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Businesswoman Encarnacion named 'Hispanic of the Year'

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Elsie Encarnacion, a longtime downtown business owner, received the city's Hispanic American of the Year award at the fourth annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration on Friday.

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and the West Haven Hispanic Heritage Committee recognized Encarnacion, whose grandparents hailed from Puerto Rico, during a midday ceremony on the steps of City Hall.

The committee bestows the award annually on a Hispanic resident who epitomizes service in the city's thriving Hispanic American community.

At the 20-minute event, Encarnacion, a State Farm agent who owns Encarnacion Insurance & Financial Services Inc. at 487A Campbell Ave., honored her Puerto Rican roots with dozens of friends and loved ones.

Along with descendants of folks from Puerto Rico and Latin America, she was also joined by an array of city and business officials, including 5th District Councilwoman Robbin Watt Hamilton, City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath, Republican Registrar of Voters Jo Ann Callegari, Finance Director Scott Jackson and Simon McDonald, the director of membership and marketing for the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Encarnacion, 50, humbly accepted the Hispanic American of the Year award by thanking the crowd multiple times.

"I want to give thanks to God, and I want to thank the committee," said Encarnacion, born Elsie Velasquez and raised in Christiansted, the largest town on St. Croix of the Virgin Islands, where she graduated from St. Croix Central High School in 1990.

Encarnacion was accompanied by her husband, Emilio, who sat in the front row with their Chihuahuas, Chilly and Princess, while looking on with pride as his wife was feted. The couple met while pursuing undergraduate degrees at the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico and wed in 1996 when they moved to West Haven.

"I appreciate this (award)," said Encarnacion, who earned a master's degree in business management from Albertus Magnus College. "This only motivates me to do more."

A Latin-flavored lunch after the event was catered by Jerri's Luncheonette 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.

In observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs through Oct. 15, West Haven recognizes the important legacy of Hispanic Americans and the inspiring contributions they

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh

The 2022 Hispanic American of the Year Elsie Encarnacion, left, receives a citation from West Haven Mayor Nancy R. Rossi for her contributions to the city's Hispanic American community at the fourth annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration on the steps of City Hall on Friday.

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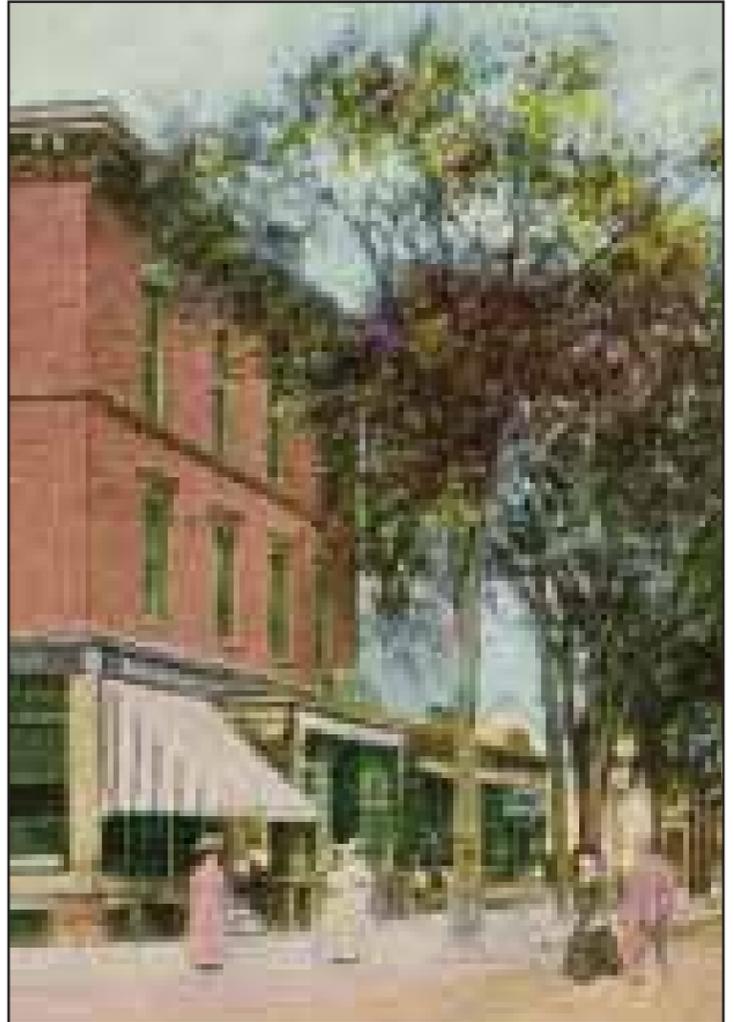
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On this Date

2007 -- First successful human powered attempt to circumnavigate the world. Englishman Jason Lewis set out on the journey, also called Expedition 360 on July 12, 1994, from Greenwich, London. The over 46,000-mile expedition around the world took him 4,833 days, during which he used only human-powered modes of transportation including bicycles, roller blades, and a pedal powered boat.

1995 -- First exoplanet orbiting a Sun-like star discovered. Swiss astronomers Didier Queloz and Michel Mayor announced the discovered the exoplanet called 51 Pegasi B or Bellerophon. The Jupiter-like exoplanet orbits a star called 51 Pegasi, which has a magnitude of 5.49. 51 Pegasi B takes 4.23 Earth days to orbit around its star.

1981 -- Assassination of Anwar Sadat. The third president of Egypt, Sadat was killed by members of the terrorist group Takfir Wal-Hajira during a parade held to commemorate the 8th anniversary of Operation Badr - a military operation where Egyptian forces crossed the Suez Canal and overran the Bar Lev Line in Israel. The operation started the Yom Kippur War between Israel and a coalition of Arab states.



A simpler time

The iconic Altshuler Building dates back to the mid-1800s, and is seen on hundreds of old photos of the city. This early 20th Century postcard shows Campbell Avenue in a simpler time, before traffic snarled its roadway at various points of the day, only to be traveled by horsecar or other means of transport. See Dan Shine's Historian's Corner on page 11 for more.

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Vinci named 'primo Italiano' for '22

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and the West Haven Italian Heritage Committee will honor the city's "Mr. Soccer" as the "primo italiano" at the 23rd annual Italian Heritage Celebration.

West Haven Youth Soccer League President John Vinci, a proud ambassador of his rich Italian heritage, will receive the Italian American of the Year award at noon Friday at City Hall, 355 Main St.

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

Accompanied by Italian music and guided by Rossi, members of the committee and the West Haven Italian American Civic Association will escort Vinci to the steps of City Hall for his special recognition. An Italian-flavored lunch will follow.

"(The Italian American award) is an honor, something I never even thought of," said Vinci, the grandson of immigrant grandparents from the family's namesake city of Vinci in the region of Tuscany, Italy. "My grandparents would be proud."

Vinci, 75, a Westie of nearly 50 years, will pay homage to his Italian lineage with scores

of friends and loved ones, along with an array of dignitaries and descendants of folks from the old country clad in red, white and green.

His 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.

"I am thrilled to recognize John Vinci as our Italian American of the Year," Rossi said. "John has been the lifeblood of West Haven Youth Soccer for many years, and his commitment to his athletes and his community is why he is overdue for this recognition."

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 said he enjoyed coaching his son Chris' 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 tournament, a field of 50 teams from across the state, will kick off Saturday and Sunday.

According to Vinci, players don pink uniforms and use pink balls. The league even paints pink lines on the field instead of the traditional 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 culture 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.

At the City Hall ceremony, Rossi will present Vinci, West Haven's top "paisano" of 2022, with an embroidered "Italian American of the Year"

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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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Dear Felicia

As it must, fall came last week, honey bunch. Already some trees are starting to show color, the squirrels are scampering around all the acorns on the ground, and Cobina's allergies are running rampant until the first frost. So, it must be October! Things in these parts are perty calm right now, but we don't expect that they'll stay that way very long. Last time there was a theme runnin' through our missive, and it was "controversy." Well, effen this missive is gonna have a theme, a body would have to put it as "rumors."

Sweetie pie, when it comes to the political classes in this burg, the rumor is the mother's milk of the political process. The whole system thrives on what is bein' reported by whom about what. As we get closer to the midterm elections, which will include national personae setch as the

purple-haired and always looney Mrs. Stanley (Rosa De-Lauro) Greenberg, things start to refocus almost immediately to next year, and the next election. And boy, are the rumors flying. We'll git to those chirpings in a bit, but first more rumors about the all-but-dead Haven Project.

Now, it's been about a month since the bottom fell outta the city's story that it was negotiating with the Simon Group - the project developers - over a timetable for completion. That cat was let outta the bag by none other than Dorinda Borer, the rep from the 115th assembly districk. I don't like to impose emotions or motives on people as a rule, but one almost got the impression that there was a tetch of glee in making that announcement.

Whilst some people seem to think otherwise, the relationship betwixt Mrs. Borer and Mrs. Rossi has been somewhat

akin to Mrs. Hatfield and Mrs. McCoy at times. Other times they seem to tolerate each other as they hafta work together on certain things. Still, Cobina wasn't the only one who thought putting the kibosh on the Haven fantasy was a mirthful exercise for the legislator.

Tennyrate, Sammy Bluejay came in t'other afternoon and was regaling Cobina with the stories that are going around concerning the Haven site. Remember, the story now is property is gonna be complete leveled and the land sold - again, the rumor is the price is somewhere between \$43 million and \$45 million. No confirmation, but that is the story that almost anybody who circulates around City Hall is saying behind the scenes.

Then there are the rumors concerning who will purchase the property. Those have been spotty, but the most prevalent story is that some producer is seeing the location as a great studio location. That would be a nice thing - an actual taxpayer-type looking to purchase land and do something with it, what a thought!

Sammy sez also that people are wondering why in blazes it's taking sooooo darned long to open up lower Main Street and Water Street so traffic can flow a bit better.

It's been more than a month since the Police Commish gave its go-ahead on the plan. All that needs be done is open the fence at one end and git rid o' the Jersey barrier at t'other. Things in the town take so dangd long.

Now, back to the other stories flying about the city, and most concerning City Hall, or as we like to call it, the Actors Colony. It ain't a secret that the last 15 months or so have not been kind to Mayor Nancy Rossi. Since the federal fund embezzlement story broke last summer, there have been a slew of things that have not broken the right way for the administration. The most recent is this Haven thing - a big disappointment after so many years, and not necessarily her problem, but she is manning the bridge on rhis ship. Things were shown to be bad when Rossi won by an ostensible 30-plus votes over Barry Cohen in an election that is still wending its way through the courts.

Since that time, the former head of the state Democratic Party has come down hard on the administration for the giving of bonuses with COVID money, there was an audit of how the city handles those kopecks and others, what was thought a slam-dunk development at the former Savin Rock Conference Center is now heading to court, politicians are now starting to distance themselves, and MARB has taken over the city in a Tier IV receivership, virtually taking the finances outta the hands of the elected leaders, and now we have a complaint about a missing Ethics compliance document. Thing jest keep piling up.

Soooo, what happens when things git bad? The rumors start. Now there is speculation Herroner might not seek a fourth term. We ain't putting much stock in it, but when these things start they take on a life o' their own. How do we know this? The names of people who might seek the nomination are starting to become part of the conversation. And the names are plenty. Effen Mrs. Rossi does determine she'll leave the thoid floor, the number o' people who might seek the nomination could go into the double digits. That would be quite a primary season, don'tcha think?

Meanwhile, effen the GOP can find it within itself to stop bickering and start working together, it might jest find itself in a 1980-style situation, where the public has had enuff o' the Demmies and are looking elsewhere. But the GOP not bickering amongst the membership is a big "if" if there ever was one.

Soooo, you can see that things are percolating for 2023 some 13 months before things will be decided. That means it might be an interesting spring and summer. I

don't know about yew, hon, but I don't wanna think that far ahead.

Nelly Nutch visited and said that the New England Brewing Company (NEBCO) project is going according to how things move in these parts. A project is proposed. It seems to go along swimmingly, and then the thing hits a sandbar. In this case, the sandbar seems to be the Land Trust of West Haven, Inc., and Jimmies. Both have filed suit against the project jest as the City Council approved a 60-year lease on the municipally owned property.

Of course, the problem for the Land Trust is the proposal itself, which it believes will obliterate some of the vistas down by the shore, and cut down on open space. How this is gonna affeck the project is anyone's guess. We can see this becoming another situation where a developer kind of throws up his hands, and walks away. Yew hafta admit, sometimes we are our own woist enemy.

Now, Cobina does have a concern about the Savin Rock Museum artifacts becoming a "display" in the lobby of the new edifice. We'd like to see a more permanent and respectful home for those items. The whole idea that they'll only be available to paying customers of the public house is a bit disconcerting. Still, it may not come to that if this thing slogs along in the court system for an extended period o' time.

Then there is the problem about Beach Street. As yew remember, the former Chick's property was purchased about a year ago, and we hear that the former Debonair Motel tract has been gobbled up - finally! Well, that section of Beach Street is up for a rebuild with the roadbed getting a lift of seven feel to prevent flooding, and to protect the infrastructure that's under the street. That was supposed to happen, and hasn't yet. There have been some delays, and that hasn't made the new owners and potential owners very happy. Like I said above, getting things done in a timely fashion around here is not something that happens often.

And to cap it off, the Wag was in here last week and wondered out loud whatever happened to the Enterprise Zone that was soooo ballyhooed in this papyrus and others jest before Christmas two years ago. The EZ is set up for the Front Avenue-Spring Street area along the West River.

Since the state approved it, nary a thing has been heard. It is supposed to be a bio-tech, medical research-type area. That's all well and good, but it don't seem like anyone is interested in putting something in that area. Same story: a lotta hype, a big announcement and then....crickets.

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Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Please clear the numerous sections on the odd side of Hillcrest Avenue of crumbling asphalt especially in the winter as we have been dealing with this hazard for at least three years.

Last year a big chunk of this debris got stuck in my neighbor's snowblower. Unfortunately, it gets plowed up by public works snowblower drivers. It also gets spread all over the grass and sidewalks. This street is also used for Public Works.

Hillcrest Avenue Resident

Dear Resident:

Your District Councilwoman, Bridgett Hoskie was notified of this condition on Hillcrest Avenue. She replied, "I will send this to Public Works." Please let me know if this problem has been solved. Email me at gripevine4wh@aol.com or send a note to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice 840 Boston Post Road, West Haven 06516

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Never had I have anyone from the councils come and ask my opinion for West Haven. Our street at the corner of Fairfax and Route 1 floods up to your car doors at times, and I reported it to city hall, 3rd floor and nothing.

Second, we do not need the brewery at the convention center. Let's bring the Veterans Trailer and get a Trailer for the artifacts for the Savin Rock Museum. That is where it belongs at the Rock, not the brewery near the school or playground. The traffic is bad enough and putting the children that walk to school in danger. Put it at the havens now that there is nothing that is going to happen there.

TD

Dear TD:

To address the first part of your letter referring to flooding at Fairfax and Route 1, I

have notified your District Council Representative, Robin Hamilton, of this condition. The reply, "I have forwarded this to the Public Works Commissioner."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

When will Savin Avenue and Campbell Avenue be repaved?

Just Curious

Dear Just Curious:

Following a request from Gripe Vine for a reply, Meli Garthwait, your Council Representative, this response arrived, "I am not sure if there is paving planned for Savin and Campbell. I have copied Public Works t try to find out if there is any on the list."

To date, no update response.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

The pond at Lake Street and Ocean Avenue has algae that needs to be treated to prevent mosquitos from breeding as well as invasive phragmites that are choking out the natural beauty.

William Hackett

Dear William Hackett:

Your District Council Representative, Robert Bruneau replied, ""I am assuming we are talking about the pond at the corner of Lake and Ocean Avenue. Lake Street is treated on a regular basis by the City Health Department. I am going to confirm the treatments are up to date. Our City Engineer is going to set up a consultation with DEP which I will be a part of to see what can be done to slow the growth and possibly thin out the phragmites moving forward.

Gripe Vine Readers:

I have received complaints about the potholes at 95 Park Circle and Savin Avenue, According to District Council Woman, Meli Garthwait,"I have not received a response from Public Works. I will keep you updated. On another later date, a follow up reply from



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

Meli Garthwait, "I called these into Public Works- multiple times in fact."

This complaint will be addressed again as soon as I receive a follow up reply from District Council Garthwait.

Gripe Vine Readers:

I received many complaints about the Brown Street sidewalk hazardous condition. Eric Chiarelli, Project Coordinator and Sidewalk Inspector for the City of West Haven replied, "Brown Street has

been completed two months ago under the ARPA funds for child Safety. All the schools throughout the city had replacements of sidewalks for the safe passage of the children to and from school. Every school was completed one week before the start of the new school year.

Coming up: murals removed from local restaurant.. Peck Avenue potholes...illegal parking at baseball field...face masks at senior center.

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Hail Columbus and ignore the 'woke' crowd

October 12 is Columbus Day – not indigenous people's day, or some other non-descript "woke" nonsense, but Columbus Day. Hail Columbus! Christopher Columbus, explorer, privateer, complex individual was a man of his time, the good and the bad. That is something people, especially those who consider themselves our moral and intellectual betters, will not or cannot admit. To do so would give humanity to a man that has become an icon of a society they despise.

Columbus was motivated by adventure and greed, religion and superiority, righteousness, and base desires. In other words, Columbus represents every hero, every mythology, every human. History is made up of men and women who were that: good and bad. They had superior motives and they had base motives. It is that history that today's elites seek to eradicate for our collective memory. They will fail.

Western Civilization, the culture that gave us the freedoms we now enjoy and allowed the thoughts which engendered those thoughts to become action, is and was different than anything that came before it. Its eventual amalgamation with Christianity and the basic tenet that individuals are of value in and of themselves was a driving force in what followed over the next 2000 years to our present day.

The balance between individual responsibilities and rights culminated in the Constitution – the very document the National Archives now places a "warning label" upon because the ill-educate of today cannot bear it lest their coddled sensibilities be offended.

Truth be told, however, the elites that foster the iconoclasm of the age, look to replace Western Civilization's emphasis on the individual with some dystopian iteration of Socialism – or worse. The fact socialism, so much in vogue among the elites and those in academe, has never been workable, let alone successful, wherever it was attempted is brushed off with the notion that it hasn't been done "correctly." That sentiment bespeaks a dismissal of human nature – both good and bad – that is beyond belief.

Indeed, one component of socialism, the Progressive state run by competent benign bureaucrats, has been expanding in this nation for more than 100 years. The bureaucrats, we find are neither competent nor benign.

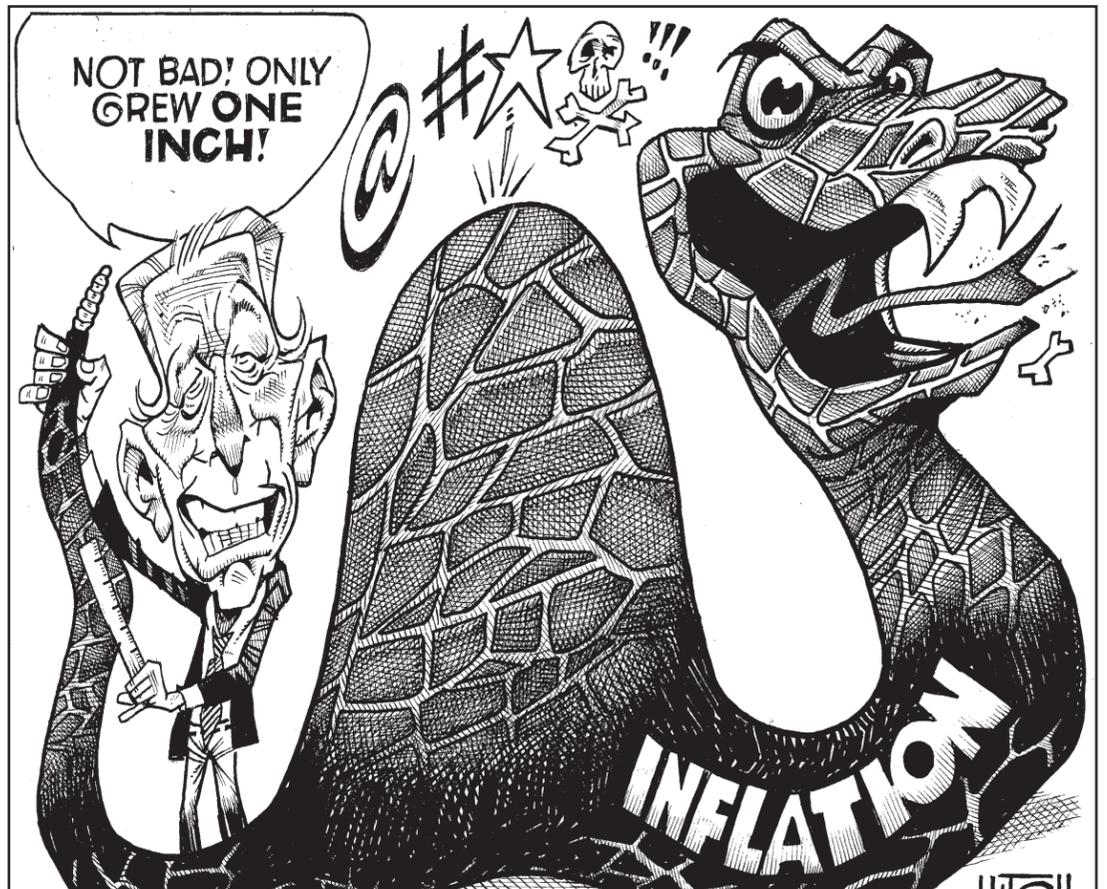
They, like all humanity, seek to exert power and expansion of power. Part of that power is the refusal to do the will of the electorate, instead holding that public in contempt.

Can we really deny that is happening almost daily? We think not. The last few years bear it out.

Columbus and the Western Civilization that spawned him and others are to be lauded because our civilization is to be lauded with all its foibles, with all its inequalities at times and with all its warts. The good brought about through Western thought, its sense of right and wrong, and its respect for the rights that come from being are to be praised and revered.

For those seeking to supplant Western thought and freedoms – while enjoying its benefits – see things with immaturity and stunted self-righteousness that show the narrowness of their world view. Those who are intolerant or need trigger warnings, or, indeed, cannot listen to opposing arguments should not and must not be taken seriously.

Hail Columbus with all his warts and successes and hail Western and Christian values from which sprang most equal society the world has ever known.



Crime a legitimate issue

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

There's been a wave of violent crime the last couple of years, and the best way to address the issue is for everyone to pass over it in silence. That's the implication of the liberal pushback against the GOP attacks on Democrats as soft-on-crime in the closing weeks of the midterms.

The Democrats are running defensive ads and have passed a police-funding measure in the House, but a big element of their case for themselves -- as always -- is that it is unfair and racist to call them out on crime.

The Washington Post just ran a piece headlined, "GOP strategy elevates clashes over crime, race in midterm battlegrounds." In its own report, The New York Times says the Republican offensive "has swiftly drawn criticism as a return to sometimes deceptive or racially divisive messaging."

Exhibit A is the advertising barrage against Mandela Barnes, the 35-year-old African American lieutenant governor of Wisconsin who is running against the Republican incumbent, Sen. Ron Johnson. The Post relates that allies of Barnes "have derided the attacks as racist messages that feed on stereotypes."

There are a couple of counts against the anti-Barnes ads. One is that they associate him

with "The Squad," the group of left-wing congresswomen. But this is hardly dirty pool since Barnes has gladly associated himself with them. He went to an event with Rep. Ilhan Omar in 2019, and said about her in a tweet afterward, "She's exactly who we need in Congress right now fighting for what's right."

The idea is that it is racist to portray Barnes in an ad with an image of the Squad because all its members are non-white. But what's most notable about The Squad is that it exemplifies out-of-the-mainstream progressive politics. Are attacks on the group supposed to be off limits until it recruits a more diverse membership?

It is also supposedly wrong to depict Barnes' name written in graffiti. This is an attempt, according to one Democratic operative, to "ghettoize him." The case against Barnes isn't that he's a graffiti artist, though; it's that he supports policies that have made the wave of disorder in American cities worse.

Graffiti is a symbol of such disorder. If this sort of imagery is illegitimate, no Democrats should be able to use footage of violence on January 6 against Republicans.

Finally, there's an ad that calls Barnes "dangerously liberal on crime." But another ad also calls John Fetterman, the Democratic senate candidate in Pennsylvania, "dangerously

liberal on crime." Fetterman, it must be observed, is a large, tattooed white man.

Crime isn't a racial issue; it's about affording all Americans, and especially vulnerable communities, the protection they deserve from lawlessness. Obviously, violent crime is not a blight on the lives of upper middle-class white people.

In Milwaukee, 87% of the victims of homicide this year have been Black or Hispanic, according to the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel's tracker.

In Philadelphia, there have been more than 1,750 shootings this year. According to the count maintained by the city's office of the controller, 92% of the shooting victims have been Black or Hispanic.

Democrats like Barnes and Fetterman reflect the anti-incarceration ethos that's been ascendant in the Democratic Party for years now, especially in the wake of the killing of George Floyd.

Barnes was on board two of the worst and most destructive public policy ideas in contemporary America. In 2020, when defunding the police was all the rage, Barnes said money could be taken from police departments and given to neighborhood services. He also introduced legislation to end cash bail when he was in the Wisconsin state assembly in 2016.

He, and other Democrats,
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Citywide cleanup slated for Oct. 15

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

The city and Moby Dick's, a new "raw bar cafe" at 560 Campbell Ave., are planning a downtown cleanup from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 15.

The public-private partnership is aimed at cleaning up litter along Campbell Avenue from Elm to Court streets, said organizer Doug Ruickoldt, who owns Moby Dick's with Evan Mink on West Haven's main thoroughfare.

Anyone who wants to volunteer for the cleanup can call Ruickoldt at 203-415-2470.

The Department of Public Works will supply volunteers with bags, gloves and pokers, and Moby Dick's will provide water.

"We're hoping to get the city more involved in enforcing regulations on the books and do what we can to help the cause," Ruickoldt said.

Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy said the cleanup is also aimed at ensuring that business owners maintain the public spaces in front of their properties.

A public space is defined as the area from a business's front door to the street. The area also includes the sidewalk and the tree belt, a strip of ground lying between the sidewalk and curb lines.

"All merchants are responsible for keeping the sidewalk in front of their business premise free of litter," McCarthy said. "They are also responsible for maintaining their dumpster."

Violations of the "Littering" ordinance under Chapter 142 of the West Haven Code carry a \$150 fine per offense per day.

The ordinance is enforced by the city's property maintenance/

Around Town

Garden Club plans meeting

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its first monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 10, 12:30 p.m. at B&B Farms, Jones Hill Road. Members will bring their lunch. The first meeting will be an open agenda.

Newcomers are always welcome to join.

For further information please call Iris at (203) 937-1674.

Lions Club slates food drive

The West Haven Lions Club will be hosting its "Feeding Families, Fighting Hunger" event on Saturday, Oct. 15, at the historic Poli House, 686 Savin Ave., from 5-8:00pm.

A \$20 donation and a bag of non/perishable food will include various appetizers, a tour of the Poli House and musical entertainment.

For additional information, please contact Lions Club Vice-President Steven R. Mullins at (203) 824-4262

Rosary Rally on Green, Oct. 15

On Saturday, Oct. 15 at noon, Catholic parishes in the city will join for a Rosary Prayer Service, near the gazebo area of the West Haven Green. Some chairs will be available, but those attending may consider bringing a chair, if able. For information: Eva Cestari (203) 933 7141.

Mohegan Sun trip, Nov. 9

The West Haven Senior Center will offer its final trip of 2022 to the Mohegan Sun casino in Uncasville on Nov. 9. No casino packages are offered for the trip, which costs \$30. Payment is due Oct. 14.

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

The bus will depart at 8:30 a.m. from a location to be announced and leave at 3 p.m. from the casino.

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.

Lowry: *Crime an issue*

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have the choice of trying to defend their ideas or to rule out any pointed discussion of them. It tells you all you need to know that they are heavily invested in the latter.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Legal Notice

Assessor issues reminder of 2022 Personal Property Declaration filing deadline of Nov. 1, 2022

The Assessor's Office has issued a reminder to owners and lessees of tangible personal property that Connecticut General Statute 12-40 requires both residents and non-residents to file with the assessor by November 1, 2022, a sworn declaration of all assets used by the business as of October 1, 2022.

Failure to file such declaration will result in the assessor filing on behalf of the business and adding a 25P penalty, per state statute.

Examples of such tangible personal property include but are not limited to: construction equipment, machinery, cables, conduits, pipes and other fixtures of water, gas, electric companies; leasehold improvements classified as other than real property; furniture and fixtures; computer equipment and all other electronic data equipment, unregistered and out of state registered motor vehicles; farm machinery; tools; expensed supplies; horses H ponies. Various exemptions are explained on the declaration and available if filed on time.

Personal property declarations will be mailed to all existing businesses at the end of September. All existing businesses are encouraged to file on-line. Forms can be downloaded from www.cityofwesthaven-ct.com or picked up at the Assessor's Office located at 355 Main St. 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Moody's rates city finances as 'stable'

The city got some welcome news last week. Moody's Investors Service on Sept. 20 confirmed a Baa3 rating on the city's general obligation bonds while assigning a "stable" outlook, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced.

The confirmation "reflects the city's improved financial position as a result of growth to cash and reserves and decreasing reliance on state-administered municipal restructuring funds,"

Moody's said in its bond credit analysis. "The likelihood of gradual improvement is enhanced by the increased presence of the (state) Mu-

nicipal Accountability Review Board, which amplified its oversight of the city following (alleged) financial malfeasance by former employees ... in an effort to defraud the city of federal COVID relief dollars."

"That episode, combined with the MARB's increased scrutiny of the city, resulted in a delay of the fiscal 2021 audit," Moody's said. "While the fiscal 2021 audit is still unavailable, the city has provided detailed unaudited information to both Moody's and MARB that are of sufficient quality to maintain the rating pending receipt of the fiscal 2021 audit

in November.

"However, Moody's does not anticipate a substantive difference between the city's unaudited and audited figures for fiscal 2021 because of the presence of MARB oversight and the redoubled efforts of new staff to strengthen the city's financial reporting and controls."

West Haven's "solid economy" and "manageable debt profile" are also factored into the bond rating. In its report, the New York agency pointed out that West Haven's stable outlook "is driven by our expectation that the city will continue gradual financial im-

provement while strengthening its policies and procedures. This effort will be enhanced by

the oversight of MARB, which will heighten the probability for fiscal stability."

Support Groups resume in-person meeting sked

West Haven Youth and Family Services' new Bereavement Support Group for Grieving Parents will hold its inaugural meeting and open house from 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at the West Haven Senior Center on the upper floor of the Johnson Community Center, 201 Noble St.

The group, facilitated by Marianne Gambardella

and Cate Saxton, will meet monthly on the first and third Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the senior center.

The Bereavement Support Group of West Haven for widows, widowers and partners meets monthly on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the senior center.

The West Haven Interagency Network for Children's support groups for parents and guardians of children with autism and other disabilities will resume meetings in October from 6-7:30 p.m. at the senior center.

The Parent Support Group, facilitated by Viola Waldo, will resume Oct. 17 and meet the second Monday of each month.

The Spanish-speaking Parent Support Group, facilitated by Grisel Aguilar-Cobos, will resume Oct. 10 and meet the second Tuesday of each month.

Youth and Family Services has intended to offer on-site child care so people can attend support group meetings, but the respite service has been suspended until further notice. Anyone needing the service to attend a meeting must contact Youth and Family Services Director Diane Dietman at least a day before the meeting at dietman@westhaven-ct.gov. Those attending support group meetings must follow all national, state and local COVID-19 safety protocols. Face masks are recommended but not required.

Milford-based band seeking 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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Fire Expo invades Old Grove Park, 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.

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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 firetruck 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, 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
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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 take place at Old Grove Park and Palace Street from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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City teen wins \$40,000 nationwide scholarship



West Haven High senior Antonio Ponton shows off his scholarship award from the College Board.

College Board announced that West Haven High School student Antonio Ponton has earned one of two monthly \$40,000 scholarships through BigFuture, the College Board's online guide that helps students plan for life after high school.

"I was surprised when we got the call and to learn that one of our students won such a large scholarship," said WHHS Principal Dana Paredes. "That was exciting news, so we quickly threw together a student assembly to make it an exciting moment for Antonio and his family. I'm just shocked that someone in our school would win such a

large scholarship."

During the assembly for junior and senior students, College Board Senior Director Dena Johnson made a brief presentation before inviting Antonio to the stage. Once on stage, Dena surprised Antonio with the scholarship.

His mother, who was also surprised by the announcement, joined her son on stage shortly after.

Powered by College Board, BigFuture simplifies the path to life after high school by recommending small steps that all students—no matter their high school—can take at just the right time to explore career interests, identify poten-

tial majors, find colleges and scholarships, and access financial aid. I

t rewards the effort students take by providing chances at scholarships.

"Now more than ever, students need simple and credible tools to help them choose the college and career that's right for them," said Tarlin Ray, College Board senior vice president of BigFuture. "We've integrated these scholarship steps into BigFuture so every student—no matter where they are on their journey to college—can take the steps Antonio has taken to raise their hands and earn themselves a big future."

All class of 2023 students are now eligible to win \$500 and \$40,000 scholarships they can use at two- or four-year institutions. There are no essay, test score, citizenship status, family income, or minimum GPA requirements.

Drawings for \$500 and \$40,000 are held every month. Students whose families earn less than \$60,000 per year have extra chances at scholarships and earn double the entries for every drawing. The sooner students complete the following steps and the more steps they take, the more entries they'll earn:

Build a College List: Students search for colleges and add 6 or more to their list.

Practice for the SAT: Students use Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy to get ready for test day.

Explore Scholarships: Students explore a list of scholarships personalized for them, based on their background, achievements, and future plans.

Strengthen Their College List: Students make sure their list has a mix of reach, match, and safety school.

Complete the FAFSA: Students complete the free government form to apply for financial aid.

Apply to Colleges: Students apply to at least 2 colleges they want to attend.

College Board has dedicated \$25 million to the program that lays out six simple steps all students can take to get to college.

More than \$14 million in scholarships have been awarded to more than 15,000 students since the program launched in December 2018. Class of 2023 students with College Board accounts in the United States and U.S. territories will be automatically entered into monthly drawings for \$500 and \$40,000 by completing specific steps on bigfuture.org.



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The West Haven Land Trust, Inc. announced the winners of its summer-long photo contest as chosen by readers of its Internet social pages. Clockwise from far left -- Kimberly Dalton was the first place winner with a photo of a butterfly on a flower at Sandy Point. Second place went to Kimberly Nadal for a picture of sunset at Bradley Point. A third Kimberly won third place, Kimberly Savoia of Milford, for her photo of a rainbow over Long Island Sound.



Land Trust contest winners announced

The Land Trust of West Haven is proud to present the winners of its inaugural Photo Contest. They were chosen by the public by “liking” one or more of the 24 photo submissions posted to the Land Trust’s [FaceBook page: https://www.facebook.com/Land-Trust-of-West-Haven-Inc-315364462476489](https://www.facebook.com/Land-Trust-of-West-Haven-Inc-315364462476489). First place with 153 “likes” went to West Haven resident Kimberly Dalton for her photo of a butterfly on a flower taken at the Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary. She will receive a \$100 VISA card.

to enter.

The Land Trust of West Haven, Inc. is a non-profit organization formed to promote the protection and preservation of natural resources and open space properties in West Haven, including coastal resources, with particular emphasis on the shoreline of the Long Island Sound in the general area of Savin Rock, as well as its land, water, wetlands, plant, and animal life.

To learn more, become a member or make a donation, [visit its website.](#)

Second place was awarded to West Haven resident Kimberly Nadal with 136 “likes” for her photo of the American flag at sunset at Bradley Point.

She will receive a \$75 VISA card. Third place went to Milford resident Kimberly Savoia with 89 “likes” for her photo of a rainbow at Oyster River beach. She will receive \$50 VISA card.

The winning photos are featured on the Land Trust’s website: <https://landtrustwesthavenct.org>

“We invited the public to submit photos that feature nature and open spaces in West Haven to celebrate what we have and highlight its beauty and value,” said Marilyn Wilkes, Vice President of the Land Trust. “We are already looking forward to next year’s contest and hope to receive enough submissions to create a calendar that showcases the winning photos.”

Photos were submitted from June 1-July 15 and voting on FaceBook took place from Sept. 1-17. It was free to participate and open to the public. Local amateur photographers and children were encouraged

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Vinci: 'Mr. Soccer named to annual honor

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jacket and a mayoral citation for his civic-minded contributions and volunteerism.

He will also receive an Italian flag from Paul M. Frosolone, the president of the Italian American Civic Association, and Roberta Daniels DeFonce, a past president of the association's Ladies Auxiliary.

The cultural event will include remarks by Rossi and her executive assistant, Louis P. Esposito Jr., the master of ceremonies. It will also include an Italian blessing and the singings of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Italian national anthem, "Il Canto degli Italiani."

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.

Vinci, now retired, 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 formerly operated in New Haven.

Vinci and his wife, Joanne, live on Ocean Avenue near West Shore's Lake Street Beach.



Contributed Photo

West Haven Youth Soccer League President John Vinci with his wife, Joanne. The city will honor Vinci as its 2022 Italian American of the Year on the steps of City Hall at noon Friday.

Encarnacion: *Honored by city*

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have made to the culture and history of the United States.

Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on the civic and cultural life of America, enhancing and shaping the national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community.

Hispanic Heritage Month, which traces its roots to 1968, begins each year on Sept. 15, the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile also celebrate their independence days during that period.

Rossi said Encarnacion personifies the noble qualities of serving her vibrant community and carrying on the proud traditions of Puerto Rico.

Rossi praised the civic-minded Encarnacion, whom she called a woman of faith and service, for her devotion to the city and its robust Hispanic American community. Encarnacion, a

member of Vertical Church, is known for her volunteerism at the Meloy Road church, where she helped deliver meals to needy residents amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Rossi presented her with an embroidered "Hispanic American of the Year" jacket and a Puerto Rican flag.

The mayor then read a citation lauding Encarnacion's public-spirited good works.

"As a Puerto Rican business owner ... and a woman of character, compassion, principle and wisdom, you represent what is best about West Haven," Rossi said. "You are proof the American dream is alive and well!"

The cultural event also included remarks by Rossi's executive assistant, Louis P. Esposito Jr., the master of ceremonies. Before a Spanish prayer by Vertical Church Pastor David Biewald, Ana Garcia sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Puerto Rican national anthem, "La Borinqueña."

Encarnacion and her husband live on Sanford Street in Allingtown.



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Historian's corner By Dan Shine

The Rise of Campbell Avenue Part II

Decades passed, and in 1867, George Kelsey—a force of great and positive change for West Haven—built a horse railroad which would extend from New Haven Green to Elm Street and then south, neatly bisecting the salt grass of Old Field, and extending onward to Savin Rock. The roadbed for the Horse Railroad became a new section of Fourth Avenue, and the name was changed to Railroad Avenue.

On either side of the street were now numerous side streets which extended west to Savin Avenue and east to another new street: Washington Avenue. The former farming area known as Old Field would now be carved into housing lots, and in due time, Railroad Avenue would be dotted with small businesses. And Railroad Avenue would extend from the shore all the

way to Allingtown.

But Railroad Avenue would not be the street's name for long: West Haven's postmaster, Harry Ives Thompson would almost single-handedly campaign to rename Railroad Avenue, calling it Campbell Avenue, in honor of Adjutant Campbell's well-known act of kindness during the Revolutionary War. It is believed that this change was set to coincide with the centennial of the United States, 1776-1876.

By 1900, Campbell Avenue was the established "Main Street" of West Haven. Building booms and factory openings had begun to take place in West Haven, as people living and working in New Haven sought to work and live "out in the country." Foot travel was the norm for most at that time, so along Campbell Avenue, a variety of local businesses began to spring up: markets, bakeries, dry goods stores, drug stores, hardware stores and the like. They were

convenient, and if consumers needed a greater selection of products, a five-cent trolley ride could take them into New Haven's "Downtown."

The first two-thirds of the Twentieth Century were the peak years for Campbell Avenue as a traditional Main Street-style shopping area. For example, the consumer could find—all on one street—many restaurants, two bakeries, a deli, several drug stores, an appliance store, two auto dealerships, three cleaners, several barbers, two significant factories, three supermarkets, three churches, three hardware stores, two shoemakers, a dry goods store, men's clothing stores, women's clothing stores, five-and-tens, a department store, a bowling alley, a shoe retailer, a movie theater, a paint store, a post office, a library, town hall, fire station and assorted auto repair and appliance repair shops.

But the world kept turning, and life changed. After World

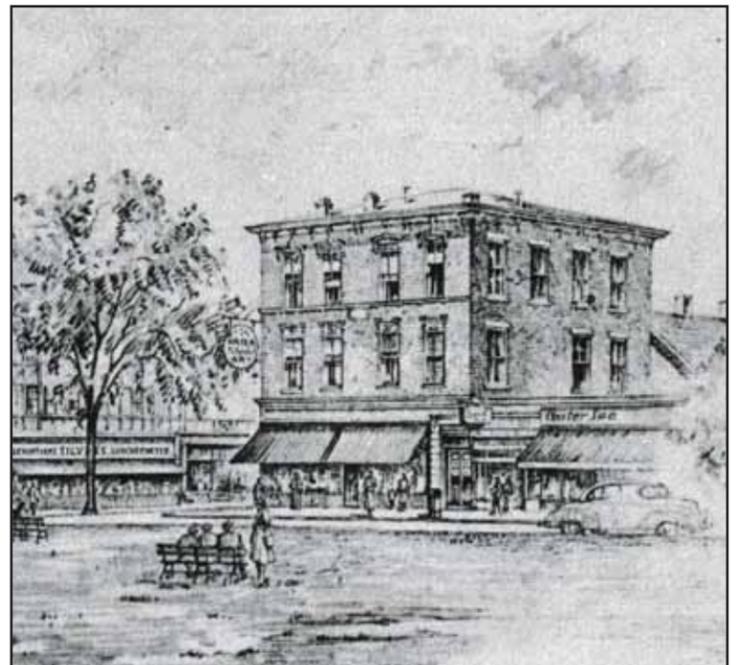
War II, America's love affair with the automobile came into full flower. In 1958, Interstate 95 was opened, and in 1960, ground was broken for the Connecticut Post Shopping Center. Here and elsewhere, consumers' shopping habits began to shift away from the Main Street concept, as shoppers favored the larger stores with larger selections and lower prices found in these decentralized locations.

And so, we arrive at the Campbell Avenue of today, a Main Street that is somewhat past its prime. What's next? Perhaps some historian in the not-too-distant future will be able to write happily about another George Kelsey-type, who would bring the right leadership, the necessary bright ideas, and the forcefulness needed to return Campbell Avenue to its old glory.

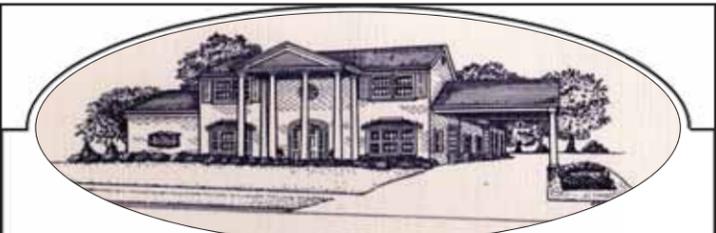
Thanks to Cathie Iaccarino, Peter Malia, James Holt and City Engineer Abdul Quadir for their assistance with this story.



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



Clockwise from top left -- Lower Campbell Avenue around 1960 was a business center leading into the amusement park. Right -- The Altschuler Building is one of the oldest in the city, dating back to the 1840s. The Phelps House was a landmark at Campbell Avenue and Elm Street before its destruction for a fast-food restaurant in the 1970s.



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Weather a factor in Youth Soccer action

Heavy rain wiped out most of Week 4 action, but some of West Haven's travel teams were able to see action. The Rock House School of Music U10 Boys traveled to North Haven Sunday, winning a tough back and forth match 6-3. The Westies went up 1-0 early when Roland Green finished a cross from Ryan Abekah. The Westies doubled their lead when Abekah finished a break-away that was set-up by Mason DaSilva. North Haven pulled one back a few minutes later, putting a penalty kick just past the hands of Jaxon Cruz, who almost made the save.

North Haven tied the game in the second half, and the two teams traded chances for the bulk of the half, until West Haven pulled away. Jacob Rader buried a one touch finish, and Matteo D'Elia set his teammates up for a few great looks on goal. Seth Empric was aggressive in the midfield, and Joey Ruiz and Josiah Parilla Herrera kept the pressure on the opposing team, while Gav-

il Lenihan played with a lot of heart. Jax Guarino, Adam Lamkhanter, Ben Trenchard, and Ethan Fonseca played lock down defense down the stretch to help Cruz preserve the win.

The Gunning Law Firm U12 girls were also in action this weekend. On Saturday the girls played in Orange. Gillian Wynus and Josylyn DaVila had some excellent plays up and down the field. Luciana Cappetta put one in the net for West Haven, but the team took home a 4-1 loss. On Sunday, the girls fought hard in Madison, but lost 6-1. Celeste DiNallo scored for West Haven while Olivia Petrie made several excellent saves in net.

Week three in the West Haven Youth Soccer League saw some exciting action. The Rock House School of Music U10 boys travel team hosted Seymour on Saturday and came away with a 6-0 win. Ryan Abekah scored and helped keep the shut-out in goal. Emmett Hemming, Dylan Fonseca, and Ben Trenchard

played lock down defense. As did Ethan Fonseca, who also added a goal after showcasing some fabulous footskills. Seth Empric had a great game on both sides of the ball, and Roland Green worked the wing in the win for the Westies.

The Gunning Law Firm U12 Girls Travel team played a tough game on the road in Guilford on Sunday. Gillian Wynus and Celeste DiNallo had several good plays on the field. Luciana Cappetta put one in net, but the Westies came up short, 5-1.

The Elite Soccer Camps Blue Lightning beat Milano & Wanat, 5-0. Ben Trenchard, Mason DaSilva and Matteo D'Elia all played well in the midfield. Ryan Abekah and Liam Lima split the time in goal and preserved the shut out, while Roland Green and Ali Alhaddad scored. Emmett Hemming played strong on both sides of the ball and Brandon Rylski scored hard to win the ball back for his team. For Milano & Wanat, Joey Ruiz and Josiah Parrilla Herrera both played

well. West Haven Police Local #895 held off a late onslaught from Wizard Painting to win 2-1. American Legion Post 71 defeated Baybrook Remodelers to round out E Division play. Taylor Bell and Jonathan King played hard, and Jaxon Cruz held down the goal in the win.

Saturday morning the R. Mark Pappas Chiropractor D.C. Grey Wolves competed against Frankie's of West Haven, and both teams played hard to finish with a 1-1 tie. The Wolves were led offensively by Vittoria Almonte, Isabella Celentano, Rahama Moussaand and Archonii Sawmadal. With Almonte scoring the lone goal. The Wolves had several scoring chances but failed to convert. On defense, the Wolves were led by Valeria Almonte in net and Genesis Gallengo and Ava Garcia playing left and right back, with each making several key defensive plays and returning the ball forward to the Wolves offense. For Frankie's of West Haven, defenders Yari-

ana Hernandez Vazquez and Dianiliz Cervantes worked hard to protect their goal. Lexi Jimenez scored one goal with her super-fast skills with assistance from Scarlett Reyes with a great pass. Winter Valdivieso and Meriam Bouha played great on the offensive line sending the ball up field. #DAVILATRIBE defeated Touch of Heaven Health Care, 3-1.

The #DAVILATRIBE Yellow Jackets played Cappetta's Italian Imports and lost 4-0. Nora Routh played a good midfield position helping the offense to advance the ball up the field. Celeste Santiago defensively stopped the opposing team from advancing. Angeliza Davila saved multiple saves in goal. In a battle of the unbeaten, the West Haven Professional Firefighters faced off against Falcone Law Firm. The game ended in a fitting 2-2 tie as both teams played extremely well in this intense match. The scorers for the Firefighters were Eddie Fagnani and Sabri Abdelmegeed. Yair Negron

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Mite B team gets goal production over weekend

The West Haven Mite B hockey team welcomed the Southern stars. It was a great start to the weekend with multiple goals from Landon Alling, JP Beebe, Austin Picard, Jack Weiss, Sadie Moll and Gabby Jenei.

The second period brought a great loop around shot from Finn McLaughlin and goalie Moriah Frost had an outstanding game with many saves.

West Haven played against Wallingford on Sunday and Jackson Ford made many saves while in goal. Goals were scored by Weiss, Caleb Ford, Alling, Beebe, McLaughlin, and Jenei. Great plays were made by Kiera Harrison and Moll.

The West Haven Mite C hockey team had its first game of the season on Sunday against the Shoreline Sharks. In net for the Blue Devils was Caleb Ford, who made several great saves during the match-up. Multiple goals were scored by Jackson Ford and Brayden Gagliardi. Quinn Uscilla and Maddie Bruder each scored a goal, with assists going to Ava Healy and Ryan Shannon. Shots on net were also contributed by Wesley Marazzini and Ava Healy.

The West Haven Squirt AA hockey team kicked off a full weekend of CHC league games and posted two convincing wins.

The Westies fell behind 2-0 to Central AA before a five goal second period powered them to a 5-2 win. Jeremiah McGrath and Charlie Gunning each posted two goals in

the win. Dylan Spreyer buried a wrist shot for the final tally.

Peyton Berlepsch, Henry Strada and Alex Janei posted assists. Cody Young, Dane Walsh and Nick Ciccocanti led the defensive effort, while Michael Paone and Gabe Calabrese combined for the win.

Daniel Moll went bar down from his defensive post to cap a 9-1 win over Yale 2012 AA. Gunning scored four goals and McGrath, Spreyer, AJ Farrell and Colby Cushing also found the back of the net. Assists for the Westies came from Moll, McGrath, Gunning, and Young. Calabrese got the victory in between the pipes.

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team traveled to Lou Astorino Arena to play rival Hamden; The young Westies topped the Dragons with a come-from-behind 7-4 win.

West Haven started the scoring just two minutes into the first period with a goal from Logan Minio. He was assisted by defenseman Ryan Schempp and Joey Mondo. Just two minutes later, Colin Whelan found the back of the net off an assist by Logan Stackpole. The two-goal lead did not last for very long as Hamden scored three quick goals late in the first period to take the lead.

The Westies put on an offensive show in the second period, supported by JJ Charbonneau who kept moving the puck up the ice, making solid passes, and working hard along the boards.

The scoring started nine minutes into the second period by Colton Bruneau, who blast-

ed a shot into the net off an assist from Stackpole. Stackpole then followed up four minutes later with an unassisted goal. Finishing the scoring was Jax Guarino who notched his first goal of the season off a quick pass from Bruneau with three minutes left.

Goaltender Alex Cicarella showed perseverance and locked things down in the crease, stopping numerous shots by the Dragons and holding them to only one goal for the remainder of the game.

In the third period, the Westies extended their lead as Kyle D'Agostino intercepted a pass in the neutral zone and took it to the net, going top shelf for his first goal of the season. Minio finished off the win with an unassisted goal with 5:46 left in the game. Kyle Johnson and Conner Owens supported the defensive effort, shutting down the Hamden offense for the win.

The Blue Devils hosted top-ranked Greenwich Skate Club at Bennett Rink in West Haven and posted a 6-4 win. West Haven took a 1-0 lead with a well-placed top shelf shot from Bruneau off an assist from Stackpole.

In the second period, the scoring ramped up as Greenwich scored two goals in the period, but it was not enough to hold off the West Haven offense.

Brady Salkins took the puck up the ice twice in the second and score two unassisted goals. The Westie defensive line of Owens, Mondo, and Johnson locked things down

along the boards and held off the Greenwich offense throughout the game.

Entering the third period with a 3-2 lead, Minio scored at the 9:52 mark off a cross-ice assist from Whelan. Minio then scored a second time off an assist from Schempp.

Ahead 5-4, the solid play of Egg Parise, Guarino, and D'Agostino kept the pressure on Greenwich holding back the one-man advantage. With one minute left in the game, Stackpole scored an empty-net goal to secure the win.

Goaltender Evan Harrison had yet another phenomenal performance in net for the Devils, displaying great athleticism and making solid positional saves in the crease.

In what turned out to be an immensely entertaining game last week between the Enfield Eagle Squirt B1 and the West Haven Squirt A1 squads, fortune favored the young Blue Devils in the 8-4 West Haven win. The victory allowed the Blue Devils to solidify their fourth consecutive win.

The Eagles started off strong, scoring the first goal of the game, but the Blue Devils were quick to quell the Eagle's fire. Julius Stokes was the first Westie to touch the back of the net on an unassisted breakaway goal at 5:26 in the first, and took up a more supporting role racking up two more assists while creating numerous other scoring opportunities. Alex Jones went on to score his second goal of the season at 9:33 in the first.

Olivia Persico was first to

lead off the second period scoring barrage with her third goal of the season at 1:15, which was assisted by Jameson Schempp and Mason MacDonald. Short to follow was Carter Liston, who racked up his third goal of the season on an assist from Noah Silverman at 1:29.

Silverman was next up to light the lamp with a goal at 5:33 on an assist from Stokes. Jones kept the scoring streak alive with a goal at 6:12 on assists from MacDonald and Persico.

Liston made an encore appearance, scoring his second goal of the second period at 9:50 off an assist from Silverman, and Jameson Schempp added the last goal, scoring his second goal of the season at 6:12 in their third period.

Goaltenders Ethan McGrath and Matteo Kenworthy split the contest and were able to keep the Eagles at bay, only allowing two goals each shift while shutting down 19 shots collectively.

West Haven Squirt A1 then posted wins over the Greater New Haven Warriors and the Southeastern Seahawks.

Jones was first on the board against the Warriors off an assist from Silverman and Trevor Gyllensten at 15 seconds into the first period. Aryn Dahya scored on a breakaway to make the score 2-0 at 4:43. Stokes was next up with his unassisted goal at 7:22 in the second period, followed by another unassisted goal by Tyler Gyllensten at 4:27. Noah

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Youth Hockey: *Westies top New Haven A sextet, 9-1*

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Silverman was able to touch the back of the net of an assist from Jones to cap off the second period scoring at 11:23.

The third period was capped off by two more Blue Devil goals, the first by Tyler Gyllensten off an assist from Silverman. The second goal scored by Silverman came off an assist from Trevor Gyllensten. The strong West Haven defense helped goaltender Ethan McGrath, who had no issues stifling the Warriors advances.

Persico, who also added an assist in the game, was first on the board in Sunday's game against the Seahawks off an assist from MacDonald by way of Stokes. Stokes went on to score two goals and added four assists on the day. Trevor Gyllensten was another stand-out for the young Devils, racking up a goal of his own with two assists.

Jones touched the back of the net for his third goal of the season, along with Carter Liston who had some strong offensive plays at the goal against the Seahawks. Finding her stride was Sarah Mastroni, who had several shots on goal.

Silverman had yet another multi-point game with one goal and one assist, along with Tyler Gyllensten who followed suit with one goal and one assist. Center Jameson Schempp was able to make his mark, scoring in the third and winning a majority of the faceoffs during the game.

Again, the West Haven defense consisting of Ben Trenchard, Dahya and Stokes proved to be an impenetrable force which made easy work for Matteo Kenworthy between the pipes by only allowing three shots on goal.

The West Haven Bantam AA Major hockey team traveled to Springfield, Mass. and topped the Springfield Aces, 4-1, at Smead Arena. Ethan Kelly led the way with his second hat

trick of the young season. The Blue Devils are now 2-1-1.

Kelly gave the Westies a 1-0 lead two minutes into the game when he buried the rebound of Sean Studley's initial shot on an odd-man rush. The Aces tied the game at one with a power play tally later in the period.

Kelly only took 28 seconds to make it a 2-1 game in the second period as he gathered the puck at the red line, carried it into the zone and roofed it. The Blue Devils made it 3-1 with a power play goal late in the second as Sam Malangone flipped the puck in front from behind the Aces' net where Studley knocked it down and tipped it back to Malangone who swept it into the open cage.

Bryce Upson was stout in goal for the Westies and denied any chances the Aces fired at him in the third period. Kelly added an empty-netter from his own zone with 36 seconds left to make the final score 4-1.

West Haven topped Greater New Haven A, 9-1. Eight different players scored goals as the Westies improved to 3-1-1 on the season.

Ethan Kelly put the Blue Devils up 1-0 when he jammed in a loose puck in front of the GNH goalie nine minutes into the game. Mike Madonick made it 2-0 when he stuffed home the puck on a scramble out front, and Malangone ripped a shot that rang the post and he quickly zipped in his own rebound to make it 3-0 in the first period.

In the second period, Joel Goodman skated behind the GNH net and flipped the puck out front where Studley one-timed it coming down the slot for a 4-0 lead. Charlie Strada later found Matt Kelly at the blue line and his rising slap shot found the net.

In the last minute of the period, Ian Brezak's shot was

saved, but Alex Zhukovsky slipped in the rebound while falling to the ice for a 6-0 lead.

Matt Kelly's slapper on the power play made it 7-0 with Zhukovsky assisting to open the third period. Aaron Camp-

bell one-timed Brezak's feed through the five-hole, before GNH finally got on the scoreboard with 3:27 to play. Nick Shefter roofed Zhukovsky's feed in the final seconds to make the final score 9-1.

Upson made eight saves for the Westies, before Max Malangone came on in relief and posted four saves.

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Seahawks' 11U team remains undefeated

The Pop Warner football season is five weeks old, and the West Haven Seahawks are battling through the tough Southern Connecticut conference.

The 8U football team got back on track after losing its first game a week ago to beat the New Haven Steelers, 19-13, and improve to 4-1.

The 10U#1 team (4-1) topped the Milford Eagles (3-2), 27-13 in a hard-fought contest to remain a top of their division. The offense was led by quarterback Kahil Tomlinson and running back Jackson Gabrielle. Justin Frias and David

Gaskins played well on defense for the Hawks.

The 10U#2 team beat the Derby Red Raiders, 33-0, to improve to 3-2 on the season.

Muyakanwi Ngoh and Nehemiah Clayton led an explosive offense. Anthony Gagliardi ran the ball well for the Seahawk win.

The 11U Seahawks stayed unbeaten and improved their record to 5-0 with a 40-0 over the Easton-Redding Eagles. Quarterback Joe Singletary passed for three scores and ran for one in the win.

Jay Bellamy, Mighty Jackson and Jacari Harris all had

touchdown receptions.

Trayvon Jaynes and Jermaine Gibbs added running TDs. Mason Booker and Tremar Smith both kicked extra points, worth two points in Pop Warner.

The defense recorded a shutout with Pop Raines, Brody Coe, Josh Jackson, Celeb Sumpter, Donovan Williams and Scott Stallings leading the way.

The Seahawk 13U team dropped to 2-3 with a 32-0 loss against the Hartford Hurricanes. Caden Stanley played well on both sides of the ball for the Seahawks.

The two flag football teams (5/6) turned in great games on Sunday against Stratford and Derby.

Desmond Lyman Jr and Jayceon White scored touchdowns and Josh Jordon Jr.

played well on defense with 12 flags.

The flag football teams will play each other in the annual flag football games under the lights game on Wednesday night at Veterans Field at 6:30.

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and Moayyad Idris led the defense, along with outstanding goalie play by Guillermo Gonzaga. Mad Mikes Cheasesteaks have a tough game against the WH Italian-American Civic Assn. Isabella Faugno stared on the offensive side of the game with some goals, Anna Howery added with some assists, and Layla Campos played stellar defense.

Keenan Funeral Home played a good game against Westies Nutrition. Adam Davis, Jr., Deckland Guiles, and Tobin Cavalier displayed good sportsmanship and teamwork. They were motivated and never gave up throughout the entire game. P&B Express fell to Budget Transmission Center 2-0 and Taco Town picked up the win against York Business Center with a score of 5-2. Christopher Romero, Daimeon Griffin, Rida Saanon and Maaz Mohamednour all scored for Taco Town. Camdyn Edwards played great defense by keeping the pressure

on. Santiago Cango showed great hustle in midfield.

The Stowe's Seafood 24Karat Gold Dragons played hard against Elsie Encannacion State Farm, but came up short in the 3-0 loss.

The Gold Dragons kept up a solid defense led by the goalie Hannah Skrieh. Gianna Depino and Journii Hunter kept the pressure up and tried to get the Gold Dragons back into the game. The Porto Funeral Home Golden Stars had a real battle with Vio's Sports Plus on the brisk September Saturday morning. The team battled to a hard-fought victory. The whole team played well with standout performances from Will Marmelstein and Dylan Banegas-Molina, who buried the ball in the back of the net.

The team defense was anchored by Blake Bova who shut down the backfield. CT Pest Elimination and the WH Federation of Teachers played to a 3-3 tie in an intense match.



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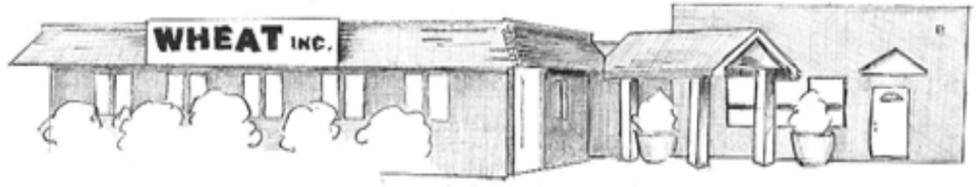
League President Mike Torello, Commissioner Dan Gooley and the WHTL Board of Directors recently named this year's honorees. They include Gold Bat Award recipients Al Criscio, Karl Derbacher, Mike Lucas and Mike Tamsin.

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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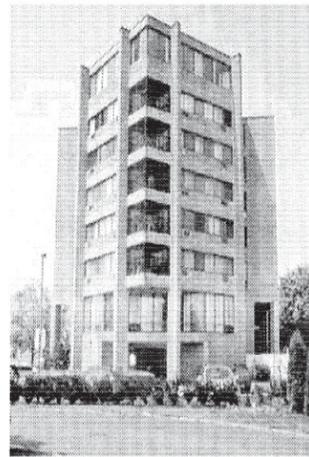
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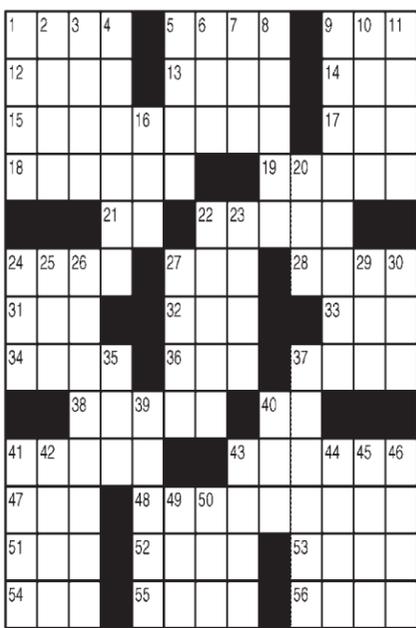
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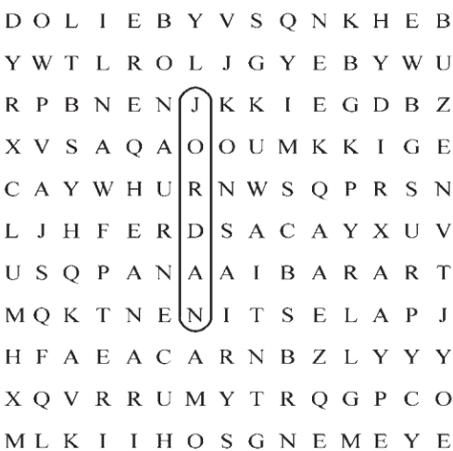
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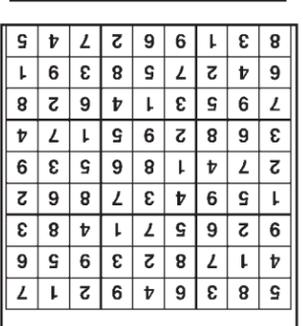
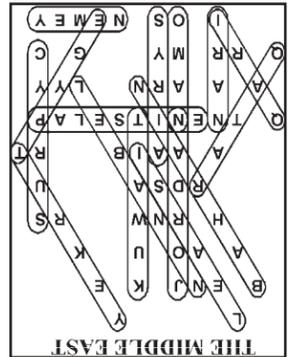


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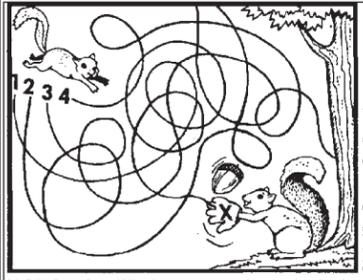
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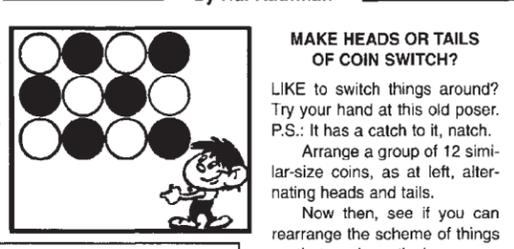
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Junior Whirl



MAKE HEADS OR TAILS OF COIN SWITCH?

LIKE to switch things around? Try your hand at this old poser. P.S.: It has a catch to it, natch. Arrange a group of 12 similar-size coins, as at left, alternating heads and tails. Now then, see if you can rearrange the scheme of things so that each vertical row consists of all heads or all tails simply by touching and manipulating just one coin. That is to say, rearrange the setup, for instance, so that the first and third rows are all heads, and the second and fourth row tails. And all this by touching and manipulating one coin. How is it done? Move first coin in middle row to opposite side and push entire middle row one coin to the left.



Westies: Rams overtake soccer team, 4-1

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ell who scored four goals and added an assist. Senior Julia Tsakonas scored twice and had two assists as West Haven built an early lead on its way to the third win of the season.

Abigail Phelan assisted on the first goal by Tsakonas, while Powell assisted on the second goal by Tsakonas. Powell saw her first two goals assisted by Tsakonas.

Carrano made five saves in the win.

The boys soccer team fell to 1-2-1 with a 4-1 loss at Cheshire. The Westies got on the scoreboard first, but the Rams finished with four unanswered goals in the victory.

Cheshire held a 19-10 shot advantage in the contest with West Haven's Yahzeel Beyley

making 12 saves in the loss.

Emmanuel Gordon gave West Haven a 1-0 lead when he scored off an assist from Collin Charron 3 minutes, 52 seconds into the game.

That was all the scoring for the Westies as Cheshire evened the contest 7:04 later, then took the lead for good 3:57 into the second half.

West Haven improved to 2-2-1 with a 2-1 victory over Career/Hillhouse.

The Westies controlled play with a 14-4 shot advantage, and Beyley made three saves in the win.

Trailing 1-0 to start the second half, Jared Yarway swung the momentum back in West Haven's favor when he scored off an assist from Charon 2:04 into the second half.

The game remained even at one until the final five minutes when Rafael Gazcon scored off a penalty kick with 4:15 remaining for the 2-1 win.

West Haven fell to 2-3-1 with a 1-0 loss at Hand-Madison Tuesday evening. West Haven was outshot 19-7 in the contest, but goalkeeper Beyley made five saves to keep the game close.

Hand's lone goal came at 9:52 from Matt Campari. Charlie Wira made three saves in the shutout for Hand.

The West Haven cross-country team traveled to Guilford, where the Grizzlies came out victorious, followed by Amity and West Haven.

It was a big day for the Westies as 10 runners ran and all set a personal best. Matt Pa-

gan finished in 18 minutes, 20 seconds, Kittikhom Tighe ran in 18:25, Dan Potter finished in 19:05, and Maryangel Cruz

finished in 25:42.

All of the runners improved by two minutes over last week's meet.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

The Westies' celebrate a block against the Hornets in their 3-2 victory.

Expo: Fire services show their stuff, Oct. 15

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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 and portables.

"West Haven 911 will be happy to educate the public on any questions they may have about the system, how

it works, what to do," Amendola said. "We want to make sure people know when to call and reassure them that there will always be a voice on the other end to help them."

ERS dispatchers will also distribute educational materials and pass out goodies to people of all ages to remind them that 911 should be called for any police, fire or medical emergency, Amendola said.

The West Haven Department of Emergency Management will have information on the city's Community Emergency Response Team, storm preparation, post-storm recovery, and natural and human-made disasters.

Emergency Management Director Joseph 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 will sign up residents for West Haven's emergency notification system to receive alerts.

The Citizen Notification System enables the city to quickly provide residents with critical information in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and building or neighborhood evacuations, he said.

The system is operated in partnership with Everbridge Inc. of Burlington, Massachusetts, the world's 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 the city's Emergency Operations Center.

Members of the West Haven Health Department will give doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to those 18 and older and have information on the coronavirus, food sanitation and the flu.

Local health care agencies, including Bridges, will present their programs.

The West Haven Police Department will hold a K-9 demonstration and have information on public safety, crime prevention and law enforcement programs.

The call to "save the date" for vendors and fire, police, public safety and health organizations to participate is underway.



Nov. 19

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Gridders go 4-0; netters rebound in WHHS action

The West Haven football team is off to a quick start in the season. While it started slowly, the Westies rolled to a 47-20 victory over Guilford at Ken Strong Stadium.

After failing to get on the scoreboard in the first quarter, West Haven (3-0) took an 18-0 lead in the second quarter, before rolling to a 34-13 lead after three. Deven Robinson and Demarco Eady each scored twice in the victory.

Robinson used a 5-yard run to give West Haven a 6-0 lead, before quarterback Nick Conlan connected with Eady for a 45-yard scoring play and a 12-0 advantage. When Trevor Tompkins ran in from five yards out, the Westies held an 18-0 lead.

Guilford made things interesting with a late touchdown in the second quarter and got within 18-13 on the first score of the third quarter, but the Westies pulled away, scoring the next two touchdowns in the third and going on a 29-0 run.

Robinson's one-yard run and the two-point conversion from Tompkins put West Haven on top 26-13, before Eady used a 44-yard punt return, coupled with Conlan's pass to Avyon Graham on the conversion for a 34-13 advantage.

West Haven iced the game to start the fourth quarter when Armani Reid scored on a 38-yard strike from Conlan, before Jah'zire Massey scored on a 34-yard run for a 47-13 lead.

West Haven is focused on one game at a time. That mindset has worked well for the Westies.

Behind three touchdowns apiece from Robinson and Massey, and two touchdown passes from Conlan, West Haven rolled to a 54-0 victory over Hillhouse Friday evening at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven. The explosive West Haven offense has now scored 101 points in its last two games.

West Haven (4-0) led 28-0 after one quarter and 48-0 at the half.

Robinson gave the Westies a 7-0 lead when he ran in from

one yard out, Armani Reid helped increase the lead to 13-0 when he hauled in a 28-yard touchdown pass from Conlan, and a 13-yard scamper by Robinson increased West Haven's lead to 20-0. Massey close the first quarter scoring with a 1-yard touchdown run, followed by the conversion run from Tompkins.

Massey increased the lead to 34-0 with a 5-yard run to start the second quarter, and Conlan's second touchdown pass, a 30-yard scoring strike to Massey increased the lead to 41-0. When Robinson ran in from 20 yards out, West Haven led 48-0 at the half.

West Haven's final points came in the fourth quarter when Joey Copela ran in from one yard out.

The West Haven volleyball team won its third consecutive match and improved to 4-1 on the season with a 3-2 victory over Branford. The Westies lost the first two games, but battled back in the dramatic victory to win by scores of 21-25, 22-25, 25-22, 25-8, 15-13.

After falling in the first two games, the Westies battled to win the third game, before controlling the fourth game. A back-and-forth fifth game went to the Westies to preserve their third straight victory.

Jenna Johnson ran the offense with 25 assists, while also adding seven digs and four aces. Olivia McDonnell and Asia Ford were forces at the net as McDonnell finished with 16 kills, four blocks, and four digs, while Ford had 14 aces, eight kills and eight digs.

Alison Frazer was stellar defensively with 16 digs, while Tanasia Fidalgo had six kills and four digs, and Jordyn Johnson, Dulcemaria Castillo, and Astrid Portugal Morales each had five digs in the win.

The winning streak has reached four matches for West Haven. With another impressive team effort, the Westies improved to 5-1 with a 25-8 25-19 25-18 victory at Norwalk.

For the Westies, it was not just one player which made an impact. Coldren's crew all contributed in some phase of the game.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

Khando Dorjee competes in the 100 butterfly versus Mercy in a recent meet.

Offensively, Ford led the way with nine kills and eight aces. Jenna Johnson had six assists and three aces, McDonnell had four aces and three kills, and Portugal Morales added five aces in the win.

On the defensive side, Frazer led the Westies with six digs. Jenna Johnson had five digs, Castillo added four digs, and Ford had three blocks.

The winning ways continued for West Haven as the Westies posted their fifth straight victory with a 3-0 home victory over Hillhouse. The 25-18, 25-9, 25-15 victory improved West Haven's record to 6-1 on the year.

Jenna Johnson led the way for West Haven with nine assists, five aces, and three digs. Ford had eight aces, five kills, four blocks, and two digs, and Castillo added four aces and four digs. Jordyn Johnson chipped in five aces, Frazer had two aces and four digs, and McDonnell had two aces and four kills.

West Haven saw its five-match winning streak come to an end with a 3-1 loss at Guilford. The loss dropped the Westies to 6-2 on the year.

Jenna Johnson led the Westies with 19 assists and 16 digs, Astrid Portugal Morales had 11 digs, seven kills and three assists, while Jordyn Johnson had 14 digs and Bianca Portugal Morales added 11 digs.

Alison Frazer added eight digs, Ford had six kills and six digs, and Olivia McDonnell had seven kills.

West Haven volleyball team

needed just one day to get back on the winning track. The Westies inched closer to the postseason with a 3-1 victory at Foran.

The 25-19, 16-25, 25-12, 25-16 victory helped the Westies improve to 7-2 on the year.

Jenna Johnson controlled the game for West Haven with 33 assists, while also adding seven digs and two kills. Frazer had 15 digs, McDonnell added 15 kills, while Ford had 10 kills, 10 digs, three blocks, and three aces.

Fidalgo had six kills, and Astrid Portugal Morales added six digs.

West Haven fell to Shelton Saturday afternoon 3-0. The 25-23, 25-18, 25-22 loss dropped the Westies to 7-3 on the year.

Johnson led the Westies with 16 assists and 11 digs. Frazer was stellar on defense with 19 digs, Ford had 11 digs, seven kills, and four blocks, while Castillo added 10 digs.

Jordyn Johnson chipped in six digs, Astrid Portugal Morales had five digs, and McDonnell chipped in five kills.

The West Haven girls soccer team dropped two in a row with the losses, the Westies fell to 1-3 on the season.

West Haven has had troubles finding the back of the net with all three losses coming by shutout. The latest two losses were no different as West Haven dropped a 5-0 decision at Branford, and followed with a 2-0 home loss against Hand on Tuesday evening at Ken Strong Stadium.

Goalkeeper Cassidy Carrano was a bright spot in both losses as the senior made nine saves in the loss to Branford and added 12 more, some in spectacular fashion, against Hand.

West Haven team moved to 2-3-1 with a tie against Amity and a victory over Shelton. Carrano stood out in each contest, combining for 18 saves.

The Westies played to a 1-1 draw against Amity. Senior Abigail Phelan scored 26 minutes into the contest off an assist from Ariana Izzo on a corner kick.

That was all the scoring in the game for the Westies, but Carrano made sure West Haven left with at least a tie, making 11 saves.

West Haven picked up its second victory with a 1-0 road victory over Shelton.

After a scoreless first half, the Westies got the only goal they needed when senior Julia Tsakonas scored at the 60-minute mark.

The West Haven defense and Carrano made the lead hold up as Carrano made seven saves in the shutout victory. The shutout was the second of the year for the senior goalkeeper.

West Haven won its second straight contest with a 6-4 victory over Hamden Tuesday evening. With the win, West Haven improved to 3-3-1 on the year.

The Westies, who played with a new formation, were led by sophomore Jaylyn Pow-
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