest rate and no penalties will end Jan.31. Launched Nov. 1, the program offers a 75% reduction in interest and waives penalties and the possibility of criminal prosecution to those who have not filed, have under-reported or have existing liabilities related to taxes owed to the State for any tax period ending on or before Dec. 31, 2020. Taxpayers seeking amnesty can access

all program information, including a link to myconneCT, the secure online payment portal, via the Tax Amnesty program website at [GetRightCT.com](http://GetRightCT.com). Tax Amnesty applications must be filed electronically, and payment made in full by Jan. 31, 2022. Once Tax Amnesty ends taxpayers will be liable for the full tax, penalty, and interest on any amount owed. All taxes administered by the Connecticut DRS, except for Connecticut motor carrier road tax (IFTA), are eligible for Tax Amnesty.

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## Clarity trumps 'woke' edits

Each year just before the calendar changes to another 12 months in January, millions of people take the time to make resolutions. Whether it be losing weight, or reading more books, or taking a daily walk, these resolutions are a fond hope the new year will be different than the one just completed.

We at the West Haven Voice have made a resolution as well; or, more correctly, we have formalized in our practices those things that will maintain clarity, and not cater to the "woke" political nonsense of the current age. We are going back to standard English.

Language has become increasingly politicized over the last decade or so, with so-called "progressives" (though we see nothing progressive in their thoughts only totalitarian) editing people's language and calling for the elimination of certain words. This is prompted by a recent introduction by Microsoft of a new addition to their programs that will underline in purple those words that might be "offensive" to some.

Let us say right off, it is our estimation words are not in and of themselves offensive, what is happening is people are trying to control the conversation. Limiting word use and choice is one way to put one's opponents at a disadvantage. The word used in the stories we read included "mankind." Let us say, if a reader or a student or a teacher or a professor or anyone is upset by the use of the word "mankind," there is more going on there than rhetoric. We will leave it to the psychological professionals to manage it.

The Associated Press Stylebook used to be the reporter's bible for word use, grammar, and structure. It has fallen on tough times, looking to become more "woke" in its recent editions, disallowing the use of words that might offend. Of course, the worst example was the changing of the word "riot" when reporting on the tumult of two summers ago. There have been others, equally baffling, equally silly.

As we said, the use of language is a tactical matter when it comes to matters political, and the so-called "progressives" have been using it to success. While we might be a small cog in the journalistic world, we will be a different one. We stopped using the AP Stylebook years ago, as it has contributed to the debasement of the language.

Universities can put out all the litanies of offensive words they desire, that is their right. We will use them. If it has "man" in it, like "chairman" that will be the preferred use. The masculine will take precedence when the gender of a noun is in question – as has always been the case until the past few years. There are only two sexes, male and female, and gender will refer to nouns, not one's self-identity. While we will not be rude to one who has a gender issue, we will not cater to it either. Biology counts. We follow the science. We will not make one's problem our problem.

Over the last year, we have seen individuals and groups attempt to have society fall into line with their specific demands as it concerns language and identity. It has resulted in a word salad that is neither clear, nor accurate. In fact, it is getting to the point, words used by one group of progressives is offensive to another, causing situations that once were the topic of The Onion.

We will not cater to linguistic gymnastics. We will leave that to the liberal organs of journalism. We will fight against the language fascists.



## Vaxxing minors is idiotic

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

The old legal maxim is that everything which is not forbidden is permitted. Many public-health experts apparently have their own version of this rule -- whatever is not forbidden must be mandated.

It was less than three months ago that the Food and Drug Administration approved the COVID-19 vaccine for children on an emergency basis, and already there are debates whether schools should mandate it and jurisdictions prohibit unvaccinated kids from engaging in activities.

California, Louisiana and Washington, D.C., have scheduled mandates to take effect when the FDA fully approves the vaccine for kids. Los Angeles and Oakland have mandates, although they've been delayed. New York City mayor Eric Adams says he's weighing a mandate, and bills in the New York State legislature would implement one statewide.

When the FDA advisory panel met last October, several experts said they hoped the move wouldn't lead to mandates. FDA official Peter Marks pooch-pooched the possibility, evidently underestimating the irresistible urge of officialdom in blue areas toward

pandemic coercion.

The decision whether kids get vaccinated or not properly belongs to parents. Yes, other vaccinations are a condition of attending school, but COVID vaccinations aren't going to eliminate COVID, the way, say, Jonas Salk's miraculous innovation eliminated polio. With the advent of omicron, it's not even clear childhood vaccinations will do much to dent the spread. On top of this, COVID is relatively mild in children, whereas polio was a dread childhood disease.

If the case for adults getting vaccinated is extraordinarily strong, it is much less so for minors, especially for healthy younger kids who tend to be at the least risk.

Why, parents might think, take any chances with a new vaccine if it is protecting from a minimal threat (or their kids already had the virus)? Even if you believe this is the wrong call, it's not obviously unreasonable.

The medical news outlet Stat reported on an FDA model that looked at the risk to boys ages 5-11 from myocarditis, a heart condition that can affect boys in particular after getting vaccinated. According to Stat, the FDA analysts concluded that although "the vaccine might trigger slightly more myocar-

ditis-related hospitalizations in boys than Covid-19 hospitalizations it would prevent in the same population, the benefits still might outweigh the risks, given that Covid cases that require hospitalization are generally more severe than myocarditis cases."

Rather than trust parents to weigh such considerations on their own, places like Los Angeles want to bring down the hammer. The school board there wanted students 12 and older to be vaccinated by Jan. 10. Then, unvaccinated kids would be relegated to remote learning. When the school board realized that 30,000 students weren't vaccinated, a number that would overwhelm whatever dubious capacity the district has for remote learning, it backed off.

The calculus here makes no sense. To avoid an unlikely harm -- unvaccinated kids getting a serious case of COVID -- the schools wanted to impose an almost-guaranteed harm by excluding thousands of students from the classroom, kneecapping their education. At best, this is playing chicken with the well-being of children; at worst, it is thoughtless and cruel policy in stubborn pursuit of the goal of substituting the judgment of public-See Lowry, page 7

## Obituary

### Former Planning and Zoning Director Dan Krevolin

Daniel Joel Krevolin, 75, of West Haven, died after a long battle with cancer on December 30, 2021. Dan was a very kind and sensitive man who was devoted to his family and community.

He was the son of Ida and David Krevolin, sister of Harriet (Cookie) Krevolin, and predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Lewis and Jenny Krevolin.

Dan was the beloved husband of 50 years, and graceful dance partner, to Diane Skornik Krevolin. They have been holding hands since they were teenagers. Together, they raised three children David (Leah Rominger), Ivan, and Aliza (Lindsey Danis). He adored his two grandchildren, Isaac and Henry. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews Rudy (Debbie), Ellie and Benjamin, and by his dear lifelong friend Marvin Kaba-

koff. Dan was predeceased by his beloved Schipperke, Beauty, whom he impulsively rescued from the West Haven Animal Shelter and loved to walk along the beach.

Dan was born in New Haven and graduated from Hillhouse High School.

He received his B.A. degree in Political Science from Alfred University and his masters in Public Administration from the University of New Haven.

Dan served his country as a Chaplain's Assistant in Korea during the Vietnam Era.

Dan served the City of West Haven as Planning and Zoning Director and later as the first certified City Clerk. Among his many civic accomplishments, he secured the holiday lights that still decorate the West Haven Green and initiated free wedding ceremonies on Valentine's Day.

Dan later became the Director of the award-winning Senior Aides Program at Community Action Agency in New Haven (CAANH) and also the Director of Senior Nutrition sites and Meals on Wheels. There, he found his true calling.

He loved older adults and respected the knowledge and wisdom they held and helped to secure them paid employment and nutritious meals. Where other people might be vain about receiving a senior discount before they achieved senior status, Dan was happy to be considered a distinguished elder! As he was frequently quoted, "Age is just a number."

A generous and giving man, Dan served the Jewish community as the past President and stand-in rabbi of Congregation Sinai West Haven and the Co-Chairman of the Planning & Building Committee for Fountain Heights, a senior B'nai B'rith community in New Haven.

As an active B'nai B'rith member, he helped organize Project H.O.P.E., which supplies Passover food to Connecticut families in need. For more than twenty years, Dan donned a Santa suit and visited the VA Hospital on Christ-

mas Eve, spreading holiday cheer along with his wife and kids. He was deeply involved in community and philanthropic organizations, serving as Chancellor Commander of the Knights of Pythias, and as a member of the Masonic Cosmopolitan Lodge, to which he belonged for over 25 years. After he retired, he loved being a Jewish Coalition for Literacy "Reading Buddy" volunteer at Columbus School (New Haven).

Dan's favorite hobby was travel, which allowed him the opportunity to learn and experience other cultures. Dan's favorite vacations included visits to Israel, Italy, Japan, and a river cruise in Central Europe. While he didn't reach all 50 states, he came close, having visited 47. Other hobbies included stamp collecting and gardening.

He is remembered for his humor, impressive storytelling skills, love of history, incredible sense of direction, and love of food (especially ice cream).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Closer to Free Fund for Smilow Cancer Hospital ([www.yalecancercenter.org/gifts](http://www.yalecancercenter.org/gifts)) or to Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel (BEKI) of New

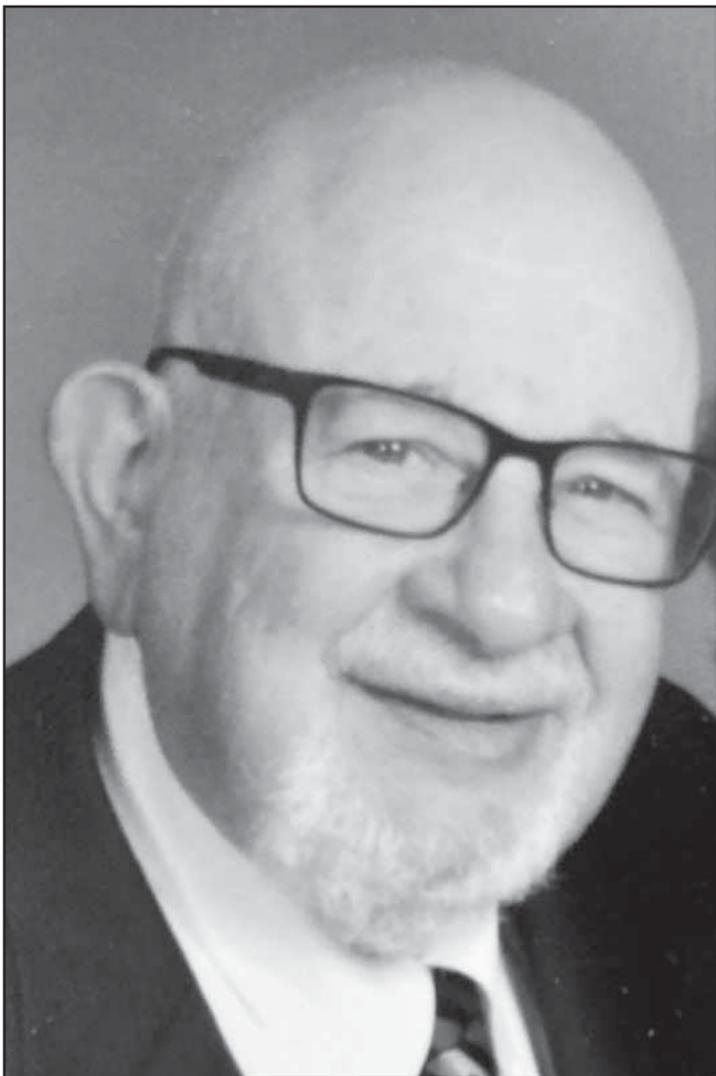
## Budget: '23 plan begins

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year. Retail and commercial properties will enhance the city's Grand List and reduce the tax burden of the average homeowner.

Problems and delays have hampered the revenue-producing capabilities of the property, which is only now is producing some revenues in the form of permits.

The state has granted a special tax status to the stores that fill the location, helping the developer. Rossi is optimistic about the project but voiced her frustration as well.

"The Haven (Simon Property Group) and the City of West Haven are actively negotiating an Inter-local agreement that will outline the structure of the new Special Taxation District that was passed by the state legislature last year," she said. "The agreement, when completed and approved by the City Council, will give the city more leverage and control in the schedule of the project. Like everyone else, I continue to be frustrated with the slow pace of the project but remain optimistic the city can move forward with the commercial development of that area, which continues to deteriorate."



## Lowry: *Idiotic mandate*

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school mandarins for parents.

Already, roughly 40,000 students have dropped out or disengaged from L.A. schools this year, and the school board wanted effectively to match that via ham-handed enforcement of its mandate.

The same impulse to punish kids whose parents don't want to go along is seen in vaccine passport policies, like that in New York City, that exclude unvaccinated children from a swath of activities in public places and from after-school programs. It's as if public officials got together and decided children hadn't experienced enough social isolation already during the pandemic.

One can only hope there's enough pushback from parents who value their judgment and authority over that of the politicians and administrators whose default is mandates over persuasion.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, third from left, dedicates West Haven's first Purple Pantry Box at the First Congregational Church on Jan. 4 with, from left, volunteer Michelle Caprio, church community outreach Chairman Phil Liscio, the Rev. E. Carl Howard, the senior minister who oversees the church's outreach projects, and pantry coordinator Nicole Randolph. The pantry provides nonperishable food items for residents in need at the Campbell Avenue entrance to the church



## City opens 1st 'Pantry' for needy

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi joined Purple Pantry Boxes founder and Director Susan Brown on Jan. 4 to dedicate West Haven's first Purple Pantry Box at the First Congregational Church, 464 Campbell Ave.

Rossi and Brown dedicated the pantry, which provides nonperishable food items for residents in need, with church community outreach Chairman Phil Liscio, pantry coordinator Nicole Randolph, volunteer Michelle Caprio and the Rev. E. Carl Howard, the senior minister who oversees the church's outreach projects.

Liscio said the pantry is accessible 24/7 at the Campbell Avenue entrance to the church on the Green. It consists of a purple wooden box with a door mounted atop a stand made of wooden pallets.

Brown founded Purple Pantry Boxes in March 2020 as a single pop-up pantry in Milford to feed those in need.

In less than two years, the pantry has grown to a dozen locations in New Haven County, establishing the motto: "Take what you need, donate if you can."

Brown, of Milford, spends part of each morning making sure the pantries are stocked with shelf-stable items, such as cans of protein, vegetables and beans, as well as pasta, water, protein drinks, snacks and bread.

Brown started the pantry during a short break from her job as a public defender. In June 2021, she made the break permanent, retiring from public defense after serving just over 33 years, most recently for the Ansonia-Milford Judicial District.

"We want people to have easy access to staple food items while also engaging members of the community to donate," said Brown, who has made Purple Pantry Boxes a nonprofit to raise money and keep up with demand.

The church is collaborating with Brown on the community outreach project, said Liscio, who is founder and president of the not-for-profit charity Westies Care.

Brown said she will oversee the pantry's daily stocking for a month before Randolph takes over.

"The First Congregational Church of West Haven and Westies Care are excited to partner with Susan Brown and Purple Pantry Boxes to offer assistance to the citizens of West Haven who are challenged with food insecurity," Liscio said.

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The sale and demolition of the Convergence Center as well as rebuild of Washington School and development of the Enterprise Zone along front Avenue are top priorities in 2022.

# Goals: Mayor lays out plans for '22

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- ~~ Approve a \$29 million American Rescue Plan Act plan and begin its implementation;
- ~~ Sign an inter-local agreement with The Haven's group to move the project forward and clean up the area;
- ~~ Design the new Washington Elementary School;
- ~~ Complete the final phase of the new West Haven High School;
- ~~ Open the New England Brewery at Savin Rock;
- ~~ Assist the developers on Beach Street to begin moving their projects forward;
- ~~ Finalize an agreement to bring a large development project to Allingtown;
- ~~ Initiate the design and renovation of the art center; and
- ~~ Aggressively market the city for new commercial development.

The list has one goal: more revenue. "All (is done) with the goal of increasing the city's commercial grant list to stabilize our tax mill rate," she said. Meanwhile, the city will continue to "clean up our city, remove blight and be fiscally responsible." When she came into office in December 2017, Mrs. Rossi was confronted with a reality of state oversight of city finances. That was prompted by a newly passed law by the General Assembly, which allowed municipalities to bond to pay off longstanding debt. The trade off was state oversight. The acronym "MARB," or "Municipal Accountability Review Board," became part of city governance. It will continue in the coming year, but with a diminished presence.

"The city will continue under MARB in 2022 but the city will not request or receive any state restructuring grants funds. The city can now stand on its own financially and the city will begin negotiating and planning for exiting the MARB oversight in the future. The MARB will have little, if any, influence or say in the city's goals in 2022," she said.

Economic forces will have much to do with the success or failure of the goals set out by the administration. Rossi sees hope and some wild cards

"The funding is in place to move the city's goals for 2022 forward immediately. The COVID-19 global pandemic will be a challenge for contractors to obtain the material for some of the projects, but I think the goals and timelines are reasonable," she said.

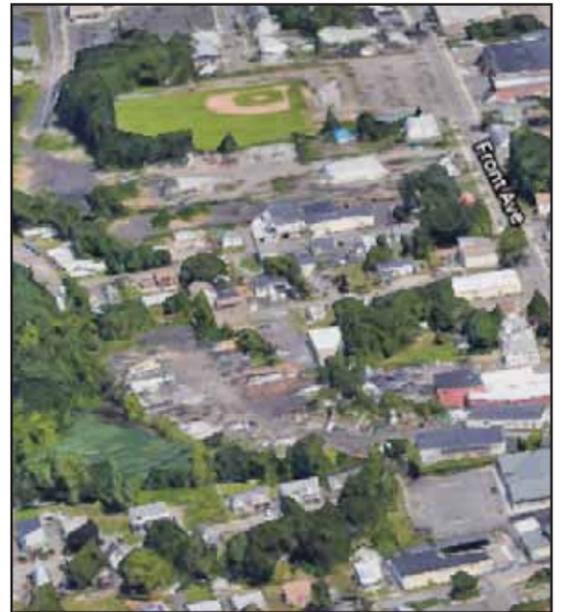
Since it was announced almost eight years ago, the Haven has been an albatross around the city's neck with little happening toward its completion. Part of the problem has been the developer's reticence to give timely updates to city officials.

Rossi said a new agreement with the developer might move things along more quickly.

"The city and the Simon Property Group are currently negotiating an Inter-local agreement which will better outline the schedule for development of The Haven project. Once the agreement is complete, we expect a timeline and reasonable expectations for the project," she said.

Among other things she hopes to accomplish as listed above, is the completion of the Arts Center at the former Masonic Temple on Center Street. First announced 18 years ago, the project has languished as private funding has not been able to come by. A recent award by the State Bonding Commission may make the desire for an arts center – considered a hub for downtown redevelopment – a reality.

Maintenance and improvements of city parks and facilities remain an ongoing goal, according to the mayor, and round out her hopes for 2022.



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# Cyber Security lesson given to students



Photo by Michael O'Brien

Learning the dangers of online use was a major lesson taught to students in city schools. Partnering with the Center for Cyber Safety and Education and Vancord, a Connecticut-based tech service, the lessons were taught to more than 2,000. Comic strip character Garfield is the vehicle for the lessons.

By Michael O'Brien  
*Special to the Voice*

The Center for Cyber Safety and Education the charitable foundation of (ISC)2, partnered with the West Haven School District and Vancord, a CT-based technology services company to teach vital cyber safety lessons to over 2,000 children during a month-long event called Cyber Safety Fest.

Throughout December, the children received a lesson on safe social media posting with the award-winning Garfield's Cyber Safety Adventures. In this fun, classroom-based lesson, Garfield, and friends help children understand the unintended consequences of posting too much information, plans, and privacy-revealing selfies on social media. In total, there were 91 lessons taught in the West Haven Public Schools by seven library media specialists throughout grades 2-6.

With offices in Milford, West Haven, and Glastonbury, Vancord, a TBNG, Inc. company, believes that good security is born out of sound operational practices and education. According to President, Michael Grande.

"Our company was founded in West Haven 17 years ago, and a good number of our staff, ownership, and families grew up in this city and attended West Haven schools. We are proud of our connections to this community and in our role as the district's technology service provider," he said. "As a cybersecurity-focused company, we are equally grateful to partner with the center for Cyber Safety and Education and the West Haven Public Schools to educate children about online risks and build a foundation through education to help students learn how to interact safely online."

Vancord VP of Security Services, Jason Pufahl noted the need for such instruction.

"Schools everywhere are adopting online education and expecting students to engage in virtual communities as part of their school experience. It is now more important than ever that we establish positive habits through education and maximize the learning opportunities these new teaching modalities can provide. TBNG and Vancord are committed to help educate our young learners now, to prepare them to become responsible, and safe, digital citizens in the future," he said.

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# Enrichment program begun in schools

By Michael O'Brien  
Special to the Voice

West Haven Public Schools launched an after-school enrichment program this year for second, third, and fourth graders in the district.

The program began this October for second graders and spanned over seven weeks with roughly two weeks at each elementary school. In total, 89 second graders signed up for the program from the district's six elementary schools: Forest, Seth Haley, Edith Mackrille, Alma Pagels, Savin Rock, and Washington. The unit for second graders focused on dinosaurs, in which the students read a book about them, did a research project on them, and wrote a persuasive essay to their parents about why they should have a dinosaur.

Elisa Rice, a fifth-grade teacher at Carrigan Intermediate School, oversees the program.

"I am very pleased with the success of the second-grade enrichment program," said Rice. "The students really seemed to enjoy it, and I am looking forward to our third and fourth-grade programs. I believe that the word is spreading about how great a program it is since we have even more students signed up for the third grade than we did for the second."

The third-grade enrichment program, which has 104 students signed up, began on Jan. 3, while the fourth-grade program is scheduled to begin on April 18. Both grades will focus on push-pull forces using Legos. Every two students will share a Lego kit and each student will write about their project in their journal.

Buses are provided for the after-school enrichment program as well as snacks. The program is an hour long.

## Tax help offered

The West Haven Senior Center is offering a free tax preparation service to help low-to-middle-income taxpayers.

The AARP Tax-Aide program is available by appointment from 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, starting Feb. 2, in the senior center at the upper level of the Johnson Community Center, 201 Noble St. Face masks are required regardless of vaccination status.

Special attention is given to help those 50 and older fill out federal tax forms.

The service, which includes tax counseling, is offered by trained volunteer tax preparers from AARP in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. For an appointment, call (203) 937-3507.



Photos by Michael O'Brien



West Haven schools began an after-school program for second through fourth graders at the six elementary schools in the system. The program involves reading a topic and then doing a research project on what was studied. Diarams could be completed or some masks as shown by the two examples here.

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# UNH-Gateway hammer out affiliation plan

The University of New Haven and Gateway Community College (GCC) have announced a new comprehensive affiliation that, among other benefits, will provide a smooth transition for Gateway graduates to join the University of New Haven community.

This unique agreement also features a "respite program," a semester-long option for University of New Haven students to enroll at GCC in order to refocus themselves academically or lower their tuition costs for a term.

The schools announced the new agreement last year.

"We are delighted to create this articulation agreement and to further formalize a longstanding association we have had with Gateway Community College," said

University of New Haven President Steven H. Kaplan, Ph.D. "As the largest state community college in Connecticut, Gateway plays a critical role in educating the workforce of the future. We are pleased to welcome their accomplished, passionate, and driven graduates to our university community. I expect this affiliation will have a profound and far-reaching impact in preparing the next generation of leaders, innovators, and problem solvers."

The relationship guarantees GCC students who have completed their associate degree with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 a seamless transfer of up to 90 credits, provided they meet certain degree requirements.

The agreement offers GCC

students opportunities to attend transfer, advising, and partner events at the university. It also ensures that students applying to the university will be guaranteed an Admissions decision within two weeks of submitting a transfer application.

Students meeting minimum GPA requirements will be eligible for merit-based transfer scholarships of up to \$24,000 per year.

The university and GCC currently offer a program that offers GCC students interested in the university the opportunity to take one course per year at the university free of charge, up to three classes per student. GCC students may also obtain a student ID card that allows them admission to University of New Haven programming,

including athletic events, and the Marvin K. Peterson Library.

The affiliation also establishes a "Respite Program Agreement" that is designed to allow University of New Haven students to take a "respite semester" at GCC, then return to the university. This offers students an opportunity to refocus on academics or lower tuition costs. Students can maintain their housing at the University of New Haven while taking classes at GCC, provided they retain full-time status and cover room and board.

"As a university community, we are steadfastly committed to increasing access to education," said Gregory E. Eichhorn, MBA, the University of New Haven's vice president for enrollment management

and student success. "This articulation agreement creates a streamlined admission process for graduates of Gateway and provides significant merit-based financial support for students who have excelled in the classroom. I believe both institutions take particular pride in the innovative respite program agreement we developed to enable University of New Haven students to study at GCC.

Eichhorn said administrators understand real-life situations, and are trying to accommodate new students.

"We know that success comes in all forms, and is rarely a straight line. Above all, though, we are dedicated to ensuring that all deserving students have every opportunity to pursue their professional ambitions

# Lessons: *Cyber security discussed in class*

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Colette Bennett, the district's Coordinator for Language Arts, Social Studies, and Library Media commented the lessons play into the curriculum outline.

"These lessons from the Center for Cyber Safety and Education are a great way for our library media specialists to meet the goals of our Global Citizenship units. I am sure that after delivering these lessons to multiple grades, our school library media specialists will be experts on helping students understand what should and should not be posted on social media," she said.

"The experience I had with my 2nd-4th graders was very positive," added Karen Dandelske, a library media specialist at Forest Elementary School. "Delivering the content on my new Promethean board with the annotation features, combined with the interactive video, was very engaging for students. They enjoyed the lesson and were excited to take home the Cybersafe Comic that mirrored the lesson to re-read it with their families."

"This was a quality lesson with appropriate content on their level that could easily be differentiated," she continued. "They loved the Garfield char-

acters and really understood the information as it was delivered in a kid-friendly way. I am grateful to TBNG for providing this resource and I think that it was an excellent investment!"

The center has provided Garfield's Cyber Safety Adventures to more than 32,000 children through cyber safety events since 2018 working with partners, sponsors, and schools. According to the center's research, 40 percent of

elementary-age children connected with an online stranger. Of that 40 percent, 30 percent texted, and 11 percent met a stranger in their own home, at the stranger's home or a park, mall, or restaurant.

"Cyber Safety events are a part of our corporate social responsibility program we offer companies looking to make a positive impact within their communities," said Tara Wisniewski, Executive Vice President of Advocacy, Global

Markets, and Member Engagement for (ISC)2, the parent company of the Center for Cyber Safety and Education.

These events create a fun and kid-friendly learning environment while covering critical online safety and digital citizenship topics. The center's award-winning digital safety education materials feature Garfield and his friends and make it fun for students to learn to be safe and responsible citizens online.



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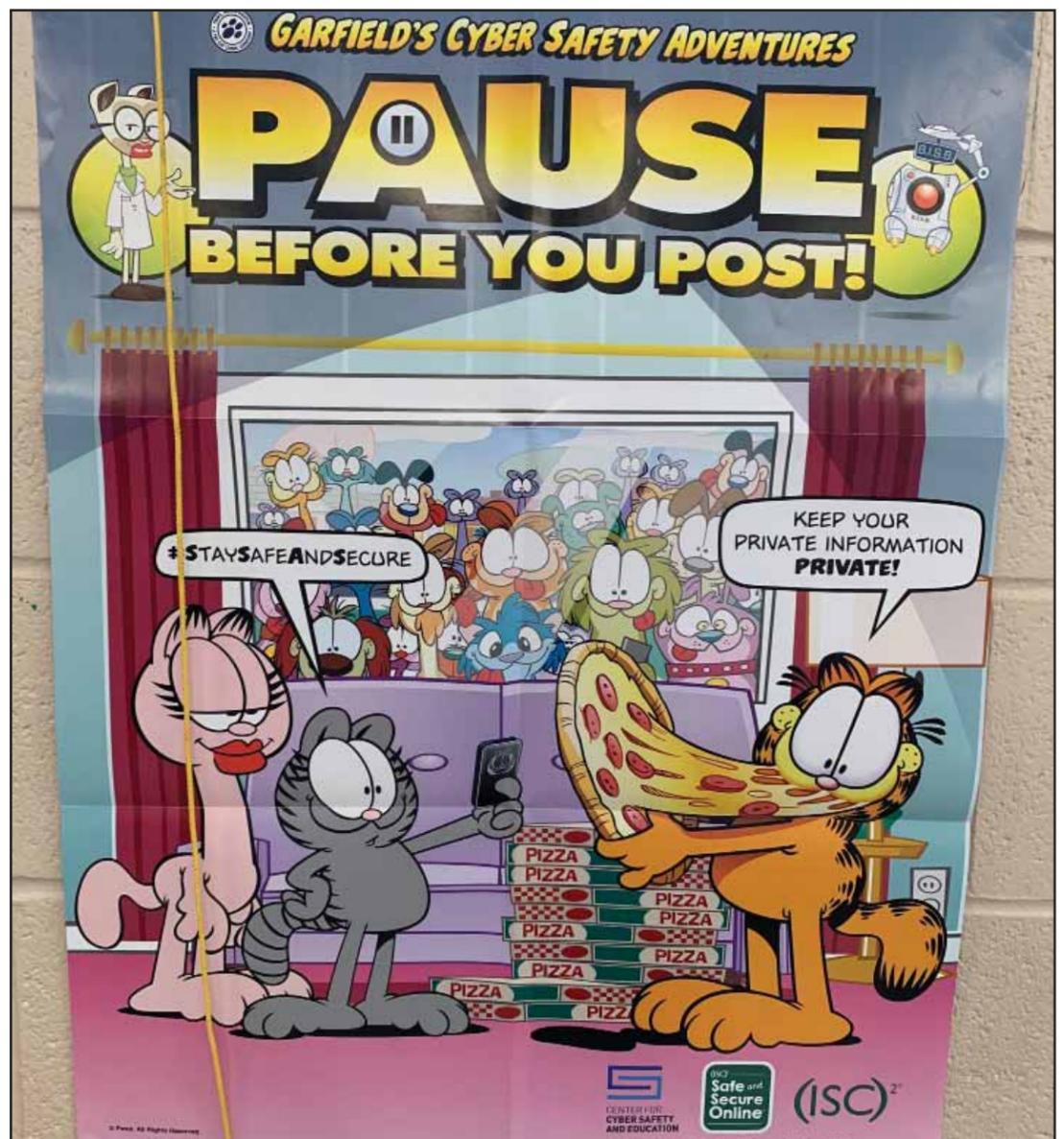
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The characters of the Garfield comic strip are playing a role in teaching cyber lessons.

# Historian's corner By Dan Shine

**Maritime Series, Part I**  
 New Haven Harbor: In 1614, Dutch Explorer Adriaen Block visited and mapped the Connecticut shoreline; he named the place "Roodberg" (Red Hills) for West Rock and East Rock. The Indians of that area called it "Quinnipiac,"

and named themselves after it. The first English settlers would name it their New Haven. This would ultimately become the third busiest harbor in New England. The harbor is an estuary that is more than four miles wide, and is fed by the Mill River,

the Quinnipiac River, the West River, and a number of smaller tributaries. The first European settlers chose this harbor as a place where they could establish an important commercial center, and trade with the West Indies and Europe. However, the harbor was shallow, and the long channel—initially only seven feet deep at mean low water—was hard to negotiate, even with the ships of the 1600s. Centuries of improvements and enhancements would follow.

As part of its natural development, West Haven has been tied to the sea, even back into pre-history; here follows the first part of a series, covering different aspects of that multifaceted relationship.

**Gesner & Mar Shipyard**

Why is he there? A visitor to Savin Rock might wonder why a statue of a lone sailor stands at the edge of the Old Grove.

It is a fact that West Haveners have a long and proud history of service to the Port of New Haven. Back in the late 1800s, many an enterprising eleven, or twelve-year-old youth would begin working as a ship's boy on one of the many coastal sloops that sailed from New Haven. Within a few years, the boy would have acquired the skills necessary to become a seaman of considerable worth. By the time he had reached the age of twenty or twenty-two, the young man might use his savings to purchase shares in a local sloop and in that way become her captain.

Although New Haven would never become a great international port, it served the East Coast, all the way

from northern Maine down to the Caribbean. During the late 1800s, New Haven Harbor was a busy and exciting place. On a typical day, one hundred sailing ships crowded the docks, as an equal number sat at anchor in the harbor, waiting for a favorable wind and tide. As unreal as it may seem, it has been stated that in 1895, about 31,000 vessels entered New Haven Harbor; of that number, 9,000 were still under sail, and over 8,000 were barges.

New Haven's needs for a multitude of sailing vessels were well served by several Fair Haven boatyards, which were located in the vicinity of the Tomlinson Bridge and See Historian, page 14



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



The launching of the Lucinda Sutton in 1891 was a big event in the borough of West Haven. Shipbuilding was a major industry for decades.



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# Historian: *City once a shipbuilding hub*

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near the site of the present Union Station.

In 1861, W.M. Gesner, a shipbuilder from Fair Haven established a shipyard at the corner of Water Street and Main Street in West Haven. In 1865, Gesner took in his brother-in-law, John E. Mar as a partner, and the business became known as Gesner & Mar Shipyard.

From 1880 to 1893, the ship-

yard had two shipways and had become the most important industry in town; there they built three and four-masted schooners, as well as steamships. So closely did our community identify with the sea during this period, that the tall flagpole on the Green was actually the mast and spar removed from a ship that was being overhauled at the shipyard.

Naturally the existence of a

shipbuilding company in West Haven created a strong demand for local timber, which was gradually depleted. With the advent of steamships, local shipbuilding began to decline, as local companies turned instead to barge construction and repairing and refitting of pleasure craft. Clearly for Gesner & Mar, the handwriting was on the wall.

Records indicate that the last commercial sailing ves-

sel, the Lucinda K. Sutton, was launched from the Gesner & Mar Shipyard in 1891.

Picnics, bands, and an air of excitement accompanied the launching. However the event was poorly planned: the vessel slid down the ways at low tide, and instead of floating away, it became stuck in the mud—the event's sad ending capped the even sadder ending of the Gesner & Mar business.

In later years, records indicate that the shipyard was taken over by Ruben Green and called Green's Shipyard. When that business failed, the Yale Flying-boat Service took over the site in the 1920s, and engaged in the construction and repair of seaplanes. In the 1930s and 40s, the business on that site was known as West Haven Shipyard, Inc.

Until recently, it was the site of the Bilco Company.

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A primary will be held March 1, 2022, in each of the above political subdivisions in which candidacies numbering at least 25P of the number of Town Committee members to be elected by such party in such political subdivision are filed in accordance with §§9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, of the General Statutes by persons other than party-endorsed candidates not later than 4:00 p.m. on January 26, 2022, provided the number of such candidacies, plus the number of endorsed candidates for such political subdivision, exceeds the number of town committee members to be elected. If the number of opposing candidacies filed is reduced to less than such 25P in any subdivision, no primary will be held.G

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# Squirt AA wins CanAm Tournament crown

The West Haven Mite A travel hockey team was back in action after the winter break. The Westies continued their fine run of form, going 2-0 on the weekend despite being on the road for both games.

On Saturday, the Blue Devils played the Yale Mite A team, with the Westies coming out on top 5-4 over the Bulldogs. Logan Minio and Brady Salkins netted two apiece, with Salkins getting the game winner. Henry Seslar picked up the other goal, with Jameson Eid getting the assist.

Ben Trenchard and Cooper Owens were both strong on defense for the Westies, breaking up plays and blocking shots.

The Mite As were right back in action on Sunday, this time taking on the Yale A1 squad, winning 8-2. Jameson Schempp was fantastic in goal, making several saves in the winning effort, once again supported by Owens and Trenchard on defense.

Jax Guarino picked up a goal and an assist to back up his strong play, and Eid added two goals. Caden Minio scored with a nice assist from Logan Minio to put away the game.

On Saturday, the Mite Cs hosted the Milford Mudhounds at Bennet Rink. In net for the Blue Devils was Jackson Ford, who made many great saves during the match-up.

Multiple goals from West Haven were scored by JP Beebe, Emmet Hemming, Carter Liston, and Sarah Mastroni. In addition, Landon Alling, Caleb Ford, Kiera Harrison and Abby Hemming each contributed a goal for the Blue Devils.

On Sunday, the Mite Cs traveled to Wonderland of Ice to take on the Wonderland Wizards. Abby Hemming was goalie for the Blue Devils, making many great saves.

Alling scored multiple goals for the Mite C's, while Beebe and Harrison also each scored a goal. Shots on net were also contributed by Emmet Hemming and Mastroni.

The West Haven Youth Hockey Squirt AA travel hockey team got a late invite to the CanAm Youth Challenge Cup in Shelton and proceeded to notch four wins for the tournament title.

In the final, the Westies downed the Westchester Express AA, 4-1, to capture the title. Rocco Kelly opened the scoring with an unassisted goal. Charlie Gunning took a pass from Dylan Spreyer and went top shelf to make it 2-0. Spreyer added his own goal on a nice pass from Jaxon Troyer. After Westchester got on the board, Colby Cushing was set up by Andrew Lacasse and Gunning to finish the scoring. Quinn Smith did the rest between the pipes with 12 saves on the day.

In the round robin play, Lacasse buried two goals and Spreyer, Cushing, and Kelly added goals to lead the Westies to a 5-1 win over the Westchester Express AA. Sophie DiGioia (2), Owen Santos and AJ Farrell accounted for assists in the game. Smith got the win in net and finished with 9 saves.

In the opening round, the Westies were all over the Connecticut Junior Rangers AA in a 11-1 win. Lacasse scored four goals and Jeremiah McGrath added two goals for the

Westies. DiGioia, Gunning, Cushing and Farrell all found the back of the net. Cody Young, Kelly, Santos and Farrell all had assists.

Cushing, Gunning and McGrath scored to pace the Westies to a 3-1 win over PAL Silver Knights in the final game of pool play. Peyton Berlepsch and Santos accounted for the assists. Smith finished with 12 saves.

The Westies squeezed in a CHC game over the weekend as well and took home a 4-2 win over Darien AA.

McGrath tipped in a shot from Kelly and then added another to open a 2-0 lead. After Darien cut the lead to one, Gunning responded with two goals to finish the game.

Young and Stella Porto had assists in the contest. Smith was stellar in net, turning away 21 shots, including three breakaways.

The West Haven Bantam A hockey team won its first two games of 2022 last weekend. On Saturday at Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Blue Devils beat the Long Island (NY) Gulls Gold 08, 4-3. On Sunday at Avon Old Farms the Westies downed Avon A, 4-1. The Blue Devils are now 22-7-4 overall and 18-4-4 in CHC league play on the season.

The Westies hosted the LI Gulls on Saturday morning

and the visitors took a 1-0 lead after one period. West Haven tied the game 4:04 into the second when Joey DiGioia flipped the puck on goal and Gio Ferrucci banged home the rebound.

Just over three minutes later, there was a scramble in front of the Gulls goal. Matt Molnar tipped it to Alex Bowery who slid in a backhand for a 2-1 lead.

The Gulls tied the game at 2-2 before the West Haven special teams went to work late in the period. Back to back LI penalties in the last 1:30 gave the Westies a two-man advantage.

DiGioia went the length of the ice to Brody Elam who went right back to DiGioia. The defenseman ripped a rising wrist shot, putting the Westies up, 3-2.

Still skating up a man, the Blue Devils went up 4-2 less than a minute later. Sean Studley won the puck behind the LI goal and fed Parker Guarnieri who slid the puck out front to Ferrucci, where he fired it home. Three minutes into the third period, the Westies went down two skaters due to penalties. Elam, Studley and Leo Mazuroski killed off the 1:30 with Trevor Cathey making some clutch saves in goal. The Gulls did cut it to 4-3 later in

the third but the West Haven defense was solid down the stretch. Cathey finished with 26 saves in the 4-3 win.

On Sunday morning in Avon, the Westies took a 1-0 lead in the opening period when Ferrucci picked off a pass and snapped home a wrist shot. Avon tied it 1:35 later and the score remained 1-1 into the third period despite the Westies owning most of the play.

Bowery finally gave the Blue Devils the lead when he took Tanner Walsh's pass, came around the net and fired through the five-hole. Theo Diakomis made it 3-1 when he took Bowery's lead pass at the blue line and zipped one under the goalie's blocker. Studley capped the scoring with a breakaway goal from Ferrucci with just under five minutes to play.

Cathey was again stout in between the pipes. The defense of Elam, DiGioia, Mazuroski and Jack McNivens worked hard and were solid as well.

West Haven Bantam A went 1-2 this weekend and now stands at 23-9-4 on the season. The Blue Devils dropped a 4-1 result to Stamford A, beat CT Junior Rangers 2007 AAA 3-1, and lost, 6-2, to Junior Bulldogs 2007A.

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# Westies: Devils get first win vs. East Haven

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combining for 21 points in the first eight minutes.

Carrano led the way with nine points, Howard had eight, and Abuhatab four.

Six players combined to score 17 points in the second quarter, with Abuhatab knocking in five and Carrano four.

The Westies scored 17 points in the final quarter as Carrano scored six and Abuhatab added four.

Fiorillo scored seven points in the victory for West Haven.

West Haven won its sixth straight contest to open the season with a 49-32 victory over East Haven at West Haven High Saturday afternoon.

Abuhatab led the way with 16 points, 14 rebounds, and two steals, while Carrano added 12 points, 5 rebounds, and 5 assists.

Fiorillo scored 10 points, Dealyce Howard added 8 points, and Mya Flemming and Ella Morgan combined for 11 rebounds.

The Westies led 10-7 after one quarter and 26-12 at the half. Leading 32-21, West Haven closed the game on a 17-11 run.

Abuhatab scored five points in the opening quarter and Fiorillo had three. Abuhatab was at it again, leading the offense with eight points in the second quarter. Carrano scored five.

Fiorillo was the key in the final eight minutes with seven points, while Carrano and Howard each had four.

It was a game for the taking. Unfortunately for the West Haven boys hockey team, it was taken in an instant.

Patrick Dabrowski's goal with 1:21 left in regulation broke a tie and sent Notre Dame-Fairfield to a 4-3 victory over West Haven at the Rinks in Shelton Wednesday evening.

Dabrowski's goal spoiled what was West Haven's best effort in the initial four games of the season, twice rallying from one-goal deficits. Sophomore goaltender Javed Ullah (25 saves) came up big throughout, including a pair of big saves in front, just seconds before the eventual game-winner.

Despite the Lancers taking an early 1-0 lead, the Westies battled and took a 2-1 advantage with two goals in a span of 47 seconds early in the first.

West Haven evened the game at one with a power play goal 4:32 in as D.J. Carfora sent a perfect pass in front where Mike Alfano deposited the equalizer.

Less than a minute later, the Westies had the lead with another beautiful set up as Nico Bruneau found Ryan Bernardi in front and Bernardi put

the Westies on top when he knocked in a rebound with 9:41 left in the opening period.

The lead lasted less than two minutes as the Lancers scored off a rebound in front to send the contest to the break even at two.

Trailing 3-2, West Haven carried all the momentum into the third period, scoring the equalizer with five seconds to go in the second period.

Anthony Peschell circled from behind the net, and when no one picked him up, his shot from in front evened the contest at three.

Behind a three-goal third period, Hamden defeated West Haven, 6-3, at Lou Astorino Rink in Hamden. With the loss, West Haven fell to 0-5.

Hamden scored off a West Haven turnover 2:13 into the third, before a goal by Jayden Spreyer got West Haven within 4-3 with 10:46 to go.

That was as close as the Westies got as Hamden scored twice in the final 8:37 for a 6-3 lead.

After playing Fairfield Warde/Ludlowe to a tight contest for the first 25 minutes the first time around, before being defeated, West Haven was looking to finish the job. Playing in another close contest, West Haven watched as Fairfield pulled away late in a 6-2 victory over the Westies at the Wonderland of Ice.

Trailing 2-0 in the second, West Haven cut the deficit in half when Mike Madera raced to a loose puck and sent it to Brady Price.

Price found Thomas Porto along the boards and his odd-angled shot trickled in to get West Haven within 2-1 with 7:16 left in the middle period.

Killing off its fifth penalty of the game, West Haven got within 3-2 when Bruneau blocked a shot and scored on a breakaway with 10:36 remaining.

The Westies never got closer as Fairfield made it 4-2. The Mustangs scored twice in a span of eight seconds to ice the game later in the third.

West Haven is finally in the win column. Behind a bruising forecheck, a stifling defense, and the 18-save shutout performance from Ullah, West Haven defeated East Haven, 4-0, at the Edward L. Bennett Rink.

Ullah was the difference in the game as he turned aside 18 shots for his first career shutout and victory.

Bernardi and Carfora accounted for a pair of goals with Carfora setting up Bernardi for a pair of goals.

The Westies took a 1-0 lead just 1:51 into the contest when Porto's shot was denied, but the rebound when to a streaking Madera, who put a one-timer in the back of the net for



Photo by Todd Dandelske

**Javed Ullah makes one of his 18 saves to preserve the 4-0 shutout, picking up his first varsity victory over East Haven. The win was the Westies' first of the season as well after six losses. Ullah has played well all year, highlighted by a 50-save performance in a loss to Fairfield Warde/Ludlowe.**

a 1-0 advantage. In the second period, Bernardi picked up the rebound and put the puck in the back of the net for a 2-0 lead with 8:10 left in the middle period.

The Westies created some separation in the third period, and it was Bernardi again as he took a pass from Carfora and scored for a 3-0 lead with 46 seconds gone.

Peschell's point shot gave West Haven a 4-0 lead, with assists going to Porto and Joe D'Aurio with 10:06 to go.

The West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy girls hockey team won its second straight contest and third in four games with a dramatic 3-2 overtime victory over Hamden.

Sophomore Geena Montano scored the winner off assists from Juliana Gonzalez and Caitlin Welch to move the Westie Sharks to 4-2 on the year.

Trailing 2-1 in the third period, the Westie Sharks got the equalizer on a goal by Meghan Dupre at the 4:09 mark.

Grace Nowak finished with 24 saves in the win.

West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy saw its two-game winning streak come to a halt with a 4-2 loss at Simsbury. They got back on the winning track with a 7-2 victory over Amity/North Haven/Cheshire.

Maya Boyhen led the offense with three goals and three assists, Taylor Alfano had three assists, and Melissa Tsakonas and Julianna Picard each had a goal and an assist as nine players were in the scoring

column. Nowak made 11 saves in the first two periods, before being replaced by Hannah Davey, who finished with 12 saves.

The Westie Sharks won their second straight contest and improved to 6-3 with a 2-1 victory over Masuk.

The Westie Sharks rode the strong play in goal by Nowak to the victory. Nowak finished with 19 saves, including eight in the final period. Goals came from Ashley Welch and Picard.

Traveling to Newington, the Westie Sharks ran into a tough East Catholic team.

Behind Mary McKiernan's first period goal, East Catholic topped the Westie Sharks 1-0 Friday evening. With the loss, West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy fell to 6-4 on the year.

The West Haven boys basketball team returned to action with a 61-35 victory over Foran at Foran High.

The Westies were in control from the start with eight different players in the scoring column, led by Henry Smith with 15 points.

West Haven turned up the defense in the opening quarter, holding the Lions to two points and taking a 12-2 lead behind six points from Manny Belcher. The Westies extended the margin to 29-13 with a 17-11 margin in the second quarter as Smith added eight points.

The Westies put the game away with a 21-6 run in the third quarter. Smith had seven

points in the quarter, Tavares Tuck added six points, and Belcher drained a 3-pointer.

Tuck and Belcher each finished with 11 points, while Jared Butler and Javaun Calhoun each scored eight.

West Haven returned to action by getting back in the win column. With nine players in the scoring column and a pair in double digits, West Haven cruised to a 65-25 road victory over East Haven.

Leading 22-15 at the half, West Haven (2-3) put the game away with a 21-0 run in the third quarter. Calhoun had nine points in the quarter, while Henry Smith added six in the third.

West Haven closed the game on a 22-9 run and finished the second half outscoring East Haven 43-9. Butler led West Haven with seven points in the final quarter.

Butler led West Haven with 14 points, Smith had 13, and Tuck and Calhoun each scored nine.

West Haven was looking to rebound from an opening day defeat against cross-town rival Notre Dame-West Haven in the second meeting of the two teams Friday evening. The second contest was reminiscent of the first.

The Green Knights cruised to a 76-43 victory at West Haven High. With the loss, West Haven dropped to 2-4 on the year.

Tuck led the Westies with 11 points, Calhoun had eight, and Butler scored six in the loss.

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Details on the Project will be included in UI's Application to the Council. If approved by the Council, Project construction is expected to begin in late 2023 with an in-service date of mid-2028.

Interested persons may obtain copies of the application from: Samantha Marone, The United Illuminating Company, 100 Marsh Hill Road, Orange, CT 06477

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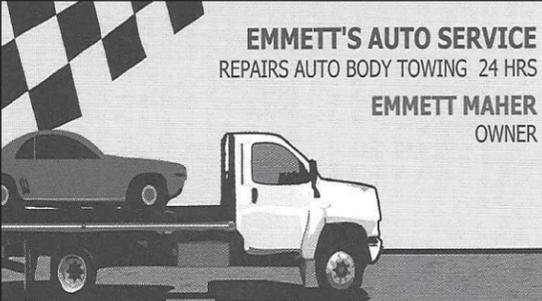
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  - 44 Idle or Clapton
  - 48 Khan title
  - 49 Close

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- DOWN**
- 1 Fiddle sticks
  - 2 Arkin of "Argo"
  - 3 Prego rival
  - 4 1957 Everly Brothers song
  - 5 Supernatural
  - 6 Cheer (for)
  - 7 Caveat word
  - 8 NBC sketch show
  - 9 Texas city
  - 10 Apple com-puter
  - 11 Boy, in Barcelona
  - 20 Features of romantic comedies
  - 22 Loosen
  - 24 Graceland idol
  - 25 Felon's flight
  - 26 Citric bever-age
  - 27 Silent
  - 29 Pig-poke link
  - 30 Director Howard
  - 31 Soul, to Sartre
  - 35 Disclose
  - 36 "Fab!"
  - 39 Crazes
  - 40 Mellows
  - 41 Loony
  - 43 Give a darn
  - 45 Carry on
  - 46 One-named supermodel
  - 47 Penny
  - 49 "The Voice" network

## MAGIC MAZE • EASTERN WORDS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: A LEAVENING AGENT

|            |          |          |            |
|------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Abreast    | Eastman  | Eastwood | Nor'easter |
| Beast      | Eastmost | Feast    | Oleaster   |
| Beastie    | Eastside | Least    | Southeast  |
| Breastbone | Eastward | Mideast  |            |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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| 5 |   |   | 1 |   | 7 |   |   |   |
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| 7 |   |   |   | 3 |   | 8 |   |   |
|   | 1 | 6 | 4 |   |   |   |   | 7 |
|   | 8 |   |   | 2 |   | 4 |   |   |
| 4 |   |   | 8 | 9 |   |   |   | 2 |
|   | 2 |   | 5 |   |   |   |   | 3 |
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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: 26 mins.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| R | O | B | S | C | O | T | R | I | L | L |   |   |
| E | R | A | C | O | R | D | O | K | I | E |   |   |
| B | A | R | B | A | D | O | S | B | E | E |   |   |
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| B | E | B | O | P |   | O | P |   |   |   |   |   |
| A | L | B | S |   | G | R | E | A | T | J | O | B |
| C | I | A |   | P | R | I | S | M |   | U | M | A |
| H | E | S | I | T | A | N | T |   | F | I | N | N |
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| P | U | F | F | S |   |   | C | O | M | E |   |   |
| A | L | A | I |   | F | U | D | G | E | B | A | R |
| C | E | D | E |   | R | A | V | E |   | A | D | E |
| S | E | E | R |   | I | R | I | S |   | R | A | F |

**EASTERN WORDS**

W T S A E D I M  
E A S T W O O D D R  
S B I E T  
N O R E A S T E R T S  
A T E S S S O  
S H A A M  
A T T E E T  
E M U L R R S  
E I T S A E B O B A  
N D R A W T S A E F

— **Weekly SUDOKU** —  
Answer

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

**Junior Whirl**  
by Charles Barry Townsend

**MIME MILE TILE TALK**

**DON'T GET BOXED IN!**  
You have five minutes to get out of this challenge. In this type of problem you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word, so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed MIME to TALK in four moves. See if you can change the following words in four moves each.

- LESS to MORE
- OUST to REND
- PEST to GONE
- RUBE to GENT
- SALT to LICK

**CHANCE... CHA**  
FIG. 1

**DOODLE PICS!** The two pictures shown here are graphic presentations of familiar words, phrases or names. You have one minute to identify both.

**FALL PRIDE**  
FIG. 2

Answers: 1. Last chance. 2. "Pride goeth before a fall."

**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.

L N E  
A I L P P S S

Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Fall, pals, pans, pane, pins, pine, pip, pips.

Photo by Todd Dandelske

### A big goal!

Ashley Welch scores while Melissa Tsokonas battles in front against Masuk. The Westie Sharks were able to pull this tight game out with a 2-1 over the Panthers. The team has had an up-and-down first part of the season, but has won three of four recently.



## Hockey: *Bantams pick up two big victories*

Continued from page 15

On Saturday morning at the Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Blue Devils scored their only goal on a power play in the second period. Diakomis won the puck on the boards and found Bowery. Bowery whipped a pass to Tanner Walsh on the far post and the winger knocked it home giving the Westies a 1-0 lead. Stamford scored a pair of goals late in the second and two more late in the third for the 4-1 win. Later on Saturday, the team headed to Stamford's Twin Rinks to face CT Junior Rangers 2007 AAA. After a score-

less opening period, the Westies eventually got on the scoreboard.

Ferrucci kept the puck in the zone and flipped a nice no-look, backhand pass to Diakomis who roofed a backhand of his own. Just 33 seconds later it was 2-0 as Studley fired a shot that was saved, and Walsh banged in the rebound.

The Westies made it a 3-0 game later in the second when Studley jumped on a loose puck in the slot and swept it into the net with his backhand. The Rangers scored a power play goal late in the second.

Down the stretch in the third, West Haven's penalty-kill unit killed off back-to-back penalties and Cathey was solid in net to preserve the 3-1 victory.

On Sunday at Northford Ice Pavilion, the Westies faced Yale 2007 A. Cathey was stellar in goal as he made several highlight-reel saves throughout the game. He made multiple saves in the opening period as both teams created chances. Yale scored in the final minute to go up 1-0.

The Westies tied it with a power play goal early in the second. Bowery fed MacNiven at the point for a wrister.

Yale then went up 3-1, but Studley got the Blue Devils back in the game in the last minute of the second. He skated over the blue line, through two defensemen, and knocked a pass to Bowery. Bowery passed back to Studley who tapped it in the five-hole.

Yale pulled away later in the third period, despite Cathey's efforts, and won 6-2.

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## Lady Westies come back strong



Photo by Todd Dandelske

Kassidy Carrano dishes off in the Blue Devils win over East Haven to improve to 6-0. The team came up with two victories following a two-week layoff.

After more than a two-week layoff, the West Haven girls basketball team was eager to get on the court. The Westies wasted no time continuing their winning way.

Behind a solid defensive effort and a balanced scoring attack, West Haven improved to 4-0 with a 60-29 victory at Cheshire Monday evening.

The Westies were dangerous from the outside, connecting on nine 3-pointers, with Kassidy Carrano and Dealyce Howard leading the way with three apiece.

Carrano finished the contest with 17 points, Howard had 12, and Amani Abuhatab finished with 11. Tenique Gates and Isabella Fiorillo each scored eight points, while Ella Morgan rounded out the scoring with two points.

Abuhatab added 15 rebounds, five steals, three blocks and three assists, Howard had five assists, four steals and four rebounds, and Carrano finished with three rebounds, three steals and two assists.

The Westies jumped out of the gates quickly with 16 first quarter points, including four apiece from Abuhatab, Howard and Gates.

West Haven exploded for 24 points in the second quarter alone and never looked back as Fiorillo scored eight and Abuhatab had seven. Six different players scored in the quarter. Morgan also had six rebounds.

Carrano scored eight of her team's ten points in the third quarter as West Haven rolled to its fourth victory of the season.

If any team is going to beat West Haven, it will have to find a way to stop the trio of Abuhatab, Carrano and Howard. Wednesday was not the night.

The trio combined to score 49 points in a 66-29 victory over Shelton at West Haven High. Carrano led the way with 21 points, Abuhatab scored 16 and Howard had 12 as the Westies improved to 5-0.

While the offense was clicking, the defense was just as good, allowing under 30 points. The defensive efforts were more than enough as the Westies scored 38 points in the first half alone.

The trio of Abuhatab, Carrano and Howard got going early,  
See Westies, page 16

Submitted photo.

### CanAm Champions!

The West Haven Squirt AA team traveled to Shelton for the CanAm Youth Challenge Cup, and signal their success, winning the championship in a four-game sweep. The team topped the Westchester Express AA, 4-1 for the title. See more details inside.

