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Two years after announcement, Enterprise Zone shows growth



Announced in December 2020, the West River-Front Avenue neighborhood was designated as an Enterprise Zone, allowing the city to promote the area with incentives. Mayor Nancy Rossi gave a report on the progress this week.

When it was announced in December of 2020, the West Haven Enterprise Zone along the Front Avenue corridor was touted as being a means to reclaim and redevelop properties, once used for landfills, and sitting along the West River.

The acreage was going to revitalize the Allingtown neighborhood, which for decades was the location for commercial and industrial sites, many of which have fallen into decay and disrepair in the intervening years.

The Enterprise Zone was approved by the City Council and the General Assembly and allows for the city to negotiate with developers as far as taxes and other responsibilities. Two years into the process, Mayor Nancy Rossi sees some progress along the riverbank.

Asked about any current use of the Enterprise Zone mechanism by current or new developers, she noted some encouraging results.

"Sabatino Tartufi, at 135 Front Ave, is expanding its footprint and plans to stay in the city according to the mayor.

"(The company) acquired abutting real estate in the Enterprise Zone and has demolished the old building and in the spring will begin construction. The construction phase of their expansion will add 100,000 sq. feet of commercial space to their footprint in West Haven. Sabatino Tartufi is the world's largest manufacturer,

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On this Date

2005 -- The solar system's largest known dwarf planet is discovered. The discovery of "Eris" ultimately led to the International Astronomical Union (IAU) downgrading Pluto, which has roughly the same size, to a dwarf planet.

1993 -- The oil tanker MV Braer runs aground on the coast of the Shetland Islands. The oil tanker spilled twice as much crude oil as the Exxon Valdez in 1989.

1968 -- The Prague Spring begins. The period of political liberalization in Czechoslovakia began with the election of Alexander Dubček as the country's leader.

1933 -- Construction of the Golden Gate Bridge begins. The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco is one of the best-known symbols of the United States.

1895 -- Alfred Dreyfus is sentenced to life imprisonment. The French artillery officer was accused of treason. He was later exonerated.

Births

1969 -- Marilyn Manson, American singer-songwriter, actor, director.

1932 -- Umberto Eco, Italian philosopher, author.

1928 -- Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Pakistani politician, 4th President of Pakistan

1876 -- Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of West Germany



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Bulk trash schedule listed for new year

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The 2023 bulk trash pickup weeks are April 24-28 and Sept. 11-15.

West Haven residents are reminded to separate metals, recyclables and regular trash from bulk trash and put them out no more than 24 hours before pickup. Violations carry a \$100 fine per daily offense, Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy said.

Residents are also reminded to "Put a Lid on It!" and use lids on all trash cans. Rain-soaked trash costs West Haven 10 times more at the dump, said McCarthy, adding that using trash can lids will save the city money by reducing the weight of trash and cost of tipping fees.

Bulk items include couches, chairs, tables, carpeting, padding and fencing, which may not exceed 6 feet in length. No building materials, tires, mattresses, propane tanks or hazardous waste are accepted.

Options for disposing of building materials include renting a dumpster or bringing the materials to a disposal facility for a fee.

Tires and mattresses are not considered bulk trash and will not be collected.

Tires can be brought to Town Fair Tire, 63 Boston

Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$2.75 per tire.

Mattress drop-off at the city garage, 1 Collis St., has been suspended until April 3 because of safety concerns during the colder months. Mattress bags for curbside pickup are available for \$25 by calling the Department of Public Works at 203-937-3585 or visiting the department on the third floor of City Hall, 355 Main St.

Hazardous waste can be dropped off for free at HazWaste Central, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven. HazWaste is open Saturday mornings from mid-May through October.

Propane tanks can be brought to Taylor Rental, 304 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$10.60 per tank.

The amount of bulk trash per collection is limited to 6 cubic yards, which is equal to a pile of trash about 6 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4.5 feet high.

Homeowners are required to rent a dumpster or hire a junk removal service at their expense if trash exceeds 6 cubic yards. Otherwise, trash exceeding 6 cubic yards will be left at the curb, and a \$100 fine per daily offense will be imposed, McCarthy said.

To prevent a potential fine,

property owners should familiarize themselves with the city's trash guidelines at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/260/Bulk-Trash-Pickup>.

Bulk trash must be generated by the customer at the residential unit where it is collected. Trash will not be collected if it is generated by anyone other than the resident of the home.

Bulk items must be separated and orderly. Do not place them next to a mailbox or utility pole or close to a fence, McCarthy said.

Also, do not place bulk items in front of a vacant lot or home — they will not be collected, he said.

In addition to bulk trash, the city picks up metals, including household appliances, also known as white goods, and toilets. To schedule a pickup on their curbside collection day, residents must call the Highway Department at 203-937-3644 or 203-937-3585. Appliance doors must be removed.

The 2023 pickup schedule for leaf bags is April 15-June 1 and Oct. 1-Dec. 15. The bags are picked up on residents' weekly collection days. Leaves and grass clippings must be in separate biodegradable paper bags and will not be accepted

if they are in plastic bags.

The city also picks up brush that is cut into 3-to-6-foot lengths and tied in small bundles, no more than 70 pounds. Logs and stumps are prohibited.

Residents can bring grass clippings as well as bagged leaves and untied brush to

the compost site, 1 Kimberly Ave., from 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays and, starting in June, from 6:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. The first cubic yard of compost is free with proof of residence. Additional compost costs \$25 per cubic yard. Residents must bring

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Dear Felicia

Happy New Year, sweets. Here we are turning but another page on the calendar and entering yet another year of you and me reviewing the high jinx of the ruling classes here in the Asylum by the Sea, or as we like to call it, God's Li'l Acre. Though, when you think about it, "Asylum" sometimes bespeaks a better understanding of our burg than much else.

As we start 2023 – kin yew imagine we started these mis-sives more than 50 years ago – there are many things that the politicos will have on their plates, and a lotta things that might, finally, be wrapped up. There's on thing (to start off) that will be on everyone's mind as we move further along, and that's the municipal elections set for next fall.

Now, that might seem like months away, but as I always tell yew, once we git by May the calendar seems to speed

up and before you know it, we're hanging up the Yuletide decorations once again. Minds are already turning on what will happen in November in some quarters, yew can tell. The biggest question, of course, is whether Herroner will seek a fourth term. There seems to be some talk about that and we've mentioned it on occasion.

Remember, she won by just a dozen-and-a-half votes last time to Barry Lee Cohen (more about him later), the Republican. And there were many questions about the outcome. Still, that margin of victory was the result of quite a few things happening the summer before, mostly having to do with fed'ral dollars, and her ability to keep things in order. She won, and she made some changes, but the city still went into Tier IV receivership and has no control over its own purse.

There are some that see the sharks in the political waters. Whilst there has been a seeming truce betwixt the three factions of the Democratic Party, there are rumblings. The factions have never gone away, they just bide their time, always have. Also, there seems to be more of an arm's-length separation happening amongst the party faithful in power. Soooo, the question remains: will she seek a fourth term? As the year goes on, that question might answer itself sooner rather than later. But figger there's gonna be a very interestin' political season this time 'round.

Te GOP ain't gonna be without its own drama. Cohen came closer to winning the thoid floor of the Actors Colony than any member of the GOP since 1989 – the last time the party held the office. But that showing didn't come without stirrings of discontent within the party apparatus – such as it is. Cohen is a very direct individual and yew know wherein yew stand with him. That didn't set well with some in the party who like to play nice.

Will Cohen seek a rematch, and will the party fall in behind him? Who knows? The Republican Party in this town gets good candidates – they have the last three elections

by my count – but they don't have the infrastructure, and they certainly don't have the party loyalty the other side does. In Demmie circles once the fight is over and the candidate picked, the sides will grudgingly work for the win. No so much on the GOP side. In that way they seem to be like their national counterparts: ill-conceived principle supersedes the W.

So, the next twelvemonth will be an interesting one on that front. We shal see what happens.

As a sidebar to the above, we're wondering who will be the candidates for City Council and other offices on the Demmie side. Sammy Bluejay is hearing rumblings that some of the current members of the council might decide to pack it in. As one politico was heard to say, "The MARB has all the say, we're just there to rubber stamp." It's no fun attending those meetings twice a month effen yew can't do anything substantial. We shall see.

There are a lotta issues that will be comin' before the city as well this New Year. The aforementioned MARB, that's the Municipal Accountability Review Board, which is running the city's finances, is demanding more reforms in the city's way of doing business, and word is they aren't happy with the speed of implementation. Now, over the years, Cobina has been none too friendly concerning the MARB.

The members are a bunch of bureaucrats that don't have any sense of humanity at times, particularly as it deals with taxpayers. But, in this case, the city has been doing the same things for years and with a lotta winks and nods along the way. This might be a further pernt of contention between the city and the MARB, and we'll see what'll happen aside from the very politic statements we git from those in charge.

Nelly Nuthatch, meanwhile, is wondering about the Allingtown Library. It's been three years or so since the facility was closed when the former Allingtown School building was sold off to developer David Beckerman. Now, nobody can dispute the great job that was done with the Allingtown Center. Effen yew remember whot it looked like, yew can see a world of difference.

However, the library seems to be a sticking pernt amongst the officials in this town. The Village Improvement Association has, we hear, made a bid on some property, and is hoping to build a new facility for Allingtown. But, as yew might expeck there are some denizens of the Actors Colony

who aren't happy with the arrangement. Let's hope the usual "slow walking" that happens when people over on Main Street are unhappy doesn't happen here. Some have said the former CVS building might be a great library branch, but that was made after the option was picked up on the new property. This one will sort out in the next year – we hope.

Then there is Beach Street. This is the year the much-anticipated reworking of the roadbed is supposed to take place. Just like was done from First Avenue to Second Avenue a couple years back, the roadway is gonna be lifed about seven feet to curb the flooding that takes place, particularly after major Nor'easters and hurricanes. We all remember 2012.

There are a few things that are moving over there. The sale of the former Chick's property to developers has moved along, and we see that a new restaurant and new condominiums of the high-end type are planned on the property. That has been held up because of the hold up on the new roadway. It's only been more than two years since it was announced.

Other properties we hear are also awaiting the new construction. There are properties that have lain fallow over there for more than a decade: the former Debonair Motel and the former Captain's Galley site. Maybe these things can be moved once things are clearer.

But Iva Lootey is still concerned about the former Haven property. Effen 2022 did anything it was finalize what we all knew: the Haven mall was a pipe dream that was never gonna happen. Finally, after years of dawdling, the hammer came down and we know that its belly up.

What happens over there is the next page in that saga. Remember, the original plan for that site, the Water Street Project, was announced in September 1997, only months after this papyrus was established. Here we are 27-and-a-half years later, and the only thing that is happening over there is rot.

There are rumors and rumors of rumors about what's planned for over there. Maybe the new year will bring clarity and actual movement. Whilst the Simon Group abandoned the plan, they were supposed to complete demolition of the former houses. Well, that's happening at a snail's pace, and the people in the surrounding area are not happy. Let's hope 2023 is different.

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

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Dear Gripe Vine Reader:

It's another year! Can you believe it? In West Haven we have current pressing issues not quite solved yet and new problems awaiting answers. This gripe came in last week:

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I have been a West Haven resident for many years and have been part of its ups and downs. One of these days I am going to sit down and write you a letter containing mostly down problems with West Haven, but today I am going to single out a most recent one, the new "save food scraps".

Back in November, the population of West Haven was asked to participate in a program designed to save left over food scraps from our meals. Our population was notified of this program and what it entails. Sorry, I missed some of the details, but I have a gripe about this program.

First, those of us who have dogs, have a problem with putting food scraps in a container. Believe me, dogs have a way of finding even the tiniest of left-over meals. This is a real hassle, cleaning up after this, regardless of my saving left over food in a container under the sink.

As far as I'm concerned this is not a healthy, sanitary duty for the the general population. It's unsanitary, messy, and not welcome at all.

My suggestion if the city is going to participate in such a program, do it on a small

scale, with a list of volunteer neighborhoods.

These days we are participating in a recycling program and now this... Enough!

Local Resident

Dear Local Resident:

Additional research into this program brought the concept and its installation to West Haven brought a number of interesting concepts to light.

The city announced its first food scrap concept back in October of 2022. According to Mayor Nancy Rossi the program will allow all single family homes, one, two and three families, to easily separate food scraps and have them collected at the curb in the same container now used for residents trash collections.

West Haven and 15 other communities received a Sustainable Materials Management grant from the State Department of energy and Environmental Protection to develop and start food-to-clean programs. It has been noted that Connecticut has a solid waste disposal crisis. The traditional options of disposing of municipal waste are diminishing and becoming more expensive.

West Haven has been funded a \$1.3 million DEEP SNN grant to launch a 9-month pilot program. There will be 16,000 eligible households able to participate in this effort.

So, readers there are some of the basic facts to this program. Its 9 months long, the



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

city is getting paid over a million dollars to participate and it might prove to be beneficial

to our city.

However, there is another sight to this program, the inconvenience household managers have to bear, separating the trash, odors, dogs seeking "goodies", and the inconvenience of bagging trash separately, orange bas for trash and green bags for scraps.

Let me know readers what think of this program.

Readers, I am producing a survey on fire hydrants. Join ne if you would like to participate. I am asking my readers to let me know the various fire hydrant colors you see around

the city. Just email gripevine-4wh@aol.com and indicate what you have found. Or drop me a note.

Coming up...reader complains of parkers eating and smoking at Old Grove Park..... Hillcrest Avenue road deterioration...and trash pickups oversized and much more.

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, West Haven 06516

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Our priorities for 2023

With the turning of the calendar, the West Haven Voice, once again, offers those issues we hope will be addressed – and resolved – over the next year. Since our first year of operation, we have made this first edition of the New Year a list of the three or four issues we believe most affect and concern the average taxpayer. Interestingly, many of the topics reappear year after year, indicating their difficulty and/or a lack of political will to change things. As we enter 2023, we offer these issues as our top priorities:

Changing the way the city does business – The arrest of former city workers and the subsequent court cases have shown the city's bureaucracy is ripe for changes – big ones. Culling through some of the testimony, one finds rampant political infiltration of the bureaucracy, which officials have used to their advantage not for years, but for decades. And lest one believe this is something new under the Rossi administration, we beg to differ. The revolving door of leadership over the last three decades and with one party in charge has set many ways of doing business in stone, and usually to the advantage of which ever faction of the Democratic Party is in power.

Due to the publicity brought forth by the arrests and court cases along with the oversight of the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB), and the hiring of new personnel in the Finance Office, change might happen.

A coordinated plan to renew the city – For more than two decades we have held that West Haven needs economic development. We still believe that. Over the last year or so, however, it has become clear economic development is only one component of what is needed. Wholesale changes to neighborhoods, thoroughfares and city facilities must be the long-term goal. Though the city has a "Plan of Development" as the crux of its renewal plans, these plans have served as little more than checking off a box or fulfilling an obligation.

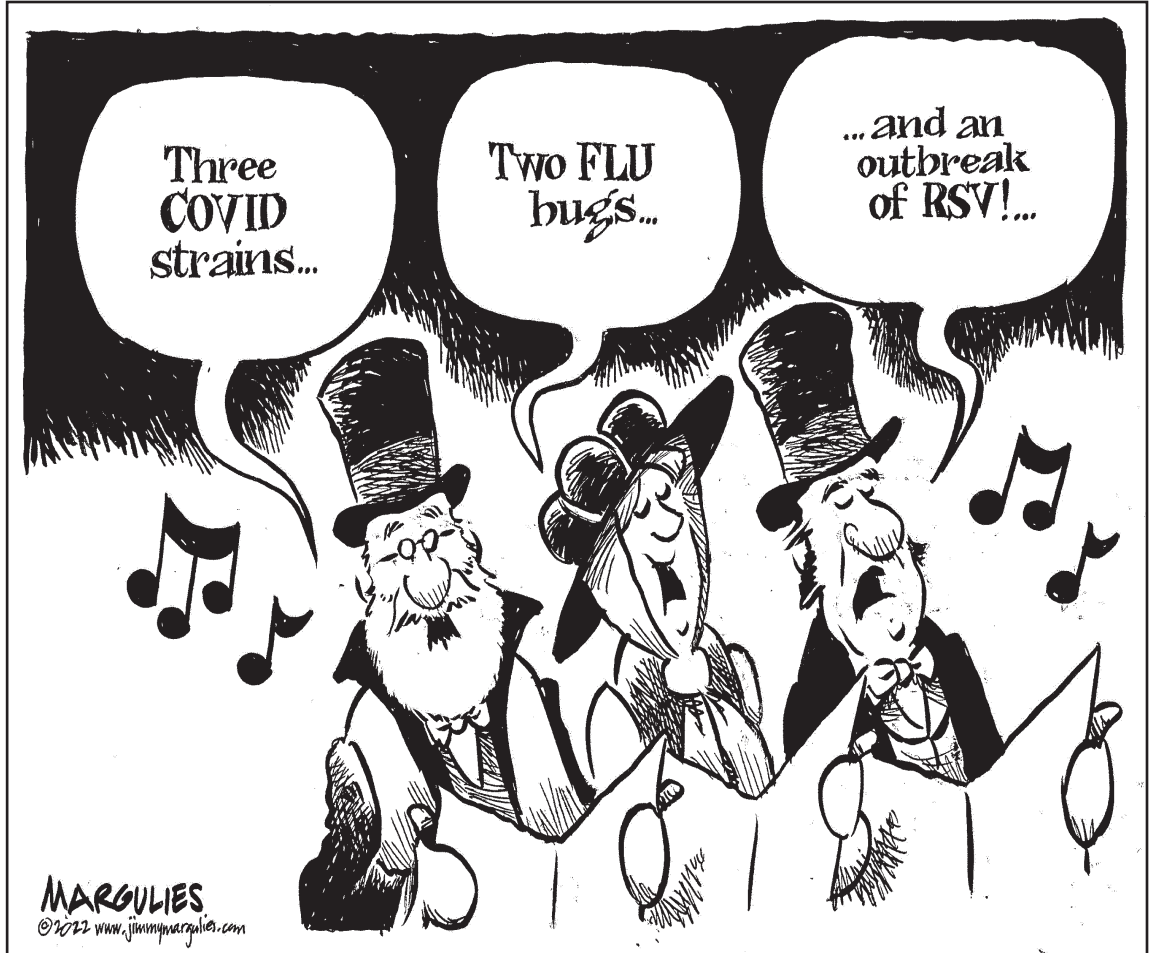
The city needs a renewed spirit as well as structural changes. It needs to look at existing streets and traffic patterns to streamline travel. It also needs economic development. That is always the major goal, but the piecemeal approach has not worked. The loss of the Haven project – no surprise – shows the lack of coordinated effort. The Allingtown Center is a good example of what can be accomplished. If that effort can be expanded throughout the city, we can envision renewed neighborhoods, and civic pride.

Saying what one means – Whether it be politicians or committees, club presidents or activists, we have noticed a major uptick of the use of jargon – some of it unintelligible – when making an announcement, discussing a program, or just letting people know about a forum concerning a specific issue. The use of jargon, multisyllabic buzz words, or two-or three-word catch phrases has multiplied over the last few years. Much of it has to do with the current cultural tic that wants to find fault, lack of inclusion, or Heaven forbid, bias.

Some of it, though, is bound up in the current trend of explaining something so only those interested in the same issues would understand – and in the process make one sound smart using jargon. We find there is a connection between the use of jargon and those who let us know what their pronouns are.

We have a suggestion: ditch the pronouns and be more direct.

No one cares about your pronouns. We do care about what you are trying to say.



Beware the empire builders

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

China sent 71 aircraft and seven ships toward Taiwan in a 24-hour period, while Russia shelled the Kherson region more than 70 times.

These acts of aggression -- occurring 5,000 miles apart, one in a grinding war of attrition, the other as part of an ongoing political and diplomatic struggle that may well result in open hostilities -- are related.

It's no accident that the two most dangerous powers in the world, China and Russia, are aggrieved empires seeking to right what they consider the wrongs that resulted in their humiliation and diminishment in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Whereas in the 2000s the most pressing problem of the international system seemed to be malicious sub-national groups operating in ungoverned spaces, now it is malicious would-be supranational entities seeking to take over spaces governed by others.

In his masterly book, "Diplomacy," Henry Kissinger observed, "Empires have no interest in operating within an international system; they aspire to be the international system."

The fall of the Roman Empire was a social and economic catastrophe for the West, but it's been a blessing that no such over-awing behemoth

ever rose in its place.

Russia and China, in contrast, never lost their imperial DNA, and have chips on their shoulders.

Russia achieved some success in its long-running ambition to be considered a major European power through top-down reforms and military conquest. It gobbled up an estimated 50 square miles a day across a couple of centuries. But it lost the Crimean War in the mid-19th century, suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of Japan in 1905, and then experienced utter cataclysm in World War I.

Marxism-Leninism was supposed to provide a way for backward Russia to leapfrog the West. That didn't happen, but Moscow established a new Communist empire of considerable extent. Of course, this came a cropper with defeat in the Cold War, an event that Vladimir Putin, notably, considers "the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the century."

The man who has statues of Peter and Catherine the Great, accomplished Russian imperialists, on display in the Kremlin considers an independent Ukraine merely a tool of hostile Western forces and a wayward part of Greater Russia. Such ideas -- and a deep feeling of shame at Russia's fall -- justify the brutish attempted occupation and dismemberment of Ukraine, a cynical and

crude operation even by Russian standards.

If Russia sought to be a respected member of the European club, China believed it needn't bother. It was the Middle Kingdom, the only civilization in a world of barbarians who owed it tribute and deference. Its sense of superiority was punctured by the Opium Wars in the middle of the 19th century and, as with Russia, a shocking defeat in a conflict with Japan.

Eventually, China, too, turned to Marxism-Leninism. After yet more humiliation and failure, the CCP now is fired with audacious visions of a return to imperial grandeur.

President Xi Jinping is more or less explicit about it. He has said that "since the Opium War of the 1840s the Chinese people have long cherished a dream of realizing a great national rejuvenation." Now, it is on the cusp of providing "a new option for other countries," and "a Chinese approach to solving the problems facing mankind." In short, "it will be an era that sees China moving closer to center stage."

This is a vision of Middle Kingdom redux, although couched in bloodless phrasing.

Xi views Taiwan much the same way as Putin views Ukraine -- it rightfully belongs to China, and re-taking it will

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Around Town

Seniors plan Aqua Turf trip

The West Haven Senior Center will offer a bus trip to the Aqua Turf Club in Southington on March 14 to see the award-winning McClean Avenue Band and Irish step dancers perform.

The trip costs \$120 and includes transportation and corned beef and cabbage and baked scrod served family style. It also includes a glass of wine or beer, coffee and doughnuts, as well as door prizes.

Payment is due Feb. 10.

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

The bus will depart at 9:45 a.m. from the Savin Rock Conference Center parking lot, 6 Rock St., and leave at 3:45 p.m. from Aqua Turf.

Garden Club confab Jan. 9

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 9, 12:30 p.m. at the Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road. There will be a general meeting and members will bring lunch. Newcomers are always welcome to join. For further information, please call Iris at (203) 937-1674.

WWII stories, Jan 24

World War II historian Arnie Pritchard will present "This Business of Fighting: A Human Face on World War II" at 10 a.m. Jan. 24 at the West Haven Senior Center, 201 Noble St.

Orating from letters he inherited from his father's Army footlocker, Pritchard will tell fascinating stories of Anton Pritchard's wartime service.

Pritchard has spoken at several venues across Connecticut.

To reserve a seat, call the senior center at 203-937-3507 by Jan. 18.

Bradley Point GC slates meeting

The Bradley Point Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road at noon. Please bring your own lunch. Following our business meeting, we will work together to complete a special craft project. Newcomers are always welcome to join. Please call Dawn @ (203) 932-4619 for more information.

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Schedule: Annual collections *set for 2023*

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buckets and shovels.

For a \$50 fee, the Public Works Department will deliver up to 2 cubic yards of compost to homes in West Haven.

For electronic items, including TVs, the 2023 e-waste drop-off days are Jan. 14, April 22, June 10 and Oct. 14.

Residents can drop off electronic recyclables — typically anything that contains a circuit board or needs a battery — from 8 a.m.-noon at the city garage.

West Haven is partnering with Take 2 Inc. of Waterbury,

a state-approved recycler and collector of universal e-waste devices, to collect residential electronic items on a quarterly basis.

The collection is free for residents who have such items as computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, modems, computer mice, tablet computers, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, photocopiers, fax machines, scanners, video game machines, digital media players, personal digital assistants, stereo equipment, telephones, cellphones, cameras, microwaves and other small appliances.

Anything that has

refrigerant, including air conditioners and dehumidifiers, is not accepted. Those items are considered white goods, and residents are asked to schedule a pickup on their curbside collection day by calling the Highway Department.

For details, go to <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/263/E-waste-Drop-off>.

For the e-waste drop-off, residents are asked to heed the following guidelines:

- Stay in your vehicle.
- Vehicles will be spaced out. Event workers will remove electronics from your vehicle. There should be

no interaction between residents and workers.

— No mattresses or box springs will be disposed of at the moment.

— No smoke detectors, ballasts or hazardous waste —

lighter fluid, liquids, paint — will be accepted.

— Electronic items left curbside will be tagged with information on the e-waste schedule and must be removed, or face a potential fine.

Christmas tree pickups have some restrictions

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

The city reminds residents not to put Christmas trees in plastic bags or stands for curbside pickup.

Lights must also be removed from Christmas trees. Plastic bags and other items can be-

come tangled in the machine that grinds the trees into compost.

Christmas trees will be picked up in January and February only. Residents needing a pickup after Feb. 28 will be charged a \$25 fee. Christmas trees can also be brought to the compost site at 1 Kimberly Ave.

Also, residents are reminded that five 2023 holidays will delay curbside pickup one day.

Affordable Waste Systems LLC of East Haven, West Haven's private contractor for rubbish and recyclables, will not pick up rubbish, recyclables or metals on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If a holiday falls on a weekday, pickup for that week will move ahead one day. But when a holiday like Thanksgiving falls on a Thursday, only Thursday and Friday's collections will move up a day.

Thanksgiving is also the only holiday that excludes metal pickup in those affected districts.

Separate metals and recyclables from regular trash.

Detailed information about the city's trash and recycling guidelines is available at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/260/Bulk-Trash-Pickup>.

Lowry: *See dangers in new empires*

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help salve the geo-political and psychological wounds of imperial China's spectacular descent into disaster and powerlessness. "We cannot lose even one inch of the territory left behind by our ancestors," Xi told a U.S. official in 2018.

The war in Ukraine shows that when an autocrat ruling a once-great empire speaks in such terms, it is time to arm the targeted state to the teeth and dispense with all illusions.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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2022 in pictures



Early in the year, COVID was still in the news, with masks still required.



The Rock House was able to re-open its Open Mike nights at West Haven Community House after a two-year hiatus.



The WHHS chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving had a mock accident as we moved into prom season



The Sandy Point Association ran cleanups during the spring and summer and became a voice for the neighborhood throughout the year.



The Simon Group's slow-walking the Haven Project prompted the Rossi Administration to threaten fines for blight. Eventually, the group canceled the project, surprising no one.



The Fire Expo, which originated for the city's 100th anniversary in 2021, made a second appearance in the fall.



Antonio Ponton was awarded a scholarship from the College Board.



Submitted Photo

More than 100 bags of frozen turkeys and fixings are prepared for distribution to needy veterans and their families in the kitchen of the Errera VA Clinic at 114 Boston Post Road in West Haven. Organizing the effort are, from left, West Haven Vietnam Veterans members Kevin Sullivan and Howie Thomas, Vice President Al Beck Sr., President Dave Ricci and Treasurer Steve Carney, along with members of the Vertical Church Service Team in West Haven, led by Wayne Hammond, right. The turkeys were donated by the Hometown Foundation's "HungerLESS Holidays" program, a charity based in Cheshire and founded by Bozzuto's Inc.

Vietnam Veterans holiday effort aids hundreds in city

Members of West Haven Vietnam Veterans Inc. delivered and distributed more than 100 bags of frozen turkeys and fixings to needy veterans and their families at the

Errera VA Clinic on Nov. 21. Vietnam Veterans President Dave Ricci and other members coordinated the turkey distribution at the Route 1 medical clinic with Wayne Hammond, the leader of the Vertical Church Service Team in West Haven.

The turkeys were donated by the Hometown Foundation's "HungerLESS Holidays" program, a charitable organization based in Cheshire and founded by Bozzuto's Inc., a family of retailers and community business partners.

"This particular effort is special to us, as these recipients are brothers and sisters to us as veterans," said Ricci, who doled out the turkeys with Vietnam Veterans Vice President Al Beck Sr., Treasurer Steve Carney, and members Kevin Sullivan and Howie Thomas.

"In partnership with West Haven Vietnam Veterans, we were able to deliver 100 turkeys with baskets for our veterans and their families this year," Hammond said.

Hammond said the church outreach team pays it forward to veterans by hosting bingo every Saturday, escorting vets to medical appointments at the West Haven VA Medical Center, and decorating the Campbell Avenue center's front lobby for Christmas.

In conjunction with Bozzuto's, the nonprofit Hometown Foundation Inc. is dedicated to helping those in need.

"Jamie Hughes and members of the team at the Bozzuto's Hometown Foundation HungerLESS Holidays program, as well as all of the supporting employees at Bozzuto's, should all take a well-deserved bow," Ricci said. "They are all very special people, the angels on our shoulders."

The foundation, established in 2002, raises money for programs that meet community needs, including animal welfare, emergency response personnel, major illness and the military, according to its website.

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Front Avenue: *Rossi* sees movement in development area

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importer, and distributor of fresh and preserved truffles," she said.

Another business, Industrial Recycling, purchased city-owned land at a cost of \$124,000 to expand its business.

"The city facilitated the expansion of this firm in the Enterprise Zone. The city sold the entity of approximately 1.32 acres of land to allow for the expansion. The land was City owned for six years and not producing any income," Rossi reported.

The newest development is a solar company, Greenskies, which purchased landfill property to construct a solar facility. Located at the addresses of 75 Front Ave and 2 and 8 Spring St., the new facility is on the boards to begin production later in 2023 on the 55.41-acre site.

"Greenskies is hoping to begin generating electricity on the site by late spring, early summer 2023. The project is zoning approved and approved by City Council. This project will generate significant revenue for the city for many years to come. Moreover, the project will significantly improve the environmental stability of the closed and capped landfill," Rossi said.

The landfill has its own restrictions, according to the mayor.

"The landfill was an unproductive revenue source for last 40 years. The project is supported by the State DEEP, as these solar arrays on retired landfills generally are. The city is limited on development with a retired landfill because of Conn. DEEP regulations. However, the city will explore advertising potential revenue connected with the site and cell tower revenue and other uses including any potential municipal uses," she said.

The final property now under discussion is 18 Helm St., recently taken over by the city.

"The site had been used to store (illegally) hazardous materials. The city will combine this .59-acre site with adjoining parcels for local business expansion, municipal needs or other commercial uses," she said.

The city is using a flyer and promotional material to alert developers, the mayor said. But the city knows there must be more active promotion and is working toward that end.

"All the above-mentioned development was done with

very little cost to the city, mostly using existing staff. Future development may require some marketing resources and other development resources," she said. "The city will explore additional development resources once the budget is drafted."

The administration was looking at the composting site as a means of commercial development. It sits on the perimeter of the Enterprise Zone.

"It was hoped the Compost Site might have had potential commercial development, but that is on hold as the city needs the compost site and is expanding its use, via the new state Solid Waste (organics) pilot project," she said.

That project, called "Food Scraps to Energy," was implemented last month.

The city is promoting the Enterprise Zone to potential developers by way of a flyer, detailing the benefits of the program. This is only a first step as the mayor sees a future need for marketing the area.

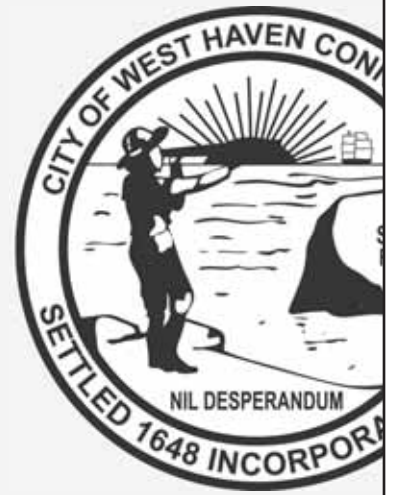
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Holiday cheer!

Just before the Christmas break, students at various schools marked season with special presentations, sing-alongs, collections for the needy, and visits by guest speakers. Clockwise from top left – Peer Counselors at West Haven High School inventoried the hundreds of toys collected by students during the Toys for Joy campaign. Students at Mackrille took part in a holiday sing-along in the school gym, while students at Seth Haley were given a talk by Sgt. First-Class Michael Finnegan.



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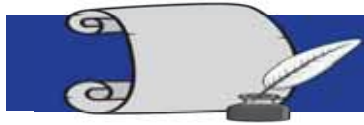
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

The University of New Haven

The University of New Haven has been a fixture on the West Haven landscape for as long as most of us can recall. But where did it come from and what brought it here to West Haven? Humble beginnings can often lead to successful outcomes, and such would be the case in this instance.

In 1920, New Haven YMCA Junior College began as a night school on the Yale University campus, in a rented space beneath Sheffield Hall. By 1926,

it became known as New Haven College, as granted by an act of the Connecticut General Assembly, which has jurisdiction over the creation of such entities in the state.

Soon it attracted the attention of Southern New England Telephone Company, who in a cooperative program with the college enrolled some thirty of its employees in night classes there for continuing education and enrichment.

As word got around, the school attracted other aspiring students and enrollments grew.

By 1958, the Connecticut State Legislature had authorized New Haven College to offer Bachelor of Science degrees in business, accounting and management. The college opened a small campus of its own on Cold Spring Road in New Haven for the purpose of offering daytime classes in engineering. Within two years, this new campus would become overcrowded.

The year 1960 was a defining year for New Haven College, as it purchased the land and structures of The New Haven County Temporary Home for

Dependent and Neglected Children located on Allingtown Hill, at the intersection of Route 1 (Orange Avenue) and Campbell Avenue. The school now had adequate room to grow their programs and build additional structures as they became necessary. Also that year, New Haven College became independent of the YMCA in an amicable split. At that time, the college had graduating classes totaling 75 students; today, the norm is on the order of 2000.

By 1966, New Haven College received full accreditation for its baccalaureate program from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. This action validated and authorized the degrees, making its programs acceptable to other colleges as well as attractive to potential employers.

Another big step was taken in 1969 when New Haven College added a graduate school, offering programs in business administration and industrial engineering. From there, the programs expanded rapidly.

In 1970, New Haven College became the University of New Haven, providing enriching programs for commuting students as well as a resident student population.

In the years between 1960 and 1970, numerous additional buildings had been added to the West Haven campus: a dormitory, a student center, an engineering building and a business building. Land had been purchased for a north campus, and an athletic facility had been created there.

In the ensuing years, University of New Haven expanded their Graduate School to offer over thirty master's programs.



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

Today, the university offers undergraduate and graduate programs in six schools: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, Tagliatela College of Engineering, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, School of Health Sciences, and the Graduate School.

Today the university has facilities at their campuses in West Haven and Orange, Connecticut, as well as one in Tuscany, Italy. From humble beginnings have come great things!

But that's not the end of the story.

To be continued.

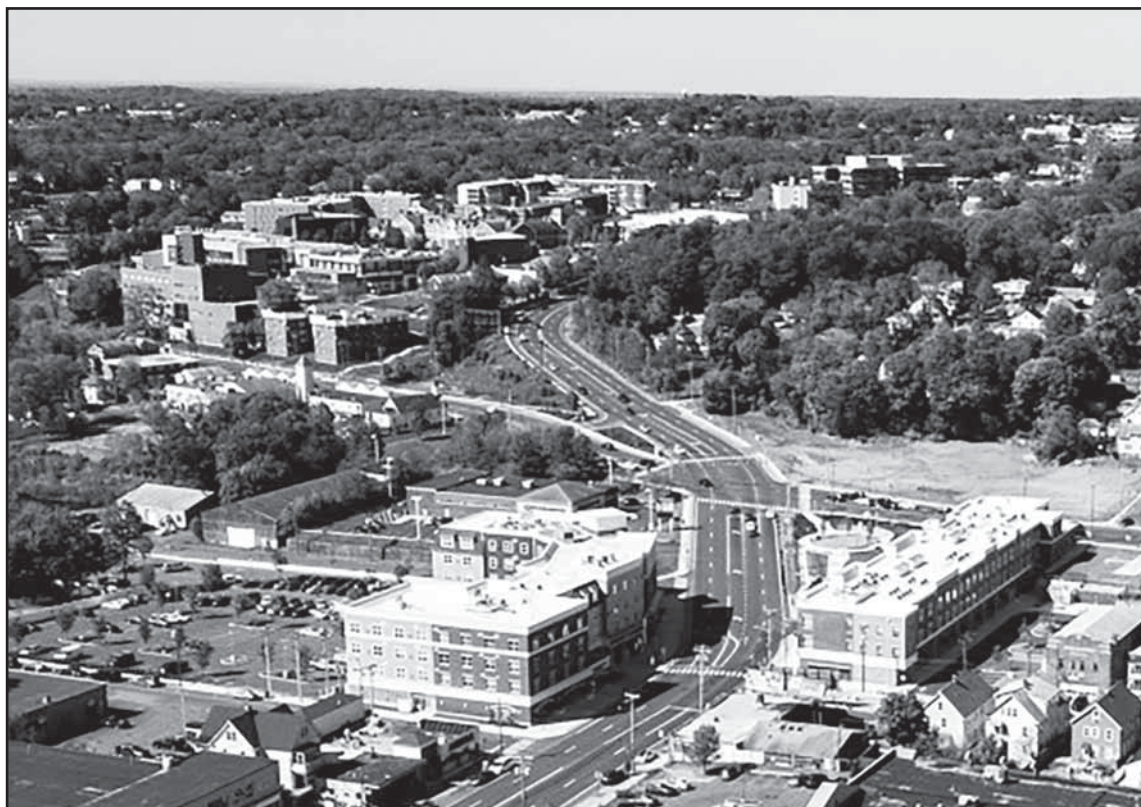
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Photo by Bob Belletzkic

University of New Haven's Maxcy Hall: «The structure was known simply as the Main Building until June 4, 1987 when it was named for Dr. Ellis C. Maxcy who headed the college from 1932 to 1937 during the Great Depression.” Below -- A drone shot of the entire campus.

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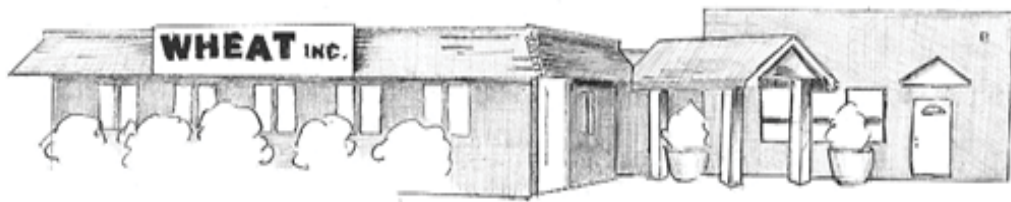
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'Comfort Cuties'

The New Haven Probus Club has initiated its Comfort Cuties Program. Six hand-made dolls were received by Robyn Buchter, administrator of the Memory Care Unit, Atria, Larson's Place in Hamden. The dolls are to aid residents and patients in area facilities. The program hopes to expand to several facilities throughout the greater New Haven area. Pictured above: Robyn Buchter, Administrator of the Memory Care Unit, Atria, Larson's Place, Hamden and Les Faiman, Greater New Haven Probus Club



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WHEAT change in '23

Beginning this week, WHEAT, Inc. is changing the way it distributes food. Due to safety precautions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, for the last two years WHEAT had been providing its guests with pre-packed bags of food with only a limited amount of choice in what they received. But now clients will be able to select the items they prefer from a designated shopping area in WHEAT's pantry, giving them the power to choose what foods they want for themselves and their families. The "full client choice" model is generally seen as a best practice for food pantries as it can better accommodate the dietary and culture needs of gue



Photo courtesy of WH Library

From left to right in the picture: Head of Children's/Teen Services Amy Sullivan, Traveling Toys cofounder Diana Caty, Library Director Colleen Bailie, Traveling Toys Co-founder Mary Didiuk

Library partners with non-profit to help needy kids

West Haven Library has partnered to partner with Traveling Toys, Inc. to launch a new toy library collection for children and teens. Traveling Toys is a Connecticut non-profit organization that was founded by Mary Didiuk and Diana Caty in 2019. They have recently launched toy collections in New London and Westbrook libraries.

West Haven has a poverty level of 12 percent of, which is higher than the state average. This may indicate that many kids are without games at home due to their families prioritizing other life's necessities. The West Haven Library aims to provide an opportunity for such families through this collection.

Children thrive when playing with toys of all kinds. This new toy collection offers families the social and educational benefits that these games can provide. All that is needed is a library card. Most of the toys and games will circulate for two weeks.

Items in the toy collection included board games, Lego sets, kitchen play sets, musical instruments, Nintendo Switch & PS3, Duplo Blocks, and much more. Other similar items the library loans out such as HotSpots and Playaways (digital programs on their own tablets) have been popular for years. A toy collection will enhance the library's diversity and accessibility for patrons.

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Working it out!

Melissa Tsakonias fore-checks for the Westies Sharks versus the Eagles. The Westie Sharks, a coop team with Sacred Heart Academy and West Haven High School, began the year in fine form. Takonas and her team topped the Trumbull-St. Joseph's Eagles, 2-1.

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Mite A squad wins third title in Christmas Classic tourney

The West Haven Mite A hockey team won its third tournament of the season by winning the 2nd Annual Mite A division of the Christmas Classic held at the Northford Ice Pavilion in Northford. The Westies posted a 5-0 record defeating the Northwestern CT Icehawks (South Kent), The Hartford Jr. Wolfpack, The Greater New Haven Warriors, and The Wallingford Hawks.

The Blue Devils were led in scoring by forwards Brody Miller, Henry Seslar, Emmett Hemming, Santino Martin, Caden Minio, Alexa Jacob, and Brayden Jacob. Solid defense by Cooper Owens and Keegan Jackson made it very difficult for any teams to score.

Alexa Jacob had one game in net with Landon Silverman manning the other four to help lead the Westies to a championship.

The Mites scored a total of 64 goals, while only allowing 12 against in the five games. The Blue Devils defeated the Hartford Jr Wolfpack, 12-4, in the final game.

The West Haven Squirt AA hockey team spent the holiday break at the Philadelphia Flyers training facility in New Jersey and walked away with the championship of the 2012 Squirt AAA division.

The Westies went 3-1 in pool play and were able to avenge their early loss in posting a 7-6 win over the Philadelphia Revolution AAA in the championship game for the title. Michael

Paone withstood a furious short-handed rally to seal the win in the net. Paone finished with 15 saves.

Charlie Gunning posted a hat trick and Wade Roach added two goals in the title game. Colby Cushing and Alex Jenei also scored for the Westies. AJ Farrell, Danny Moll, Dane Walsh and Nick Ciccocanti accounted for assists.

Peyton Burlepsch was the star of the semifinal against Dark Magic (NJ) AAA as he netted two goals in a 4-1 win. Cody Young and Roach accounted for the other goals. Paone finished with 22 saves on the day, while Walsh, Dylan Spreyer and Jeremiah McGrath posted assists.

In pool play, Spreyer posted a hat trick as the Westies defeated Dark Magic 7-3. Henry Strada, Moll and McGrath posted assists in the game.

Roach scored five goals as the Westies topped Play Hockey Red 9-3. Gunning posted a hat trick as the Westies upended Play Hockey Gray 6-3. Farrell had two goals and two assists in the game, and McGrath added the other goal.

In the lone loss, the Revolution downed the Westies 6-5. Walsh posted a goal and two assists in the contest. Paone finished with 23 saves on the day.

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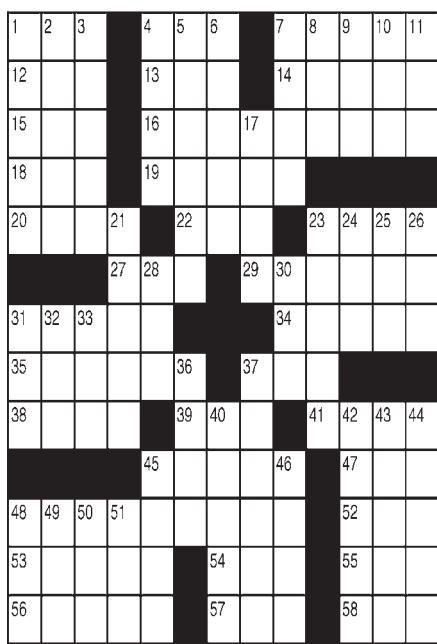
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- 4 Physician's nickname
- 7 Grating
- 12 Vintage
- 13 Away from WSW
- 14 Mountain crest
- 15 Set afire
- 16 Yosemite peak featured in "Free Solo"
- 18 "CSI" evidence
- 19 Dewy
- 20 Billboard
- 22 Swiss peak
- 23 Bloke
- 27 Author Fleming suffix
- 29 Abrasion
- 31 Planet circlers
- 34 Heart line
- 35 Coffeehouse bill collector
- 37 L-P link
- 38 Utah ski resort
- 39 "Yoo- -!"
- 41 Pottery oven
- 45 Quotable Yogi
- 47 Eastern path
- 48 Bygone Cadillacs
- 52 Copper head?
- 53 Tierney of "The Affair"
- 54 Superlative



- 7 Engrossed
- 8 "Exodus" hero
- 9 Fixed
- 10 Sch. org
- 11 Hankering
- 17 Nile vipers
- 21 Martial arts warrior
- 23 Swindler
- 24 Guffaw syllable
- 25 Suitable
- 26 Green shade
- 28 Simile part
- 30 Paint container
- 31 1959 Kings-ton Trio hit
- 32 Texas tea
- 33 Choose
- 36 Mother of Zeus
- 37 Gloomy
- 40 Sequence
- 42 Tuscany setting
- 43 Hard work
- 44 Seasonal songs
- 45 Thin nail
- 46 Nick and Nora's dog
- 48 Ambulance initials
- 49 Napkin's place
- 50 Payable
- 51 Mine material

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- Cab ride
- Countdown
- Friends
- Music
- Champagne
- Dancing
- Hats
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- Midnight
- Toasts
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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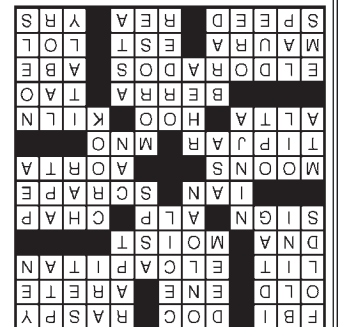
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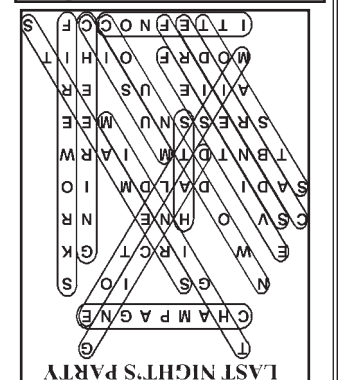
Answers to this week's puzzles



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Answers

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9	7	4	8	6	5	2	1	3
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



- HISTORY:** What is the name of the ancient trade route that connected the East and West?
- LITERATURE:** What was playwright Anton Chekhov's other profession?
- TELEVISION:** Who are the next-door neighbors in TV's sitcom "Laverne & Shirley"?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Which continent has the most countries?
- MUSIC:** What does the shortened term K-pop stand for?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What is another name for a kiwi?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** From which

Roman god did the month of January get its name?

8. MEDICAL TERMS: If you suffer from medial tibial stress syndrome, what is the condition commonly called?

9. PSYCHOLOGY: What irrational fear is represented in the condition called ablutophobia?

10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby turkey called?

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- The Silk Road.
- Physician.
- Lenny and Squiggy.
- Africa.
- Korean popular music.
- Chinese gooseberry.
- Janus, the god of beginnings and endings.
- Shin splints.
- Fear of bathing.
- A poult.

Westies: Hoopsters go to 3-2

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game as Yousaf Ullah rang a shot off the post just 20 seconds in. A costly penalty led to a Xavier goal to put West Haven behind 1-0 3:54 in, but the chances were there throughout the first.

Madera had a golden opportunity on a breakaway, but his shot just sailed over the right corner 6:09 in. Porto was denied in close 1:18 later, and Madera was turned aside in front with 4:45 left in the opening period.

An evenly played second period saw more of the same after Xavier took a 2-0 lead just 20 seconds in. Price was denied from in front 4:02 in, and Porto had his shot from the right faceoff circle knocked away 1:08 later.

The Westies put on the early pressure in the third period, but a backhander in front by the Falcons found the back of the net 2:37 in.

From there, the Westies had more opportunities. Spreyer was turned away in front with a pad save 3:10 in, JJ Alling had a shot turned aside from the right faceoff circle with 4:30 gone by, and Axelrod's shot from the point was kicked away later in the period.

The West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy girls hockey team won its fourth straight contest with a 2-1 decision over St. Joseph/Trumbull Tuesday evening. With the victory, the Westie Sharks improved to 5-1 on the year.

Isabelle Desrosiers made 15 saves in the win.

In a tightly contested game, the Westie Sharks took a 1-0 lead in the first period when Julianna Picard scored just 2:10 into the contest off assists from Geena Montano and Taylor Alfano.

With the game even at one, West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy took the lead for good when Ashley Welch scored off an assist from Chase Ireland with 50 seconds remaining in the second.

Welch's goal held up as the Westie Sharks won their fourth straight contest.

The West Haven boys basketball team improved to 2-1 with a 70-52 victory over Norwalk Monday evening. The Westies led by 16 at the half and never looked back in their second straight victory.

Jared Butler led the Westies with 30 points, while Jayce Perry scored 14. Adam Elkharraz scored nine and Isaiah Jackson added eight in the win.

Butler scored 10 points in the opening quarter to help West Haven to a 16-6 lead, before he added eight more in the second quarter.

Perry also scored four times

in the quarter.

Butler and Perry combined for 11 points in the third quarter as the Westies led 44-31. Butler, Elkharraz, and Jackson each scored six points in the final quarter when West Haven scored 26 points.

After a pair of victories, West Haven knew it was in for quite a challenge when the team faced Kolbe Cathedral at the Floyd Little Athletic Center Wednesday afternoon. Despite a valiant effort, the Westies fell 55-45.

Najimi George proved to be a thorn in West Haven's side as he scored 17 points and pulled down 17 rebounds.

West Haven was hurt in the second quarter as Kolbe went on a 15-5 run to turn a two-point game into a 29-17 Kolbe lead at the half. The Westies never recovered.

Despite an evenly played contest the rest of the way, the 12-point first half difference was too much to overcome.

Bennett Scott led West Haven with 11 points. Perry scored 10 and Randy Alston added nine in the loss.

The West Haven girls basketball team responded from a tough loss against Hand-Madison with a resounding 73-37 victory at Jonathan Law Tuesday evening.

After struggling to score against the Tigers, West Haven came out firing in Milford with 34 first half points. The Westies had a balanced scoring attack in their second win of the season with nine different players scoring.

Isabella Fiorillo led the way with 15 points, Amani Abuhatab and Noelle Lawrence each scored 14, Cassidy Carrano scored 10, and Arianna Titus scored eight.

The Westies jumped in front quickly with 16 first quarter points as six different players scored, led by Fiorillo with five and Dealyce Howard with four.

Lawrence connected on three 3-pointers in the second quarter, and Fiorillo and Abuhatab each scored three points in the stanza.

The Westies put the game away with 16 more in the third as Fiorillo scored seven and Titus added six points.

After a rebound performance and a dominant victory over Jonathan Law, West Haven was looking to carry that performance into Wallingford.

The Westies could not do so and fell to Sheehan 63-58 Thursday evening, falling to 2-2 on the year.

Abuhatab led the way for the Westies with 25 points, while Carrano scored 13 points. Ciara Harp scored eight points and Fiorillo added seven.

Abuhatab scored eight of



Photo by Todd Dandelske

Belle Derosiers makes a save on a breakaway to preserve the 2-1 victory over Trumbull/St. Joe's.

her team's 11 first quarter points, with the other points coming on a 3-pointer from Fiorillo.

Abuhatab added six more in the second quarter, Harp added five more, and Fiorillo scored four.

Carrano drained three 3-pointers as part of West Haven's 13-point third quarter. Abuhatab added eight more in the fourth and Carrano had four, but it was not enough in the five-point loss.

West Haven improved to 3-2 with a 67-40 victory over Norwalk in the opening round of the West Haven Holiday Tournament Wednesday afternoon at West Haven High.

The Westies led by 14 at the half and pulled away in the second half with a 29-16 run. West Haven limited Norwalk to just three second half field goals.

Abuhatab led all scorers with 23 points and also added 15 rebounds in the win. Lawrence scored nine points, and Carrano and Fiorillo each scored eight points for West Haven.

Abuhatab led West Haven with nine first quarter points as the Westies took a 14-12 lead. West Haven then pulled away in the second quarter.

A 24-12 run was led by Abuhatab with eight points and Harp with six points. Howard and Ella Morgan each scored four points in the decisive second quarter.

West Haven increased the lead to 52-31 in the third quarter as five different players were in the scoring column,

led by Fiorillo with five.

The cycle for alternating wins and losses unfortunately continued for the Westies Thursday afternoon. Held to just 16 points in the first half, the Westies rallied but fell 57-50 to Hamden in the final of the West Haven Christmas Tournament at West Haven High.

West Haven struggled offensively in the opening half, managing just three field goals in each of the first two quarters.

The 16 points also came from just two players as both Abuhatab and Harp each scored eight points.

The Westies picked up the offense in the third quarter, nearly matching the first half output with 14 points. Abuhatab hit a pair of 3-pointers,

and Lawrence and Fiorillo each drained one.

Looking to mount a comeback, the Westies hurt themselves in the final eight minutes by missing six free throws. West Haven was just 8-of-15 from the free throw line in the game.

Harp led West Haven's 20-point fourth quarter with 10 points, while Fiorillo and Abuhatab each had three points.

Harp led West Haven with 18 points, Abuhatab added 17 points, and Fiorillo scored six in the loss.

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Ashley Welch celebrates her goal with Chase Ireland to give the Westie Sharks the lead and a 2-1 victory over Trumbull/St. Joe's.

Westies look to end skein

Looking to snap a two-game skid to start the season, the West Haven co-op hockey team played a solid first 11 minutes against a talented Fairfield squad in Bridgeport. The home team then took over.

Scoring four times in the final 4:33 of the opening period, Fairfield topped the Westies 8-0 Monday evening. With the loss, West Haven fell to 0-3.

The Westies had a pair of solid scoring chances prior to Fairfield's outburst in the opening period, but a 3-on-1 break with Marcus Burrows, Mike Madera, and Brady Price failed to produce a goal. Jason Alling's point shot was also denied with a glove save by Fairfield's Connor Zavory.

Javed Ullah, who made 17 saves in the game, was then beaten twice by Owen Gibbons within 42 seconds, before Charlie Swanson scored 1:44 later for a 3-0 lead.

The Westies had another scoring chance in the final minute of the period, but Haygen Axelrod's shot, which was deflected in from by Sam Marquez, was turned away.

West Haven continued to get its opportunities in the opening minute of the second, but Jayden Spreyer was turned aside from the slot. Trailing 5-0, Thomas Porto also had a shot knocked aside from the slot.

West Haven then had two breakaways late in the second period, but attempts by Spreyer and Marquez were denied.

Kiryl Astrovukh played well with 12 saves, allowing just two goals, including the final in the last eight seconds of the game.

While the search for its first victory is still ongoing, West Haven is making strides. Those strides were not enough Wednesday afternoon against Xavier.

Failing to score on a host of scoring opportunities, and watching as Xavier scored three times in the third period, West Haven fell to the Falcons 5-0 in Cromwell. With the loss, the Westies fell to 0-4 on the year.

The Westies had their chances almost immediately in the [See Westies, page 19](#)

AA Squirts win Winter Cup in New Jersey

The West Haven Squirt AA spent the holiday break at the Philadelphia Flyers training facility in New Jersey and walked away with the championship of the 2012 Squirt AAA division.

The Westies went 3-1 in pool play and were able to avenge their early loss in posting a 7-6 win over the Philadelphia Revolution AAA in the championship game for the title. Michael Paone withstood a furious short-handed rally to seal the win in the net. Paone finished with 15 saves. Charlie Gunning posted a hat trick and Wade Roach added 2 goals in the title game. Colby Cushing and Alex Jenei also scored for the Westies. AJ Farrell, Danny Moll, Dane Walsh and Nick Ciccocanti accounted for assists.

Peyton Burlesch was the star of the semifinal against Dark Magic (NJ) AAA netted two goals in a 4-1 win. Cody Young and Roach accounted for the other goals. Paone finished with 22 saves on the day. Walsh, Dylan Spreyer and Jeremiah McGrath posted assists.

In pool play, Spreyer posted a hat trick as the Westies defeated Dark Magic 7-3. Henry Strada, Moll and McGrath posted assists in the day.

Roach went off for 5 goals as the Westies smoked Play Hockey Red, 9-3.

Gunning posted a hat trick as the Westies upended Play Hockey Gray 6-3. Farrell had 2 goals and 2 assists in the day and McGrath added the other goal.

In the lone loss, the Revolution downed the Westies, 6-5. Walsh posted a goal and 2 assists in the contest. Paone finished with 23 saves on the day



The West Haven AA Squirts celebrate their holiday tournament victory in New Jersey.