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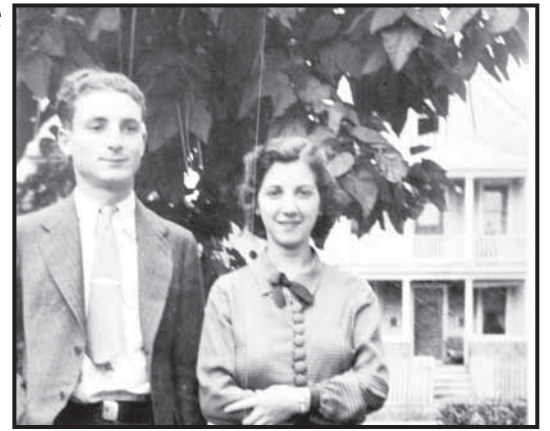
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City ushers in holiday season

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Santa and Mrs. Claus accompanied Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and a trio of special guests to light the Christmas tree on the Green at the city's annual holiday kickoff Nov. 26.

After arriving in the West Haven Fire Department's 1935 Mack pump firetruck, Santa and Mrs. Claus were escorted to a portable stage on the Main Street side of the Green by the West Haven Seahawks cheer-leading team to the sound of applause and shouts of glee from several hundred merry-makers.

Before the lighting, radio personality Brian Smith, the master of ceremonies, thanked and praised the guest trio — a Notre Dame High School executive, a University of New Haven staff member and a UNH senior political science major — as the all-ages crowd clapped and cheered.

Rossi then wished people a merry Christmas and helped Smith lead them in a countdown to set the tree — and the Green — aglow.

The guests recognized on-stage were longtime city resident and Notre Dame Executive Vice President Kathy Wielk and UNH Assistant Director of Residential Life Kaitlyn Burras and Undergraduate Student Government Association President Saniyah Brinney.

The four-hour festival opened with the national anthem sung by Donna Travis and followed with performances by the West Haven High School dance team and Top Hat Dance Academy, the latter directed by Sharon Min

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Photo by Michael Walsh

West Haven Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, right, leads Santa and Mrs. Claus in a countdown to light the Christmas tree on the Green as Rossi's special guests prepare to flip an electric switch at the city's annual holiday kickoff Nov. 26. The guests are, from left, Kaitlyn Burras, the University of New Haven's assistant director of residential life; UNH senior Saniyah Brinney, the president of the Undergraduate Student Government Association; and West Haven resident Kathy Wielk, Notre Dame High School's executive vice president.



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With the flip of the switch, the Green is transformed into a holiday wonderland.

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The artist known as Camila a student in the after-school program at the West Haven Community House is enjoying the warmer temperatures to fly kites, knowing it will get cold.

On this Date

1991 -- Belavezha Accords signed.

The Belavezha Accords, that disbanded the USSR and replaced it with Commonwealth of Independent States was signed.

1991 -- Romanian Constitution comes into force. Passed through a referendum, the Constitution marked a return to democracy for Romania after 42 years of Communist rule.

1991 -- Creation of Commonwealth of Independent States.

The international organization was formed by Belarus, Ukraine, and the Russian Federation as a political forum for members of the former Soviet Union.

1987 -- First Intifada begins. The Palestinian uprising against the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian Territories began after an Israeli army truck attacked a car and killed 4 Palestinians.

The Intifada ended in 1991 after the Madrid Conference.

1941 -- U.S. enters WWII. One day after the Japanese Imperial Navy launched an attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States declared war on Japan and entered World War II.



Photo by Lenny Ialiggio

Hockey team collects food

University of New Haven men's ice hockey coach Devin Bertrand delivers eight bags of food items to West Haven Youth and Family Services Director Diane Dietman in the first-floor hallway of City Hall on Nov. 22. The UNH hockey team collected the nonperishable items from players, coaches, staff members and fans during its annual food drive at West Haven's Bennett Rink on Nov. 19. Dietman said the food will benefit families of the West Haven Interagency Network for Children.

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Tree initiative

West Haven Tree Warden Leo Kelly gives a brief presentation on the city's budding tree planting initiative at the Connecticut Urban Forest Council's annual conference at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington on Oct. 26. Kelly discussed the city's use of a \$10,000 grant from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to plant trees along Kelsey Avenue. The project aims to create a greenway covering sidewalks from the West Haven train station to Savin Rock Beach.



Merry Christmas, neighbors.



I wish all my neighbors peace, joy and love this Christmas season and beyond. I'm blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.

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Dear Felicia

Well honeybunch, here we are in December. The tree lighting took place, people are decorating their homes, plans are being made for the Jolly Ole Elf when he comes visiting, and the nip in the air is getting a bite to it. It must be nearing Christmas time, and the end of the year. Of course, it's been Christmastime in stores since Nov. 1, when the Halloween stuff came down and the decorations went up. And, the boob tube is just chock full of ads for this or that gadget that one hopes to have in his Christmas stocking. Those started early, but yew didn't notice them cuz of all the campaign commercials that were every six seconds.

Tennyrate, things went well with the tree lighting on the Green, a lotta people showed up, and it was just another example of things really getting back to normal. It was nice to see.

Speaking of elections, it seems the "irregularities" of the 2021 election are still to be hashed out. One would have thought when the State Supreme Court made its ruling in the fall, things would be put to rest, but that ain't the way things happen. The appellate process was almost set up to come out the way it did cuz o' the way the trial judge ruled. We said that at the time.

Sammy Bluejay remembered a conversation we had in Cobina's kitchen wherein I said the judge was finding just enuff stuff to be a problem, but not enuff to overturn the election. Courts don't do that. Problems were found, laws were violated, but there was never, ever gonna be an overturn. Yew could've been the mortgage on that one.

Sammy was in t'other day and mentioned the conversation. He mentioned it cuz of the missive writ by Lee Tier-

nan based on a commint Cobina made in a recent letter to you, in which he took exception. OK. Fair enough. But that meant somebody was gonna reply. And...that's what happened.

I'll jest end this topic with this observation. Back in 2000 because of "hanging chads" and Demmies protesting election results and calling them "rigged" we had to go to new systems, computerized systems. I ain't no expert, but it seems there are jest as many if not more problems with the machines know as when we had levers. And, thee fack that these things can be linked to the Internet - and they can - jest gives one pause that games can be played. So, have we really progressed? Find a system, and someone will find a way to pervert it. It's human nature.

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With the coming of the New Year, the attention in the burg will be about the coming mayoral election next fall. Well, candidates are already lining up Cobina has been told.

The Wag was in t'other day and sez that people are beginning to set up the possibility of a run, and announcements, usually made halfway through the year, might be made early to git a jump on things.

Whether heronner is gonna

seek another term is still a big question mark. The scuttlebutt around the Actors Colony is all over the place. Some are saying she will and some are saying she is gonna retire.

Until we know for sure, the politicians and those who folly politics are trying to read the tea leaves and see what chaos will result. Yew know for sure effen heronner decides not to seek a fourth term, all Hell will break loose in the political sphere for those who want the job - though, for the life o' me I can't understand why?

Some are seeing the moves by certain members of the state delegation as a sign that announcements will be made, and names have been floated around in both parties. Meanwhile, on the GOP side, one has to wonder how Barry Cohen can't be the nominee since he came soooo close the last time. But, as fragmented as we have seen the Demmies over the decades, the GOP is in the same boat. They jest can't seem to get behind anybody as a unit. Demmies will fight and then back the nominee. Republicans, who think they are principled, though it's not that high-minded, usually just pick up their ball and go home. It'll be an interesting few months, that's for sure.

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Iva Lootey was in t'other day and sez that he's been following the trial of John Trasacco in the Elm City, and former golden boy Mike DiMassa is casting beads all over the place whilst on the stand. No one knows what happened when he pled guilty to his charges and turned state's evidence, but he is squawking like a magpie and leaving few names unmentioned.

Iva said that the testimony so far has had everything: intrigue, sex, betrayal, double-dealing. Iva said, "Someone should get the movie rights to this."

Cobina mentioned that effen that was the case and it was made into a movie, the rumored movie studio that wants to purchase the former Haven property on lower Elm Street might be the place to film it.

Tennyrate, DiMassa is using this opportunity to tell all about the workings - or supposed workings - of the city in its various capacities. It's quite something, and is jest another baring of our dirty laundry to the craven public.

His testimony was preceded by Frank Cieplinski, the former CFO of the city, who said the toxic political situation in town was something that he had to contend with while at his job. No surprise there.

The Actors Colony has been a whited sepulcher since it opened. And before that the former Town Hall was a pretty

building where a lotta funny stuff happened.

Dirty politics ain't a new sport in this town. It's been writ about and to many it's been celebrated. Will this trial expose everything?

Probably not. Even if all the dirt comes out, it'll be amazing effen the public really takes notice.

While Iva is devouring the details, we're pretty sure, John and Jane Q are too busy trying to figger out how to fill the gas tank and feed the kids to be worried about deals made in City Hall.

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Nelly Nuthatch told Cobina that she's seen the renderings of the new project that supposed to replace the former Chick's Restaurant on Beach Street. She sez it's perty upscale and should be an interesting addition to that neighborhood. The condos that are planned with a restaurant on the site are gonna be going for some large kopecks.

That means the project is gonna really put Beach Street in the high-rent districk. With the three constructions that have been completed in the last 20 years or so, the prices have been more than the average West Haven worker can afford. That means the developers are tryin' to bring in a more gentrified clientele!

Of course, the big hurdle right now is the raising of the roadbed on Beach Street, that is planned for the spring. We're hearing April, but who knows.

Remember, the roadbed is gonna have the same treatment as what is near the Water Pollution Control site. That was done two years ago.

Until that is finalized all the renderings in the world are just that. This town ain't exactly known for being efficient or timely when it comes to projects and developers. "User-friendly" ain't words that are usually used to describe our various functions and functionaries. Maybe it will change this time, but we ain't ones to hold our collective breath.

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I know we mentioned it in the last missive, but it bears repeatin'. The Enterprise Zone that was established two years ago this month is no more near seeing a tenant now than it was two years ago.

All the hoopla and ballyhoo was jest another example of how we have press conferences and big celebrations only to see the confetti swept away and the project forgot about.

It's amazing how this happens constantly, and we all fall for it. Effen things don't happen for another two years, no one should be surprised.

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

Cobina

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Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Would you please look into the gauntlet at Gilbert Street? Everyday , people constantly run the light here as well as Font Street.

PH Observer

Dear Observer:

I wrote to Councilman Peter Massaro seeking a solution to your complaint as this area is in Councilman Massaro's district.

According to Councilman Massaro, "This is a police matter, not a councilperson. I spoke to the police chief; he doesn't have enough cars just to park at that intersection. He told me he will do the best he can on this issue."

Well, readers, I am sure, my readers appreciate the efforts

councilpersons make to relieve such problems that taxpayers endure throughout the city. From my many years of experience I have found most councilpersons make a sincere effort to be of assistance, although I have discovered it sometimes takes two or three requests to get their attention.

According to a little research, "The role of a council member is to provide leadership and added guidance to the community. To be effective council members need to understand the views of the people."

A special thank you to the councilpersons of West Haven who have taken the time to respond to my readers' complaints and in many cases



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

have helped solved their problems within the city.

This particular hazardous

traffic problem has been called to the attention of West Haven's Police Chief who has promised to oversee this situation when ever possible This is a dangerous area . Let's not wait until we hear the crash of metal and glass to do something about it.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Well, here are (two)of them from Stevens Street, all filled with discarded junk. Can the City of West Haven post a sign, clean it up and make many of us proud to live here?

We Taxpayers Care

Dear Care:

These photos you submitted describing dumping on Stevens Avenue, are evidence of selfish, non caring people. City of West Haven, clean this up and post signs prohibiting dumping including a fine.

You can send your gripes, comments and issues to gripevine4wh@aol.com or mail them to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice, 840 Boston Post Road 06516 Please include your name, address and phone number kept in strict confidence with me.



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'Neighbor helping neighbor'

West Haven is known for many things, and some of them we are sorry to say, are not the most edifying. Too often, in fact, the negatives of the community seem to be the only things heard about us: our corrupt political environment; poverty, our unkempt neighborhoods. These are the things that many in the region think about when they think of our city.

There is one aspect of life here, however, that does bring well-deserved attention: the way West Haveners take care of their own. Whether it be a benefit outing to aid someone in need, or collection for this or that specific charity to help a fellow resident, West Haveners are known for their generosity. We once heard someone marvel at the turnout at a benefit outing helping a local resident. "You West Haven people really care about each other," one person was heard to say. It is true.

As we head into the annual holiday season, many of us are bombarded with requests for contributions or donations of some sort. Glossy brochures and well-written subscription letters are produced all asking if you would help people in need. All are worthy. All need your help. We, however, believe the adage "Charity begins at home," is most appropriate at this festive time. And we say this with no prejudice again any organization seeking funds.

Collections for the needy are especially important at the holidays, and, while the city maintains ways of helping during the year, it is at this time that (to quote Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*), "It is a time, of all others, when Want is keenly felt, and Abundance rejoices."

One agency that has been at the forefront of helping those in need is the West Heaven Emergency Assistance Taskforce, known by the acronym, WHEAT. The brainchild of the West Haven Clergy Association four decades ago, WHEAT has been there when families and individuals need assistance, whether it be with food, or with some other type of assistance, WHEAT has been there for thousands. Now an independent agency, the people running it have worked tirelessly with volunteers fill every need.

Upon its inception the collection of foodstuffs became a traditional part of the community's fabric almost immediately, and it has continued ever since. This publication has printed stories, pictures, and reminders about collections for WHEAT through its existence, and our staff, working for previous publications are aware of the work it does.

In the past weeks more photos and reminders have come through. We know the people of the community will be generous and help. "Neighbor helping Neighbor" is the philosophy of WHEAT. We urge our readers to do what they can, contribute what they can in food or dollars to help their neighbors.

Finally, we congratulate Rose Majestic for her 17-year stint as executive director of the agency and wish he well in her retirement. Rose has guided WHEAT with a steady hand and has been its "face" to the community. She has worked hard and has brought WHEAT through some difficult times. We thank her for her work.

We see that Michael Savenelli is taking up the mantle of the organization. We wish him well in his new endeavors and know that he will continue the good work begun so many decades ago.

Those looking to help may contribute to WHEAT by mailing a contribution or going to Givegreater.org and type in WHEAT. You may call them at (203) 934-9877.



McCarthy has a hard task

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

Kevin McCarthy may now have the hardest job in Washington.

Assuming that he becomes speaker of the House, which will require the near-unanimous support of his caucus and isn't necessarily a foregone conclusion, he's signing up for the most miserable experience of any congressional leader since John Boehner barely controlled a Republican House majority in the Obama years.

Boehner presided over a caucus infused with new tea party members who expected to do great things, when the leverage a congressional majority has over a president of the opposite party is inherently limited.

The mismatch between their hopes and their power led to continual frustration, which was taken out on Boehner. By the time he resigned, the Ohio Republican could be forgiven for wondering if his dog was going to turn against him.

Now, House Republicans will have a microscopic majority in a Washington still arrayed against them. It will be hard enough to pass anything consequential or controversial out of the House before it runs into a brick wall in the Democratic-controlled Senate. House Republicans presumably won't be able to get their handiwork within hailing dis-

tance of President Joe Biden's veto pen.

In light of this, the first priority for House Republicans should be tempering expectations. Their most important achievement has already occurred -- namely ensuring that Nancy Pelosi will no longer be speaker with all that that entails for Biden's agenda.

Making the most of their opportunity otherwise will require some realism, subtlety and creativity.

Deadline-driven fights loom over the debt limit and budget next year. Republicans will want to extract their pound of flesh but shouldn't overestimate their influence. They aren't going to reform entitlements or put the U.S. on a fundamentally different fiscal path in a dramatic, down-to-the wire confrontation over the debt limit or a possible government shutdown. Usually, the aggressors in such fights lose, and it'll be hard to maintain GOP unity with more cautious Republican senators hesitant to go down this path.

Republicans would be well-served to choose a few plausible policy objectives at the outset of these fights -- say, revoking the new Biden IRS agents -- rather than coming up with large, superficially attractive demands that inevitably have to be abandoned.

Then, there are the investigations. Here, Republicans

don't have to worry about the balancing act involved in getting to 2018 votes. The House Oversight Committee can simply get busy. There are still pitfalls to avoid, though.

The Hunter Biden investigation obviously needs to focus on the public corruption and the question of the president's involvement more than Hunter's lurid personal life. Republicans should steer clear of any counterprogramming on January 6, especially given what the midterms showed about the political costs of any association with "Stop the Steal." And impeaching Biden without even a majority in the Senate would be an exercise in futility.

Otherwise, the field is wide open for probes that could be substantively important and politically useful, whether on the origins of COVID-19, how the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other government entities responded to the pandemic, the Afghan withdrawal, and government pressure on social media companies.

Finally, House Republicans should pass legislation, not in the hopes of getting any of it signed, but to show that the party has a solution-oriented agenda. This was an element of the party's message that was woefully lacking in the run-up to the midterms. They should pass bills to address in-

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Letters, we get letters!

Remembers things a bit differently

In a Letter to the Editor in the last edition of the West Haven Voice, West Haven Corporation Counsel Lee Tiernan took umbrage with statements made by the plaintiff in the Cohen vs. Rossi, et al, lawsuit, attacking the plaintiff Mr. Cohen with false and ridiculous accusations. Attorney Tiernan stated that Mr. Cohen wanted to reveal how people voted. That statement was not only ludicrous, but as a commissioner of the court, he should know better.

In the 2021 West Haven Mayoral Election, the lead went to Mr. Cohen over Mayor Rossi for voters who cast their votes at the polling places without one dispute.

Once the machine voters were tallied, the results revealed that Barry Lee Cohen led Nancy Rossi at this juncture in the process.

It was not until the absentee ballots were counted that not only did the Cohen campaign recognize the flawed process, but eventually so did the Superior Court and the Supreme Court.

The court determined that absentee ballots were missing and West Haven election

officials violated two-thirds of the laws relating to the absentee ballot process, which included over forty violations of twenty state statutes. So, while voters stood in line and cast votes without any issues, the election officials at city hall violated the law, didn't keep accurate records on the number of ballots returned and had total disregard for their election statutory duties.

Both courts expressed a concerning lack of overall compliance with statutory guidelines by West Haven election officials.

There are some individuals in West Haven, who are elected, appointed (as Attorney Tiernan) and the so-called "politicos", who took issue with Mr. Cohen's lawsuit.

As a former town chairman and candidate for office, I recognized for quite some time that there were issues with absentee ballots in West Haven that are not anecdotal, but real time problems.

However, there were not enough resources, either physically or financially to investigate these issues further, considering that not one Republican candidate for mayor in 30 years came as close as Mr. Cohen to being elected mayor.

Nothing the Republican party could have done before the 2021 election would have made a difference in the results.

And let's not forget the active four lawsuits throughout the State of Connecticut regarding absentee ballot malfeasance as well as the latest conviction of Stamford operatives who cheated using absentee ballots. This form of voting has been proven time and again to be subject to abuse.

It is a candidate's right to challenge results when they are questionable due to the sloppiness of election officials and interference by campaign operatives.

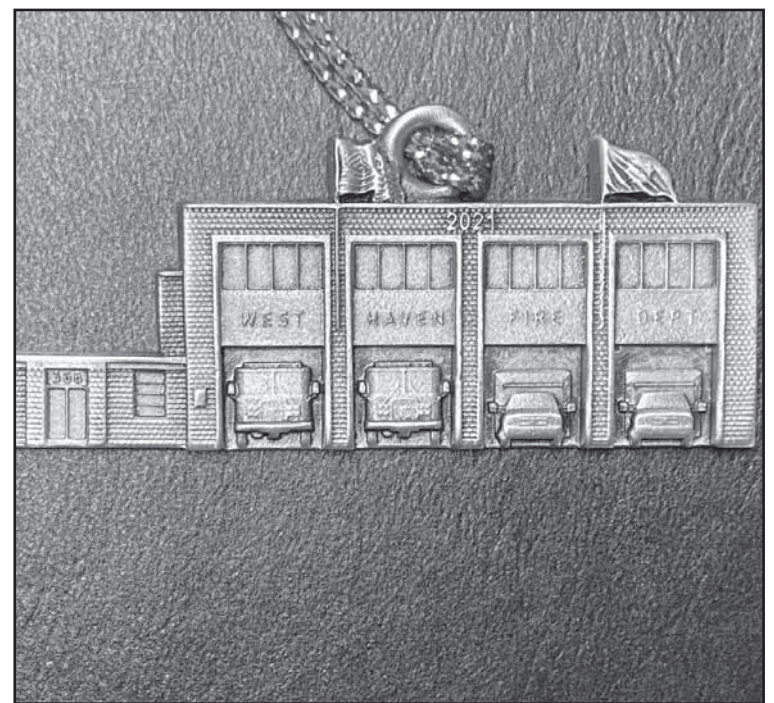
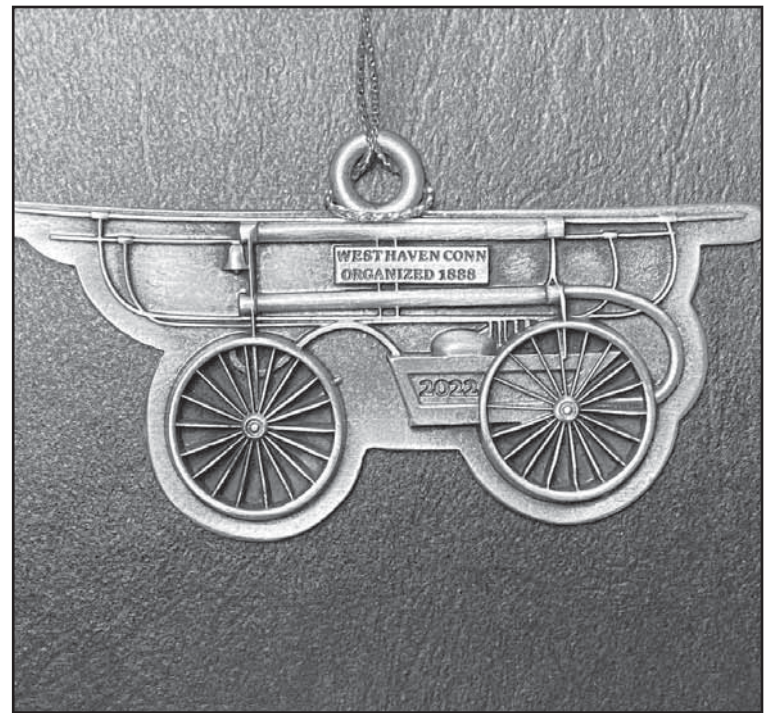
It is also a municipalities corporation counsel's duty to uphold the law. And because of Mr. Cohen's lawsuit, West Haven citizens were made aware (if not confirmed) of what happened in the 2021 election.

Let's hope that the action taken by Mr. Cohen sets the tone for honest and future elections ensuring that what happened in 2021, doesn't happen again.

We are a land of law. The voters deserve better.

Michele Gregorio

Ed. Note: Michele Gregorio is a former Republican Town Chairman and mayoral nominee.



Submitted Photos

WHFD Ornaments on sale

The WHFD Historical Library presents its 2022 Pewter Christmas Ornament featuring the 1889 Button Crane Neck Hand Pumper. This is the fourth ornament in the series. The cost of this year's ornament is \$20. The department still has a limited amount of our 2021 ornaments for sale as well. The 2021 ornament featured Elm Street Headquarters. The cost to purchase the 2021 ornament is only \$10 with the purchase of the 2022 ornament (while supplies last). To order your ornaments please contact Lt. William Heffernan at our email: whf-dhistory@gmail.com.

Obituaries

Edward Wendland

Edward H. Wendland, age 83, of West Haven entered into rest on Sunday, November 27, 2022 after a long illness at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He was the devoted husband of Lucy (Gaudio) Wendland for over 61 years. Ed was born on August 18, 1939 in New Haven, son of the late Edward and Doris (Haines) Wendland, and was a lifelong West Haven resident.

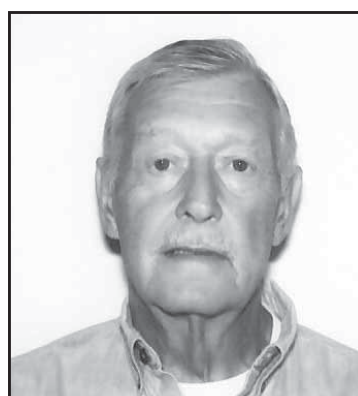
Ed attended local schools in West Haven and met the love of his life, Lucy, shortly before high school graduation. Less than five years later, they were married and they began their family. Ed worked for Western Electric and AT&T until his retirement in 1993. He was an avid sportsman, enjoying hunting and fishing and was

a member of the Woodbridge Sportsman Club of North Guilford. He and Lucy traveled during his retirement to many places, Alaska, Panama and Italy to name a few. When he was home, Ed loved spending time in his garden, tending to his vegetables.

Ed is the beloved father of Edward M. Wendland and his wife, Paula of Indian Land, SC; and Karen Wendland of West Haven. He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren Edward R. Wendland of Syracuse, NY and Eric Wendland of St. George, UT; his loving sisters, Gayle Pannone and her husband, Frank; and Janice Melin all of West Haven; his sister-in-law, Suzanne Improta and her husband, Victor of West Haven; sister-in-law, Mary Ann Bennett, and her

husband, Peter of Wallingford; brother-in-law, John Gaudio and his wife, Donna of Wolcott; and several nieces and nephews. Ed was predeceased by his brother Kenneth Wendland and his brother-in-law, William Melin.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 10:30AM at St. Anthony Church, 70 Washington Avenue, New Haven, CT 06519. Burial will be private and at the convenience of his family. Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105-3678. The Alderson-Ford Funeral Home of Cheshire has been entrusted with his care. To leave online condolences for his family or to share a story of Ed, please visit www.ford-fh.com



Lowry: McCarthy's task

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flation, support families, control the border, move toward a more merit-based legal immigration system, push back against the "woke" education bureaucracy, reduce college costs, and point in a more sensible direction on crime.

The party should demonstrate that it's pro-family and pro-law and order, while trying to sell itself to the middle again as serious and competent.

This will be no small task with a very narrow, fractious majority, but no one said Kevin McCarthy's job would be easy.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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UNH police officer sworn in

New University of New Haven police Officer Arthur Shannonhouse is sworn in by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi at City Hall on Nov. 29. Shannonhouse recently retired from the Western Connecticut State University Police Department after a 22-year career. UNH Police Chief Adam Brown attended the ceremony.

Borer named House's new Deputy Speaker

State Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115) has been named Deputy Speaker of House of Representatives, which makes her one of the top leaders in the chamber.

"Dorinda's leadership, talent, experience and commitment make her the ideal choice to be one of the top leaders in the House Chamber," said Speaker of the House Matt Ritter.

"In just a few short years, Dorinda has proven to be an instrumental and reliable leader that can work across the aisle and deliver results."

When the Speaker of the House is absent from the chamber, the Deputy Speaker presides over the House of Representatives.

"I'm both grateful and humbled that Speaker Ritter has put his faith in me. Serving in an executive leadership role is an honor," Rep. Borer said. "I am looking forward to upholding this great commitment and to working closely with Speaker Ritter to support his efforts in shaping the legislative agenda for 2023."

In her most recent leadership role as House Chair of the Bonding Subcommittee, Borer spearheaded a \$2 billion bipartisan bond bill and worked with legislators to authorize more than \$160 million in investments in cities and towns across Connecticut.

Since winning a special election in 2017, Borer has an impressive list of leadership accomplishments, which include stints as Chair of the Veterans' Affairs and Environment Committees.

City accepting applications for CDA grants

The West Haven Community Development Administration is accepting applications for federal Community Development Block Grant funding for program year 49.

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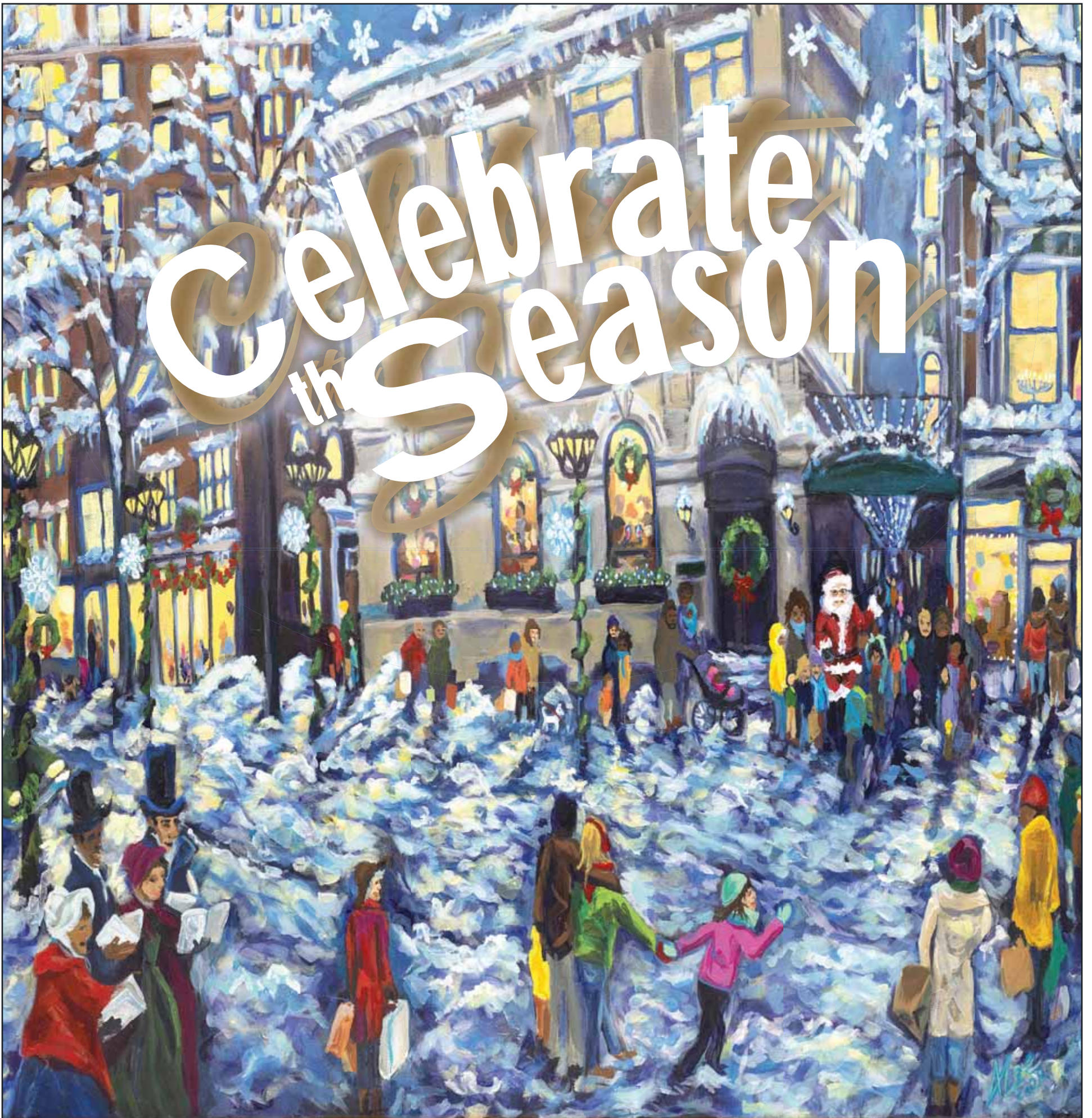
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Service trip to Peru

Dina Tunon from West Haven, a communication disorders student from Southern Connecticut State University, traveled to Peru for a service-learning experience sponsored by the College of Health and Human Services. Tunon participated in experiential learning in areas such as global health, providing care to underserved populations, and learning about different healthcare systems within the United States and abroad. Students from Southern's College of Health and Human Services travel each year to provide healthcare to those who otherwise wouldn't have access.

New 'Food Council' to tackle hunger, coordinate efforts

A partnership of key local organizations and partners convened at the West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center for a meeting to learn about their respective efforts surrounding food insecurity and how to better coordinate and ensure city residents are aware and receive available resources.

Headed up by Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115), the group will seek strategies to help those in need.

West Haven ranks in the top 10 listing of communities with high food insecurity at 11.6%, according to [Connecticut FoodShare](#) and ranks fourth of 169 cities and towns in its ability to address food insecurity.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for West Haven stakeholders to get together and work toward the common goal of addressing food insecurity in our city," Borer said. «We have so many organizations and volunteers that work hard every day to address the needs of our residents, but there is an opportunity to streamline and collaborate as it's critical to get our arms around what everyone is doing, and to help communicate all resource options to our residents»

West Haven resident Roland Depew, who has been working on food insecurity relief through Project Hope and suggested the group meet.

"I've been working with the food insecure for the past 12 years since moving back to West Haven," he said. "The need continues to grow, and our strength is in those who want to make a difference. We lose a big opportunity by not forming our local team to meet this challenge."

The organizations and partners that were part of the kick-off meeting included: City of West Haven, First Congregational Church of West Haven, Food In Service to the Homebound of Greater New Haven, Gateway Christian Fellowship, Church of the Holy Spirit, Haven's Harvest, LifeBridge Community Services, Purple Pantry Boxes, Rotary Club of West Haven Foundation, Vertical Church, West Haven Child Development Center, West Haven Community House. West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce (WHEAT), West Haven Public Schools, and Westies Care.

One of the first action steps on the heels of the meeting involved necessary funding. Members Alan Olenick, Director of Development for West Haven Community House, and WHEAT Executive Director Michael Savenelli are working on a \$10,000 grant application for the Food System Capacity Building Grant. The funds would be used to organize and promote a new West Haven Food Policy Council.

A local food policy council would help to bring organizations together to develop better, implement and coordinate the food system policies, and to ensure residents are aware of resources available.

Savenelli saw it as a step toward coordination of effort.

"A local food policy council is an important step in West Haven expanding and optimizing its services to meet better the complex needs of its residents experiencing food insecurity. For almost 50 years," he said. "WHEAT has been at the heart of the fight against food insecurity in the region, providing emergency food and support services to those who need them, but the most effective way to address large-scale societal problems is to have a robust network of providers, lawmakers, and stakeholders working in concert with one another."

Olenick said the makeup of the group portends a successful effort.

"By their very nature, food policy councils are made up of dedicated people from the nonprofit, public and government sectors. Each group brings different talents and knowledge to the table. A key goal for a West Haven Food Policy Council would be to examine our local food system and to provide recommendations and guidance for improvement," he said.

"With everything our West Haven has to offer, no one should be left hungry. We just need to tweak the system to better align resources with needs. I'm confident that this new council will very soon serve as a model for other cities," said Borer.

Holiday Pop-up Shop at Savin Rock Surf

Holiday Pop Up Shop in West Haven, at the Savin Rock Surf Shop at 269 Captain Thomas Blvd. Two weekends Dec. 10-11, and 17-18. 10-3.

The public is for the 2nd annual Holiday Pop Up Shop! Come shop with 6 local vendors and makers with handcrafted gifts and items for sale.

Chapter seeks new members

The National Federation for the Blind Southern Ct. Chapter meets in Milford at the Fowler Building, 45 New Haven Ave., the second Saturday of the month from noon - 2. It is welcoming new members. For more information or interest, please contact: Leonard Schlenk at (203) 394-1891, or Veronica Alston at (203) 747-0179.

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Holidays

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nix. It featured performances by the Indonesian Angklung Community led by Dabar Ratupenu. More than a dozen members of the musical group each played part of a holiday classic on an angklung, an Indonesian instrument made of a varying number of bamboo tubes attached to a bamboo frame, with each musician playing a single note.

The annual event was presented by the city, ArtsWest CT, the First Congregational Church and West Haven United, an organization aimed at bringing the city's volunteer groups together.

DJ Sonya played holiday-themed music while costumed Christmas characters and Victorian-clad carolers entertained families around the downtown park.

The Yuletide festivities included an inflatable Santa's village and craft stations on the 5-acre Green, where children decorated wooden ornaments, wrote letters to Santa, and made cards for U.S. troops overseas and those at the West Haven VA Medical Center.

The Christmas tree and a smaller evergreen tree were adorned with fluorescent-colored lights and ornaments made by the Bailey Middle School Interact Club and the UNH Rotaract Club. The trees were decorated by the Bailey and West Haven High interact clubs.

Garland adorned with white lights decorated The John C. Ireland Bandstand, and Victorian lampposts bedecked with angels blowing on trumpets illuminated the walkways.

The decorated park also included inflatable attractions that youngsters went in and had pictures taken.

Before their long sleigh ride back to the North Pole, Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted children and posed for snapshots.

Just steps from Santa's workshop, boys and girls dropped off wish lists at St. Nick's official U.S. Postal Service mailbox.

West Haven United held a paper chain contest and awarded prizes. Shoreline Wellness Center gave out informational materials.

Along with hayrides, kids rode in a vintage West Shore firetruck provided by Baybrook Remodelers Inc.

People brought nonperishable items for the West Haven Emergency Assistance Task Force, which provides food for residents in need.

Volunteers from First Church sold chicken tenders, french fries, hot dogs, coffee and cookies, and volunteers from West Haven United sold hot chocolate, water and pre-packaged snacks.



Photos by Ryan and Michael P. Walsh
 Top -- the glowing Christmas trees on the Green. Left -- Logan McCauley, 7, of Milford, is all smiles with Santa and Mrs. Claus in their workshop on the Green. Below -- Amelia Gomez, 6, of West Haven, gets a snowflake painted on her face by Laura Feist-Roche, the owner of Happy Daze Costumes of West Haven.



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Castro Oasis opens

West Haven Mayor Nancy R. Rossi cuts the ribbon with brothers Jonnathan Castro, left, and Luis Castro, the owners of Castro Oasis, to celebrate the high-end car wash's grand opening at 80 Prindle Road on Oct. 31. Marking the event are, from left, Councilwoman Colleen O'Connor (R-at large), Louis P. Esposito, Jr., Rossi's executive assistant, and Councilman Gary Donovan (D-at large).



Yale Shops host toy drive, ice sculpture

The Shops at Yale are hosting the Toy & Coat Drive with United Way of Greater New Haven and Holiday Jazz Jam on Saturday, Dec. 10 and the sixth annual Ice Carving Competition & A Cappella Concert on Sunday, Dec. 11, both taking place on Broadway Island in downtown New Haven from noon-4.

New this year, The Shops at Yale has partnered with United Way of Greater New Haven to host a Toy & Coat Drive and Holiday Jazz Jam on Saturday from 12-4 on Broadway Island, 56 Broadway. Donations of new toys for ages 0-3 and new coats for all ages are requested and will benefit people in the local community who are in need this holiday season. Patrons will be treated to seasonal jazz music from the New Haven Underground Jazz Band as well as magician Amazing Andy. Those who cannot attend the event are asked to please consider dropping off new and unwrapped toys to donation boxes located at Union League Café, dwell New Haven, L.L.Bean, Barnes & Noble/The Yale Bookstore, Katahdin Furniture, Walker-Loden, and the Yale University Police Department. Boxes will be left at these locations through December 11.

A local holiday favorite, the annual Ice Carving Competition & A Cappella Concert returns to Broadway Island on Sunday from noon-4. Spectators can watch as six professional ice carvers from all over New England transform 900 pounds of ice into holiday-themed sculptures right before their eyes while enjoying exclusive performances by world-renowned Yale a cappella groups, including The Whiffenpoofs.



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City 'Rocks' WHEAT

Barry Lee Cohen (left) is joined by Jon Atherton and Chris Jamikowski (far right) of Yale West Campus in presenting Rose Majestic, Executive Director of the West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce (WHEAT) \$3,350 in donations along with over 1000 pounds of non-perishable food items collected during the third annual West Haven ROCKS! WHEAT drive that was held on Nov. 12. This year's drive showcased the generosity of West Haven residents, local organizations, and the business community including Off-Shore Restaurant, West Haven Police Union Local 895, Apple Oil, Star Distributors, Levey Miller Maretz, Casa Bianca Pizza, Ricardo Torres, Jr. Memorial Fund, and Soli's Garage.

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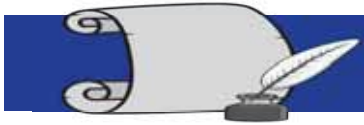
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

Loretta's Christmas Memory, 1929

(As submitted by Valerie Forte Vitali)

In her years as Librarian in WH, Loretta BonTempo Forte had a knack for selecting books that suited the avid readers who patronized the library. Her love of reading from the time she was a child guided her choices for both adults and children. Books that she enjoyed as a child were sentimental and involved family life during times of hardship, and Loretta often noted that, frequently, the stories started with the death of a mother. Loretta wistfully joked that she herself had lived the riches to rags to riches story of *The Little Princess!*

And no better way did she document that personal story than by telling a Christmas story about being orphaned during the Great Depression and finding herself, in 1929, in a cold apartment in Allingtown with nothing to celebrate the holidays other than a string of lights and a box of ornaments.

Loretta's mother, Josephine BonTempo, had died in February, 1928, in the hospital in New Haven of complications of diabetes, and the following summer, her husband and the father of their eight children, Nicholas, left his job and young family and went to Italy.

He had returned at the end of the summer with a young and very Italian bride (Josephine was raised in the US from infancy, had American ways and American friends). Loretta was 15, and her 6 siblings who still resided in the family home on Derby Avenue ranged in age from early 20s to age 13.

On the anniversary of their late mother's birthday, Dec 13, there was a huge argument between father and sons, and the children all left, with a few belongings, Loretta carrying the pet canary in its cage.

The younger children went to a cousin's house while the older brothers stayed with friends, and the family, split apart, spent a miserable holiday.

During the next year the older brothers secured custody of their minor siblings and found a flat in Allingtown, moving into a neighborhood of mostly Italian American immigrant families, who were hard working, but it was 1929, not a good time for anyone.

As soon as the neighbors heard, however, that a family of young people without parents had moved in, they began to gather what they could spare.

Some brought coats to be

used as blankets, the brothers bought a wood stove and acquired bed frames while the neighbors brought bundles of wood and some food. Recalling those hard times, Loretta used to say that she would never want others to know how it was to go to bed hungry.

Loretta had one dress to wear to school that year, until WHHS Principal Seth Haley called her in to his office and asked her how she managed with only one dress, since the female teachers had described the situation to him.

Loretta said that she washed it carefully every week-end. He then handed her an envelope, in it was some money, "our faculty wanted you to have another dress". Later that year, she won a gold piece as a prize for an essay she had written.

Everyone said it was something to be kept. She quickly spent the gold piece on another durable dress. (to be continued)

By Christmas, 1929, the BonTempo children were living together in the second floor flat on Orlando Street in a house owned by Mrs. Campaniolo. One day in December, returning home from WHHS, Loretta and her younger brother, Peter, found that someone had left a cut Christmas tree for them.

They dragged it upstairs and secured it in the stand they had recently gotten, along with some ornaments, from their former home, which was on the market, their father intended to go back to Italy to live. Then Loretta announced that they were going to decorate the tree to surprise their siblings who would be returning that evening from their jobs in New Haven. Peter adamantly rejected that suggestion.

He insisted that the family tradition was to decorate the tree on Christmas Eve. Loretta told him that that was a ridiculous plan, and since there would be no gifts under the tree, they might as well enjoy the decorated tree before the actual holiday. Peter said, "NO", and ran from the room dragging the box of ornaments, trailing ribbons of tinsel garland.

Loretta ran after him and grabbed the box. He grabbed it back and then she grabbed him and they rolled around and fell into the tree, knocking it over. There was a huge crash, and then they stopped, when from the back hallway they heard Mrs. Campaniolo yelling, "Hey, what is going on up there!!!!!!?"

Together Peter and Loretta ran to the door, and with enor-



Loretta with husband Al Forte

mous nerve, shouted back at her, "MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!". And it was then, THEN that they realized that the kind but skeptical woman (who had reluctantly rented the flat to a bunch of kids) could evict them, or at least tell their older brothers how rude they had been to her. Loretta began to cry with shame. She thought that she would be the cause of their second Christmas without a home of their own...She and Peter were sullen and silent when they heard their family members coming up the stairs.

They listened for the landlady's door opening. They were sure that they had embarrassed their family and would cause them to be evicted. But, as far as they ever knew, the landlady never spoke a word about the event.

Sometime later that week the tree did get decorated. A stranger delivered a turkey, sent "from a friend", which Loretta reluctantly accepted, embarrassed by their plight. Word came that it was from May Carrigan, and they did enjoy it.

The neighbors continued to send what they could spare, and the economy finally began to create better jobs...living on Orlando Street helped the BonTempos forge lifelong friendships with the neighbor-

ing children.

And when their father left for Italy, he let them take some furniture from his house and some books as well.

The boy who lived next door in their new neighborhood, who loved to read, was eager to borrow books, befriending the brothers whom he knew from ice skating at the Lagoon, all the while grinning



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helplessly love struck at Loretta...whom he would marry in 1940.

Times would quickly change.

The industrious BonTempo children would work to improve their plight, and the economy improved as well. The following Christmas they proudly bought their own turkey! Friends from the neighborhood took the place of their once loving parents, and support from teachers and co-workers meant everything... when Loretta reminisced about the 'troubles' that the BonTempo children had endured, it was with humor and pride, along with a few bittersweet tears, remembering their love for each other, their stamina and grit, and the loving help of the Orlando St neighbors.



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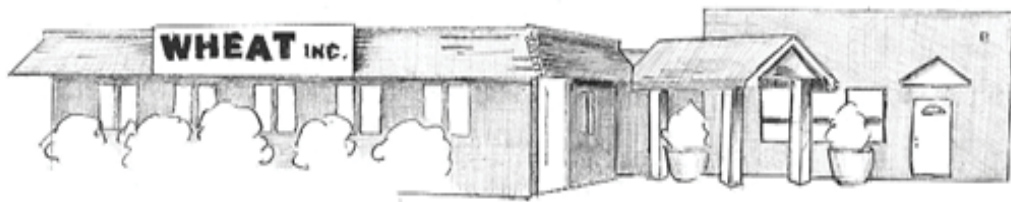


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Good Citizens

The Mary Clap Wooster Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution [NSDAR], based out of New Haven, recently honored area students chosen by their respective schools, who consistently demonstrate good citizenship, leadership, service, and patriotism. It is an annual award given by the chapter. Each high school senior received a Good Citizens certificate, pin and a \$500 scholarship check, and each eighth-grade student received a Youth Citizenship certificate, medal, booklet on the U.S. Constitution, and a check for \$50.

Left -- Middle school winners are: Kenzy Abdalla, Francis Walsh Intermediate Schhol, Martha Agustin, Bailey Middle School, and Sofphea Runlette, North Haven Middle School. Above -- High school students honored were,(standing from left) -- Jonathan Chin, North Haven High School; Amelia Westfall, East Haven High School; Leila Ayers, Hill Regional Career High School; Weihao Lin, Hamden High School; and sitting from left: Alena Annunziata, Branford High School; Vittoria Favia, West Haven High School; Anchal Bahel, Amity Regional High School; and Yanit Vasquez, Wilbur Cross High School.



WHEAT's pantry is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:00-4:30 Residents only need to bring a photo ID and two current pieces of mail (bills, lease, official letters, etc) and two or three grocery bags. Please call or email us to find out how to get food if you cannot come in person.

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WHHS parents' group seeks local sponsors

The West Haven High School PTSA is looking for sponsors for 2022-2023 school year. The group sent a flyer looking for assistance this year raising funds. It has become increasingly difficult to meet its fundraising goals. For this reason, group leaders are reaching out to businesses, community leaders, residents and those willing to assist us in reaching our goals through monetary or in kind donations.

The PTSA works with the WHHS school administration to put on enrichment activities for students, such as last year's Anti-Tobacco Day of Education. It has an advocacy goal this year to focus on helping to fight food insecurity within the WHHS community and throughout the full school community. It is doing this through donations to our school pantry, actively seeking grants for this project, working with WHHS's student club Fill-A-Bag Fuel-A-Mind to set up food drives and to increase the advocacy efforts within West Haven High School.

"If we are successful in obtaining increased grants and donations, we hope to assist reaching the long term goal of Fill-A-Bag Fuel-A-Mind, which is to open a pantry in each of the elementary schools. There are currently school pantries within WHHS, Bailey Middle School and Carrigan Intermediate school. In order to be an integral part of making this happen, WHHS PTSA would like to be able to donate at least \$10,000 this year to this project," states a letter sent to community leaders.

Those able to contribute, please send donations to WHHS PTSA 1 McDonough Plaza West Haven 06516. Donations can be made via PayPal or check.

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Surfside Vets plan fundraiser

Surfside Veterans LLC, is sponsoring a luncheon fundraiser on Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 1130 to 2 at Lorenzo's, 39 Elm St. The donation is \$50., payable at the door. The event will support programs for local veterans. Those wishing to donate can contact Rich Deso at (860) 710-1833, or mailing Surfside Veterans LLC, 204 Oak St., Apt. C19, West Haven 06516. Veterans wishing to attend, should call Deso.

Federation chapter seeks members

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Photos by Todd Dandelske

Above -- Avian Evans strips the ball from a Glastonbury runner for the turnover. Right -- Kadear Dembele rushes the Glastonbury quarterback in the Blue Devils' 17-7 loss in the CIAC playoffs.



Westies: *Disappointing losses end season*

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The Westies took an early 7-0 lead after an interception by Avian Evans on Glastonbury's first possession of the game.

West Haven needed three runs by Deven Robinson to go 42 yards, the last a 7-yard touchdown run with 5:32 left in the first quarter.

The Guardians wasted no time responding, marching 76 yards in nine plays, capped by an Anglim to Derek Thomas 11-yard touchdown pass to even the game at 7 with 20 seconds remaining in the opening quarter.

The rest of the half saw the Westies denied on fourth down at the Glastonbury 23, and fumble at the Glastonbury 21 on their next possession.

The Guardians defense showed it was going to be tough to deal with right from the start as West Haven's Demarco Eady returned the opening kickoff to the Glastonbury 23.

The Guardians allowed only three yards, keeping the Westies off the scoreboard.

Fairfield Prep coach Keith Hellstern has seen his team improve week to week. The Jesuits just may be where they need to be as the postseason approaches.

Known primarily as a running team this season, the Jesuits turned to its passing game, along with a stingy defense, to defeat top-ranked and previously undefeated West Haven 21-6 at Rafferty Stadium in Fairfield last Wednesday evening.

The Jesuits (Tier 1) took home the battle of the Southern Connecticut Conference Tier Champions with the win over West Haven (Tier 2). West Haven leads the series 17-10.

The Jesuits played as perfect a game as possible, particularly in the first half by holding

West Haven on downs twice inside the Prep 10. Conversely, Prep's offense capitalized on its opportunities, taking a 14-0 lead first half and never looking back.

Leading 7-0 on a Malachi Mercer-Robinson 4-yard touchdown run 1 minute, 26 seconds into the second quarter, it appeared the Jesuits would take the 7-0 lead to the half.

The Jesuits flipped the script. Tyler Smith hit Timothy Hartnett for 40 yards to the West Haven 30, then two plays later, the duo connected again for a 25-yard score and a 14-0 lead with 41 seconds remaining in the half.

The Jesuits continued their stellar effort in the second half, limiting West Haven, which came in averaging 45 points per game, to just 103 yards and a total of 217 in the game.

Fairfield Prep held West Haven to just 83 yards rushing in the game, and held Conlan to just 134 yards on 19-of-29 passing.

Prep iced the game with 1:54 remaining as Mercer-Robinson scored his second touchdown of the game, this one from 24 yards out.

West Haven finally got on the scoreboard after a long kickoff return by Armani Reid set up the Westies at the Prep 30. Three plays later, Conlan hit Reid with a 13-yard scoring strike with 1:02 to go.

"They made all the plays and we didn't," Boshea said after his team fell to 9-1. "Hats off and credit to them. Prep played great. They made the plays and we didn't. Prep just played great defense."

The first half was all about possession and converting opportunities. Fairfield Prep was successful in both.

Holding West Haven twice on fourth down inside the Prep 10-yard line, the Jesuits

flipped the script when they had the ball, scoring on drives of 90 and 97 yards.

After the offense watched for most of the opening quarter, Prep's defense got the offense on the field by forcing an incomplete pass from Conlan on fourth down.

A bruising ground game, sprinkled with a pair of passes, produced the first points of the game when Mercer-Robinson scored from four yards out just 1:26 into the second

quarter.

The Westies responded when Conlan ran 13 yards on 4th-and-6 to the Prep 19. Conlan hit Reid to the West Haven six, but the Jesuits forced two straight incompletions to force a turnover on downs.

With West Haven gaining only 114 yards of offense in the opening half, and Prep starting deep in its own territory, it looked as if the game would go to the half a one-score game.

The Jesuits flipped the narrative when Smith connected with Hartnett on a 40-yard pass play to the West Haven 30, before the duo hooked up again for a 25-yard touchdown reception with 41 seconds remaining in the half for a 14-0 Prep lead.

The Jesuits gained 218 yards in the opening half and 363 in the game. Mercer-Robinson ran for 82 yards and two scores, while Wally Wuchiski ran for 76 yards.

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Mite A team wins second tourney of year

The West Haven Mite A hockey team won its second tournament of the season at the RAHA Mite Jamboree in Ridgefield.

In their first game, the Westies took on the host, Ridgefield Lions and posted a 7-3 victory. The Blue Devils took an early lead with goals from Brody Miller, Santino Martin, and Emmett Hemming. The Lions fought back to even up the score before the half.

West Haven goalie Landon Silverman made it impossible for the Lions to score in the second half. Miller and Martin each netted their second goals of the game with Hemming earning a hat trick to seal the deal for a 7-3 win.

In game two, the Westies met the Mid Fairfield CT Jr Rangers and posted a 5-0 victory. Silverman again was outstanding in net. Miller, Martin, and Hemming were each able to find the back of the net multiple times against a very good Rangers' goalie.

The third game saw West Haven take on the Stamford Sharks and post a 5-1 win. The Westies got on the board early with a goal from Henry Seslar. Owens and Jackson again led another stellar defensive effort and a birth into the finals.

The championship game was against the host Ridgefield Lions and the Westies took home a 3-1 victory. Late West Haven goals by Seslar, Brayden Jacob, and Jackson gave the Westies the victory, an undefeated record, and a trophy.

The West Haven Mite B hockey team welcomed Greater New Haven. West Haven goalie Kiera Harrison had a great game and saved many shots J.P Beebe and Landon

Alling were the goal scorers on the day.

West Haven traveled to the Wonderland of Ice. Harrison, Alling and Beebe were the goal scorers, with great hockey play by Jack Weiss and Finn McLaughlin. Moriah Frost played a solid game in goal.

The West Haven Mite C hockey team traveled to Simsbury to take on the CT Northern Lights. Caleb Ford was in goal, letting in one goal during the matchup. Multiple goals were scored by Ava Healy, Brayden Gagliardi and Jackson Ford. Ryan Shannon and Wesley Morazzini each scored a goal. Excellent defense was played by Healy, Gagliardi and Morazzini.

West Haven played against the Milford Mudhounds at Bennett Rink on Saturday. In net for the Blue Devils was Ryan Shannon, who made many excellent saves during the matchup.

Goals were scored by Gagliardi, while Maddy Bruder and Caleb Ford each scored a goal.

West Haven traveled to New Canaan to take on the New Canaan Mite C on Sunday. Healy was the goalie for the Blue Devils and made many excellent saves during the matchup.

Goals were scored by Jackson Ford, with a goal also scored by Gagliardi, and assists made by Shannon and Gagliardi

The West Haven Squirt AA hockey team posted five wins in state over the last two weeks. The goalie duo posted a shutout in West Haven's 11-0 win over the Wonderland Wizards. Charlie Gunning, Spreyer and Young combined for eight goals in the win.

Moll, Strada and McGrath also scored.

The Westies dug themselves a 3-0 hole before roaring back to a 7-4 win over Darien AA. McGrath and Gunning each netted two goals, and Farrell, Spreyer and Berlepsch also scored.

Last weekend, the Westies topped Mid Fairfield U10, 6-0. Calabrese and Paone combined on the shutout win.

Ciccosanti netted two goals and Farrell, Moll, Berlepsch and Gunning also scored. Berlepsch had two assists on the day and Moll, Ciccosanti and Spreyer also set up goals.

A balanced scoring attack led by Wade Roach, Gunning, Farrell, Cushing, Spreyer, and Alex Jenei overpowered the Connecticut Riverhawks A, 15-2.

The Westies took a trip to South Kent and came away with a 13-2 win over Northwestern AA. Roach notched six goals, Gunning two, and Cushing, Farrell and Spreyer also had goals.

The West Haven Squirt A hockey team traveled to Avon Old Farms to play the Avon Panthers Squirt A team and skated to a 10-1 win.

Colin Whelan had a hat trick, Colton Bruneau a pair, and Brady Salkins and Logan Stackpole rounded out the scoring. Colton Bruneau, had two on the day, while Stackpole and Egg Parise had one.

Goaltenders Evan Harrison and Alex Cicarella split time between the pipes, holding the Panthers to only one goal in the game.

The young Westies then hosted the Southeastern Seahawks at Bennett Rink with the contest ending in a 5-5 tie. Stackpole, Bruneau, JJ Char-

bonneau, and Kyle Johnson scored.

The Peewee AA team ended Thanksgiving weekend with two big wins. The Westies headed to Bridgeport to take on Wonderland AA and posted a 2-1 victory. Quinn Smith was a rock in net with incredible saves throughout the game, only allowing one goal. TJ Russo scored both goals for West Haven. The team faced the CT Jr Whalers AA again at Bennett Rink and posted a 5-0 victory. Sophie Digioia had two goals, Picard one and Colin Dempsey one. Max Barbera got the shutout win.

West Haven Peewee AA headed to Springfield and defeated Holy Name, 4-0.

Dempsey had two, Locklear and Andrew Grillo scored.

West Haven headed to Northford to play Yale AA and won, 11-2. Troyer, TJ Russo, Dempsey and Picard led the scoring. Smith started the game in net and Barbera came in halfway through to finish the game.

The West Haven Bantam AA Major hockey team faced the Northwestern Icehawks in a home-and. The Blue Devils won, 4-2, before the teams skated to a 1-1 tie.

On Saturday night at Admiral Stockdale Arena at South Kent School, the Westies took an early 1-0 lead on a Mike Madonick goal. With the Icehawks leading, 2-1, Jack MacNiven scored. Just 24 seconds later, Matt Molnar gave the Blue Devils the 3-2 lead. Charlie Clark got the insurance goal. Bryce Upson had 33 saves in goal for the Westies.

The two teams battled once again at the Edward L. Bennett Rink. Trailing 1-0, the Blue Devils opened the second pe-

riod by killing off a 5-on-3 to stay in the game. Upson, who had 30 saves, was solid in net. Midway through the third period, Ethan Kelly circled the puck around the red line, sped into the zone, and fired a low wrist shot that snuck inside the far post earning the 1-1 tie.

West Haven split a pair of games. The Blue Devils topped Ridgefield AA, 8-2, on Saturday night before losing 6-0 to New Canaan AA on Sunday morning.

In the win over Ridgefield AA at the Winter Garden Ice Arena, Sean Studley and Joel Goodman had hat tricks. Mazuroski had one. Upson was only called on for six saves as the Westies outshot Ridgefield 51-8.

The team traveled to Cromwell to take on the Hartford Jr Wolfpack 08 team and fell.

Lucas MacNiven, Dylan Di-ciccio led the scoring. Benny Pikul was in net and stopped a number of shots, including several breakaway attempts.

West Haven traveled to Stamford on Saturday to play Greenwich Skate Club Bantam A and fell, 3-1. Melchior quickly got on the board in the second period to tie the game at 1. Enzo Plano kept up the pressure and Pikul was right at home in net until there were two minutes left in the game when the Blue Devils pulled the goalie.

The team had a hard fought 7-2 loss against Hamden at Bennett Rink. Hamden was up by three after the first period, before West Haven got on the board five minutes into the second when Keegan Dobratz passed the puck to Michael D'Aiuto, who scored off his backhand.

See Youth Hockey page 17



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Yale alerting patients of records hack

Yale University is alerting patients of a late summer computer hack that might compromise patient privacy.

"On September 12, 2022, Yale Medicine learned that an unauthorized third party accessed a computer on or about August 11, 2022 and installed malicious software that rendered files on the computer inaccessible.

"The computer stored in-

formation about patients seen at Dr. Tito Vasquez's former practice, Connecticut Plastic Surgery Group LLC, between 2009 and May 3, 2021. The information included patients' names, as well as demographic information, insurance information, and visit notes. For a small number of patients, photographs, Social Security numbers, driver's licenses, and credit card numbers were

also included. There is no indication that any of the information was misused or shared, and the incident did not involve the records of any other Yale Medicine practices. All medical records created by Dr. Vasquez's practice after May 3, 2021 have been securely stored in Yale's medical record system and were not affected by this incident.

"Yale is mailing letters to patients whose information may have been involved and offering them complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services. Patients are encouraged to activate the complimentary services being offered and are reminded that it is always a good idea to watch for signs that their personal information is being misused and report any suspicious activity to local law enforcement authorities.

"Yale takes patient privacy and security seriously and

has policies and procedures in place to protect patient privacy. Yale is conducting a thorough investigation and taking steps to help prevent similar incidents from happening in the future, including reviewing computer security at Yale Medicine practice groups and improving procedures for securing computers owned by practices that join Yale Medi-

cine.

"Patients seen by Dr. Tito Vasquez at Connecticut Plastic Surgery Group LLC between 2009 and May 3, 2021, who have questions or concerns related to this incident may call the dedicated toll-free helpline at 855-926-1375, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time, excluding major U.S. holidays.

Menorah lighting scheduled Dec. 19

The city is holding a Hanukkah menorah lighting on the Green later this month.

Although this year's Jewish holiday begins at sundown Dec. 18, West Haven's annual lighting of the menorah will celebrate the second day of Hanukkah at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 19.

The lighting will mark the Jewish Festival of Lights, an eight-day commemoration of rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees after their victory over the Syrians.

The ceremony, led by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, will include a Jewish blessing by Rabbi Schneur Wilhelm of Chabad of Milford-Hebrew Congregation of Woodmont.

The public is invited.

Youth Hockey roundup

Continued from page 16

The shots kept coming from Cameren Lipford, Eddie Thomas, Mark Vere, Ian Olszewski and Peter Aurora. Ben Brown was aggressive on defense every shift.

With five minutes left in the second, Aedan Guarino stopped a breakaway attempt. Dicioccio scored West Haven's second goal.

Jackson Heyn, Isaac Mann, MacNiven and Ayden Troyer all played strong on defense. Pikul played admirably in net for the Blue Devils.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

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## Answers to this week's puzzles

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Solution time: 22 mins.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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## Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: What does Susan Walker want as a gift from Santa in the movie "Miracle on 34th Street"?

2. MUSIC: Which famous rock band once called itself The New Yardbirds?

3. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Thar Desert located?

4. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom's theme song was "Thank You for Being a Friend"?

5. FOOD & DRINK: When was frozen food invented?

6. MOVIES: Which Disney princess is modeled after a real person?

7. ANATOMY: What is the only human organ capable of natural regeneration?

8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are male and female swans called?

9. U.S. STATES: Which state's motto is "Excelsior!"?

10. HISTORY: How many people signed the U.S. Declaration of Independence?

Answers

1. A house.
2. Led Zeppelin.
3. India and Pakistan.
4. "The Golden Girls."
5. 1924. Clarence Birdseye invented the quick freezing process.
6. Pocahontas.
7. The liver.
8. Cobs and pens.
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- Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets or garbage disposals
- Pour grease and oil into a covered disposable container and put it in the trash **“Cool It - Can It - Trash It”**
- Soak up remaining fats, oil and grease with paper towels and dispose of with your trash
- Before you wash dishes, scrape meats and food with fat and grease into the trash
- Put baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain basket or strainer into the trash
- Only use garbage disposals for fruits, vegetables and organic waste

### ***Properly Dispose of Household Grease***

**Most grease is a byproduct of cooking and is usually found in such things as:**

- food scraps
- meat fats
- lard
- cooking oil
- butter & margarine
- baked goods
- sauces
- dairy products

#### **PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT**

Keep Drains & Sewers Clear of Fats, Oils and Grease

Grease is one of the leading causes of sewer overflows.

***Never pour grease down the drain!***



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# Sports

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## Westies' disappointing losses a sour end to promising season

Glastonbury head coach Eric Hennessy preaches to his team about getting better every day. Hennessy had to like what he saw from his team Tuesday evening.

Piling up 402 yards of offense and using a stifling defense, No. 6 Glastonbury upset No. 3 West Haven 17-7 in the Class LL quarterfinals at Ken Strong Stadium. The Guardians held West Haven to 227 yards of offense.

Glastonbury, making its first postseason appearance since 2015, will travel to play second-seeded Greenwich, a 47-7 winner over Hamden, in the semifinals Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

The Guardians rushed for 293 yards on the night with Petrone racking up 138 of those yards. Glastonbury held the ball for all but 1:16 of the fourth quarter in securing the victory.

Leading by a touchdown, the Guardians iced the game when Alexander Hernandez, a former soccer player, easily booted a 36-yard field goal with 5:02 remaining for a 17-7 lead.

The Westies, making their first postseason appearance in five years, had one final opportunity to get closer but quarterback Nick Conlan's pass on fourth down was knocked away, allowing the Guardians to run out the final 3:40 of the game.

"We just couldn't get going," West Haven coach Rich Boshea said after his team finished the year at 9-2. "Teams were defending us a little different. We were never really able to establish the run. It is hard to just throw your way all the way down the field like that. We didn't do enough. Glastonbury's defense played really well."

West Haven, ranked fifth in the GameTimeCT Top 10 poll, only had three possessions in the second half, but had a chance to take the lead on its first possession of the third quarter.

The Westies got to the Glastonbury 33, but the drive stalled, marking the fourth time the Westies were inside the Glastonbury 35 but failed to produce any points.

"I love them," Boshea said of his team. "These guys have given us everything we have asked for all year. Everyone of these guys is a great kid and a warrior. I expect a lot of good things to happen to them the rest of their lives. You have to take your hats off to Glastonbury."

The Guardians followed with an 8-play, 85-yard drive, capped with a 20-yard touchdown connection from Jack Anglim to Drew Curto with 2:03 remaining in the third quarter.

The opening half was one of missed opportunities for each team as turnovers and big stops were the name of the game in the opening 24 minutes. In between was a touchdown by each team to send the game to the half even at seven.

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Deven Robinson lunges across the goal line to give the Westies a 7-0 lead against Glastonbury. Left -- Demarco Eady returns the opening kickoff versus Glastonbury. The Westies were ousted in the first round of the CIAC Class LL playoffs, 17-7.



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West Haven Boys' and Girls' Basketball participated in Beauty vs The Beast Skills competition. The teams are preparing for teh 2022-23 season.