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Lack of plan irks Rossi as area wallows

On October 14 it will be eight years since the Haven Project was announced with fanfare. A high-end retail outlet mall was planned for the area at lower Elm Street, and would include walkways and an amphitheater for events, as well as ample parking.

In the announcement presser, then Mayor Edward O'Brien heralded the retail development as the needed tax boost the city needed, and a catapult for future development. After the announcement, though, things wallowed.

The developers were headed by Sheldon M. Gordon, who believed the mall would be a boon to the area. Gordon passed away months after the announcement, putting the development group on hold. Then the reconstituted Simon Group was charged with the project.

For the remainder of his term, O'Brien hoped for movement on the project. Many parcels had to be purchased, and a court case held up progress for months and months. Finally, the final purchases were made. The four-block area was designated for demolition and included a century-old building at one end and the former Bilco Company headquarters on the other.

Budgets came out, and hundreds of thousands of dollars were included in "revenue" that never came. Permits were never filed, payments never made. O'Brien left office never seeing any success in the project. One of his biggest frustrations was the lack of progress on the Haven.

Mayor Nancy N. Rossi is finding the same frustration and has been in negotiations with the Simon Group to gain a timeline and plan for the project. As of this week, no plan seems to be forthcoming. Negotiations have been at an impasse.

In an and questionnaire sent to Mrs. Rossi this week, she said the Simon Group has asked for more help from the city in demolition of the many homes left vacant for more than four years. The developers are in no hurry, she reported.

"Unfortunately, when the city met with the Haven Group Developers, there wasn't any sense of urgency on the part of the Haven Group Developers, and they wanted the city to pay for more of the demolition. I told the (them) the city was not going to pay for any additional demolition, it was up to them," she said. "So, after a few days the Haven Group Developers decided they would pay for the demolition of the buildings."

In announcing the negotiations with the developers in the spring, Mrs. Rossi said an item on the agenda was the temporary reopening of Water Street to alleviate traffic problems during the demolition.

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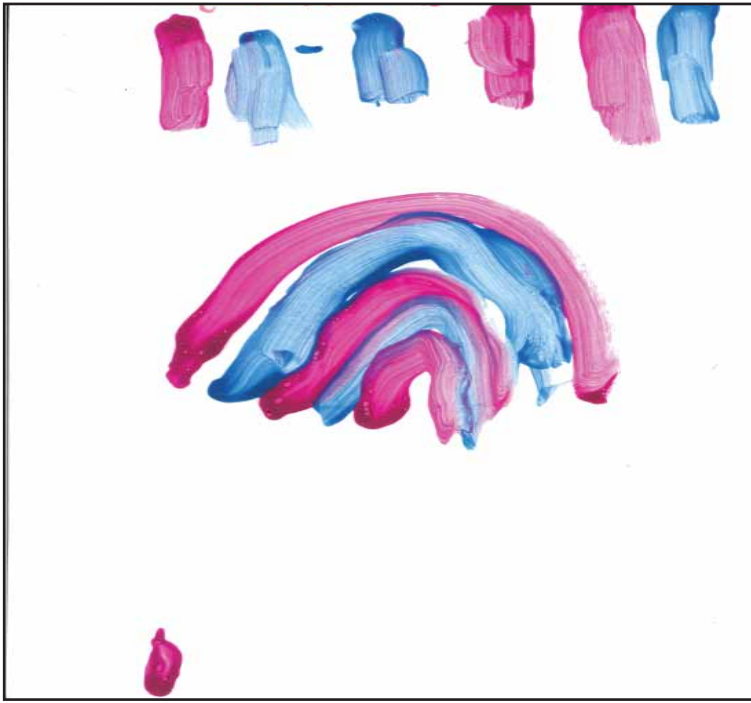


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Sandy Point field trip

Jtop -- ack Santino and Mya Mercuriano, students at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., explore the Sandy Point Beach and Bird Sanctuary. See another picture of the trip on page 13.

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Andrew Adamo, age 4, a West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. student, sees rainbows after the rain!

On this Date

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1958 -- Lolita is First Published in the US. The highly controversial novel written by Russian-American novelist Vladimir Nabokov detailed an adult man's obsession over 12-year-old Dolores Haze, who he secretly calls Lolita.

1920 -- The State of Tennessee Passes the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. This action by the Tennessee legislature brought the number of states passing the 19th amendment to 36 and provided the necessary majority to ratify the amendment, which extended universal suffrage to women.

1877 -- Martian Moon Phobos is Discovered. One of the two natural satellites of Mars, Phobos, was discovered by American astronomer Asaph Hall. Hall also discovered Deimos, the other Martian Moon. Named after the Greek God of fear, Phobos orbits only 3700 miles from the surface of Mars, making it the Moon to orbit closest to its planet in the Solar System.



Photo by Kristen Teshoney

Howard cited for 50 years

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, right, congratulates tax analyst Patricia "Pat" Howard on 50 years of "dedicated service" to West Haven's tax office Aug. 4. Rossi presented a citation to Howard in her office at City Hall for "exceptionally meritorious performance of outstanding services for the Office of the Tax Collector." Reading the citation, Rossi said, "Through your professionalism and commitment to excellence in a wide array of positions and responsibilities, you have led a remarkable career in public service, and I hope you reflect with pride on the many lives you have touched." Howard was hired in 1972 under the administration of then-Democratic Mayor William J. Heffernan.

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Umbrella Impact plans Sunday fundraiser

What started out as a New Haven-based mission to help a church's young people succeed has morphed into a non-profit organization in West Haven that seeks to help students enhance their educations.

Umbrella Impact, a 501c3 nonprofit has scheduled a "Paint and Brunch" fundraiser for Sunday at Picasso Parties, 944 Ocean Ave., from 11-2.

Nasiyra Clayton, who heads the organization, and the fundraiser is looking for support to continue the efforts begun during the 2020 pandemic. But, the predecessor of Umbrella Impact predates the worldwide event.

In 2018, a church fundraising ministry, located at the Christian Love Center in the New Haven West River area was organized with a mission to recognize and award its church members' youth who had exceptional grades.

"Annual banquets, gifts, and certificates were presented to show the children they were

appreciated and recognized by the church for their efforts to do good in school. Affected by the pandemic in 2019, all activities ceased, and the ministry was dismantled," said Clayton.

During the pandemic, while children were not able to attend school in person, Umbrella Impact was created and organized as a 501c3 non-profit organization, based in West Haven, to address children in low- to moderate-income families here, and in New Haven.

"We offer extracurricular incentives based on proof of family income and positive progress reports from school," Clayton said. "Students accepted in the program may attend an extracurricular activity of their choice, free of charge -- whether sports, martial arts, dance lessons, or acting classes, to name just a few."

Through fundraising campaigns and donations, Umbrella Impact has been able to assist several students this

year.

"We have assisted children by financially funding them to attend West Haven's female soccer away games and Tia Russell Brockington's Arts Institute in the New Haven area," said Clayton.

Umbrella Impact has expanded on the idea of inspiring achievement, and developed a curriculum addressing the persistent and chronic wealth gap.

"Our grass roots level work to affect this wealth gap addresses character building, community partnership and financial literacy for children ages 9-16. This 'Umbrella,' if you will, includes programs that have specific goals

Those goals include:

- Enhance students' self-esteem by coaching, recognizing, and navigating them through self-awareness Skills;

- Collaborating with professionals, schools, Community organizations, and parents for guidance and village partnership;

- Acquainting children with savings, debts, investing, and debt.

"By improving these skills in youngsters and providing incentives, it is our goal that an improved skill set will lead to better opportunities and

thus greater wealth generation and brighter futures," Clayton said.

An annual banquet is planned to honor the young people who have shown dedication throughout the pandemic and beyond.

The Paint and Brunch is one of the fundraisers to help ful-

fill this year's goals.

"Support from community members and donations means a great deal to those we serve. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 809-1342," Clayton said.

Umbrella Impact's website is: <https://www.umbrellaimpact.org>.



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Dear Felicia

Yew know, sweets, it's amazing. It seems like jest t'other day we were saying it's June 1 we have the whole summer ahead of us. Here we are in the latter stages o' August, and the papyrus is publishing it's Back to School edition. Schools open about week earlier than they used to, but they don't git out any sooner. Too many days off in the middle, I guess.

Still, yew can see school is ready to open cuz the smiles on moms' faces, and the sorrow on the kiddies' faces are beginning to show. As I said to yew before, it's amazing how no matter how long ago we graduated or left school, the warp and whoop of life really revolves around the academic year. The bus schedule heralds it, the summer is about over, and we look forward to the coming of fall.

Here in the burg, the primary season is over, and the candidates have been selected.

The only real contest locally was the McGee-Miller tussle for the Demmie nomination in the 116th. McGee won, but the campaign was marred by some o' the usual nonsense one sees nowadays: inability to argue one's position, using epithets instead. It's really shameful.

Sammy Bluejay was in t'other afternoon and he thinks we're gonna see more, not less of the vitriol we saw in the recent campaign. Heck, Lamont and Stefanowski are already taking things each other has said outta context and "approving this message." With the coming of Labor Day, which usually signals when campaigns really git going, things are only gonna git worse. It comes from a lack of education, and the fack that most o' today's students are told what to believe rather than given things to consider. Yew can see it.

The ubiquitous AOC from New Yawk is a prime example. She supposedly has a degree in economics. Yet, she is one of the most ignorant people when it comes to talking the subject - cuz she rejects it in favor of an ideology. That's what they're using education for nowadays. They can't read, they can't write, but they can spout.

The Wag came in after a couple week's absence and wanted to talk about the fack that Barry Lee Cohen is going full speed ahead on an appeal of the ruling concerning last fall's election. To refresh yore mem'ry, the judge found several problems with the ballots and rejected a few, but said there wasn't enough to overturn the results - this is a typical ploy by judges, who don't wanna make such rulings.

Cohen and his attorney think the judge was selective in what evidence she used to make the ruling, and is hoping the appellate court will see the totality of the argument. I wouldn't be the mortgage on that one. Cohen is probably right in what he alleges, and he only lost by 32 votes, but by the time the appellate court reads the briefs, and hears the oral arguments - if there are any - it'll be more than a year since the election. So, nobody really expects a bombshell ruling.

What'll be interesting is wheth-

er Cohen decides to run again in 2023. Y'see people are still miffed by what went on with the fed'ral money, and the almost daily negatives coming from local press and setch. There is also a general feeling people aren't up to the tasks at hand. We shall see, but Cohen might be able to build on last time, and after more than 30 years of one-party rule, maybe things will start to change. Ya never know.

Effen yew look in Gripe Vine, Eleanore Turkington's colyume, yew see a litany of complaints about potholes - and big ones. Our esteemed editor still takes a jog a few times during a week and can tell yew that he passes quite a few. And, some o' them should be classified as gorges, not holes. A gassamobuggy going over - or in and out - of some o' them might blow a tire or need the front end realigned. It's not a laughing matter.

He's seen crews out putting some hot patch down, but the problem is they really don't git a chance to set and effen there's a rain soon after, the whole thing is lost. Last summer, due to bonding, there was a big repaving effort. Not so much this year. I guess the difference is last year was an election year.

Judgin' from Eleanore's letter stack the issheew has more than a few people irate, and who can blame them. There's still time to see some real repairs, but who know what'll happen.

Before we go any further, we wanna send our condolences to the family of Louis Smith Votto, who passed away earlier this month. Louey, as he was called by his friends, was Corporation Counsel more than once for the city, and effen I remember, was on staff during the Save Our Shore years of the 1970s. He always had a smile on his face, even when things got sticky. He was always fair, and didn't try to demean people. We send our best wishes to his family.

Nelly Nuthatch came by and wanted to talk the New England Brewery Co. coming to the shore. I guess the ink is all but dry on the contracts and things will start percolating over there.

We're still not sure we like the idea o' closing the Savin Rock Museum and exhibiting them in the new restaurant when it's completed - those are city objects that should be in a city facility.

This is no criticism of the new owners - more a criticism of the lack of foresight on the part of the city: what else is new?

We're glad to see the rotting

carcass of the Phyllis', Casino, Savin Rock Conference Center is gonna be gone soon. It is starting to look seedier and seedier, and the thing might cave in on itself effen it's left too long. Nelly was wondering what was happening with the plan, as there was a long stretch where nothing was heard, and the rumor mill began to spin about the deal falling through. We've seen that before, haven't we. So, we'll keep an eye on things, via Nelly and let yew know effen there's anything else to report as we go forward.

Whilst we're talking about projects, one we ain't heard much about was the supposed new bistro that was gonna be put at the old Chick's Restaurant site. That deal was announced about a year ago, and we ain't heard much - except there are reports of the developers having second thoughts. The problem: the fack that Beach Street, which is supposed to be raised about seven feet, hasn't got off the boards yet, and is scheduled to begin in the fall. That has put a crimp in the developers' plans, we hear.

Again, we got this from a perty good source, and wonder effen discussions are still going on betwixt the developers and the city. Heaven knows this is the way things happen around here: a big announcement, and a long stretch of nothing. Remember the Enterprise Zone announced almost two years ago for the West River area? It was a BBBBIIIIIGGGG announcement and had all the bells and whistles. Since then, crickets. Not even an update on where we are after the state accepted the plan.

And then there's the Haven. Except for a few spurts of activity over there, it's perty much the same as it's been for about nine months. The city was supposed to be "negotiating" with the developers and looking for a timeline on the seven-year-old project. Some demolition took place, and there are rows of debris waiting to be carted away. But there are still four blocks of old homes that need to be torn down, with a neighborhood that is watching its property values decrease with each passing day. Is the Haven going to be built? Who knows? That's the history of every project that's been announced for the area, and it's a pattern that we can look back on for the last 60 years or so. The smore things change....

People are still wondering about the "night life" at the Old Grove Park and surrounding area. Some are saying they're scared to go down.

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

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Dear Gripe Vine Readers:

Many of my readers have submitted pothole gripes, broken up pavement and unfinished pothole repairs to Gripe Vine.

I have been contacting your district Council members asking for help with these complaints.

I have been waiting for these responses and I just wanted you to know today, as soon as the Council members respond, you will read their investigative results in Gripe Vine. I would like to ask my readers to let me know if your gripes have been completed or not.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

In the Highland-Sawmill Road, someone tried to fill potholes but only filled them halfway. Others they missed completely and are causing cracks in the pavement. They look like a war packed driveway strip. Please fix it.

Taxpayer

I notified Councilman Victor M. Boras of these conditions, and this reply was received, "As Councilman of the 8th District, I see and understand these issues with potholes all over the districts. The city really needs to find a way to fix them all. I have reached out with emails and texting to the Public Works Commissioner and at this point have not heard anything back as of yet. As you may know, there are so many issues and I do my best as councilman of the Eighth District."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There is a huge hole turning onto Leete Street from Peck Avenue. It took them four months to patch it the first time. In a month the patch was even worse. You can barely turn onto the street without going into it.

Tired of It!

Dear Tired of It:

Council Woman Bridgette Huskie was notified of your complaint. Her reply, "They have been added to the list."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There is a huge pothole here at Third and Elm. Please repair it.

SP

Dear SP:

Council Woman Bridgette Hoskie responded to your gripe with, "They have been added to the list."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

When will the hole on Park Circle be repaired and is Savin Avenue going to be repaved?

Faithful Reader

Dear Faithful Reader:

According to Councilwoman, Meli Garthwait, "I have never heard back from Public Works regarding your complaints for the hole on Park Circle and Savin Avenue paving."

I have copied Public Works again so hopefully someone will respond and let us know if they will have someone go onto fix the pothole and answer the question on paving."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

When will the potholes on Church Street be repaired?

HS



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

Dear HS:

Council Woman Bridgette Hoskie replied, "I have sent a follow up to address."

Dear Councilmen and Women:

Thank you for the time and patience you all have employed to assist our residents

Eleanore

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Just who has the option to post banners at City Hall recognizing various occasions and tributes?

Curious

Dear Curious:

Beth Sabo West Haven's Human Resources Commissioner responded, "The city has hung banners that are informational in nature such as June ID, Dog Licensing Month, Celebra-

tion of Centennial. There have been various banners and flags displayed, such as Breast Cancer Awareness. Let Freedom Rin, congratulations to various school championships, Irish Flag, Italian Flag, Pride Flag, Organ Donor Flag, etc. It is usually hung to commemorate a date or event."

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'Shutting up' opponents

The primaries are over, and the winners declared. Voters and taxpayers are now going to be subjected to the general election campaign for state offices, governor, and federal House and Senate seats. We say "subjugated," because we expect little on real issues will be discussed by candidates - if they primaries are any example. Instead, we will see name-calling of vilest kind, and use of terms that, if they were properly used, would make adults blush. Unfortunately, we have few, if any adults, in politics today.

Locally, we saw a prime example of how issues are off the table, and many may not be discussed as one or the other person presumes he (or she in this case) have the moral high ground and any questioning is out of bounds. The people involved should be embarrassed, but we doubt it

Trenee McGee was battling Joseph Miller for the right to be the Democratic nominee for the 116th District. McGee, who won a special election last year was the party-endorsed candidate, Miller, a proclaimed Democratic activist, the challenger. The issue of abortion came up, and it was on this topic both candidates showed what is wrong with political discourse in the nation.

McGee gave an impassioned speech earlier the spring against abortion - a very noble and courageous thing to do given the Democratic Party's stance. For her it was personal, and racial in that she related her experiences growing up and how abortion was a given for women of color.

Miller took that speech, given on the floor of the General Assembly, and used it in his campaign, taking the party line, calling for abortion on demand. So far, no egregious errors, but then things got ugly.

A story in the Hartford Courant asked for Miller to respond to McGee's speech. Miller said the speech was one reason he decided to run and fight for what he considered party values. McGee, in a detailed answer, fired the first salvo. She said in no uncertain terms Miller, as a man, a white man, can't speak to her beliefs. Not too bad, but it bespeaks a problem in that some feel only women can talk about this issue. Then she said the speech, if it prompted him to run seemed a "supremacist" motive.

Miller, correctly asked for a retraction and apology, but then he went off the rails in that he called abortion a "fight for the soul" of the Democratic Party.

What we have here are two candidates telling the other to "shut up." Their beliefs are not only not to be heard, but are morally wrong, and shouldn't be allowed for discussion. McGee calling Miller a "supremacist," and Miller saying the issue involves the soul of the party are both shutting the discussion down: end of discussion, you have no right to be heard.

We see it all the time. Let's list the words used: fascist, Nazi, supremacist, racist, homophobe, Islamophobe, Transphobe, xenophobe. These, and many more words are used today to shutdown discussion as if discussion itself, or a differing view, is something that cannot be heard by civilized people. Nonsense. It's a vehicle to put the opposing view on the defensive, and it should be called out for what it is: un-American.

It started decades ago with "racist," and it continued and grew legs during the Obama administration, when any disagreement on policy was shut down as racist and beneath contempt. It has grown, and in a social media world has morphed into the inability to recognize people can have differing views for valid reasons.

McGee won the election, but she lost in the sense she demeaned herself. Miller lost the election, and lost esteem for hyperbole, demeaning himself. We all lost because a true discussion of a major issue became a cudgel for both sides to use instead of engaging the in battle of ideas. And remember, this was an intra-party squabble.

Who knows what we'll see and hear next.



Joe Manchin's travesty

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

Congress has never cared much about truth-in-labeling, but even by its standards, "The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022" is laughably absurd.

The deal reached by West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin and Majority Leader Chuck Schumer is getting puffed up by the media as a presidency-revitalizing achievement for President Joe Biden, when in reality it is the detritus of his stymied legislative agenda hastily thrown together in an incoherent muddle, under a deceptive name.

A signature of Biden's legislative strategy has been pursuing sweeping legislation that has nothing to do with the actual concerns of voters. Worried about inflation? Don't worry, we have a partisan, enormously ambitious voting rights bill, police reform bill, or new multi-trillion-dollar spending bill just for you.

Thankfully, Manchin significantly bid down what Biden and the rest of the party initially wanted to spend on so-called "Build Back Better." Otherwise, the new deal is as much of a non sequitur as ever. At a time of inflation, it offers hundreds of billions of new spending. As the economy dips into a recession or close to one, it offers hundreds of billions in new taxes. And its main element is more green energy spending, when the

climate is far down the priority list for voters.

TITLE: None of this makes much sense. According to the estimate of the Penn Wharton Budget Model, the act would very slightly increase inflation in the near-term, when inflation is a problem, and very slightly decrease it after 2024, when -- one hopes -- it will already have fallen.

That's just some random model, you say? Well, Manchin used to rely on it.

Manchin brags about the \$300 billion in deficit reduction over 10 years, which is supposed to be one of the bill's counterinflationary bragging points. Just a week or so ago, though, the senator voted for the Senate's \$280 billion "Chips and Science" bill. What the West Virginia solon giveth with one hand, he taketh away with another.

Surely, Democrats will keep the new spending coming to the extent they can.

Manchin deserves credit for sounding the alarm about inflation when Democrats were still in denial. TITLE: Nonetheless, his own record isn't exactly sterling. Last year, he voted for the \$1.9 billion "rescue plan" that had some role in worsening inflation. Now, he claims to be tackling this inflation via fiscal rectitude while he freely spends more money.

In short, Manchin is an arsonist who shows up to put

out the fire with a leaky hose.

The tax piece isn't any better. The 15% corporate income tax will hit manufacturers particularly hard, including the semiconductor manufacturers that Manchin and the Senate just went out of their way to subsidize. Again, which is it -- do those companies deserve to be subsidized more, or taxed more?

Manchin implausibly denies the tax increase is a tax increase. He calls it closing a loophole, a classic Beltway euphemism for a tax hike.

Also, he further denies that the bill increases taxes on those making less than \$200,000 a year, despite the Joint Committee on Taxation finding exactly that. The committee estimates that people making between \$50,000 and \$75,000 would see a .8% increase next year.

Then there's the issue that the additional corporate tax is a disincentive to business investment when more of it is desperately needed. Inflation results from demand outstripping supply, so it is imperative that government get out of the way of business creating more supply.

Finally, Manchin said in 2010, "I don't think, during the time of recession, you mess with any of the taxes or increase any taxes." He has apparently suspended that rule until further notice.

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STEVENS & YORK
YORK & COLLIS

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FAIRFAX & RANGLEY
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SECOND & BLOHM

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COLEMAN & GLADE

BUS K 6:50 AM
ADMIRAL & BRISTOL
GILBERT & BRISTOL
QUIGLEY STADIUM
FRONT & LOCUST
FRONT & SPRING

BUS M 6:45 AM
W SPRING & GRETA

BUS N 6:50 AM
BURWELL & MALCOLM
BURWELL & CULLEN
HEMLOCK & SPRUCE
CAMPBELL & SMITH CT
CAMPBELL & W SPRING
CAMPBELL & HIGHLAND

BUS O 6:45 AM
CANTON & TUTHILL
CANTON & JAFFREY
MELOY & KNOX

BUS Q 7:00 AM
OCEAN & LAKE
OCEAN & SOUTH
OCEAN & HOLCOMB
OCEAN & TRUMBULL
OCEAN & ANNAWON
ANNAWON & CONTACT
CONTACT & GREAT CIR
SOUTH & WINGTIP

BUS T 6:30 AM
TUTHILL & MEDFORD
EAGLE & ROBIN
PUTNEY & WHITNEY
MINOR & KNIGHT
ORANGE LANDING

BUS Y 6:35 AM
ISLAND & ANDREA
31 ANDREA DR
MORGAN & BENHAM HILL
BENHAM HILL &
MT PLEASANT
ISLAND & FARMHILL
TYROL & PERRY MERRILL
BEATRICE & IDA
BEATRICE & BENHAM HILL
WINSLOW & COOPER
WINSLOW & RUBY
JONES HILL & WOODMONT
JONES HILL & HAYSTACK

BAILEY AM BUS RUNS

BUS A 6:45 AM
BURWELL & JOSEPHINE
HEMLOCK & SPRUCE
ORANGE TERR & LINDE
HOFFMAN & CHAUNCEY
POST ROAD & PEABODY
PEABODY & RANDOLF
PEABODY & NORFOLK
TUTHILL & MEDFORD
MELOY & BAKER
MEADOWBROOK &
GREENHILL
670 SAWMILL EXT
ISLAND & ANDREA

BUS B 7:05 AM
PLATT & LINDEN
OCEAN & IVY
OCEAN & PROSPECT
OCEAN & SOUTH
AIMES & ANNAWON
OCEAN & NASHAWENA
JONES HILL & BROOK
WINSLOW & RUBY
WINSLOW & COOPER
BENHAM HILL & BEATRICE
BEATRICE & IDA

BUS C 7:05 AM
KELSEY & CIRCLE
KELSEY & BASSETT
KELSEY & MAIN
PLATT & LAWNCREST
PLATT & WOODHILL
PLATT & CHERRY
HIGHLAND & SUMAC
SOUTH & WINGTIP
SOUTH & MOHAWK
JONES HILL & BELLEVUE

BUS D 7:10 AM
HOMESIDE & COLLINS
89 COLEMAN ST BY
FOUNTAIN
W SPRING & RIDGE CT E
W SPRING & KENNETH

BUS E 7:00 AM
SAVIN & PARK
SAVIN & BLOHM
SAVIN & BASSETT
SAVIN & BROWN
SAVIN & MAIN
SAVIN & CENTER
SAVIN & ELM
W MAIN & ELMHURST
ALLING CROSSING &
PHIPPS

BUS F 7:15 AM
W SPRING & LINDA
W SPRING & COLEMAN
COLEMAN & GLADE
GLADE ST @ DUMPSTER
TERRACE & GLADE
TERRACE & EDNA
HOMESIDE & EDNA

BUS G 7:15AM
CANTON & TUTHILL
MELOY & KNOX

BUS H 7:05 AM
CAMPBELL & ATWATER
CAMPBELL & BROWN
CAMPBELL & CENTER
ELM & SECOND

BUS I 7:05 AM
FIRST & MAIN
FIRST & CENTER
FIRST & WILLOW
FIRST & WOOD
FIRST & RICHARDS
FIRST & DANA
CAMPBELL & TERRACE

BUS J 6:55 AM
RANGLEY & ENRIGHT
FAIRFAX & RANGLEY
FAIRFAX & TRESPOTT
FAIRFAX & HAROLD
FAIRFAX & ANTRIM

BUS K 6:50 AM
FOREST & ALDEN
FLORENCE & N FOREST
479 DERBY AVE
ELIZABETH ST
HILLSIDE & HIGHVIEW
FOREST & HUGO
FOREST & HERMAN
ADMIRAL & BRISTOL
GILBERT & BRISTOL
CAMPBELL & SMITH CT

BUS L 7:15 AM
WASHINGTON & BLOHM
SAVIN ROCK SCHOOL

BUS M 7:10 AM
UNION & ELM
UNION & MAIN
UNION & BROWN

BUS N 7:05 AM
EDWARD & EDITH
SAWMILL & PHILLIPS
YORK & ORION
STEVENS & YORK
STEVENS & HIGHLAND
WHITNEY & VALLEYBROOK
ORANGE LANDING
SHINGLE HILL & CARRIAGE

BUS O 7:05 AM
BLOHM & THIRD AVE EXT
SECOND & MAY
SECOND & WHITE
SECOND & MAIN

BUS P 7:05 AM
FRONT & HIGH
FRONT & SPRING
CAMPBELL & W SPRING
CAMPBELL & RICHARDS
WASHINGTON & ELM

BUS Q 7:10 AM
DAYTONA & SANFORD
DAYTONA & ASHVILLE
MELOY & EILEEN
CLAUDIA DR @CIRCLE
MEADOWBROOK CT @
OFFICE

CARRIGAN AM BUS RUNS

BUS A 7:35 AM
479 DERBY AVE
ELIZABETH ST
HILLSIDE & MORRIS
HIGHVIEW & WINFRED
FOREST & DAVID
LEE & HUGO
LEE & WESTFIELD
GILBERT & BRISTOL
BRISTOL & ADMIRAL

BUS B 7:45 AM
CANTON & TUTHILL
175 CANTON
MELOY & KNOX

BUS C 7:35 AM
HOFFMAN & CHAUNCEY
CHAUNCEY & WALTER
ORANGE TERR & LINDE
ORANGE TERR & HEMLOCK
HEMLOCK & SPRUCE
BURWELL & CULLEN
BURWELL & JOSEPHINE
RANGLEY & SYCAWAY
FAIRFAX & RANGLEY
FAIRFAX & ASHFORD
FAIRFAX & HAROLD

BUS D 7:45 AM
W SPRING & KENNETH
W SPRING & RIDGE CT E
COLEMAN & GRETA
89 COLEMAN ST @
FOUNTAIN
HOMESIDE & COLLINS

BUS E 7:50 AM
COLEMAN & GLADE
GLADE ST @ DUMPSTER
TERRACE & GLADE
TERRACE & EDNA
HOMESIDE & EDNA
KILBORN & ROCKVIEW
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BUS F 7:45 AM
ORANGE LANDING
CARLSON & CYNTHIA
MOLLOY SCHOOL
TUTHILL & MEDFORD
PEABODY & NORFOLK
PEABODY & POST ROAD
DAYTONA & ASHVILLE
DAYTONA & SANFORD

BUS G 7:45 AM
W SPRING & LINDA
W SPRING & COLEMAN
W SPRING & SHUMWAY
W SPRING & BOYLSTON
CAMPBELL & W SPRING
FIRST & DANA
FRONT & SPRING
FRONT & HIGH
QUIGLEY STADIUM

BUS H 7:40 AM
441 MORGAN LANE
SAWMILL & RANCHWOOD
MEADOWBROOK &
GREENHILL
MEADOWBROOK CT @
OFFICE
CLAUDIA DR @ CIRCLE
MELOY & EILEEN

BUS I 7:45 AM
ISLAND & ANDREA
RAILROAD & EDWARD
SAWMILL &
PHILLIPS TERRACE
YORK & ORION
HIGHLAND & OLEANDER
STEVENS & HIGHLAND
YORK & WHALES
CAMPBELL & TERRACE
CAMPBELL & SMITH CT

BUS J 7:40 AM
ELM & WASHINGTON
ELM & THIRD
FIRST & RICHARD PL
FIRST & WALLACE
FIRST & WOOD
FIRST & BAGGOTT

BUS K 7:45 AM
CAMPBELL & BROWN
WASHINGTON & NOBLE
SAVIN ROCK SCHOOL
WASHINGTON & THOMAS
CAMPBELL &
CAPT THOMAS

BUS L 7:45 AM
SAVIN & CENTER
SAVIN & MAIN
SAVIN & CHESTNUT
SAVIN & LEETE
SAVIN & NOBLE
KELSEY & CIRCLE
KELSEY & BASSETT
KELSEY & MAIN

BUS M 7:40 AM
380 ELM ST
CAMPBELL & LEETE
BROWN & UNION

BUS N 7:30 AM
SECOND & BLOHM
SECOND & MAY
SECOND & WHITE
SECOND & MAIN
FIRST & MAIN

BUS O 7:45 AM
WASHINGTON & MAIN
CENTER & UNION
CENTER & SECOND
WASHINGTON & WHARTON
WASHINGTON & RICHARD

BUS P 7:45 AM
JONES HILL & HAYSTACK
JONES HILL & VIEW
LAUREL & PARKER AVE E
LAUREL & HIGHLAND
HIGHLAND & FAIRVIEW
OCEAN & PROSPECT
PLATT & COVE
PLATT & CHERRY
PLATT & WOODHILL
PLATT & COVEBROOK
PLATT & LINCOLN

BUS Q 7:25 AM
613 MAIN ST
653 MAIN ST
W MAIN & LAKE
W MAIN & HILLTOP
MARKS & COUNTRY HILL
COLONIAL & PARKER
ROOSEVELT & DAWSON
DAWSON & SHARON
SEAVIEW & CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT & LAKE
JONES HILL &
STRATHMORE
ALLING CROSSING &
PHIPPS

BUS R 7:25 AM
OCEAN & WOODRUFF
OCEAN & BALDWIN
OCEAN & NASHAWENA
WINSLOW & DANENBURG
WINSLOW & RUBY
WINSLOW & COOPER
ROCHDALE & PAULINE
JONES HILL & BELLE
ANNAWON & CONACT
CONTACT & GREAT CIR
SOUTH & WINGTIP
SOUTH & MOHAWK

BUS S 7:35 AM
BEATRICE & IDA
BENHAM HILL & BEATRICE
BENHAM HILL & PETER
BENHAM HILL &
SUGARBUSH
JESSE & KAYE
DOWNDRAFT & CHINCLIFT
RIDGE HOLLOW & TWIN
CIRCLE
ISLAND & BAILEY
BENHAM HILL & BAILEY

FOREST AM BUS RUNS

BUS A 8:15 AM
GILBERT & GILBERT PL
GILBERT & NORTH PL
GILBERT & BRISTOL
GILBERT & HINMAN
GILBERT & WESTFIELD
LEE & WESTFIELD
LEE & HUGO
193 FOREST ROAD
134 FOREST ROAD

BUS B 7:50 AM
YORK & IVY CIR
CAMPBELL & WHARTON PL
CAMPBELL & W SPRING
CAMPBELL & DANA
CAMPBELL & ALLING
CAMPBELL & TERRACE
CAMPBELL & SMITH CT

BUS C 7:50 AM
FRONT & CLIFTON
FRONT & SPRING
FRONT & LAMSON
FRONT & HIGH
QUIGLEY STADIUM
ADMIRAL & BRISTOL

BUS D 7:50 AM
60 PLAINFIELD AVE
ELIZABETH ST
651 FOREST RD
S FOREST & ALDEN
20 ALDEN RD
479 DERBY AVE
LAKEVIEW & MORRIS
LAKEVIEW & LINCOLN
HILLSIDE & HIGHVIEW
WINIFRED & FOREST HILLS

BUS E 7:55 AM
W SPRING & COLEMAN
TERRACE & OVERLOOK
TERRACE & TREAT
TERRACE & GLADE
HOMESIDE & COLLINS
HOMESIDE & EDNA
HOMESIDE & ISADORE
KILBORN & ROCKVIEW
LYDIA & BARBARA

BUS F 7:55 AM
MOLLOY SCHOOL
CHAUNCEY & HOFFMAN
CHAUNCEY & WALTER
ORANGE TERR & LINDE

HEMLOCK & BURWELL
HEMLOCK & SPRUCE

BUS G 7:50 AM
CAMPBELL & ELM @
A-1 PIZZA
FIRST & WALLACE
FIRST & MAPLE
FIRST & THOMPSON
FIRST & LAMSON
FIRST & BAGGOTT

BUS H 7:55 AM
NONQUIT & SWAMPSCOTT
NONQUIT & DIX
FAIRFAX & TRECOTT
FAIRFAX & ELLSWORTH
FAIRFAX & NORWELL
FENWICK & RANGLEY
FAIRFAX & RANGELY
RANGELY & ENFIELD
YATES & MALTBY
ROBART & MONTEITH

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MACKRILLE AM BUS RUNS

BUS A 8:15 AM
W SPRING & LINDA
OLEANDER & W PROSPECT
SAWMILL & PHILLIPS
SHINGLEHILL & CARRIAGE
97 MORGAN LN
235 MORGAN LN
HIGHMEADOW &
COUNTRY HILL
210 SHINGLE HILL ROAD
MARYDALE & ALEXANDER

BUS B 8:25 AM
ELM & THIRD
SAVIN & CENTER
511 MAIN ST
MAIN & PAINTER
613 MAIN ST
665 W MAIN ST
676 W MAIN ST
51 ANDREA DR

BUS C 8:25 AM
HOMESIDE & EDNA
W SPRING & RIDGE CT E
W SPRING & KENNETH

BUS D 8:10 AM
MELOY & EILEEN
72 PHEASANT RD
PUTNEY & CARLSON
MEADWOBROOK CT AT
OFFICE
SAWMILL & RANCHWOOD
SAWMILL & CRUSADER
WILDWOOD & SORENSON
ELMHURST & LINCOLN
PLATT & LINCOLN
PLATT & COVEBROOK

BUS E 8:20 AM
CLAUDIA & CIRCLE
CHESTNUT & RICHMOND
PLATT & LINDEN
HIGHLAND & WOODLAND
HIGHLAND & LAUREL
HIGHLAND & IVY
LAUREL & SOUNDVIEW

PAGELS AM BUS RUNS

BUS A 8:25 AM
99 BULL HILL LN
598 ISLAND LN
501 ISLAND LN
725 ISLAND LN
MT PLEASANT & MILLS
BENHAM HILL & BAILEY
PIERSON & COYLE
3 FARM HILL RD
RIDGE HOLLOW &
WOODRIDGE
56 ISLAND LN
PERRY MERRILL &
DOWNDRAFT
SPRUCE PEAK
& BIG SPRUCE

BUS B 8:35 AM
35 CLAUDIA DR
CLAUDIA DR @ CIRCLE
MEADOWBROOK BLDG 16
MEADOWBROOK @
DUMPSTER

BUS C 8:15 AM
POST RD & ORFORD
DAYTONA & VERNON
PEABODY & RANDOLF
PEABODY & NORFOLK
NORFOLK & EVERETT
TUTHILL & EVERETT
TUTHILL & MEDFORD
TUTHILL & BAKER
TUTHILL & DONALD
TUTHILL & MILHAVEN
COLEMAN & GRETA
COLLIS & YORK
YORK & OLEANADER

BUS D 8:15 AM
MELOY & BAKER
ORANGE LANDING
3 GREEN HILL LN
10 MEADOWBROOK RD
ISLAND & ACCESS
HAYSTACK & OXBOW
WOODMONT & BATT

SAVIN ROCK AM BUS RUNS

BUS A 8:30 AM
89 COLEMAN ST @
FOUNTAIN
89 COLEMAN ST
W SPRING & KING
W SPRING & BOYLSTON
HANSON & MYRTLE
PECK & LEETE

BUS B 8:25 AM
YORK & WALES
YORK & COLLIS
314 HIGHLAND ST

HIGHLAND & STEVENS
HIGHLAND ST &
HIGHLAND CT
10 HIGHLAND ST

BUS C 8:30 AM
CENTER & THIRD
680 THIRD AVE
SECOND & MARION
SECOND & BLOHM
BLOHM & THIRD AVE EXT

BUS D 8:35 AM
GLADE ST @ DUMPSTER
COLEMAN & GLADE
W SPRING & COLEMAN ST

BUS E 8:35 AM
MELOY & KNOX

BUS F 8:25 AM
BEDFORD & GROTON
BEDFORD & JAFFREY
175 CANTON ST
161 DALTON ST
45 DALTON ST
CANTON & TUTHILL

BUS G 8:15 AM
SAVIN & CHURCH
SAVIN & LEETE
SAVIN & BLOHM
KELSEY & BASSETT
103 PAINTER AVE

SETH HALEY AM BUS RUNS

BUS A 8:10 AM
MELOY & KNOX
MEADOWBROOK RD &
1ST DRIVEWAY
5 GREGORY RD
3 GREENHILL LN
MINOR & KNIGHT
PUTNEY & CARLSON
CARLSON & CYNTHIA
PHEASANT & EAGLE
SAWMILL EXT
& MORRISSEY
96 RANCHWOOD DR

BUS B 8:15 AM
500 JONES HILL RD
456 JONES HILL RD
147 MOHAWK ST
VIEW & MAGNOLIA
493 OCEAN AVE
OCEAN & HEMMINGWAY
OCEAN & HOLCOMB
OCEAN & TRUMBULL ST
OCEAN & HUBERT
17 BELLE CIR
5 BELLE CIRCLE

BUS C 8:25 AM
HAMILTON & TAMPA
ASHVILLE & ORMOND
MIAMI & OCALA
RODNEY & KILBORN
COLEMAN & GRETA
30 VOSS RD
RAILROAD & EDWARD

BUS D 8:20 AM
283 MELOY RD
MELOY & CLAUDIA
380 ELM ST
SAVIN & ELM
SAVIN & CENTER
KELSEY & CHURCH
444 PAINTER DR
COLONIAL & HARDING
COLONIAL & PARKER

BUS E 8:25 AM
HIGHLAND & GROVE
OCEAN & PROSPECT
97 PROSPECT AVE
124 PROSPECT AVE
138 ARLINGTON ST
72 ARLINGTON ST
ARLINGTON & HAWTHORNE
126 DAWSON AVE
ROOSEVELT & DAWSON
ROOSEVELT & ALBION
ALBION & OVERLOOK
44 TYLER AVE

WASHINGTON AM BUS RUNS

BUS A 8:30 AM
ELM & SECOND
ELM & THIRD
ELM & FOURTH
ELM & WASHINGTON
ELM & CAMPBELL

BUS B 8:30 AM
RICHARD & N UNION
WASHINGTON & RICHARD
WOOD & UNION
GEORGE & WASHINGTON
CENTER & UNION
UNION & MAIN
WASHINGTON & MAIN

BUS C 8:30 AM
SWAMPSCOTT & EATON
DIX & TETLOW
FAIRFAX & NEWBURN
ARDALE & OGDEN
FIRST & WALLACE
FIRST & CENTER
FIRST & RICHARD PL
FIRST & MAIN
FIRST & JONES
SECOND & MAIN
CENTER & SECOND

PLATT TECH AM BUS RUNS

BUS T 6:25 AM
MELOY & EAGLE
W SPRING & GRETA
W SPRING & COLEMAN
YORK & COLLIS
YORK & MYRTLE
WASHINGTON & ELM
WASHINGTON & MAIN
MAIN & SAVIN
SAVIN & GRAHAM MANOR
KELSEY & CIRCLE
KELSEY & MAIN
W MAIN & FOREST TER
PLATT & CHERRY
OCEAN & PROSPECT
OCEAN & SOUTH
OCEAN & ANNAWON

BUS U 6:35AM
PUTNEY & CARLSON
BULL HILL &
MEADOWBROOK APT
SAWMILL & MORRISSEY
ALLING CROSSING &
SHINGLE HILL
JONES HILL & HICKORY
JONES HILL & MORGAN
BENHAM HILL & JESSE
JONES HILL & SOUTH
WOODMONT &
BENHAM HILL

BUS W 6:25 AM
KILBORN & ROCKVIEW
HOMESIDE & EDNA
TERRACE & GLADE
CAMPBELL & RICHARDS
FIRST & NORTH
SECOND & BROWN
SECOND & BLOHM
BLOHM & EAST
WASHINGTON & BLOHM
WASHINGTON & LEETE
WASHINGTON & COURT
SECOND & MAIN
ELM & SECOND

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BUS X 6:35 AM
 ARDALE & OGDEN
 FAIRFAX & WENHAM
 FAIRFAX & RANGLEY
 RANGLEY & SYCAWAY
 FOREST & DAVID
 FOREST & BRISTOL
 FRONT & HIGH
 FRONT & SPRING
 FIRST & LAMSON
 HOFFMAN & CHAUNCEY
 DAYTONA & PALATKA
 PEABODY & ORFORD
 TUTHILL & EVERETT
 TUTHILL & DALTON

LYMAN HALL AM BUS RUN

5:55 AM

HIGHLAND & SUMAC
 GRAND & BELLEVUE
 SOUTH & OCEAN
 OCEAN & LINWOOD
 SAVIN & LESTER
 PECK & WILLIAM
 SECOND & MAY
 MAIN & HINE
 WASHINGTON & MAIN
 W SPRING & BOYLSTON
 FIRST & BAGGOTT

SOUND AM BUS RUN

6:25 AM

MELOY & KNOX
 MEADOWBROOK @ OFFICE
 FOREST & WINFRED
 HEMLOCK & SPRUCE
 FRONT & LOCUST
 W SPRING & KING
 GLADE ST @ DUMPSTER
 W SPRING & GRETA
 WOODMONT &
 BENHAM HILL
 OCEAN & NASHAWEENA
 SOUTH & MOHAWK
 COLONIAL & WILSON
 HIGHLAND & GROVE
 LAUREL & HIGHLAND
 WASHINGTON & NOBLE
 156 WHITE ST
 WASHINGTON & COURT
 WASHINGTON & ELM
 CENTER & SECOND
 FIRST & WILLOW
 FIRST & WOOD

HSIC 6

6:13 AM

BEDFORD & GROTON
 175 CANTON ST
 BULL HILL & MEADOW-
 BROOK
 ISLAND & ACCESS
 W MAIN & ELMHURST
 CAMPBELL & ATWATER
 WASHINGTON & LEETE
 MAIN & UNION
 WASHINGTON & CENTER
 283 UNION AVE
 ELM & THIRD
 CAMPBELL & RICHARDS ST
 STEVENS & YORK
 CLAUDIA DR @ CIRCLE
 W SPRING & KENNETH
 FAIRFAX & TETLOW
 FAIRFAX & HAROLD
 FAIRFAX & NORWELL
 BURWELL & OWNLY
 GILBERT & BRISTOL

ELI WHITNEY AM BUS RUN

5:55 AM

MELOY & BAKER
 FAIRFAX & OGDEN
 FAIRFAX & RANGELY
 ELIZABETH ST
 FOREST & DAVID
 HEMLOCK & SPRUCE
 HOMESIDE & EDNA
 89 COLEMAN ST.
 @ FOUNTAIN
 W SPRING & GRETA
 ISLAND & ANDREA
 JONES HILL & WINSLOW
 HIGHLAND & IVY
 PLATT & CHERRY
 KELSEY & MAIN
 KELSEY & CIRCLE
 CAMPBELL & BLOHM
 BLOHM & PECK
 BROWN & MARTIN
 UNION & MAIN
 ELM & UNION
 ELM & THIRD
 FIRST & WOOD
 FIRST & LAMSON
 326 FRONT AVE
 GILBERT & BRISTOL

NOTRE DAME BUS X

6:25 AM

FAIRFAX & ASHFORD
 HOFFMAN & CHAUNCEY
 CANTON & JAFFERY
 W SPRING & GRETA
 YORK & OLEANDER
 MEADOWBROOK RD & 2ND
 DRIVEWAY
 ISLAND & ANDREA
 BENHAM HILL & FARM HILL
 SPRUCE PEAK & TYROL
 ROCHDALE & PAULINE
 OCEAN & SOUTH
 SOUTH & BELLEVUE
 SEAVIEW & CONNECTICUT
 OCEAN & GROVE
 WILDWOOD & SORENSON
 ELM & ORCHARD
 WASHINGTON & WILLIAM
 THIRD & WHITE
 SECOND & MAIN
 RICHARDS & N UNION

ST LAWRENCE AM BUS RUNS

BUS G 6:35 AM

43 DOWNDRAFT CIR
 67 PAULINE AVE
 11 SUSQUEHANNA AVE
 116 SKYLINE DR
 28 MOHAWK
 2 BRIDAL PATH LN
 192 BELLEVUE AVE
 16 HIGHLAND AVE EXT
 264 CONNECTICUT AVE
 93 MORGAN LN
 747 JONES HILL RD
 15 CHASE LN
 SAVIN & CHURCH

BUS P 6:40 AM

14 HAMILTON ST
 75 EATON ST
 146 FAIRFAX ST
 102 FENWICK ST
 2N FORST CIR
 35 CHERRY ST
 162 LEE ST
 130 GILBERT ST
 98 ADMIRAL ST
 310 TERRACE AVE
 230 TERRACE AVE
 119 TERRACE AVE
 840 FIRST AVE
 54 CLIFTON ST
 10 HIGHLAND ST
 57 HIGHLAND ST
 224 ELM ST
 ELM & UNION
 ELM & SECOND
 552 SECOND AVE
 83 MAY ST
 52 BROWN ST

BUS Y 6:40 AM

39 CANTON ST
 175 CANTON ST
 15 KNIGHT LN
 75 CLAUDIA DR
 125 COLEMAN ST
 GLADE ST BY DUMPSTER
 173 HIGHLAND ST
 180 BROWN ST
 150 LEETE ST
 265 WILLIAM ST
 152 WILLIAM ST
 182 PECK AVE
 115 PECK AVE
 164 BLOHM ST
 THIRD & JONES

METRO AM BUS RUN

6:15 AM

CANTON & FARWELL
 FAIRFAX & ANTRIM
 HOFFMAN & CHAUNCEY
 DAYTONA & BARBARA
 TERRACE & EDNA
 YORK & COLLIS
 W SPRING & GRETA
 MELOY & EAGLE
 PERRY MERRILL & CHIN-
 CLIFF
 OCEAN & ARLINGTON
 HICKORY & LINDEN
 SAVIN & BLOHM
 SECOND & WHITE
 SECOND & MAIN
 WASHINGTON & MAIN
 ELM & WASHINGTON
 FOREST & BRISTOL
 HEMLOCK & SPRUCE
 FAIRFAX & YATES
 ELIZABETH ST
 FOREST & WINFRED

CAREER BUS T AM RUN

6:10 AM

FAIRFAX & ASHFORD
 FAIRFAX & NORWELL
 RANGELY & SYCAWAY
 STEVENS & HIGHLAND
 SAWMILL & PHILLIPS
 MELOY & PHEASANT
 PUTNEY & WHITNEY
 MEADOWBROOK
 & GREGORY
 SOUTH & GREAT CIRCLE
 LAUREL & HIGHLAND
 WASHINGTON & BLOHM
 CAMPBELL & LEETE
 WASHINGTON & ATWATER
 WASHINGTON & BROWN
 FIRST & WOOD
 FRONT & LOCUST

CO-OP & NEW HAVEN ACADEMY

6:00 AM

FAIRFAX & WENHAM
 30 NONQUIT ST
 YATES & MALTBY
 ROBART & MONTEITH
 DAVID & OWNLY
 FOREST & ALDEN
 FOREST & BRISTOL
 TUTHILL & EVERETT
 MELOY & KNOX
 BULL HILL & KNIGHT
 BULL HILL & MEADOW-
 BROOK RD
 MELOY & EAGLE
 W SPRING & GRETA
 W SPRING & STEVENS
 GLADE ST BY DUMPSTER
 TERRACE & TREAT
 CAMPBELL & WHARTON PL
 FIRST & THOMPSON
 SECOND & MAIN
 WASHINGTON & THOMAS
 SAVIN & BLOHM
 SAVIN & ATWATER
 KELSEY & CIRCLE
 OCEAN & ARLINGTON
 SOUTH & WINGTIP
 JONESHILL & VIEW
 DOWN DRAFT & CHIN CLIFF
 ISLAND & BAILEY
 YORK & ORION

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Where were you in '62?

Four city rocketeers baffled adults

By Joe Walsh

Class of 1962

Ed. Note: The West Haven High School Class of 1962 will have its 60th class reunion 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23 at App's Restaurant, 283 Capt. Thomas Blvd. Send \$40 per ticket to Class of '62', 34 Goodsell Point Road, Bradford 06405. Joe Walsh, who now resides in Washington State, had this remembrance – a story that rocked the Town of West Haven, and amazed adults for the ingenuity shown by local youth.

After the atomic bomb blasts of Hiroshima and Nagasaki (1945) Americans (even kindergarten kids) saw the post atomic bomb picture of a Japanese farmer, mule, and plow silhouetted in ashes on a brick wall. This single picture clearly showed the horrors of atomic weapons.

Americans that lived through World Wars felt safe, because the horrors of war were in always in faraway lands. This feeling of security disappeared when the Soviet Union launched the satellite Sputnik on Oct. 4, 1957. Sputnik proved Soviets missiles could vaporize anyone in America.

Teachers had no idea how to help school kids deal with the possibility of Soviet nuclear missile attacks. Teachers showed 7th grade schoolers Life and Look magazine graphic maps of the USA and Soviet Union with mushroom clouds representing the relative destruction, after a nuclear missile war between the USA and Soviet Union. The USA had fewer missiles but larger nuclear warheads; thus, the USA could turn twice as many people to ashes as the Soviets. As we futilely huddled under desks during nuclear war drills, I wondered, how knowing that there would be two piles of ashes in the Soviet Union to make up for my one pile of ashes (under my desk) was supposed to make me feel safe.

On Dec. 6, 1957, a Vanguard missile blew up, while attempting to launch first American's satellite. This colossal public failure became the subject of every TV news show. Had America fallen far behind the USSR? Are we in imminent danger of nuclear attack?

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Det. John Wolfe shows the rocket confiscated by the WHPD in a 1962 New Haven Register.

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Andriulli cited for excellence

Lance James Andriulli, 18, a 2022 graduate of West Haven High School, receives a citation from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi on Aug. 2 for "excellence in academics and special needs achievements" in his senior year. Andriulli will attend Gateway Community College later this month.

Haven: *Project stalled*

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ing rush hour. The street has been closed since April of 2020, and traffic pileups along First and Second Avenues have become a daily occurrence.

The mayor related she is taking a strong stance with the developers as applications for permits have been made, but payment for those permits have not. She is ready to take action against them, issuing "blight" violation orders if necessary. As of press time, no

payments were made. "The developer has made application for the demolition permits, but as of Monday, Aug. 15 the developer has not paid for the demolition permits," she said. "Permits will not be issued until the City receives full payment. If the demolition permits are not issued by close of business Tuesday, I will ask Public Works Commissioner, Tom McCarthy to begin, opening Water Street to the public and the city will issue Blight fines."

That news will be appreciated by homeowners in the areas around the perimeter of the project area. The fenced off properties have seen little in the way of demolition and were once the refuge of squatters. Several fires took place before the fencing restricted access.

Homeowners are frustrated as the decaying buildings are attracting vermin, but also decreasing their property values with no relief in the form of demolition in sight.

The negative news by Mayor Rossi cannot but serve as fodder for those that believe the project is either doomed or will be transformed into something other than a retail mall. What everyone can agree on, however, is the project, announced with so much happy talk nearly eight years ago, is no closer to being completed.

First announced as the "Water Street Project" in September of 1997 by then-Mayor H. Richard Borer, Jr., the plan called for a rebuilt lower Elm Street and originally stretched from Main Street east toward North Street. The area was given "Enterprise Zone" status, but several attempts at luring developers failed. A large-scale high-end condominium project was one plan, but that was nixed by the administration of Mayor John Picard, in favor of something that would be commercially oriented.

Picard's administration made several attempts at branding the area, including the "105 Water Street" project that was supposed to be a six-story business tower, with commercial offices. It was to be the anchor for future development.

Negotiations with Gordon and his group began under the Picard administration, and continued under O'Brien with the October 2014 announcement for the "Haven."

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- If you received a Johnson & Johnson/Janssen booster - At least 4 months after your 1st booster shot.

Which booster should you get?

- If you are 12-17 years old: Pfizer.
- If you are 18 years or older: Pfizer or Moderna.



School system issues reminders for parents as opening set Aug. 29

The West Haven School system will open the 2022-23 term on Aug. 29. Parents should check with the different schools to determine when doors open. The bus schedule may be found on pages 7-10. The school system reminds parents:

Student enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is still open for all grades, kindergarten through grade 12. All paperwork must be received before Aug. 29 for a child to attend the first day. If you should need help with the registration process, please email the Registration Team at whregistration@whschools.org. Please visit whschools.org/o/whps/page/registration to access the Registration Page, which includes instructions and a link to register.

The central office for West Haven Public Schools wants to hear families, and is asking parents and guardians complete its new Needs Assessment Survey, which can be found at your school-specific website by going to the Schools dropdown menu at the top right of the home page (whschools.org) and scrolling down to the 'News' section. The information gathered from this survey is essential to help officials better address family needs for the new year.

The breakfast and lunch cafeteria menus for August and September are now posted! Please visit whschools.org and click on 'Menus' underneath the rotating photos. Menus will also be posted on the district's new mobile app that can be downloaded on Apple's App Store and Google Play by searching "West Haven Public Schools CT."

Parents are reminded the best way to reach teachers is by email! Parents and guardians can find a teacher's email address by going to the school-specific webpage on whschools.org. From there, click the 'Menu' dropdown at the top right of the page and then 'Staff' at the top.

Parents should be receiving emails from their principals soon with school-specific information including start times and bus pickup times.

The new whschools.org fea-

tures a user-friendly, easy-to-navigate calendar of events so that parents, students, faculty and staff, and community members can stay up to date on all district and school-specific events throughout the year. The Events Calendar is located at the bottom of the home page and each school-specific home page. There is a List View and a Calendar View, and users also have the option to download the calendar to their personal calendar. Events are also displayed in an easy-to-read format on the mobile app.

In the event of a school closure, early dismissal, or delayed opening, parents, students, and faculty/staff will receive a call from an administrator. The alert will also be posted on the website (whschools.org), Facebook (@[westhavenpublicschoolsct](https://www.facebook.com/westhavenpublicschoolsct)), Twitter (@[whschools](https://twitter.com/whschools)), and Instagram (@[westhavenpublicschools](https://www.instagram.com/westhavenpublicschools)). Additionally, there will be a push notification from the mobile app which users will need to subscribe to. Users have the option to choose which school they want to receive notifications from and have the option to turn off notifications whenever they'd like.

Follow West Haven Public Schools on social media! The system is on Facebook @[westhavenpublicschoolsct](https://www.facebook.com/westhavenpublicschoolsct), Twitter @[whschools](https://twitter.com/whschools), and Instagram @[westhavenpublicschoolsct](https://www.instagram.com/westhavenpublicschoolsct).



Photo courtesy of the WHCDC

Getting a look around

Getting to look at spaces and natural beauty most people only see from a distance, students from the West Haven Child Development Center took a field trip to Sandy Point Beach and Bird Sanctuary. The youngsters were able to hike through the grounds and see the vegetation. The area hosts several kinds of migratory birds during the mating season.

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Funding secured for shore eco project

The effort to retain and enhance the city's shoreline ecosystem was given a financial boost over the last legislative session, and Land Trust of West Haven, Inc. leaders are heralding the funds as a further ratification of their work. The State Budget Adjustment, passed during the 2022 legislative session, included \$200,000 to help restore a portion of the beachfront along the Savin Rock boardwalk, previously overrun by invasive plant species, the Land Trust announced this week.

The money will be used by Land Trust's Shoreline Restoration Committee to further a long-range plan to restore the shore ecosystem set in motion this year.

"The West Haven Shoreline Restoration Project will showcase the best practices of coastal resilience educationally and enjoyably while enhancing one of West Haven's best amenities as part of a multi-phase effort," Land Trust officials said in a press release.

Marilyn Wilkes, Vice-President of the Land Trust, explained the nomenclature used in the project.

"Resilience refers to the coastal ecosystem at the site of the project. Best practices for a coastal resilience plan should include a science-based and publicly informed decision-making process to build resilience in both coastal communities and ecosystems. Some of the principals that are integral to a best practice coastal resilience plan include de-

fining goals and clear expectations for the project; grounded in science; considers uncertainty and risk mitigation; builds consensus within the community; and considers financial challenges and impact of plan," she said.

Recently, the Shoreline Restoration Committee chose SLR International Corporation — which has more than 100 offices in 13 countries, including two in Connecticut — to perform a site analysis and develop design options leading to a nature-based coastal resilience plan to restore a 1.5-acre portion of the shoreline adjacent to Old Grove Park in West Haven.

The Shoreline Restoration Committee was formed in June 2021 to develop a plan of action to remediate the trees and invasive plants at the site. Committee members Wilkes, and Mark Paine, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of West Haven, are co-ordinating the project.

During the next five months, the Shoreline Restoration Committee will work with SLR as it does a site analysis and assessment report, which will contain: natural/green infrastructure opportunities; preparation of two draft concept plans for the project; ongoing community involvement up to and including collecting community input on draft plans; preparation of a final Nature-Based Coastal Resilience Plan; and creation of preliminary engineering plans to 30 percent design.

"Whether it is the Land

Trust of West Haven, the City of West Haven, Shoreline Restoration Committee, local stakeholders or enthusiastic volunteers, this project should be lauded for how it has brought people together in collaboration toward the common long-term goal of showcasing the West Haven's unique assets through the lens of best practices for coastal resilience and sustainability," said State Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115). "The project's potential is immense from an educational and enjoyability perspective, and I look forward to celebrating the final result for and with our city."

"The Land Trust of West Haven is grateful to Rep. Borer for securing these funds for the West Haven Shoreline Restoration Project," said Wilkes. "Given that the overall intent of the project is to turn an existing 1.5-acre area of public shoreline into a best practice model of coastal ecosystem exploration, which includes a 'living classroom,' this money will play a vital role in moving the plans for it

forward."

Paine, meanwhile, said the award has ratified the work done by the committee and its many volunteers.

"It's been a tremendous experience collaborating on this project with elected officials, other departments, and our local stakeholders," added Paine. "There's been great synergy, and the volunteer participation has invigorated the planning process. The award is crucial to our progress as we enter the design stage of dynamic replanting with multifaceted public and environmental benefits. We are very grateful for Representative Borer's participation and support with the project."

City Councilman Gary Donovan (D-at-large) was excited about the prospects of the project going forward.

"When I first joined the City Council, I wanted to make this project one of my top priorities. With the help of the City of West Haven, Land Trust of West Haven, the Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works, Dorinda Borer

and many volunteers, this project has become a reality," said Donovan. "My vision for this project was to remove all invasive trees and plants in the area and replace them with native plants with a possible walk-through for individuals to enjoy and for the ecological camp to study. Our goal is to beautify the beachfront property one section at a time."

Mayor Nancy Rossi joined the chorus of thanks and congratulations concerning the announcement.

"This state grant will enhance one of West Haven's longest-serving parks, Old Grove Park, and will bring the protected area into the 21st century as a shoreline destination for passive recreation under the auspices of the Land Trust of West Haven," said West Haven Mayor Nancy Rossi.

"I want to thank Rep. Dorinda Borer and the rest of our city's General Assembly delegation for working together to secure this important funding on behalf of the great people of West Haven."



A placard explaining the goals and future plans for the area in front of the Old Grove Park is now in place.



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Lions collect student supplies

West Haven Lions Club at a School Supply drive at the West Haven Farmers Market on the Boardwalk last weekend. From left, Vice-President Steven R. Mullins, President Carolyn Sires, Victory the Service Dog, Dr. Patrick Moore and Joel Kaletsky. The West Haven Lions Club is collecting school supplies for underprivileged West Haven students. Supplies needed include, but are not limited to Pens/pencils, crayons, notebooks, Trapper Keepers, backpacks, folders, etc. The supplies can be dropped off at Physicians Physical Therapy, 544 Campbell Avenue or Webster Bank, 584 Campbell Avenue. The Club is also asking for donations of used prescription eyeglasses. The eyeglasses can also be donated to both locations. For additional information, call Club Vice President Steven R. Mullins at: (203) 824-4262

City halts beach vagrancy

The recent spate of hot weather increased a problem down at Savin Rock and was addressed by city officials over the last several weeks. Vagrancy and use of areas such as the Old Grove Park for homeless people has seen an uptick this summer.

The problem, always one during the summer, seemed to be unusually more rampant with the two heat waves the Northeast experienced in July and August. City Hall officials received complaints, and some residents complained to the *Voice*, saying they were afraid to walk along the area. One resident sent pictures.

In a statement this week, Mayor Nancy N. Rossi said city officials were aware of the problem, and have taken steps.

"The city has cleared the bushes and cleaned up the area where a resident(s) reported vagrancy. The city will continue to monitor the area," she said.

Public Works crews trimmed hedges or removed some hedges that were serving as camouflage for tents erected in the area. They also trimmed other vegetation.



Submitted Photo

Residents sent pictures of vagrants sleeping on benches at Old Grove Park. City crew trimmed hedges and trees and removed tents that were hidden in the vegetation.

Lowry: *Manchin's lies*

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At the end of the day, all of this is a counterproductive waste, but it could have been much worse. The bill isn't going to re-make Biden's foundering presidency, but it will make Democratic activists feel a little better -- Joe Manchin's contribution to the republic.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Summer champs

The 7-to-10-year-old champions, gray shirts, and the 11-to-14-year-old champs of the Department of Parks and Recreation's boys summer basketball league show their medals at the Veterans Memorial Park courts on Bull Hill Lane on Aug. 1. The league, supervised by Park-Rec program coordinator Tom Conroy, just capped its 22nd season.

Hall of Fame: *Nine* named to new class

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the eye of the Westies, with his sharp-shooting photos throughout the years. Starting as an announcer for high school hockey nights at the New Haven Arena, the New Haven Veterans Memorial Coliseum, and then the Edward L. Bennett Rink, his voice was synonymous with West Haven hockey as he announced games there for over 20 years.

McCreven worked as a stringer for the New Haven Register and Journal Courier, covering high school hockey and basketball, before writing for the West Haven City News and the West Haven Voice.

His love of sports continued as he taught himself photography and started on his role of sports photography in 1972. Shooting tens of thousands of sports photos in over 50 years, McCreven has helped document nearly five decades of West Haven sports through his camera lens.

Upon his retirement from teaching, McCreven served on the West Haven Hall of Fame committee and also continued contributing sports photography to the West Haven High School yearbook, as well as doing sports portraits for various banquets and team celebrations over the years.

For ticket information, contact Joe Morrell at joseph.morrell@whschools.org.

Sports deadline reminder

The fall sports season is set to begin in both football and soccer. The West Haven Voice would like to remind league publicists and coaches of the requirements for weekly reports. All leagues are to have one publicist through whom all stories come. Our rule is: we will edit it, headline it and print it, but we will not write it.

Coaches are reminded to check with their league officials as to the protocol to be followed in order to have games published in the Voice. No individual games will be accepted. All games must be through the league's publicist.

Deadline for copy is Tuesday at 10 a.m. unless prior clearance is given by the editor for a later submission.

All copy must be in paragraph form and is subject to the same editing for clarity, grammar and space as are all other submissions.

Pictures are welcome and will be published on an "as need" basis. Pictures should be accompanied by the names of the players involved, the action in the photo, and the score of the game.

All games must have scores in those divisions where scores are kept. We understand some younger divisions do not keep score, but those that do should be reported accordingly.

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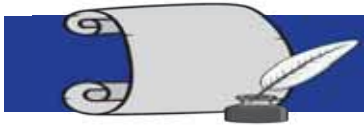
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

H.H. Richards Lumber Company

For many years, Water Street was a place where shipwrights, merchants, warehousemen and factory workers labored, and of course it was closely tied to the sea.

By the mid-1800s, West Haven's waterfront, particularly Water Street, was a busy place indeed. New Haven would never become a great international port, but it had by then become a center for trade with the East Coast, Europe, and the West Indies. In fact, it served thousands of commercial vessels every year: many were still under sail, but steam power was clearly taking over.

Yes, Water Street was a center of the West Haven economy, where workers traversed the dirt streets on their way to and from the Gesner and Mar Shipyard and an assortment of other businesses. And the hulls of three-and-four-masted schoolers that were being built in the two shipways towered above the neighboring homes.

Paul Richards had travelled to New York from England in 1667, carrying with him a "patent" which gave him the legal right to a plot of land in Queens County, New York. One of his sons, John Richards was a sea captain of a ship laden with lumber and bound for Bermuda; that ship was lost at sea. Eventually one of his descendants, William Richards, would purchase a farm and settle in West Haven.

With the passing of time, William's son Henry H. Richards embarked upon a coal business in New Haven along with his two brothers. Coal was brought into New Ha-

ven by a company-owned ship. Ultimately, ownership of the company was turned over to the youngest brother, and in 1849 Henry Richards opened his own business on Water Street, operating a coal and lumber yard known as the H.H. Richards Company. Their advertisements proudly stated that H.H. Richards sold "pine, spruce and hemlock timber, plank boards, clapboards, shingles, pickets, laths, worked and dressed lumber." That business would continue until 1939, when the buildings and lumber yard were consumed by fire.

During that period, Henry Richards was a leader in the community, establishing the Republican Party, and serving as an advocate of the Abolitionist movement.

In that period, typically those who owned and operated businesses in West Haven made their homes in West Haven as well. The Richards family adhered to that principle. In fact, today you can still see "Harborview," the home of Benjamin F. Richards at 65 Main Street, corner of First Avenue.

Built in 1892 for his bride, it was a showpiece of that age, with custom trim and cabinetry which used the finest woods, similar to those on the better sailing ships of that era. It should be noted that Benjamin Richards had by then branched out into the sale of insurance, real estate, "modern built houses," and "a fine list of rents for prompt paying tenants." That home, also a showpiece in itself, was designated a "Historical Treasure of West Haven" by the West Haven Historical Society in

2018.

Half a block away, at 81 Main Street, was the home of H.H. Richards, "owner of the oldest and longest operating lumber company and shipyard on Water Street." In 1913 the house was the residence of Richard's widow, Esther C. Richards. and painter Edward Wheeler. The house eventually passed to Earle F. Richards, a bond salesman, who sold the property in 1936 to Mettie B. Platt. Platt in turn sold the house to William and Sophie Greenhouse in 1944. The Greenhouse family resided in the house until 1984 when it was purchased by Jeff and Mary Ann Starkes. The Starkes still reside in the house.

It should also be noted that the home of Captain John M. Richards (no relation to the other Richards family members), known as "Hedgehurst," once stood at 141 Main Street, at the corner of Second Avenue. Although that large and ornate home was removed many years ago, to this day a stone sill stands by the curb at that address as a reminder of West Haven's past.

In more recent years, Water Street was the home of West Haven Manufacturing Company (the brick building until recently at the corner of Elm Street) which later became the "hacksaw plant." as it was referred to in a local business directory. Just across Water Street was another brick building, which was the home of Advance Doll and Toy Company, where walking and talking dolls were produced during the 1950s. The Bilco Door Company occupied the space previously used by H.H. Rich-

ards Company until just recently.

Both Main Street and Water Street end at the former site of the Gesner and Mar Shipyard, which operated there from 1861 to 1891.

When that business failed, Ruben Green took it over and operated it as Green's Shipyard until the 1920s, when it became the Yale Flying-Boat Service, and offered the building and repairing of seaplanes through the 1940s.

As we can see, Water Street has served West Haven and its people in many ways and for many generations. We look forward to the next great chapter in the life of this storied neighborhood!

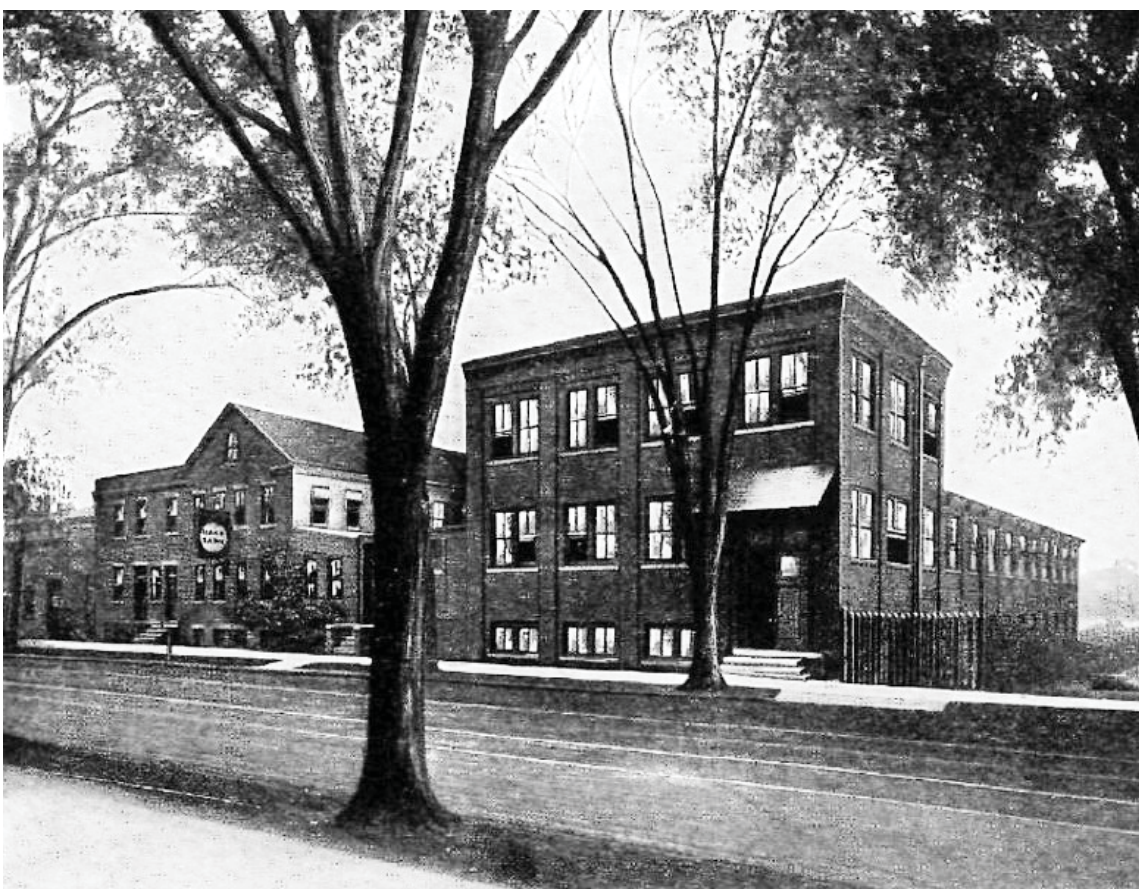
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Thanks to Mary Ann Starkes, Cathie Iaccarino and Sara Pettinger for their help with this story.



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



H.H. Richard's home at 81 Main St., now owned by Mary Ann Starke.



The West Haven Machine Company stood at the corner of Elm and Water streets until last year, when the remnants of it were torn down for the Haven Project.



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### Quick respite

With the waning days of summer, there's always time to appreciate the sights, smells and breezes of the shore. These two youngsters were spied by Voice Columnist Dan Shine last week enjoying the view on Bradley Point. A popular destination for walkers and bikers, the view along the Point are a great waystation before getting back to the trail.

### Letter Aug. 7 cleanup

On the afternoon of Sunday, Aug. 7, I was joined by city resident Tom Flynn, his daughter Shannon Flynn, her friend and State Senate candidates Kim-Marie Mullins and John Carlson for a downtown West Haven community clean-up. In 90+ degree weather, our group, swept, weed whacked, picked up litter, cigarette butts, alcohol nips, etc. In a couple of hours, we cleaned Campbell Avenue between Elm Street and Main Street. Our actions prove that it has been months since the City of West Haven Public Works Department has cleaned the streets and sidewalks of downtown West Haven, including the grounds of West Haven City Hall.

Litter will always be a problem.

It is NOT only the city's responsibility to clean the litter. First of all, people should not litter. Second, businesses downtown should take pride in themselves and clean their areas often. However, the weeds growing through the cracks of the sidewalks and curbs are inexcusable and public works must stop ignoring the problem!

The participants in Sunday's clean-up considered it to be a "labor of love" for our West Haven community. But it shouldn't take community members to be out sweating in hot and humid weather doing what our tax dollars go to pay public works to do.

The problem isn't only the downtown business district. Evidence of neglect are noticeable all over the City of West Haven. Examples are the former Thompson School, the parking lot of the former Savin Rock Conference Center, Morse Park, the Boardwalk and numerous other locations. I know that the city is under the microscope financially. But the Rossi Administration CANNOT continue to ignore the little things.

If the administration can't handle the little things, how can they handle the big picture. We're better than this, West Haven!

Steven R. Mullins



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# Class of '62: Teen caper baffles WHPD

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Four Connecticut boys (not from WH) asked to launch a homemade rocket from one of the 12 Nike Missile Sites in Connecticut. This was deemed not a good idea (probably because some Nike missiles had nuclear warheads). However, an alternate site was arranged for a live TV rocket launch. It seemed a good way to bolster sagging morale of citizens. Again, the rocket blew-up on the launching pad, thus, further dashing our hopes for the future.

Four boys (WH Class '62) Jimmy Ballard, Phil Vallie, Billy Rubenstein, and Joe Walsh built-and -launched rockets. While NACA's (predecessor to NASA) rockets were blowing up, WH rockets soared out of sight from empty lots. Rocket terminology and successful rocket launches elevated the WH boys to rocket and NACA experts. Suddenly, everybody knew who we were. Teachers asked these teenage boys about rockets and NACA. Adults asked these boys about the "Space Race" and wanted to know when NACA would catch up to the Russians. Always the optimist, Jimmy was full of inspirational and very imaginative stories about NACA, which made adults feel much better. The gist of Jimmy's imaginative NACA stories (better known as BS) was that we would all be safe soon. Apparently, in times of crisis, reality-and-truth often take second place to feel-good-stories, no matter how farfetched. It was also apparent: the key to becoming an expert about rockets or any other subject is to tell people exactly what they wanted to hear.

The West Haven Library contained the book "All About Rockets and Jets" and other books about chemistry and science. We read and reread these books to understand the science of rockets and rocket fuel. Teachers at Union Street grade school were very encouraging, but Union School had no math or science teachers to help us.

We timed the rockets from takeoff to landing. Using library book formulas, we were able to calculate the trajectory, height, and speed of the rockets. Our early rockets were about 1 1/2-foot-long, reached speeds of about 110 mph and heights of about 400 feet.

Later, we pinched the center, of two-foot-long rockets, to form a second rocket engine. These improved rockets reached heights of a 1/4 mile and speeds of over 400 mph.

Ballard decided to boost the power of our rocket fuel with a drop or two of nitroglycerin. Jimmy read articles (in Hot Rod Magazine) about hot rod

drivers, who mixed nitroglycerin with gasoline to make their cars go faster. The articles failed to mention, the race-car-nitroglycerin is mixed with stabilizing chemicals (such as alcohol) to make it much safer to use.

Jimmy found the formula and instructions of how to make nitroglycerin in a library book. Please note: The instructions did not contain one word of caution about making this extremely dangerous and very unstable explosive. It is scary to think, this same book was in each of the many public libraries Andrew Carnegie built across America.

Jimmy purchased (one at a time) the four chemicals needed to make nitroglycerin from Silver's Drug Store on the corner of Main Street and Campbell Avenue. Jimmy made a very large test tube of nitroglycerin, and then hid it in the basement of his home of 23 Ward Place, WH (a three-story, three-family house). The nitroglycerin (equivalent of 3 to 5 sticks of dynamite) was enough to blow the house and everybody in it into tiny pieces.

Acting on a tip, Det. John Wolfe of WHPD foiled an attempt by Ray (Class '62) from lurching a rocket at a huge commercial oil depot, with hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil. The oil tanks were located on the east end of the, near Kimberly Avenue. This rocket launch could have started a huge oil fire that could have engulf half of West Haven.

Wolfe also confiscated a 5-foot-long rocket (see picture from New Haven Register) from my basement on 211 Center St., and a smaller rocket and a test tube (with an unknown substance) from Jimmy's basement.

The next morning, Jimmy and I realized, the WHPD had unknowingly confiscated the hidden test tube of nitroglycerin. We walked with fearful trembling legs to the police station to tell the police, they were in mortal danger.

A WHPD technician, in a white lab coat and coke bottle glasses, twisted his pencil thin mustache, smiled and knowingly giggled at the absurdity of teenage boys making nitroglycerin. As expected, only the police officer with the test tube of nitroglycerin in his pants pocket took us seriously.

The technician followed protocols and put the test tube in a bucket full of ice water for transport to the testing lab in the basement.

The technician put a single drop of the "unknown substance" on a large steel vise in the police lab. He said, "If this was really nitroglycerin,

when I hit this drop with this hammer, the head would be blown off and get stuck in the ceiling." The technician again smiled and nodded at each police officer in the lab. They all looked at us and had a nice little laugh.

The hammer hit. Bang! Ears rang. The single drop passed the test for nitroglycerin. The hammerhead stuck in the ceiling.

The police officer, who drove for hours with nitroglycerin in his pocket, fainted out cold and hit the floor, without even trying to break his fall.

Wolfe offered not to prosecute, if we told him how we made nitroglycerin and where we got the chemicals. A library book? A drug store? The simplicity of it all shocked him.

The informative library book soon disappeared from the public library and probably from every other Andrew Carnegie library across the country. We promised to never make nitroglycerin again.

The New Haven Register ran a story "Homemade Rocket Confiscated in West Haven," included a picture of Det. Wolfe holding a 5-foot rocket. He wisely decided not to alarm the good citizens of West Haven. There was no mention of a police car driving around town carrying a large test tube of nitroglycerin, nor the planned oil depot rocket launch was included in the story. Instead of nitroglycerin, Det. Wolfe described the confiscated explosives as "Large amount of gun powder ... powerful enough to send somebody to the moon without a rocket ... made from ingredients from a hardware store." For years, the walls of the police station had a shiny brass plaque reprint of the Register news story, including a picture of Detective Wolfe holding the 5 foot rocket.

The next day in school, we were heroes or least the topic of conversation. The girls asked, "Was that really you guys in the newspaper?" All four of us said, "Yes, it was."

Billy Rubenstein and I built one last big rocket. It was over an inch in diameter and over 3 feet long, made from a scrapped TV aluminum antenna mast. The fins were made from a Maxwell House Coffee can. The solid fuel was purchased from the Mohegan Grocery Store on Campbell Avenue. It had over 10 times as much fuel as our previous rockets. It took us several days to load and pack the rocket fuel. At last, our rocket was ready. It was a thing of beauty.

We launched the rocket from far away Painter Park (190 Kelsey Avenue). It seemed the ideal place for our last big grand finale rocket

launch. There were no people or buildings nearby and it had a dirt pit that would protect us, during the launch. Even safety skeptic Phil was willing to join us for this one last grand launch.

We lit the fuse and ran to a dirt pit for shelter. Heads down, we waited for what seemed like forever. Experience and Phil told us not to peek our heads up. At last, the rocket engine roared and then a big bang.

The blast from the rocket bent-and-twisted the launching ramp, sending the rocket far off-course. The smoke trail headed toward highly populated downtown. The loud bang was from the rocket exceeding the sound barrier (770 mph) and making a sonic boom. The rocket was nowhere in sight. We split up to look for the rocket. Billy and Phil walked toward Phil's home on Campbell Avenue. Jimmy and I walked toward his home on Ward Place.

A crowd had gathered near Jimmy's home. We asked, "What happened?" Answer: "Someone tried to kill the police chief. A man fired a homemade bazooka from across the street. The bazooka went through the police chief's picture window and just missed him sitting on his brand new couch."

The police talked to an "eyewitness" and took notes. The eyewitness pointed across the street to a group of trees, where "the bazooka was fired from".

Jimmy said it was a police detective's house, not the police chief's house. This was still the most exciting thing to happen in sleepy West Haven.

Det. Wolfe (then running for mayor) gave a very inspiring speech on how he was going to "protect the good people of the town from the criminal element of West Haven." I felt safer already.

The couch had a small hole in the front and a very large hole in the back, where the fabric was ripped out. It was very impressive. Two lab technicians (in white coats) carried a wood 2 X 4 on their shoulders. Hanging from the 2 X 4 (on wires) was our rocket. Our rocket flew about a mile and a half, then ricocheted off a tree, and went through the window of the police detective's house, without injuring anyone. What are the odds?

Jimmy and I looked at each other and said, "Just walk away slowly." Which, we did, for about 10 steps and then we ran as fast as we could. Fortunately, no one noticed two teenage boys running. Jimmy and I decided not to tell anyone (not even Phil and Billy) about the near miss.

After waiting for weeks for the police to take me away, I wondered why Wolfe did not solve the case. "Keeping the good citizens safe from the criminal element in West Haven" became the theme in his bid for mayor. Which sounds a lot better than keeping the good citizens safe from clueless teenage amateur rocket builders. Perhaps mayor candidate Wolfe did not want to solve the case. To be honest, the eyewitness's bazooka account and the near miss of the PD detective probably misled detective Wolfe. Happily, we were not arrested.

On Feb. 1, 1958, America launched its first successful satellite (Explorer 1) into space orbit. To avoid the weaponization of space, President Dwight Eisenhower, on Oct. 1, 1958, moved the space program from the NACA (military) and into the newly created NASA (civilian) and gave NASA the largest budget of any agency in US History. Sept. 12, 1962, President Kennedy gave his famous "We Choose to Go to the Moon" speech.

National Defense Education Act of 1958 boosted higher education. It provided federal funding for higher education and low-cost student loans, thus, boosting public and private colleges and universities all across America.

Satellite communication, Smart phones, semi-conductors, computers, the internet, fuel efficient and more reliable automobiles, solar panels and many more technologies, came from NASA. These (Sputnik inspired) NASA technologies boosted American economy and gave us unprecedented prosperity for over 60 years.

Jimmy loved all of his classmates and was always the first person to sign up for a reunion.

To those attending the Class of '62 reunion, please raise a glass to Jimmy and toast "Jimmy, may you forever drive your robin's egg blue 1954 Chevy convertible in the sky. Jimmy, you will be missed."

Jimmy Ballard served in the Air Force, then followed his father's trade and became a typesetter for New Haven Registrar, later Jimmy became a welder at Sikorsky Helicopter. Jimmy helped raise a family and retired from Sikorsky Helicopter. He passed away, Oct. 12, 2021.



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The Shops at Yale invites all professional and amateur artists to participate in the 5th annual New Haven Chalk Art Festival on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 12-4pm (rain date Sunday, Oct. 23).

This event is a contest open to the public, where artists and artist groups compete for more than \$2,000 in gift cards by creating a family-friendly 4ft by 4ft fall-themed chalk artwork drawing using washable chalk sticks.

Artists will register to compete in one of the following age divisions: Teen (ages 13-17), Adult (ages 18+), or Adult Group (18+ with a minimum of two artists). There is no entry fee, and free chalk, snacks, and parking will be provided to participants.

The first place prize is a \$1,000 gift card to Hull's Art Supply, second place prize is a \$500 gift card to L.L.Bean, and third place prize is a \$250 gift card to Urban Outfitters.

The top three winners will be chosen by a local artist. Winners in each People's Choice Awards category (Teen, Adult, and Group) will receive a \$100 gift card to J.Crew for first place and \$75 gift card to Urban Outfitters for second place.

Everyone who votes will automatically be entered to win a \$50 gift card to Basta Trattoria, Villa Lulu, and Harvest Wine Bar & Restaurant.

Guests can stroll the Chapel and Broadway districts to view and vote on elaborate chalk art designs by roughly 80 talented artists at 2 locations (Broadway Island, 56 Broadway, and in front of the Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel Street), and enjoy a Family Fun Zone in the courtyard behind Apple with free chalk, free drawing lessons from artist Kristy Lankford, and face painting.

Lunch specials will be available at Bulldog Hotdogs on Broadway Island, as well as live music from local musicians, a raffle, magician Amazing Andy, and more.

This event is free and open to the public, with free parking available at the 150 York Street Garage from 11-6 with a validation stamp at The Shops at Yale tent during the event.

Artists must register in advance to reserve a space. There is no cost to participate. Walk-ups will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at noon as space allows.

For more information or to register, visit [theshopsatyale.com/chalkart](http://theshopsatyale.com/chalkart).



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## School system has new app

In addition to its new website, which was unveiled in July, West Haven Public Schools has also launched a new mobile app before the start of the 2022-23 school year.

The app is available for download on the Apple App Store and Google Play by searching 'West Haven Public Schools CT'. The highlights of the mobile app include its easy-to-use interface that provides a calendar of events, cafeteria menus, and district and school updates. Additionally, parents and students can subscribe to their respective schools for push notifications so they can stay up to date on the most important messages.

The app is synced with the district's newly enhanced website, whschools.org, to make it fast, easy, helpful, and convenient.

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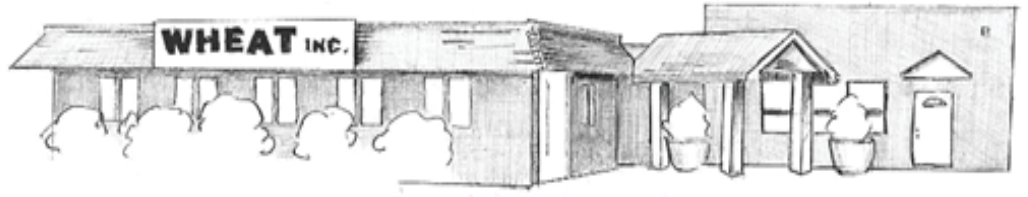


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- 12 Owl call
- 13 Massage
- 14 Leg joint
- 15 Not-so-noble protagonist
- 17 Rat- --
- 18 Green sauce
- 19 Realm
- 21 Penny
- 24 Help
- 25 Persian leader
- 28 Knitter's need
- 30 Assoc.
- 33 Bit of wit
- 34 Rehab process
- 35 - chi
- 36 Even so
- 37 Slanted type (Abbr.)
- 38 Darned
- 39 Hollywood's Lupino
- 41 Take five
- 43 Burning
- 46 Leslie of "Gigi"
- 50 Songs for one
- 51 Daughter of Oedipus
- 54 Mon. follower
- 55 Half of XIV
- 56 Send forth

**DOWN**

- 1 Bloke
- 2 First-rate
- 3 Youngsters
- 4 Do needle-work
- 5 Raw mineral
- 6 "Ben- --"
- 7 Slender
- 8 Giraffe's kin
- 9 Poison remedy
- 10 Char
- 11 Head, to Henri
- 16 Weeding tool
- 20 Tailless cat
- 22 Russian refusal
- 23 Early
- 25 Mongolian
- 26 Covert agent
- 27 Cuba, Jamaica, etc.
- 29 Actor's quest
- 31 Cold and damp
- 32 Tonic's mixer
- 34 Actress
- 38 Put on, as a play
- 40 Dagwood's dog
- 42 High school subj.
- 43 Wine region
- 44 Boxing match
- 45 Roof overhang
- 47 Former Dallas QB Tony
- 48 Taking action
- 49 Tennis barriers
- 52 Wee bite
- 53 Spanish aunt

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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: BEANTOWN

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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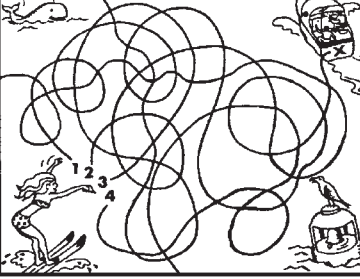
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆  
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



**MIDDLE KADIDDLE WITS TESTER**

BEHOLD! Before your eyes, left, is a circle. You are asked to find its center.

You have a pencil and a ruler with which to work, and, other than this page itself, nothing more.

Now then, how can you go about finding the circle's center with reasonable accuracy?

How about this: Tear off a corner over circle with the point (90-degree angle) touching circle's rim. Mark points of intersection of paper segment sides (sides of angle) on rim. Draw a line between these points for circle's diameter. Measure halfway along this line for center.

**TOW HOLD!** Grab that rope...preferably the one that leads to the towboat. Pick 1, 2, 3 or 4, and see if you guessed right.

**HEADS UP!** "It's over my head," said the cyclist, studying these scrambled letters: THEMEL. And there's something to remember about what he says. Can you puzzle it out?  
Rearranged, the letters spell HELMET.

**X-POSE!** No, folks, this is not another variation of tick-tack-toe. It is a three-X word square. That is to say, three of four words reading the same both across and down, and defined below, have X's in place as clues to their identities. Definitions are as follows:

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| 1 |  | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2 |  | X |   |   |
| 3 |  |   | X |   |
| 4 |  |   |   | X |

Remember, X's are clues and remain in place.  
Time limit for this exercise: 1 minute.

1. Peas 2. Exit 3. Fly 4. Six

## Answers to this week's puzzles

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

Answers

**King Crossword**

ACROSS: 1. CATS, 5. SEATTLE, 8. CARON, 12. HOO, 13. MASSAGE, 14. JOINT, 15. HERO, 17. RAT, 18. PESTO, 19. REALM, 21. PENNY, 24. HELP, 25. KING, 28. KNITTING, 30. ASSOCIATION, 33. WIT, 34. REHABILITATION, 35. CHI, 36. EVEN, 37. TYPE, 38. DAMNED, 39. LUPINO, 41. TAKE, 43. BURNING, 46. LESLIE, 50. SONGS, 51. OEDIPUS, 54. MONDAY, 55. HALF, 56. SEND.

DOWN: 1. BLOKE, 2. FIRST-RATE, 3. YOUNGSTERS, 4. DO, 5. RAW, 6. BEN, 7. SLIM, 8. GIRAFFE, 9. POISON, 10. CHAR, 11. HENRI, 16. HOES, 20. CAT, 22. RUSSIAN, 23. EARLY, 25. MONGOLIAN, 26. COVERT, 27. CUBA, 29. QUEST, 31. COLD, 32. MIXER, 34. ACTRESS, 38. PLAY, 40. DAGWOOD, 42. SUBJECT, 43. WINE, 44. BOXING, 45. HANGAR, 47. TONY, 48. ACTION, 49. BARRIERS, 52. BIT, 53. AUNT.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

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Answer



# HIDDEN GEMS

## Cooperative Effort between the Voice and the West Haven Economic Development Commission

**Little restaurant, big flavor.**  
The Taqueria y Micheladas Don Efren on the Boston Post Road in Allingtown (in the West Haven Post) is a little enclave tucked between the Hong Kong Market and the Family Dollar - if not for the burgeoning hanging plants, festive Cerveza Modelo pennants and window lighting, you might not notice it from the road. But believe it - this is a place that deserves to be noticed.

Owners Adrian Rodriguez and his wife Lymarie preside over their eatery as if they were your beloved *tios*, cooking and serving for their family. And family is a big part of the culture at Don Efren. Adrian himself hails from the state of Jalisco, the oldest of ten children who came to the United States alone at 14 when he was contracted to do work here. Rodriguez says he opened his restaurant in West Haven because he likes the community very much - "The people here are friendly, very agreeable...I like it here." The restaurant opened in 2018 and has done a good business both in-store and take out.

Rodriguez continues that he wanted to open a business that was a bit different from other establishments. In keeping with the family theme, he named the eatery for his father (the oldest of 43 - yes, you read that right, 43) children. "I am so proud of my father," he explains. "He died five years ago, and he worked all his life, 52 years here- I am very proud of him." Don Efren is the be-hatted gentleman in the photo which is on the menus and the restaurant's sign.

Lymarie explains that in the restaurant's uber-colorful decor, she wanted to strike a balance between contemporary and traditional. The result is a cozy but airy-feeling ambience that simply radiates cheerfulness. The curved ceiling,

polished light wood banquettes, neon lamp and dark taupe walls are clean, simple, modern; the traditional Mexican pottery lamps and wall decor add color and warmth. The painted tables and wood-backed chairs alone are worth a separate look. The tables were ordered from Tonalá, in Mexico, where they were hand painted and shine with glass-bright glossy varnish; every one is different. The chairs are also all different, some having decoupaged Mexican scenes and most featuring carved figures with a tropical vibe (toucans, suns, palms etc.). Try this place on a dreary day for a really quick pick-me-up before you even get a whiff of the delicious food.

Don Efren is known for its specialties. Tacos are a favorite, and they feature many to delight the meat lovers among us: carnitas (pulled pork), lengua (tongue), tripa (beef tripe, very popular house recipe - a customer favorite), cueritos (pork rinds), chorizo (sausage), tacos al pastor (grilled, marinated pork), buche (pork stomach), birria (stewed meat with chili), and barbecue, as well as chicken and steak. Fish and shrimp tacos are also popular. The shop also features tasty burritos, tortas, enchiladas, and tostadas, along with hearty stews, pozole and menudo. Fried fish is a big seller also, according to Lymarie, and vegetarian options are also available. Beverages are also special at Don Efren: the eponymous *micheladas* (beer-based refreshing drinks - house recipes) along with *aguas frescas* (*horchata*, tamarind, passion fruit and pineapple) are tall, cool and quenching.

On weekends, lines can be out the door at Don Efren, with patrons coming from near and far (out of state? Not out of the Don's orbit). Customers come for the food and drink, but



Adrian Rodriguez and his wife Lymarie show off some of the fare at their Allingtown restaurant. Below is an overview of part of the venue.



also the feeling that permeates the place. "I wanted a family atmosphere," Rodriguez reiterates, explaining that that is the reason why several Mexican beer brands are available at the establishment, but no

hard liquor.

"I make the food fresh every day," says Rodriguez. Lymarie and two other employees cook and serve. "It's authentic, homemade and fresh," they say, "That's what we

want." Rodriguez smiles. "I love the United States. And I love its culture. I'm thankful I was able to have a business here."

Lymarie nods and says, "We're blessed."

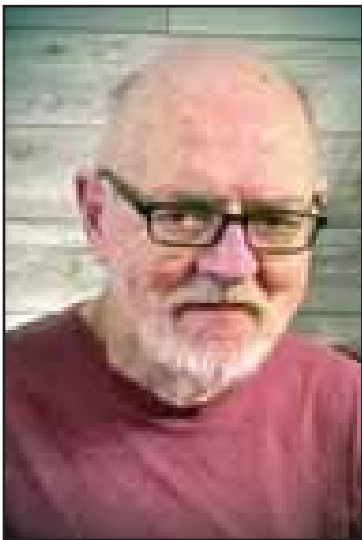
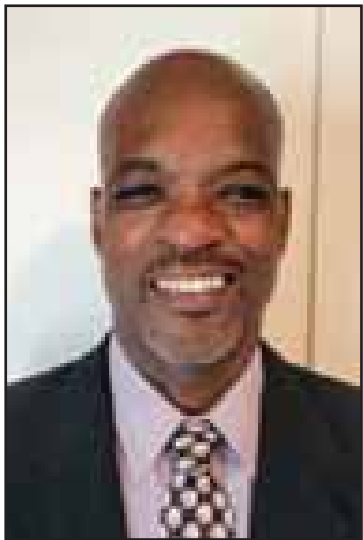
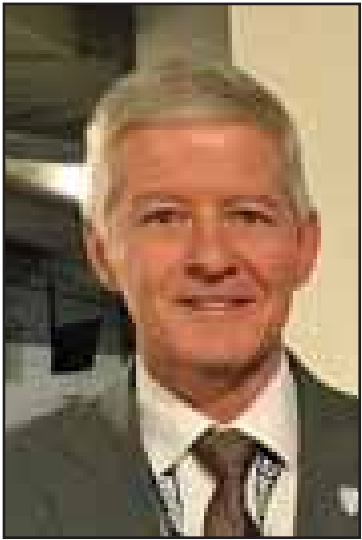
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## Bocce champs!

Tom Conroy, a program coordinator at the Department of Parks and Recreation, center, presents \$50 gift certificates to Beef & Brew Pub to Dave Maltese, left, and Pete Fields for winning the Savin Rock Festival Bocce Tournament on July 30.







The West Haven High School Hall of Fame Class of 2022 (from top left) -- James Brennan, Kendale Chambers, Jenifer Fuggi, Rob Jackson, Russ McCreven, Anthony Pacileo, Modestine Vaughn, and Dennis Villani.

## Hall of Fame inducts nine

The West Haven Hall of Fame Committee has announced its newest inductees to be honored, Saturday, Nov. 19. After moving the ceremony to West Haven High for one year, the event will return to Cielo, West Haven Italian-American Club.

The new soon to be inductees include Modestine Vaughn, Jenifer Fuggi, Robert Jackson, Jr., Jim Brennan, Brandon Fanelli, Dennis Villani, Kendale Chambers, and Anthony Pacileo. The night will also see Russ McCreven inducted while receiving the Tinker Blake Community Service Award.

With nine new members, there will now be 195 inductees in the prestigious club since the start two decades ago.

Jackson is a 2004 graduate who dominated the football field his junior and senior campaigns. A two-time All-State, All-Area, All-Conference and All-Levi Jackson team selection, Jackson made his mark at Fort Scott Community College and Kansas State University, before embarking on a 6-year National Football League career with the Washington Redskins as a defensive end and outside linebacker.

Fuggi is a 2008 graduate who competed as a team of one in gymnastics. Following the schedule of Jonathan Law, Fuggi made her mark as an elite gymnast for the Westies, finishing her high school career as a two-time Southern Connecticut Conference All-Area, New Haven Register All-Area, CIAC

All-State, and NHSGA All-American.

Fuggi was also named the 2008 New Haven Register All-Area Most Valuable Player in gymnastics. During her final two years, Fuggi won nine different SCC titles.

Villani is a 1967 graduate who starred on the football field as a lineman. He was a four-year member of the varsity football team who was the first freshman to play on the varsity squad.

Known as a vicious blocker, Villani helped pave the way for a potent running attack, as well as the game through the air.

He was named the first ever Ken Strong Stadium Award winner and was acknowledged for his sportsmanship. Villani went on to become a member of the coaching staff for 38 years.

Chambers was a 1987 graduate who was a key member of the last and only West Haven basketball state championship team in 1987. A dynamic player on the court, Chambers was a four-year member of the team.

After playing collegiately, Chambers has become a successful coach, with over 25 years of experience on very competitive collegiate, high school, and AAU teams.

Brennan is a 1977 graduate who starred on the football and baseball fields. A quarterback his senior season, Brennan led his team to a 9-1 record and a District League championship.

On the baseball diamond, Brennan

was a second baseman and pitcher his junior and senior campaigns, leading his team to the state semifinals in 1976. A captain of the 1977 team, Brennan went on to have a storied career after high school.

Brennan played nine seasons in the West Haven Twilight League, winning six championships, while also being named a 1995 Gold Bat recipient. He has since gone on to become a prominent collegiate football official the last 35 years, including 25 years at the Division I level.

Pacileo is a 1984 graduate who starred on the baseball field, leading his team to a state title and number one ranking in 1984. The right-handed pitcher finished with 23 career wins and 2.93 earned run average, striking out 177 in 219 innings.

Pacileo won six games as a sophomore and four in an injury-plagued junior campaign. It was senior year where Pacileo made his mark, finishing with a 14-1 record and 1.92 ERA.

In the state championship run, Pacileo pitched in all five games, with four victories and one save. An All-State recipient and also a member of the 1984 West Haven hockey state championship team, Pacileo received an athletic scholarship to play at the University of New Haven, where he played in the collegiate World Series.

Vaughn was raised in New Jersey, participating on three teams in high

school, tennis, indoor track, and outdoor track teams. In 1986, Vaughn became an assistant track and field coach at West Haven, where she held that title until 1995.

She returned to coaching in 2004 with the girls tennis team, and returned the following year as the head coach of the girls track team, where she has served for close to two decades.

Vaughn developed an indoor track club program at West Haven for both boys and girls to be able to compete with the elite teams in the league.

In less than a handful of years, Vaughn's 2009 and 2010 West Haven teams became dominant, setting records which have yet to be broken.

Fanelli is a 2002 graduate who starred on the ice for the boys hockey team. The sniper finished with 133 career points, which ranks fourth in school history, and led the team in scoring in each of his final three years.

An All-Area and All-State selection, Fanelli finished in the top ten in scoring in the state at the Division I level for three consecutive years. Fanelli led his team to the state quarterfinals as a sophomore (38 points) and junior (36 points), while also scoring 23 goals and adding 21 assists in a senior campaign which ended with an overtime loss to New Canaan in the state semifinals.

A 1956 West Haven graduate, McCreven will always be remembered as  
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