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By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

U.S. Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro joined state Transportation Deputy Commissioner Mark Rolfe and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi on Sept. 8 to announce \$105 million in federal infrastructure funding for building new Interstate 95 southbound and northbound bridges in West Haven.

"The widening of these structures will allow for the full realization of the I-95 improvements and achieve a combined five-minute travel time savings per vehicle over this half-mile project area," said DeLauro, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee.

"When you multiply that five minutes by the total vehicle miles traveled, you end up saving 891 hours of vehicle hours traveled in one half-hour period, a significant travel reduction," said DeLauro, D-3.

DeLauro, Rolfe and Rossi heralded the money, funded by the \$1 trillion infrastructure legislation that passed last year, during a late-morning news conference in a commuter parking lot on First Avenue, just off I-95's Exit 43.

"I'm very excited to announce the I-95 West Haven bridge project, which is an important investment into our infrastructure, our time, our air quality and the safety of our drivers," said Rossi, who thanked the public safety-minded DeLauro for making the project a reality.

The I-95 West Haven Safety Improvement Project will encompass two bridges: one carrying I-95 southbound on

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Photo by Brian Perkins

U.S. Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, is joined by, from right, state Transportation Deputy Commissioner Mark Rolfe and West Haven Mayor Nancy R. Rossi on Sept. 8 to announce \$105 million in federal infrastructure funding for building new Interstate 95 southbound and northbound bridges in West Haven. With them are local and state officials, including, from left, West Haven Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy and Rossi Executive Assistant Louis P. Esposito Jr.

2nd Fire Expo debuts on Oct. 15

West Haven's three fire departments and the city will salute National Fire Prevention Week with an exposition of all things fire, police, public safety and health.

The second annual West Haven Fire/Police Service, Public Safety & Health Expo is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 15 at Old Grove Park and Palace Street. The rain date is Oct. 16. Free parking is available in the lots off Captain Thomas Boulevard.

West Haven's collective fire services include the independent West Haven Fire

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

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

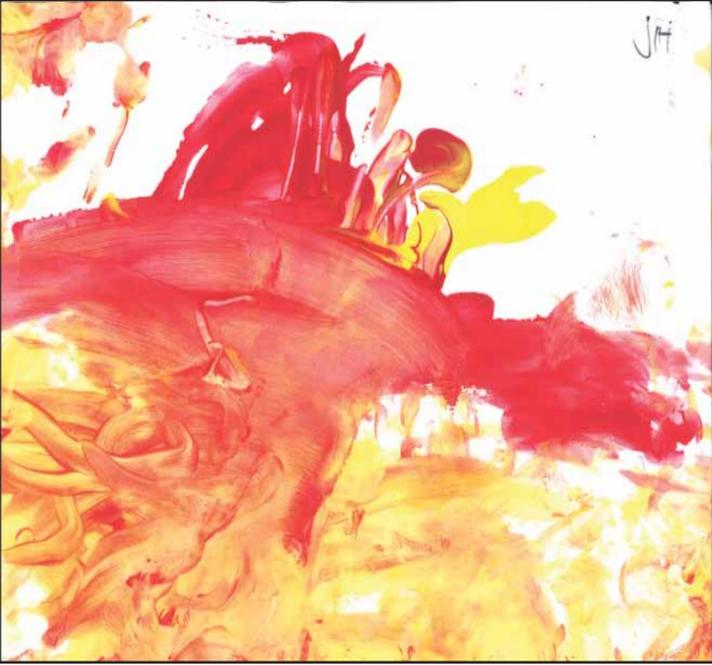
West Haven Chief James P. O'Brien,

West Shore Chief Stephen Scafariello and Allingtown Chief Michael R. Terenzio are organizing the large public exhibition, which will feature fire engine and fire-truck displays, including antique fire apparatus, and a fire service exhibit at Old Grove Park and Palace Street.

The expo will include Mack firetruck rides, a hazmat trailer, food trucks, the departments' rescue boats and fire merchandise vendors, as well as live music by Tre Paul and an appearance by Sparky the Fire Dog, said organizer Beth A. Sabo,

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Jackson Hailey, age 1, a West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. student, sees clear weather just right for watching beautiful sunsets!

On this Date

1980 -- Iran-Iraq War begins with Iraq invading Iran. It is thought to be one of the 20th century's deadliest and longest conventional wars. It ended 7 years later with no decisive victory and massive losses, both in terms of human lives and in terms of economy to both sides.

1979 -- The American-run Vela satellite detects a series of bright flashes over the Indian Ocean. The flashes were thought to be associated with atmospheric nuclear explosions. Some experts theorized that they were caused by joint Israeli and South African nuclear exercises. The governments of both countries denied this and to date it hasn't been confirmed whether the flashes were indeed nuclear explosions, and who was responsible for them.

1975 -- Assassination attempt on US President Gerald Ford is foiled. FBI informant Sara Jane Moore's attempt to assassinate the president in San Francisco failed due to a faulty gun and the efforts of ex-FBI agent Oliver Sipple who tackled her.

1960 -- Mali Federation becomes Mali. In August 1960, Senegal opted out of the Mali Federation allowing the federation to take on the name.

Senior Center marks events celebrating national month

During National Senior Center Month, the West Haven Senior Center is celebrating the shared experiences that strengthen community connections for older, independent adults. Based in the Community Center at 201 Noble St., the center is a community hub where older, independent adults can find friendship, meaning and purpose.

To share the power of those connections, WHSC has planned a variety of special events to celebrate Senior Center Month, including reestablishing the West Haven Public Library's Bookmobile program, viewing DVDs of past parties the senior center hosted, and reminiscing about Savin Rock with a screening of "See Ya at the Rock!"

Other forthcoming events include cardio drumming and WHSC members stocking the Purple Pantry Box at the First Congregational Church, 464 Campbell Ave.

Bridges: *Rehab planned*

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three 12-foot travel lanes over the Metro-North Railroad line, and one carrying I-95 northbound on three 12-foot travel lanes over Route 122, First Avenue.

As part of the project, the acceleration lane along I-95 southbound from Exit 44 in New Haven will be extended as an operational lane and transition to a deceleration lane for Exit 43. A 12-foot acceleration lane on I-95 northbound will also be lengthened, Rolfe said.

"Not only will these structures be replaced, but they will also be widened to create operational lanes and standard shoulders," Rossi said. "These changes will facilitate congestion relief in our area."

According to Rolfe, the bridge replacement will allow for safer motor vehicle travel, "meaning fewer dangerous merges and crashes and less time being stuck in traffic due to minor fender benders."

Rolfe said the project will also yield better traffic flow operations on First Avenue.

The federal government is funding 90% of the project.

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Expo: *Fire companies hosting 2nd event*

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

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

West Haven Professional Firefighters Local 1198 will collect donations for its annual

Muscular Dystrophy Association charity event.

Allingtown firefighters will perform a certified inspection or installation of child safety car seats for the public free of charge. They will also show how to ensure that the portable seats have been properly fastened for securing small children.

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

programs.

Jennifer A. Amendola, the director of West Haven's 911 Emergency Communications Center, which operates out of police headquarters at 200 Sawmill Road, will educate the public on the structure of the city's Emergency Reporting System and what the dispatchers do.

Amendola and other ERS dispatchers will demonstrate how to make a "real" phone call to 911 while showing people what the dispatcher on the other end of the call would be

doing. For example, dispatchers will show the public the premade, established card sets that consist of a series of questions they must ask when receiving certain types of medical emergencies to give the callers an idea of why the questions need to be asked

and why.

Dispatchers will show how to "TEXT 911" if people cannot place a phone call in an emergency. There will also be a display of what the dispatcher workstations look like, along with some of the equipment they use, such as headsets.



City Drone Photo by Andrew Kosarko

An aerial view of the West Haven Centennial Fire Expo on Nov. 6, 2021. Families, fire service enthusiasts, and paid and volunteer firefighters from across the state turned out to see the colorful fleet of engines and trucks, including antique fire apparatus, on display in the parking lot of the former Savin Rock Conference Center. West Haven's three fire departments held the free exposition to salute the community's 100th anniversary. Organizers are expanding this year's exposition on Oct. 15 to include all things fire, police, public safety and health. The expo will



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Dear Felicia

Howdy honeybunch! Hard to believe we're in the last weeks o' September already. Before you can blink an eye, the leaves will be changing and falling, and we'll be looking to batten down the hatches for winter. And I don't know effen yew've seen the forecasts, but lotsa people are saying that the La Nina effect we're starting to git through is cooling things down. Like we need more problems in an era of high inflation and high prices, some are predictin' that we'll have our first fall of the white stuff before Dec. 1. Yikes.

Tennyrate, as we move through the days and weeks, we see the First Congregational Church is having its Apple Festival, the last thing until the Green in dressed up for the holidays. It's usually a good time, and the people over there do a nice job, but once again, the members of the My-

stick Maidens of the Marsh have been told they can't have a booth. I don't know what it is about our li'l group, but people don't seem to wanna see much of us...more's the pity.

Here in the burg yew'd think things would be settling in. Well, effen "settling in" means that bickering and controversy get it boost, you would be spot on. There is plenty of controversy and bickering to go around.

The foist one, of course, is The Haven. Now, remember Herroner insists she ain't had official communication from the Simon Group that the project has gone the way of all flesh. Nope. However, one can believe that she knows whut's going on, cuz in her statements previous she said she had meetings with the developer and "interested parties." Well, it don't take Sherlock Holmes to figger that one out.

There are rumors about "interested parties," and Sammy Bluejay has even told Cobina what he has hoid. We don't wanna let the cat outta the bag, but let's say there is a very good possibility some "commercial entity" will be purchasing the land, he was told. I know some insiders are hopin' as much. Like we said before, residential construction in a city that is the second or third densest in the state is not a good fit - no matter what some might think!

But that ain't the only controversy - we never do things halfway, here in the Asylum by the Sea. New England Brewing Company announced it was moving to the city more than a year ago, and taking over the property whereon now sits the imploding Savin Rock Conference Center nee Casino nee Phyllis'. There was another name in there in the 1970s Cobina can't remember.

NEBCO as it is called is looking to raze the current structure and put in a new building - and there is where the controversy is happening. Two things are rankling the local yokels: a) the new building will be larger than the current one, and will probably extend farther toward Savin Rock. That has the Land Trust of West Haven, Inc. upset. Jimmies is also upset cuz the

Zoning Bored of Appeals gave some variances.

There is the added controversy that the new building will not house a Savin Rock Museum, but will exhibit some of the pieces in the lobby of the new edifice. That has the historical community a bit put out - and on this one, I can't blame them. It looks like an afterthought. But it don't end there.

Whilst this is going on, the City Council approved a 60-year lease for the property, which the city owns, to the brewery owners, thus setting something in concrete. But it don't end there - as if it ever does.

Both Jimmies and the Land Trust have filed a suit in Superior Court looking to overturn the variances. Doesn't this jest follow a familiar pattern? A project is announced, the city moves forthwith to get it into operation, and somebody files suit. It's jest the way we do business here in the burg.

But that ain't the only controversy. We see now that Christine Grillo is fighting the Actors Colony over putting people on the Economic Development Commish. Evidently, there has been dickerin' back and forth about putting new members on for the last little while, and Grillo - in order to push the pernt that she wants new members - has taken the stance that no meetings will take place until there is a full set of panalists.

Herroner is protesting because she's busy...not a good look effen yew ask me. Nelly Nuthatch has had some dealings with Grillo and she don't suffer fools gladly, if at all! Somebody in City Hall must be able to vet the people who've been tapped for the position. Nelly sez that there are protests of City Hall be short staffed - what ain't these days?

Why there is a standoff on this boggles the imagination. It's unnecessary and, frankly, silly. Nobody is THAT busy that somebody can't vet people who are willing to be on a city commission. It just lends itself to the notion that there is a certain level of competency that ain't been met.

And jest to put a cap on controversies, there is another one concerning the sudden end of live streaming city confabulations. Since the beginning of the Chinese Flu, the city has broadcast live sessions. Well, a decision was made that the emergency is over, and there is no need for it now that in-person sessions have continued.

Cuz we can't do anything without somebody getting upset, we have this little kerfuf-

fle. I know, it's small considering the other matters, but this is what gets people's blood boiling. They can't do much about the big things, and concentrate on things that seem more manageable.

So, Iva Lootey sez the city is gonna go through a detailed financial analysis and that setch a task was approved by the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB). Well bless their lit'le hearts. Effen yew think we're having controversies now, wait until this White Paper hits the streets! Effen this is what Cobina thinks it is, this will probably bring up some very unpleasant things that have been hidden under desks and in closets for years.

Iva sez he can see it now. The report comes out and the gruesome details of the fiscal mismanagement that has plagued this city since at least Reagan's second term will be out there for alllll to see. While this might concentrate on more recent events, effen they do the kind of structural analysis that seems to be hinted at, a lot of the skeletons people hoped were closeted forever might see the light of day.

Keep your eyes on this one. It could be an explosive seen that demands tons of popcorn.

Glad to see the Police Commish has decided to allow the reopening of Water Street - but as of this scribing, the road ain't opened yet! Cobina has been out in her gassamobuggy on several afternoons trying to git outta the city, and on several evenings trying to git into the city, and it ain't a pleasant experience. Thing are backed up as far as the eye can see.

With the reopening of Water Street, some of the pressure will be taken off the lower Elm Street area, and traffic will flow, not plod. When this is gonna happen is anyone's guess, but at least the commish sees the need to reopen things now that whatever demolition has to be done is on the former side streets over in that area.

This ain't a controversy - at least not yet. But, given the litany of things above, maybe it has potential. We ain't anything in this town effen we ain't consistent.

And jest to put a cap on this -- and controversies -- whaat in blazes is happening on Beach Street. An announcement was made for a restaurant at the former Chick's Drive-In property, and the pro-jeck is in an area where the roadway is gonna be raised. What's happening? Is this another matter for controversy?

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

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Gripe Vine Readers:

In my last column, I published a letter of complain from residents in the Enright Street area who complained of cars "flying though a stop sign at a school bus stop at this site.

The police were notified, but this breaking of the law continued. A child was also placed in real danger here with the motorists continuing the dangerous practice.

I notified the district councilman in this area, Peter Massaro who promptly replied, "I just called the police about this, and they are going to monitor the street.

With school starting they are going to be busy, but they told me they will get on it."

I am hoping people in the Enright Street neighborhood will keep in touch with me and I will do my best to ensure safety for the children by working with the various city offices, including Councilman Peter Massaro.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I recently found your column and I really appreciate what you do.

I write today to ask you to add a problem to the pothole list.

There is a large pothole in the road that is at the bottom of my driveway. It has been there awhile and has gotten quite deep and it is on 95 Park Terrace.

West Haven Resident

Dear West Haven Resident:

Your District's Councilwoman Melii Garthwait was notified indicating she notified city authorities of this pothole. I will be waiting to hear if your problem was resolved. Please let me know when this happens..

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

The blight along the shoreline between Washington and Second Avenues continues to get worse and gives our city a rundown appearance.

While it is unfortunate that not much seems to be happening at the old Debonnaire and Chick's eyesores, our leaders have the ability to address the run-down skate park property. It is disgraceful that this under-utilized parcel is allowed to get worse year after year.

Many cities across the country have developed parks for the immensely popular sport of Pickle Ball, which appeals to all age groups. I suggest that our leaders take a look at the blighted skate park and improve our city by tearing it down and constructing new pickle ball courts. Besides beautifying that part of our shoreline. It will be a welcome recreation for all residents.

George Gorham

Your district's Councilwoman Meli Garthwait replied to your comments with, "I am not aware of any skate park on 2nd Avenue and Washington like your email says. However, there is a skate park on Beach Street that is completely run down. It could potentially be demolished with the Beach Street roadway raise project that will hopefully begin next year."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Fountain Terrace has become a speedway for cars between Hopkins, Curtis Drive and Fountain Street. The cars come over the steep hill over Curtis, or onto Fountain Terrace and Fountain Street 35 to 45mph. There are no sidewalks on Fountain Street and this hazard invites an accident waiting to happen. There is also another hazard a series of potholes at the crest of the hill going down into Curtis Drive.

Worried Resident

Dear Worried Resident:

I contacted your District Councilman, Victor Borrás, back on Aug. 5 and have not heard from him. Hopefully, publishing your letter of a



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

dangerous complaint, the West Haven Police Department will check this area out. Meanwhile as soon as I hear from Councilman Borrás his reply will appear in this column.

Coming up: Hillcrest Avenue poor condition...e potholes on Peck Avenue...illegal parking at baseball games... crumbled asphalt on Hillcrest Avenue...Greta Street and under ther bridge filled with rocks..Pond Street and Ocean

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Open Water Street soon

The West Haven Board of Police Commissioners' vote to reopen Water Street to traffic is a welcome decision for the thousands of city residents who have had to endure the daily traffic tie-ups going both in and out of town. Those problems are exacerbated during rush hours.

The board's decision comes in the wake of reports the Simon Group has given up on its Haven project, and is seeking to raze the remaining buildings, cut its losses, and sell the property. Though Mayor Nancy Rossi will not admit it publicly, the fact she admitted to having meetings with the Simon Group "and interested parties" as stated in our Sept. 1 edition gives the game away in our estimation. "Interested parties" seems to indicate those who might want the property once it is cleared.

While some may call this speculation, the fact the developers are not refuting published reports that are devastating to the future of the proposed mall, leads many officials, both state and municipal, to the conclusion the Haven project as proposed is dead.

The immediate problem for residents, however, is the ingress and egress to and from the city they experience daily. West Haven has never been an easy place to get to by auto, and recent reconstructions by the state Department of Transportation have made that commute even more tedious.

The loss of the clover leaf Exit 43 into the newer Boulevard route has served to elongate the long lines during the evening, for example.

Getting out of the city, especially now that school is in session, arteries leading to Elm Street, are clogged with traffic. Commuters must add extra time on their schedules to navigate these jams. The opening of Water Street will alleviate some of the pressure coming into going out of the city. We urge quick opening of the street, while further decisions are made on the future of the project area.

A needless controversy

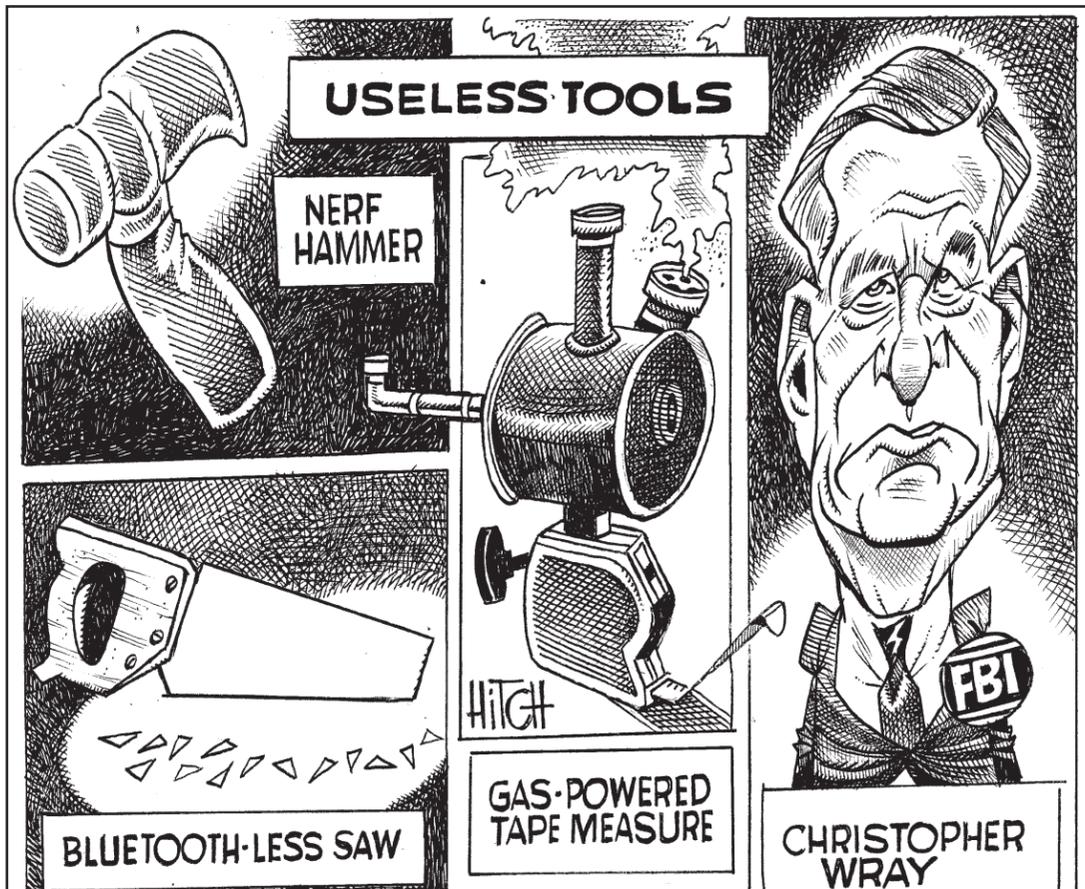
We sometimes wonder if city politicians look to get themselves into petty squabbles just for the sport of it. Take for example the city's abrupt decision to stop live streaming city meetings now that the Covid-19 pandemic is over. While the decision was certainly legal, we wonder about the way it was done.

City residents, used to having the service, were upset they were not able to see or hear the debate in a recent City Council meeting. No notice was given the live streaming would cease, and therein is part of the problem. If the city determined there was no need to continue the service, why not give adequate notice to the public.

It's a small thing, but it causes unnecessary controversy, and gives just one more example things are not handled with the public in mind - the people paying the bills. In an administration besought with big and small controversies, is this really the best way this could have been handled?

Whether the meetings are live streamed or not is of little concern to most of the public; however, there is a group where this was used when going to things like City Council meetings could not easily be done. The cost is minimal - about \$150 per session. We are sure the city can find the necessary funding in a budget as large as ours.

This is an unnecessary flare up, pure and simple. In an administration that calls itself transparent, a decision to stop live streaming meetings with no notice belies that notion.



Bipartisanship displayed

By Rich Lowry

Syndicated Columnist

Joe Biden and Donald Trump are proving that even sworn enemies can cooperate to promote one another's political interests.

President Biden, with his criticism, and his Department of Justice, with its search of Mar-a-lago and related investigation, have boosted Trump's profile to the benefit of both Biden and his party and of Donald Trump.

Everyone wins, except Republicans increasingly worried about the midterms and anyone hoping that the GOP would turn the page in 2024.

Several weeks ago, Republicans were nervous that Trump would announce his latest presidential bid prior to the midterms. Now, it is almost irrelevant -- Democrats and the DOJ have effectively announced for him.

Whenever things aren't going well for a White House or a political campaign, the natural advice is to try to change the subject. This often doesn't work -- the maneuver is too obvious, or the new hoped-for subject can't possibly compete with the old unwelcome subject.

That's not the case here. Trump is something everyone wants to talk about: people who love him, people who hate him, journalists whose work gets more clicks and viewership, and of course,

above all, Trump himself, who has never found any other topic quite as compelling or important.

To the extent Republican officials and candidates identify themselves with Trump's delusions about 2020 and get sucked into debating whether the FBI should exist, they are creating vulnerabilities or distractions where none need exist.

According to a new CBS News poll, 47% of voters say that how they feel about Trump will have "a lot" of influence on how they vote. Independents who say that Trump is a factor for them are voting to oppose him by a 4-1 margin.

All of this is good for Democrats in general and Biden in particular. If the president can define himself as the last, best obstacle to Trump returning to the White House, it helps quell the extensive doubts about him within his own party. Biden is barely above 40% approval in polling averages, a nightmarish position, and yet he's only down 2.2% in a hypothetical rematch with Trump in 2024, according to RealClearPolitics.

Trump is his life-preserver and comfort blanket, providing a political boost based on the easiest political argument in the world -- "See that guy over there obsessed with fanciful theories about the 2020 election? I may not be a very

good president. But at least I'm not him."

Meanwhile, the Trump phenomenon has always been a form of political jujitsu, using the force deployed against it as a source of strength. The more Trump is called names and investigated, the better. Not to make light of it, but if the FBI had shown up at Mar-a-lago with an armored vehicle and a couple of helicopters, Trump's lead over Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, which had dwindled before jumping back up after the search, would be all but insurmountable.

If Trump is bolstered by Biden's hostility, he also benefits from his weakness. Trump's favorable rating is about 40%, a poor showing that would be enough to make him the underdog against any president who hadn't been cratering over the past year. Trump doesn't just narrowly beat Biden in prospective 2024 polling, he handily defeats Vice President Kamala Harris. There's being fortunate in your enemies, then there's hitting the jackpot.

So Trump and Biden compensate for one another's weaknesses, and they are effectively working together to get Trump nominated -- which Trump wants because it's the first step back to the White House and Biden wants because Trump would be the riskiest GOP candidate in a

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Letters, we get letters!

Haven Project just another city mess

West Haven is a hot mess! According to an article appearing in the Aug. 26, edition of the New Haven Register, "The Haven" high-end mall project is dead as a door-nail. No one in the city should be surprised about that. The end-result of years of work on the part of the city is that an entire residential neighborhood has been turned into a blighted zone; an eyesore which has been relegated to occasional use as a bomb training facility for the FBI. The city should utilize every means in its power to sue the would-be developer to recover damages and demolish the rows of dilapidated structures.

Meanwhile, the city is about to agree to a sweetheart deal with the New England Brewing Company (NEBCO) to build a beer factory on prime shoreline real estate, adjacent to Savin Rock. The result of that endeavor will be to create an eyesore which generates a huge amount of traffic on Kelsey Avenue and Captain Thomas Boulevard. Moreover, the exceedingly large structure will ruin the character of the Boardwalk and mar one of West Haven's only remaining attractions. Wise city leadership would negotiate to locate the NEBCO facility on the site of the failed Haven high-end mall project. Concerned residents should file a lawsuit contesting the Zoning Board of Appeals' specious ruling that housing the Savin Rock Museum inside NEBCO's facility constitutes a hardship justifying the requested zoning variances. The dubious legality of the board's ruling demands judicial review.

Finally, I'm sure many residents were shocked to learn of Mayor Rossi's and the City Council's five-year tax plan filed with the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) to raise property taxes to among the highest in Connecticut. According to an article appearing in the Aug. 26, edition of the New Haven Register, and entitled "MARB Takes Issue with City's 5-year Tax Hike Plan," MARB members appeared aghast that city officials proposed such a humongous tax increase upon their residents. "That

is huge and it's not sustainable," MARB member Bob White said, pointing out that would make West Haven's tax rate among the highest in the state." According to the article, the city's proposed property tax hike plan, with combined property and Fire District taxes, would increase from 44.6 mills to 51.71 mills. Finally, the article notes that the city's proposed 3% yearly increases in the mill rates were the maximum increases it could enact while under Tier IV oversight. Moreover, those outrageous rates of taxation were provided to the MARB when the city was still expecting a \$10 million increase in its Grand List in 2026, owing to anticipated tax revenue from The Haven mall, which has now vanished. A mass exodus of taxpayers would surely occur if anything close to those outrageous taxation rates are actually enacted. Indeed, few residents, if any, would pay the highest property taxes in Connecticut to reside in the City of West Haven.

With city leadership committing serial debacles, which always culminates in costing West Haven taxpayers more and more money, something desperately needs to change. The current state of affairs leaves beleaguered and broke residents to ask, "Can they do anything right?" Clearly, West Haven is the worst-managed city in the state, and it's getting worse by the day.

John Grottole

Some residential projects are OK

I do not agree with your final statement (in the editorial of Sept. 1) that housing will further tax our resources, while adding nothing to the tax base. It depends on the TYPE of housing developed and the demographics of the buyers. What about retirees with hefty financial assets who would love to live on waterfront property close to New Haven and our shoreline? The land that was to be The Haven would be highly desirable and alluring for such an audience, who don't have children who need to be educated in our West Haven schools, and are impervious to higher taxes.

I present as an example Fieldstone, the over 55 retirement community on

Grassy Hill Road in Orange, built over the last 5 years, currently selling from the high \$500's to the low \$800's- and it isn't waterfront !!! I believe that a plan designed for the demographics I reference,

possibly combined with commercial real estate such as restaurants, an attractive marina, etc. would be of tremendous benefit to West Haven's tax base without creating a resource burden. Traditional re-

tail is dead, but prime waterfront land is GOLD and West Haven is so lucky to have it!

Let's all hope that the property is sold to a developer with a plan that really works.

Donna Violante

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Lowry: *Bipartisanship*

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 general election.

It's not the most edifying relationship. Indeed, it's a de facto partnership toward a demoralizing re-run of 2020. But neither Trump nor Biden is as likely to get where they want to go without the other.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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City approves 60-year pact with NEBCO



A rendering of New England Brewing Co.'s \$23 million, 46,165-square-foot building that would house a brewery, a taproom and event space.

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The City Council on Aug. 31 unanimously approved a lease agreement between the city and Rock Street Brewery LLC that would relocate New England Brewing Co. to the former Savin Rock Conference Center site at 6 Rock St., Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced.

"NEBCO will be an invaluable addition to our community, and I am grateful for the City Council's unanimous approval of the project," Rossi said. "This sends a clear signal to developers that West Haven is not only ripe for development but is eager to embrace

it!"

The 60-year ground lease allows for the city to maintain ownership of the 4-acre property while allowing developer Doug Gray, the principal of the Delaware-based limited liability company, to demolish the existing conference center and construct a 46,165-square-foot building that would include a brewery, a taproom and event space.

Within its footprint, the new building would incorporate the Savin Rock Museum, which occupies the conference center's basement, and preserve the museum's artifacts from the 20th-century amusement park.

According to the agreement, Gray will pay the city rent and serve as the brewery's landlord at its "forever home" on the Savin Rock shoreline overlooking Long Island Sound.

On Nov. 1, 2021, the Woodbridge craft brewery announced a tentative lease agreement with the city in front of the conference center, where Marty Juliano, NEBCO's director of business development, heralded the news with city and state officials, including Rossi, Sen. James J. Maroney, D-Milford, and Rep. Charles J. Ferraro, R-West Haven.

Juliano, a native of West Haven, was joined by Connecticut Brewers Guild Executive Director Phil Pappas and NEBCO founder Rob Leonard, Director of Operations John Dieli, Director of Brewing Operations Greg Radawich and Director of Sales and Marketing Jamal Robinson.

NEBCO, founded by Leonard in Woodbridge in 2002, brews Sea Hag and other popular India pale ales.

Gray said he hopes to complete the more than \$23 million brewery project within a year.

In its first year, the project is estimated to generate \$500,000 in lease payments and permit fees for the city.

The lease agreement calls for an annual rent of \$106,000 per year for the first five years before increasing over the next 50 years.

Rossi praised the agreement and thanked NEBCO for choosing the prime West Haven site to brew its craft beer line, including Sea Hag, the No. 1-selling craft IPA in Connecticut.

The mayor said she always supported a long-term lease for the waterfront location and never entertained selling "one of the most beautiful pieces of property" in the city.

The brewery's move from 175 Amity Road in Woodbridge to a larger site at 6 Rock St. is expected to create up to 100 jobs, Juliano said.

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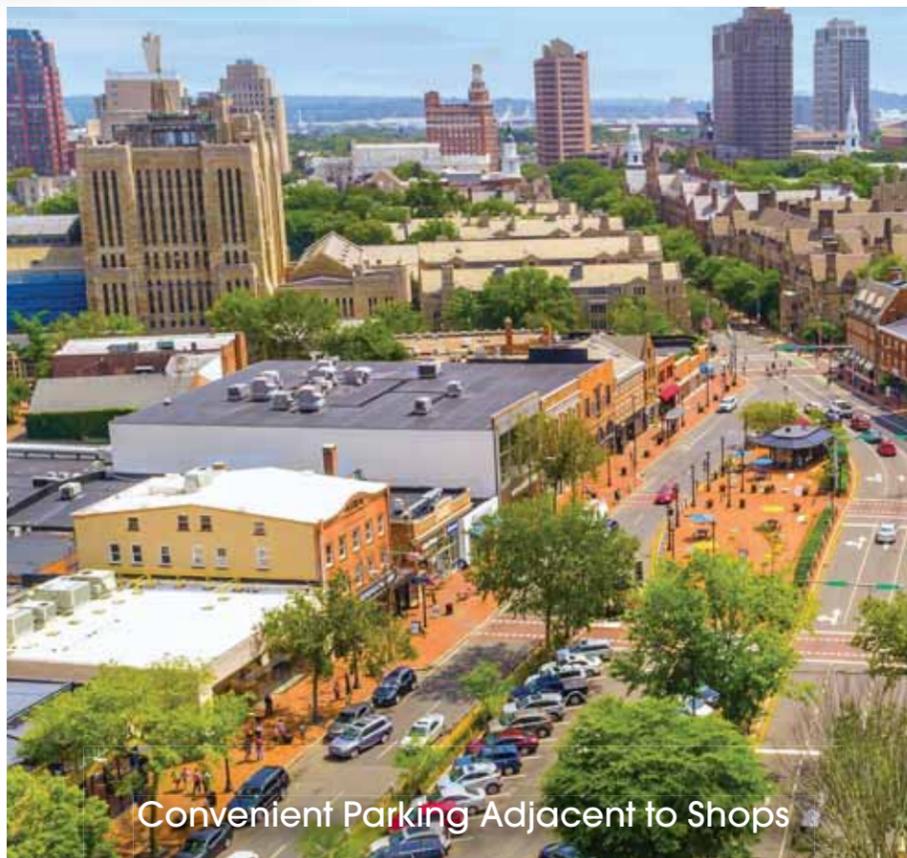


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"Bailey Middle School is incredibly grateful for the extremely generous support Stop and Shop is giving to our school community as we head back for the 2022-2023 school year. The past few years have been challenging in so many ways, and food security is more difficult than ever," said Stacy Sutton, Assistant Principal at Bailey Middle School in West Haven, CT. "Thanks to Stop and Shop, we will be able to extend our aid to our students and families as we continue to move forward post-pandemic."

Shown from Left to Right: Maura O'Brien - External Communications Stop & Shop, Meghan Garafolo - Customer Experience, Specialist Stop & Shop, Dina Jones - 8th Grade Teacher at Bailey Middle School, Stacy Sutton - Assistant Principal at Bailey Middle School, Bill O'Donnell - West Haven Stop & Shop Store Manager, Rachel Sullivan - Human Resources Stop & Shop, Judy Drenzek - Assistant Superintendent, West Haven Public Schools.



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Historians schedule Allingtown bus tour

Sunday Oct. 2, the West Haven Historical Society will conduct a bus tour of historic sites in Allingtown. Departing at 1:30 p.m. from the Poli House 686 Savin Ave. The event will cost \$20 per person. Participants must email emmettpur@msn to reserve a seat. Deadline is Wednesday Sept. 28. Early registration is advised since space is limited.

The tour will include several sites along Campbell Avenue including a late 19th century residence of a member of the Alling family, Harugari Hall, the Crittenton Institute which is now UNH's South Hall, and will include a stop at Adjutant William Campbell's gravesite on Prudden Street. There well-known author, historian, and West Haven native Peter Malia will present a brief talk about Campbell who saved the life of the local Minister Rev. Noah Williston during the British invasion of West Haven July 5, 1779. The stop at the gravesite will be a special feature of the tour and will also show a notable Allingtown historical landmark.

The tour will proceed through a revitalized Allingtown center while also taking note of the Battle of Allingtown which was a significant military encounter between the British invaders and local militia. The militia's successful defense of the area is commemorated by the Defender's Monument located on the eastside of the West River.

Each person on the tour will receive a commemorative packet of pictures of the historic landmarks on the tour.

City teen Gardner wins national pageant

Mackenzie Gardner, West Haven High School Class of 2022, was recently crowned the 2023 Miss American Teen

during the Miss American Coed Nationals at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, FL. "I feel incredibly honored to

carry the title of Miss American Coed for the next year!" said Mackenzie. "I felt so blessed to be able to represent Connecticut at Nationals this year but now I cannot wait to represent America and this wonderful pageant organization!"

"I'm excited to start my

journey as the Miss American Teen, where I get to support non-profits and community service projects all across America!"

Miss American Coed uses the fun and excitement of pageantry to teach women and girls across the country important life skills while shap-

ing the leaders of tomorrow. They strive to create a family-friendly atmosphere where their contestants can experience the thrill of competition but leave with friendships and values that last a lifetime. They believe in natural beauty and promoting confidence in your own skin.



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West Haven Mayor Nancy R. Rossi cuts the ribbon with Moby Dick's owners Evan Mink, back, fourth from left, and Doug "the Rake" Ruickoldt, back, fifth from left, on Sept. 3 to celebrate the grand opening of the "raw bar cafe" at 560 Campbell Ave. With them are, from left, Simon McDonald, the director of membership and marketing for the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce; city Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli; state Rep. Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven; Ruickoldt's sons, Nicholas and Douglas; Moby Dick's manager Gina Calabrese; Ruickoldt's wife, Kelly; Councilman Gary Donovan, D-at large; Nicholas Ruickoldt's girlfriend, Julie Hutchinson; City Council Chairman Peter V. Massaro, D-6; and Councilwoman Colleen O'Connor, R-at large.

Moby Dick's opens

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi cut a blue ribbon with Moby Dick's owners Doug "the Rake" Ruickoldt and Evan Mink on Sept. 3 to celebrate the grand opening of the "raw bar cafe" at 560 Campbell Ave.

The quaint, 630-square-foot cafe offers "cold beer, cocktails, oysters and clam chowder" and is nestled in a plaza of small businesses near Center Street — in the former home of the original Moby Dick's Cafe, which operated from July 1985 until owner Dick Turner's death in October 1989. The remodeled Campbell Avenue location, in the heart of the city's bustling downtown business district, most recently housed Sonny's Cafe, in addition to other bar-restaurant establishments since the late '80s.

Marking the afternoon event with Rossi and the owners were Ruickoldt's wife, Kelly, and sons, Nicholas and Douglas; Nicholas Ruickoldt's girlfriend, Julie Hutchinson; Moby Dick's manager Gina Calabrese; state Rep. Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven; City Council Chairman Peter V. Massaro, D-6, and council members Gary Donovan, D-at large, and Colleen O'Connor, R-at large; City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath; city Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli; and Simon McDonald, the director of membership and marketing for the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Moby Dick's modern barroom is bedecked with nautical-inspired knickknacks and complemented by a raw bar, featuring freshly shucked oysters and other "upscale raw" seafood dishes prepared by executive chef Jeff Lamberti. The space is further accentuated by black-and-white art deco tile floors, oyster white-painted walls and white subway tile walls, and walnut wooden beams, moldings and shelves.

The magnificent woodwork in the ship-themed pub is enhanced by brass porthole windows, dark brown leather bar chairs and dark brown wooden high-top tables.

The tavern's signature cocktail, along with a line of local craft beers, is the Captain Campbell Collins, an iced drink made with gin or vodka and mixed with club soda, lemon juice and simple syrup.

The cocktail is named in honor of William Campbell, the British adjutant who spared the life of the Rev. Noah Williston.



Photo courtesy of Annawon Lodge

Annawon scholarship winner

Annawon Lodge Fellowcraft Club President, Junior Warden Joey McVety presents a scholarship check to Coogan M. Cardella, who graduated from West Haven High School last June. Cardella is daughter of Courtney Moran. She was a member of the WHHS National Honor Society, Theatre Workshop, and numerous other activities. She is currently attending the University of New Haven, pursuing a degree in forensic science. Worshipful Master Johnny Garcia, Senior Warden Chris Belous, Cardella's mother Courtney Moran and Past Master Steven R. Mullins took part in the presentation.

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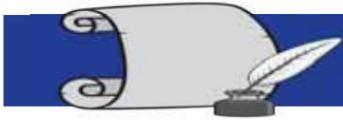
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

The Rise of Campbell Avenue Part I

Salt Grass: As the name implies, this knee-high grass grows in areas of high salinity. It is useful for reclaiming and stabilizing the sandy soil which may be found in salt marshes and flats adjoining coastal areas. Salt Grass is grazed by livestock and is also a known source of sustenance for ducks and geese. In by-gone days, Native Americans used to extrude the salt from this grass, to use it to flavor their food.

When the first white settlers came to explore New Haven's "west side" in 1640, they discovered the flowing water they would name Old Field Creek, and alongside of it, a Quinnipiac Indian summer encampment. The land lying

between what we today would recognize as Savin Avenue and Second Avenue, and to the north Brown Street, they would come to call the Old Field.

To the south of Old Field there was a great expanse of salt water. The land would first become known as Lamberton's Quarter, for its owner was Captain Lamberton: He would be lost at sea in 1647, aboard the ill-fated "Great Shippe." It is this very same salt meadow across which young Thomas Painter ran for his life, with the Red-coats in hot pursuit during the invasion of West Haven in July 1779. And here begins our story.

In 1638, the New Haven Colony was settled by a group of Puritan pilgrims who were led by Rev. John Davenport

and Theophilus Eaton. It didn't take long before settlers began to ford the West River to explore what we today call West Haven. What they found there was a broad expanse of potential farmland with which to feed the colony itself. Gradually, they established farms and then in 1648, homes began to rise on the West Side.

A map of the area dated 1700 shows the primary--and almost only--roads of that era were Savin Avenue, First Avenue, and what we today refer to as Main Street and Elm Street. In 1700, there was no street at all where Campbell Avenue would someday be. No doubt cart paths lay at the perimeters of the farms of that era, but in 1700, that was about it.

By 1800, the map of that period shows the addition

of numerous farms and residences, as the area's settlement continued. Conspicuously, the land covered with salt grass and known as Old Field, still had no streets passing through it. Old Field is shown on the map to adjoin marshy ground, which extends all the way up to the southern side of West Haven Green, and through which flows Old Field Creek. By this time, a northbound road known as Fourth Avenue did originate at West Haven Green, and extend as far north as Richards Street, where it ended. This short length of roadway was called Fourth Avenue, the first of three names that it would be known by.

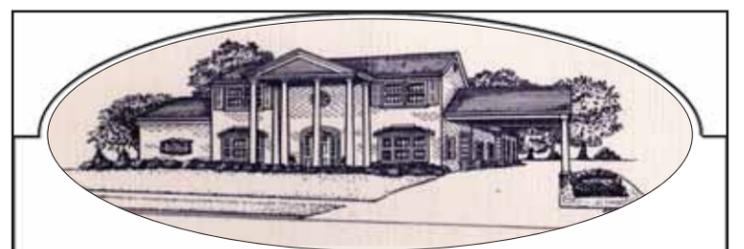
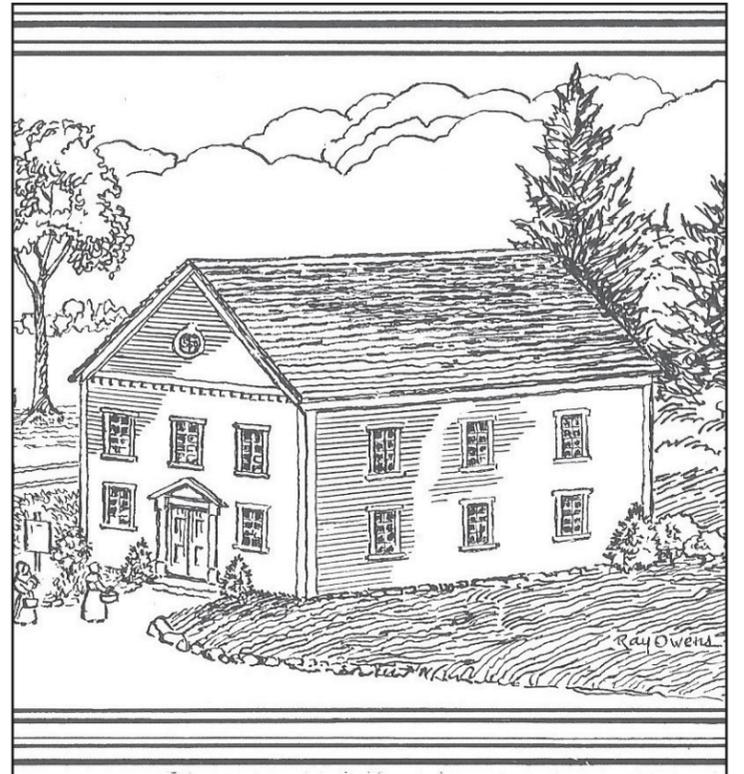
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Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice, and local history buff



Thomas Painter's house once stood proudly on Main Street. The historical figure, depicted on the city's coat of arms, and his family were part of the long history of the town. As with any New England town, one of the first structures built by settlers was a meeting house for worship and civic meetings.



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Elite Soccer tops American Legion, 4-2

In West Haven Youth Soccer action, the Elite Soccer Camps Lightning took on American Legion Post 71 Red Dragons with the Lightning coming out on top, 4-2. For the Lightning, Liam Lima and Jax Guarino both played well in goal, and Theodore Sakouvogui worked on the outside midfield. For the Red Dragons, Jaxon Cruz and Trevor Davis played a solid game in goal, and Jacob Rader and Jonathan King passed the ball well throughout the game. Gavin Lenihan put in a good shift at for the Dragons at forward.

The West Haven Federation of Teachers Lightning Fairies played against a tough Mad Mike's Cheesesteaks. Katherine Samaniego and Addilyn Lockwood played great defense for the Lightning Fairies, and Avalyn Wilder, Justine Davila, Mia Retamoza Irigoyen, and Aneesa Kass all scored. For Mad Mike's Cheesesteak, Anna Howerly had a great all-around game.

Milano & Wanat defeated Wizard Painting, 4-1. Goals were scored by Alex Wright, Nick Pratt and Sammy Gattani. Solid defense by Josiah Herrera help make the job of goalies Christopher Thomas and Jace Rodriguez easier. The Elsie Encarnacion State Farm Insurance Blue Angels defeated #DAVILATRIBE, 5-2. The Angels were led by Chelsea Hernandez Fortin, who picked up the hat trick, and Allison Davis and Alliemarie Sesler added goals. Fourela Dembele played great in goal.

In a tight matchup, the Baybrook Remodelers Orange Tiger Sharks earned their first win, 4-3, over West Haven Police Local 895. Melech Biggs played fast and tough and stayed in the middle of the action, Omar Boghdady did great learning the ropes of being a goalie and hustled on defense, and Andrew Cozayatl never ran out of energy and had some great saves as

goalie.

The West Haven Professional Firefighters Maroon Tigers upended Taco Town, 5-2. Joe Sperry, Jr, led all scorers with two goals, while Doniel Agustin had a goal and two assists. Mohamed Nasr and Sabri Abdelmageed each chipped in one apiece. For Taco Town, Christopher Romero took advantage of his breakaway opportunities and scored two goals during the game. Ibrahim Abudayya played well in goal, making several big saves. The Dr. R. Mark Pappas D.C. girls played #DAVILATRIBE Yellowjackets and came out with a hard fought 3-1 win. The offense was led by Ruaa Nage with two goals and Isabella Celantano chipping in with a goal. For the Yellow Jackets, Kaylice Lawrence worked hard to stop multiple shots.

P&B Express defeated Vio's Sportsplus, 8-3. Boden Rogers scored twice, and Marc Philogene got a hat trick. Ser-

gio Salinas Jarra and Jeremiah Nunoo both played tough defense. Keenan Funeral Home took on Budget Transmission Center. Tyler Dos Anjos and Almoatasem Naas played a good game, running up and down the field and having a positive attitude. Muhammad Aksu also played well. The Porto Funeral Home Golden Stars had a hard-fought battle with Westies Nutrition, and pulled out the victory. Stand out performances came from Chase Pridgen and Dylan Banegas-Molina.

In other in-house games, CT Pest Elimination and WH Italian-American Civic Association played to a 4-4 tie. Cappetta's Italian Imports took the game to Frankie's of West Haven, winning 4-1. Stowe's Seafood and Touch of Heaven Home Care played to a 5-5 tie, and Falcone Law Firm fell to York Business Center 3-2.

In travel team action, the RQ Professional Accounting & Tax Services U12 girls were

at Shelton Friday, where they took home a 5-0 win. Excellent teamwork and passing skills lead to goals by Gillian Wynus, Stella Porto, Joslyn DaVila, and Luciana Cappetta. Chelsea Frost had some good plays on the field as well in the win. The Rock House School of Music U10 boys team was away to Southington. In a tight game, the Westies held on to win, 6-5. Ryan Abekah, Luca DeCrescenzo and Roland Green all scored. Jaxon Cruz and Jacob Rader were solid in goal in the win for the Westies. The Gunning Law Firm U9 boys travel team played their first game, and picked up their first win, knocking off Naugatuck, 5-1. Yangel Ortiz Garzon opened the scoring, and Jonathon King and Dylan Fonseca added goals. Abdul Akondo did well in goal, and Grayson McCarthy played a strong game in midfield. Emmett Hemming was stellar on defense in the win for the young Westies.

Youth Hockey squads open up new season

The West Haven Bantam AA hockey team earned its first win of the 2022-23 season with a road win over Greater New Haven A at Northford Ice Pavilion.

Sean Studley put the Westies up 1-0 when he fired home a rebound of Ethan Kelly's shot with just under a minute to play in the opening period. The Blue Devils went up 3-0 with a pair of second period goals by Dylan DiCioccio and Will Hamre. Goaltender Bryce Upton was solid in net to earn the win.

At the Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Blue Devils had a 3-0 lead with a minute to play in the second period, before dropping a 5-4 decision to Junior Bulldogs AA.

Kelly and Charlie Strada gave the team a 2-0 lead. One minute into the second, Studley to make it 3-0. The Bulldogs scored four times in less than five minutes to take the lead early in the third, before Ethan Kelly split two defensemen and fed Madonick for a rising wrist shot to tie the game at 4-4 with 8:39

to go.

The Blue Devils opened their 2022-23 season last week and skated to a 3-3 tie against Western A at Bennett Rink. Down 2-0 in the opening period, Kelly scored on assists from Studley.

Down 3-1, Madonick stole a pass at the blue line and fired home a low wrister with only 2.8 seconds left in the first period. Matt Kelly banged home a loose puck on a power play in the third period, with assists from Studley and Sam Malangone, to even the game at 3-3. Upton was clutch in goal in the third as the Westies earned the tie.

The West Haven Squirt AA hockey team returned to the ice with a championship appearance and four wins in the ECC Labor Day tournament in Northford.

The Westies opened the tournament with a 7-1 win over the Elite HockeyAAA. Charlie Gunning had three goals and Jeremiah McGrath had two goals in the win.

Colby Cushing and Dylan Spreyer also found the back of the net, Michael Paone and Gabe Calabrese split duties in the net.

The Westies fell behind the Connecticut Junior Rangers, before rallying to a 5-2 win in the second contest. A.J. Farrell took over from his defensive post as his first shot from the point was tipped by Gunning to even the score. One minute later, Farrell took matters into his own hands in burying his own shot from the point.

Gunning, McGrath

and Spreyer all found the back of the net. Paone and Calabrese combined for the win in goal.

Young then helped power the Westies to a 7-3 win over the Vermont Flames with goal and solid defensive play. Gunning scored four goals and McGrath scored twice for the Westies, while Paone and Calabrese again split goaltending duties.

In the semifinals, Farrell again found the back of the net from the point to lead the Westies to a 3-1 win over the Connecticut Junior Rangers. Gunning had two goals.

The run ended for the Westies as they pushed MassConn United to overtime, before falling, 4-3, in overtime.

The Westies took a 3-1 lead behind two goals by McGrath and one by Cushing.

The Westies returned to action this weekend with a split of games against Mid-Fairfield.

In the opener, Gunning scored three times and Ciccossanti added two in a 7-2 win. McGrath and Spreyer rounded out the scoring, with assists coming from Farrell, Strada, Janei and Moll. Paone picked up the win between the pipes.

The Westies lost 3-2 to Mid-Fairfield 2013 as McGrath and Spreyer scored in the loss. Young, Berlepsch and Walsh had assists, while Calabrese was solid in net.

The team split a pair of games. The Westies dropped a 4-2 contest to Westchester Express AA.

Farrell started the scoring

with a shot from the point. After falling behind 3-1, Young took a pass from Gunning and Cushing and buried a goal to cut lead to one. An empty net goal finalized the scoring. Calabrese was solid in net for West Haven.

The Westies bounced back with a 6-1 win over Ridgefield AA. Moll started the scoring by going end to end. Gunning netted two goals and Jeremiah McGrath, Spreyer and Janei also scored. Assists for the Westies came from Henry Strada, Gunning, Cushing and Farrell. Paone got the victory in between the pipes.

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team opened with a 4-4 tie against the Greater New Haven Warriors. Looking to defend their state title, the young Westies fought back after being behind 4-2 late in the second period.

Evan Harrison had an acrobatic performance between the pipes, stopping numerous well-placed shots by the Warriors.

The Warriors scored late in the first period to get things started off, but their lead was short-lived as center Logan Stackpole scored an unassisted goal three minutes later to tie the game.

The Warriors scored again mid-way through the second period to take the lead once again. With 5:15 left in the second period, forward Colin Whelan stuffed the puck into the net off a rebound. Two minutes later, the Warriors once again took a 3-2 lead and then scored another quick goal

See Youth Hockey, page 16



West Haven Squirt A head coach Paul Moriarty is presented the 2021-2022 West Haven Youth Hockey Coach of the Year Award by West Haven Youth Hockey Director of Operations and West Haven High School boys hockey head coach Steve Harris.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

Ariana Izzo battles for position in the Westies' win over North Haven.

Westies: Seasons open

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Yahzeel Beyley, West Haven picked up its first win of the season with a 3-2 decision at Ken Strong Stadium.

Gazcon gave West Haven a 2-0 first half lead, then gave the Westies insurance when he scored off an assist from Sebastian Navarro with 25 minutes left in regulation.

The Jesuits held a 14-8 shot advantage in the contest.

Looking to get over the .500 mark early in the season, the West Haven team found itself in a battle with Wilbur Cross. That battle proved defensive as neither team could find the back of the goal on a 0-0 draw at Ken Strong Stadium.

Beyley played a key part in the victory for the Westies as he made five saves in goal. The Governors held an 11-5 shot advantage in the contest for the shutout. Dustin Gibbon made three saves for Wilbur Cross.

The West Haven cross-country team ran against Sheehan, Law and Career Thursday afternoon in Wallingford.

The boys defeated Career, 15-50, but lost to Law, 41-47, and Sheehan, 32-41. The top runners for the Westies were junior Matt Pagan with a time of 20 minutes, 27 seconds for a fifth-place overall finish. Sophomore Kiitikom Tighe finished in sixth place overall at 20:36 for a personal best. Senior Khai Outhavong finished in 21:39.

On the girls side, senior Maryangel Cruz was West Haven's only female runner and finished in a time of 28:10.



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Youth Hockey roundup

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to take a 4-2 lead with two minutes left in the period. The two-goal lead would only last about 30 seconds as Owens scored off an assist from center Colton Bruneau.

Down 3-2 in the third period with 8:44 left in the game, Logan Minio scored to event the game at 4.

The West Haven Squirt A1 faced off against Greater New Haven Warriors and the Connecticut Junior Whalers. The Blue Devils allowed four goals the entire weekend and topping the Warriors, 10-3, and the Junior Whalers, 8-1.

Tyler Gyllensten chalked up the season’s first goal against the Warriors. Gyllensten went on to cap off the weekend with the season’s first hat trick, as well scoring three more goals and adding two assists. Julius Stokes scored four goals and added assists. Olivia Persico went on to score two goals, along with Noah Silverman and Alex Jones, who both scored twice and chalked up an assist each.

Aran Dahya, scored his first West Haven career goal Sunday against the Junior Whalers.

Matteo Kenworthy had no issues ironing out the crease, only allowing one goal against the Junior Whalers in his Squirt A1 debut between the pipes. Ethan McGrath took control of the Junior Whaler’s goal and shut down his own team’s advances after the Junior Whaler’s own goaltender was unable to continue due to a lower body injury.

The squad was able to skate away with its third win of the season in as many games. The young Devils were able to keep the Hamden Dragons down to only six shots on goal which goaltenders McGrath and Kenworthy were able to keep out of harm’s way while splitting the goaltender assignment.

Silverman started the day of with a quick breakaway which led to an unassisted goal at 30 seconds into the first and went on to get his first hat trick of the season. Stokes was short to follow Silverman’s lead with his own unassisted goal at 1:20 into the first which was followed by another unassisted goal and three assists in the second period.

Two of those assists were for Trevor Gyllensten, who racked up a five-point day by scoring four goals and one assist. Carter Liston assisted one of Trevor Gyllensten’s third period goals.

Trevor Gyllensten returned the favor two minutes later and set Liston up for his own goal which made two for the day with an unassisted goal earlier in the second. Also continuing his scoring streak was Dahya, who was able to rack up two unassisted goals of his own.



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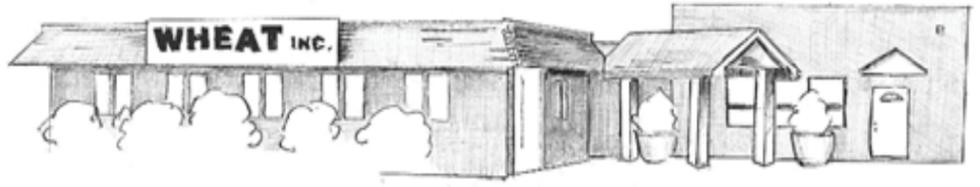
League President Mike Torello, Commissioner Dan Gooley and the WHTL Board of Directors recently named this year's honorees. They include Gold Bat Award recipients Al Criscio, Karl Derbacher, Mike Lucas and Mike Tamsin.

The league will present the Bob Moran Lifetime Achievement Award to George Collins Jr.

The Community Service Award will be presented to Alberto Martinez. A special recognition award will be presented to recently retired North Haven High School boy's baseball coach Bob DeMayo.

The 2022 seasons All League Team and individual player award winners will also be honored.

Tickets are \$55 per person and can be obtained online at WHTL.org or by emailing your ticket request to rcdepew@com-cast.net. Seating is limited.



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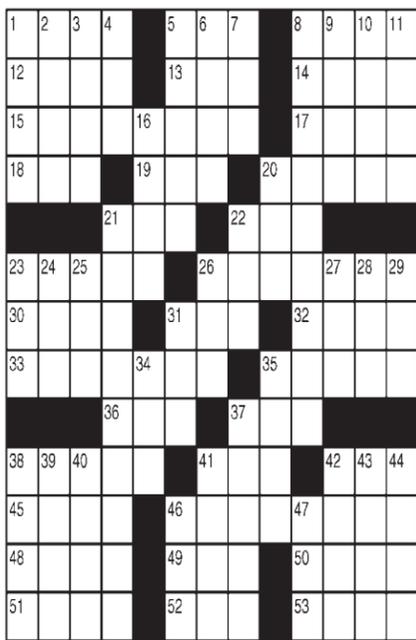
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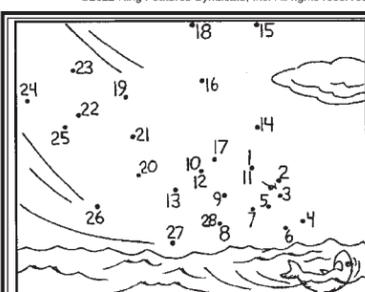
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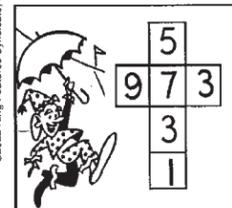
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Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



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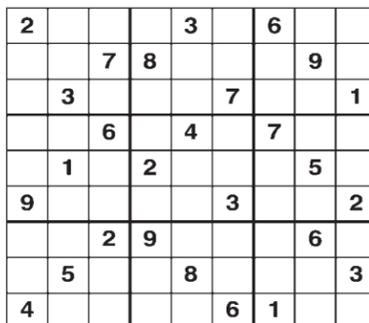
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Time limit: Two minutes.

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by Linda Thistle



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

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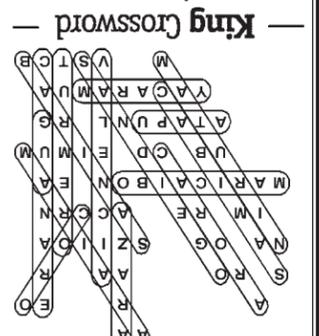
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Answers to this week's puzzles



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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

HIDDEN GEMS

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

The back-to-school season is often a time when families seek out enrichment opportunities for young people.

Thankfully, they need not stray too far afield, as we have many right here in West Haven. Consider these offerings for those who are creatively-inclined:

Picasso Parties. <https://www.picassoparties.com/> Located at 944 Ocean Ave, next to Prospect Beach House, this women-owned business started just a few years ago has become a center of possibility and a unique destination for artmaking for all ages.

While the space gets rented out for parties and fundraisers, the owners also put on their own events. A Kids Paint Night will be held Oct 7 and a Kids Halloween Dance Party on Oct 21st, both for a fee of \$25.

They also deliver Do-It-Yourself craft boxes to homes in West Haven and Milford, such as the popular bottle opener plaques, hooks for dog leashes, and beach-themed wooden signs. For example: "Mermaids Welcome."

TDM Acting Studio. <https://www.treeneemcgee.com/tdm-acting-studio-1> Located at 413 Campbell Ave, across the street from the new Cornell Hill Health Center, between Curious Goods and Z's, this center cares about not only developing artistry but improving young people's ability to show up in society and use their voices to advocate effectively on behalf of themselves and others.

The studio is owned by theater artist and educator Trenee McGee, who maintains a second career in state politics. Classes include Acting, Actor's Movement, Li'l Improv, and more. Registration is still open for the Fall sessions starting up Sept 19th; Winter sessions begin in January.

Mulkerin School of Irish Dance. <https://mulkerinirishdancers.com/> Athletic in form, Irish step dance is also a vehicle for keeping Celtic culture alive.

In fact, you may see their students on stage at the Apple Festival! Classes take place at St. Lawrence School on Union Ave. and prospective students are invited to sample one free class. Every 5 years or so an all-state troupe of "Emerald Dancers" travel to Ireland for a performance tour.

Their next tour will be for two weeks during the summer of 2025. Selected dancers (16 in all) will perform for Lord and Lady Mayors, in castles and of course, the occasional pub.



Submitted Photos

Picasso's Parties (top right) has a schedule of special family events as we head into the fall schedule. Meanwhile **(right)**, the folks at Viva Health and Fitness muck it up for the camera after a workout session.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

LaChat's celebrates opening

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi cuts the ceremonial ribbon with LaChat's Barbershop owner Joe LaChat, center, to celebrate the barber's grand opening at 501 Campbell Ave. on Aug. 22. Marking the event are, from left, City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath, LaChat's barber Andrew Roach and Simon McDonald, the director of membership and marketing for the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce, which now represents the West Haven business community. Joining the group were chamber President Michael Moses, Edward Jones of Milford financial adviser Jay Borelli and Patriot Bank of Milford Vice President Robert Creigh. LaChat's is housed with other small businesses in the historic Altschuler Building near Main Street, opposite the downtown Green. The new barbershop specializes in haircuts, hot towel shaves, and beard trims and shaves. It is open from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

Devils gridgers open year at 2-0

Armani Reid loves his teammates. The feeling is mutual for the first-year Westie.

Behind his long returns on special teams, Reid set the tone of the game early as West Haven rolled to a 25-8 victory over cross-town rival Notre Dame in a Southern Connecticut Conference contest at Veteran's Field in the season opener.

West Haven's victory secured the Soderman Bowl title for the second straight season, and it was also West Haven's fourth in five years played as COVID took away the 2020 season.

While all eyes were on the West Haven offense to set the tone, it was the special teams and defense of the Westies which rose to the occasion early on. The play of the two groups set up Nick Conlan and company for 25 first half points.

After West Haven held on downs to start the contest, Reid's long punt return gave the Westies possession at the Notre Dame 20. Six plays later, Deven Robinson ran in off the right edge from 10 yards out for a 6-0 West Haven lead with 6 minutes, 43 seconds remaining in the opening quarter.

The Westies then held Notre Dame again on its next possession and limited the Green Knights to just 38 yards of offense in the opening quarter.

West Haven mixed its offense in the backfield and took a 12-0 lead on its third possession of the game when a 51-yard drive was capped when Jah'zire Massey scored from one yard out with 8:27 left in the opening half.

While the Green Knights were down a pair of scores, they had ample opportunities to get back in the game. A golden opportunity was missed on fourth down when Piechota hit an open receiver for an apparent first down, but the pass could not be handled.

West Haven needed 10 plays to go 77 yards, capped by a Conlan to Aeden Coe 46-yard scoring strike with 1:12 remaining in the half for a 18-0 advantage.

With the Westies dominating the half, the Green Knights had another opportunity, but Piechota was intercepted by Avian Evans with 1:06 remaining in the half.

Just 22 seconds later, Con-

lan, who completed four passes for 89 yards and two scores in the opening half, hit Teriq Mallory for a 13-yard scoring strike and a 25-0 lead following the extra point by Raul Sanchez.

Notre Dame was a different team in the second half as it used a safety and a 23-yard scoring strike from Piechota to Matteo Petruzzello to get within 25-8 with 8:09 remaining in the game.

The Green Knights, who out gained West Haven 154 to -1 in yards up to the touchdown, recovered the onside kick and were in striking distance once again. The next score never came to fruition as West Haven held on downs, then ran out the clock.

Conlan finished with 105 yards passing and two touchdowns in the win for West Haven. Piechota finished 18-of-32 for 214 yards. He had an interception and also a touchdown pass in the loss.

West Haven improved to 2-0 with a dominant 59-14 victory over Amity in the home opener Friday evening at Ken Strong Stadium. The Westies used a balanced attack to cruise to the 45-point victory.

Conlan was 7-of-8 in the air for 111 yards and three touchdowns, while Robinson ran for 107 yards on four carries, Rui DaSilva ran for 70 yards, Jeremiah Francis ran for 59 yards, and Massey ran for 55.

The Westies got going on offense quickly in the contest, taking a 20-7 lead after one quarter. Francis gave the Westies a 7-0 lead with a 35-yard score, before Amity evened the game at seven.

That would be as close as the Spartans would get as West Haven scored the next 19 points to pull away. Robinson scored the first of his three touchdowns on a 38-yard run for a 14-7 lead, and Conlan hit Mallory for a 31-yard scoring strike and 20-7 advantage at the end of the first quarter.

When Conlan connected with Demarco Eady for a 54-yard touchdown pass early in the second, the lead was 26-7. Amity's second touchdown pass of the game brought the Spartans within 26-14, but it was all West Haven after that.

Robinson scored on a 36-yard run, Massey ran in from 11 yards out, and Conlan threw his third touchdown

pass of the game, a 3-yard pass to Robinson right before the half for a 46-14 advantage.

Massey ran in from 10 yards out in the third quarter, and DaSilva ran in from 72 yards out in the fourth for the final points of the game.

Senior Jenna Johnson made sure the West Haven volleyball team started the season with a victory. Serving four straight aces, Johnson led West Haven to a 23-13 fourth game lead and West Haven never looked in defeating Sacred Heart Academy 25-13, 25-23, 21-25, 25-18 in the season opener for both teams at West Haven High Thursday evening.

After winning the first game, West Haven was in a battle in the second game, trailing 23-22, before scoring the last three points on a kill by Tanasia Fidalgo, and a pair of aces by Asia Ford for a 25-23 victory.

The Westies led 18-17 in the third game on a kill by Johnson, but the Sharks closed the game on an 8-3 run to force a fourth game.

With Ford on the service line, West Haven jumped out to a 10-5 lead on a block by Fidalgo, an ace by Ford, and a kill by Dulcemaria Castillo. A block by Ford increased the lead to 16-12, before Ford's kill increased the margin to 19-13.

Johnson then took over as four aces increased the lead to 23-13. The Sharks rolled off four straight points, before West Haven pulled off the victory.

West Haven fell to 1-1 with a hard-fought 3-2 loss at Hamden. Trailing 2-0, the Westies rallied back, but came up just short in the loss by scores of 20-25, 23-25, 27-25, 25-15, 11-15.

Sarah Davey ran the offense with 15 assists, while also playing solid on defense with 17 digs. Ford had 13 digs, Alison Frazer and Taylor Alfano each had 12 digs, and Jordyn Johnson and Madison Scillia each had seven digs. Ford led the offense with seven kills and four aces, while Olivia McDonnell added six kills and five aces.

The squad needed just one day to bounce back from a nail-biting loss to Hamden. The Westies got back on track and rebounded to defeat Wilbur Cross 24-26, 25-16, 25-14,



Photo by Todd Dandelske

10 Teriq Mallory leaps to haul in a TD pass from Nick Conlan in the Westies' 59-14 victory over Amity.

25-15 in New Haven.

Jenna Johnson ran the offense with 18 assists, while Ford had 10 kills, eight digs, four aces, and three blocks, and McDonnell had six aces, six kills, and four digs.

Frazer added seven digs and four aces, while Castillo chipped in five digs and four kills.

West Haven won its second straight contest and improved to 3-1 on the year with a 3-1 home victory over Career. With the 25-6, 24-26 25-16, 25-18 victory, West Haven improved to 3-1 on the year.

Jenna Johnson ran the offense with 13 assists and four aces, Ford had seven aces and six kills, Frazer had nine aces, and McDonnell had eight kills and four aces.

Dulcemaria Castillo, Frazer, and Astrid Portugal Morales had six digs, while Shannon Hoey added four digs.

The West Haven girls soccer team opened the year against a tough Mercy team and fell 3-0 in Middletown.

The young Westies battled, but it was not enough as Mercy took a 2-0 lead in the first

25 minutes of the game and never looked back.

The Westies received a strong performance in goal from Cassidy Carrano, who made 14 saves, including three on breakaways.

West Haven picked up its first victory of the year with a 3-0 victory over North Haven. Julia Tsakonas scored twice for the Westies, Maya Bermudez added another tally, and Carrano made two saves in the shutout victory.

The Westies also received a solid defensive effort from Celia Williams, Chloe Whelan, Ilyana Griffith Waite, and Niamh Chesson.

Tsakonas scored twice off corner kicks from Arianna Izzo for a 2-0 advantage, and Bermudez buried a rebound for the 3-0 victory.

After a season-opening loss against Guilford in which Rafael Gazcon scored the lone goal, the West Haven boys soccer team returned to action with a home contest against Fairfield Prep.

Behind three goals from Gazcon and eight saves from

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