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## Voice Feature

*An in-depth feature*

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### Fond farewell

Justin Kearney, Sean Sullivan, and Augie Gray, all West Haven residents and former hosts of the annual Savin Rock Skate & BMX festivals rallied people together on Sunday to have a final ride at the skatepark they all called home. Around 50 people attended the event with many people driving by honking and hanging in the parking lot to support and witness the day. It was bittersweet for all involved, and they hope to build a new park for the next generation soon.

## Heffernan 2nd FD historian

Retired Lt. William Heffernan was sworn in as the official Historian of the West Haven Fire Department on Jan. 26. Bruce Sweeney, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, administered the oath of office as friends and family looked on. Heffernan is just the second man to be appointed to the position of Historian. Chief William "Wiggy" Johnson was the first official Historian, appointed on Feb. 22, 2013, during the Department's 125th Anniversary.

"I have huge shoes to fill," said Heffernan. "Chief Johnson may have been our first official Historian but he was also our unofficial Historian for generations. As a young boy growing up, his father was the Fire Chief and he got to witness decades of our department history with his own eyes. That kind of first-hand knowledge and experience can never be duplicated."

In 2010, the department celebrated the 50th anniversary of the West Haven Firemen's Me-

morial on the green. As Heffernan and Chief James O'Brien worked on the project they began to delve into the history of the Memorial and the Department. This history project would evolve into the current West Haven Fire Department Historical Library.

"As we began to research our history stretching back through the years to 1888, we had so many questions. We quickly found that the answers to these questions was always the same. Just ask Wiggy. Chief Johnson always knew the answer," said Heffernan.

When Chief Johnson was appointed Historian, he was presented with a gold Historian badge. Starting with Heffernan, and going forward into the future, it has been decided that the Historians of the West Haven Fire Department will wear silver. This is out of respect for Chief Johnson, not only as our first Historian

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## Recycling rules topic of confab

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

A standing room-only crowd of more than 100 residents participated in a free recycling workshop at City Hall on Jan. 19 to learn "what goes in the blue bin and what doesn't."

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, a staunch supporter of recycling, greeted the crowd before introducing guest speaker Sherill Baldwin of the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, who led the "What's In, What's Out" workshop with DEEP's Emma MacDonald in the Harriet C. North Community Room.

"The city has recently received many questions regarding trash and recycling, and I hope this workshop will help clarify what goes in the blue bin and what doesn't," Rossi said. "Sherill is a knowledgeable professional, and I am glad she is here to join us tonight."

Baldwin, an environmental analyst at DEEP since 2008, has been involved in sustainable materials management for 37 years. MacDonald, a 2021 graduate of UConn who earned a bachelor's degree in sustainable forest resources, has been an environmental analyst at DEEP's sustainable materials management office since June 2022.

Baldwin and MacDonald focused their 90-minute PowerPoint presentation on recycling education. They also discussed various recycling do's and don'ts with residents, including the steps before putting acceptable items into recycling bins.

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Wife Anne Heffernan pins the Historian badge on husband Bill.



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Mikaila, a Grade 3 student in the West Haven Community House After School Program, sees some snowy conditions in our weather.

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## On this Date

1996 -- The Irish paramilitary organization IRA ends an 18-month ceasefire by exploding a large bomb in London. The explosion in London's Canary Wharf left 2 people dead and 39 injured.

1969 -- The Boeing 747 flies for the first time. The "Jumbo Jet" was the world's largest passenger aircraft at the time.

1964 -- The Beatles embark on their first tour in the United States. Their appearance in the Ed Sullivan Show marked the the "British Invasion"

1959 -- The world's first intercontinental ballistic missile becomes operational in the USSR. The Soviet R-7 Semyorka missile had a range of 8800 km (5500 mi).

1950 -- U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy launches his anti-communist campaign, On this day, McCarthy accused the U.S. State Department of being infiltrated by communists.

### Births

1987 -- Magdalena Neuner, German biathlete.

1942 -- Carole King, American singer-songwriter, pianist.

1932 -- Gerhard Richter, German painter.

1846 -- Wilhelm Maybach, German businessman, founded Maybach.



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## Citizen of the Year!

Councilwoman Kathy Tucker has been chosen by the West Haven Black Heritage Committee as the 2023 Citizen of the Year. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m. in the Harriet C. North Meeting Room on the second floor of City Hall. Tucker, an advance-practice registered nurse, is Director of the Heart and Vascular Outpatient Program services at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Prior to serving on the City Council, she was a member of the West Haven Board of Health. In addition to Tucker, four West Haven High School students will be honored. Juniors Dana Davis and Malachi Calhoun and seniors Ayannah Obas and Jo 'Vante Witter will receive leadership and academic awards. For mor information, call Black Heritage President Steven R. Mullins at (203) 824-4262.



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# Allingtown FD awarded grant for radios

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

The Federal Emergency Management Agency on Jan. 27 awarded the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown a \$927,333 grant for new radios, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Chief Michael R. Terenzio announced.

The fire radio replacement grant is part of round 15 of FEMA's fiscal year 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

"Firefighters put their lives on the line and deserve to have the most up-to-date equipment and resources available to do their jobs safely and effectively," said U.S. Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro (D-3), who secured the funding for the Allingtown department. "With state and local budgets stretched thin, these federal grants help equip our first responders with lifesaving training and technologies to keep us safe."

DeLauro, the chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee, added: "These critical grants will prepare our first responders for the lifesaving work of fighting and preventing fires. This federal

funding plays an important role in guaranteeing they have the tools to protect themselves and the health and safety of the public."

Terenzio said the regional award will pay for mobile, portable and base radios that will benefit the Allingtown department as well as the West Haven and West Shore fire departments.

"I would like to convey to Congresswoman DeLauro how much I, as the entire fire service does, appreciate all of her efforts in securing much-needed additional funding to purchase vital equipment needed for fire departments to meet their mission goals," Terenzio said. "Brave men and women who become firefighters are able to meet the challenges presented by emergencies they are called to mitigate by being properly and appropriately trained and equipped to do so."

Terenzio added: "The funding we were just awarded will enable us to replace unsupported analogue radio equipment that is experiencing communications gaps during firefighting operations within structures and challenge com-

munications efficacy to outside command staff. The new digital technology equipment that will be purchased with this funding will ensure our forces are provided with the most effective communications necessary for coordinating emergency operations and routine incidents that involve firefighters and civilians' safety while in immediately dangerous to life or health atmospheres."

Rossi thanked DeLauro for supporting the AFG funding and fighting for West Haven.

"This crucial equipment will assist the Allingtown Fire Department in coordinating response efforts and communication, which improves safety for all residents of West Haven," Rossi said. "I would like to thank Congresswoman DeLauro on behalf of the city of West Haven for her efforts to secure the AFG funding. I would also like to thank Chief Terenzio for hosting the application and city Grant Coordinator Doug Colter for writing and submitting the grant."

According to DeLauro, an Assistance to Firefighters Grant is a competitive grant awarded to fire departments

and emergency medical service organizations to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public and first responders. Fire departments and EMS organizations can use the grants to buy emergency response equipment, personal protec-

tive equipment, firefighting and emergency vehicles, and training materials, she said.

The AFG program is part of a coordinated effort by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security to improve the nation's ability to respond to emergency situations.

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# Dear Felicia

Here we are, sweets, at the beginning of the shortest month o' the year. It jest seems like we had the Christmas decorations out, and it's been six weeks-plus since. Here in the Asylum by the Sea things are jest as crackers as they've always been. The only problem is there's no cheese to go with them. The New Year didn't bring anything new. In fact, it seems like an extension o' the old year.

Sammy Bluejay was in t'other afternoon, and sez that Herroner's assertion in the last issue that 99.5 percent o' the calls and messages received in City Hall were in favor of the "Food Scraps to Energy" program was the subject of a lotta guffaws in and about town. One reader wanted us to do a fact-check on the statement – like City Hall keeps a phone log o' setch things. Yeesh. Whilst it might have been somewhat counted as to yays

and nays, our experience tells us these things are more fond hopes than actual numbers.

The program is still exciting a few people, and one hasta think that the way things were handled has much to do with it. And Sammy thinks so, too. As our editorial sez, whoever the brains behind the "compliance notice" and orange tickets was, let's hope he or she learnt a good lesson. As our editorial sez this week, we got a lesson in bureaucracy. Give someone some responsibility, and they turn it into authority. It's a problem fed'rally, statewide and now for a small burg like ours. Some people can't handle authority like adults.

Tennyrate, we know the blowback was harsh enuff that they City Council told those running the program to stop it, already, with the notices. Since then, we ain't seen any, and probably won't in the short term, though, don't

think this is over. Our feedback is not as positive as the Actors Colony is portraying, and most people think it – like soooo many things – is all about the money. Grants are like a drug to politicians, they can never get enuff.

Sooo, how this all plays out through the rest of the "pilot" is anyone's guess. The way it's been handled thus far, however, is a tale to other towns: don't let this happen to you.

*Nelly Nuthatch came by to say that the Morse Park area is taking on a new look. The local papyrus mentioned that the Chick's sign has been replaced over there. As has been reported here and elsewhere, a new set of condominiums of the high-end variety are planned for part of the old restaurant property. A new restaurant is also planned. The sign that replaced the Chick's sign is about the new condos and the agent who is handling it, it seems.*

*Meanwhile, the City Council approved the demolition of the skate park over there, and by the time yew git this missive it should be a memory for the youngsters who grew up over the last 18 years or so. It opened in 2004. The kids who used it had a final reunion there a couple weeks ago on a Sunday, and the very next day the equipment was out cracking up the concrete ramps and setch.*

*A couple things to note: Regarding the Chick's site, thee is a rumbling that the beginning of the Beach Street rebuild, wherein the roadbed is gonna be raised about seven feet is stalled somehow. The money is there, the announcement has been made, but word is the April beginning may not happen. That could stall the new owners from beginning their construction. The new roadbed is a cog in that machinery.*

*The skate park is an interesting thing. There has been a lotta talk about it being an eyesore and that it wasn't used, but that's a two-way street. Ya see, before long after it was built, the skate park had irregular hours, and like so many things in town, not much oversight. So, while there were users, there was never any real attempt to keep it open at certain times. It was in a word "sporadic."*

*Also, the fact that it was somewhat a lawsuit waiting to happen, the facility was looked on with some angst by officials. It's too bad for those who might wanna use setch places. There were rallies there and an attempt to get more use out of it, but the death knell came, like with many things, with the Covid shutdown. Not much happened since everything in town was locked up.*

Iva Lootey was relating that the local papyrus was reporting the City Council wanted to know how blight regulations are being handled at the Haven sight. Lemme guess. Not at all! For all the bluster and bellowing that took place over the last year or so, there are still a majority of vacant properties on sites that should have been demolished months ago, and would have been effen it was anyone else but the Simon Group.

It's been months now since said Group told the city that the Haven was a pipe dream never to see reality – to no one's surprise – and more months since Herronner and company said they were gonna fine the developer because of the blight. Supposedly, the developers want to clear the tract so it can be sold. That may be true, but it is not breaking any records getting the land cleared. The same piles of rocks, and boarded up homes have been there for months upon months. In fact, Iva was out in his gassamobuggy and thinks the demolition equipment is in the same spot it has been for weeks. No doubt.

Then there is the opening of Water Street. The Police Comish approved the reopening of Water Street last summer. Nary a move has been made to open it up, and the traffic over there could use some relief. The Kimberly Avenue Bridge sees a large backup every rush hour, and having another

outlet would be good for everyone. Dollars to doughnuts the road gits open and within weeks, a new owner will ask for the thing to be closed. It's jest the way the whole thing seems to be going.

*The Wag was in for tea and kind o' echoed what we were talking about a few weeks ago. There seems to be a bit of disillusionment amongst the political class currently holding office. The Wag was wondering how many of the current City Council people, for example, will go up for re-election. With the MARB having control of the city's purse strings for the foreseeable future, the council has become a debating society – witch it does perty well – and not much else. Everything having to do with expenditures is a matter of a rubber stamp.*

*With the new budget cycle in the beginning stages, that reality is hitting the membership even more, he sez. There really ain't much to decide, and it feels like goin' through the motions. Ultimately, the MARB is gonna make the final decisions concerning the bottom line and whatever levies are charged in the way of taxes. It will decide the mill rate effen it doesn't like what the council approves – as has happened.*

*Soooo, there seems to be a re-thinking on the part of some as to whether they are gonna continue to put in the time and energy that comes with being on the council.*

*That is an interesting situation cuz until we know what is gonna happen at the top of the ticket, some people are probably keeping their powder dry. Once the matter of whether Mrs. Rossi goes for a fourth term or not is decided, that's when we'll see some decisions made, methinks.*

*Then, we wonder what the GOP will do this time 'round. The party came close the last go-round only to lose by a handful of votes under strained circumstances. It might be an interesting year. Who knows?*

It seems Rep. Trenee McGee made the national press last month when she was a speaker at the annual "March for Life" in Washington. The Democrat, who has gone against the party line in the matter of life before, was one of the major speakers, and her independence on the matter was splattered all over the national press.

Of course, she has taken some heat for her stance. And, we don't agree with her on a lot of her politics, but we gotta give her credit for stickin' by her principles. That's not something one sees a lot of these days.

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

*Cobina*

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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I am responding to a gripe posted in the West Haven Voice edition dated Jan. 5 about "save the food scrap" and the article of Mayor Rossi responding in the edition dated Jan. 19.

Mayor Rossi's response is basically implying that while this is still a "voluntary program" West Haven Citizens should start preparing that this soon to be "voluntary program" will become mandatory. My thoughts: so typical of our politicians attempting to gain more control right down to how we should get rid of our trash.

Further, I want to say that I have seen some people post some in social media groups about this program and most people are NOT for it. So, it's a little bit surprising that somehow based on the Mayor's "data" most residents in West Haven are for this program.

In terms of the gripe published on Jan. 5, I agree that enough is enough! I could think of 1000 other things West Haven should be focusing on. Yet the city focuses on this? Did they ever take into consideration that not ALL households have two separate garbage cans in their house to separate food scraps and actual trash? And, if you don't have two separate garbage cans in your kitchen, who is really going to want a container sitting around with rotting food weekly until their collection day? How sanitary is that? Who wants the risk of a fly or rodent infestation in their house? Did they not take into consideration that some

**Free radon test kits available**

It's not too late to test your home for radon, the second-leading cause of lung cancer.

The city Health Department has a limited number of free radon test kits, Health Director Maureen B. Lillis said.

To receive a test kit, call the department at (203) 937-3660. A sanitarian from the department will deliver the kit and help place it in the home, Lillis said. Radon is a colorless, odorless and naturally occurring radioactive gas formed from the natural decay of uranium. It's found in rock, water and soil. While radon in outdoor air poses a relatively low risk to human health, it can enter homes from the surrounding soil and become a health hazard inside buildings, Lillis said.

**Leaf bags must be composted**

Residents are reminded that leaf bag pickup ended Dec. 15. The city will not pick up leaf bags until the curbside service resumes the week of April 15. Until then, residents must bring all leaf bags — paper, no plastic — to the compost site, 1 Kimberly Ave., from 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Proof of residence is required. T

**Board to hear tax appeals**

The Board of Assessment Appeals will hear appeals of real estate and personal property assessments on the 2022 grand list by appointment during March. The board will also hear appeals of motor vehicle assessments on the 2021 supplemental motor vehicle grand list that received a tax bill due Jan. 1. Any property owner who wants to appeal an assessment must submit a written application to the board. The assessor's office must receive the completed form on or before Feb. 20. Download an application at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/4934/Board-of-Assessment-Appeals-Application-PDF>.

households have garbage disposals to get rid of food scraps? Or what about places of business? You expect them to separate their trash and food scraps too? And how do we know that when these bags arrive to the dump is there someone going through an ENTIRE dump truck separating orange bags from green bags? Because so far, I have only seen one garbage truck as usual that collects people's garbage and all goes into one truck.

Let's focus on bigger issues. Like, finding ways to lowering taxes to prevent our mortgages going up every year. Or, how about moving projects along quicker so our city doesn't have all these blight issues. Are we just going to leave the dilapidated area where The Haven was supposed to be abandoned and empty? What about moving the project along with the New England Brewery that is supposed to go where Savin Rock Conference is? Or are we just going to continue to allow the center to rot away? Or how about fining absentee landlords for not taking care of their property? How about focusing on improving the downtown area of having more family friendly stores to attract people coming to our city versus allowing one bar after another or dollar store after another opens up? I can go on and on.

I have lived in this city 20-plus years, We have beautiful beaches to offer, but yet our leadership that's running the city isn't helping to improve the city because they focus on smaller issues than big ones. Our city leaders' priorities



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

make no sense.

Dear Fed Up:

Fed Up

I am sure many of my readers share your sentiments. They are welcome to vent in Gripe Vine

**Dear Eleanore Turkington**

I live at 307 Washington Avenue and across the street from me is an empty lot filled with dumped trash. There is a broken fence here and the grass hasn't been cut in three years. My taxes are almost \$9,000.

SM

**Dear SM:**

I have forwarded your complaint to Councilperson Sarah Ackbarali and when her

response arrives you will read it in Gripe Vine. Please let me know as soon as you see any activity here.

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## Program rollout a lesson

Residents have received an abject lesson in governmental overreach – albeit in a small scale – with the recent kerfuffle concerning the “Food Scraps to Energy” program, announced by the Rossi administration in late 2022. With the help of a \$1.3 million grant, a pilot program was established wherein residents would separate their weekly trash into green and orange bags. The green bags are for food scraps such as peels, food bits, fruit cores, etc. The orange bags are for so-called “regular trash.”

A Southington-based company, Waste Zero, is charged with collecting the scraps and churning out biofuels. The goal is to eliminate the incineration or burial of the food scraps as we are told the state is undergoing a dearth of locations to send the refuse. Indeed, we are told this is the wave of the future, and the people of the city should “just do one more thing” to make life greener for the rest of us. That “one more thing,” of course, is to separate the refuse into different bags. It all sounds so reasonable.

Months ago, bags were passed out by the thousands to residents, and were asked to use them. However, as many residents who received the bags, just as many – or more – did not. Some determined they did not want to participate. It seemed they were well within their rights as the word “mandatory” was never used. It is a pilot program, a test of viability. Cooperation rather than coercion was requested. That was until some denizen of City Hall thought differently.

Just before Christmas, notices were pasted on people’s doors that “compliance” to the new program would begin. What? Compliance? It is not the law, what is this all about? People questioned. We questioned. Sure enough, orange stickers appeared on trash bins for people who had the effrontery to just use the trash bags they had purchased in their local stores, and chose not to separate out their trash. This was because they were unaware of the program, or chose not to participate – still an option according to the preprogram hype.

The orange stickers, again, the brainchild of some yahoo in City Hall, did not get the “compliance” that was hoped. Instead, the exercise angered many. When questioned about this Mayor Nancy Rossi claims of more than 900 phone calls and emails, only “one-half of one percent” were against the program. Really? Excuse us if we doubt Her Honor on this one.

At a recent City Council meeting, officials were directed to cease the posting of notices on non-compliant trash cans, which gives less credence to the claim of the public euphoria over the plan. We have not seen any new notifications thus far, but a supposed more tactful message is in the works.

The ham-handedness of the administration in rolling out this program is a lesson in the bureaucratic state. Instead of taking a more positive approach, City Hall made it look as if some ordinance had been broken, some law violated. Given a task, no matter how noble, a “rules for thee” approach was taken. Power can be a heady thing, and whoever came up with this gem, had it go straight to his head.

Mayor Rossi in her defense of the program also used the “just one more thing” argument. Putting trash in two different bags is “just one more thing” out of all the chores residents must do. Coupled with the non-compliance stickers, and the fact it seems every governmental program asks us to do “just one more thing,” some people are resentful.

The “Food Scraps to Energy” program is just another reality of modern life we are told. That may be true. But bringing that reality to the masses takes a bit more finesse than was shown in the roll out of this program.



## Biden-Trump Round II?

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

America may not want a Trump-Biden rematch, but Donald Trump and Joe Biden sure do.

A CNN poll late last year showed that 6 in 10 Republicans and Republican-leaning independents want a different GOP nominee in 2024, and a roughly similar proportion of Democrats hope for a nominee other than Biden.

Not that either man is inclined to pay any attention.

Trump wants revenge against a president who humiliated him in 2020 and who, with an approval rating in the mid-40s, would seem ripe for the picking.

Biden wants to run against a persistently unpopular, controversy-plagued former president whom he beat once before and used to great effect as a foil in the 2022 midterms.

Trump’s best argument is that his policies were better than Biden’s.

Biden’s best argument is that he’s not Trump.

It’s the weirdest, and most dispiriting, symbiotic relationship in politics. It’s the career politician soaked in conventional politics versus the upstart developer with zero respect for rules. The establishmentarian versus the populist. Boring versus erratic. And ... unpopular versus unpopular, as well as, now that you mention it, old versus old.

If Biden stepped aside, Trump might feel a little less driven to run, whereas if Trump declined to run, Democrats would have to be much more nervous about how Biden would match up against a younger, less toxic opponent.

As it is, the weakness of each is a motivator and prop for the other.

Just consider: It’s probably a good rule of thumb not to run a presidential candidate who’s under federal investigation for mishandling classified documents. But does that rule hold when your candidate could well be running against another candidate also under federal investigation for mishandling classified documents?

Such are the imponderables that a potential Biden-Trump rematch presents. Both can point at the other and try to argue, in effect, “Hey, your special counsel investigation is much worse than my special counsel investigation.”

Trump tucked into this debate in his characteristic fashion. In a Truth Social post, he mocked Biden for having classified documents “on the damp floor” of his “flimsy, unlocked, and unsecured” garage, whereas Mar-a-Lago is “a highly secured facility.” (Of course, Biden famously insisted that his garage was locked -- he has a classic Corvette to protect, after all).

Biden’s team and allies have

made the opposite case that, in contrast to Trump, his mistakes were inadvertent and immediately reported to authorities. Regardless of the merits, there’s no doubt that Biden’s possession of classified documents materially assists Trump in his case; it might save him from indictment.

By the same token, Trump’s possession of classified documents materially assists Biden in his case; the discovery of the documents in Biden’s various unsecure locations may be a fiasco, but not one as drawn out and legally fraught as the Mar-a-Lago drama.

It’s a little like both parties running candidates in the 1972 campaign who had authorized break-ins, or in a 1980 campaign who had presided over double-digit inflation.

Now, it’s entirely possible that the second season of Trump versus Biden never makes it to production. Despite all signs indicating that he wants to run again, Biden might pull up short because he doesn’t feel up for it. For his part, Trump has a significant chance of winning the Republican nomination, yet it isn’t a gimme, and it shouldn’t help him that Biden and the Democrats so obviously want to run against him, just as they wanted to run against so many of his acolytes last November.

If the prospect of return  
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# Letters, we get letters!

## A bit of history

It was interesting to see the stories this week about the trash pickups and the green vs. orange bag controversy -- I just had to write.

Let's dive into a little bit of history -- perhaps our esteemed historian Dan Shine could confirm this part.

When I was growing up, 50-60 years ago or so, I remember that there was this interesting metal cover in the ground near the back of the house (sort of near the milk box -- remember those?). It was a double metal lid.

If you stepped on the inner handle, a small lid would open up and you'd drop your leftover food scraps and peels and such down that hole, and it would land in a bucket. If you pressed the lever on the outer ring, it would uncover the whole hole, and you'd be able to reach in and pull out the bucket with all of the scraps.

At least once a week someone would come by and pick up all of those scraps -- what they did with them, I don't know. Maybe fed them to pigs or something.

After a while there was this great invention, and over time, probably most houses in the city got one.

It was called a Garbage Dis-

posal, and you'd put those same scraps down your drain, turn it on, and it would grind them up fine and let them go down the drain with all the other waste.

About the only things I don't think I'd put down the disposal are banana peels and the string from celery. As more and more people got these nifty devices, they stopped the scrap collections, and everyone dug up and junked their scrap buckets.

Enter 2022. Someone comes up with the genius proposal -- we can collect those food scraps and turn them into energy! Wow, what a way to save the planet.

So, all we have to do is get everyone to stop using their garbage disposals and collect those scraps, and after they've sat for a week in this nifty green bag, they can put them out with the trash, and we can collect them separately and somehow turn them into energy. (I'm reminded of the Mr. Fusion device that was on the "Back to the Future" DeLorean Time Machine.)

Note that you have to figure out some place to stash this bag where it's handy to use, but also can be closed quickly after you put something in it, for as the food rots for a week it may generate flies and all

sorts of funky odors. But never mind that, everyone can figure that out themselves.

Oh, wait a minute -- we can't trust that our citizens are smart enough to figure out that they should only put scraps in the Green bag, and not regular trash.

Let's make another bag, orange this time, so we can print the rules on it too, that they should not put food scraps in it, but only regular trash. Never mind that everyone for years has been using the white or black or whatever color plastic trash bags they get from the local store into their trash cans.

We want them to put trash in this nifty Orange bag and food scraps in the nifty Green bag.

Alas, it doesn't take a genius, just a person with some common sense, to realize that there was never a need of any kind for this orange bag. If they're really bound and determined to make us use these green bags instead of using our garbage disposals, they only needed to give us the green bags.

All the remaining trash could have continued to go into the usual white or other plastic bags already in use. In doing so -- they could have saved Half of the grant money,

by only printing and distributing the green bags.

Or if in their bureaucratic mind, they had to spend all of the money, they could have gotten double the number of green bags.

One hopes that the person(s) behind this idea have a "D'oh!" moment and facepalm themselves, only one wishes they do it with such force that they give themselves concussions. (They probably won't. Sigh.)

Scott Tietjen

## Be responsible

The countdown to kickoff has begun! Football fans everywhere are coming together to watch one of the most highly anticipated games of the year.

And of course, this beloved American tradition isn't complete without a winning lineup of game day snacks and a few cold beers with friends and family. Anheuser-Busch and Dichello Distributors Inc. are honored to be a part of these moments and are committed to helping ensure that communities celebrate safely.

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Tony Lota

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# Heffernan: *WHFD history keeps him busy*

but in recognition of his unparalleled knowledge of the department's history. He will be the only Historian to wear gold.

The WHFD Historical Library has made some significant strides in the past couple of years. Just this past summer it was incorporated and became a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. This will open many doors for the library as far as funding and grant writing.

"Chief O'Brien and I worked very hard to make this happen," said Heffernan. "We do

## Lowry

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ing to 2020 is unappealing, look on the bright side: We never really left.

Trump has never let us forget that he lost to Biden (although he prefers to refer to it as getting the election stolen from him), while Biden has never let us forget that Trump is waiting in the wings.

Despite their enmity, both men want and need each other politically, whether that's what the country is interested in or deserves, or not.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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have to give a shout out to my daughter Anita. Anita helped us by filing all the paperwork. We could not have done it without her navigating us through several government bureaucracies."

So, what is on the horizon for the new Historian?

"We have many projects in the works. One of our biggest challenges is organizing all of our history into one archive. We have so many documents and photographs to catalogue and we get more all the time. We continuously search for historical artifacts from our department. As well as all the past history, we also have to keep up with current events as well. We are currently preparing to take photos of all the department personnel. We try to do this every few years to make sure we document all the firefighters as they are hired and rise through the ranks."

One of the bigger projects they have recently completed was finding and restoring the scale model of the James Grahams Ladder Wagon. This was hand made by the members of the company and was pulled by their children in parades and at conventions. They were quite well known throughout the region. When the James Grahams Hook & Ladder dis-

banded in 1902 most of their records and equipment went with them. The model wagon was missing and thought "lost to time" for 120 years. But, through their research, they found it and had it restored. It is a priceless piece of their department's early history.

As well as being in the pro-

cess of locating a couple of other relics from their past, the Historical Library is working with Beth Sabo to relocate the Savin Rock Museum.

William Heffernan began his firefighting career as a volunteer with the West Haven Hook & Ladder Company 1 in 1982. He was hired by the

Paid Department on Feb. 16, 1993 and was promoted to lieutenant on September 14, 2005.

He retired on Jan. 1, 2021, after a 28-year career. Now he can add one more line to his resume, he was appointed as the department's official Historian on Jan. 26, 2023.



Heffernan sworn in by Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners Bruce Sweeney as the department's second historian.

# Conference: *Recycling rules*

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"Empty, clean, rinse and repeat for each item," they said. "Do not shred, box or bag items."

"In" recyclables include: paper and cardboard items, such as newspapers, magazines, food and beverage cartons, mixed paper and flattened boxes; glass items, such as bottles and jars; metal items, such as food and beverage cans, aluminum foil and foil containers; and plastic items, such as jugs, tubs and lids.

"Out" recyclables include: plastic bags and plastic wrap (return to retailer); food and liquid (empty all containers); clothing and linens (use donation programs); tangles (no hoses, wires, chains or electronics); and combustibles (no propane tanks, batteries or nonfood-grade aerosol cans, such as spray paint and pesticides).

The informative workshop included a Q&A session and was attended by City Council mem-

bers Robbin Watt Hamilton, D-5, Victor M. Borras, D-8, Robert Bruneau, D-9, Gary Donovan, D-at large, and Colleen O'Connor, R-at large.

Participants received a green food scrap bin from members of the city's recycling management team, including Grant Coordinator Doug Colter and assistant grant writer Olivia Bisanti, who organized the workshop. They were joined by team volunteers Lilia Rodriguez and Natalie Roach.

Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy, who also spoke, and Pamela Roach, the city's waste and energy consultant, raffled off Dunkin' gift cards and reusable tote bags.

Photo by Michael P. Walsh

**Mayor Nancy R. Rossi welcomes more than 100 residents to a free recycling workshop in the Harriet C. North Community Room at City Hall on Jan. 19.**



## NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ARPA Funds in Support of Food Insecurity -Round II

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi is pleased to announce that the City of West Haven is soliciting financial grant support proposals from charitable organizations that provide services to West Haven residents in support of combatting hunger. Organizations that were awarded funds in the previous round need not re-apply, and are not eligible for new awards.

Organizations that distribute food, (food banks) operate public feeding services (soup kitchens) or otherwise provide support services that seek to address food insecurity in West Haven are encouraged to apply for grants to be made from the American Rescue Plan Funds as they are made available to the City.

### Overview

The City of West Haven has received a commitment for certain funds from the U. S. Department of Treasury to address inequities that were exacerbated by the COVID 19 pandemic. Addressing community food insecurity is an authorized use of these funds. The West Haven City Council has authorized Mayor Nancy Rossi to solicit proposals in pursuit of her ARPA spending plan from area charities that serve food insecurity and hunger needs in West Haven for grant requests to further their missions.

### Application Deadline

Application forms along with any supporting documents must be emailed in PDF format to [dcolter@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:dcolter@westhaven-ct.gov) no later than 3:00 pm Monday, February 20th 2023.

### Applicant Qualifications

1.) Non Profit Status: Applicant agencies must be organized as a not-for-profit charitable organization, and have received an IRS determination letter indicating not for profit status. (eg: 501c3 or other applicable designation). Individuals, for-profit businesses, and organizations primarily engaged in political activities are not eligible to apply. IRS status and CT Secretary of State filing and report status must be current and not in default at the time of funding. Groups not duly registered with the IRS may partner with a qualified fiscal sponsor, provided the fiscal sponsor becomes the Applicant and maintains control of all funds and records.

2.) History of Providing Services: Applicant agencies must be able to demonstrate a history and mission success of providing anti-hunger and food insecurity services.

### Transparency

3.) Public Inspection of Records: Applicant Agencies shall agree to allow the City of West Haven, the U.S. Treasury, and their auditing contractors to inspect their financial books and records.

4.) Required Disclosures: Applicant Agencies shall agree to all of the terms and conditions associated with Federal Funding and the American Rescue Plan Act, including but not limited to non-discrimination policies, disclosure of lobbying activities, bidding and contracting requirements, required financial reporting, civil rights policies, and like activities and requirements that are deemed necessary in the sole opinion of the City of West Haven.

a. In accordance with Federal civil rights law, the City of West Haven civil rights regulations and policies, the City of West Haven, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering City funded programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by the City.

b. Persons with disabilities or limited English language proficiency who require alternative means of communication or translation services for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, interpreter service, etc.) should contact the City of West Haven Office of Grants In Aid, via a TTY relay service at 203.937.3620 ext 3010, or by email to [dcolter@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:dcolter@westhaven-ct.gov). Program information may be made available in languages other than English upon request.

5.) Ethics Disclosure: Applicant Agencies shall provide a City of West Haven ethics disclosure report for the Agency, each of its directors, and each of its paid senior management staff. Such disclosure shall identify any relationships with immediate family, business, or membership to an elected official of the City of West Haven or to any Senior Management staff member of the City of West Haven, including appointed members of the Citizen's ARPA Review Committee.

6.) Purchasing: Applicant Agencies shall comply with the City of West Haven purchasing ordinance for all activities funded by the City.

7.) Advertising and Acknowledgement: Agencies who are chosen for award agree to allow the City of West Haven to publicize the award and the activities it supports. Agencies agree to provide credit to the City of West Haven and the US Treasury ARPA fund plan in all publicity of activities funded in whole or in part by this funding opportunity.

### Objectives

8.) West Haven Beneficiaries: Programs and activities funded by this opportunity shall demonstrate how they will benefit the citizens of West Haven.

9.) Mission: To address hunger and food insecurity issues in the City of West Haven that were exacerbated by the COVID 19 Pandemic, and to build capacity for agencies to address food insecurity beyond the performance dates of this funding opportunity.

10.) Performance Period: All funds must be encumbered by December 30th 2024, and expended by December 30th of 2026.

### Program Priorities:

11.) Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how funding under this program will serve the hunger needs of the community beyond the funding timeline by enhancing infrastructure (eg: walk in cooler), building capacity (eg: paid staff, distribution facilities or vehicles) or build out of facilities.

12.) Applicants should consider means of food distribution via schools, faith organizations, delivery to persons who do not have means of travel, addressing language barriers, consideration of disabilities, and addressing cultural and religious needs.

13.) Applicants are encouraged to provide nutritional counseling and food education including food storage and cooking to program recipients.

14.) Funding priority will be given to programs where this funding will enable other matching funds to leverage another opportunity.

15.) Agencies are encouraged to not duplicate services that have other funding sources, and to not propose activities that are covered by other organizations, and to network and form cooperative response structures to avoid duplication of services.

16.) Applicants may be requested to appear for an interview with the Citizen's ARPA Review Committee to discuss the proposal submitted.

17.) Applicants shall make application for funding on a form provided by the City of West Haven, and understand that all documents submitted will become public record.

Agencies who wish to apply for funding are requested to send an email to [dcolter@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:dcolter@westhaven-ct.gov) with **FOODBANK FUNDING** in the subject line. An application form will be sent in reply.

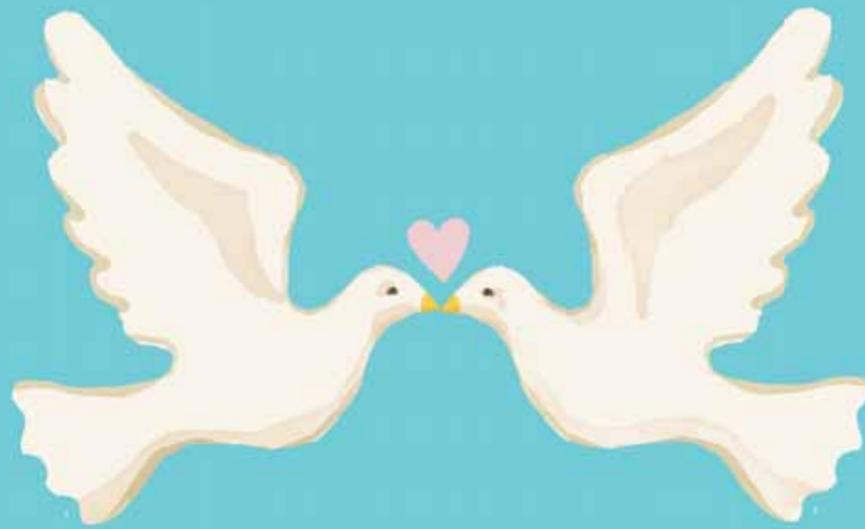
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Aayah Osman and Renad Osman were selected for scholarships by Questbridge Scholars Network and show off their institutions they will attend in the fall.

## WH senior pair get 'connected' by Questbridge

By Michael O'Brien  
*Special to the Voice*

West Haven High School seniors Aayah Osman and Renad Osman have been selected Match Scholarship Recipients through the QuestBridge Scholars Network. Aayah has been accepted and granted a four-year full scholarship to Wellesley College, while Renad has been accepted and granted a four-year full scholarship to Princeton University.

The QuestBridge National College Match is a national program that connects high-achieving high school se-

niors from low-income backgrounds with full four-year scholarships to 48 of the nation's best colleges. Out of over 17,900 applicants, QuestBridge selected 5,613 Finalists to be considered for the QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship. This year, QuestBridge's 48 college partners matched with 1,755 Finalists, which is the highest number of Match Scholarship Recipients to-date for QuestBridge.

Aayah plans to major in computer science and minor in economics. After getting her degree, she hopes to solidify herself in the cybersecurity world and one day become a Security Engineer.

Upon receiving the news, Aayah said, "I was honestly in a severe state of shock. When it came to college, one of my biggest worries was the financial burden it would have on me and my family. I saw the confetti and the 'I MATCHED' in big, bold, colorful letters and I screamed. I started running around the house out of excitement and relief. Then, I came back to my computer to see the school to which I was matched and read 'Wellesley College,' I screamed again. This was one of my absolute dream schools. Going to a historically women's college was an absolute dream of mine and being able to attend without worrying about how I would afford it just made me burst into tears. It takes a lot to make me cry, but this was it. It was honestly one of the first times I remember crying out of happiness and relief.

"My college plans were definitely to attend an in-state college because my parents simply could not afford to have me attend a college out of state. The out-of-state tuition is way more than we can afford plus all the other costs like traveling," added Aayah. "Receiving the Match Scholarship impacted my future significantly because it has given me the opportunity to attend such a prestigious, renowned institution, which I could never have imagined just one year ago, and doing so without even worrying about debt.

"I would not be exaggerating by saying Questbridge has changed my life. I owe it all to my parents, supportive friends, my sister who helped me navigate this whole process, and last but certainly not least, my counselor Ms. Quagliani."

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## At a Glance

### Leaf bags must be composted

Residents are reminded that leaf bag pickup ended Dec. 15. The city will not pick up leaf bags until the curbside service resumes the week of April 15. Until then, residents must bring all leaf bags — paper, no plastic — to the compost site, 1 Kimberly Ave., from 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Proof of residence is required. The 2023 pickup schedule for leaf bags is April 15-June 1 and Oct. 1-Dec. 15.

### Board to hear tax appeals

The Board of Assessment Appeals will hear appeals of real estate and personal property assessments on the 2022 grand list by appointment during March. Any property owner who wants to appeal an assessment must submit a written application to the board. The assessor's office must receive the completed form on or before Feb. 20. Download an application at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/4934/Board-of-Assessment-Appeals-Application-PDF>.

Applications are also available in the assessor's office on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St., or by calling the office at (203) 937-3515.

### Scholars: *Matched up*

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Renad plans to study either Civil Engineering or Architecture with the intent to get a Bachelor's degree and possibly a Master's. More than anything, she wants to be successful and proud of her achievements. She wants to help the world even in the smallest ways, maybe by making buildings and structures more accessible to people, or finding a way for structures to work better with the environment.

"Going to a college out of state was always my biggest aspiration," said Renad. "I dreamed of going somewhere new, somewhere I could meet new people and have new experiences. Despite my desire to move to a different state, I had no idea how it would be possible. QuestBridge may have been the only key to my future.

"When I opened my QuestBridge status update and saw the big blue 'CONGRATULATIONS', I felt the world lift off my shoulders. I realized it is true what people say, hard work will not go unnoticed. Although I know I could not have gotten this far without working hard, I also know how crucial it was to have people rooting for me.

"First, of course, are my parents who helped me with every aspect of my life and always kept me motivated, both by celebrating my successes and teaching me from my failures. My counselor, Ms. Quagliani, answered every one of my college-related questions, no matter how small. Last, my amazing teachers helped me through it all. Ms. Amato and Mr. McHugh, for writing the recommendations that made it possible for me to attend this beautiful institution."

Added Renad, "all in all, I am immensely appreciative of the past four years I spent at West Haven High School and how well I believe they prepared me for my next four

years at Princeton University."

Aayah and Renad mark the second consecutive year that two WHHS students were named QuestBridge Scholars, joining the 2021 recipients Aissatou Diallo and Nabiha Khan who went to Duke and Yale, respectively.

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### Honoring past leaders

The West Haven Republican Town Committee honored several of its past chairmen recently at a gala dinner dance at the Italian-American Club. From L-R is current Chairman David Riccio, former Chairmen Board of Education member Patricia Libero, City Councilwoman-at-Large Colleen O'Connor and

Paul Frosolone, Steven Crowley, the grandson of the late former Chairman Borden Steeves, and State Rep. Charles Ferrero (R-117), who presented the group with General Assembly citations. Missing are former Chairmen Paul Rapanault, John Isdale and former City Clerk Carol Musco.

Photo by Chris Randall

### Master installed

City Councilman-At-Large Gary Donovan presents an Official Citation to Annawon Lodge, #115 Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons Worshipful Master Christopher Belous at his Installation Ceremony recently; as the Reverend and Most Worshipful Grand Master Bruce Bellmore and Past Grand Master George Greytek look on.





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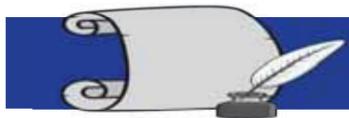
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## First Church and Christ Church

### An Influential Relationship

The first part of this story is quoted directly from a column, "Three Influential Relationships," originally written by former Historian and Deacon Edward Chase in 1974. It describes the early rivalry between the two churches which grew up on West Haven Green.

"(Another) influential relationship is that which exists between First Church and Christ Episcopal Church. The Rev. Samuel Johnson was the first pastor of our church (1719-1722). After three years he offered his resignation and announced that he had (using a descriptive phrase of the day) "embraced Episcopacy."

"He went to England, took instruction and was ordained into the Episcopal Church and given his first assignment to establish churches in the Connecticut Colony. He came back to West Haven

and gathered a flock to form Christ Church and became the rector there in 1723 where he remained until 1737. During that period and continuing until 1754 he also established other Episcopal churches in the Connecticut Colony, earning the title of "Father of Connecticut Episcopacy." In 1754 he became President of Kings College, which was later to become Columbia University in New York.

"Reverend Johnson's successor at First Church had been Rev. Jonathan Arnold (1725-1734). He too resigned, announcing that he had "embraced Episcopacy," went to England, took instruction, and was ordained in the Episcopal Church. He then returned to West Haven where he succeeded Rev. Johnson as Rector at Christ Church in 1737.

"You will recall that when the original settlers, in what is now known as West Haven, then a part of the Town of

New Haven, sought to establish their own church as the Parish of West Haven, such permission was not easily obtained. New Haven town officials, at first members of the Connecticut General Assembly, did not think there were enough people nor sufficient economic resources here to maintain a ministry. When they finally did gain permission, our church ancestors little expected that as a result of their efforts, not one, but two churches would be formed in West Haven. It meant that the already recognized modest resources would now be shared.

"For a long period of years, the two churches did experience difficult times financially. Growth was slow and times were hard. On more than one occasion in the eighteenth century First Church applied to the General Assembly for financial assistance which was given. Then in the nineteenth century between 1834 and 1843

First Church received several hundred dollars in financial aid from Connecticut Congregational Home Missionary Society. (Our former pastor) Dr. Boaz comments in his history "not until 1843 did First Church become completely self-supporting and cease to be a missionary church."

"Yet through all these difficult times, there has always been a steady and growing spirit of cooperation between the two churches. As early as 1734 a joint committee supervised the Old Burial Ground, what is now the two cemeteries adjacent to each church. This relationship continued until 1878 when it was mutually agreed to end burials there.

"During the present (twentieth) century, there have been many jointly sponsored programs."

Thank you, Deacon Edward Chase for such a well-told story! To be continued,



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



Above -- A wide look at the Green prior to 1903, when the current Christ Church building was constructed by the firm of Cram & Goodhue. Below -- a closer look.



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**Around Town**

**Soup and Trivia, Feb. 19**

On Sunday Feb. 19, the Historical Society will sponsor a special "Soups On" luncheon at the Poli House from 12-2 p.m. Soups will be served along with breads, muffins, Pastries enough to take the chill out of the cold February air. Coffee and light desserts will be available followed by a 'Trivia Game' with questions on West Haven and other historical topics. Prizes will be awarded to winners. Participation in the game will be optional. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and may be paid at the door the day of the event. The event occurs at the Poli House, 686 Savin Ave., across from the Green at noon. For more information call (203) 933-0081.

**Seniors plan Aquaturf 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, Feb. 13**

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 13, 12:30 p.m. at the Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road. Members will bring their lunch, and afterwards a business meeting will take place. The program for this month will be presenter and member Iole Apicella who will demonstrate making masks with hearts, flowers in conjunction with Mardi gras. This program is open to the public and new members are encouraged. For further information, please call Iris at (203) 937-1674.

**Bradley Point gardeners meet**

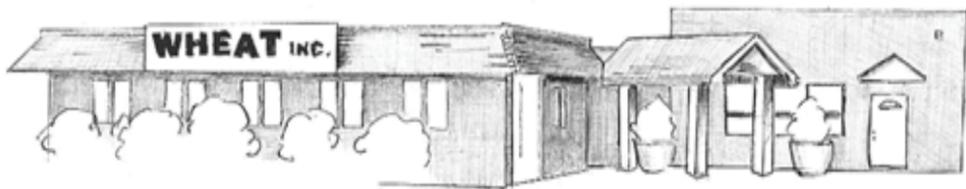
The Bradley Point Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road at noon. Please bring your own lunch, hot chocolate will be provided. New members are always welcome to join. For more information, call Dawn, (203) 932-4619.

**Liberty Coin Club sets schedule**

The West Haven Liberty Coin Club announces its show schedule for 2023 and its new location. Due to scheduled renovations at its recent location our shows will be relocated to The Courtyard By Marriott hotel located behind the Outback Restaurant on Marsh Hill Road in Orange, just off Exit 41 off I-95. The 2023 schedule is: March 12, April 2, June 11, Sept. 10, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10. Show hours are 9-3.

**Probus presents Jay and the Americans**

The Greater New Haven Probus Club will be bringing back memories and fun featuring Jay and the Americans on March 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m., at Veteran's Memorial Auditorium/Parsons Govt. Center, 53 W. Main Street, Milford. Cost is \$42 - \$65. Tickets can be purchased at: milfordperformancecenter.org. Use Promo Code PROB2023 to benefit The Greater New Haven Pro-



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# 2 city schools win state awards

Washington Elementary School and Savin Rock Community School have been named Schools of Distinction for the 2021-22 school year.

Connecticut schools are named Schools of Distinction when their performance and/or growth, as measured by the Connecticut Next Generation Accountability System, places them within the top 10 percent of all schools across the state.

"I couldn't be more proud to share this honor with my staff, students, and our families!" said Washington Principal Alicia Limosani. "We have worked very hard over the past year. We have taken the time to get to know our students' social and emotional needs so that we can better meet their academic needs. From there, we carefully looked over student data from former SBA testing, along with NWEA data, FAs, CAs, and so much more in our Data Teams.

"We created fluid Math SRBI groups and Daily Five Groups to provide remediation and enrichment. We had model lessons from our Reading and Math teams to help our teachers become more proficient with their curriculum as well as learning new strategies to help our students. We celebrated student success with monthly 'All Schools' high-

lighting good character and good work habits.

Limosani continued, "above all, we prided ourselves on making sure we kept open lines of communication with our families so that we could give our students the best possible education. We believe if we, 'Do good, we get good' and this award shows how much good we've done and what we will continue to do."

Washington was recognized on High Growth for all students in Math, and High Growth for high needs students in Math, while Savin Rock was recognized on High Growth for all students in English Language Arts and Math, and High Growth for high needs students in English Language Arts and Math.

"It is an absolute honor to be recognized by the state as a School of Distinction for the 2021-2022 school year," said Savin Rock Principal Joe Lucibello. "Our focus last year was on academics, social and emotional learning, and creating a welcoming environment for students and parents. This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Savin Rock staff who continue to work on student progress and achievement every day.

"I am so proud to work



Photos by Michael O'Brien

The staffs of Washington School and Savin Rock School celebrated the naming of both as Schools of Distinction.

with such a great staff and this award is well deserved. On behalf of our school community, I would like to congratulate the staff on a job well done."

Based on a Category 1-to-5, with 1 being the highest category, Savin Rock and Washington are Category 2 schools, as well as Edith E. Mackrille

Elementary School.

"To attain these accomplishments, it is certainly a tribute to the teachers, support personnel, administrators, and the belief that all students can achieve," said Assistant Superintendent Judith Drenzek. "As a district, we will continue to support services that ben-

efit all students, expand on academic opportunities for all students and families, and offer our staff the professional development that continues to align with our district and school goals."

Limosani and Lucibello were both in their first year as principals during 2021-22.

## St. Lawrence marks Catholic Schools Week



Last week, the students in St. Lawrence celebrated Catholic Schools Week, participating in a number of fun activities from Monday through Friday. "For them, it's a chance to take a step back and have some fun, while appreciating the gift of excellent education their parents are giving them," said Frank Arnone, Principal.

The week was filled with activities: Movie Monday – watching the Lego Movie in pj's on a blanket to start the week; Take a Trip Tues-

day – to visit our friends at Woodlawn Duckpin Bowling, Winning Wednesday – this special person's BINGO and lunch was fun for all; Think Catholic Education Thursday – with school-wide rosary bead distribution, Valentine card making for the veterans, and students providing tours during Open House; and, finishing the week, Football Friday – had students contributing to a canned food drive, and wearing team colors, to show their pick for the winner of the SuperBowl.



# Peewee AA squad picks up two victories

The West Haven Mite B hockey team had both games at home this weekend. On Saturday, Westies went up against Wonderland of Ice. In net for the Blue Devils was Moriah Frost, who made many great saves during the game. Goals were scored by Kierra Harrison, JP Beebe, Landon Alling, Jack Weiss, and Sadie Moll.

The Westies played the River Hawks on Sunday. Frost was in net again for the Blue Devils and made many excellent saves.

To start off the day, Finn McLaughlin got the first goal of the game. Multiple goals were then scored by Beebe, Weiss, and Austin Picard. Landon Alling and Gabby Jenei also scored a goal.

The West Haven Mite C hockey team played South Windsor Mite C in an away matchup on Saturday. In net for her goalie debut was Quinn Uscilla, who made many amazing saves during the game.

Multiple goals were scored by Maddy Bruder, Brayden Gagliardi, Ryan Shannon, Caleb Ford and Ava Healy, with a goal also scored by Jackson Ford. Gagliardi had numerous assists, and an assist was also made by Ford. Excellent defense was playing by Caleb Ford and Jackson Ford.

West Haven took on East Haven on Sunday in another away matchup. In net for the Blue Devils was Caleb Ford, who made many great saves for his team.

Multiple goals were scored by Gagliardi, Bruder, Uscilla and Jackson Ford. A goal was also scored by Healy, with additional shots on net being made by Shannon. Shannon had numerous assists, with an assist each going to Uscilla and Bruder.

The West Haven Mite C hockey team hosted Southeastern Mite C at Bennett Rink on Saturday. In net for the Blue Devils was JP Beebe, who made his goalie debut, making many excellent saves during the matchup.

Multiple goals were scored by Healy, Gagliardi, Bruder and Caleb Ford. Shannon, Uscilla and Jackson Ford also scored a goal each, with one assist each from Caleb Ford and Bruder.

The West Haven Squirt AA hockey team dropped its first state contest, falling 2-1 to New Canaan AA. The Westies bounced back the following day by downing the same team 8-2.

The Westies upended the CT Junior Whalers 4-1 in South Norwalk. Wade Roach posted the hat trick and Nick Ciccossanti added the other goal. Assists on the day came from Daniel Moll, Dane Walsh and Henry Strada.

Dylan Spreyer took his turn for a hat trick as the Westies blanked Elite AA 7-0. The combined shutout went to Michael Paone and Gabe Calabrese. Jeremiah McGrath, Roach, Ciccossanti, Charlie Gunning, Cody Young and Alex Jenei posted assists.

The Westies rolled the CT Chiefs AA 12-0. Gunning finished with the hat trick. Peyton Burlepsch, Roach and Ciccossanti each posted two goals. Also posting goals were McGrath, Spreyer, and AJ Farrell. Colby Cushing added two assists, and Strada, Moll and Walsh also had helpers.

Paone and Calabrese again combined for the shutout.

Farrell scored two quick goals to pace the Westies to a 7-1 win over the Greater Springfield Aces. Roach posted another hat trick and McGrath and Ciccossanti also posted goals. Moll, Strada, Young and Cushing posted assists. Paone and Calabrese combined for 12 saves in the win.

The West Haven Peewee AA hockey team started the weekend off with a 5-3 win over CJR U12 Girls Elite Saturday morning at Bennett Rink. Max Barbera started the game in net and earned himself another shutout.

The Westies put up four goals in the first period to take a 4-0 lead over CJR. Colin Dempsey started things off with a beautiful shot from the circle only 30 seconds into the game after a face-off win by Sophie Digioia. Andrew Lacasse scored the second goal for the Blue Devils halfway through the period, shooting from the top of the circle.

Santino Desantis spoiled countless breakaway attempts and led the charge on defense. With six minutes left in the first period, Jaxon Troyer shot the puck deep into the zone. Drew Bereski won the battle to keep it inside and earned himself an assist when he passed it to Digioia for a goal.

With less than two minutes left in the first, Kyle Guarino stepped up and kept the puck in the zone, skating up and passing it behind the net to Sophia Locklear. Locklear won the battle and passed it out front to Dempsey who took a shot. Lacasse was right in front of the net to get the rebound shot and score his second goal of the day.

CJR started a comeback at the end of the second period and continued into the third. With less than a minute left, CJR pulled their goalie and Andrew Grillo took a shot across ice to secure the 5-3 win.

On Sunday, the Westies took the long drive up to South Kent to play Northwestern and posted a 6-2 victory.

Although Northwestern scored in the first period, the Westies quickly found their groove as soon as the second period started and controlled the remainder of the game.

Alessandra Picard got West Haven on the board first and had a big day with two goals in the second period and an assist in the third. Bereski assisted on one of those goals with a pass from behind the net. Locklear was on a mission and earned herself a spot on the scoresheet in the second period to tie the game at two.

Lacasse continued his hot streak from Saturday and took a pass from Persico behind the net and backhanded in the third goal to put the Westies in the lead.

Dempsey dominated the third period with two goals to secure the Blue Devils 6-2 win over Northwestern. Quinn Smith got the game started for West Haven and stopped all but two shots on net. Barbera finished the second and third periods without allowing Northwestern to come back.

The West Haven Peewee AA team started off its weekend with a night game at the Greenwich Skate Club and fell 3-2.

Tyler Persico skated the puck into the zone and took a shot. Colin Dempsey gained possession behind the net and passed it out to defenseman Santino Desantis, who made an absolutely perfect on-point shot allowing Jaxon Troyer to tip in the rebound and get the Blue Devils on the board.

Greenwich tied the game a few minutes later. Sophia Locklear, who was a missile on offense all game, took things into her own hands when she stole the puck and sniped it over the goalie's shoulder to tie the game 2-2 with 6:44 left in the game.

Penalties plagued both sides, but ultimately the Westies ran out of time and were unable to come back from the 3-2 loss. Barbera blocked 30 out of 33 shots on goal.

On Sunday, the Westies traveled to Milford to take on the Southern Stars and posted a 4-1 win. Quinn Smith played well in net, allowing one goal. Dempsey, Persico, Lacasse, and Rocco Kelly scored for the Devils, and Russo and Dempsey had assists.

The West Haven Bantam AA Major hockey team lost a pair of CHC games this weekend. The Blue Devils are now 20-11-2 on the season.

On Saturday afternoon at TwinRinks in Stamford, Darien AA dropped the Blue Devils, 7-1. The lone goal for West Haven was scored by Sean Studley as Brett Kayser centered to Studley in front, and he lifted a wrister under the cross bar. Bryce Upson made 35

saves in goal for West Haven. On Sunday, the Westies headed to Champions Skating Center in Cromwell to face Whalers A. Down 2-0 and short-handed, Studley shoveled the puck out to Ethan Kelly who went to the net, deked, and scored. In the second period on a power play, Ethan Kelly slid the puck to Matthew Kelly for a point shot. Mike Madonick swept in the rebound to make it 4-2. The Whalers scored three power play goals in the third to win 7-2. Upson made 31 saves in the loss for West Haven.

West Haven split a pair of this weekend. The Westies defeated Simsbury A, 4-1, and lost 3-2 to Whalers A. Their record is now 21-12-2.

On Saturday morning, the Blue Devils faced Simsbury A at their outdoor ice rink at Simsbury Farms. Madonick gave the Westies a 1-0 lead four minutes into the opening period when he banged in the rebound of Matt Kelly's point shot. Simsbury tied it with a power play goal late in the period. The Westies regained the lead in the second when Ethan Kelly skated in alone, deked the goalie, and scored with a backhand shot. Later in the period, Studley grabbed a loose puck behind the Simsbury net and quickly stuffed it just inside the post for a 3-1 lead.

Studley iced the game when he flipped the puck over the goalie's pad off a scramble in front with just over three minutes to play in the game. Bryce Upson made 36 saves as the Westies outshot Simsbury 38-37 in the contest.

On Sunday morning the Whalers went up 1-0 with a power play goal, but the Westies responded 13 seconds later. Ethan Kelly won a faceoff back to his brother Matthew and the defenseman's point shot found the net. The Whalers went up 2-1 early in the second period but again the Westies responded just 17 seconds later. Studley knocked in the loose puck off a scramble in front of the net with Matt Kelly and Aaron Campbell assisting. The Whalers scored midway through the second period and the two teams then skated back and forth to the finish with both squads getting chances, but the defenses stood tall. Upson made 35 saves as the two teams both took 38 shots in the game.

The Bantam Minor AA team headed to Hicksville, NY to play against the Nassau County Lions 13U team on Saturday and fell 3-2. Benny Pikul was in net for the Blue Devils and played well for West Haven.

The Lions scored a few minutes into the first period for a 1-0 lead. With only 34 seconds

left in the first, Benji Brown took a shot after a pass from Keegan Dobratz and got the Blue Devils on the board to even the game at one.

Although the defense held strong, the second period yielded two more goals for the Lions. Going into the third period down by one, Dylan Dicioccio got the Westies within a goal to make it 3-2. The Blue Devils ultimately ran out of time despite a courageous effort by all.

The Bantam Minors headed back home to Bennett Rink Sunday night to take on the GNH Warriors 14U A and fell 4-2. The first period was almost scoreless until GNH went up by one with two minutes left.

The Blue Devils answered right back less than a minute into the second period to tie it up as Enzo Plano got the Westies on the board after a shot from defenseman Aedan Guarino from the blue line.

GNH answered right back to take a 2-1 lead, before the trio of Michael D'Aiuto, Dobratz, and Ian Olszewski pressured and D'Aiuto was able to get it past the goalie with an assist from Cameren Lipford to tie the game at two. Kai Lupa played phenomenally for the Blue Devils and stopped 35 out of 38 shots.

West Haven had a busy weekend. The Westies started with a game in Norwich against Southeastern and won, 6-0. Lupa was strong in net for the Blue Devils, earning himself a shutout and stopping well over 15 shots throughout the game.

Dicioccio scored just five minutes into the first period. Lipford followed up with the second goal just two minutes later. Jackson Heyn scored next after shooting from the blue line, Eddie Thomas followed shortly after with another shot on net and the fourth goal for the Westies. D'Aiuto came off the bench and got one past the goalie with help from Ian Olszewski. The sixth and final goal for West Haven was the first of the season for Carson Frost, with an assist from his linemate Dobratz.

The Blue Devils carried the momentum of the win into the next game at Northford against Yale AA. Pikul had 20 saves in a 2-1 loss.

Yale went up by a goal early on in the second period after a power play goal. The Blue Devils were down by two in the third period but with 58 seconds left, Enzo Plano passed the puck to Zach Melchiorre who shot it over the goalie's shoulder to get on the board.

Sunday brought yet another tough game losing to Simsbury at Bennett Rink, as they suffered a 7-0 defeat.

# Westies: Ladies get 10th; boys snap streak

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Hand scored the game-winner at the 3:02 mark of overtime.

Desrosiers made 26 saves in the loss for West Haven / Sacred Heart Academy.

Following the loss, the girls were looking to get back on track. Traveling to Ridgefield, the Westie Sharks did exactly that.

Behind 27 saves from Evelyn Twarowski, WH/SHA defeated Ridgefield, 4-2, on the road.

Twarowski was impressive from the start with six saves in the first period, but she got even better as the game went on with nine saves in the second period and 12 more in the third.

Geena Montano, Alfano, and Plunkett led the offense as Montano finished with two goals and an assist, Alfano had one goal and two assists, and Plunkett finished with three assists.

WH/SHA won its third contest in four games and improved to 9-5 on the year with a 4-2 victory over Amity/North Haven/Cheshire.

The Westie Sharks were led by Picard with two goals and an assist and Geena Montano with one goal and two assists. Twarowski made 22 saves in the victory, including nine in the second period.

Isabelle Desrosiers was solid in goal for the Westie Sharks, making 29 saves in the contest. Desrosiers made 10 saves in the first period, 12 in the second, and seven more in the third.

On the flip side, the Westie Sharks (9-6) managed just 14 shots in the game, including six in the first period and five more in the third.

West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy knew it was going to be in for a battle against Greenwich. Turns out, the Westie Sharks were correct.

Despite 22 saves from Desrosiers, including 12 in the third period, WH/SHA fell to Greenwich, 4-2. The loss was the second straight for the Westie Sharks and dropped

their record to 9-7.

They snapped a two-game losing streak and improved to 10-7 with a 4-2 victory over Trumbull/St. Joseph Saturday evening in Shelton.

Rachel Harrison led the offense with three goals, and Picard had a goal and an assist. Desrosiers made 21 saves in the win for the Westie Sharks.

Trailing 1-0, the Westie Sharks evened the contest with 8:53 left in the opening period as Harrison scored an unassisted goal.

West Haven / Sacred Heart Academy trailed 2-1 in the second, but Harrison answered again with a goal off an assist from Picard with 3:53 remaining in the middle period.

The Westie Sharks then won the game with two goals in the third period. Harrison's hat trick with 6:42 remaining off an assist from Plunkett gave West Haven / Sacred Heart Academy a 3-2 lead, before Picard iced the game with an unassisted tally with 1:31 remaining.

The four-game winning streak came end for the West Haven girls basketball team as it fell to Sacred Heart Academy 77-54.

Amani Abuhatab led West Haven with 18 points, Dealyce Howard scored 12, and Ciara Harp scored 11 in the loss. Howard added a pair of 3-pointers in the loss.

Abuhatab's basket with 3.1 seconds remaining in regulation lifted the Westies to a 60-59 victory over fifth-ranked Hand. West Haven's fifth win in its last six games helped improve the team's record to 8-4, and also avenged an earlier season loss to the Tigers in West Haven.

The Westies trailed 10-0 and 12-1 in the opening quarter, but they turned the game around with a 21-9 run of their own in the opening half. The game remained close, allowing Carrano to give West Haven a 58-57 lead late in the fourth quarter.

Scoring the first 20 points of the game, West Haven cruised to a 72-34 victory over Jona-

than Law. The win was West Haven's sixth in seven games and helped the Westies improve to 9-4 on the year.

The Westies converted four steals in the opening minutes and forced eight turnovers in less than a dozen Law possessions to start the contest. As a result, the transition game of the Westies got going early.

It may not have been as easy as the team would have liked, but West Haven picked up its tenth win of the season with a 39-31 victory over Notre Dame-Fairfield.

Trailing 31-28 in the fourth quarter, West Haven closed the game on an 11-0 run to win its seventh contest in its last eight games.

Carrano drained a 3-pointer to even the game at 31 with 2:30 remaining, before Harp gave the Westies the lead for good when she followed with a basket. Carrano then connected on a pair of buckets in the final 39 seconds for a 37-31 advantage, before Harp sealed the deal with a pair of free throws. Carrano led West Haven with 12 points, Abuhatab finished with 11 and Harp added 10.

Scoring six of her team's 10 fourth quarter points, including four consecutive points to break a tie with three minutes remaining in regulation, Abuhatab led the Westies to a 43-39 victory over Sheehan in a Southern Connecticut Conference interdivision contest.

Not only did Abuhatab finish with a game-high 20 points, she was a force on the boards, finishing with 21 rebounds, including several early in the fourth quarter when the two teams were battling for the lead.

The victory was West Haven's fourth in a row and eighth in nine games to help the Westies improve to 11-4 on the year. The win also capped a week of three more victories after a thrilling win over Hand a week earlier.

Abuhatab iced the game at the free throw line for the Westies with seven seconds remaining. The Westies only hit

on three field goals in the final quarter, the first by Morgan to even the game at 35, and the final two by Abuhatab.

Morgan had six points in the win for the Westies, while Lawrence added five. Hotaling led Sheehan with 12 points, while Megan Wresien added 10 in the loss.

West Haven won its sixth game in a row and improved to 13-4 with a 60-48 victory at Hillhouse Friday evening.

The Westies had a balanced scoring attack as four players were in double figures. Harp led the way with 18 points, including four 3-pointers, Ella Morgan scored 15, and Abuhatab and Carrano each scored 11.

Abuhatab (six points) and Carrano combined for all 10 of West Haven's first quarter points, before Morgan scored six, and Carrano and Harp each scored five in the second quarter.

Harp turned it up in the third quarter with three 3-pointers and Morgan added four points. In the tight contest, Abuhatab, Morgan and Harp helped put the game away in the fourth quarter. Abuhatab and Morgan each scored five points, while Harp added four to seal the win.

The West Haven boys basketball team is looking to get into a groove. Unfortunately for the Westies, it has been a tough stretch of late.

Falling for the third straight game, and fourth time in its last five contests with a 70-57 home defeat against Hillhouse Tuesday evening, the Westies fell to 4-8 on the season.

The Westies got off to a slow start in the contest, trailing by six after one quarter and by 18 at the half. West Haven chipped away, but Hillhouse bounced back to lead by 16 points after three quarters.

In a slow start for the Westies, they scored just 10 points in the opening quarter on just three shots from the field, including 3-pointers from Adam El Kharraz and Jayce Perry, a basket by Perry, and two free throws by El Kharraz.

El Kharraz, who led West Haven with 18 points, scored eight more points in the second quarter, but only received offensive support from Bennett Scott and Perry with a bucket each in the same time frame.

Perry, with six points, and El Kharraz (5 points) led the way in the third quarter, but it was not enough for West Haven.

Perry finished the game with 15 points, and Scott added 12, including eight in the final 12 minutes. Joseph Williams added six points in the loss for West Haven.

West Haven snapped a four-game losing streak with a 77-51 victory over Prince Tech at West Haven Monday evening. With the win, West Haven improved to 5-9 on the year.

The Westies had four players in double figures, led by Scott and Terez Johnson, each with 14. Perry finished with 12 points and Isaiah Jackson added 10 for the Westies.

West Haven led by six points after one quarter of play as Johnson had six points, four from the free throw line, and Williams had four. The Westies went up 33-24 in the second quarter behind six more from Johnson and four from Bryan Tillman, before pulling away in the third when Perry scored six points, and Scott, Jackson, and Randy Alston each scored three.

Scott helped West Haven seal the contest in the fourth quarter with nine points, while Jackson had five, and Perry four.

Tillman finished with eight points and Amari Brooks had six in the win.

Looking to gain some momentum after its win over Prince Tech, West Haven faced a tough Jonathan Law team Tuesday evening.

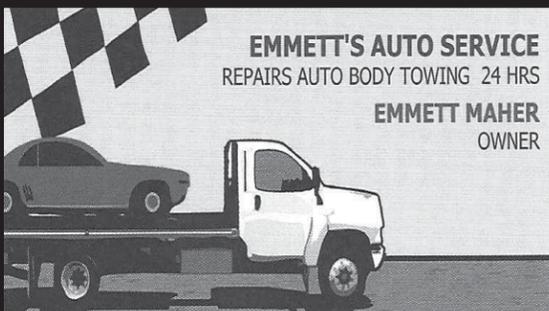
In a tight battle to the end, West Haven fell to the Lawmen 64-59 at West Haven High.

With the loss, the Westies fell to 5-10 on the year.

El Kharraz led West Haven with 21 points, Perry scored 11, Tillman added nine, and Scott eight in the loss.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
 by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

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**Answers to this week's puzzles**

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**Answers**

1. Madrid, Spain.  
 2. Brazil.  
 3. Time flies.  
 4. Obelus.  
 5. 10 minutes, according to Dylan.  
 6. About 50 times.  
 7. "Home Alone."  
 8. "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe."  
 9. "How you doin'?"  
 10. Outer ear.

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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ART: Where is the Prado Museum lo-  
 cated?  
 2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country  
 that the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn  
 pass through?  
 3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase  
 "tempus fugit" mean?  
 4. MATH: What is another name for the  
 division sign?  
 5. MUSIC: How long did it take singer Bob  
 Dylan to write the big hit "Blowin' in the  
 Wind"?  
 6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many times  
 on average does a ruby-throated humming-  
 bird flap its wings in one second?

7. MOVIES: Which movie features the line,  
 "Keep the change, ya filthy animal"?

8. LITERATURE: Which novel features four  
 children named Peter, Susan, Edmund and  
 Lucy?

9. TELEVISION: What is Joey's famous line  
 in the sitcom "Friends"?

10. ANATOMY: What is a common name  
 for the pinna in human anatomy?

# Pacapelli named Marist coach

By Michael O'Brien  
Special to the Voice

Nicole Pacapelli, a 2010 West Haven High School graduate, was named the women's soccer head coach at NCAA Division I Marist College on Jan. 17. She is the first WHHS alum to become a Division I head coach in any sport.

Nicole, who attended Seth Haley Elementary School, Bailey Middle School, and West Haven High School, was a four-sport student-athlete at WHHS in which she played soccer (team captain), basketball (team captain), lacrosse, and ran track. On the soccer field, she was recognized as a Connecticut Coaches All-State honoree in addition to numerous All-Area and All-SCC selections.

In addition to athletics, Nicole was also a Peer Advocate and DECA Vice President, while being involved in the yearbook committee, a grass roots action club, and the National Honor Society.

"WHHS allowed me to step into those roles without any real understanding of how to lead, but if it weren't for those opportunities, then I wouldn't have truly reflected and grown into the transformational leader that I strive to be today," said Nicole. "On the field, WHHS also taught me that I had to do more than what everyone else was doing, even if that meant bringing sets of cones on vacation with friends to get my sprints in."

She added, "West Haven High School prepared me to step out of my comfort zones and start to navigate what leadership looks like and what it takes to be a leader."

After graduating from WHHS in 2010, Nicole played her freshman season at Stonehill College before transferring to New Haven. While at UNH, Nicole served as a two-year captain appearing in 55 matches in three seasons. She concluded her career ranked in the top-20 in program history in scoring with 13 career goals and five assists.

Nicole helped guide the Chargers to a pair of Northeast-10 Championship appearances, including the team's first-ever NE-10 postseason win in 2013. As a senior, she was named an All-Northeast-10 Conference selection, NSCAA All-East Region, and NEWISA All-New England honoree.

As for WHHS student-athletes who dream of playing in college, Nicole recommends "taking initiative to intentionally invest in your own recruiting process, do your homework to find the right-fit school and level for you. This is your process, and every-

one's process is different, that is extremely important to understand.

"Playing at the college level takes another level of commitment that you have never experienced before. Be sure to have a growth-mindset, control the controllables, and strive for excellence as well as consistency each-and-every day. Work towards being the best version of yourself rather than always making it a competition with everyone else, that is something that I wish I learned back in high school."

After a successful playing career, Nicole graduated from UNH in 2014 with a degree in Nutrition and Dietetics as a Dean's List student and Northeast-10 Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll selection. Upon graduation, she remained at UNH as the program's lead assistant coach for two years while earning her MBA with a concentration in sports management.

Nicole's decision to coach at UNH, while attaining her MBA, stemmed from the great relationship she had built with head coach Laura Duncan (who was also her club soccer coach growing up). Coaching was never a goal for Nicole when she was younger. She had thoughts of becoming a doctor at one point as well as a science teacher after developing a love for the subject, which she credits to the amazing teachers she learned from in West Haven.

However, after fulfilling her life-long dream of playing soccer in college, Nicole's relationship with Duncan shined a new light on post-graduate plans. She realized how much of an impact a coach can have at the college level, and how much coaches are apart of your life every day, both on and off the field. Once she made that realization, she knew she wanted to coach.

After receiving her MBA in 2016, Nicole was named the head coach and the department's academic coordinator at Queens College. She served in that role for three years before accepting an assistant coaching position at the University of Richmond in 2019. From there, Nicole was named the assistant coach at Binghamton University where she enjoyed a successful three years.

While at Binghamton, Nicole helped guide the Bearcats to a 14-5-3 (.705) record in the America East Conference and a 23-15-8 (.587) overall mark. The team won a share of its division title in the Spring of 2021, won the America East regular-season championship outright in 2022, and reached

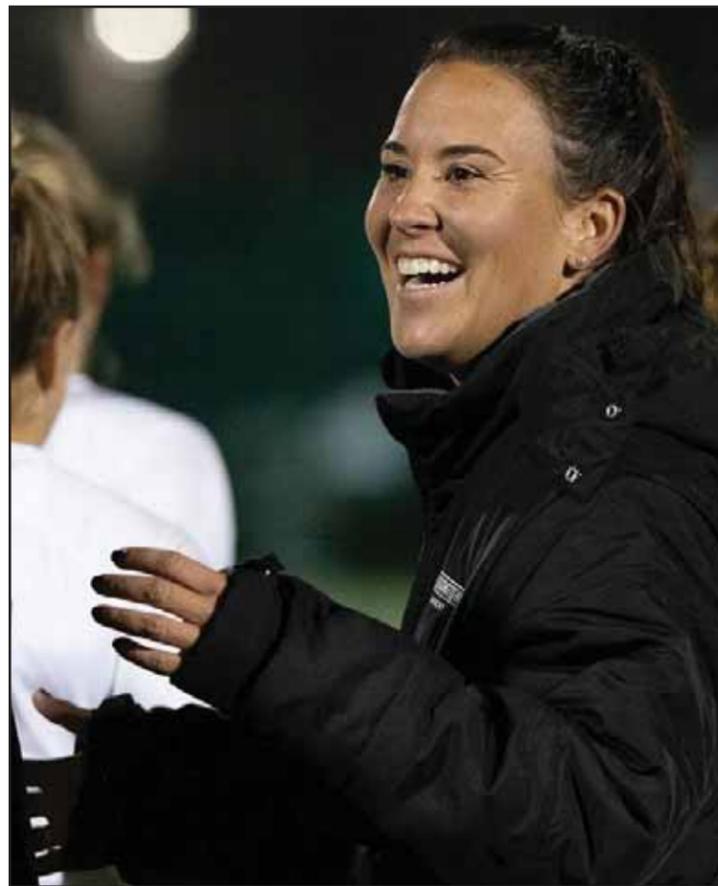
the conference championship match in the Spring of 2021 and 2022. These championship appearances marked the first for Binghamton, and in 2022, Nicole was a part of the America East Coaching Staff of the Year.

Additionally, Nicole holds a United States Soccer "C" coaching license and United Soccer Coaches National and Advanced National Diplomas. She was also selected to the United Soccer Coaches 2022 Coach Credentialing Cohort, was honored as a member of the 2021 United Soccer Coaches 30 Under 30 Class, and was chosen to the 2020 NCAA We-Coach Academy Class.

Marist's newest women's soccer head coach wants students, who are interested in coaching, to know a few things about the profession; coaching is hard, they need to understand what they are getting into, and it's important to love it.

"Coaching at the college level can be a 24-hour, 7-days a week job, that is how much endless work there is to be done, and it is up to you to try and set yourself some healthy work/life balance boundaries because it can consume you.

"There have been countless times where I have wanted to walk away from coaching be-



Nicoll Pacapelli was named the Marist head women's soccer coach, Jan. 17. The WHHS alumna becomes the fist Westie to coach on a Division I level.

cause of how hard the grind was. I spent an entire year of my life as a "full-time" volunteer assistant working for free just to help myself climb the ladder. Most people see the glory in coaching, the game for itself without much of an

understanding of all the rest, and I think that is important to realize."

Despite the grind of coaching, Nicole went on to say, "I have the best job in the world and to me, going to work every day is (mostly) fun."

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West Haven  
Voice

# Sports

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## Hockey team honors '88, wins

The West Haven boys hockey co-op team has been playing well of late. After three solid outings, which included West Haven's first win of the season, the Westies could not keep that play going.

Allowing three goals in the first period, West Haven fell 6-1 against Ridgefield at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven Monday evening. The loss dropped West Haven to 1-6 on the year.

West Haven never got going on offense with just ten shots in the game. The Westies were outshot 47-10 in the loss.

For two-plus periods, it looked as if the West Haven boys co-op hockey team was headed to its second victory of the season. Everything changed in the second half of the third period.

Watching as Cheshire scored twice in the final nine minutes, including the equalizer with 41.6 seconds to go in regulation, the Westies fell to the Rams 6-5 in overtime Wednesday evening in Hamden. The crushing loss drops the Westies to 1-7 on the year.

Despite playing well in three of its last four games, West Haven has just one win to show for its efforts. Wednesday was no different.

The Westies had leads of 3-1 and 5-3, but a short bench could not hold on in the final seconds when Cheshire's Will Gaudet scored from in front to force overtime with less than a minute remaining in regulation and Cheshire skating with an extra attacker.

West Haven entered its contest knowing it would need its best effort as West Haven faced an undefeated North Haven team. While the effort was there, West Haven fell short in a 3-1 loss at the Northford Ice Pavilion.

Javed Ullah was solid in goal with 34 saves, including 15 in the third period. The loss was West Haven's third in a row and dropped the Westies to 1-8 on the year.

West Haven opened the scoring in the first period when Price set up Spreyer in front for a 1-0 lead 3:56 into the game.

West Haven lost its fourth straight contest with a 2-0 decision at Hamden. With the loss, West Haven fell to 1-9 on the year.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

West Haven Hockey team celebrates the 1988 State Champions before their game against St. Dominic's of Maine.

The Westies had just 23 shots on goal, and none found the back of the net. Hamden scored just 35 seconds into the second and that was all the Green Dragons needed.

Astravukh made 24 saves in the loss, including 10 in the third period for West Haven.

West Haven dropped its fifth straight game and fell to 1-10 with a 4-1 loss at Glastonbury Wednesday evening. Glastonbury scored twice in the first period and never looked back in the victory over the Westies.

West Haven trailed 4-0 in the second period before getting on the board on the power play. Madera circled behind the net and found Price in front to cut the deficit to 4-1 as Axelrod also added an assist.

West Haven has been searching for its offense. Inconsistent over the last handful of games, the Westies have been looking to break out.

That break came as nine different players had points in a 7-2 home victory over St. Dominic Regional of Maine at the Edward L. Bennett Rink. The win, on a day where the Westies honored the 35th anniversary of the 1988 State Championship team, helped improve West Haven's record to 2-10 on the year.

Porto led the offense with two goals and two assists, Axelrod had four assists, Price had two goals, and Burrows and Spreyer each added a goal and an assist. J.J. Hall also scored his first career varsity

goal.

The Westies were also solid on defense, allowing just 22 shots. Astravukh made 20 saves in the victory for West Haven.

The West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy girls hockey team snapped its three-game losing streak with a 5-1 victory over Masuk. With the victory, the Westie Sharks improved to 7-4 on the year.

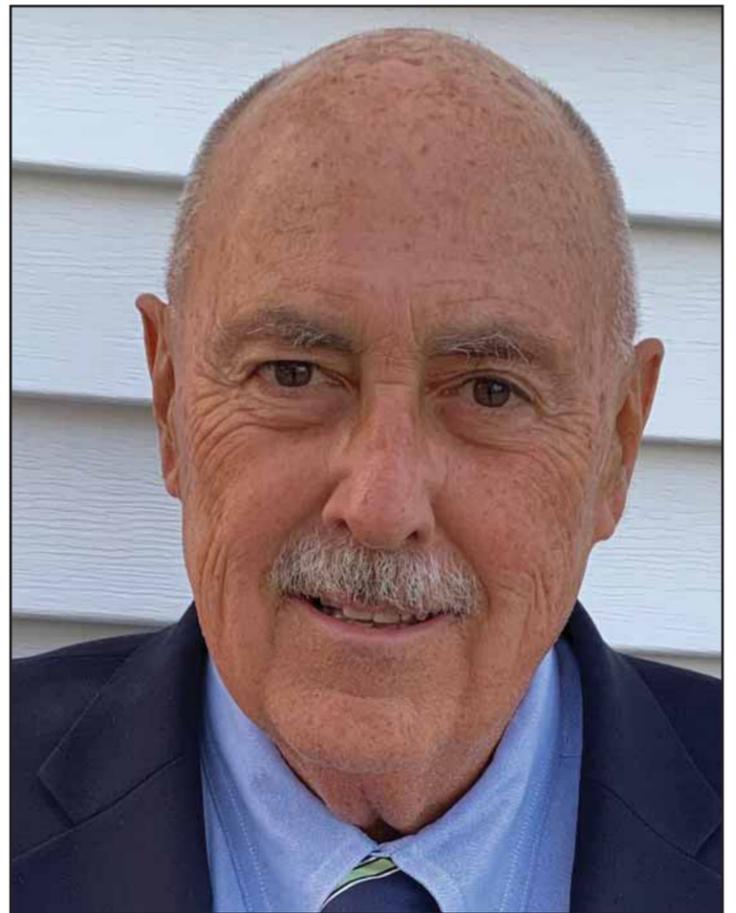
Anne Plunkett scored twice, Julianna Montano had a goal and two assists, and Geena Montano recorded a pair of assists in the win. Isabelle Desrosiers made 18 saves for the Westie Sharks.

Looking to keep the momentum from four days earlier when the girls had a solid victory over Masuk, the Westie Sharks were unable to do so.

Despite rallying with two goals in the final 1:19 to force overtime, WH/SHA fell to Hand, 5-4, in overtime. With their fourth loss in five games, the Westie Sharks fell to 7-5 on the year.

Trailing 4-2, the Sharks inched closer when Julianna Montano scored with 1:19 remaining in the third. With the pressure on, Julianna Montano scored her second of the period off an assist from Plunkett with 36 seconds remaining in regulation.

The hard work of the Westie Sharks went for naught when  
**See Westies, page 17**



Submitted Photo

### Hall of Fame inductee

City resident John Vinci was recently inducted into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame for his work in various capacities with the West Haven Youth Soccer League. Affiliated with the league since 1984, Vinci served various positions in the organization, including coach, referee, and registrar. He is currently the league's president, serving since 2000. Among his other awards are the Secretary of State Award for Public Service, and the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association' Volunteer of the Year Award. The city honored him in October, naming him the Italian of the Year during annual Columbus Day ceremonies.