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Bond grants fund rehab plans; aid Arts Center, Poli Mansion

The city's state delegation to the General assembly announced West Haven will be receiving significant state funds to update several projects. The \$4 million in funding will support two overall projects to improve and invest in the shoreline and downtown center.

State Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115), Co-Chairman of the State Bond Committee, confirmed one approved project includes \$2 million to remodel the sewage pump stations on Beach Street and Ocean Avenue. The two facilities stand as cinderblock structures along the shoreline with attached bath houses that have been closed for decades. The approved funding will be used to build new pump stations with fully functional restrooms in a Cape Cod design.

"These funds, coupled with the funds the state delegation secured for the flood gates, the pedestrian bridge and Beach Street, bring a total state investment into our shoreline of over \$10 million," a press release from Hartford stated.

"Our delegation values how important our shoreline is to this community and together we will continue to look towards future investments," said Borer. "We are excited to have pitched new buildings that will better fit into the aesthetics of our beautiful coastline and will also support our pump stations."

The second project is a \$2 million investment in West Haven's downtown historic and culture areas, which provides support for non-profit buildings including the West Haven Historical Society and the Ward-Heitmann House Museum, along with \$1.5 million for the Arts and Culture Center located on Center Street.

The vision for converting the former Mason Temple into an Arts Center was initiated almost 18 years ago. The project was overseen by several administrations, and while incremental steps were made, some challenges have also occurred.

"While we recognize this will not be the panacea to revitalizing downtown, it certainly will be a significant contribution towards the ultimate goal of creating an open atmosphere of activity, community and business. With its architectural design, the Arts Center could be the perfect backdrop for a small dinner theater space, exhibits, creative programs, youth camps, performances and more. It is a perfect time to revisit the overall vision of how arts and culture fits into and can benefit our community," said Borer.

State Rep. Charles Ferraro (R-117), who supported the projects, was excited about the funding.

"With the holiday season kicking into high gear it is wonderful news that West Haven will receive some much-needed help
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Photo courtesy of WHCH

Holiday's are over!

Children from West Haven Community House's Head Start Room 1100A returned to the classroom this week after a holiday break. The Community House's Head Start program, established in 1983, facilitates school readiness for more than 100 preschool children from income eligible families ages 3 to 5.

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Adilyn Klotzberger, 4 years old, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., sees a winter sunset on the Green.

On this Date

1970 -- The Wiener Musikverein is inaugurated. The famous concert hall is the home of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

1929 -- Mother Theresa arrives in India. Through her tireless work in helping the poor and ill, the Albanian religious sister later received the Nobel Peace Prize and was posthumously beatified.

1912 -- German scientist Alfred Wegener presents his theory of continental drift. His work laid the foundation for the theory of plate tectonics, which explains why continents move.

1907-- Maria Montessori opens her first school. Montessori's revolutionary educational approach is practiced at about 30,000 schools today.

1838 -- Samuel Morse presents the telegraph to the public. Together with Alfred Vail, the inventor relayed the message "A patient waiter is no loser" over a distance of 2 miles (3 km).

Births

1946 -- Syd Barrett, English singer-songwriter, guitarist.

1920 -- John Maynard Smith, English biologist

1883 -- Kahlil Gibran, Lebanese/American poet.

1811 -- Charles Sumner, American politician.



Photo courtesy of Eleanore Turkington

Concert benefits WHEAT

The Nutmeg Symphonic Pops Orchestra and Chorale performed a holiday concert recently at St. Lawrence Church to benefit WHEAT. Dr. Dino Ciaburri conducted the orchestra and Paul Scanlon directed the Chorale. The program was hosted by Ray Andrewson. The concert entertained the audience with a number of holiday music including Birthday of a King, I'll Be Home for Christmas, The Christmas Song, Ave Maria, Hallelujah Chorus and Chanukah selections. The generosity of the audience enabled a \$400 donation to WHEAT (West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce) to aid West Haven residents in crisis. Ciaburri presented the \$400 proceeds from a recent Nutmeg Symphonic Pops Orchestra concert to Rose Majestic, Executive Director of WHEAT.

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Vets Museum wins grant to ease losses

Connecticut Humanities, the statewide, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), has awarded West Haven Veterans Museum & Learning Center a \$6,300 CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant (CTC-FOSG).

The grant will be used to mitigate the operating deficit due to closure of the museum during the pandemic. During those months, the museum not only lost revenue (donations are the museum's primary source for operating revenues), but we also lost momentum in the many programs offered to visitors and patrons.

"WHVM's mission is to honor the men and women

who have served our state and nation, and to collect and preserve artifacts that help explain to future generations how our fighting men and women lived and survived while serving our nation. We do this by providing guided tours of our 9,000 square foot museum to senior citizens groups, school groups, Veteran groups and the general public. We have an extensive collection of uniforms, weapons, field gear and equipment from the Revolutionary War period up to the present," a press release from the museum stated.

Museum Curator, Ed Kacey said the grant will allow the museum to enhance its exhibits.

"It's an honor for our or-

ganization to share with our visitors examples and descriptions of soldiers from many backgrounds from the state of Connecticut. This grant will provide the museum with the means to enhance diversity in our displays," he said. "Our staff is thankful for this grant and will use it to continue to represent Connecticut military history with dignity and respect."

West Haven Veterans Museum & Learning Center was one of 624 organizations in Connecticut that was awarded CT Cultural Fund support totaling \$16 million.

The grants are part of \$30.7M of support allocated to arts, humanities, and cultural nonprofits through CT

Humanities over the next two years by the CT General Assembly and approved by Gov. Ned Lamont. The CTC-FOSG will assist organizations as they recover from the pandemic and maintain and grow their ability to serve their community and the public.

The Connecticut Office of

the Arts (COA) is the state agency charged with fostering the health of Connecticut's creative economy. Part of the state's Department of Economic and Community Development, the COA is funded by the State of Connecticut as well as the National Endowment for the Arts.



The Veterans Museum on Hood Terrace is getting a state grant to help with COVID losses.



Happy New Year, neighbors.

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A Partner in the Community

Dear Felicia

Here we are honey bunch, a new year, who'd o' thunk we'd still be going at it in 2022 way back in 1971. It's been a long haul, but yew and me have had some perty good high's and some perty lowdown lows over the decades, yet, we're still here. Still snarking on the ruling class, and still seeing that politicians, bless their hearts, are willing to say and do jest about anything.

Here in our lit'le corner of the universe, or as we call it, the Asylum by the Sea, things in 2021 were about as well as could be expected. We got somewhat back to normal, despite the protestations of the usual hair-on-fire types, and things were about normal with the political situation. We've ain't heard much about Barry Lee Cohen's court case concerning irregularities in the November election, but yew and I had this conversa-

tion before. As we git further and further into this administration, the courts ain't gonna be willing to overturn things.

But...and it's a big but...methinks Cobina is not far off the mark when she sez that it's about time the courts take a stand on absentee ballot problems. It would be nice effen the legislature does something, but they are too concerned with how much money they're gonna dole out to this or that group. The largesse of the assembly is what is important to these characters, that and making silly laws about school mascots and setch. We are in a blue state, so the lunacy persists cuz the people have been "educated" in the gulags of the various universities.

Tennyrate, with the New Year, one hopes things will git better with various and sundry issues, but this being the Asylum by the Sea, we shouldn't

hold our breath waiting for setch things.

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*Jest before the holiday, Cobina had a call from an old friend – someone we'd heard had vacated our berg. Russ McCreven, retired photog of our and many publications, called to say he's back in town and back in his local domicile. It was great to hear his voice, which was perty strong. Russ, it should be remembered was a top-notch teacher in his day at the high school, when setch things mattered.*

*He took up photography as a sideline and had one o' the best eyes of anyone in the bizz. He took snaps for all the local publications going back to Bob Joyce and the West Haven City News of fond memory. And he did what editors really like – he had some action in his shots, not jest what they call in the bizz "grin and grabs." He excelled at sports, but mostly had a good eye for news shots and other things.*

*Tennyrate, it was good to hear his voice at the end of 2021, and we hope to continue to do so as we git further and further into 2022.*

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Sammy Bluejay fluttered by here the other day and said that the work over on Beach Street is moving along nicely. It's been going on for the better part of three weeks at this writing. Effen yew remember, I told yew the sidewalks over

near the former Chick's had been washed out by storms and high tides. That was the second time that's happened in the last eight years or so.

Well, to make a long story longer, Sammy sez the beach area, which was built up over there had perty much been eaten away over the last three or four years. It's now back to a larger sand area, with earth-moving vehicles carting in tons of sand – a lot of which, it must be admitted, will end up in the Sound. However, with the pipes that are over there, including sewer pipes, there has to be some protection against the elements or there will be a bigger problem in the long run.

The raising of the roadbed is supposed to be a priority this year, so we shall see what happens. The road is supposed to be lifted about seven feet higher than currently to fight floods that happen on occasion. What that will do with the beach situation is still unclear, but there is general consensus the road has to be raised.

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*Cobina was out in her gassamobuggy over the holiday and noted that the final work at the high school is moving along at a perty good pace. Someone even noted they might be finished ahead of time. What seems to be on the docket now is a retaining pond of some sort – they needed one a few months back effen yew remember, when the gym floor got an unwanted bath.*

*The retention pond is supposed to help with water seepage, I guess. There's plenty of it around there with the Cove River and the salt marshes right in the neighborhood. Cobina remembers when there were little farms and gardens over there. That was a looong time ago.*

*Once it's done, the vista over there will be kind o' interesting. Some yokels are saying that's the real reason the trees over on Ocean Avenue were cut down, so people will see the new building. Things like that don't happen around here, do they?*

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Nelly Nuthatch was in t'other afternoon and wondered what in blazes is happening over by the West River. No, nothing is happening – that's the pernt. It's been more than a year – in fact we announced it in our last ishew of 2020 – that the city was asking for an Enterprise Zone at the West River corridor on Front Avenue, betwixt the Post Road and Spring Street – about a mile or so. 'Twas quite an announcement with the usual fanfare we git around these parts.

But, as usually happens, the fanfare dies down, the permits

are accepted as they were by the state some weeks later, and then...crickets. Felicia, how many times have we seen this in this berg. Big announcements followed by years of nothin'. Yew can go well back into the 1970s, 1980s and into the 90s and 2000s to see more than one instance in each decade where this happened. Remember Sursum Corda? It took 30 years for something to happen over there, and it was nothin' like what was announced. And that's only one example.

So, do we expeck 2022 to be any different?

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*Speakin' o' fanfare, the Assembly delegation has made a big thing about grants comin' into the city. Yew can read about it elsewhere in the papyrus. But, this is an example o' what we're sayin' above. One o' the projects to git finds is the Arts Center on Center Street. It's the former Masonic Temple for the Annawon Lodge, built more than 100 years ago.*

*The press release sent out by the assembly delegation noted the plan for the center was announced 18 years ago. Cobina had forgot about that. Yep, it's been that long, and we're no nearer the completion of it than we were then, but boy was it a grand announcement with tents and speeches and (effen I remember aright) rain. The project has had fits and starts, mostly fits. Nothin' has been done over there in a dog's age, and that pup is getting long in the tooth. Soooo, money is got from the state, we shall see what happens here, but, again, let's not put too much hope in things getting completed. It jest don't happen in this gown very often. One person we think about in this is Paul Scanlon, local school master, he spearheaded this when his kids were in nappies. Let us hope things happen.*

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Iva Lootey came int t'other day to say the rumor mill about the fraud scandal in the Actors Colony, wherein two people have been booked already, is moving along, and there's still talk of others being implicated. I always marvel at these rumors, hon.

The feds don't usually talk to anyone, and once they git their evidence, the most you hear is someone is turning themselves into the constabulary. Now, there might be some fire in all this smoke, but City Hall being City Hall means that talk and rumors are part of the everyday lifeblood o' the place.

We shall see what happens, but once again don't hold yore breath waiting for something.

With that bit o' chatter, I'll close mitt luff und kizzez,
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Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Recently, I was attempting to cross Campbell Avenue, where you have to be careful because of the large number of cars that travel there, when, as I stepped off the curb a car went flying by so close to me I was stunned. That was not frightening enough, the driver of the car shouted out to me, "Watch your step lady, we drivers have to watch the road, not people stepping into traffic."

I am sure, Eleanore, motorists must look out for people, too. Wasn't there a new law out to protect the pedestrians? I also want to add to automobile drivers to skip the shouting and slow down!

Scared Pedestrian

Dear Scared Pedestrian:

Yes, there is a new law to protect pedestrians and alert motorists. Connecticut General Statutes 14-300 9c) effective October 1, 2021. Connecticut passed important new laws to protect pedestrians while crossing the street at a crosswalk.

This new law permits pedestrians to signal oncoming traffic that the pedestrian intends to cross the street and requires the driver to slow or stop the car to let the pedestrian to then cross.

The pedestrian can then step to the curb at the crosswalk, and signal intention to cross by raising his or her hand and step toward of oncoming traffic. The pedestrian can also signal intention to cross, by moving his or her body, or an extension thereof, indicating, but not limited to a wheelchair, cane, walking stick, crutch, bicycle, electric bicycle, stroller, carriage, cart or bob-

sled or harnessed dog into the crosswalk at the entrance to the crosswalk."

These new laws also apply at marked crosswalks and "unmarked crosswalks."

An unmarked crosswalk is "That portion of a highway ordinarily included within the prolongation or connection of the lateral lines of sidewalks at intersection." In other words, the place where the crosswalk lines would basically be painted if the sidewalk were to continue across the intersection.

Once the driver slows down or stops to let the pedestrian cross, other cars behind the car that has stopped, may not pass the stopped vehicle. Connecticut General Statutes 14-300, (c) 300, October 1, 2021.

Readers, while I am alerting you of present and new laws today. I decided to offer additional road safety information that we can all use. There will be a new law that prohibits opening your car door into "moving traffic" which will include pedestrians, bicyclist or bicyclists or riders of electric scooters from being hit by open car doors. The law requires that motorists close their doors after passengers are loaded or unloaded. Prohibiting physical contact with pedestrians, bicyclist's or others using sidewalks, shoulders or bikeways. For a violation of this new statute a policeman will give a ticket for "door-ing" somebody. (Public Act 21-28, Section 4

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I have written you recently about illegal parking at West Haven's City Hall. Did you hear anything from City Hall on this problem?

Really Irritated!



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

Dear Really Irritated:

Mayor Nancy Rossi replied: "If a car is illegally parked at a city hall handicap space someone would have to report it to the WHPD. To be considered illegal it would mean there isn't any (handicapped sign) placed on the dash or handicap designation on the marker plate. So, if someone notices this, please report it, they can call my office and give us the marker plate and make and model of the car and we can contact the police."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I am sick and tired of having to deal with my bulk trash. There are other cities like Milford that provide this service to taxpayers. These cities have an area within the city so residents can deposit their bulk

trash, why can't we?

Update System

Dear Update System:

I have written to Mayor Nancy Rossi seeking an answer to your question. I am sure you will read the mayor's response here soon.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Why is the United Illuminating Company allowed to cut trees down all-over West Haven?

This has been going on for seven years now and nobody tries to stop them. I see other city blocks where all the trees are gone. This is very bad for the environment and looks

bad as well. Trees need to be trimmed not cut down.

William Shine

Dear William Shine:

I will contact the United Illuminating Company and attempt to find their reasoning for cutting down so many trees in West Haven.

Coming up...malfunctioning pedestrian and traffic signal on Derby Avenuedangerous walking conditions on Brown Street...huge pothole on Fairfax Street... no sign for two lanes merging on Campbell Avenue...crack on road on Sawmill Road and Greta Street an much more.

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Policy hopes for New Year

Since its inception, the Voice has used the first issue of the year to outline some of the projects, issues, and topics we would like to see addressed in the New Year.

With the onset of 2022, we continue the practice, hoping that we may see progress in the following areas:

Renewal and Development - This is a recurring issue we hope the change of calendar will see improved, but we have been disappointed before. The Haven Project is the first one that enters everyone's mind, and rightly so. Since it was announced as the "Water Street Project in September of 1997, the city has spun its development wheels. The Haven Project, the iteration announced in 2014, admittedly, has seen some progress.

But the announcement made more than two years ago about "Shopping at the Haven for Christmas 2022, is a pipe dream. At the present rate, if the plan is partially completed in the next two years, it would be something to rejoice.

Meanwhile, it has been a year since the city announced an "Enterprise Zone" for the area along Front Avenue and the West River, from the Post Road to Spring Street. The state has accepted the plan, and special tax incentives are in place. That project, so far, has yielded little in interest, let alone contracts signed.

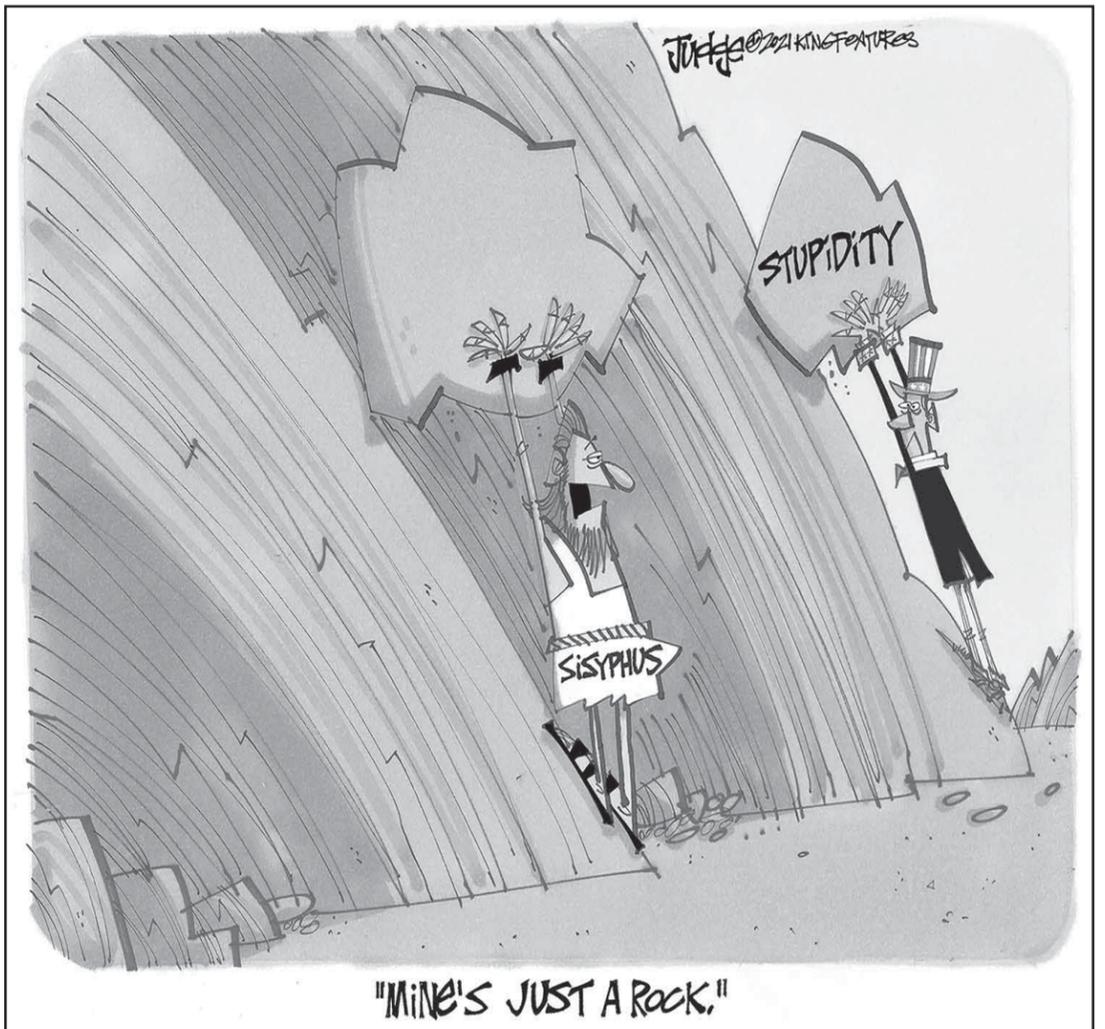
The city announced late last year the Savin Rock Conference Center will be the site of renewal with a Woodbridge-based brewery/restaurant taking the site. This seems positive, and we hope it is accomplished - with some haste.

City Finances - It has been more than four years since the acronym "MARB" came into the local lexicon - the Municipal Accountability Review Board. The panel, the second such in the last 30 years, was empaneled in late 2016, after the city bonded to pay off its deficit. Since then, the panel has pushed for higher taxes (the reason the city's levies have increased every year) and changes in the way West Haven does business.

In the former, the panel has been successful. In the latter, the panel has continually chided the Rossi administration for dragging its feet, most recently to the point the final state infusion of cash was withheld until such time as the city made changes. The administration must change business practices and "the way things have always been done" if for no other reason than survival. Things did not change after the city was under receivership in the 1990s, and we ended up in the same predicament. Part of the reason the recent scandal concerning federal COVID funds was able to take place was "the way things have always been done."

Getting beyond COVID - As we end the second year of the COVID pandemic, we are glad to see that a top-down approach touted by Washington up until last week was abandoned. Connecticut knows what is best for Connecticut in this regard, and West Haven's leadership has a better handle on what is happening here than do state officials. Instead of trying a one-size-fits-all approach, mitigation policies should be tailored to the region of the state where they are needed most.

We are beginning to understand that we must learn to live with COVID, and that strident policies are doomed to failure. Reasoned responses rather than panicked reactions are beginning to see the light of day - and not too soon.



"MINE'S JUST A ROCK."

Libs hit high-water mark

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

Joe Manchin and London Breed have nothing in common.

One is an old-school Democratic senator from West Virginia, surviving and thriving in an increasingly red state; the other is the progressive mayor of San Francisco, a city that is a byword for cutting-edge left-wing politics.

Yet both, in their own ways signaled that Biden-era progressivism has reached its high-water mark. Manchin, of course, delivered an emphatic thumbs down to Joe Biden's signature Build Back Better plan, while Breed reversed field on crime in a stunningly frank endorsement of law-and-order in a jurisdiction infamous for the opposite.

The de facto pincer movement by the wildly different Democrats from wildly different parts of the country -- San Francisco is roughly 19 times as large as the biggest city in West Virginia -- shows that the progressive tide that built in the Trump years is finally colliding with political reality and the real-world consequences of progressive extravagance.

This doesn't mean that progressivism is spent obviously. It dominates the media, aca-

demia and almost all the rest of elite culture. At the same time, Democrats still control the elected branches of government in Washington. But a growing backlash against progressive excess has found expression in two notable acts of Democratic defiance.

By now, the context of Manchin's "no" on Build Back Better is familiar. Joe Biden campaigned as a pragmatic Democrat only to reverse field after his election and develop a heroic image of himself as the next transformational Democratic president in the line of FDR and LBJ.

This drove the mistake of not realizing that Manchin or any other Democratic dissenter in the 50-50 Senate had the power to derail Build Back Better and accordingly scaling it back from the outset. Instead, the White House and congressional leadership acted as if Manchin could be cajoled or bullied out of his oft-repeated qualms.

Perhaps Democrats will reunite with the senator on a scaled-back spending bill in the new year, but the era of FDR fantasies is definitely over. Democrats should ask themselves, if they had a mandate to remake the country, why the entire project depended on the approval of a single

conservative Democrat from West Virginia?

Now, Democrats are looking down the barrel of a mid-term election wipe-out that could give the GOP a durable House majority that will put paid to any thought of BBB-style legislation for years.

If Manchin said "enough" to big-spending federal aggrandizement, London Breed said it to the soft-on-crime consensus in blue cities that has led to spiraling disorder. The Bay Area, home to the smash-and-grab robbery and other routine offenses against basic human decency, has been Exhibit A.

Concluding that even the tolerant people of perhaps the country's most tolerant city wouldn't put up with it much longer, Breed had her Howard Beale moment. In a speech clearly meant to set down a political and rhetorical marker, she called for an end to "the reign of criminals who are destroying our city."

The Breed turnabout, from police-defunder a year ago to would-be Rudy Giuliani now, marks an end to the period after George Floyd's death when anti-police sentiment was ascendant.

There are other signs that the progressive momentum

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FEMA: One month left to file for damage

Connecticut residents in Fairfield, New Haven and New London counties who suffered damage or losses from remnants of Hurricane Ida, have one month left to apply for disaster assistance with FEMA and low-interest disaster loans with U.S. Small Business Administration.

FEMA disaster assistance for individuals and families can include money for rental assistance, essential home repairs, personal property and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance. The application deadline is Jan. 28, 2022.

Survivors may register with

FEMA the following ways: Online at DisasterAssistance.gov; Download the FEMA app; Call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585). Lines are open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Help is available in most languages.

Survivors should keep their contact information updated because FEMA may need to reach them to perform a home inspection or get additional information. FEMA encourages survivors to request direct deposit of disaster assistance to their financial institution. Survivors should let FEMA know as soon as possible of any changes to their mailing

or banking information.

Disaster assistance is not a substitute for insurance and cannot compensate for all losses caused by a disaster. The assistance is intended to meet basic needs and supplement disaster recovery efforts.

Low-interest Disaster Loans U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loans are available for businesses, homeowners and renters. Next to insurance, low-interest disaster loans from SBA are the primary source of funds for Connecticut disaster survivors to make property repairs and replace personal property destroyed by Hurricane Ida.

Through SBA, homeowners may be eligible for a disaster loan up to \$200,000 for primary residence structural repairs or rebuilding. SBA may also be able to help homeowners and renters with up to \$40,000 to replace important personal property, including automobiles damaged or destroyed in the disaster.

SBA can also help businesses and private nonprofit organizations with up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster-damaged real estate and other business assets. Additionally, eligible small businesses and nonprofits can apply for economic injury disaster loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster.

For more information, or to request a paper application, contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center call 800-659-2955, email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visit SBA's website at sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339.

The application filing dead-

line for SBA physical damage loans is Jan. 28.

The application filing deadline for SBA economic injury loans for businesses affected by the storm is Aug. 1.

For the latest information visit fema.gov/disaster/4629. Follow the FEMA Region 1 Twitter account at twitter.com/FEMARegion1.

2nd installment taxes due

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

The second installment of city tax bills — real estate, personal property, motor vehicle, sewer — is now due, and payments after Feb. 1 are considered delinquent and subject to interest, Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli said.

The 2020 supplemental motor vehicle bills are being mailed later this week for vehicles registered after Oct. 1, 2020, and are also due Jan. 1.

Payments can be made by cash, check, credit card, debit card or money order from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays in the tax office on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St. The city has an ATM outside the office.

Taxpayers can also make a payment on the city website at <https://www.mytaxbill.org/inet/bill/home.do?town=westhaven>. Sewer bills are on the same page but under a separate tab. Tax payment history can also be viewed and printed.

The fees for credit cards and electronic checks are available at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/276/Payments>.

During tax season, taxes can be paid by the drop box outside the interior door of the tax office from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Taxes can also be paid by mail.

When paying by lockbox or drop box, the canceled check is the receipt.

Anyone needing a motor vehicle clearance must pay in person by cash, credit card, debit card or money order.

To enter City Hall, visitors must use the west entrance on the Savin Avenue side, wear a face mask and show ID to the security guard.

Letters, we get letters!

Verdict in Wright case 'amazed'

The recent conviction of Brooklyn Center police officer Kim Potter once again shows the danger all police officers are facing in today's society while they are protecting the public and attempting to do their jobs to the best of their ability.

As a retired police officer with over 33 years experience, I was amazed that the jury convicted her after reviewing all the circumstances involved in the shooting. No one should have been killed in this situation, however, there is no doubt that she intended to use her taser instead of duty weapon, and the remorse she showed after the shooting and in court, shows she had no intention of killing Daunte Wright.

People are human and often make mistakes, and should not be crucified for their mistakes for many years to come, and I feel Daunte Wright also made a mistake by resisting and attempting to get back into the vehicle when he had a warrant for his arrest, and should have gone peacefully, thus preventing this tragedy from occurring.

Law enforcement agencies all across the nation are losing officers in alarming numbers, and having difficulty hiring new officers, mainly due to exactly what occurred in this tragic event. The problem with taking funding from police budgets across America, is certainly leading to the increase in killings and all crimes where gangs are terrorizing people everywhere, including vandalisms to property and thefts.

I am hoping the Judge in this matter, and all the good law abiding citizens in the area of the Brooklyn Center Police Department are watching all the news reports concerning the nightly protests taking place since the shooting because I am disgusted by what I am watching. Protesters are continually in the faces of the officers, yelling a screaming "hands up, don't shoot", "Black lives matter", and "You are not protecting us-you are killing us". These protesters are also throwing projectiles at the officers, and as always "peacefully" burning and looting. It is sad that these are the same people that the police are protecting and serving while risking their lives each and every day.

I will be sending a copy of this letter in support of Kim Potter to Judge Regina Chu who will be sentencing her in February, at Hennepin County Courthouse, 300 South 6th St, Minneapolis, MN, 55487, and I would hope that those who feel the same would send in their own letter of support. Just maybe the judge will show some compassion for an officer who dedicated her life to protecting and serving.

Bill Conlan

Retired WHPD Deputy Chief

Lowry: Liberals hit peak

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is beginning to give way. A rightward shift among Latinos shows the limits of paint-by-the-numbers identity politics. That the left's response to the grassroots movement against critical race theory in schools has been to deny there is any critical race theory in schools speaks to a telling defensiveness. Next year, the Supreme Court may well knock out Roe and Casey, cornerstones of the progressive social agenda.

Of course, the political and cultural war will continue apace. Still, December 2021 looks like an inflection point when, as Breed put it in her speech, "the bull****" finally got a reality check.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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City's bulk-trash schedule listed for 2022

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice
The 2022 bulk trash pickup weeks are April 25-29 and Sept. 12-16.

West Haven residents are reminded to separate metals, recyclables and regular trash from bulk trash and put them out no more than 24 hours before pickup. Violations carry a \$100 fine per daily offense, Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy said.

Residents are also reminded to "Put a Lid on It!" and use lids on all trash cans. Rain-soaked trash costs West Haven 10 times more at the dump,

said McCarthy, adding that using trash can lids will save the city money by reducing the weight of trash and cost of tipping fees.

Bulk items include couches, chairs, tables, carpeting, padding and fencing, which may not exceed 6 feet in length. No building materials, tires, mattresses, propane tanks or hazardous waste are accepted.

Options for disposing of building materials include renting a dumpster or bringing the materials to a disposal facility for a fee.

Tires can be brought to Town Fair Tire, 63 Boston

Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$2.75 per tire.

Mattresses can be disposed of for free in a container at the city's highway maintenance garage, 1 Collis St. Mattresses must be dry.

Hazardous waste can be dropped off for free at HazWaste Central, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven. HazWaste is open Saturday mornings from mid-May through October.

Propane tanks can be brought to Taylor Rental, 304 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$10.60 per tank.

The amount of bulk trash

per collection is limited to 6 cubic yards, which is equal to a pile of trash about 6 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4.5 feet high.

Homeowners are required to rent a dumpster or hire a junk removal service at their expense if trash exceeds 6 cubic yards. Otherwise, trash exceeding 6 cubic yards will be left at the curb, and a \$100 fine per daily offense will be imposed, McCarthy said.

To prevent a potential fine, property owners should familiarize themselves with the city's trash guidelines at <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/260/Bulk-Trash-Pick-up>.

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Bulk trash must be generated by the customer at the residential unit where it is collected. Trash will not be collected if it is generated by anyone other than the resident of the home.

Bulk items must be separated and orderly. Do not place them next to a mailbox or utility pole or close to a fence, McCarthy said.

Also, do not place bulk items in front of a vacant lot or home — they will not be collected, he said.

In addition to bulk trash, the city picks up metals, including household appliances, also known as white goods, and toilets. To schedule a pickup on their curbside collection day, residents must call the Highway Department at 203-937-3644 or 203-937-3585. Appliance doors must be removed.

The 2022 pickup schedule for leaf bags is April 1-June 1 and Oct. 1-Dec. 31. The 2022 pickup schedule for grass bags is May 16-Nov. 18. The bags are picked up on residents' weekly collection days. Leaves and grass clippings must be in separate biodegradable paper bags and will not be accepted if they are in plastic bags.

The city also picks up brush that is cut into 3-to-6-foot lengths and tied in small bundles, no more than 70 pounds. Logs and stumps are prohibited.

Residents can bring grass clippings as well as bagged leaves and untied brush to the compost site, 1 Kimberly Ave., from 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays and, starting in June, from 6:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. The first cubic yard of compost is free with proof of residence. Additional compost costs \$25 per cubic yard. Residents must bring their own buckets and shovels.

For a \$50 fee, the Department of Public Works will deliver up to 2 cubic yards of compost to city homes.

For electronic items, including TVs, the 2022 e-waste drop-off days are Jan. 15, April 23, June 18 and Sept. 17.

Residents can drop off electronic recyclables — typically anything that contains a circuit board or needs a battery — from 8 a.m.-noon at the highway maintenance garage.

The city is partnering with Take 2 Inc. of Waterbury, a state-approved recycler and collector of universal e-waste devices, to collect residential electronic items on a quarterly basis.

The collection is free for residents who have such items as computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, modems, com

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Garcia elected Annawon Master

At its Annual Meeting, Annawon Lodge, 115, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of West Haven elected John A. Garcia of Woodbridge as Lodge Master. He succeeds Worshipful Master Edward Anyafulu. A contracting entrepreneur, Garcia, 30, was born and raised in New Haven, where he attended public schools. After graduating from the Sound School, he continued his education at Southern Connecticut State University. He is a member of the West Haven Lion's Club and was recently elected to the Woodbridge Republican Town Committee.

Saturday, Garcia will be installed at the West Haven Masonic Temple Building located at 263 Center Street. The proceedings will be presided over by Bruce R. Bellmore, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, AF&AM. The rites will include tribute to Anyafulu following the delivery of his 2021 year end report.

In addition to Garcia, other officers to be installed on Saturday are: Senior Warden - Christopher Belous; Junior Warden - Joseph F. McVeety, Jr.; Senior Deacon - Douglas J. Turcotte III; Junior Deacon

- Gerardo Nero; Senior Steward - Jeremy Borelli; Junior Steward - Alexander Rode; Marshal - Naquan Boyd; Historian - William K. Barr, PM; Tiler - Elliot Buenano; Chaplain - Kyle Podpolucha, PM; Secretary - Dennis Frosolone, PM; Treasurer - Gerald Calabritto; Almoner - Steven R. Mullins, PM.

Dinner will be served immediately following the ceremony. Annawon Lodge was chartered on March 24, 1873 in the then-Village of West Haven in the Town of Orange. The Lodge's first location was the second floor of what is now called the Altshuler Building.



GARCIA

Metal detectors placed in 2 schools

By Michael O'Brien
Special to the Voice

The West Haven Board of Education has placed metal detectors at West Haven High School and Harry M. Bailey Middle School for additional security, as announced by Superintendent Neil Cavallaro.

The metal detectors are being installed the week of Dec. 20 and were activated when students and staff returned from winter recess, Monday.

The metal detectors will be placed at the entrances of the high school and middle school, and will be utilized at selected school-sponsored activities, including sporting events.

Given the widely publicized national uptick in school-related threats in recent weeks, the decision was made to employ the precautionary measure.

Concerns voiced by parents, staff and students support the use of this action to keep our schools secure and promote a positive and safe school climate.

The West Haven Public Schools will launch the use of the metal detectors with the assistance of the West Haven Police Department and on-site security staff from Century Protective Services, who participated in the development of the implementation plan.

Superintendent of Schools Neil Cavallaro cautions that, initially, delays may occur at West Haven High School and Harry M. Bailey Middle School while students and staff acclimate to the new arrival procedures.

Students and parents should be prepared to arrive early and are encouraged to be patient while staff members assist with the new safety protocols.

City gives a reminder about Christmas trees

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The city reminds residents not to put Christmas trees in plastic bags or stands for curbside pickup.

Lights must also be removed from Christmas trees. Plastic bags and other items can become tangled in the machine that grinds the trees into compost.

Christmas trees will be picked up in January and February only. Residents needing a pickup after Feb. 28 will be charged a \$25 fee. Christmas trees can also be brought to the compost site at 1 Kimberly Ave.

Also, residents are reminded that four 2022 holidays will delay curbside pickup one day.

Affordable Waste Systems LLC of East Haven, the city's private contractor for rubbish and recyclables, will not pick up rubbish, recyclables or metals on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

If a holiday falls on a weekday, pickup for that week will move ahead one day. But when a holiday like Thanksgiving falls on a Thursday, only Thursday and Friday's collections will move up a day.

Thanksgiving is also the only holiday that excludes metal pickup in those affected districts.

Separate metals and recyclables from regular trash.

Detailed information about the city's trash and recycling guidelines is available at <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/260/Bulk-Trash-Pickup>.

Garden Club slates next meeting

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 10, at Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road, at noon. Members will bring their lunch and the program will be presenter Pati Rudolph creating a Valentine Heart. Newcomers are always welcome to join us wearing a mask.

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Stevens bids farewell

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, right, congratulates Executive Director Patricia W. "Patty" Stevens on her retirement from the West Haven Community House during a reception attended by administrative staff members and officers and members of the board of directors at 227 Elm St. on Dec. 17. Rossi presented a citation to Stevens for 36 years of service, including the last 16 as executive director, to the social service agency, established in 1941. She was also cited by the mayor for making "a real difference in our city Stevens was hired as the Community House's administrative assistant in 1984 — the beginning of a steady climb through the not-for-profit organization that saw her promoted to assistant director in 1986, associate executive director in 1988 and executive director in 2005.

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The Poli House, Right) which is now headquarters for the West Haven Historical Society is to receive funds from the \$4 million in grants announced this week. The house, once the home of Jeanne Poli, daughter of Vaudeville and Movie House mogul Sylvester Poli, was purchased and preserved by the Society. Meanwhile, (bottom right) the Arts Center on Center Street, and pumping stations on Ocean Avenue (middle) and Beach Street (bottom left) are scheduled for rehabilitation



Grants: \$4 million to fund projects

Continued from page 1 with some of our infrastructure needs as well as our downtown revitalization efforts. Those grant dollars will be divided among our two pumping stations for much needed repair and new bathrooms. Additionally, the \$1.5 million grant to the arts center will help jump start our efforts to revitalize our downtown," said Ferraro.

Mayor Nancy Rossi thanked Borer and the delegation for the effort, helping her goal of improving city facilities.

"I want to thank Representative Borer for her continued efforts to bring state funding to West Haven. This funding will allow the city to move forward with our planned sewer pump station upgrades along the shorefront and add additional and much needed restrooms for beach goers and walkers. Funding will also contribute the renovation and opening of the art center downtown, as well as, needed upgrades to the Ward-Heitmann House. This funding is critical for the continued progress and future of West Haven."

Jon Purmont, President of the Historical Society, was thrilled with the news that the Historical Society would receive funding.

"The West Haven Historical Society is an important asset to the city because it keeps alive the records of the history, growth, and development of West Haven from its settlement in 1648 to the present. It is a vital resource of information about the people who lived here, the social and material culture which flourished here, along with the educational,

business, and economic components that characterized West Haven over time.

"The society's landmark home, the historic Poli House, which stands opposite the West Haven Green, is a reminder the community treasures its notable past and values its future as the state's youngest municipality."

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Businesses bring holiday cheer!

Photos by Rosa Richardson

Above -- West Haven Youth and Family Services Director Diane Dietman, right, receives \$675 worth of Target and Walmart gift cards from social committee chair Donna Hall on behalf of the New Haven Ski Club at City Hall on Dec. 22. The gift cards will benefit families of the West Haven Interagency Network for Children and other low-to-moderate-income families in the city. The Ski Club is a longtime benefactor of Youth and Family Services.



Below -- Dietman, left, receives two boxes of toys and a bag of winter hats from sales and marketing coordinator Madeleine Miranda on behalf of Advanced Grow Labs LLC of West Haven outside City Hall on Dec. 22. The items, collected at the company's gift drive recently, will benefit families of the West Haven Interagency Network for Children and other low-to-moderate-income families in the city. Target of Orange also donated \$150 worth of gift cards to Youth and Family Services as part of the retail store's community outreach program.



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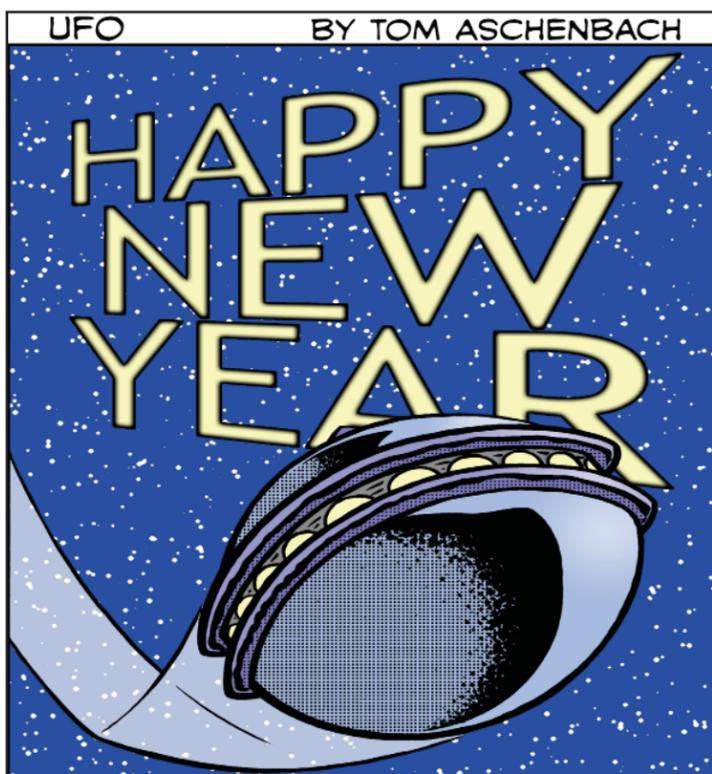
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Historian's corner **By Dan Shine**

The Move

"Life is made up of small comings and goings: And for everything that we take with us, we leave a little piece of ourselves behind."

-Herman Raucher
September, 1961

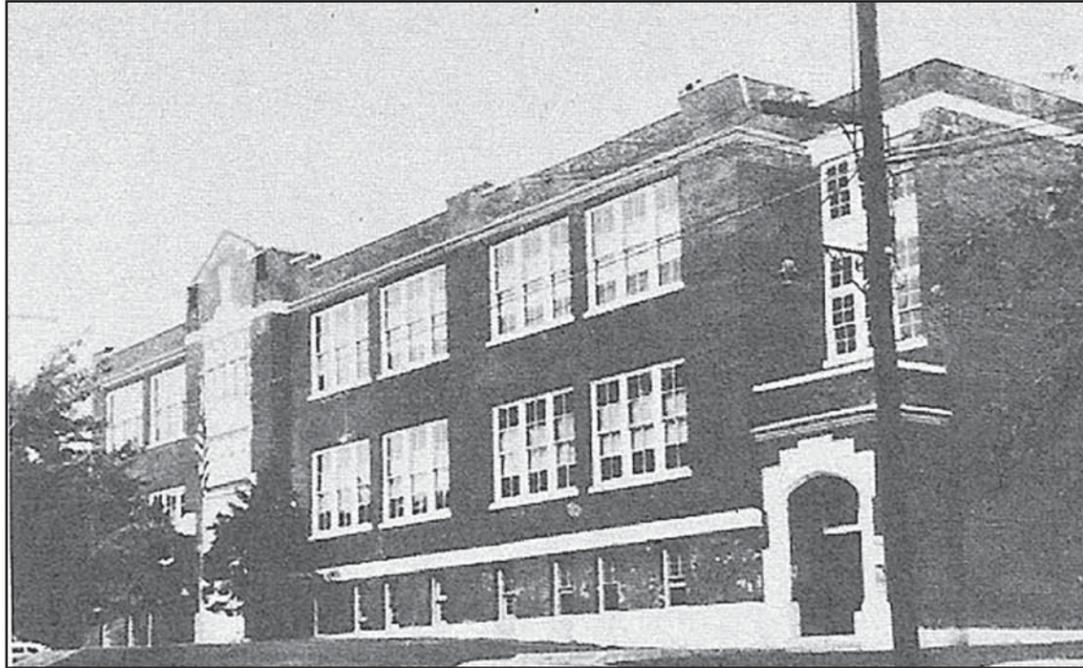
The Boy's bicycle had a coaster brake and no fenders: the chipped paint was a faded blue. Sister's bicycle had rusty fenders, three speeds and hand brakes. Both had been purchased at the police station as "stolen, recovered and unclaimed." Neither bicycle was very impressive, but they were acceptable, and typical for those times.

There was a "Sold by Art Nugent" sign on the lawn in front of the house on Kelsey Avenue: As they pedaled away, they didn't look back. When they reached Savin Avenue they turned right, in the direction of the West Shore.

Fifteen minutes later, they arrived at what would be their new home. Mother and Father were already there, and they were unpacking a mountain of cardboard boxes. Some were stuffed with newspapers and filled with fragile things, and then there were beds and tables, disassembled and lying in a corner of the living room, waiting for their turn to be assembled and put to use.

The Boy was excited: This was a bigger house than the one they had left-- it had four bedrooms--and this was good, for there were three children now, with another one on the way. The Boy and Sister were put to work right away, unpacking boxes and putting the contents away as instructed.

Home was on a quiet street, complete with a brook running down the middle of a grassy esplanade--the boy would spend hours playing in that brook, catching frogs and constructing dams from the stones in the brook bed. Near-



Colonial Park School was torn down in the 1990s.



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

by was a lake, with ducks, fish, and turtles and beyond it was the shore and a sandy beach. Nearly every house had children in it, so there were almost limitless opportunities to make new friends and playmates. As for his old friends from Kelsey Avenue, he would not see them again until he entered Junior High School.

Speaking of school, just around the corner from home was Colonial Park School, a five-minute walk from home. The Boy began the new school year in fourth grade, in Mr. von Allman's class. He sat next to a girl named Diane Cole: They were too shy to speak to one another, but one day, far off in the future, The Boy's son would marry Diane's daughter and together they would become grandparents. But for now, adulthood, and all of those things that went with it couldn't be farther from The Boy's mind.

Now his daydreams concerned trips to the beach, where he would meet with his friends most every summer afternoon--or skating and

sledding with his friends in winter--or playing ball at Brennan Field--for there was always something going on, and the freedoms of youth in that era were far in excess of those of today's world.

The ultimate in summer excitement came every July 3, when the West Shore Fire Department hosted a carnival, complete with rides, games, and a spectacular late-night fireworks display that packed the beaches.

But some days there were chores to be done, and errands to be run: Mother might send The Boy to Dawson Avenue Market to pick up items that were necessary for the dinner she was preparing. The market was actually a corner store, situated on the first floor of a two-family house, and the final price of the customer's order was added up

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DJ Carfora celebrates his goal against the Fairfield-Warde Mustangs last week. The depleted Westies took it on the chin against the visitors, with COVID outbreaks abbreviating the

Lady Westies improve to 3-0 in early season

The West Haven girls basketball team improved to 3-0 with a resounding 68-12 victory over Bassick Thursday afternoon at West Haven High. Ten different players were in the scoring column and three were in double digits for coach Jessica Moriarty's team.

Kassidy Carrano led the Westies with 17 points, Amani Abuhatab had 14 points, and Dealyce Howard added 10 points. Isabella Fiorillo scored nine points, while Daniela Campillo scored her first varsity points.

The Westies jumped out of the gates quickly and scored 18 points in the opening quarter, led by Abuhatab with 9.

West Haven added 22 more points in the second quarter as seven players got in the scoring column. Campillo drained her first varsity basket, Fiorillo scored four points, while Carrano scored six and Howard added five.

The Westies led 49-9 in the middle of the third quarter in a dominant effort. The Westies hit on 24 field goals and five 3-pointers in the game, but

only hit on 5-of-12 free throws.

The West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy girls hockey team fell to 2-2 with a 3-0 loss against Stamford/Westhill/Staples Monday afternoon at the Edward L. Bennett Rink.

While the Westie Sharks struggled offensively, Hannah Davey was harp in net, turning aside 29 shots.

SWS took a 1-0 lead in the first period, before Davey kept the deficit at one goal with nine saves in the period. Davey turned aside 10 shots in each of the final two periods, but SWS scored twice in the second for a 3-0 advantage.

With the Westie Sharks missing seven players from the lineup, the deficit was too large to overcome in the second loss of the season.

West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy improved to 3-2 with a 2-0 victory over Hand/Coginchaug/Valley/Old Lyme Wednesday evening at the Edward L. Bennett Rink.

Davey posted the shutout with 13 saves, Ashley Welch had two assists and the Westie Sharks used a solid defense to

pick up their third win of the year.

After a scoreless first period, the Westie Sharks scored the only goal they would need when Mae Iversen picked up a rebound of a Welch shot and slid the puck into an open net with 8:01 remaining in the middle period.

The goal opened the contest up and Julianna Picard looked as if she would increase the lead, but the freshman was denied on a breakaway just over a minute later.

Davey made Iversen's goal stand up with two big saves in front in the final six minutes of the middle period.

Welch was turned aside in front just over a minute into the third, and Caitlin Welch was denied in front five minutes in.

With Davey turning aside six saves in the third period, West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy got an insurance goal when Ashley Welch fed Meghan Dupre, who backhanded a rebound into an empty net for a 2-0 lead with

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Photo by Todd Dandelske

West Haven's Mike Alfano (90) forechecks against Fairfield Warde. His squad was unsuccessful in topping the visitors.



My Two Cents

By Bill Riccio, Jr.

The football season is winding down. The college season ended – almost – with the myriad of bowl games that started almost immediately after the league championships in the first week of December. The finale is next week, with the National Championship weekend for both the FCS and FBS, the Football Championship Subdivision (once Div. IAA) and the Football Bowl Subdivision (once Div. I). The high school season is over, and has been since the CIAC championships, Dec. 11.

Believe it or not, in the next few weeks, the rules makers of the high school game, the National Federation of State High School Association's Rules Committee, meets in Indianapolis, Jan. 23-25. That three-day session will determine if any new rules will be introduced into the game beginning Aug. 1. That is the date the new rules officially take effect with many states having practices begin as early as July because of schools opening in early August.

The Rules Committee comprises the 49 states that play under NFHS rules (Texas plays under the NCAA code), and the District of Columbia. Representatives from those states and DC, along with a representative of the NFHS Coaches and Officials Associations meet each year at the end of January to determine rules changes. It is not all fun and games. It is a very intense and thorough process. For a decade, this writer was part of that group, first as a voting member, representing the Officials Association, and then as a non-voting member as part of the Officials Manual Committee (the book of mechanics on how the game is officiated).

The first thing to understand about the NFHS game is the philosophy of who the game is designed to accommodate: high school-aged players. The second thing to understand is most of those players will not play at higher levels, so the game is geared toward a broader talent pool. Rules that are used at higher levels might not be applicable to the high school game. This second point is very much in the minds of the representatives as each proposal is vetted, and over the years, changes were made that were part of that give-and-take.

During those days, medical reports are heard via the national medical subcommittee, injury statistics outlined, and, many times, recommendations are made as to rules changes or tweaks. During my time, concussions were the major topic, and rules added or adjusted to mitigate the potential. The blind-side block rule is an example, a rule taken up by both the NCAA and NFL since it was introduced in 2013.

There are six subcommittees with about eight or nine members each, ranging from "equipment" to "competition." The proposals, which must be in by Nov. 1, are then meted out to the subcommittees for initial vetting, and the late morning session the first day culls through those proposals. During my term as few as 11 and as many as 46 proposals were reviewed.

Some do not make it past the first meeting and are immediately voted down by the subcommittee. Seldom does a rule, once voted out by the subcommittee come to the floor, but "minority reports" do happen, and sometimes are voted to the floor by the full body. Many of the proposals are duplicates and are melded into one proposal.

Three answers to questions are necessary for passage: Does it maintain the balance of the game between offense and defense? Does it promote safety? Can it be officiated?

That first question has resulted in some differences from the other codes that sometimes confuse fans. For example, the NFHS code does not allow a passer to throw the ball away if he is outside the Tackle Box as in the NCAA and NFL. The reason: it takes a good play away from the defense.

Sometimes this rule results in odd compromises.

During my term, each year there were proposals to eliminate the loss of down for offensive pass interference, while keeping the automatic first down for DPI. A strong minority opposed this, saying the loss of down and automatic first down were two sides of the same coin, and harm the balance. For four straight years the rule was short the necessary 38 to be passed. Finally, in 2012 a rule eliminating

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Photo by Todd Dandelske

Mae Iversen scores to help the Westie Sharks beat the Tigers, 2-0. The win gave the West Haven-Sacred Heart Sharks a 3-2 record in the early going of the season.



Westies

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6:05 to go in the game.

All that was left was Davey's shutout which she preserved when she denied a Hand breakaway with 4:36 remaining.

Down a handful of players, the West Haven boys hockey team was in a tied contest half-way through Wednesday evening's game against Fairfield Warde/Ludlowe. The game turned in an instant.

Scoring three goals in the final 3:05 of the second period and twice more in the first 43 seconds of the third, Fairfield Warde/Ludlowe topped the Westies 10-2 at the Edward L. Bennett Rink.

West Haven was outshot 35-14 in the game as the team fell to 0-3 on the year.

Trailing 1-0 to start the second, the Westies got on the board to even the game when Marcus Burrows jarred the puck loose and D.J. Carfora picked up the loose puck. Carfora crashed the net and used a backhand to even the contest at one just 1:15 into the period.

Carfora's goal gave the Westies momentum, but they could not capitalize. Fairfield Warde/Ludlowe scored its second power play goal of the game for a 2-1 advantage with 6:48 remaining in the period.

West Haven could not get the equalizer and the guests scored three times in the final 3:05, all within a span of 1:46 for a 5-1 lead after two periods. The Mustangs, who scored three times on the power play, put the game away with two goals in the opening minute of the third period for a 7-1 lead.

Trailing 9-1, Burrows got the Westies closer when he one-timed a pass from Brady Price for a goal with under five minutes remaining.

Javed Ullah made 25 saves in the loss for West Haven.



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The West Haven Chapter of the Lions Club International installed new officers recently. District Governor Lori Anne Bennison (center) installed from left to right Treasurer Victor Borrás, Vice President Steven R. Mullins, President Carolyn Sires & Secretary Robert Craven.



Revamped Lions Club looks to reach out

The new, revitalized chapter of the West Haven Lions Club International has been chartered and installed a slate of officers at a ceremony last month.

Although not officially recognized until December, last fall, the chapter donated school supplies for underprivileged West Haven students.

The supplies that were donated by city residents and businesses were presented to West Haven Youth and Family

Service Director Diane Dietman. Dietman distributed the supplies to schools that are in the most need. The chapter is also currently having a WHEAT food drive and a coat drive for veterans. Items can be dropped off at the Physicians Physical Therapy, located at 544 Campbell Ave.

The Lions Clubs International is an international service organization, established in 1917 by Chicago businessman Melvin Jones. Jones, then

38, told his fellow business leaders at a local business club that they should think beyond their businesses and work to the betterment of their communities. The group formed the International Association of Lions Clubs. The motto of the Lions Club is "We Serve." LIONS is an acronym for Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety.

Local Lions Clubs' programs include sight conservation, hearing and speech con-

servation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, international relations, environmental issues and many other programs.

The West Haven Chapter is currently collecting used prescription eyeglasses. The glasses can be dropped off at Physicians Physical Therapy. West Haven's new chapter is being led by local business-

woman and Branford Town Representative Carolyn Sires and West Haven Planning & Zoning Commissioner Steven R. Mullins.

Meetings will be held Thursday evenings at Physicians Physical Therapy, 544 Campbell Avenue, West Haven. New members are welcome. For additional information, please call (203) 937-6150.

Trash: *Schedule listed*

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puter mice, tablet computers, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, photocopiers, fax machines, scanners, video game machines, digital media players, personal digital assistants, stereo equipment, telephones, cell-phones, cameras, microwaves and other small appliances. Anything that has refrigerant, including air conditioners and dehumidifiers, is not accepted. Those items are considered white goods, and residents are asked to schedule a pick-up on their curbside collection day by calling the Highway Department. For details, visit <http://cityofwesthaven.com/263/E-waste-Drop-off>.

For the e-waste drop-off, heed the following guidelines:

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Yale clinic offers help

The Anxiety and Mood Disorders Program at the Yale Child Study Center offers comprehensive evaluations and treatments for children and adolescents ages 6 to 14 years. Services are provided at no cost to families who agree to participate in research but can otherwise be provided for a fee (with a sliding scale plan also available).

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

The second trial, for children 10-14, tests the effects of a brief computer-based training that targets attentional processes to reduce social anxiety in children. Attention training is a promising treatment for anxiety disorders because the hope is to train the child's brain to divert from threatening stimuli. Participants will complete the computer program twice a week for four weeks. If interested, please feel free to call (203) 737-4644 or email anxiety.csc@yale.edu.

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My Two Cents

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both the loss of down and automatic first down was proposed – and was accepted to the surprise of many. That is the rule we have today.

Once the rules are finalized by two-thirds vote on the last day, the rules are not done going through the vetting process. The editorial committee tweaks the verbiage, while a team of lawyers reviews the alterations for any problems that might result. Once it goes through those steps it is put into the rulebook.

In case you wonder, the NCAA and NFHS are across the street from each other in Indy. The NCAA Rules Committee meets in February, and keeps tabs of what is discussed. Many times, it will adopt a similar rule if applicable.

So, the next time you wonder why the high school game does not have some of the same rules as other versions of football, understand that the NFHS Rules Committee is thinking of a game played by student-athletes between 14-18, and of disparate talent levels. Then you can understand the mindset of those who are charged with keeping the game safe.



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Back to Work

With the holiday season closing out students at the West Haven Community House's Head Start Room 1100A returned to the daily grind. Schools all over the city and state reopened this week after a 10-day hiatus. This youngster got right to work honing her drawing skills.

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4	Rascal	22	Rubber gas-ket	40	406, in Roman numerals
5	Atlantic catches	23	Nuisance abbr.	42	Calendar
6	Granada gold	25	Mom's mom	43	Eg. and Syr., once
7	QB stats	26	Place to get a fruit smoothie	44	Oklahoma city
8	Hearty	27	Hotel chain	45	Ump
9	Furniture brand	28	Combo		
10	Actor	30	School orgs.		

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

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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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

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Answers
Solution time: 23 mins.

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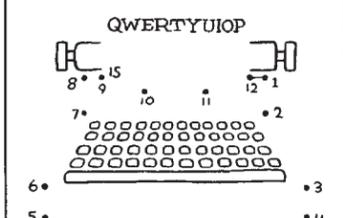
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Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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USING ANY OF THE ABOVE 10 letters from the top row of a standard typewriter, see if you can create a 10-letter word. (You can repeat some letters.) Connect the dots to get the answer.

A RHYMING RIDDLE!
"What's in the church But not the steeple? The parson has it, But not the people."

DOUBLE TROUBLE! Below are six partially spelled words. Four letters are missing from each. In each case, you must find a two-letter word that can be used to fill in the missing letters. Below you'll find some hints.

1	F	_	D	_	G	O
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4	C	_	T	R	I	_
5	G	R	E	_	C	O
6	C	_	R	I	D	_

Hints:
1. (AN) Fandango, 2. (HE) Heather, 3. (TO) Tomatoes
4. (ON) Contrition, 5. (AT) Greatcoat, 6. (OH) Corridor

Junior Whirl
by Charles Barry Townsend

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Let's ring in the new year with a dictionary quiz! To the left is a list of eight words, each of which contains either the word "new" or the word "year." Using the following hints, see if you can figure out what these words are:

- Staircase support.
- Record of events.
- He knew his apples.
- July 2, 1999, for example.
- Current-events movie.
- Certain racehorse.
- Obstruct.
- A longing.

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Book signing

West Haven author Dan Shine and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi take turns signing a paperback copy of the new centennial book, "City of West Haven: Village to Town," for residents Eleanor and Donald Froehlich at the Main Library on Dec. 20. Unboxing books to sign is city Human Resources Commissioner Beth A. Sabo, the chairwoman of the City of West Haven Centennial Celebration Committee, which commissioned the book. Below -- Author Dan Shine signs a copy of the new West Haven centennial book for lifelong Westie Carol Gunning. Looking on are Village Improvement Association President John Galvin and city Human Resources Commissioner Beth A. Sabo, the chairman of the City of West Haven Centen-



Historian's Corner

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with a pencil on the side of the shopping bag. And there were trips to West Shore Pharmacy on Ocean Avenue from time to time. The pharmacy had a magazine rack and a full collection of comic books for sale at twelve cents each, and if he had a quarter, The Boy would order a cherry Coke from the soda fountain.

Next door was a small convenience store. Just around the corner, John Perrone had a barber shop at the bottom of Prospect Street, and The Boy would ride his bike there after school every so often. A few doors up Prospect Street was Jack's Variety Store, where The Boy could find just about anything that might be of interest to young customers. Across from Jack's was West Shore Public Library, where The Boy would check out books from time to time. Jack London's Alaska Gold Rush stories were his favorite, and awakened in him a great spirit of adventure.

Life is Change: The Boy would spend his teens along the West Shore, far from the familiar sounds and smells of Savin Rock, where he had spent his first years. And then one day, he would grow up and move away from the shore.

But tradition is strong, and sometimes favorite places have a way of pulling you back:

Ultimately, he would return to the shore where he would spend the rest of his years among the familiar places and happy memories of his youth.

The more things change, the more they stay the same.



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COVID abridges schedules

The COVID outbreak wreaked havoc on the scholastic sports schedule leading into the Christmas break with games postponed. Some were played, with hockey among them for both girls and boys. Above -- Meghan Dupre moves the puck up the ice against Hand. Right -- Joe D'Aurio moves a Fairfield Warde player from the front of the net. See the results inside.



Squirt AA wins Christmas Classic

The West Haven Youth Hockey Squirt AA travel hockey team spent the holiday break notching four wins to capture the Connecticut Christmas Classic championship in Northford.

In the final, Sophie Digioia scored the game-winner with three minutes to go to outlast the Wonderland Wizards AA, 3-2.

After falling behind early, Charlie Gunning evened the score after being set up by Andrew Lacasse and Rocco Kelly. The teams traded goals until Digioia evened the score before the game-winner.

AJ Farrell, Kelly and Gunning had assists for the Westies. Quinn Smith got the win in net and finished with 15 saves in the final.

In the opening round, the Westies used a natural hat trick from Lacasse and a goal from Jaxon Troyer to down the Whalers AA, 4-1. Gunning and Digioia combined for five assists.

Smith had 11 saves in net for the Westies. The Westies received solid defensive play from Farrell, Peyton Berlepsch and Owen Santos.

Dylan Spreyer exploded for his own natural hat trick

as the Westies were all over the Northwestern AA 12-2. Kelly and Digioia each had two goals, and Kelly added 4 assists. Jeremiah McGrath, Cody Young, and Colby Cush-

ing also found the back of net for the Westies.

Young, Gunning, Kelly and Lacasse scored to pace the Westies to a 4-1 win over Wonderland AA in the final game

of pool play. Troyer, Young, Digioia and Gunning accounted for the assists.

Smith finished with 16 saves, included two saves on breakaways for the win.

For all your West Haven sporting news throughout the year, including game articles by Mike Madera, highlights, photos and more, visit www.westieblue.com.



Submitted Photo

The West Haven Squirt AA team used the holiday break to win a tournament title. The team captured the Connecticut Christmas Classic title at Northford.