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Council vote, Tier IV press Rossi team

With the almost assured threat of a complete state takeover of city financial concerns, and a No Confidence vote by the City Council last week, Mayor Nancy N. Rossi faces the most difficult time in her tenure, with calls for her resignation coming from the city's Republican Town Committee and some other quarters.

The mayor has been facing a rising tide of criticism since the publication of the CohnReznick audit of federal COVID fund expenditures under the CARES Act. Some of those expenditures were under question previously, but the conclusions of the auditors have rekindled those concerns.

Last week, the Municipal Accountability Review Board voted to recommend to Gov. Ned Lamont the city be put under Tier IV status, meaning an almost-complete takeover of the city's financial matters. Under the current legislation, the governor must wait until a 30-day comment period is completed, and then will determine whether or not to follow the recommendation. It is believed his OK is a certainty.

Once that happens, it will be the second time in 30 years this the city has been put into a type of receivership by the state, the last time being 1991-1994, when then-Mayor H. Richard Borer, Jr. asked the state for \$35 million to cover shortfalls in an underfunded budget by his predecessor Clemente Evangeliste.

This new set of restrictions follow a similar pattern to those the city was under during that time period, and can include restructuring of city labor contracts, and overseeing the city's procedures, and implementing reforms.

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Photo courtesy of David Killeen

Sandy Point Clean-up

Members of the Sandy Point Neighborhood Association conducted their first beach clean-up Sandy Point in preparation for the annual nesting season that happens every spring. Prior to the clean-up an instruction was conducted. Volunteers scoured the shoreline for debris that might inhibit the growth of the hatchlings. The association plans other events during the year. See page 9 for more photos and details.

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The artist Gianni G, a first grade student in the West Haven Community House After School Program, sees great weather over the next day with time to watch for spring birds.

On this Date

1992 -- The first exoplanets are discovered.

Polish astronomer Aleksander Wolszczan announced that he found two planets orbiting the pulsar PSR 1257+12.

1967-- Dictator Georgios Papadopoulos assumes power in Greece.

During his six-year reign, thousands of political opponents were incarcerated and tortured.

1934 -- The Surgeon's photo, allegedly showing the Loch Ness Monster, is published in the Daily Mail. In reality, the famous image depicts a toy submarine with a head and neck made of wood putty.

1918 -- The Red Baron is killed. Manfred von Richthofen was a legendary German fighter pilot.

He earned his renown and nickname by achieving 80 air combat victories in World War I. He was shot down and killed during combat at the age of 25.

1509 -- Henry VIII is crowned King of England. In popular culture, the monarch is known mainly for his six marriages, two of which ended with the wife's execution.



City man appointed at UB

University of Bridgeport (UB) announced the appointment of West Haven resident William Guerrero as Vice-President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Guerrero will be responsible for managing the financial stability of the University. As a member of UB's Senior Cabinet, he will report directly to President Danielle Wilken, Ed.D.

Guerrero has more than two decades of financial leadership in higher education. He joins UB from Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he served as Vice President for Finance and Administration.

He also previously served as Vice President for Finance and Administration and CFO at Ithaca College in New York and Vice President for Finance and Treasurer of Albertus Magnus College in Connecticut.

A life-long resident of Southern Connecticut and current city resident, Guerrero earned his bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of Connecticut and an MBA from Sacred Heart University.

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Carew named to state Fire Hall of Fame

By Steven R. Mullins
 Allingtown Volunteer
 West Haven Center District
 Fire Commissioner and Allingtown Volunteer Fire Association Chief John Carew was inducted in the Connecticut State Fire Association Hall of Fame at the organization's

Fourteenth Annual Induction Dinner, held at the Aqua Turf in Southington on April 7th. Carew, who is also a West Haven 911 dispatcher was accompanied by his girlfriend Kathy Magowan. The dinner was attended by representatives from all three of West

Haven's fire services, career, volunteer and retired. Carew began his involvement in fire service in 1981, when he joined the West Haven Center District's Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 as a young volunteer firefighter. He has served as the Company Captain for many years.

In addition to his work as a first responder, Carew has made a very positive and long-lasting impression on countless young people as he served, with unparalleled dedication for over 20 years as a Plumbing Trades Teacher at the Platt Regional Technical High School in Milford.

A longtime active member of both the New Haven County Fire Chiefs Emergency Plan and the Connecticut State Firefighters Irregulars Association, Carew is renowned statewide for his many years of involvement with the Connecticut State Firefighters Association.

In 2016, he served as the organization's New Haven County Vice President. He was later elevated to First Vice President and later served as President from 2019-2020. He is currently the organization's Legislative Coordinator, working full-time with the Connecticut State Senate

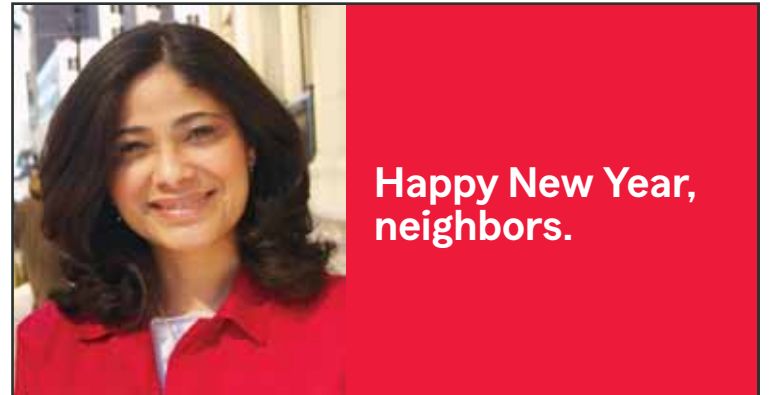
and House of Representatives, promoting positive legislative actions that would benefit all of Connecticut's firefighters, career, and volunteer.

"Chief Carew demonstrates and portrays our service to the public with a quiet, professional attitude." Said City of

West Haven - Allingtown Fire Department Chief Michael Terenzio. "Carew continually demonstrates his dedication to those of us who protect as he assists in protecting member of our service, both career and volunteer alike," Ternzion said..



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A Partner in the Community

Dear Felicia

Usually, I open these missives with some light chat before delving into the political wasteland that is our Asylum by the Sea, but that can't happen this week, honeybunch. Too much has transpired. By the time yew git this who knows what political Hades is going to be unleashed on the burg, but it will not be pleasant, that is for certain.

The last fortnight has been a time when events are happening soooo quickly, it's hard to keep up. Sammy Bluejay was outside the City Council meeting last week, and said the only things missing from the scene were pitchforks and torches. It was an ugly crowd that assembled in the Harriet North Room, and they wanted to vent their collective spleens on what was going on. Sammy said that a bad situation turned into grand opera when it was found that Her-

roner decided to go to some long-awaited conference than attend the meeting.

As yew might expect, no explanation was gonna be sufficient to quell the anger of the crowd, which included her own supporters, who had to be disappointed. Herroner's explanation didn't help, either, as she didn't say where she was, nor what the conference was about --- just that it was long planned. So, the veracity of the need to be away was something questioned from the get go. Needless to say, Peter Massaro, the chairman of the council had to announce this absence, taking the brunt of the crowd's vitriol in the process.

Whoever told the mayor it was a good idea to take a junket to a conference when the political heat was on should be taken to the woodshed, and then relieved of his or her du-

ties. It was not a political astute, nor practical decision.

Of course, the topic that brought all these political chickens to roost was the CohnReznick audit on the city's use of federal COVID relief funds. It was a damning document, but one that city officials were saying was incomplete or lacked crucial documentary evidence. Herroner could have brought that all to the fore effen she attended. Instead, it gives more credence to people thinking the worst.

On top of it all, the MARB voted the city into the dreaded Tier IV status, that will hamstring officials, and impose whatever the MARB decides it wants. This was what was to be avoided, and the inevitability of it hit the city like a brick.

For the next while, the people on the panel will make rules, impose sanctions, alter contracts if desired, and redesign the budget that was under consideration, just to name a few. Any revamping of the city's financial procedures will come from them, and for all intents and purposes, the city becomes a ward of the state until such time as the MARB believes it can relinquish the reins. This is worse than 1990-1993.

Meanwhile, effen Herroner thinks she has any political future, she might have to re-

assess that position. Cobina would be astounded to see her survive this. With about 20 months left in her term, she will be under the thumb of MARB, and have little more than rubber stamp authority.

As yew would expect, Sammy noted that some are asking for her resignation, but then what would happen. Peter Massaro might not wanna be mayor - who would?

Unfortunately, she and her team could not bring to heel the political culture that is the Actors Colony. While we were under receivership the last time, things were not changed, and we have been moving slowly and steadily toward this point with City Hall carrying on as it always has.

In a very real sense, sweets, this ain't about Nancy Rossi, it's about the city's political culture, and the way it has done business for many, many years. She just happened to be warming the seat on the thoid floor when the dam broke.

Also, still to be determined is the aforesaid problems in the audit. That is being lost in this latest conflagration. If documentation was not seen or, worse, ignored, that gets pushed into the background, when it is a real concern.

I told yew two weeks ago that even one of the owners of this papyrus was threatening legal action effen things weren't corrected in the report, and that he had the documentation the auditors either didn't see or ignored. That will be working through the system in the background. But, it is an important story, nonetheless.

Nelly Nuthatch, meanwhile, came over t'other afternoon, and sez that the GOP's call for the mayor's head, while OK on the face of it, is a lost opportunity effen the Republican Town Committee doesn't offer up solutions. Cobina has to admit, when the RTC message came through over the wire (you can read it in the Letters section) we thought it no more than boilerplate. When is the GOP gonna start offering alternatives, plans, vision?

Part of the reason we're in this mess is the GOP has been asleep at the switch for the better part of 30 years, playing along the edges, instead of being an opposition party. Having one party in power for that long, when at one time we were a two-party town, is the reason rot sets in and becomes systemic. Nobody is watching the store.

Even the three-way splitting of the Democratic Party, where the three factions rotated being in power, really was just the same old faces taking up the same old positions. This administration is just more of the Picard years,

while other administrations either bowed to the Borer or Morrissey factions.

This is the opportunity for the GOP to up its game and become a real opposition. Barry Cohen lost the mayoralty by a handful of still-objected votes. It would seem the city is ripe for a strong opposing party. But what has shown up so far is just the same old stuff, that one would expect.

Madame Olga came over and we were discussing the lawsuit that is still coursing through the legal system brought by the aforementioned Barry Lee Cohen. That suit has not been dismissed, and from what Olga sees in her crystal, things may actually go to trial. That means discovery, and parsing through records. How it all plays out is anyone's guess. We are in strange waters regarding what happens if there are irregular or illegal ballots that determined an election.

Cohen is playing his cards close to the vest, and Olga sez he ain't letting anyone know what's happening or what he thinks will happen. He's just letting it happen.

In a political atmosphere that has seen some perty strange things happening since last summer's revelation of alleged fraud, one wonders what fresh hell will be unleashed effen it s found that things were not done according to Hoyle. Sweetie, the way things are going, it's gonna git wore, and I don't know effen it ever gits better.

Christine Gallo, who supplies the "Hidden Gems" colyume that semi-regularly appears in these pages, let Cobina know that she's still wanting info on the way artifacts from the amusement park are gonna be displayed with the new brewing establishment rebuilds the current "Savin Rock Conference Center."

Says Gallo, "Marty Juliano of NEBCO told me that the brewery is providing a hallway, 16 X 115 feet, for the city to display Savin Rock Memorabilia. That's it for them. Beth Sabo is in charge of everything happening in that space."

Gallo reported the exhibits are being catalogued and put in storage at Yale West for the time being. Plans call for them to be put in glass cases, and descriptions given. Those things that the museum housed that didn't have anything to do with the park, were disbursed to other place, but a Revolutionary War cannon was somehow given the New Haven Colony Historical Society, rather than the Veterans Museum.

"Beth says she has a committee that will design the new space. I protested that the high-traffic area entering a brewery isn't conducive to a museum experience; she claims that they will indeed See Felicia, page 5

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Gripe Vine Readers:

On numerous occasions I have been asked what the Boot Law details are and why the City of West Haven is not operating the Boot Law anymore

.According to West Haven Tax Manager, Rachel A-Masih, "The Booting Program is used in West Haven when taxes for Motor Vehicles are delinquent, and people are not paying after being sent notice (which were sent in early March.) The fees are collected by the booting company and do not come to the city they are for the booting itself. The city only gets our taxes and statutory interest/fees out of the program while booting does increase delinquent payments there is no way to quantify the amount that comes due to the booting program and those for people who need to register their vehicles or just want to clear up their debt.

"The boot is administered by the vehicle immobilization company Vioalert not the West Haven Police. The program is run in conjunction with our collection agency, Tax Service. There is no cost to the city to run this program. After the delinquent tax, interest and any fees are paid there is an additional boot fee that must be paid by the delinquent taxpayer in order for the boot to be released. Additional information for the boot program is on our website Tax Collector/ West Haven.CT/(cityofwesthaven.com) as are instructions on what to do if a vehicle has

been booted for delinquent taxes.

Due to the Pandemic no booting was done but we are working with the administration to determine its use this tax cycle. The direct payments for the 1,133 vehicles booted for the 2014 to the 2019 \$714,854.97. This program also increases our motor vehicle collections due to people being worried they will be booted for non-payment when they see the company going around.

Any booting being done by the West Haven Police would have to be questioned to them directly as it does not go through our department, and we do not have any knowledge of it "

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Why do the snowplows push the snow to the even side of Leete Street? Why not alternate even and odd sides?

A Curious Resident

Dear Resident:

I wrote to your District Councilwoman: Bridgette Hoskie. She replied, "It has been this way for many years, but discussions have been to rotate. They are trying to determine the best way to do it because it could cause mass confusion and issues."

Dear Gripe Vine Readers:

A few suggestions from a reader:

Eleanore, here a few suggestions that might make our city safer:

To the City of West Haven, "For every pothole, place an orange warning cone. It will



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

accomplish two things, invest in the purchase of more orange cones or place West Haven as the city with more potholes!"

And Eleanore, what we need is a bumper sticker for our cars, that says, "Not drunk, just trying to avoid potholes."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Over the last four months, the trash pickup in the Hillside/Central Avenue has been happening earlier with this week's pickup at 3:45 a.m. Its been disruptive with the loud noises causing barking dog and sleep issues which is not fine for those having to get up for work. What can be done to change this back to the previous later pickup times of at least 5:30 or 6 a.m.?

Chris Hansen



Potholes are a problem all over the city at this time of year, and many complaints have been received concerning overflowed trashbins at the bike/walk path. Here are two examples.

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Dear Felicia

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market this as a museum and a stand-alone one as you can visit without having to patronize the brewery (it's not a discrete area within the brewery, however, as you have to traverse it to get to the brewery). There are some pluses over the current space: everything will be behind glass (not so before), the artifacts will have many more viewers, and the brewery will sell memorabilia, the proceeds of which go to the museum, and we don't have to man the shop or the museum."

Gallo has her misgivings about the arrangement, and is staying on top of this. I am sure there will be more to follow.

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

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Rossi absent at wrong time

Conference or no conference, Mayor Nancy N. Rossi committed what some journalists like to call an “unforced error,” by not attending last week’s City Council meeting and taking what was dished out by the public, politicians, and the council itself. That is a polite way to put it. It was, in fact, a bonehead decision that will have political ramifications for the remainder of her term.

In the wake of the CohnReznick audit that found city financial procedures systemically flawed, the mayor said she was at a conference that was a year in the planning and could not get out of it. Well, yes, she could have. She should have dropped her plans, taken whatever financial hit was necessary, and put herself before the public that elected her.

City Hall’s financial culture has been the topic of many editorials in this publication throughout all our 25-year history. The use of bonding money to pay bills, the slipshod way books and invoices were and are managed, and the political expedience of the budget process have been discussed in these pages many, many times.

The gravity of the situation was not lost on the City Council, which, whether for political coverage, or an outright bending the knee to principle, passed a “no confidence” vote in the waning minutes of the session. This is politically deadly, and we wonder how Rossi survives in the current climate.

The unwelcome news continued with the Municipal Accountability Review Board voting last week to put the city in Tier IV status, meaning the review panel, not city officials will have the final say of everything financial for the coming years. This includes this year’s budget, which currently has no mill rate increase, but could be imposed by MARB.

The missteps by the Rossi administration over the last few months has been nothing less than astounding. Officials from the third floor on down have shown no ability to get a grasp on how to revamp the city’s procedures. The system has been a point of contention for the MARB, which has harped on Rossi and others to get things organized.

The use of federal COVID relief funds for a marching band and to pay city department heads overtime during the pandemic was found to be an abuse by the audit and is among tens of thousands of dollars that are in question.

The audit itself is another story. There are people within and without City Hall that point to informational lacunae in the report – documentation that was available but not reviewed by the auditors. This is a secondary issue, but one that needs to be resolved so the taxpayers to get an honest assessment of what happened, why it happened, and what will be done to curtail a future occurrence.

Prior to last week’s no-confidence vote, this publication was looking to examine all the evidence before making any comment on malfeasance or misfeasance. We still believe the matter is fluid enough such assessments are premature. However, the mayor’s decision to forego a meeting of the City Council – a meeting that was the first after the audit was published – is a damning event that no explanation will remedy. Leadership means changing one’s plans.

Her decision to go to the conference will be seen as an act of political cowardice by her opponents, and a lack of leadership initiative by the MARB. The absence of the mayor at the council meeting was not lost on the panel, we are sure.

Mayor Rossi and her circle have made a tough situation untenable. It astounds us that someone in her advisory circle did not prevail upon her to remain in town.

Whatever happens to the Rossi administration from here on is yet to be seen; but, we think this ill-advised decision will be a pivot point.



The Left’s racial bigotry

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

Clarence Thomas is, by far, our most abused Supreme Court justice.

His confirmation hearings in 1991 were, as he memorably put it, a high-tech lynching. Once on the Court, he was allegedly incapable of thinking for himself and was Antonin Scalia’s “lawn jockey,” as *Emerge* magazine shamefully put it. He rarely participated in oral arguments, supposedly because, in the words of an attorney at the Georgetown Law Center, he “either does not care about the cases or can’t compete intellectually with his colleagues.”

Your sensitivity meter doesn’t have to be in overdrive to detect the racial condescension in these depictions of Thomas. Fair-minded legal analysts long ago abandoned this slighting view and have acknowledged the originality, consistency and influence of Thomas’s work. But here come the media and the Democrats to tell us that his intellectually courageous jurisprudence is all about serving the narrow interests of his political activist wife, Ginni.

In the aftermath of the 2020 election, she sent hair-on-fire texts to then-White House chief of staff Mark Meadows

urging him to fight what she believed was a stolen election. This proves, we are told, that Clarence Thomas’ work on the Court is corrupt, and he either has to recuse himself from election- or Jan. 6-related cases or be impeached.

The recusal argument is absurd. Ginni Thomas wasn’t party to any election-related litigation. She didn’t write an amicus brief in any of the litigation. She didn’t even give Meadows any legal advice, besides to keep Sidney Powell front and center (a bad idea that wasn’t acted on).

Ultimately, Ginni Thomas didn’t have any more or any less interest in election-related litigation than any other Republican who believed Trump’s claims of fraud, and there were countless millions of them.

Critics of Thomas point out that he dissented when the Court turned away a meritless challenge by the state of Texas of election practices in other states. Yes, but the dissent reflected Thomas’ well-considered view that the Court shouldn’t summarily dismiss so-called original jurisdiction cases, and he was joined by Justice Samuel Alito, who shares his view. Both Thomas and Alito also dissented when the Court turned away a suit

filed by Nebraska and Oklahoma to prevent Colorado from legalizing marijuana, and in another such case, *Arizona v. California*.

Thomas dissented, too, from the Court’s rejection of Trump’s emergency application to block the release of White House records regarding Jan. 6. In this, Thomas was alone. We can’t know his reasoning because he didn’t explain himself. Thomas has a robust view of presidential power, though, and it’s not unusual for him to go his own way.

In the 2020-21 term, Thomas authored more concurrences and dissents than any other justice, including more solo concurrences and solo dissents.

As Nina Totenberg of NPR put it not too long ago, in a passage dripping with disapproval, “He is the only justice willing to allow states to establish an official religion; the only justice who believes teenagers have no free speech rights at all; the only justice who believes that it’s unconstitutional to require campaign funders to disclose their identity; he’s the only justice who voted to strike down a key provision of the Voting Rights Act; and the only justice to say that the

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Letters, we get letters

Council probe eyed

It's time---overtime! ---for the West Haven City Council to move forward with an independent, third-party investigation involving questionable payments, lack of standard operating procedures, and potentially fraudulent activities that may very well result in taxpayers footing the bill as detailed in the CohnReznick Covid Relief Funds Report. This abuse and misappropriation of funds now exceed \$2 million when including prior FBI arrests of Michael DiMasa and others.

The investigation should be conducted with oversight by the CT State Attorney General's office, as well as the hands-on participation of the Office of Policy Management - Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB).

Relying strictly upon justifications and documentation provided by Ms. Rossi, corporation counsel, finance department, and other officials that have been directly or indirectly implicated in the report and in many cases been previously reprimanded by MARB is not viable. Regaining the public's trust cannot be recaptured if the vetting and scrutiny of a credible third party is not enlisted.

Although many are understandably outraged and wish for the immediate resignation of Ms. Rossi and others in the administration, every citizen should be allowed to address actions, inaction, as well as other allegations made against them.

Any resignation that may occur without an investigation is not enough. Let's get all the

facts out in the open.

The West Haven City Council must put party labels aside and act swiftly. We are a city in crisis. We can and must do better.

Barry Lee Cohen

Republican Mayoral Candidate

Resign now!

We are calling for the resignation of Mayor Nancy Rossi. The April 5 MARB meeting made it abundantly clear that not only the citizens but MARB has lost confidence in Mayor Rossi's ability to lead. Mayor Rossi continues to tout her three balanced budgets; yet MARB attributed that to the exorbitant financial assistance given to the city.

It was further stated that if not for this infusion of state money, West Haven taxpayers would have seen a 4- or 5-point increase in the mill rate.

The future of our city and its reputation is at stake. Please resign immediately. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caprDXloLc8>

Republican Town Committee

Join Heart Walk

Health is at the forefront now more than ever, and this is especially true in Connecticut, which is home to many incredible healthcare organizations. The greater New Haven community has rallied around healthy habits by prioritizing health – mental and physical – as we come together to tackle ongoing the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now is the time to renew our commitment to prioritizing health, and as president of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) in Con-

necticut with my roots in West Haven, I'm excited to share amazing opportunities to kick this off in partnership with the American Heart Association (AHA) here in the state.

Cardiovascular disease, including stroke, remains the No. 1 killer of Americans. We need to meet this adversary with matched energy and vigor to better prevent, diagnose, and treat heart disease and stroke so that fewer people suffer.

Improving health is a long-term plan, and Anthem is committed to serve as a lifetime partner in health. Our actions as a community today build a future and a legacy for Connecticut, and that's why I joined to chair AHA's 2022 New Haven Heart Walk. When you support and participate in the New Haven Heart Walk, you are helping to ensure that more cardiovascular research is funded, more hospitals administer the highest standards of care and that fewer people become a statistic. And you're also doing something healthy for yourself!

Walk with us on May 7th at Savin Rock in West Haven – my hometown! With every step you take and every dollar you raise, you are a part of the solution for a world of longer, healthier lives.

AHA's top priority is the health and well-being of individuals and their families today and in the future, in every community, from here to everywhere.

Let's keep the momentum going as we continue to

prioritize the health of Connecticut. For more information, please visit NewHavenHeartWalk.org.

Lou Gianquinto

Chairman, New Haven Heart Walk

Around Town

Probus aids recycling event

The Greater New Haven Probus Club will be participating in the Coastline Challenge and Music Fest for Mental Health on Sunday, May 1 between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with its 6th annual Re*Cycle Your Bi*Cycle And Musical Instrument Collection Event.

The AJJ Foundation will be holding multiple events during this special program taking place between April 29-May 1 at the Fowler Pavilion, Milford CT.

WHHS Class of '76

The West Haven High School Class of 1976 is having its 45th Reunion at the Polish American Club, Saturday, May 21 from 2-8. The cost is \$40 per person or \$75 a couple. Tickets can be purchased by check or credit card. Those who choose to pay at the door you must still RSVP. Please RSVP by May 1 by contacting Trish Connor Thompson (203) 464-5249, Howard Schacter, (860) 852-3610, or Cathy Geremia (203) 996-1391. All are welcome including other class alumni.

Visit our Facebook page "Class of 76" and watch for updates.

Seniors head to casino

The West Haven Senior Center will run a bus trip to Foxwoods Resort Casino in Ledyard on July 13.

No casino packages are offered at the moment. The trip costs \$30. Payment is due June 10.

The bus will depart at 8:30 a.m. from the Savin Rock Conference Center parking lot, 6 Rock St., and depart at 3 p.m. from Foxwoods. The casino requires face masks for guests who are not fully vaccinated. Buffets are closed.

For reservations, call (203) 937-3507 or register at the senior center, 201 Noble St., upper level.

Seniors plan trip to The Breakers

The West Haven Senior Center is running a trip to The Breakers Mansion, Newport Rhode Island – on Tuesday, May 10. It is a self-guided tour of this magnificent 70-room mansion that was occupied by the Vanderbilt family as their summer cottage. After the tour lunch is at Brick Alley Pub & Restaurant with independent time to shop in downtown Newport.

Bus leaves at 9 a.m. from the Savin Rock Conference Center and leaves Newport at 4 p.m.

The cost of \$119 includes transportation, admission to mansion and lunch.

Travelers are not required to wear masks.

To reserve your seat please call the Center, (203) 937-3507

Lowry: Bigotry on display

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court should invalidate a wide range of laws regulating business conduct and working conditions."

But we are supposed to believe that his unexplained sole dissent in the Trump records case must be corrupt.

A while ago, the respected Supreme Court watcher Tom Goldstein wrote that if "the measure of a Justice's greatness is his contribution of new and thoughtful perspectives that enlarge the debate, then Justice Thomas is now our greatest Justice."

At the end of the day, this latest controversy won't dent Thomas' formidable reputation as a jurist, but it's another mark against his perfervid critics who have no decency or scruple.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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WEST SHORE FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 6TH 2022 -6:00 pm

Per the recommendation from the West Haven Health Dept the West Shore Fire Districts Annual Commissioners Meeting will be held virtual via a zoom meeting.

Topic: WSFD Annual Meeting

Time: May 6, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time TUS and CanadaG

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This meeting will be conducted via a web-based application.

The 2022-2023 Budget and all information on access and comments can be found on the West Shore Fire District website: www.westshorefd.com Agenda:

- Call of Meeting
- Election for a Moderator who is an elector and resident of the District
- Fire Chiefs Report
- Board of Fire Commissioners Report
- Consideration of the Budget
- Resolution for borrowing of monies
- Nominations for Commissioner for three years

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Spring bulk trash pick-up set for next week

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The next bulk trash pickup week is April 25-29.

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 <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/260/Bulk-Trash-Pickup>.

Bulk trash must be generated by the customer at the residential unit where it is col-

lected. 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.

Leaf bags are picked up until June 1 and from Oct. 1-Dec. 31, and grass bags are picked up until 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 buckets and shovels.

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

For electronic items, including TVs, the next e-waste drop-off day is April 30.

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, computer 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 refrigerator
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Sandy Point group organizes clean-up

Over the weekend, volunteers from the Sandy Point Neighborhood Association helped prepare for rare birds that will soon nest at Sandy Point Beach and Bird Sanctuary. Around 15 members and friends of the Association picked up plastic bottles and other trash that had blown up on the beautiful beaches here, just before the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection fences off sections of the beach to allow shore birds to nest throughout the summer. The Beach supports rare nesting birds such as piping plovers and least terns.

"The Sandy Point beaches and marshes are a true gem in West Haven.. we hope our efforts this weekend helped make it sparkle a bit more!" Commented Association President Michelle Coletti.

She thanked the Association's Beautification Committee for organizing the cleanup initiative, one of 11 planned for the year.

This was the Association's first Beach Cleanup for the year. Volunteers came from different sections of the Sandy Point neighborhood to help with the effort. The Association provides gloves and trash bags as well as trash grabbers/pickers to assist those who volunteer. Bottled water and snacks are also provided for all participants.

The complete schedule of remaining cleanups for the year can be viewed on the Association's website, www.SandyPointNeighbors.Org

The Association was initially formed in 2021 with the purpose of helping to build networks of volunteers to improve communications and the quality of life in this neighborhood, located in the southeastern corner of this City. The Association's boundaries are: Washington Avenue on the west; First Avenue on the east; Beach Street on the south; and Brown Street on the north. Interested

Prescription Drug Takeback Day set

West Haven's Police Department, Youth and Family Services and Prevention Council are holding a Prescription Drug Takeback Day on Saturday, April 30. The event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at police headquarters, 200 Sawmill Road, and will provide city residents with a safe and responsible way to dispose of unused, unwanted or expired pills.



Photos by David Killeen

Left -- SPNA President Michelle Coletti, L, with Peck Avenue resident, Lisa Avellino, R, remove a box frame that had washed up on the beach.

Below -- Volunteers scour the barrier beach for plastic bottles and trash that could impact nesting birds.



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Ukrainian family arrives in city

Kristina Bizyayev is grateful she and her family are finally in the United States. The Ukrainian family left its war-torn country and emigrated here.

"Thank God we are here and we are safe," she said.

When Russia invaded Ukraine, it wasn't long before missiles reached the Bizyayev's town of Kharkiv, destroying part of their apartment complex.

"Three days were enough for us to understand that either we leave, or we will die," Kristina Bizyayev said.

The family left Ukraine on March 1 and spent the rest of the month traveling to Moldova, Romania, Austria, Germany and Switzerland before making it to West Haven, where they're staying with Gaye Hyre and her family in Allingtown.

The Bizyayev's connected with Hyre through an online service helping Ukrainian refugees find shelter in the US.

Local churches and synagogues supplied them with a crib, diapers and other needed items.

Last week, West Haven Town & City Clerk Patricia Horvath hosted a welcome reception in her office for the Bizyayev's. City Hall employees stepped in with donations as well as pizzas donated by Zuppardi's. Clothing and toys were donated by Vio's and a beautiful arrangement of blue and yellow balloons, the colors of the Ukrainian flag, were donated by Zulecia Corsi.

"This is a prime example

of what West Haven does for those in need," said Planning & Zoning Commissioner Steven R. Mullins, who attended the reception. Mullins has

been instrumental in organizing and participating "Free Ukraine" demonstrations throughout the State of Connecticut.

Mullins says that as of right now, the family is not in need of any additional donations. "The boys, (ages one, four and six) have enough clothes and

toys for now. The family is very appreciative to the people of West Haven for helping them get started," Mullins said.



Photo by Lori Lori Moran

Town and City Clerk Patricia Horvath, hosted a welcome reception in her office for a Ukrainian refugee family. Yevgemiy and Kristina Bizyayev and their three sons, ages 6,4, and 1, escaped from the war in Ukraine. The Bizyayev's arrived in West Haven two weeks ago. They are the guests of West Haven resident Gaye Hyre and her family. From left to right Horvath, Hyre, Kristina Bizyayev, Yevgemiy Bizyayev and their sons and Planning & Zoning Commissioner Steven R. Mullins

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UNH-SHA finalize a new pact

The University of New Haven and Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden have announced a new articulation agreement that will provide qualified Sacred Heart Academy graduates with a minimum of a 50 percent tuition scholarship that would be renewable for up to four years.

Leaders from both institutions will gather for an in-person signing ceremony on Monday, April 11, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Academy at 265 Benham St. in Hamden. Media are invited to attend.

As part of the agreement:
 ~ The University of New Haven is establishing the University of New Haven / Sacred Heart Academy Scholarship that will be funded by the university.

~ Sacred Heart Academy graduates who enroll at the University of New Haven will be guaranteed a paid, on-campus job, if they desire to be employed while attending the university.

~ Sacred Heart students will have the opportunity while in high school to take one course on ground at the university per year at no tuition cost, up to a maximum of three courses.

~ Educators from both institutions will develop a Women in Business summer academy for high school students.

~ University of New Haven faculty members will make periodic visits and deliver guest lectures at Sacred Heart Academy.

~ Sacred Heart Academy will offer 50 percent tuition scholarship to qualified daughters of full-time University of New Haven faculty and staff, up to five students in a given year.

Dolores Ennico is a member of the University of New Haven's Board of Governors, who received an honorary doctorate from the University in 2017, as well as a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy and a member of its Advisory Board.

"I am grateful to both President Steve Kaplan of the University of New Haven and President Shelia O'Neill of Sacred Heart Academy for their leadership in establishing a creative relationship that will have a far-reaching impact on both institutions," she says. "This is a significant and critical investment in the limitless potential of the next generation of women leaders."



Photo by Michael O'Brien

Danielle Ricketts sports her new college colors.

Ricketts is a new Eli

Danielle Ricketts, a senior at West Haven High School and a student representative for the West Haven Board of Education, has been accepted to Yale University.

"Yale University is the ideal school for me in every aspect, so being chosen to be apart of the Class of 2026, especially in an extremely competitive year, feels like such an honor and privilege," said Danielle. "I can't wait to experience all the things I've heard and love about Yale for myself as an undergraduate."

In addition to being a student representative for the board of education, Danielle is also President of the International Club, President of the Teens for Christ Club, Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper, and she's a Peer Advocate. She plans to major in History of Science, Medicine and Public Health at Yale.

"I could not have done it without the staff and programs here at WHHS," added Danielle. "I am so thankful for all the opportunities I've had to be apart of and give back to this community, and I am appreciative of all the resources I have been given to excel and stand out in the application process. My guidance counselors have been alongside me every step of the way. Their support and advice means the world to me, and this is just as much their accomplishment as mine."

Danielle is the second student rep to be accepted to Yale University, joining classmate Nabiha Khan who was accepted in December as a QuestBridge Scholar.

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Photo by Christian Mullins

Easter Baskets donated

The Fellowcraft Club of Annawon Lodge, 115, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of West Haven presented 60 Easter baskets to the children of the Roman Catholic Parish of St. John, XXIII, St. Louis campus. The Rev. Jose Mercado and Religious Education Administrator Monica L. Pang (far right) accept the baskets from from club members Senior Stewart Jeremy Borelli (far left) Past Master Steven R. Mullins, Senior Warden Chris Belous and Club President Junior Warden Joey McVety. Missing: Worshipful Master Johnny Garcia

Valedictorian, Salutatorian named

West Haven High School announced its Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2022 during its annual parade through the hallways of WHHS. Nabina Khan was named the Valedictorian while Henry Slomba was named the Salutatorian.

Khan has been accepted and granted a four-year full scholarship to Yale University through the QuestBridge Scholars Network. She plans to double-major in global health and language (Spanish), and plans to pursue pre-med.

Slomba will attend The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York City following graduation. The Cooper Union's mission is to sustain a free center of learning and civic discourse that inspires inventive, creative, and influential voices in architecture, art, and engineering to address the critical challenges and opportunities of our time.

Right -- Nabina Khan and Henry Slomba celebrate their accomplishments.



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Historian's corner **By Dan Shine**

West Haven's Maritime Heritage

**Part VII
The Quinnipiac Oystering Community**

When the first white settlers arrived at their "new haven" in 1637, they encountered the broad flat land that would become the original Nine Squares—the first planned community in the Colonies. To the southwest lay the marshy West Creek, up which they had sailed; today West Creek itself lies buried beneath the Route 34 Connector. To the southeast lay East Creek, which would one day become the basis for the Farmington Canal. It too would eventually become piped away; that riverbed would become the foundation for the New Haven Railroad's tracks that would serve Hartford and New London.

It was only later that a

second community began to form around the Quinnipiac River: it was originally called "Dragon Town" or "Dragon Point," in reference to the "sea dragons" or harbor seals that inhabited the banks of the river when sailors first visited the area. Although this community was actually part of New Haven, its original farmers founded a separate village there in the late 17th century.

A hundred years would pass before a wooden bridge would be built over the Quinnipiac River, linking together the community that was springing up on both sides of that river. Nearby lay the first Indian reservation in North America—set aside for the confinement of the Quinnipiac Indians.

At first, Dragon Town was little more than a clustering of fishing huts, placed along

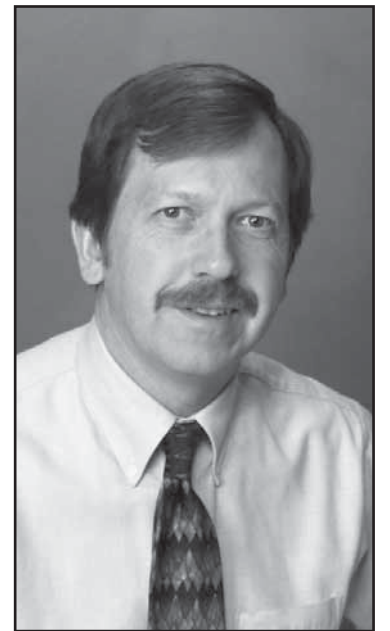
the tidal estuary. But with abundant access to New Haven harbor, and bordered by two rivers, this little community developed an industry and an economy that was primarily based on oystering. By the mid-1800s, that economy was thriving, and the residents of Dragon Town voted to change its name to Fair Haven; long before, the legendary captain Richard Russell, upon seeing this beautiful area, had called it a "fayre haven."

The American oyster was vital to everyone in Fair Haven; indeed, at one time every resident of the area was active the oystering process. The rapidly changing temperature and salinity of the water in the Quinnipiac River and in the harbor were ideal for the growth of the oysters, and thus they thrived. The poorest soul could hollow out a log canoe, as the Quinnipiac

Indians had done, and tong for oysters using two rakes that were on fifteen-foot poles and arranged like scissors, in order to catch as many as forty oysters at a time. Those of better financial means would dredge for oysters, using a basket with a toothed bar, that was dragged over an oyster bed, harvesting as many as two hundred oysters at a time.

From this growing industry came the need for a commercial boat that had attributes that best qualified it for the peculiar needs of oystering. Thus in the 1840s was born the New Haven Sharpie: this style of small sailing craft became so popular with the New Haven oystering community that

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



The Quinnipiac oyster industry was part of the region's large area of fisheries. West Haven was a leader in the industry and had close ties with the New Haven-based firms.

Tax relief offered elderly, disabled

The assessor's office is accepting applications by appointment for tax relief programs for elderly and disabled homeowners. West Haven residents can apply for the programs, based on their 2021 incomes, weekdays from Feb. 15-May 13 in the assessor's office on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St. For an appointment, call (203) 937-3515.

Income limits, including Social Security, are \$46,400 for a married couple and \$38,100 for a single person.

To qualify for the West Haven senior tax freeze program, the applicant must be age 70 by Dec. 31, 2021, and have lived in the city for at least 20 consecutive years. The program will freeze the city portion of the resident's taxes only for the upcoming year.

Income limits, excluding Social Security, are \$50,000 for a married couple and \$35,000 for a single person. Those eligible for the program must reapply each year. The assessor's office is also accepting applications until Oct. 1 for additional veterans exemptions. The maximum income is \$46,400 for a married applicant and \$38,100 for a single applicant.

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Westies: *Softball team goes to 5-1 mark*

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Gambardella finished his gem in style, striking out the first two batters of the seventh, before getting a fly ball out with a runner on in the seventh to clinch the victory.

The senior helped his own cause by driving in the only run of the game in the first inning.

After KJ Harp struck out, but reached on a dropped third strike, Gambardella drove in Harp with a long double to left. Gambardella was left stranded, but that was the only run needed as Norwalk could not muster an attack on the West Haven flamethrower.

Trailing by six runs, the West Haven baseball team looked as if it was going to go quietly in a tough Southern Connecticut Conference contest against Daniel Hand. West Haven rallied, but a long line drive by Harp with the winning runs on base in the seventh was snared for the final out in a 7-5 loss to the Tigers at Piurek Field.

After Hand took a 7-1 lead after four innings off West Haven starter Josh Trager, the Westies began to rally with two runs in the fifth and two more in the sixth to get within 7-5.

Trager went three innings, allowing six runs on just two hits, but he walked eight and struck out two. Chase Supan pitched the final four innings, allowing two hits, while walking two and striking out three.

West Haven improved to 5-2 on the year with a 3-2 Southern Connecticut Conference victory over Hamden.

Gambardella allowed his first runs of the year, but was again impressive as he struck out 10 and walked one in the victory. Gambardella allowed a pair of earned runs and improved to 3-0 on the year.

Along with sophomores Gilbert and Cruz, Gambardella had a pair of hits. Gilbert drove in two runs as well.

Gambardella got out of a bases loaded jam in the first inning, before the Westies scored all the runs they needed in the top of the third inning.

Mia Rubirosa knows she is going to be one of the keys to her team's success. Rubirosa was on the mark Tuesday afternoon.

Despite allowing eight hits and four earned runs, Rubirosa struck out 17 batters in a 7-4 victory over Luralton Hall Tuesday afternoon in Milford. With the win, the Westies improved to 2-0 on the year.

Nine players had hits, with Gianna Carrano leading the way with a pair, in a 10-hit attack. Rubirosa drove in a pair, had a hit and scored once for the Westies.

After opening the season

with a pair of victories, the West Haven softball team was looking for a signature win. The Westies may have received that win Monday afternoon.

Behind the 3-hit pitching of Rubirosa, West Haven defeated previously undefeated Sacred Heart Academy, 2-0, in Hamden. The West Haven pitcher walked one and struck out eight.

With the victory, West Haven improved to 3-0 on the year.

Rubirosa was also stellar at the plate where she had a pair of hits, including a home run, scored twice, and drove in a run.

Beurer and Burrows led the Westies with two hits apiece.

Scoring 10 times in the second inning, the Westies rolled to an easy 21-8 victory over Lyman Hall of Wallingford.

Rubirosa led the way for the Westies as she had two hits, scored four times, and drove in five runs. Beurer, had three hits, scored three runs, and drove in two. Burrows and Davey each drove in two runs and scored twice, while Petruzzello, Raccio, and Taylor Alfano each scored twice, and Natalie Gallo scored three times in the win.

Rubirosa was solid in the circle, going 4 1/3 innings, allowing three hits and one earned run. The Westie ace struck out six and walked just one batter.

After suffering its first loss of the season, the West Haven softball team has responded in fine fashion with the offense putting up 30 runs in the next two games.

The Westies won their second straight contest with a 9-6 road decision over Shelton. With the victory, West Haven improved to 5-1 on the year.

Mia Rubirosa led the Westies with three hits, three runs scored and a run batted in. Paige Beurer, Gianna Carrano, and Shyanne Raccio each had a pair of hits, with Carrano scoring twice and driving in a pair.

The West Haven girls lacrosse team fell to 0-2 with an 11-8 loss against Hamden at Ken Strong Stadium. Despite leading 6-5 at the half, the Westies could not pull out the victory.

Amber Militrano made nine saves in the loss, while her counterpart from Hamden Payten Webb finished with 20 saves.

Melissa Tsakonas led the offense with three goals and an assist, Cassidy Dalton and Olyvia O'Mara each had a pair of goals, and Julia Tsakonas added a goal.

The team picked up its first victory of the season and improved to 1-2 with a 10-3 victory over Jonathan Law. The

Westies led 4-3 at the half and put the game away with a 6-0 second half run.

Olyvia O'Mara and Julia Tsakonas each scored three goals, Cassidy Dalton scored twice, and Emma Walker added a pair of assists. Madison Lentine had a goal and an assist in the win, while Melissa Tsakonas scored once.

West Haven held a 42-7 shot advantage in the contest. Amber Militrano made four saves for West Haven in the win.

Just one game after picking up its initial victory of the season, the West Haven girls lacrosse team fell to Stratford/Bunnell, 18-5, at Ken Strong Stadium.

Delaney Johnston led the Westies with three goals, while Melissa Tsakonas had a goal and two assists. Brooke Moscato scored once, Olyvia O'Mara added an assist, and Militrano made four saves in the loss.

West Haven improved to 2-3 with a 10-9 road victory over Lyman Hall. The Westies led 7-2 at the half and held on for the win.

O'Mara led the Westies with four goals and an assist, while Johnston, Melissa Tsakonas, and Lentine each scored twice. Lentine and Evangeliste each finished with a pair of assists.

Militrano made eight saves in the win.

West Haven won its third game of the year and second in a row with an 11-7 decision over Shelton on the road,

Militrano led the way with 20 saves in goal for West Haven as the Westies led 7-3 at the half.

Johnston led West Haven with four goals and two assists, while O'Mara had two goals and two assists. Brooke Moscato scored twice, and Melissa Tsakonas and Ava Evangeliste each added tallies.

Dalton and Walker each had two assists in the win.

The West Haven boys tennis team improved to 1-1 with a 5-2 victory over Wilbur Cross.

In singles play, West Haven's top seed of Punar Garani defeated Yang In Kim 6-4, 6-4, second seed Miguel Torres of West Haven defeated Adam Sharqawe 6-4, 3-6, 6-0, and third-seeded Benjamin Sager of West Haven topped Lily Goren 6-0, 6-2. Fourth-seeded Sofia Bedoga Rose of Wilbur Cross defeated Brandon Sihaphong 6-2, 6-2.

In doubles play, top-seeded Antonio Mandania and Mario Berrios of Wilbur Cross defeated Robert Vets and Valentin Diaz 7-5, 4-6, 6-4. Second-seeded Johnny Chen and Yousef Khan of West Haven topped Roxanne Virtue and Kerry Fajardo of Cross 6-2, 6-1, and third-seeded Abdourahim Mbengue and Eshwar Balakumar of West Haven defeated Vera Kurczewski and Cassius Morgan-Cox of Wilbur Cross 6-3, 6-2.

West Haven fell to 1-2 with a 7-0 loss on the road against Hamden.

In singles action, Hamden's top seed of Brian Oppenheim defeated Garani 6-3, 6-4. Second-seeded Quin Northrup topped West Haven's Torres 6-1, 6-0, third-seeded Nolan Jermain was victorious over Sager 6-2, 7-6, and Josh Alexander topped West Haven's Sihaphong 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles play, Hamden's top seed of Ivan Jimenez and Paras Dodd defeated West Haven's Diaz and Vets 6-3, 6-1. Kaustuv Mohanty and Keshav Menom topped West Haven's Chen and Khan 6-1, 6-3, and Lucian Gaetjen and Anshul Deval defeated Mbengue and Balakumar of West Haven 6-4, 5-7, 7-4.

West Haven dropped its sec-

ond straight match and fell to 1-3 with a 5-2 loss against Lyman Hall.

In singles play, Lyman Hall's Jackson Mailhot defeated West Haven's Garani 6-3, 6-3, Brady Campbell topped West Haven's Torres 6-0, 6-2, Ashol Patel defeated Sager of West Haven 6-4, 7-5, and Caiden McManus defeated West Haven's Sihaphong 7-5, 6-3.

In doubles play, Nathan Rininger and Joe Marrone of Lyman Hall defeated Diaz and Vets 6-3, 6-2.

West Haven won the last two doubles matches as Chen and Khan defeated Kevin Duong and Sean Collinghan 6-2, 6-3, and Balakumar and Mbengue defeated Pablo Dominguez Solis and Richard Yeung 6-4, 6-3.

The team snapped its two-match losing streak with a 6-1 victory over East Haven at West Haven High Wednesday afternoon. With the victory, the Westies improved to 2-3 on the year.

In singles action, top-seeded Garani defeated Oliver Kabel 6-3, 6-0, second-seeded Torres topped Victor Unabia 6-0, 6-2, Sager won over Kevin Phan 6-1, 6-2, and Sihaphong defeated Santiago Zapata 6-3, 9-7.

In doubles play, Thanh Noo and Shiv Patel of East Haven defeated top-seeded Chen and Khan 8-6, 4-6, 10-7. Second-seeded Balakumar and Vets of West Haven topped Greg Vera and Aedan Connors 6-1, 4-6, 6-1, and West Haven's Javon Huang and Mbengue defeated Gustavo Flores-Soto and Mateo Romero 6-0, 6-1.

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Photo by Todd dandelsk

Hannah Burrows slides safely into home to score for the Westies against Lyman Hall.

Youth Soccer opens spring season

The West Haven Youth Soccer League opened the spring season this past weekend with a full slate of games. The Elite Soccer Camps Tsunamis opened their season with a strong game against Wizard Painting, with the Elite Soccer Tsunamis coming out on top, 5-2. Santino Amato and Liam Lima split the time between the posts, both making some great saves. Ryan Abekah scored a brilliant goal and contributed on defense too. Guillermo Rubirosa worked hard in the attack while Nathan Powell hustled up and down the field. The season opening game in the CD Boys Division saw a hard-fought, back-and-forth battle with the WH Professional Firefighters defeating York Business Center, 2-1. David Christensen scored both goals for the Firefighters, and goalies Guillermo Gonzaga and Abraham Morales were strong in the net. Excellent defense was shown by Christian Reyes, Zion Blackman, and Omari Knox.

The #DAVILATRIBE Yellowjackets took on Elsie Encarnacion State Farm Insurance All Stars in their opening match, falling 1-0. Eve Montiel played strong defense to keep her opponent from scoring. Melissa Valtierra pushed the ball up for her team to take shots on goal. Lila Poincelot made multiple saves in goal to keep the game close. For the All Stars, Jada Avila scored, while Yusra Moussa played outstanding in goal. Alimarie Sesler, Fourela Dembele, and Layla Puente all played great defense throughout the game.

The Taco Town Timberwolves played Falcone Law Firm in a close match on Sat-

urday. Rida Saanon played rock solid defense and Anthony Soto was an excellent goalie. The West Haven Federation of Teachers played the WH Italian American Civics Assn, with the Federation of Teachers, winning 8-2. Angeliza Davila scored a nice goal. Nadyia Lymon attacked the ball and moved it up the field and Nora Routh added to the win scoring multiple goals.

The Westies Nutrition Destroyers played their first game of the season against P&B Express, coming out with the win in week one. The Destroyers were led by Nikko Pratt with five goals. Awab Abdelmageed had amazing speed and ball control and Jackson Ford displayed incredible foot skills. For P&B Express, Hakan Tanbal played good defense, while Trevor Davis and Jude Charles each scored twice. Alexander Urgiles also scored and played tenaciously throughout the game.

In other F Division Boys play, Porto Funeral Home took on Keenan Funeral Home, with the game ending in a 0-0 tie, and Vio's Sports Plus defeated Budget Transmission Center, 4-3. CT Pest Elimination played Mad Mike's Cheesesteaks, with the two teams drawing, 2-2. Rylee Lanci defended the ball well against her opponents. Brooke Biancur scored and moved the ball to her teammates. Bianca Masterson scored a goal and defended well. Stowe's Seafood Warriors opened with a tough loss to Touch of Heaven Home Care, falling 7-4. Mama Kamara stayed with the ball and followed through to score a couple of goals. Allianna

Wilson stayed engaged while on the field, as she dribbled well and sprinted to get the ball back. Karla Urgiles defended well against her opponent and was determined to retrieve the ball.

The Dr. R. Mark Pappas Gold Dragons competed against Cappetta Italian Imports, losing in a spirited effort, 6-1. Phoebe DiNuzzo scored the lone goal for the Dragons. Anne Brown played well on defense, while Brook O'Meara was great in net, stopping several shots in the first half before playing out on the field in the second half. The Frankie's of West Haven Blue Jays took on #DAVILATRIBE, with the Blue Jays, winning 5-0. The key to the victory was the great foot-skills and passing by Madison Marion. Avery Linen was excellent on defense and Emma Routh lead the change with two fantastic goals. The American Legion Post 71 won, 5-0, in its first game against Milano & Wana. Shamar Boyd and Julien Chacon showed a lot of hustle in the win, while Davonte King, Seth Empric, and Collin Gibbons led the attack.

Baybrook Remodelers and the West Haven Police Local 895 opened to a stirring, back and forth 4-4 draw in the last match of E Boys Division play.

In G pool games, the West Shore Family Dental Tigers defeated the RQ Professional Accounting & Tax Services Lions 3-2, while the Nick's Luncheonette Jedi beat the West Haven Elks Lodge Green Wave by the same score. Dillman and Dillman LLC tied Blue Connex Credit Union 3-3, and the Budget Car Wash Highlanders won over the Elite Soccer Camps Eagles, 4-1.

In travel team action, the People's United Bank girls U11 team started the season off strong with two wins. They started on the road versus Haddam-Killingworth where a stellar team effort resulted in a 7-4 win. Stella Porto, Luciana Cappetta, Francesca DeMartino, and Celeste DiNallo all scored while Allie Powers and Josylyn Davila dominated in defense. The second match of the season brought the girls to Orange, where they picked up a 2-1 win. Gillian Wynus was fierce on the field with Francesca DeMartino defending the net. Luciana Cappetta scored

two goals for West Haven. The Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center West Haven U10 boys also started the season with two straight wins. In the opening match of the season, the Westies were away to Cogenchaug, and came home with a 5-0 win. Ben Trenchard and Jax Guarino anchored the defense, and contributed to the attack as they got the ball up the field. Matteo D'Elia and Davonte King each scored two nice goals, and Luca DeCresenzo rounded out the scoring, getting an assist from Ethan Fonseca. In the second game, the Westies hosted Orange, winning 6-0. Mason DaSilva and Tonye Isaac both scored, and Jacob Rader and Jaxon Cruz were strong in the net. Gavin Lenihan hustled on the wing and Roland Green created some solid scoring chances. The Law Office of Paul V. Carthy West Haven U9 girls travel team kept the streak going, also opening with two wins over Cheshire to start the season strong.

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New UNH police officer

New University of New Haven police Officer Edward Bednarz, Jr. is sworn in by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi at City Hall on April 5. Attending the ceremony was UNH Police Chief Adam Brown. Bednarz served in the Connecticut State Police for 32 years before retiring recently



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– No smoke detectors, ballasts or hazardous waste – lighter fluid, liquids, paint – will be accepted.

– Electronic items left curbside will be tagged with information on the e-waste schedule and must be removed, or face a potential fine.

Historian: *Oyster Industry lucrative*

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it began to be seen all up and down the Atlantic coast.

The Sharpie was within the means of the poorest fishermen. Typically a Sharpie was 25-35 feet long; it was propelled by means of one or two sails. It could be fitted with culling boards on either side of the cockpit; the man that was tonging would swing his tongs up, dump the contents of his tongs onto the culling boards, and then separate out the oysters from the other materials that came up with them. Ideally, one man would do the tonging, and a second man—perhaps his son—would perform the culling.

By the mid-1800s, the oyster beds had grown and extended out past today's breakwaters, which did not exist at the time.

At the end of the workday, the oystermen

would return to their homes in Fair Haven, along with their catch. The homes there were constructed according to the peculiar needs of the industry, as may still be witnessed today: the oystermen entered their homes through the mud rooms which were at the ground level. There, families would sit and shuck the day's catch.

Eventually, pollution and the oysters' natural enemies brought the industry to bankruptcy, and by 1930, only one oyster company remained in operation in the area. The world was going through the Second Industrial Revolution, and Fair Haven was about to join.

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Vote: Council members continue to support mayor

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Rossi came under new fire last week when she failed to appear at the regular City Council meeting, the first after the volatile audit was published. Saying she had made a previous commitment to go to a seminar, she was chastised by a packed crowd in the Harriet North Meeting Room for her absence.

The Republican Town Committee has called for her resignation (see Letters page 7), and others have questioned her ability to withstand the criticism. It was at this meeting the council voted unanimously a resolution of No Confidence.

With all this happening, several City Council members were asked about the vote, and way forward for the city.

Of the councilors of both parties sent questions only two responded.

First District Councilwoman Bridgette Hoskie says she still retains support in the mayor, and believes the vote of No Confidence will work to strengthen the chief executive's resolve.

"Mayor Rossi is going to stand up straighter and be far stronger than she ever was. I'm positive she will take all that has happened, and the No confidence vote to heart," Hoskie said. "She will work collaboratively with her new personnel to right the ship. I believe in her because those men chose to come here in WH darkest hour under her leadership. They had to see something in her that war-

ranted that leap which gives me hope."

Her decision to go along with a vote of No Confidence, she said was listening to the concerns of her constituents.

"For me it was the voice of the residents who needed to know the council stood with them and supported them. They needed to hear we get it and we will do better. The no confidence vote reflects on all of WH as a whole. It was years in the making if not decades. Our residents are over the nonsense," she said.

When the report came out three weeks ago, there was criticism by some, including partner-owner of this newspaper, Ken Carney, that the audit lacked documentation that was available to the auditors and would

have changed some of the conclusions. Hoskie is aware of the complaints.

"In conversations I have had many are concerned that their documentation wasn't turned in and no one called to have a discussion. For example, the FD it was stated documentation was submitted 3 times and again this week for a 4th. It would appear that the person charged with answering this audit did not do the due diligence. I refuse to believe that the Fire Chiefs in this city did not have the required documentation to prove WH firefighters were on the front lines during this pandemic. That in and of itself should show that we as a city and the MARB need to be concerned or ask questions of the findings. The

audit implies a certain negative connotation which is unfortunate. I know WHFD worked day and night to fight this virus and risked their own lives to keep this city safe. It's unsettling for sure," she said.

Councilwoman Watt Hamilton (D-5), was still mulling the ramifications of the vote, but she continues to support the mayor.

"I will tell you that I stand by my vote of no confidence. At the same time, I am still supportive of Mayor Rossi and I want her to succeed because I want West Haven to succeed. My vote was a wake-up to the administration."

Former GOP mayoral candidate Barry Lee Cohen, has asked for an independent problem (See page 7)

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In accordance to the Local Health Department recommendations, the First Fire Taxation District Annual Budget Meeting shall be in a virtual meeting format. The recent increase in COVID Positive cases along with the anticipated continuation of COVID spread is the basis of this decision.

The Board of Fire Commissioners shall conduct the business of the Annual Budget Meeting as mandated by the Home Rule Ordinance. This meeting will be available for public view through Social Media and or the department website.

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The purpose of said meeting will be:

1. To receive the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners.
2. To submit the budget for the year 2022-2023 for approval and prescribe the rate of taxation to be levied and collected in said District, based on the 2021 Grand List.
3. Nomination for Fire Commissioner position
4. To transact any other business properly brought before said meeting.

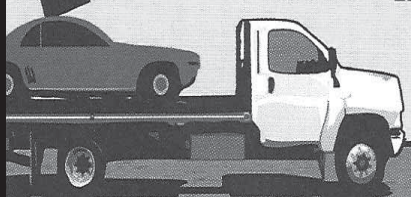
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At Golden Acres Farms in Allingtown. Deb Simone, the current owner, took over the farm from her parents. Her grandparents were farmers in the Westville "flats" section of New Haven when, in 1931, the WPA relocated those farmers so that New Haven could expand. Simone's grandparents were moved to the gentle valley between Orange Hill and Fairfax Street, and it's been a federally registered working farm (as Simone laughs, "the real deal") ever since. Mentioned in "In Touch with the Land", published in the early 1980s, it is one of twelve farms in the state to be so spotlighted. Nephew Nick Simone works at the farm now, ensuring the next generation will continue the family business.

West Haven resident and frequent customer Vanessa Aube was visiting with her six-year-old daughter Kennedy (busily searching for hidden gnomes on the property) and elucidated the many reasons why Golden Acres is her go-to place for plants. Variety and location lead the list, followed by her preference for the farm's pesticide-free, organic stock - Golden Acres uses only Ivory dish soap, yellow sticky traps and Peter's organic fertilizer on its plants. Furthermore, Aube added, it's a "small family-owned business, something my generation cares about." Suddenly there's a happy cry coming from the woods - Kennedy found a gnome!

Speaking of that variety, Golden Acres performs wonders in that department, with, for example, 40 varieties of tomato, 22 varieties of hot peppers and 15 varieties of cucumbers. The farm also has varieties available nowhere else. "We grow for the customer," Simone says. A Laotian woman came in with seeds for native peppers, *mak phut kursi*. Golden Acres produced the peppers for the customer and continues to grow them and produce the seed. About 30 years ago, a Russian *babushka* brought them some heirloom Russian tomato seeds, which

they continue to produce. In the 1960s, a Yale professor gave Simone's father a spicy cherry tomato (the «Zoltan», after the prof) - another Golden Acres exclusive. Right now, Simone is searching for the original San Marzano Naples tomato. The San Marzano tomato is a hybrid bred for tough skin so that it could be mechanically harvested; Simone wants to find the original, more fragile San Marzano. «It's a quest,» the former art history professor smiles.

Golden Acres sells perennials, annuals, vegetables and herbs, and the retail business is only open for planting season, from April 1 to June 30. After that, the store is closed so that the family can continue doing what they've done for over a century: farm the land.

A not-too-far stone's throw from Golden Acres on Industry Drive in Allingtown is Soundview Landscaping. Owner Phil Grande grew up in Allingtown, graduating from West Haven High and Yale. "I like this area," Grande says. "The people, the climate, the range of topography." Grande started landscaping as a whippersnapper, working with his three younger brothers - brother Justin still works with him. In 1997 his in-laws sold Soundview Farm on Meloy Road, and Grande found the current property in Allingtown. "I enjoy working for myself, and working outside," Grande states.

Soundview comprises Soundview Landscape Supply, Ivy League Landscaping, and the New England Rake Company.

"We're a one-stop shop for landscapers, and a commercial garden center," Grande continues. The company does hardscaping, a limited amount of site work, landscape excavation, new lawns, and plantings. Among many recent projects are the excavation of the Hubbard Park Pond and providing the pavers for the Allingtown Green.

The New England Rake Company is a very unique branch of the business. Grande has the rake components manufactured locally, and the rakes are assembled in West Haven...rakes used by concerns far and wide, including major league baseball groundskeepers (just ask the Kansas City Royals).

Soundview is also a state certified recycling center, so folks can recycle yard waste.

Among the challenges Grande faces in running a business, he laments the fact he is finding it very difficult



Photos by Christine Gallo

Two businesses in the city have been very successful in keeping the agrarian industries alive. The Golden Acres Farm goes back generations, while Soundview Landscaping offers a variety of commodities to the public.

to find a pool of willing employees for vacant positions - a problem currently seen across the board.

"The past year has been very

difficult," he says.

But his smile returns as he expounds on the reason Soundview is a city favorite -

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and services we offer, which work really well for professionals as well as do-it-yourselfers."



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Gambardella shines in early going



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Christian Mullins competes in the hurdles for the Blue Devils at Law.

After starting the season with a pair of victories and not allowing a run in either contest, the West Haven baseball team suffered its first defeat of the season with a 14-2 drubbing at the hands of Amity at Piurek Field in West Haven. With the loss, West Haven fell to 2-1 on the season.

The Westies managed only four hits in the game, and defensively, were less than stellar with numerous miscues.

Trailing 1-0 in the first, West Haven evened the game when Tyler DeSanty led off with a single, Ray Gilbert walked, and Gianni Gambardella followed with another walk to load the bases.

Dylan Supan reached on a fielder's choice to score DeSanty and load the bases, but, after a strikeout, Supan was picked off first for the second out. Corey Coggins was hit by a pitch to load the bases, but Amity escaped without any further damage.

Amity then blew the game open with six runs in the second and three more in the third. A pair of singles opened the second, and when the Westies could not get an out on an Amity sacrifice, the bases were loaded.

A double scored two runs for a 3-1 lead, before Amity received a two-out, two-run single for a 5-1 advantage. The Spartans received another two-run single in the inning, putting the Westies in a 7-1 hole.

Just one week after tossing a gem in a victory over cross-town rival Notre Dame, West Haven ace Gambardella was at it again.

The senior was near flawless in a 91-pitch effort as he allowed just three hits and struck out 16 in a 1-0 victory over Norwalk

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Simoncek and Galloway take NFF scholar honors

After a two-year hiatus, the Casey-O'Brien Chapter of the National Football Foundation will once again have a dinner honoring graduating seniors from area high schools and private schools with the chapter's scholar-athlete awards. The past two years the chapter recognized scholar athletes from member schools but did not have an awards dinner. This year's dinner will be held at Aqua Turf on Tuesday, April 26 at 6 p.m.

"We are very pleased to bring back our annual dinner to recognize scholar athletes that played football this past fall for their academic excellence, leadership and citizenship", said Bill O'Brien chapter president. "We are pleased to recognize another group of young men before their parents, grandparents and friends".

Twenty-six scholar athletes will be honored along with four other award winners including 35-year football official Craig Dolyak a member of the New Haven Football Officials Association from Cheshire who will receive the Official Recognition Award, John Limone of Branford, who will receive the Coach of the Year Award. Branford won the SCC Tier 3 title under Limone. He then led the Hornets to the semifinals of the CIAC Class M playoffs where they were edged out by Killingly, the eventual champion 13-12. The Hornets finished with a 9-3 record.

The Chapter Award of Merit will be presented to former chapter scholar-athlete Sean Desai, originally from Shelton and a former member of three-time chapter Coach of the Year Joe Benanto's 2001 LL State Champion Gaels. From those days he has gone on to distinguish himself in the professional football coaching ranks. He was with the Chicago Bears from 2007 thru this past season as defensive coordinator. He is now with the Seattle Seahawks as the teams Associate Head Coach for Defense.

This year's Distinguished American Award honoree is George Grande of Hamden. Grande is best known as a play-by-play baseball broadcaster with the Yankees, Cardinals and for the past 17 years with the Cincinnati Reds.

George graduated from USC where he played baseball on their 1968 NCAA championship team and from 1980 to 2010 he served each year as Master of Ceremonies at the Baseball Hall of Fame ceremonies in Cooperstown, New York.

For tickets for the dinner call Donna Limone at (203) 481-8375



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Justin Simoncek from Notre Dame with parents Trista and Joseph and coach Joe DeCaprio. Jamaine Galloway, Jr., of West Haven with coach Rich Boshea.