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'Mr. Soccer' is city's top Italian!



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

John Vinci receives a mayoral citation from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi for his "incomparable legacy of volunteerism:

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

West Haven Youth Soccer League President John Vinci, a goodwill ambassador of his deep-rooted Italian ancestry, received the city's Italian American of the Year award at the 23rd annual Italian Heritage Celebration on Oct. 7.

Amid a picture-perfect autumn day, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and the West Haven Italian Heritage Committee honored Vinci, the grandson of immigrant grandparents from the family's namesake city of Vinci in the region of Tuscany, Italy, during a midday ceremony on the steps of City Hall.

The award is bestowed annually on an Italian resident or couple who personifies volunteerism in the city's close-knit Italian American community.

As the sound of Italian music filled the air at the 20-minute cultural event, Vinci saluted his Italian lineage with friends, former and current soccer colleagues, and loved ones, including his wife, Joanne, and his son, Chris, daughter-in-law, Colleen, and grandson, Christian, 13, of Fairfield.

Along with descendants of folks from the old country, Vinci was also joined by his sister-in-law, Judy Marks, of North Haven, and an array of state, city and business leaders, including Democratic Sen. James J. Maroney, City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath and Simon McDonald, the director of membership and marketing for the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Vinci, 75, a Westie of nearly 50 years, also received an Italian flag from Paul M. Frosolone, the president of the West Haven Italian American Civic Association, and Roberta Daniels DeFonce, a past president of the association's Ladies Auxiliary.

Vinci told the crowd, some donning red, white and green, that he appreciated the recognition and thanked the many players, coaches, referees and league officials he has mentored throughout his 38 years of service — and counting — to West Haven Youth Soccer.

"My grandparents would be proud — I know they're smiling down," said Vinci, who lives with his wife of 37 years on Ocean Avenue near West Shore's Lake Street Beach. "The best day of the year is the first day of the (soccer) season. I want to thank everybody!"

Rossi read a mayoral citation praising Vinci's civic-minded contributions, saying: "As a second-generation Italian resident of our city, I hope you reflect with pride on the innumerable lives you have inspired on and off the field. I admire your devotion to shaping the principles of West Haven Youth Soccer — sportsmanship, responsibility, teamwork — and to upholding the values that make our city, state and country great."

Rossi then presented Vinci with an embroidered "Italian American of the Year" jacket.

The ceremony included remarks by her executive assistant, Louis P. Esposito Jr., the master of ceremonies. It also included a blessing by Vertical Church Pastor Frank Aprea, the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Ana Garcia and the playing of

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Nico Orsini, age one and a half, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. is looking forward to cool weather to go apple picking.

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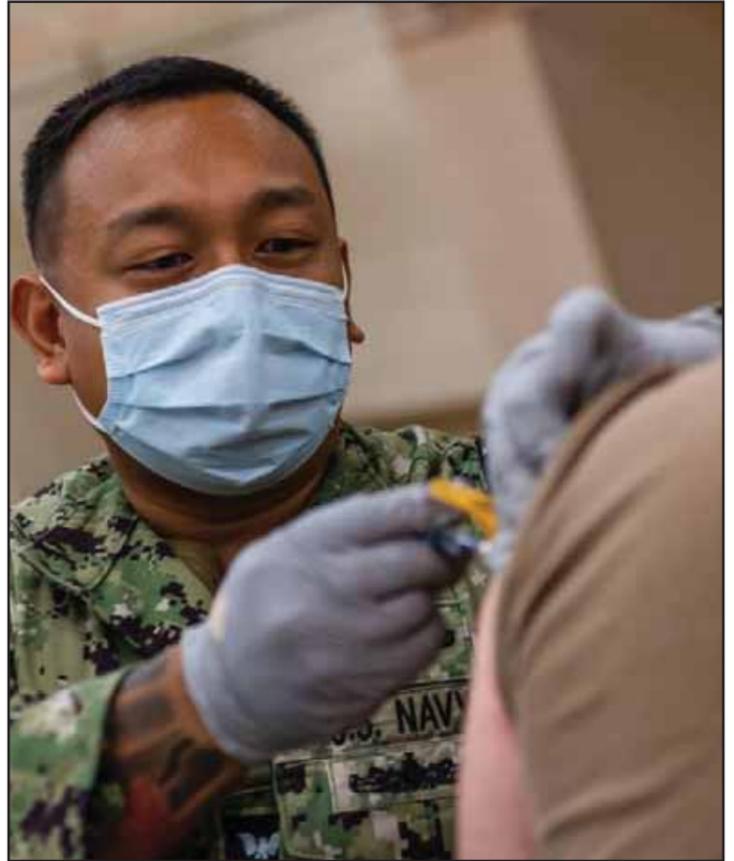
2011 -- Muammar Gaddafi is Captured. The deposed leader of Libya, Muammar Gaddafi, is captured by the National Transitional Council Forces. He was killed by the troops soon after.

1982 -- Luzhniki Disaster. A stampede during a UEFA Cup soccer (football) match between Dutch club Haarlem and the Moscovian football club, Spartak at the Lenin Stadium in Moscow left about 60 people dead.

1973 -- Sydney Opera House Opens its Doors. The iconic building, which was declared as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, was designed by Danish architect Jørn Oberg Utzon. Construction on the performing arts center began in March 1959 and cost over \$100 million.

1968 -- Jacqueline Kennedy marries Aristotle Onassis. Former American first lady, Jacqueline Kennedy, married Greek shipping magnet, Aristotle Onassis

1962 -- War Breaks Out Between India and China. The month-long border dispute began after the Chinese launched a two-pronged attack on the border between the two countries. During hostilities, China and India did not officially declare war.



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Administers shot

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Richard Demaala, from West Haven, assigned to Navy Medical Readiness & Training Unit (NMRTU) Atsugi, administers a seasonal influenza vaccine to a sailor during a vaccination drive held onboard Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi, Japan. NAF Atsugi supports the combat readiness of Commander, Fleet Air Western Pacific, Commander, Carrier Air Wing FIVE (CVW) 5, Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 51 and 23 other tenant commands, and provides logistic support, coordination, and services to units assigned to the Western Pacific

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Dear Felicia

Howdy, sweets! Here we are in the midst of October, which seems to be flying by effen yew ask me. Before uew know it, the boys in the DPW will be on the Green putting up lights and gettin' ready for a tree lighting. That's how fast things seem to be going. John Purmont and his gang are prepping for the annual Graveyard Tour so yew know the end of the year is fast approaching – and with it, cold dank days.

Here in the Asylum by the Sea things are as muddled as ever. The MARB has control of our purse strings, and Sammy Bluejay sez that some of the members of the ruling class are getting jest a bit disillusioned. Sammy wouldn't be specific, but the fact that the City Council has little or nothing to do that is important with MARB making all the decisions, has some wonderin' what the pernt it.

Now, whether that means a few of the stalwarts on the council are looking to beg off come next election is anyone's guess. Remember, people go through moods, and what they might feel today might not be what they feel a week from now, or in this case a year from now.

We will reiterate what we hoid via Sammy and others that Herroner might be eying an exit strategy come next November, and effen that happens, we're told a virtual litany of candidates are looking to run. Given the fack the ruling party is still divided into three factions, that seems to be an accurate assessment, jest based on past history.

Herroner won by 30-plus votes the last time in a contest tainted by the Covid funding fraud that was perpetrated. With those cases still on the docket and not looking like there's an end in the near fu-

ture, those could play a factor in the next go-round. We shall see. Some are saying, however, that the current administration might be nearing its "sell by" date.

The big question is gonna be the Republican Party. Ysee they are getting jest as cantankerous as the Demmies in that they jest can't git along. They lost the mayoralty by a handful of votes, and yew'd think they'd be looking to capitalize. Nope. They seem to be in as much disarray as usual. But, there's still a year to go.

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*Speaking of the GOP, the State Supreme Court came down with an expected decision regarding Barry Cohen's lawsuit over last year's election. Remember, he found absentee ballots that weren't handled according to Hoyle, and thought the number of tainted enclosures could change the outcome. The chances of that happening were perty slight. In fact, effen yew remember, I told yew at the time the trial court was gonna find enuff to say there were irregularities, but not enuff to overturn the results. Courts hate that. I think my exack words were, "The judge will punt."*

*Punt she did, and Barry appealed. Unless Barry had irrefutable evidence of something wrong, like a photo of illegal ballots being stuffed into a box, the chances of the election being over-*

*turned was nil.*

*The State Supreme Court agreed with the trial court and denied the appeal as we all thought would happen. They did find some "irregularities" but not enuff to change things. Did I say courts hate that?*

*How this plays into Barry's plans in the future is yet to be seen. He may just stay outta local politics and go back to being John Q. He's a bit of a firebrand both in and outta the GOP, so it'll be interesting to see how things shake out.*

*And jest a final thought: why does the city's Corporation Counsel hafta be sooooo snarky about everything. Yew know full well effen the shoe was on t'other foot, said barrister would be raising Cain over how awful the irregularities were, and how he is just doing the just thing by calling it to the court's attention. Snark seems to be this guy's stock in trade. It really gets tiresome.*

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Nelly Nuthatch came in t'other day and asked a question we're all wondering – at least those of us who hafta traverse the area on a regular basis. How long does it take to open up a street? Six weeks ago, the Police Commish okayed the reopening of Water Street and the lowest part of Main Street to traffic. The two have been closed since April of 2020 cuz of "The Haven."

Well, now that "The Haven" has gone the way of the do-do bird, the desire to end the daily tie-ups along First Avenue toward El-em Street has been voiced by many, including the political class. As of this scribing, the cement blocks are still in place at Main Street, and the chain link fence is still closed at Water Street. By the time the street is opened, the new owners might be in place – and then what happens?

No, we don't know who is buying the property, and we've been told that more demolitions are on the way, but you don't wanna hang for as long as we've been waiting for that to happen. It never fails, things just plod along after big announcements, whatever the issue.

Meanwhile, Beach Street, we hear-tell is gonna be reconstructed come the spring. Effen yew remember they roadbed is gonna be raised similar to what happened near the water treatment plant two years ago. This is to prevent flooding in the area as happens when we have big storms, whether hurricanes or jest large Nor'easters.

Tennyrate, the news to come outta that is the pro-jექ planned for the former Chick's property seems to be going through. I guess there's gonna be a combo of residen-

tial townhouses or something and a restaurant. The restaurant is what people want, the housing, not so much. This city has more housing than most places our size. It's one o' the reasons we are one of the densest places population-wise. Oh, we're dense in other ways, that's for sure, but very dense as far as people per square mile.

And to make matters jest a bit more cumbersome, the development over on Shingle Hill Road -- one that had very little support amongst the area residents -- was approved to the consternation of said residents. It seems that devleopers in this burg jest can't do anything without putting more housing in. We know why, it's a quick buck. They leave and the residents hafta live with the results.

We're watching more open land being developed all over town. And they wonder why people are fed up.

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*Of course, there are still two weeks before the voters go to the polls to determine who'll be our state and national reps this go-round. A body hopes this supposed Red Wave will hit our little area. Nothing would make Cobina happier than seeing our own Rosa DeLauro Greenberg upset and put out to pasture, but we aren't holding our breath. Effen insanity is doing the same the over and expecting a different result, then our little part of the universe is a looney bin.*

*And let's hope the amendment to allow Early Voting goes down to defeat. It's just another way to cheapen votes, and allow politicos to muddy the waters. Effen politicians are in favor of it, it can't be good for the common folk. We've learned that over the decades.*

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Have yew noticed the political ads on the boob tube over the last several weeks leading up to November 8? I like the way the incumbents, particularly the Secretary of State and Attorney General talk about issues that will have absolutely no impact in our very blue corner of the world. They make it sound like the enemies are at the gate. Heck, they ain't even within a stone's throw of the gate. But, there is a certain segment of the populace, particularly of a certain professional class that eats that stuff up. The drama or faux drama is really something to behold and, of course, they approved that message. What an insult to a person's intelligence. That, however, is the way political ads go. You can feel your IQ lowering effen yew pay too much attention.

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The West Haven Voice will be posting the link to City Council meetings which are taped and available on YouTube.

### City Council Meeting:

October 11, 2022

**URL:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSaf2Vor-pM>



2022-10-11 City Council Meeting

# GRAVEYARD LANTERN TOUR

**Saturday, October 22  
5-7:30 p.m.**

**Tickets are \$5. Tours begin at the Poli House at 686 Savin Avenue.**

University of New Haven theater students are collaborating with the West Haven Historical Society on the annual Graveyard Lantern Tour. This spooky local event, which "resurrects" several long dead West Haveners who are buried in the graveyards in the center of town. Join the West Haven Community and get ready for Halloween!



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## Court ruling unsurprising

The ruling by the Connecticut State Supreme Court in the election dispute between 2021 Republican Candidate Barry Lee Cohen and city voting officials went as expected. The high court ruled the plaintiff, Cohen, failed to show the violations alleged in his complaint materially altered the outcome. Therefore, the election results stand.

Cohen faced incumbent Democrat Mayor Nancy Rossi, and lost by more than 30 votes, prompting a recount. The recount affirmed the outcome, and, in fact, added to Rossi's total. However, Cohen and his legal team believed the city violated state law in his handling of absentee ballots, chain of custody, and other violations. In fact, the plaintiff was able to show the city did violate state law, and officials were put on notice. Without some type of game-changing evidence, though, the issue was never in doubt.

Let us state something right at the outset: courts are loathe to reverse or call for special elections until and unless litigants can show a smoking gun, or enough votes could be in question. Cohen's case failed to show either, and that is what he was requesting the court to decide - overturn or call a special election.

The ruling affirmed the findings of a lower court ruling issued in June, which found that the city did, in fact, violate state mandates on absentee ballots, but the number of the ballots in question did not alter the outcome.

The salient sentence in the ruling handed down says it plainly. "Although we agree with the trial court that 'the evidence presented show[ed] a concerning lack of overall compliance with statutory guidelines by [West Haven] election officials,' we also agree with the trial court that the plaintiff failed to satisfy his burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the results of the mayoral election were seriously in doubt."

We disagree with the city's legal team that Cohen should have walked away, accepted the outcome, and moved on. There were serious problems that needed to be addressed, and while some might have seen that as a distraction, the fact the court found the complaints to be valid should give city officials pause, and, perhaps, clean up their act. It was a time for some introspection, not a victory lap.

We hope the findings of the trial court, and the affirmation of that court by the State Supreme Court, will serve as a shot across the city's bow, and have election officials do what needs to be done to comply with state law.

We shall see.

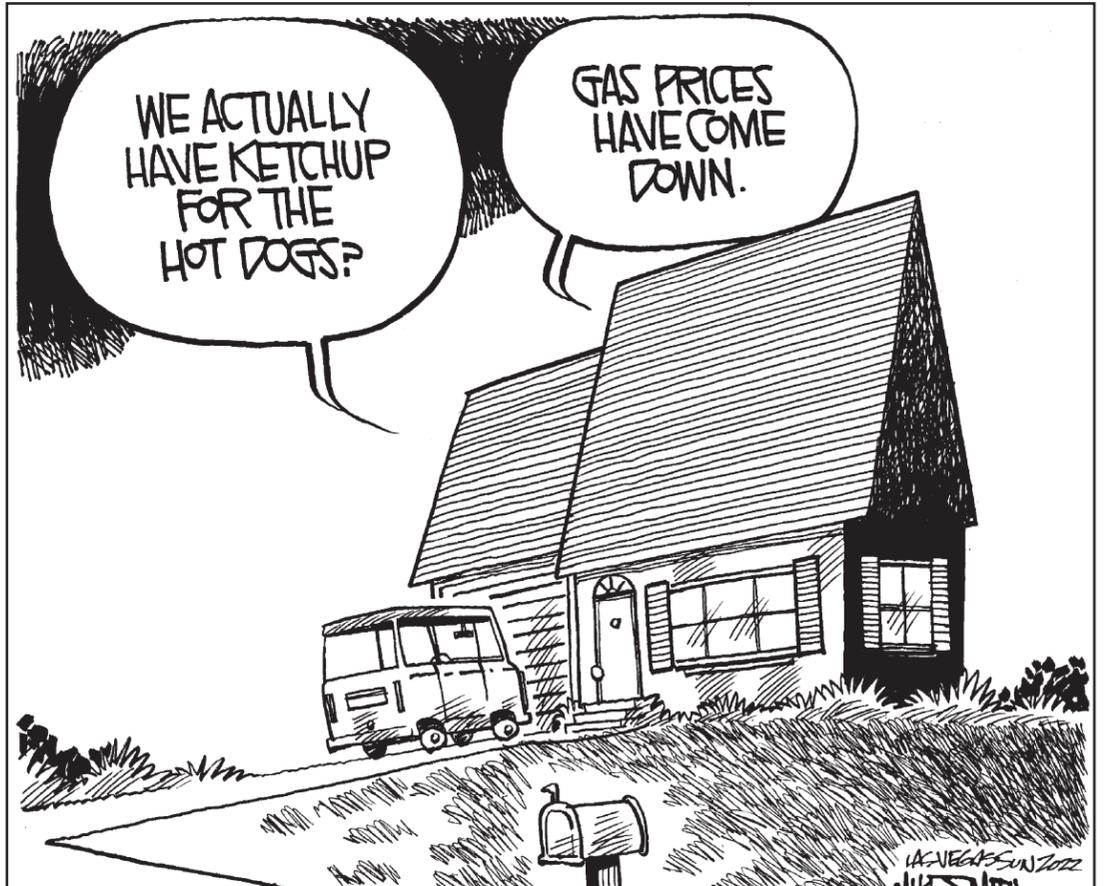
## Vote 'No' on amendment

On Nov 8, voters will be asked to, once again, approve an amendment to the state Constitution, allowing for early voting as has been done by other states. We hope the amendment fails as it did in 2014. The state has a means for voting for those who cannot vote on Election Day - absentee voting.

The rules for absentee voting, though violated on occasion as stated above, give a means of protection and integrity to the process. Quite frankly, early voting is just another way of bastardizing the process. While voting is a right, it is also a privilege. Voting on the date prescribed by law is the responsibility of the voter. He must show up.

We have seen how loosening the process in other states has led to various corruption, from drop box stuffing to suspicious ballots being counted and other forms of irregularities.

Only those out of the country or in the armed forces should be allowed to vote early. All others should bear the responsibility of their privilege, and vote on the prescribed date. Vote No.



## Elites wrong on Hispanics

By Rich Lowry  
*Syndicated Columnist*

One of the most significant events in American politics is that Hispanics are, in effect, deciding that they are working-class voters rather than ethnic-grievance voters.

This is so momentous because it means that Democrats can't rely on the monolithic Hispanic voting bloc they imagined would guarantee them an enduring electoral majority, and that the shift to the Republicans may be just beginning (the migration of working-class whites to the GOP has been happening over the course of a couple of generations).

An NBC News/Telemundo poll of Hispanics has Democrats ahead of Republicans in the battle for Congress 54-33%. That's a healthy lead, but it's down from prior polls. Democrats led among Latinos by 42 points in October 2012, 38 points in October 2016, and 26 points in October 2020. Detect a trend?

Republicans don't have to win Hispanics outright to change the calculus of American politics, only eat into Democratic margins.

In specific places, they are doing even better. A Sienna College poll shows Gov. Ron DeSantis and Sen. Marco Rubio, both running for reelection in Florida, above 50% among Hispanics. A new poll for The Nevada Independent

has Republican Adam Laxalt, challenging Democratic incumbent Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, down by only 2 points among Hispanics.

It wasn't supposed to happen this way. Progressives had Hispanics pegged as "non-white" voters, which meant they'd be animated by the same worldview as Black Americans and become nearly as immovably Democratic. The arbiters of such things even cooked up a new term for Hispanics, "Latinx," to signal their assimilation into the hothouse world of "woke" politics, with its kaleidoscope of genders and other bizarre priorities.

Hispanic is an incredibly wide-ranging category including people from different countries and regions who may have lived here for generations or just got here recently.

Generalizations are inevitably simplifications, but it's safe to say they don't have much in common with Black Americans, who went through the uniquely searing experience of enslavement and systematic discrimination. Within memory, Black people had to fight for the basic legal protections of citizenship, whereas many Hispanics got here after 1980, when the most fundamental civil rights struggles had already been won.

In a piece for Spectator World, the Republican pollster Patrick Ruffini argues that

Hispanics are tracing the basic trajectory of white Catholics as they assimilate, move to the suburbs, and hew to traditional values out of fashion with the nation's elite.

Analyst Ruy Teixeira has noted the clashing cultural attitudes of "strong progressives" and Hispanics. According to Echelon Insights survey, 66% of progressives reject the idea that America is the greatest country in the world; 70% of Hispanics disagree. Asked whether racism is built into our society or comes from individuals, 94% of progressives say it is systemic, and 58% of Hispanics say it is from individuals. The same divides are evident on transgender sports, defunding the police, and the importance of hard work.

The picture is of a constituency that is going to be skeptical of a party that made excuses for the 2020 riots premised on the notion that America is fundamentally corrupt, or that is on board the rush to embrace a nonbinary future. Needless to say, this is not FDR's Democratic Party, which had such a hold on white Catholics for so long.

On the cultural questions in the Echelon survey, Hispanics are much closer to working-class voters than the "wokesters." This shouldn't be a surprise since about 80% of Hispanics over age 25 don't have a four-year degree,

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## Committee seeks input

As part of the West Haven Boardwalk Resilience and Eco-Restoration Project, the Shoreline Restoration Committee has collaborated with SLR International Corp. to create an informational website that features an overview, some history about the location, and plans for public engagement in the form of a survey and an on-site event on Saturday.

The website is: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/806ffac8f509415a8278595435707de4>. The on-site event's Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/events/417144427243612?ref=newsfeed>.

The project sits on 1.5 acres of shoreline adjacent to the boardwalk at Old Grove Park on Palace Street.

"Community engagement is a vital component of this project," said committee co-leads Marilyn Wilkes, the vice president of the Land Trust of West Haven, and Mark E. Paine Jr., the director of the city Department of Parks and Recreation. "We are actively seeking the public's input at the on-site event and through the survey on the website in order to gain diverse perspectives and a better understanding of the community's needs."

An initial community engagement event will take place at the project site from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday and will feature drawings of the possibilities for the area to spark the public's imagination. The rain date is Oct. 29.

The website survey will be open until Dec. 1. Feedback from the on-site community event and the survey will inform conceptual alternatives, and a community workshop will be held in early 2023 to explore the opportunities.

Shoreline Restoration Project updates can be found on the Land Trust's website at <https://landtrustwesthavenct.org/> or the city's website at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/354/Shoreline-Restoration-Project>.

## Around Town

### Vets Museum Open House, Nov. 12

The West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center will be holding a Veterans Day Open House on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 11-2 with light refreshments. Come and enjoy a tour of the museum. We have been adding some new displays and would love to share them with you! The museum is across from the West Haven Train Station at 30 Hood Terrace.

### Band looking for new members

The Ormond Street Community Band needs a drummer, clarinetist and baritone player. The band rehearses Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon at the UCC Church in the Devon Hall at 30 Ormond St. The music includes Swing era, music of every decade, seasonal and holiday music.

The band is directed by Linda Whittaker, BS in Mus.Ed and MFA and 6th year from UConn, Since 2002. This band was formerly the Note-ables at the Milford Senior Center.

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### Stamp Club resumes meetings

The New Haven Stamp Club meets every Tuesday evening at 62 Clark Road in North Haven at 7:30 p.m. There is a stamp and coin show the 4th Sunday of every month at the Annex at 554 Woodward Ave. East Haven from 9:00 to 2:30 p.m. All are welcome for both events.

### Coin Club relocates meeting site

The Liberty Coin Club has rescheduled and relocated its shows scheduled for November and December 2022 due to renovations scheduled thru the end of this year at the Hilton Garden Inn in Milford.

The new location and dates for the shows will be at The Courtyard by Marriott on Woodmont Road, Milford, Sunday, Nov. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 11.

As always anyone interested in Coin collecting and Numismatics is welcome to attend. Admission is free.

## Lowry: *Elites are wrong*

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whereas hyper-progressives are disproportionately college-educated. Like other working-class voters, Hispanics are focused on the economy, and give President Biden failing grades.

None of this means the Hispanic trend toward Republicans is inexorable.

Rather, it shows that, despite Democratic hopes, these voters are up for grabs, and their support has to be earned like that of other Americans.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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## Legal Notice

### West Haven Warning of Election November 8, 2022

The electors of the Town of West Haven are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the following purposes:

To cast their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress 3rd District, State Senate in Districts 10, and 14. State Representatives in Districts 115, 116, and 117.

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The full text of such proposed questions with explanatory text, printed in accordance with §2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the town clerk's office for public distribution.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

Below are the addresses:

- 1st District, Church of the Holy Spirit, 28 Church St.
- 2nd District, Savin Rock School, 50 Park St.
- 3rd District, Washington School, 369 Washington Ave.
- 4th District, the former St. Paul Church, 898 First Ave.
- 5th District, Simchat Yisrael, 870 First Ave.
- 6th District, Forest School, 95 Burwell Road.
- 7th District, Molloy School, 255 Meloy Road.
- 8th District, Mackrille School, 806 Jones Hill Road.
- 9th District, Seth Haley School, 148 South St.
- 10th District, Pagels School, 26 Benham Hill Road.

Absentee Ballots will be counted at the following center location:  
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Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at 6:00am to 8:00pm Dated at West Haven, Connecticut, this 20th day of October, 2022

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My husband who has Cerebral Palsy goes out to clear the storm drain before bad weather approaches.

In July 2021 Storm Elsa

brought nine inches of water into our basement causing major destruction to not only the floors and walls, but the replacement of our washer, dryer, and furnace.

After several days of phone calls to public works and the mayor's office, the former state rep along with the commissioner came to assess the damage to our property.

We were told in 2021 by the commissioner that the street would be reconstructed, and a lip would be put in front of our driveway to slow down the water coming into our



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

home sometime in the month of October 2021.

Nothing has ever been done

and now we have even more problems to contend with.

There are deep and dangerous potholes on our street that has become a safety hazard to both residents and visitors.

Calls to city hall still go unanswered and ignored.

My husband and I vote every election hoping for a change that never happens. We pay taxes and its not fair that we have to be subjected to this. We understand that flooding has been an issue to West Haven but how many years do we have to wait and how many years do we have to wait before something gets done.

I'm totally blind and my husband has Cerebral Palsy, we have a neighbor who has a hard time walking and three minor children on the street.

We would like our story to be heard and then maybe someone would listen.

*Veronica Alston*

**Dear Veronica Alston:**

I have contacted your District Council Woman, Katherine Tucker, explaining your concerns. Please let me know if you were able to receive assistance and I will be happy to share this information with my readers.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

The article in the Aug. 18, 2022, issue of the West Haven Voice entitled, "City halts beach vagrancy" is totally wrong."

The homeless people have been living in the area around the Lone Sailor Statue for two years. There is a working faucet that supplies water for them. Since the problem of public urination and defecation by the beaches has increased, the city chose t leave a porta potty there. This happened way before the recent spate of hot weather.

Mayor Rossi has been forced to pay attention the vagrant problem because the number

of homeless has increased. They are now sleeping on the outdoor patio of the decaying Savin Rock Conference Center and on other beaches in the Grove.

What was once West Haven's treasure, the beaches and boardwalk has become a pitiful site.

Benches are rusting and brown weeds are through the cracks of the veterans' bricks and the fountain has been removed because it was in disrepair. There is a general sense of neglect.

No, readers, it is not the summer heat that brought out the vagrants and total disinterest in our shoreline. The fault lies with our public works director who was the mayor's campaign manager and our entire city government. They just don't care.

*Regular Beach Walker*

**Dear Eleanoreo Turkington:**

The potholes on Church Street and Savin Avenue should have hot patches as cold patches never sticks.

*Taxpayer*

**Dear Taxpayer:**

I have corresponded with your District's Council Person, Bridgette Hoskie concerning your gripe.

Her most recent response, "I have sent follow ups." Has Church Street potholes been refilled ?

**Coming up.** Crumbling asphalt on Hillcrest Avenue... Greta Street potholes as well as under the bridge...Farmer's Market inquiries...more porta potties requested...and much more

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Fire Expo highlighted expertise

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The city joined West Haven's three fire departments to mark the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week at an exposition of all things fire, police, public safety and health in Old Grove Park on Saturday.

The second annual West Haven Fire/Police Service, Public Safety & Health Expo brought together families and first responders — firefighters, police officers, EMTs, health care professionals — from around the state for hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations to promote public safety education.

The large public exhibition was organized by West Haven Fire Department Chief James P. O'Brien, West Shore Fire Department Chief Stephen Scafariello, City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown Chief Michael R. Terenzio and Expo Committee Chairwoman Beth A. Sabo, the city's commissioner of human resources.

West Haven's storied fire service includes 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.

Collectively, the departments have been in operation for 353 years — West Haven since 1888, Allingtown since 1907 and West Shore since 1918.

The free exposition featured an array of fire engine and fire-truck displays, including antique fire apparatus, along with a fire service exhibit. The colorful fleet was spread along the adjacent Palace Street and on the grounds of the 152-year-old Grove.

The five-hour expo included a hazmat trailer, rides in West Haven's 1935 Mack pump firetruck, fire merchandise vendors and the Franco's Fried Dough-Licious food truck, as well as the departments' rescue boats, including West Shore's amphibious marine unit.

It also included educational demonstrations on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, drone technology, home fire sprin-

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Drone photo courtesy of Andrew Kosarko

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Pub 34 rebrands old Route 34 business

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Mayor Nancy R. Rossi cuts the ribbon with Pub 34 owners Dottie Newman, fourth from left, and Ginny Newman-Durso, third from right, on Oct. 6 to celebrate the restaurant's grand opening at 439 Derby Ave. With them are, from left, Simon McDonald, the director of membership and marketing for the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce; Councilwoman Colleen O'Connor, R-at large; state Rep. Treené McGee (D-116); City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath; Rossi Executive Assistant Louis P. Esposito Jr.; City Council Chairman Peter V. Massaro (D-6); and Councilman Gary Donovan (D-at large).



By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi cut a "West Haven blue" ribbon with Pub 34 owners Dottie Newman and Ginny Newman-Durso on Oct. 6 to celebrate the restaurant's grand opening at 439 Derby Ave.

The rebuilt location, formerly Gin Dee's Cafe, overlooks the city's bustling Route 34 business corridor — hence 34 in the pub's name — and features an outdoor patio.

The sisters closed the cafe at the dawn of the coronavirus pandemic in March 2020 after operating the establishment since their mother, Dorothy DeRosa, purchased the building in 1979.

After their mother died in 2018 at age 98, they decided to rebrand the business, rolling out the red carpet for a concept restaurant with the glitz and glamour of the golden age of Hollywood that honored her memory.

Rossi and the owners marked the ribbon-cutting with state Rep. Treené McGee (D-116); 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; Rossi Executive Assistant Louis P. Esposito Jr.; and Simon McDonald, the director of membership and marketing for the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce.

They were joined by chamber President Michael Moses, chamber board member Alan R. Olenick and a delegation of chamber members, including West Shore Associates owner Erin Eberhardt and New England Collision Vice President of Operations John Kraemer, both of West Haven, and Edward Jones financial adviser Jay Borelli and Patriot Bank Vice President Robert Creigh,

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Dubel's Cafe tees off for scholarship fund

From left, Dubel's Golf Tournament organizers Katie Heffernan Farrell, Jo-Anne Hugendubel-Case, Beth Sabo and Laura Nelson join other tournament organizers and participants during a post-event reception in the backyard of Dubel's Cafe at 260 Campbell Ave. on Friday. Heffernan Farrell, Hugendubel-Case and Nelson are breast cancer survivors. The annual tournament, co-chaired by Dubel's owner Fred Hugendubel and Art Gilbert, raised \$7,500 for the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program's Susan A. Ruickoldt Scholarship Fund, said Sabo, the program's chairwoman and West Haven's commissioner of human resources. The fund was founded in March 2003 in honor of Ruickoldt, who taught third grade at Savin Rock Community School before succumbing to breast cancer in 1997. Each spring since 2003, a \$2,000 check has been awarded in Ruickoldt's memory to a female high school senior from West Haven who plans to continue her education

Firemen's Memorial Service planned for Sunday on Green

The West Haven Fire Department will be conducting its annual Firemen's Memorial ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 23. The ceremony will take place on the West Haven Green, at the Firemen's Memorial, and will begin at 1 p.m.

Each year the department honors those members who have passed away during the year as well as all those who have come before.

This year we will be ringing the bell for the following

members: Louis Votto, West Haven Hook & Ladder Company #1; John Onofrio, Stevens Heights Engine Company #5.

If anyone has a family member who has passed away during the year and was a Career or Volunteer member of the WHFD, please contact us at whfdhistory@gmail.com and we will be sure to include them in the ceremony.

The 2022 event program is dedicated in memory of As-

sistant Chief Joseph Erff, Sr. Chief Erff started as a member of Engine and Hose Company #1 and served as it's Captain from 1922-1925.

He was one of the original six men hired on Jan. 24, 1933, creating the Career Department.

On Feb. 6, 1946, he and Mike Glas became the first two men promoted to the position of Assistant Chief and served as Shift Commanders. Chief Erff retired on Aug. 17, 1958.



The Firemen's Memorial on the Green.

EPA grant to fund commercial reports for city developments

The city has received \$500,000 in grant funding from the Environmental Protection Agency, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced.

According to the EPA, the federal funds are designed to pay for environmental investigation and historical reports for commercial properties where development is being considered.

"This critical funding will help the city attract investors that might otherwise shy

away from certain parcels because of unknown environmental considerations," Rossi said. "People interested in a commercial parcel for development can contact the city and apply for 100% funding of the Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessment reports."

Armed with the report information on potential or actual contamination, buyers and sellers can make informed decisions and arrive at

fair market value, said Grant Coordinator Doug Colter, who secured the funding for the city.

"Our hope is that properties that have sat off the market for many years will take advantage of this program to define what contamination there is, if any, and return the property to its full economic value," Rossi said.

Those interested in the program should contact Colter at dcolter@westhaven-ct.gov.

Pub 34: *Bistro bring back golden era*

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both of Milford.

They were also joined by City of West Haven Fire Department Allintown Chief Michael R. Terenzio and Deputy Chief Michael T. Esposito.

Throughout Pub 34, Tinseltown of the 1940s and '50s is represented in style, with classic knickknacks and portraits of Hollywood icons adorning the walls and paying homage to a bygone era of showbiz.

The sisters pointed out that their mother's 1901 piano is the centerpiece of The Cabaret Room, just across from the oldfangled bar.

The pub's menu offers made-to-order fare, including burgers, chicken wings, nachos, macaroni and cheese, sandwiches, and fish and

chips.

Pub 34 serves lunch from noon-3 p.m. and dinner from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Otherwise, it is open later for cocktails, of course, spotlighting such Hollywood-themed libations as The Celebrity and The Screenwriter.

The owners also plan to book bands and DJs playing the music that defined the period of Hollywood grandeur.

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Vinci: *Half-century resident wins top honor*

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the Italian national anthem, "Il Canto degli Italiani."

An Italian-flavored lunch after the event was catered by Lorenzo's Restaurant of West Haven in the First Congregational Church's Fellowship Hall, at 464 Campbell Ave. opposite City Hall on the Green. Two cakes were provided by Costco of Milford.

Since 1984, Vinci has given back to the community through the game of soccer, serving as a coach, referee and league official.

Above all, he enjoyed coaching his son's teams, joking, "Chris left, and I didn't."

After longtime league President Paul Duffy stepped down, Vinci, then the vice president, assumed the presidency in 2001.

Since then, Vinci has grown the soccer league into "the largest youth sports league for boys and girls in Connecticut."

His support of all things West Haven Youth Soccer, established in 1978, is so revered that the league named the field at Pagels Elementary School in Vinci's honor.

His dedication to the league is complemented by his service to the community he calls home, a lifework that includes raising awareness and money for the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program.

Each year in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the league hosts a Columbus Day weekend tournament at The Paul Duffy Soccer Complex next to Bailey Middle School. This year's tourney, a field of 50



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

West Haven Youth Soccer League President John Vinci receives an embroidered "Italian American of the Year" jacket from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, second from left, at West Haven's 23rd annual Italian Heritage Celebration on the steps of City Hall on Oct. 7. Looking on are Rossi's executive assistant, Louis P. Esposito Jr., the master of ceremonies, and Vinci's wife, Joanne.

teams from across the state, kicks off Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8-9.

According to Vinci, players don pink uniforms and use pink balls. The league even paints pink lines on the field instead of the customary white to increase breast cancer awareness.

Best of all, some of the tournament's proceeds and raffles, along with a breast cancer ribbon sticker fundraiser, benefit the city's breast cancer program, with more than \$20,000

collected to date, Vinci said.

In observance of Italian American Heritage Month, West Haven recognizes the unique and vibrant traditions of Americans of Italian descent and celebrates the story of generations of Italian sons and daughters who came to the U.S. seeking hope and opportunity to reach for the American dream.

Vinci's paternal grandparents left their home in central Italy and came to America for a brighter future, arriving on New York's Ellis Island in the early 1920s and settling in the upstate New York town of Whitehall, the state's smallest town, bordering Vermont.

In the intrepid spirit of Italians who charted a course for millions of immigrants who followed their crossing to America, Vinci and his grandparents are a testament to the diversity and promise of the United States.

Vinci was born and raised in Cohoes, New York, a city in the northeast corner of Albany County. He graduated from La Salle Institute, a Catholic college preparatory school in Troy, New York, and the University of Rochester.

Now retired, Vinci was employed as a senior technical director in the information technology department at AT&T. He was also an IT executive at

SBC Communications and the Southern New England Telephone Co. All three telecommunications companies had operated in New Haven.

The West Haven Voice is now posting the link to City Council meetings, which are taped and available on YouTube.
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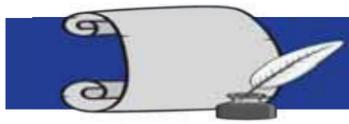
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

WHHS Football 1968 An Autumn to Remember Part I

Teamwork is the thorough conviction that nobody can get there unless everybody gets there.
-Virginia Burden

Every story begins somewhere: From the time Tom Lavery was six or seven, most of his free time was devoted to sports: in summer, it was baseball; during the cooler months, it was football. The kids in his Terrace Avenue neighborhood didn't need uniforms or any other equipment—they couldn't afford much anyway—they played ball in vacant lots until their mothers called them home for lunch; later they returned, and played until suppertime. If it was still light out after they finished supper, they went back out and played some more, until darkness prevailed

and the streetlights came on—which in those days was the signal that it was time to go home.

Back in the Fifties, the proliferation of organized youth sports was years away, and daytime television had little to offer. And the kids of that era had an enormous amount of freedom to come and go as they pleased. Tom Lavery sums it up by saying, "Even though we didn't have much, we had everything."

By the time Tom was eleven, he had gotten very serious about football, and as the neighborhood boys grew older, one neighborhood group would challenge another neighborhood to a friendly game of tackle football. They would meet on a Saturday: they needed no helmets, no protective padding, just a ball and a vacant lot. To them,

playing sandlot football was far more interesting than watching professional football on television.

Tom's years of practice games, diligence and sincere effort eventually paid off: he was made the starting WHHS halfback on the 1968 team; for his years of preparation in sandlot football had taught him sportsmanship and teamwork, and it had developed in him that competitive edge that is so necessary to excelling as an athlete.

Meanwhile, a few blocks away, and unbeknownst to Tom, Steve Johnson was preparing himself in a similar manner; and over on Savin Avenue, Bert Siclari was doing the same; and likewise, over in the West Shore, Burt Cohen, Art Nugent and Ed Francis were also doing what boys do: horsing around in a Jones Hill

Road sandlot, playing football, and having fun.

All that any of them knew was that they were having a good time with their friends; little did they know that in their own way, they were all laying the groundwork for a momentous, unforgettable season that lay just a few years ahead.

And ultimately, they would make sports headlines, and the crowds would cheer, and Westies would be proud to be associated with this team; and their story would echo down through the years, to be told and retold, again and again.

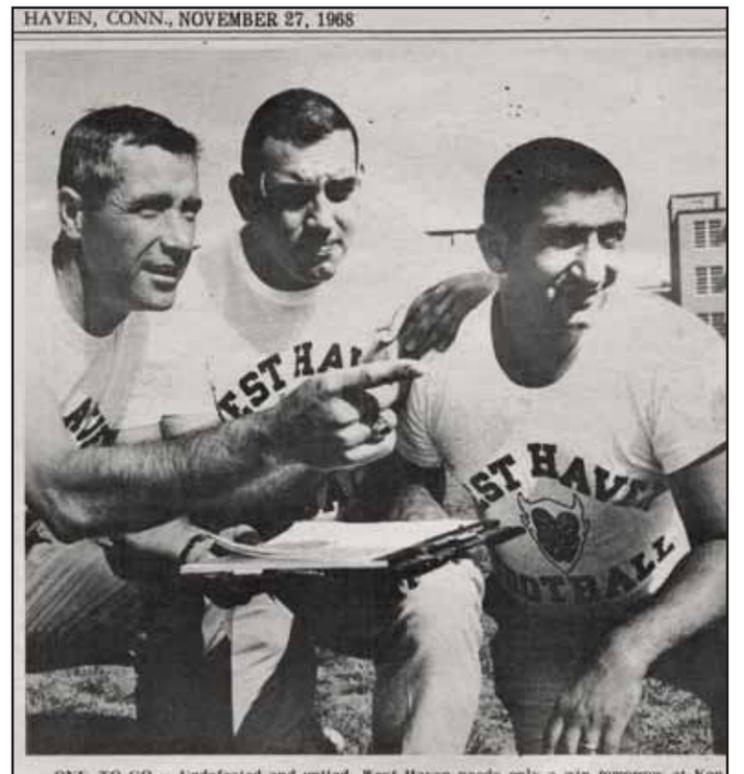
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*We would like to thank Bert Siclari, Burt Cohen, Ed Francis, Steve Johnson, Ted Williams and especially Tom Lavery for their patient assistance in the creation of this column, and the retelling of this tale.*



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



Above -- West Haven's Tom Lavery rounds a corner and eludes a tackler during a contest at Ken Strong Stadium, opened the year before. Right -- Coaches Joe McHugh, Tom Hunt and Pasquale "Babe" Amendola were featured in a New Haven Register article.



## Society 'tour' slated for this Saturday

The annual Graveyard Lantern Tour, presented by the West Haven Historical Society, is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 22, 5-7:30 p.m. Groups of 15-20 people will leave from the Poli House every 15/20 minutes, and will be escorted to the West Haven Green to meet this year's group of "resurrected" deceased citizens.

Among those who will be returning for the evening are Willam Soderman, West Haven's only Medal of Honor recipient,

Hannah Candee Painter, wife of Thomas Painter a leading revolutionary figure who is depicted on the city's flag, and Rev. Noah Wiliston, minister of the local Congregational Church, whose life was threatened by British

soldiers during the Invasion of 1779. Two other distinguished deceased West Haven citizens will join their friends for the evening festivities.

People are asked to meet on the lawn at the Poli House 586 Savin Ave., directly across from the Green. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. The groups will then proceed to the Green where the Lantern Ladies of the Historical Society will escort them to the Burial Grounds adjacent to the Congregational Church and Church of the Holy Spirit.

Individuals are advised to wear comfortable shoes or sneakers as the grounds may be uneven in the cemeteries. No rain date is scheduled in the event of inclement weather.



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# Mite A team tops Icehawks in upstate game

The West Haven Mite A hockey team took the road, traveling to South Kent and Ridgefield.

The Blue Devils faced off against the Northwestern CT Icehawks in South Kent. The Westies had their best passing performance of the season thus far and were led offensively by centermen Henry Seslar and Brody Miller, along with wingers Emmett Hemming and Caden Minio, who each found the back of the net multiple times.

Defensively it was near impossible to get the puck past Cooper Owens. When the Icehawks got a shot on net, they were met by a brick wall in goalie Landon Silverman.

The Mite A team faced the Ridgefield Lions. The back-and-forth competitive game included some spectacular goals from Brayden Jacob and Santino Martin. Keegan Jackson had a solid performance on defense, clearing the puck from the zone during some key pushes by the Lions.

Alexa Jacob volunteered to be the netminder in place for the injured Silverman. Jacob was able to hold off a pesky Lions attack.

The West Haven Mite B team welcomed the Wonderland Wizards and played well. Austin Picard and Jack Weiss started first the period off strong with a goal each, and Sadie Moll and JP Beebe each got a goal to close out the first period. In the second period, goalie Moriah Frost saved many shots. A goal by Landon Alling was scored as well as Beebe scoring multiple goals to close out the game.

While the competition was tough, the Blue Devils managed to get a few good goals from Beebe, Austin Picard and Alling.

They traveled to the Northford Ice Pavillion on Sunday to play Greater New Haven. Jack Weiss, Picard and Beebe were scorers for the day with great hockey play by Gabby Jenei, Kiera Harrison and Alling. Finn Mclaughlin played a solid game in goal.

The West Haven Mite C hockey team played against East Haven Mite B at the Bennett Rink. Jackson Ford played goalie for the Blue Devils, making many great saves. Multiple goals and assists were made by Maddy Bruder, Wesley Marazzini, Brayden Gagliardi, Ava Healy, Quinn Uscilla, Ryan Shannon and Caleb Ford.

West Haven had an away game against Darien Mite B Gray. Shannon played goalie for the Blue Devils, making many excellent saves.

Multiple goals were scored by Gagliardi with Marazzini also scoring a goal for the Blue

Devils. Shots on goal were made by Uscilla, Healy and Bruder.

In a matchup of the two top-ranked teams in the state rankings, the West Haven Youth Hockey Squirt AA hockey team traveled to New Canaan AA and left with a 4-3 win to strengthen its hold on the top spot.

The Westies fell behind 3-0 early in the game, but tied the contest in the third period and Jeremiah McGrath buried a rebound on a power play with under two minutes remaining to clinch the win. Nick Ciccocanti went end to end to tie the game at three.

Charlie Gunning and Peyton Berlepsch also scored for the Westies, Assists came from Cody Young, Henry Strada, Ciccocanti and Gunning. Michael Paone and Gabe Calabese combined for the win with 16 saves on the day.

Alex Jenei started the offense with an early goal to power the Westies to an 8-0 win over Elite Hockey AA. McGrath netted two goals and Danny Moll, Colby Cushing, Dylan Spreyer, Gunning and Berlepsch also scored in the win.

The Westies got assists from Dane Walsh, Young, Gunning and Strada. Paone and Calabese combined for the shutout win.

AJ Farrell had a goal and two assists to lead the Westies to an 8-3 win over the Connecticut Junior Rangers AAA. Gunning had three goals and Strada, Spreyer, Berlepsch and Cushing all found the back of net. Cushing and Gunning each had two assists and Moll and Young each added one.

The Westies travelled to New York but dropped a 2-1 contest to the Westchester Express AA. Spreyer provided the offense with an end-to-end rush for a goal.

The Westies got solid scoring chances from Ciccocanti, Walsh and Young. Paone and Calabese combined for 12 saves.

The West Haven Blue Devils Squirt A travel hockey team visited Newington Arena to play the Central Capitals and skated to a 7-1 win.

West Haven started the scoring just 17 seconds into the first period with a goal from Logan Minio. Minio scored his second goal of the game off an assist from Brady Salkins late in the period.

In the second period, the Devils' offense kept their foot on the gas with Logan Stackpole scoring six minutes into the period, and five minutes later Conner Owens scored off an assist by Stackpole. The Devils would enter the third period with a commanding 4-0 lead thanks to the strong

defensive effort by Joey Mondo and Ryan Schempp.

Minio secured his hat trick with two more goals in the third period off assists from Colin Whelan and Kyle Johnson. Shortly after the Capitals scored their lone goal of the game, Egg Parise took a laser wrist shot that found the back of the net to finish things off.

Jax Guarino, JJ Charbonneau, Colton Bruneau, and Kyle D'Agostino moved the puck well throughout the game to support the offense. Goaltender Alex Cicarella had an outstanding performance between the pipes in the win.

The Blue Devils hosted the Wonderland Wizards and came out with a decisive 6-2 win.

Owens started things off by firing a rocket from the blue line off an assist from Johnson. Shortly after, the Wizards scored to tie things up at the end of the first period.

The Wizards scored two minutes into the second period, but their lead would not last for very long as the Westie offense stepped things up.

First up was Stackpole who scored an unassisted goal with five minutes left in the period to tie the game. Three minutes later, Minio found Whelan in front of the net as he buried a quick one-timer to give the Westies a 3-2 lead going into the third period.

Bruneau scored three minutes into the third period off an assist from Charbonneau. Four minutes later Salkins found the back of the net off an assist from Minio.

West Haven sealed the win with five minutes left in the game as Salkins knocked the puck loose along the boards and Whelan skated it into the slot, going top shelf and securing the Westies win.

Goaltender Evan Harrison once again had a razor-sharp performance in net, stopping some very well-placed shots by the Wizard squad

The West Haven Squirt A1 hockey team kept its undefeated streak alive by topping the Stamford Sharks and the Western Junior Colonials.

The Devils started Saturday's contest with an unassisted goal scored by Julius Stokes at 3:13 in the first. Stokes went on to assist Trevor Gyllensten's goal at 5:06, and Jameson Schempp was next on the board off an assist from Olivia Persico at 9:40. Schempp capped off the first period scoring on a beautiful goal to the top shelf.

Schempp scored the first goal of the second off an assist from Stokes at 3:20 to get his first hat trick of the season. Stokes scored two more unassisted goals at 4:01 and 5:07. Mason MacDonald scored his

second goal of the season off an assist from Persico at 6:10.

Just 22 seconds later, Sarah Mastroni was able to send one to the back of the net for her first goal of the season. Trevor Gyllensten obtained his second goal of the game off an assist from Alex Jones, and Noah Silverman ended the second period scoring off an assist from Stokes and Mastroni at 11:43.

Schempp scored the first goal of the third period off an assist from MacDonald, before Jones scored with 26 seconds on the clock off another assist from MacDonald.

Ethan McGrath and Matteo Kenworthy played well in goal, obtaining another shutout.

The Westies closed the weekend with a 12-4 win over the Western Junior Colonials. McGrath and Kenworthy were able to account for 18 of 21 shots.

Silverman was first on the board with an unassisted goal at 1:15 in the first, Schempp was the next to rack up a goal for the Devils at 8:40 off an assist from Stokes, before Stokes got his own unassisted goal at 11:50 and assisted a goal by Jones at 11:31.

Persico started off the second period scoring with an unassisted goal at 1:17. This was followed by two more unassisted goals by Stokes. Silverman was able to get his second of the day off an assist from Aran Dahya with six seconds left on the clock in the second.

Jones started the third period with a goal at 1:31 off an assist from Dahya. Schempp scored his second of the day at 4:40 off an assist from Persico. Stokes capped the weekend with two more unassisted goals for a seven-point game.

The West Haven Bantam AA Major hockey team split a pair of road games over the weekend. The Westies dropped Wonderland AA, 3-1, at the Wonderland of Ice, before losing 5-1 to Mid-Hudson Polar Bears on Sunday afternoon in Newburgh, NY. The Blue Devils are now 4-2-1 on the season. Down 1-0 with just 15 seconds left in the second period against Wonderland, the Westies tied the game with a power play goal. Ian Brezak fed Joel Goldman for a shot and Brett Kayser swept in the rebound. The Westies took over in the third period. Goldman kept the puck in the zone and found Charlie Clark in front of the net where he roofed it. Jack MacNiven then won the puck against the boards and flipped it across ice for Sam Malangone's one-timer in the slot. Bryce Upson was solid throughout the game in goal for the Westies.

The lone goal in the loss to the Polar Bears came when Clark hit Alex Zhukovsky over the red line. Zhukovsky slid the puck to Sean Studley who backhanded it off the back of the goalie.

Upson posted a whopping 53 saves in goal for the Westies.

West Haven won its only game of this weekend in convincing fashion with an 8-2 defeat of Jr. Bulldogs 2008 AA at Edward L. Bennett Rink. Seven different players scored goals for the Blue Devils in the balanced effort.

The win avenges the team's only loss in the league as the Westies improved to 5-2-1 overall and 4-1-1 in CHC league play.

West Haven scored the only goal of the opening period when Mike Madonick passed from behind the net to Matt Kelly, who buried his wrist. Ethan Kelly opened the second period by weaving his way to the net and flipping in a backhand shot for a 2-0 lead, before the Bulldogs responded by tying the game with a pair of goals only 1:35 apart.

The Westies snatched the momentum back just 36 seconds later. Matt Kelly's shot was deflected in by Aaron Campbell for a 3-2 lead. Madonick then flipped a shot that rebounded to the stick of Nick Shefter who snapped it home.

Brezak then got the breakout started ahead to Shefter who found Madonick in stride for a 5-2 lead after two periods.

The Blue Devils dominated the third period. Brezak went coast-to-coast for an impressive short-handed goal, Charlie Strada redirected Matt Kelly's point shot to the top shelf, and Shefter closed the scoring when he stole the puck and zipped it into the top corner.

Leo Mazuroski returned from injury and was strong on defense, along with MacNiven. Upson was solid between the pipes.

## Westies to co-op

The West Haven High School boys' hockey program will be a co-operative team this winter, as players from Oxford, Seymour, and Shelton will be able to join the squad at Bennett Rink for the 2022-23 season.

West Haven received confirmation to co-op from the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) this week. The season is slated to begin in December and will run through March. The 2022-23 schedule has not yet been finalized and will be posted on both the CIAC website ([www.ciacsports.com/site](http://www.ciacsports.com/site)) and the West Haven Public Schools website ([www.whschools.org](http://www.whschools.org)) once it's complete.

# U10 boys capture WHIT crown

Columbus Day weekend, the West Haven Youth Soccer League hosted its annual West Haven Invitational Tournament (WHIT). The U12 girls had a spectacular weekend, winning the championship for their division.

On Saturday they faced off against New Haven, winning 3-0. Luciana Cappetta and Gillian Wynus scored for West Haven. During the second game, they took a 4-0 win over North Branford with goals by Francesca DeMartino, Luciana Cappetta and Wynus.

On Sunday, they fought against Southington where Josylyn DaVila and Annabelle Fiorillo were aggressive on defense, but West Haven fell short, 5-2. During their second matchup of the day, they de-

feated Cheshire, 3-1.

The championship game brought another match against Southington, with amazing saves in goal by Olivia Petrie. Excellent passing skills and teamwork lead the girls to a 2-1 win, taking home the championship.

The U10 boys went undefeated, going 4-0 and scoring 24 goals, and only giving up three through the four games. On Saturday the U10's took on Coginchaug, winning 6-1. Ryan Abekah scored twice, getting assists from Emmett Hemming and Mason DaSilva. Luca DeCrescenzo picked up the other four goals. Jaxon Cruz played well in goal, with Ben Trenchard and Ethan Fonseca anchoring the defense.

The second game of the day

saw the Westies take on New Haven, winning 7-2. Jacon Rader picked up an assist in the win, and Adam Lankhan-tar got the hat trick on his birthday. Jax Guarino scored two one-timer shots, and Jaxon Cruz scored the final goal, with an assist from Gavin Lenihan. Josiah Parrilla and Joey Ruiz played well in the midfield and on defense.

Sunday saw the Blue Devils continue their winning ways, first defeating Guilford, 6-0. Matteo D'Elia, Ethan Fonseca, and Collin Gibbons all scored, while Seth Empric was stellar on defense. Ben Trenchard had another solid game in the back, while making great passes forward to his teammates. Cruz and Rader were strong in the net for the shut-out.

The final game of the tournament saw West Haven taking on Haddam-Killingworth, coming out on top, 5-0. Roland Green opened the scoring, dribbling past three defenders before he coolly slotted the ball past the goalie.

This past weekend the Dr. R. Mark Pappas Wolves played #DAVILATRIBE Yellow Jackets, and in a back-and-forth match came from behind to notch a tie, 1-1. The offense was led by Ruaa Naas, Isabella Celantano and Valeria Almonte, while the defense was led

by Genesis Gallego, Ava Garcia, and Vittoria Almonte, who covered the net for the Wolves. For the Yellowjackets, Kamyah Bell attacked the ball taking it from her opponent and dribbling down the field. Rylee Lanci moved the ball up the field to a scoring position. Celeste Santiago made the first goal of the game.

In an exciting game, the West Haven Professional Firefighters played against Taco Town, with the match ending in a 4-4 tie. After being down 3-0 at halftime the Firefighters clawed their way back with goals from Dixon Lopes, Guillermo Gonzaga, Mohamed Nasr, and Joe Sperry Jr. The team also had outstanding play from Carlos and James Bazar. For Taco Town, Rida Saanon sent one goal in from the top of the box. Christopher Romero scored two goals with a tremendous assist from Daimeon Griffin. Anthony Soto-Poou and Carlos Jalexis Garcia Perez showed great hustle. In the final minutes of the game, Christopher Romero scored on a breakaway to tie the game.

Saturday found Mad Mike's Cheesesteaks play a hard-fought game despite being short players against West Haven Federation of Teachers. Alice Burns contributed well on offense with a goal.

Jaelyn Aviles played great defense and Lindsey Chuquisaca Granja scored as well. For West Haven Federation of Teachers, Katie Samaniego scored her first goal of the season and played the entire game with enthusiasm. Savannah Gilchrist played an aggressive game helping to bring the ball down the field multiple times. Aaliyah Castillo was an unstoppable defensive force, blocking shots the whole game. Lilithbelle Warcholic, Justine Davila, and Avalyn Wilder scored.

Keenan Funeral Home played against Vio's Sports Plus. Michele Rossi, Yusuf Maras, and Zayed Baouedene played a good game, displaying teamwork and good sportsmanship. P&B Express took on Porto Funeral Home, winning 8-3. Alexander Urgiles scored multiple goals and pick-up two assists. Jeremiah Nunoo played tenaciously while the three-season veteran Sergio Salinas Jara scored for the first time in his career. Youseff El haouzi made it two games in a row getting the ball in the net and Jase Wynosky rounded out the scoring.

The travel teams were back in action the week after the WHIT. The U12 girls hosted East Haven Saturday where the girls fell short, 2-1. Anna-

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## Former Westie coach Siclari honored by UB

University of Bridgeport Vice President for Athletics and Recreation, Jay Moran, Vice has announced the 2022 UB Athletics Hall of Fame Class and this year's recipient of the Fran Bacon Lifetime Achievement in Coaching Award. This year's Hall of Fame inductees are Peter N. Rodrigues '04, a member of the Bridgeport baseball team and Lorraine Galow '11 & '14 a member of the Purple Knights women's gymnastics team and current head coach. Along with the new Hall of Fame members, Bert Siclari '75 will receive the Fran Bacon Award for Lifetime Achievement in Coaching. The ceremony will take place on Oct. 7, at 6 p.m. at the Trumbull Marriott as part of the 2022 UB Awards Gala.

This year's winner of the Fran Bacon Award for Lifetime Achievement in Coaching is Bert Siclari. A native of West Haven, he was part of an undefeated state championship football team his senior year at West Haven High School. After a prep year at Milford Academy, he matriculated on a full football scholarship to Idaho State University where he spent two and half years before returning to Connecticut and the University of Bridgeport from where he graduated with a degree in physical education in 1975. Two and a half years later, Bert finished his master's degree and soon another degree in education and administration and supervision and from there began a 33-year coaching and educating students in his hometown. During those 33 years on the Westies' sidelines, he served under well-respected head coaches Tom Hunt for 13 seasons and Ed McCarthy for 20 years. Away from the field, Siclari helped change the lives of students by running West Haven's alternative education program for 18 years and then serving as a physical education teacher and was charged with running the in-school suspension program at Bailey Middle School.

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# Westies: *Harrier Tighe sets personal best*

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digs, six aces, four kills, and three blocks.

After winning two straight contests, the West Haven volleyball team saw its mini win streak come to an end with a 3-0 loss at Branford. The 20-25, 23-25, 22-25 loss dropped the Westies to 9-5 on the year.

After starting the season with six wins in the first seven games, the Westies have hit a rough patch, winning just three of the next seven contests.

West Haven defeated Branford earlier in the year and was in every game but could not find the consistency needed to pull out the victory.

Jenna Johnson led the way for West Haven with 11 assists, nine digs, three aces, and two kills. Dulcemaria Castillo had nine digs, while Ford had seven kills and four aces, and Frazer added six digs.

West Haven won its third match in four games and improved to 10-5 on the year with a 3-0 victory at Hillhouse Friday afternoon. The scores of the match were 25-11, 30-28, and 25-12.

After cruising to the victory in the opening game, the Westies had to battle in the second game, before prevailing by two points. The Westies then cruised to the third set victory.

Ford led the Westies with eight aces, eight kills, and four digs. Hudanur Sahin had 11 assists and five digs, Frazer added 10 digs and five aces, McDonnell had six kills, and Bianka Portugal Morales chipped in five digs.

The West Haven girls soccer team has been on a nice run as of late. That run got even better Monday evening.

Behind goals from Maya Bermudez and Julia Tsakonias, 11 saves from Cassidy Carra-

no, and stellar play from Ariana Izzo at midfield and Celia Williams on defense, West Haven topped Mercy 2-1 at Ken Strong Stadium.

The win was West Haven's fourth in a row and the Westies are undefeated in their last five games to move to 5-3-1 on the year.

Mercy came into the contest with a 7-0-1 record and one of the top teams in the state, but the Westies struck early when Maya Bermudez scored off an assist from Tsakonias four minutes in.

That would be West Haven's lone goal until late in the game.

Until then, a complete team effort kept West Haven in the game and forcing the play until Tsakonias scored at the 70-minute mark.

The Westies did not allow Mercy to get the equalizer, setting up West Haven's biggest win of the year to this point.

Following a run of four straight victories, West Haven has been dealt with a pair of tough losses. After a one-goal loss at North Haven, the Westies had a few days to regroup and get back on the winning track.

West Haven returned to action Tuesday evening with a home contest against Branford. Despite playing well, West Haven fell 1-0 to move to 5-5-1 on the year.

After an early goal by the Hornets, the West Haven defense and Carrano kept Branford off the scoreboard the rest of the way. While the defense kept the deficit at one, West Haven could not generate a goal on the flip side and dropped its second straight contest.

Carrano finished the game with 11 saves in the loss.

The offensive struggles con-

tinue for West Haven. Scoring just one goal in its last three contests, West Haven fell to Hand 2-0 in Madison Thursday evening.

The third straight loss for the Westies dropped the team's record to 5-6-1 on the season. West Haven has been outscored 5-1 in the stretch.

Carrano made six saves in the loss for West Haven.

The West Haven boys soccer team snapped its three-game losing streak with a 1-1 draw with Guilford Ken Strong Stadium.

The Westies moved to 2-5-2 with the draw and their winless streak is at four games.

Guilford took a 1-0 lead in the final minute of the first half, before the Westies rallied in the second half to get the equalizer.

Just 10 minutes, 25 seconds

into the second half, senior Sebastian Navarro set up sophomore Ethan Masoperh, who scored the tying goal.

The Westies had a 13-8 shot advantage in the contest, but managed just the goal by Masoperh. Sophomore Yahzeel Beyley made five saves in the tie.

West Haven saw its winless streak reach five games with a 1-0 loss at Wilbur Cross. With the defeat, West Haven fell to 2-6-2 on the year.

West Haven played well defensively in the contest, allowing just the one goal and 10 Cross shots. Beyley made seven saves, but West Haven could not connect offensively.

After a scoreless first half, Cross took a 1-0 lead three minutes into the second half. The deficit proved to be too much for a West Haven team

which has scored just twice in the last five games.

Cross goalkeeper Dusty Gibbon was forced to make just three saves in the win for the Governors.

The West Haven cross-country team ran at Madison against Hand, Shelton and East Haven. The Westies defeated East Haven, but fell against Hand and Shelton.

The top runners for West Haven were Kittikhom Tighe in 18 minutes, 15 seconds, Matt Pagan in 18:40 and Dan Potter in 19:05.

Tighe also set a personal best at the divisional meet last week in 17:49.

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Photo by Todd Dandelske

Celia Williams strides to intercept the ball from a Branford Hornet.

## Soccer: *U10's on a roll*

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belle Fiorillo led the charge in defense while Olivia Petrie had several excellent saves in goal. Kai Ruotolo and Chelsea Frost worked hard to get the ball up the field. On Sunday, the girls faced off against Clinton at home where they worked hard to fend off Clinton but lost, 1-0. Gillian Wynus had several excellent plays advancing towards the goal along with Luciana Cappetta.

The U10 boys were right back at it, playing Madison Saturday afternoon. They continued their winning ways, coming out on top, 6-1. Ryan Abekah got the hat trick, with Mason DaSilva and Ben Trenchard getting the assists.

DaSilva picked up another assist when he put Roland Green through on goal, and Green hammered the ball into the back of the net. Luca DeCresenzo scored a nice goal after Matteo D'Elia set him up perfectly, and DeCresenzo picked up his own assist when Collin Gibbons knocked in a rebound from a well saved shot. Seth Empric and Josiah Parilla played well on defense and Jaxon Cruz and Jacob Rader were stellar in the goal. Adam Lankhantar and Jax Guarino both had strong games for the Westies in the win.

On Sunday the U10 boys traveled to Guilford and picked up the 4-3 win in a close match. Roland Green was strong on the attack, and Joey Ruiz worked hard in the attack and on defense. Gavin Lenihan hustled up and down the field, and Seth Empric, Collin Gibbons, Ethan Fonseca, and Ben Trenchard were all once again stellar on defense.



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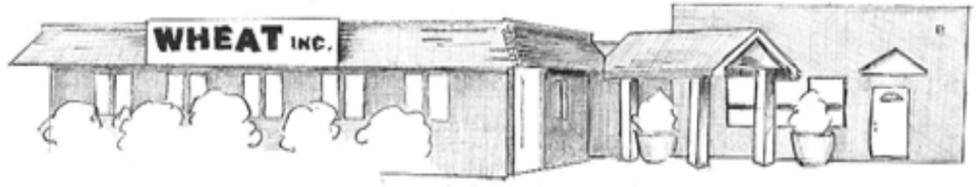
League President Mike Torello, Commissioner Dan Gooley and the WHTL Board of Directors recently named this year's honorees. They include Gold Bat Award recipients Al Criscio, Karl Derbacher, Mike Lucas and Mike Tamsin.

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.

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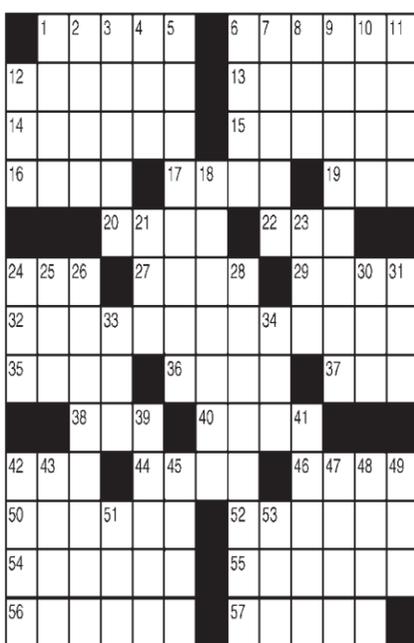
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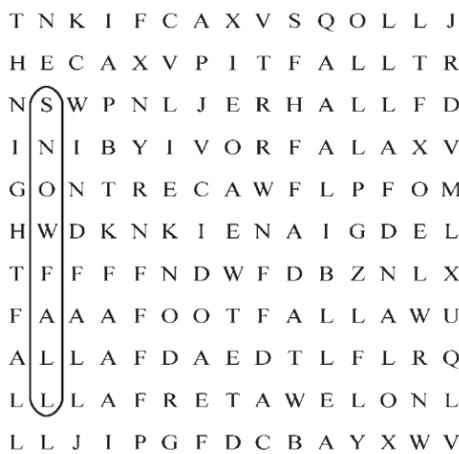
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- 22 Droop
- 24 Embassy VIP
- 27 Proboscis
- 29 AAA jobs
- 32 South Dakota monument
- 35 Comic strip possum
- 36 Curved lines
- 37 Decorate
- 38 Dhaba preceder
- 40 Cornestibles
- 42 Flow out
- 44 Recipe meas.
- 46 Golden rule word
- 50 Ray of "Goodfellas"
- 52 Like some swimming pools
- 54 Attractive person
- 55 Veteran sailor



- 11 Pre-college exams
- 12 Rx overseer
- 18 Guarantees
- 21 Busy insect
- 23 \$ dispenser
- 24 Music booster
- 25 Cattle call
- 26 Objects of fear
- 28 Daydreamer
- 30 Like some humor
- 31 Observe
- 33 San Francisco's - Hill
- 34 FDR follower
- 39 Out-and-out neighbor
- 41 Egypt's
- 42 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 43 Resumes
- 45 Homer's son
- 47 Protuberance
- 48 Horn sound
- 49 Assoc.
- 51 Ring decision
- 53 Born

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## MAGIC MAZE • FALL BEHIND



Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **Immediately Following Sunset**

- Befall
- Deadfall
- Dewfall
- Downfall
- Evenfall
- Footfall
- Icefall
- Landfall
- Pitfall
- Pratfall
- Rainfall
- Rockfall
- Snowfall
- Waterfall
- Windfall

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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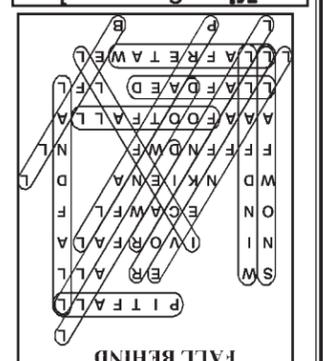
## Answers to this week's puzzles



Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



FALL BEHIND

## Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



**FACE FACTS!** How many faces are contained in this drawing—13, 15, 17? Guess, then turn page every which way to find them.

**INS AND OUTS!** Said Kin Hubbard: "I don't know anything as willing, and that seems to enjoy its work as much as a —." What two words are missing?

**X-WORD TEASE!** Consider yourself a whiz if you can solve this tricky mini-crossword in less than two minutes. Take note: It consists of a curious blend of words and letters. Definitions:

- Across: 1. A tunnel. 2. Toothpaste container.
- 3. Old radio component. 4. A type of sock.
- Down: 1. Golf pegs. 2. 180-degree turns.
- 3. Social insects. 4. Retiree's quest.

No fair peeking at answer below.



### QUICK FIGURING IS MAGICAL

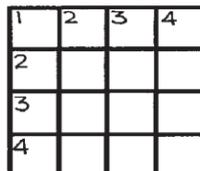
GOOD at juggling numbers? Let's see.

Ask a friend to think of a number from 1 to 100. Have him or her subtract 1, multiply the result by 2, add the original number, and reveal the total.

Once you have the total, without revealing your secret, add 2, divide by 3, and you will obtain the original number.

Example: Suppose the original number was 22. Subtracting 1 leaves 21, times 2 is 42. Adding the original number makes 64, the amount revealed to you.

You add two, divide by 3, and you know the number thought of was 22. Quick figuring helps, of course.



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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

# Expo: Firefighters' expertise on full display

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 klers, first aid, and fire code and investigation.

Sparky the Fire Dog interacted with children, and musical group Tre Paul, fronted by retired city police Detective Sgt. Paul Raucci on vocals, performed an entertaining set of rock, oldies and singalongs.

West Haven firefighters, led by Fire Marshal Roger Sicotte, demonstrated the departments' 35-foot smoke trailer and showed children what to do in a fire.

West Shore Fire Marshal Keith T. Flood demonstrated a home fire sprinkler during a live burn. The side-by-side burn consisted of two 8-by-8-foot cells, one with a sprinkler and one without. The burn showed the fire's destruction on a structure without a sprinkler, compared with minimal damage to a structure with a sprinkler. The demonstration was sponsored by the Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Association to show the importance of home sprinklers, which can save lives and reduce property damage, Flood said.

Members of West Haven Professional Firefighters Local 1198 collected donations for the union's annual Muscular Dystrophy Association charity event.

As part of Allington's successful Child Safety Car Seat Installation and Inspection Program, Capt. Jason Cameron and firefighter Vincent Del Vecchio installed car seats for people. They also inspected those already installed to ensure that the portable seats were properly fastened for securing small children.

Fire apparatus dealers and members of the University of New Haven's Fire Science

Club presented information on products and programs. Members of the UNH club also showed children and adults how to use a fire extinguisher.

Retired West Haven fire Lt. William Heffernan III, the chairman of the West Haven Fire Department Historical Library, and his son, library volunteer William Heffernan IV, sold merchandise celebrating the department's 125th anniversary, including books, coins, mugs, placemats, T-shirts, pewter Christmas ornaments, and pin and patch sets.

Jennifer A. Amendola, the director of the 911 Communications Center at West Haven police headquarters, educated people on the city's Emergency Reporting System by showing illustrations of the ERS structure and images of a 911 workstation.

Amendola and ERS dispatchers played back a real 911 call for people to hear and showed them how to "TEXT 911" if they could not call in an emergency.

Dispatcher John Morris showed city residents how to call 911 during an exercise in which Morris called the 911 center so the residents could talk with the call-taker and listen to questions.

Police K-9 Officer Thomas Marchitto and his police dog, Ado, put on a demonstration, and officers gave out informational materials on public safety, crime prevention and law enforcement programs, along with coloring books, mugs, T-shirts and pens.

Members of the city Health Department displayed information on the coronavirus, food sanitation, the flu and monkeypox and passed out candy, coloring books, and

bottles of water and hand sanitizer.

Members of Griffin Health's mobile vaccination team administered Moderna's and Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccines to all age groups, including first and second doses and boosters.

Local health care agencies, including Bridges, presented their programs.

Emergency Management Director Joseph Soto presented information on the city's Community Emergency Response Team, storm preparation, post-storm recovery, and natural and human-made disasters.

Soto said the CERT program, which needs volunteers, educates volunteers on disaster preparedness for hazards that could impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

Soto also signed up residents for the city's emergency notification system to receive alerts.

Sign up at <https://member.everbridge.net/1332612387831850/new>.

The Citizen Notification System enables the city to quickly provide residents with critical

information in various situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and building or neighborhood evacuations, Soto said.

The system is operated in partnership with Everbridge Inc. of Burlington, Massachusetts, the world leader in incident notification systems.

Once registered in Everbridge's secure database, the site will send subscribers time-sensitive messages via cell, home or business phones or email or text messages. The notifications are broadcast through West Haven's Emergency Operations Center.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Trevor Holmes, the president of the University of New Haven Fire Science Club, helps Sean Marston, 12, of West Haven, spray liquid on a controlled fire to put it out. Looking on are Sean's friend, Jacob Vargas, 11, of West Haven, who also participated in the fire extinguisher demonstration, and UNH Science Club member Sydney Landolphi. Holmes is a senior majoring in fire science with a concentration in arson investigation.



## Nov. 19

Starts at Bradley Point  
**9 am - Noon**

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**West Haven**

## Westies go 5-0; booter squads end loss skeins

The West Haven football team improved to 5-0 with a 57-6 drubbing of Wilbur Cross Friday evening in New Haven. The victory sets up Friday evening's showdown of Top 10 teams when the Westies host Shelton at Ken Strong Stadium.

The Westies saw eight different players score as the team led 21-0 after one quarter and 49-0 at the half to set up running clock in the second half.

West Haven scored three times on the ground in the opening quarter as Jah'zire Massey scored from 14 yards out, Demarco Eady scored from three yards out and Armani Reid scored from 12 yards out.

The Westies put the game away in the second quarter with two rushing touchdowns, a touchdown pass, and an interception for a score.

Jeremiah Francis gave West Haven a 28-0 lead with a 72-yard touchdown run, Teriq Mallory caught a 62-yard touchdown pass from Nick Conlan, and Deven Robinson ran in from one yard out. Avian Evans capped the first half scoring with an 85-yard interception return for a score.

Ethan Holy scored West Haven's final touchdown with a 22-yard run, before Bryan Tillman ran in the two-point conversion.

The West Haven volleyball team dropped its second straight match and fell to 7-4 on the year with a 3-2 loss at Sacred Heart Academy. The scores of the match were 24-26, 25-20, 21-25, 25-13, 5-15.

The Westies twice rallied after losing a game, but could not pick up the victory in the final game

when the Sharks rolled to the 10-point win.

Asia Ford led the Westies with 16 kills, 12 digs, and eight blocks. Jenna Johnson added 24 assists and 14 digs, Astrid Portugal Morales had 10 digs, while Olivia McDonnell added eight kills, and Bianka Portugal Morales had eight kills and six digs.

West Haven snapped its losing streak and qualified for the post-season with a 25-15, 25-19, 25-19 victory over Wilbur Cross. The eighth victory of the season sealed a berth in the state tournament and helped the Westies improve to 8-4 on the year.

The Westies received a solid team effort in the 3-0 victory as Jenna Johnson ran the offense with 19 assists and six digs on the defensive side. McDonnell had 10 kills, while Ford added nine kills and six digs.

Alison Frazer chipped in seven digs defensively, Astrid Portugal Morales had four aces and three digs, while Jordyn Johnson had four digs.

West Haven won its second straight contest and improved to 9-4 with a 25-19, 25-19, 25-15 victory at Career Friday evening.

The close match saw the Westies prevail in each game, winning the first two games by six points apiece.

Jenna Johnson had a solid game for the Westies with 16 assists on the offensive side and eight digs on defense. Frazer had 11 digs, and Astrid Portugal Morales added six digs.

McDonnell had 13 kills, while Ford had a solid contest with 14

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Photo by Todd Dandelske

Matthew Panton leaps to head the ball against Cross. The Westies took a 1-0 loss vs.

Photos by Todd Dandelske

### Fall scholar-athletes

West Haven High School student-athletes Emma Walker of the girls' soccer team and Diego Soto of the boys' soccer team have been named Southern Connecticut Conference (SCC) Fall 2022 Scholar-Athletes. Walker and Soto are two of 46 scholar-athletes to be recognized by the SCC from 23 different schools. The SCC Scholar-Athlete recognition program honors the "best of the best" in the SCC. The recipients are selected by their school's coaches and athletic directors. To be named a scholar-athlete, students must have a minimum B (3.0) average overall and be a varsity letterwinner. Recipients should also demonstrate leadership qualities by being a positive role model for other students both on and off the field; exhibiting an ability to help a teammate overcome adversity; showing a commitment to self-improvement; putting the needs of the team before themselves.

