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Zayas named Hispanic of the year

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

West Shore Fire Department Deputy Chief Rafael Zayas received the city's Hispanic American of the Year award at the fifth annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration on Friday.

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and the West Haven Hispanic Heritage Committee honored Zayas, the son of Puerto Rican-born parents, during a midday ceremony on the steps of City Hall.

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

Amid a partly cloudy, windy day, Zayas, who will mark his inaugural year of service with the West Shore Fire District on Oct. 1, celebrated his Puerto Rican roots with dozens of friends and loved ones at the 20-minute event.

Along with descendants of folks from Puerto Rico and Latin America, he was also joined by an array of West Haven and New Haven fire officials, West Haven employees and residents, and city and state leaders, including Milford Democratic Sen. James Maroney, the Senate's deputy majority leader whose district includes West Haven, who presented Zayas with a General Assembly citation on behalf of the city's delegation.

Zayas was flanked by a line of firefighters, officers and chiefs from the West Shore, West Haven and Allingtown fire departments, as well as the New Haven Fire Department, as he humbly accepted the Hispanic American of the Year award by thanking the crowd, the Rossi administration and his fellow firefighters.

"I want to thank the West Haven Fire Department for taking me in and treating me as one of their own," said Zayas, 48, born in New Haven to Domingo and Raquel Zayas, who hail from the town of Orocovis in central Puerto Rico and the town of Hatillo on the island's north coast, respectively.

Zayas, who lives in West Shore, was accompanied by his mother and his wife, the former Catalina Guzman, who sat in the front row holding their 1-year-old son, Ethan, and beaming with pride as her husband was feted.

"I am very appreciative of this award," Zayas said. "I pray for the city and the government. If this city prospers, so does my family."

Zayas was raised with his older sister and younger brother on Spring Street in New Haven's Hill neighborhood. He graduated in 1992 from Wilbur Cross High School and later from Gateway Community College.

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

In observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs through Oct. 15, West Haven recognizes the important legacy of Hispanic Americans and the inspiring contributions they have made to the culture and history of the United States.

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh



Above -- Rafael Zayas receives a Puerto Rican flag from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and master of ceremonies Tom J. McCarthy. Zayas, the deputy chief of the West Shore Fire Department, was named the Hispanic of the Year for his contributions to the city's Hispanic community at the fifth annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration on the steps of City Hall on Friday.

Left -- Mayor Nancy R. Rossi presents a citation.



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The artist known as Tirzah D. of the West Haven Community House school program sees some thundershowers in our forecast, and the possibility of a rainbow.

On this Date

2013 -- The Westgate Mall is attacked in Nairobi, Kenya. In a daring siege, militants of the extremist group al-Shabaab took over the Mall. 63 shoppers were killed during the attack that lasted a few hours, and before the Kenyan security forces rescued the hostages, 4 terrorists were also killed. Al-Shabaab declared that it had undertaken the attack as retaliation for the presence of Kenyan armed forces in Somalia.

1964 -- Malta gains its independence from the UK. The southern European island country came under British control in 1814 as part of the Treaty of Paris. The country initially retained the Queen of England as its head of state but declared itself a republic on Dec. 13, 1974.

1961 -- Boeing CH-47 Chinook takes flight for the first time. The American-made helicopter has been used by the US military in a variety of conflict-related operations including during the recent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

1942 -- Boeing B-29 Superfortress flies for the first time. The bomber was used extensively by the US in World War II and Korea. The two planes – Enola Gay and Bockscar – that dropped atomic bombs.



Paier College extends exhibit

Paier College is presenting a retrospective exhibit of 1993 graduate and former West Haven-based artist Paul Favello, who passed away in 2017. The show "A Life in Art" opened on July 8, 2023 and has been extended through Oct. 20.

The college will host a reception to celebrate the final week of the exhibition on Friday, Oct. 13 from 6-9 p.m. at the Schelfhaudt Gallery, located at Paier's new location on the University of Bridgeport campus at 84 Iranistan Ave. in Bridgeport.

Favello worked in a variety of mediums including oil, acrylic, assemblage, digital design, and photography. Highlighted at the exhibit will be selected works shown at Ridgefield's Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in shows from 2004, 2006, 2009 and 2020 and in area galleries including the Spade Ely House in New Haven, the Admiral's Club at JFK Airport, and the Michael Ingbar Gallery in Manhattan.

To preview some of the work, please visit: **Paul Favello: A Life in Art.** Gallery hours: 12-6p.m. Monday-Friday and by appointment; please contact Special Events Director, Jan McDonald. imcdonald@paier.edu

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VOTE NOV. 7!

Dear Felicia

It duzzint seem possible, but here we are on the cusp of the autumnal equinox in a few days. And jest so one could sure, there are trees that are showing – already – the signs of drying up and browning leaves, ready to give up the ghost sooner rawther than later. Whilst I hafta say this is my favorite time o’ the year, honeybunch, it still is hard to see yet another summer go by soooo quickly. The kiddies are back in school, life is going back to non-summer rhythms, and the year 2023 is in its waning months. Before yew know it, the holiday stuff will make its appearance – probably next week.

Tennyrate here in the Asylum by the Sea, the slates are set for the mayoral election on Nov. 7. We knew whom the standard-bearer of the Demmies was gonna be perty much from the time she announced. Dorinda Borer is unopposed, and it seems that – for the time being – the Democratic Party universe is rather peaceful. We know from past experience, however, that could be a short-lived thing; but for now, things seem unified and at peace.

One might have other ideas when it comes to the city’s minority party. Sammy Bluejay, who decided he was gonna take a longer gander at things

on Primary Day, noticed things were rather frosty betwixt supporters of the two candidates. Paige Weinstein’s crew and Barry Cohen’s crew behaved, but that was about it. There was no love lost between them.

Same is true of the candidates. It was a bit testy. And when the votes were counted, perty much as many political people around town were expecting, Cohen came out on top. Heck, even Demmies were expecting – and planning for – a Cohen win. Whilst Weinstein had the endorsement and a bankroll to make a successful campaign, she didn’t overcome the biggest hurdle – name recognition.

We hafta say here in the office we were surprised by the letters that came in prior to the vote. Usually, there is an even mix as both camps put on a push for endorsement letters. The numbers came out in favor of Cohen. That had to have some thinking going into the Tuesday vote.

After the count and the concession, the note to her supporters was very telling. Weinstein made a four for five-paragraph statement. In it she answered the big question on everyone’s mind: is she gonna go for a second bite of the apple? The answer was “no.” Whilst she has the Wes-

ties for Change endorsement – she, after all, formed it. She determined she didn’t wanna go in as a third-party candidate. Kudos for that.

Later in the statement she said she said the decision was in keepin’ with her “commitment to party unity.” That was in the second paragraph. In the fourth she stated, “Looking ahead, I will be supporting my endorsed slate of candidates this Fall, and I urge my West Haven friends and neighbors to actively seek positive change as stakeholders in shaping our city’s future.”

That paragraph did raise a few eyebrows, and made one wonder how one could be committed to unity and not support the entire slate. Queries to her campaign spokesman elicited the fack that, yup, she is gonna support “her” candidates – those originally on the slate, endorsed by the Republican Town Committee. That statement is perty self-explanatory.

There is a lot to be said about the campaign, the primary, and the decision by the Republican Town Committee to eschew a candidate who lost by a handful of votes in favor of a newcomer to the scene, but not here. That will be done later.

Cobina has jest one question for those GOPers who might

determine not to vote for the party’s candidate: are you really a Republican, or are you just worried about yourself and your sinecures? ‘Tis a valid question.

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*The Wag came in last week and noted that it’ll be very interesting to see and hear the debates between Borer and Cohen in the weeks ahead. There were no debates in the days leading up to the primary, and that might’ve been the difference in the outcome for somebody like Weinstein who ain’t know by many.*

*In the run up to the Nov. 7 vote, there will be at least one or two debates – maybe more – where the candidates will hafta come up with their “vision” of what the city should look like and how it should be run. Given the situation over the last few years, what is said in those debates will be very important. And, neither Borer nor Cohen are known for mincing words. So, it’ll be salty if nothin’ else.*

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Iva Lootey wanted to talk about the fack that New England Brewing Company (NEBCO) is pullin’ outta its agreement to put a facility at the site of the Savin Rock Conference Center. The decision, which prompted a statement by Herronner on the behavior of some members of the public and council members, was another one that had been expected by certain members of the political class for a while. It really didn’t come as a surprise.

There’s an axiom in these parts: effen it takes a long time between all the approvals and work to be done, somethin’ ain’t right. This has been true for many projects over the years, and continues to be true today. The fack that things hadn’t moved on the plan in months had tongues waggin’ that the projeck was in the trash can or soon to be there.

In the statement in Herronner’s own release, it seemed, though, the city’s inability to work with developers was part of it, but the company also had two or three other offers that were probably less problematic, and required less building and cash output. Don’t know for sure, but we’ll find out in the coming days.

While locals might have acted like yokels in the Aug. 28 council meeting as charged, one has to ask the question effen it was the reason for the pull out – or the convenient excuse to git outta a inconvenient situation?

Experience has made Cobina very wary when it comes to setch announcements. They are just a bit too predictable.

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*One o’ the things the next administration is gonna hafta tackle*

*is the situation with downtown – like thee last three administrations. Over the years, we’ve quipped between each other that the best way to improve downtown would be a few sticks of TNT strategically placed. Of course, after the quip one hasta be realistic about the geography and what could be done. The biggest problem is the dog leg at Main Street. That little juke in the road to the left (going nawth) is a bigger problem than most would admit.*

*Then there is the problem that, except for a few ideas surrounding the former Masonic Lodge becoming an arts center, there has been no real plan for downtown since forever. When the Guerra administration (that’s how far back this problem goes) kicked out the superior court because the rent was slow, it actually put the final nail in the coffin o’ downtown. People still remember when you could actually buy a pair of pants downtown, or get a soda.*

*A real plan, with real results – like most of the city, unfortunately, is about 30 years too late. I dunno what the next administration can do, but that’s why you hire people who’ve been there before.*

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Madame Olga is very interested in the condos down on the old Chick’s property – not that she wants to buy one! No, she’s just a nosey cuss and likes to watch the progress. We’re told that quite a few of the new units have been sold, and that more are in the works. That’s nice to know.

Maybe it will prod work on the former Debonair Motel, which still is fenced in and boarded up. Then on the other end Captain’s Galley’s former site is still empty. Effen anything happens there, Cobina will be very surprised.

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*Finally, ain’t it about time in the new administration to git a plan for the library in place? We hope so! It’s been three years since the Piantino Library was closed. Ther eason was the former Allingtown Senior Center building, nee original Forest School, was gonna be overhauled and rented out. It’s been three years and not much has happened over there in that regard. Meanwhile, last winter a plan was in the works whrein the Fire Dept. of West Haven – Allingtown was gonna share a building with the library. Wouldn’t wanna be engrossed in “War and Peace” when that alarm goes off.*

*Tennyrate, not much has been hoid about the plan, and given the fack a new admiinistration is gonna comin, we won’t expeck to hear much before the oaths are taken and seasts warmed. Figger before the foist o’ the year earliest. Mitt Luff und kizzez,*

*Cobina*

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# Brewery decides to opt out of shore plans

A potential boost to the city's waterfront received a death blow last week, as the parent company of a popular brewery/restaurant canceled its plans with the city.

Rock Street Brewery LLC has pulled out of a deal with the city to relocate New England Brewing Co. to the former Savin Rock Conference Center, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi confirmed last week.

Rossi said she was told by Marty Juliano, NEBCO's director of business development, on Sept. 5 that a revised lease agreement proposal between the city and developer Doug Gray, the principal of the Delaware-based limited liability company, was off the table because of a lack of support from "some City Council members, a few Land Trust of West Haven members and an appeal filed by the owners of Jimmies of Savin Rock restaurant."

Most of the city's residents and businesses supported the brewery project, Rossi said, with many residents speaking in favor of the project at council meetings.

Juliano, a native of West Haven, also told Rossi that the Woodbridge craft brewery apparently has two other offers to relocate elsewhere in the works. He did not specify

where, the mayor said.

"Many residents say they want development, and I brought them a development they could be proud of — but a few City Council members and a couple of Land Trust members, along with the Jimmies' owners' appeal, tanked it," a disappointed Rossi said.

On Aug. 31, 2022, the City Council unanimously approved the original lease agreement between the city and Rock Street Brewery to relocate NEBCO to the prime waterfront location at 6 Rock St.

At the time, the 60-year ground lease allowed for the city to maintain ownership of the 4.38-acre property while allowing the developer to demolish the existing conference center and construct a 46,165-square-foot building that would include a brewery, a taproom and event space.

According to the agreement at the time, Gray would pay the city rent and serve as the brewery's landlord at its "forever home" on the Savin Rock shoreline overlooking Long Island Sound.

That all changed a short time later, however, when the owners of Jimmies at 5 Rock St. initiated litigation with Gray, contesting setbacks to the property, adjacent to the

Savin Rock landmark off Captain Thomas Boulevard.

To prevent a lengthy litigation process, Gray revised the original plans to encompass the footprint of the existing structure. As a result, the scale of the project was significantly reduced, especially the square footage, Rossi said.

Gray then proposed amending the original lease agreement with the city to reflect the modified plans, which included renovating the existing building instead of demolishing it.

The modified plans also included the elimination of the production component of the project, essentially making it a tasting facility without the original "Brewed in West Haven" concept.

During the public comment session of the City Council meeting at City Hall on Aug. 28, some council members and residents voiced concerns about the proposed lease agreement amendment.

"I am extremely disappointed that some council members and business owners chose to publicly embarrass Mr. Gray and Mr. Juliano at that meeting, which I think is shameful," Rossi said.

NEBCO, founded by Rob Leonard in Woodbridge in 2002, brews Sea Hag and other

popular India pale ales at 175 Amity Road in Woodbridge. Sea Hag is the No. 1-selling craft IPA in Connecticut.

The brewery development was announced by NEBCO executives and city and state leaders in West Haven on Nov. 1, 2021. The proposed multimillion-dollar project

had been touted to create up to 100 jobs and generate hundreds of thousands in permit fees and long-term lease payments for the city.

The building, constructed in 1971, previously housed The Casino and Harbour Mist restaurants and originally Phyllis' Restaurant.

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## Time to pay attention

Now the real campaign begins. With the primary win of Barry Cohen over Paige Weinstein in last week's Republican primary, the candidates are set for the two competing parties. The Democratic Party has avoided a primary and, at least on the face of it, has rallied around Dorinda Keenan Borer as its candidate going into Nov. 7. Whether the same is true of the Republicans remains to be seen, though some statements made over the last few days seem to indicate there will be some residual hard feelings.

Whatever the behind-the-scenes bickering in either party, the voters of West Haven now have the opportunity to listen to the visions of both candidates, Borer and Cohen, for the future of the city. There is much to be done by way of reforming the way the city conducts its business. Just last week the announcement that the New England Brewery was backing out of a proposed deal for the Savin Rock Conference Center underlined the need for radical changes in how city officials approach potential developers.

The issues are many, and resolutions few, it seems, but they are not impossible to obtain. The voters should home in onto these issues to see which candidate has the best program for our future:

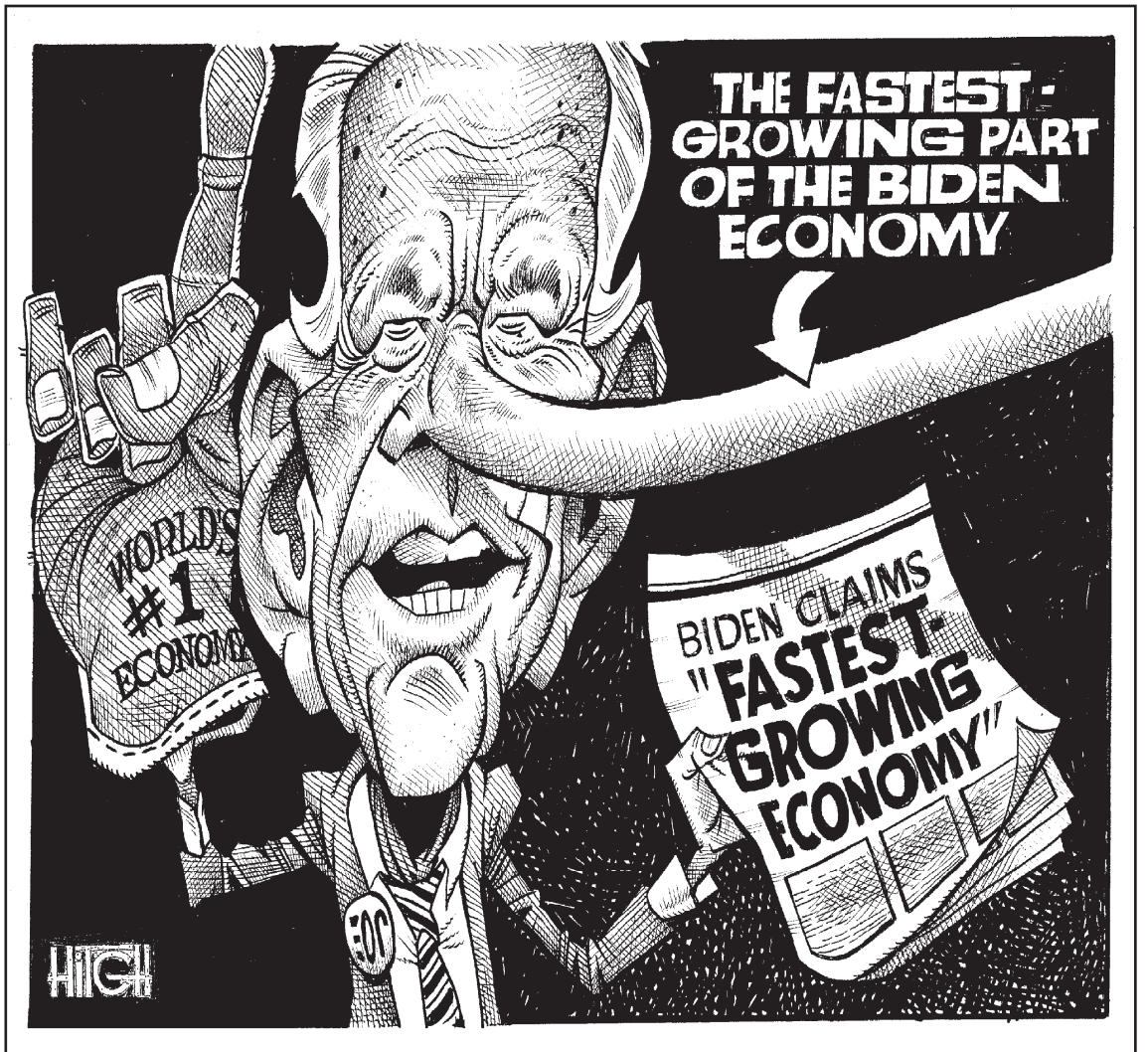
**Financial reorganization** – The recurring problem of accounts receivable and accounts payable would put a real corporation out of business. The city must maintain and pay its bills in a timely fashion. Vendors have repeatedly refused to honor city credit because of the payment delays.

This is only one of many problems with city finances. The Municipal Accountability Review Board has enumerated several reforms it would like to see implemented. The new administration must tackle this situation head-on and re-earn the respect of vendors. The adversarial relationship between this body and the city seems to be waning, but a new approach is needed to make the present détente an operational norm.

**City Development** – One of the major problems with development in West Haven is the internal difficulties developers have working with city officials as proposals become more concrete. The usual scene goes something like this: a proposal is made, the City Council or other body gives approvals, and the project becomes dormant. Behind the scenes problems are heard, and what should have been a new, tax-paying operation is no further along months or years after announcement. The new administration must investigate the internal operations of the city as it relates to development and developers and make needed changes.

**Tackling Resident complaints** – While in the general scheme of things this issue might seem minor, it has to do with dealing with individuals like the issue stated above. Over the last few years, the number of complaints received by this publication concerning complaints to City Hall has increased. This does not necessarily mean the mayor's office, but the departmental processes to handle complaints. Residents, taxpayers, want issues addressed, and believe their taxes give them access to address those issues. Some issues go on for years, and resentments build. It might mean placing an ombudsman in the position of handling or directing complaints. However, it's handled in the new administration, the belief city departments care about individual's issues needs to be reinforced.

This is by no means an exhaustive list. It us tune for voters to pay attention and make decisions.



## The scam of electric autos

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

Joe Biden has seen the future, and it is electric cars. Lots of electric cars. Electric cars -- or else.

Donald Trump has seen the future, and it is a backlash against the mandate for the mass adoption of electric cars. The former president is promising to "stop this Madness, IMMEDIATELY!"

Who wins this political argument may determine who has the upper hand in a state like Michigan in a 2024 rematch. Regardless, all-caps aside, Trump is right about the lunatic urgency across the Western world to use government coercion to render all-but-obsolete a popular, tested, highly efficient means of transportation.

The European Union wants to ban gas-powered cars in 2035. California and New Jersey are doing the same.

The goals here would make Soviet central planners blush. Last year, electric vehicle accounted for about 7% of U.S. sales, but according to the panjandrum at the Environmental Protection Agency, they'll have to be nearly 40% by 2027. A couple of years after that, they're supposed to be higher than 60%.

And why not? All that's missing is the charging capacity and supply and processing

of the minerals necessary to build the 1,000-pound batteries, not to mention the consumer demand.

For Biden and his allies, though, what kind of automobiles we drive is not a practical question but almost a theological one. Believing that electric cars are key to saving the planet, they bring all the flexibility to the question as the organizers of Albigenian Crusade.

Insofar a rush to electric cars throws us into the arms of Chinese manufacturers and suppliers, it should rightfully be thought of as an anti-industrial policy.

We foolishly haven't made adequate arrangements for mining or processing the minerals the batteries require, and it's hard to ramp up quickly. Fortunately, there's a country that's a leader this area. Unfortunately, it's China.

China is projected in the years ahead to maintain near total domination of the production of anode and cathode materials, key components of electric car batteries.

We've already begun to see how aggressive electric-vehicle mandates in Europe favor China, which makes serviceable electric cars. The Chinese have doubled their share of such vehicles sold in Europe since 2021, now up to 8%.

The U.S. has stiff tariffs

against Chinese imports, but there's still the question of the supply chain. Morgan Stanley writes, "The path we're on now, despite existing legislation that attempts to incentivize onshoring, pushes rapid EV adoption which inherently increases reliance on a China-dominated battery supply chain."

It's not as though there's anything inherently wrong with electric cars. If they are reliable, affordable, and valued by consumers -- no problem. There's no slighting the engineering achievement of Tesla or its genuine appeal to high-end consumers.

As Mark Mills of the Manhattan Institute points out, electric cars are overwhelmingly part of the luxury market, and 90% of electric cars sold in the U.S. are second or third cars. What the U.S. government is insisting is that this niche market be imposed on the rest of the country.

It's as if the federal government wants everyone to start drinking craft beers when they prefer Modelo.

The sales of electric vehicles in the U.S. have been growing but appear to be plateauing. Electric vehicles were 8.6% of new light-duty vehicle sales in the first quarter of this year, basically flat compared to the

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# Letters, we get letters!

## Mullins makes his case for mayoralty

As many residents may know, I have run for mayor of West Haven before. Despite the unsuccessful attempts in the past, I have never given up on working toward making West Haven a better place for us to raise our children and grandchildren in. And a better place to live out all of the aspects of life in.

In a previous race, my campaign team, fellow Republican candidates, as well as the West Haven Republican Town Committee came up with five proposed principles that every taxpayer in the City of West Haven should expect from their city government.

These principles, called the "Taxpayers Bill of Rights," are just as true today as they were in all of those years ago. As mayor, I will work toward implementing these standards

for the taxpayers of the City of West Haven and I am calling on ALL candidates for a municipal office, regardless of political party or office sought to join me in making this pledge to taxpayers of the City of West Haven.

They are:

1). Recognize that taxpayers are the backbone of this city and without this support, the city would NOT be able to function.

2). Recognize that every dollar collected in taxes should be spent with the utmost care.

3). Recognize that every taxpayer in the City of West Haven should be treated with the utmost respect when dealing with any taxing authority in the city and that problems or disputes will be treated in a timely fashion and with the utmost concern for the taxpayer.

4). Recognize that any expenditure, budget or contract negotiation will be conducted

in such a way as to PROTECT the taxpayer from any undue financial hardship, knowing that every dollar spent is generated from the hard work of the taxpayers within this city.

5). Recognize that the city government has the duty to cut spending wherever it can in order to keep taxes as low as possible and relieve any financial distress on the taxpayer.

These are not Republican principles, nor Democrat principles. These are common sense principles that must be adhered to for the sake of all City taxpayers.

*Steven R. Mullins*

**Write-In Candidate for Mayor**

## Cohen grateful for primary win

**West Haven Republicans,**

Thank you for your trust as demonstrated by your votes at the Republican Primary held on Sept. 12.

I am truly humbled and blessed by your support, friendship, and commitment.

The decisive results and high voter turnout are an inspiration, as well as a call to action that the status quo must go.

This is further evidenced by the thousands of households I've visited, as well as the countless business and community meetings held since we began our campaign last May. Whether it's Democrat, Republican, Independent, or Unaffiliated, the message from voters is loud and clear: the same song, but a different verse of "politics as usual," is unacceptable. The public trust is broken and the party that shattered it cannot be trusted to repair it.

This November election will be a Referendum on Change. Having the same party in power for over three decades has resulted in economic neglect, high taxes, blight, and financial corruption, as well as a decline in the safety and security of our senior citizens, veterans, and families.

West Haven Republicans are unified as demonstrated

by the primary election results. Reaching across the aisle and finding common ground in the best interests and INPUT of the community, will offer Change for Better.

*Barry Lee Cohen*

**Republican for Mayor**

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Those with questions should contact us at (203) 934-6397.

## Viet Vets seek names; deadline date changed

Current and former city residents who served in the Vietnam War are sought by the West Haven Vietnam Memorial Inc. Committee to have their names inscribed on a new section of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Bradley Point Park.

To qualify for name recognition on the memorial "wall," Vietnam veterans must apply and meet the following requirements:

— Applicants must live or have lived in West Haven. Veterans living in West Haven must provide proof of residence, such as a utility bill.

— Applicants must have served in-country during the Vietnam War.

— Applicants must have been honorably discharged from military service. A DD214 form (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) is required.

— Applicants must share potential costs, if any.

The committee does not have a formal application. Veterans must mail all documents, which are due **Jan. 1**, to West Haven Vietnam Veterans, City Hall, lower level, 355 Main St., West Haven 06516.

Those with questions can call Bill at (203) 521-2356, Steve at (475) 655-2993 or Paul at (203) 500-2159.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial includes a black granite wall inscribed with the names of those from West Haven who served or gave their lives in Vietnam from 1959 to 1975, along with three white flagpoles draped with the American, Connecticut and prisoner-of-war flags.

The memorial, dedicated Nov. 12, 2003, also includes a black granite map of the four battle districts of Vietnam bearing the inscription "All Gave Some, Some Gave All," as well as five

## Lowry: *The scam of EVs*

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last quarter of 2022, at 8.5%.

The climate case for forcing these numbers higher is not as strong as advertised.

It's not clear exactly how much electric cars reduce emissions once all the inputs are factored in.

On top of this, transportation accounts for less than 30% of U.S. emissions, and air and rail travel, as well as shipping, make a not-insignificant contribution.

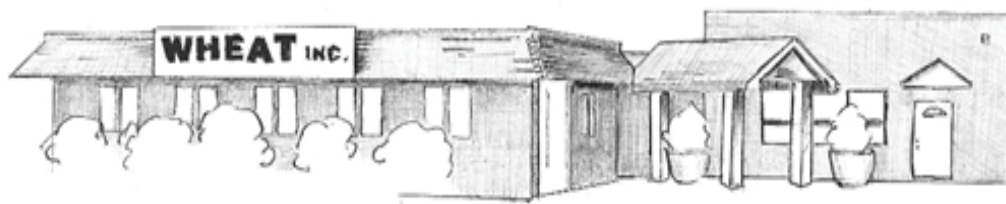
Electric vehicles should be considered a nice, promising addition to the variety of the car market, not a quasi-holy obligation to be pursued at all costs.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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## Annual Rosary Rally set for Oct. 14

A Rosary Rally is planned for Saturday, Oct. 14 at the West Haven Green, gazebo area. Some chairs will be available. All are welcome. For information: Eva Cestari (203) 507-3374, [rcestari@snet.net](mailto:rcestari@snet.net).



WHEAT's pantry is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:00-4:30 All CT residents are welcome, no appointment needed. Photo IDs and proof of address are not required. Visitors can come twice a month to receive food and should bring their own grocery bags if possible. If not, WHEAT has grocery bags available. Please call or email us with any questions about WHEAT's services.

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# Annawon Lodge 115 honors Mullins for 25 years of service

Steven R. Mullins received an award from Annawon Lodge, #115, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of West Haven and the West Haven Chapter of Lions Club International in recognition of over twenty-five years of civic service to the City of West Haven at a testimonial dinner held at the lodge recently.

Mullins, who is Vice President of the Lions Club and a past master of the Masons served as West Haven Planning and Zoning Commissioner for sixteen years and Justice of the Peace for 25 years. He has served in the Allingtown Volunteer Fire Association for nearly twenty years, among numerous other civic positions.

Mayoral Chief of Staff and Public Works Commissioner Thomas McCarthy presented Mullins with an official citation on behalf of Mayor Nancy R. Rossi.

Other speakers included Town and City Clerk Patricia Horvath, Allingtown Fire Department Volunteer Lieutenant Sam Manuel, Councilman Victor Borrás, D-8, Mullins' wife Jean and State Masonic dignitaries.

The National Anthem was performed by soprano Vicki Joy Revere.

Photo courtesy of Victor Borrás

Annawon Lodge Worshipful Master Christopher Belous (center) reads a Certificate of Appreciation to be presented to Steven R. Mullins (right) as West Haven Lions Club President Carolyn Sires looks on.



# Regional Chamber Restaurant Week set, Oct.6-15

West Haven & Milford Regional Restaurant Week, presented by TrinityPoint Wealth, returns Oct. 6-15. This event, organized by the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce

and Downtown Milford Business Association, will once again offer prix-fixe menus at participating restaurants across the greater West Haven & Milford region. This year's

Restaurant week is enhanced by running concurrently with West Haven Restaurant Week; nearly doubling the choices.

The celebration invites diners to sample the incredible

array of eateries participating in this year's event including Bin 100, Tropical Caribbean, The Breakwall, Monty's River Grille, Strada Gastrobar, and more.

"Restaurant week provides a valuable platform for local restaurants to showcase their culinary talents and unique offerings. It encourages residents to dine out and support these establishments, which are often small businesses that are the backbone of the local economy", said Chamber President Michael Moses. "West Haven and Milford Regional Restaurant Week celebrates the diversity of cuisines and dining experiences available in our community. It introduces residents to new culinary experiences and encourages them to explore different flavors and cuisines."

Participating restaurants will offer multi-course, fixed-price menus with special pricing for lunch, dinner and all-day specials ranging from \$15 to \$40 per person.

These carefully curated menus are available in-person at all participating restaurants, many with outdoor dining available and some offering take-out as an option.

"Restaurant Week is a fabulous culinary event welcoming diners to visit some of the incredible eateries that make up the region's culinary culture," DMBA President Tracy Bonosconi says. "Both of our organizations are proud leaders and supporters in the local community, so we are thrilled to collaborate on this special event that celebrates and supports our wonderful restaurants."

For more information, go to [www.milfordctrestaurant-week.com](http://www.milfordctrestaurant-week.com).

For more information contact Simon McDonald, director of membership and marketing for the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce at [smcondald@milfordct.com](mailto:smcondald@milfordct.com) or Maryjo Downs, marketing director for the DMBA at [maryjodowns@gmail.com](mailto:maryjodowns@gmail.com).

## St. Lawrence plans corn hole tourney

St. Lawrence School is hosting a fundraiser – Cornhole-by-the-Sound -- on Saturday, Sept. 30, in the gym. child/parent teams at 11 a.m., social and competitive teams, 3 p.m. Raffles, prizes, food trucks, and fun for all. 231 Main St. Call the school for more info (203) 933-2518.

## Seniors traveling to Foxwoods

The West Haven Senior Center is offering a bus trip to Foxwoods Resort Casino in Ledyard on Nov. 8.

Enjoy the new Pequot Woodlands Casino at Foxwoods featuring 430 slot machines, the new high-limit slot room with 130 state-of-the-art machines and the newly opened Wahlburgers restaurant, as well as shopping at the Tanger Outlets. No casino packages are offered at the moment.

The trip costs \$35. Payment is due Oct. 13. The bus departs at 8:30 a.m. from the Veterans Memorial Park parking lot at 91 Bull Hill Lane, the former Nike site, and leaves at 3 p.m. from Foxwoods. Non-senior center members and nonresidents are welcome.

To make a reservation, call the center at (203) 937-3507.

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OLIVIA QUAGLIANI

## Quagliani wins Yale honor

By Michael O'Brien  
Special to the Voice

Sometimes doing your job gets noticed, and good things happen. Such was the case of a WHHS counselor, who was chosen for a prestigious honor.

Olivia Quagliani, a school counselor at West Haven High School, has been recognized by the Yale Office of Undergraduate Admissions as a recipient of the 2022 Yale Educator Award.

"I was so shocked to see that I got the award," said Quagliani. "It meant so much that Ayannah (Obas '23) took the time to nominate me. I am just so lucky to work in West Haven because we truly have the most amazing students - I learn so much from them every day!!"

The Yale Educator Recognition Program recognizes outstanding educators from around the world who support and inspire their students to perform at high levels and to achieve excellence. Of this year's 385 nominees, who represent 43 states and 28 countries, 80 teachers and 32 counselors were selected to receive the award.

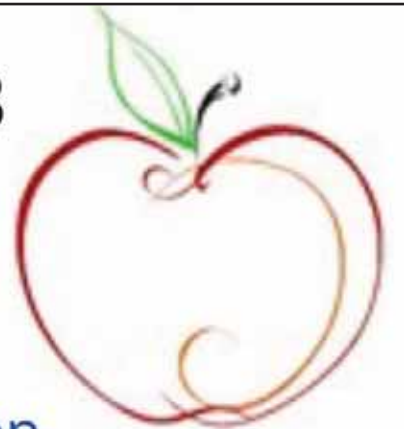
Matriculating students are invited to nominate high school educators, and a committee of Yale admissions officers reviews each nomination individually and designates recipients. Quagliani was nominated for the award by Ayannah Obas '23, Yale Class of 2027.



### September 22, 23, and 24, 2023

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# Zayas: *WSFD* chief honored for contributions

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

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

Rossi said Zayas personifies the noble qualities of serving his vibrant community and carrying on the proud traditions of Puerto Rico — as well as the rich tradition of Puerto Ricans in the fire service.

Zayas retired last year from the New Haven Fire Department after nearly a quarter century of service as both a firefighter and officer, including most recently as a deputy chief and a battalion chief.

While on the job in the Elm City, he received five unit citations for work at fires.

For two decades, Zayas represented his fellow Puerto Rican smoke eaters as a member of the New Haven Hispanic Firefighters Association.

As the association's president from 2014 to 2021, he was instrumental in organizing Thanksgiving food giveaways, toy drives and Three Kings Day celebrations in Greater New Haven's Hispanic community. He also distributed back-to-school supplies and organized a scholarship banquet for high school seniors from New Haven.

Rossi lauded the civic-minded Zayas, whom she called a man of faith and service, for his devotion to the city and its robust Hispanic community.

Zayas is also known for his volunteerism at his house of worship, Christian Community of Restoration to the Nations, or CCRN, a nondenominational Christian church in Hamden.

Rossi presented him with an embroidered "Hispanic American of the Year 2023" jacket and a Puerto Rican flag.

The mayor then read and presented a citation praising Zayas' good works.

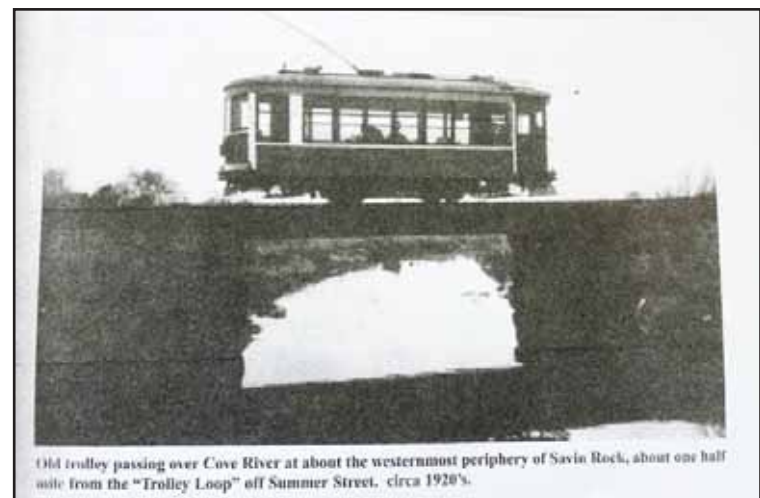
"Since your first day on the job with the West Shore Fire Department, you have been one of West Haven's finest public safety ambassadors and have helped bring about progress for our great city," Rossi said. "Your compassionate spirit and your desire to help those who need it most remind us of what it truly means to be a 'Westie.'"

The cultural event also included congratulatory remarks by Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy, the master of ceremonies, and Joseph Rodriguez, the deputy state director of U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal's Hartford office.

Before a prayer by Ana Garcia of Vertical Church of West Haven, Garcia sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Puerto Rican national anthem, "La Borinqueña."



Photos by Michael P. Walsh  
Above -- Rafael Zayas puts his right hand over his heart as "The Star-Spangled Banner" is sung. Looking on are, from left, Zayas' mother, Raquel, holding his son, Ethan, 1; his wife, Catalina; and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi. Left -- Zayas receives an embroidered "Hispanic American of the Year 2023" jacket from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi.



## Walking tour planned Sept. 30

The West Haven Historical Society plans a Walking/Bus tour of the West Shore area on Saturday, Sept. 30. Departing from the Poli House, 686 Savin Ave., the tour will include a walking portion from South Street to Woody Crest along Ocean Avenue and various neighborhoods in the area.

Participants will receive a packet of pictures of historic houses, maps, and photos of scenes from what was originally farmland to a popular summer enclave of cottages and impressive shore-front homes along with fine hotels, and dining establishments.

The tour will conclude at the Aimes homestead "Matinstow" in the Baybrook neighborhood before returning to the Historical Society.

The cost of the two-hour (approx.) tour is \$15 per person. Reservations are necessary because seating is limited. Please call Jon at (203) 933-0081 to make reservations.

Steven Mullins

Write-In for Mayor

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  - Fixing infrastructural matters, such as, but not limited to, pot holes, blight & litter..
  - Providing funding to the Board of Education, to enhance and encourage the teaching of the whole child approach, so all students can excel using their God-given talents; be they academic, arts related, trades related or sports related.
  - Reaching across the aisle to work WITH dedicated citizens, whether they be Democrat or Republican to improve the quality of life in our City and make it the place to get a great job, get a great education, get married in, raise a family, retire and live out all of the great aspects of life.

- Steven Mullins has given a quarter century of service to the people of West Haven:**
- Planning & Zoning Commissioner, sixteen years. Chairman & Vice Chairman, six years
  - West Haven Justice of the Peace, twenty-four years
  - Allingtown Volunteer Firefighter, nineteen years
  - President, West Haven Black Heritage Committee, seven years
  - Past Master, Annawon Lodge, #115, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of West Haven, 2018
  - Vice President, West Haven Lion's Club, three years
  - Communicant, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
  - Husband and father of two teenage children.



**Team greeting!**

Members of the West Haven High School football team greeted Seth Haley Elementary School students as they entered the building, Sept. 13, to celebrate "Sports Jersey Day." The 14 Blue Devils were Aedan Coe, Nick Conlan, Joey Cope-la, Geron Cox, Rui DaSilva, Demarco Eady, Jayden Franklin, Avyon Graham, Coryon Harris, Ethan Holy, Camren Kemp, Davon McFadden, Raul Sanchez, and Javar Smith.



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**Gripe Vine Readers:**

Before I begin writing today's column, I would like to ask your opinions on what West Haven taxpayers should do with the now defunct idea of a brewery in West Haven. Do you think this building could become a money maker? Or perhaps housing offering music concerts or visiting art museums or a playhouse for aspiring young musicians? If you feel you would like to offer your input, send it to [gripevineatwh@yahoo.com](mailto:gripevineatwh@yahoo.com) I'll be looking forward to your mail. Or mail your opinion to Gripe Vine 840 Boston Post Road, West Haven 06516

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I live in North Branford. I am a former West Haven resident of 25 years. I lived on both Noble and Park Street. My parents met on the bumper car ride and were together far 57 years and died on Park Street. My love for West Haven goes deep...

I am retired and in West Haven five days a week if not more to see and help my el-

derly friend.

Finally, my grapes: I traveled north on my way home and hit a pothole on Blohm Street in late July. I hit it a second time in August. I forgot it was there. I slammed it harder the second time. I was mad at myself, but thankful my tire was fine.

I took matters into my own hands and went to the beach for some ZEN time and then gathered up a big bag of seashells. I poured them into the pothole, but it didn't even fill halfway!

So now, I avoided it at all costs. So now, August arrives, and the freaking hole is still there. I guess no one else hit it although the shells seemed stirred up from being hit. Well, I saw a few sandbags near the sign at the end of Blohm Street, so I drove a bag of sand to the pothole and dropped it n. I filled the hole completely. I figured I'd be faster than the city by the time they put in the work order my car's tire might have been destroyed. I know I would have



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

hit it a third time.

That's my gripe and instead of waiting three months did the best I could. I love West Haven. By the way, it's not the city workers themselves, they are great!!! It's all the paperwork I dislike.

Maybe you can get it to fill correctly?

*For the love of Westies!.*

Dear FTLOW!

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know as soon as you see an improvement.

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**Mayor to host final town hall**

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi is inviting residents to participate in a town hall meeting in person at City Hall or virtually on Facebook Live at 6 p.m. Oct. 4.

The community event is aimed at fostering communication and transparency between City Hall and West Haven residents.

Residents can attend the town hall in the Harriet C. North Community Room of City Hall, 355 Main St., or they can participate in the meeting on the UNH Mayor's Advisory Commission's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/UNHMayorsAdvisoryCommission/>.

The town hall is sponsored by the mayor's office and the University of New Haven Mayor's Advisory Commission, a collaborative, student-driven task force founded in 2015 to strengthen town-gown relations.

The UNH commission is led by Brian Cao, a sophomore studying national security, and adviser Chris Haynes, an associate professor of political science and national security.

All members of the community are encouraged to participate in the town hall and ask questions. The moderators are Haynes and commission member Deepak Dinesh.

Participants can send questions before the meeting by email to [ddine1@unh.newhaven.edu](mailto:ddine1@unh.newhaven.edu) or [chaynes@newhaven.edu](mailto:chaynes@newhaven.edu). They can also submit questions during the meeting in the "Comment" section on Facebook Live.

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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

Clockmaking in Connecticut  
It is hard to believe during this, the current era, that there was a time when the extravagance of owning a clock was the sole province of the wealthy: Farmers scheduled their work around the rising and setting of the sun. Every household had an almanac, which specified the sunrise and sunset times for any particular date. An

hourglass could help one divide the day into one-hour increments. Townspeople who toiled in the workshops were called to work by the tolling of the bells in nearby church steeples. And that was the way that it was.

Back in 1800, one day's wages for a farmer or laborer amounted to about one dollar, and a hand-made wooden clock movement—

even without the case—would therefore cost about one month's pay; therefore, ownership of a clock was out of the reach of most.

Eli Terry was born in 1772, in South Windsor, Connecticut. As a young man, he served a seven-year apprenticeship with a master clockmaker, and learned how to carve the wooden movements and the dials for the only type of clock then made: It was a grandfather clock, built into a tall case, and operated by means of gravity-driven weights, a pendulum, and a system of gears.

But Eli Terry was an imaginative, enterprising soul, one of an extraordinary number of such individuals raised after the Revolution, who would develop new and better ways of doing so very many things. Terry developed a brass clock mechanism—superior in quality and cheaper to make than one with hand-carved wooden parts—and devised the necessary methods of harnessing water power to operate some of the clockmaking machinery at his factory in Plymouth, Connecticut. Like gunmaker Eli Whitney in New Haven, Terry made his clocks with interchangeable parts. In this way, both men, in vastly different industries, were giving birth to the concept and practice of mass production.

In 1806, Terry signed a

contract to produce four thousand grandfather clock mechanisms (without case) in the space of three years. Understandably he quickly became a laughing stock around Connecticut—until he successfully completed the contract—and made his deliveries on time.

His factory was to become known as the first clock factory in America, and his products were quickly sold for four dollars each. Now, ownership of a clock was within the reach of almost anyone who wanted one.

By 1819, the Terry family enterprise—by now a father and two sons—was turning out six thousand quality shelf clocks per year, complete with decorative case, for fifteen dollars each.

In the business world, success typically breeds competition, and by 1836, the Bristol, Connecticut area boasted sixteen clock factories—which turned out a total of one hundred thousand clocks annually—and all this at a time when the U.S. population was only thirteen million souls.

By the outbreak of the Civil War, Connecticut was producing half a million clocks a year, and nearly every American home now had its own time piece, thanks to the genius of Eli Terry.

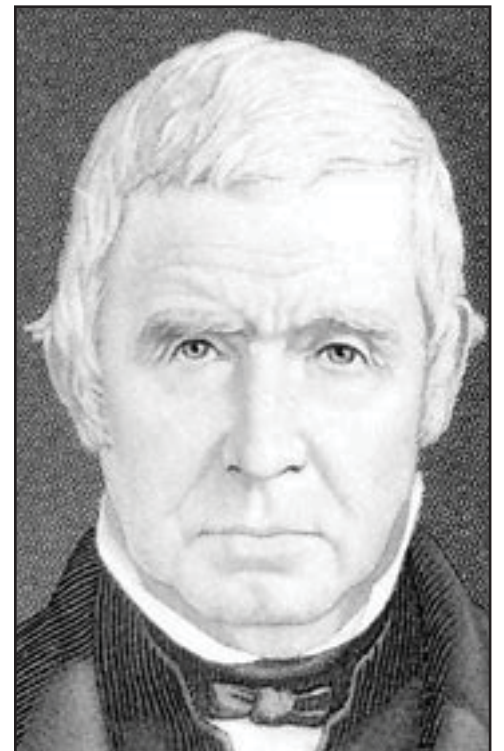
Next: Bringing clockmaking to New Haven.



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




An Eli Terry Clock was considered a fine timepiece of the era.



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Left -- Bianka Portugal Morales sets the ball for a spike versus Guilford. Above -- Nick Conlan pitches the ball to running back Camren Kemp in West Haven's 47-14 win.

## Westies: *Netters take first three contests*

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McDonnell also played well with five digs, five kills, and two blocks, Shannon Hoey had three digs, and Scillia added three digs and three aces.

The West Haven volleyball team is on a roll, winning its third straight match and third straight shutout victory as West Haven topped Foran, 25-22, 25-9, 25-22 at West Haven High Tuesday evening.

Sahin led the Westies with 12 assists, four digs, three kills, and two aces, McDon-

nell had nine kills and four digs, while Portugal Morales had nine digs and five kills. In a balanced attack, Davey had eight assists and three aces, Sam Close added six blocks, six kills, and three aces, Frazer added six digs and two kills, and Hoey added four digs and three aces.

After opening the season with three straight shutout victories, West Haven team had the favor returned. Playing host to Guilford, the Westies were shut out, losing in three straight games, 25-18,

25-19, and 25-23.

Sahin led the West Haven offense with 18 assists and had eight digs on the defensive side. Frazer led the defense with 10 digs, and Portugal Morales had nine digs, Scillia had eight digs, and Hoey finished with six digs. McDonnell had nine kills and Portugal Morales also added five kills.

After two failed attempts to open the regular season due to weather, the West Haven boys soccer team finally got on the field to play at Amity. In hot conditions, the Westies and Amity played to a 1-1 draw.

In an evenly played contest, Amity held a 13-12 shot advantage. West Haven junior goalkeeper Yahzeel Beyley made 11 saves in the draw, while Amity's William Keenan finished with eight saves.

Both goals came early in the contest as West Haven took a 1-0 lead when junior Ethan Masoperh scored off an assist from Rafael Gazcon at the 13:40 mark of the opening half.

Amity needed less than 14 minutes to respond as Erik Jiang scored the equalizer at the 27:25 mark.

West Haven scored five first half goals and picked up its first victory of the season with a 6-1 victory over Foran.

Junior Keifer Tandazo led the Westies with a pair of goals, while Gazcon, Masoperh, Juan Vargas-Martinez, and Angel Magana also scored for West Haven. Masoperh added two assists, while Vargas-Martinez and Gazcon each added an assist.

West Haven took a 1-0 lead just seven minutes into the contest when Gazcon scored

off an assist from Masoperh, before Masoperh assisted on Tandazo's tally 5:35 later for a 2-0 advantage. Masoperh extended the lead to 3-0 with an unassisted tally at the 30:13 mark, before Tandazo scored off an assist from Gazcon 7:32 later.

An unassisted goal by Vargas-Martinez increased the lead to 5-0 less than a minute later, before Magana closed West Haven's scoring for a 6-0 lead off an assist from Vargas-Martinez at the 57:15 mark.

The Westies held a 34-8 shot advantage with Beyley's shutout attempt broken up with less than 13 minutes to go. Beyley finished with two saves.

West Haven improved to 2-0-1 with a 2-0 victory over Wilbur Cross at the University of New Haven. Masoperh and Gazcon each scored for the Westies, while Beyley finished with eight saves.

West Haven took a 1-0 lead when Gazcon set up Masoperh at the 27:37 mark of the first half. Gazcon then sealed the victory with 16:35 remaining in the contest, scoring off a penalty kick.

West Haven held an 11-9 shot advantage in the contest.

The girls soccer team opened the season with a 5-1 loss against Amity. The Westies struggle to gain any consistency in the match in the opening loss.

Freshman Amiyah Jones scored the lone goal for the Westies. Sophomore Ericka Tighe made 11 saves in the loss.

West Haven bounced back from its opening day loss with

a 2-1 victory at Shelton. Junior Jaylyn Powell scored both West Haven goals, but it was a team effort which produced the victory.

Tighe made 12 saves, and the Westies received solid efforts from Abigail Phelan, Niamh Chesson, Liv Trenchard, Arianna Izzo, Katelyn Selgado, and Chloe Whelan.

The West Haven girls swim team opened the season with a 94-80 home loss against Lyman Hall.

The Westies had two first place finishes as Olivia DeLauri won the 100 backstroke, and the 400 freestyle relay team of Ava Gallipoli, Olivia DeLauri, Emily Guthrie, and Isabella DeLauri was also victorious.

West Haven also had several second-place finishes as Gallipoli was second in the 200 freestyle, Khando Dorjee was second in the 100 butterfly, Caly Nyack was second in the 200 IM, Gallipoli was second in the 500 freestyle, and the 200 freestyle relay team of Nyack, Dorjee, Emily Falanga, and Gallipoli was also second.

Third place finishes included the 200 medley relay team of Nyack, Amanda Fagnani, Dorjee, and Isobel Roche, Dorjee in the 200 IM, Emily Guthrie in the 50 freestyle, Olivia DeLauri in the 100 freestyle, Guthrie in the 500 freestyle, and Fagnani in the 100 breast.

Michelle Tompkins was fourth in the 50 freestyle, Amber Militrano placed fourth in the 1 meter diving, Nyack was fourth in the 100 butterfly, Emily Falanga placed fourth in the 500 freestyle, and Delia Vital was fourth in the 100 breast.

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# 7-7 draw opens Youth Soccer fall season

## Week I

The West Haven Youth Soccer League opened the fall season with both the Recreation and Travel divisions getting in their first games. Taco Town came out strong in their first game of the fall season against the Grey Stars Ice Cream, with the two teams drawing, 7-7. Christopher Romero had an outstanding game, scoring five goals. Sabri Abdelmageed scored on a penalty kick. Daimeon Griffin had great follow through, scoring the final goal off a rebound from another penalty kick. Nathan Zamora showed great effort in goal, making several big saves. Milano & Wanat opened their season with a tough 5-0 loss to the experienced Wizard Painting Blues. Jordaniel Dejsus Colon, Julio Arroyo Palafox, and Cameron Durand all put in a solid effort for Milano & Wanat.

The Lorenzo's Ristorante Italiano Green Beans defeated Stars Ice Cream, 3-1. The Green Beans were led by Chelsea Hernandez-Fortia with two goals and Ariana Tolentino with one goal. Yousra Moussa and Pierce Payton both played well in the goal. The opening game for the U15 boys saw the West Haven Professional Firefighters compete against a very strong WH Federation of Teachers team. The final score was 8-5 with the WH Professional Firefighters falling to the competition. The West Haven Professional Firefighters were led offensively by the outstanding all around play of Doniel Agustin, Rida Saanon and David Govea. The defense was led by Nazih Mahaini, Salim Mahaini and Abayomi Olatunji who held up against a very good attack. The Firefighters will look to rebound next week.

Thorough Restoration fell to Porto Funeral Home, 7-4. Anthony Gambardella was quick with the ball scoring two goals 90 seconds apart. Noah Catlin gave his all and played his hardest. Jeremiah Davila, Alexander Charney, and Ace Hemming all continued to defend the goal and move the ball up the field giving plenty of scoring opportunities.

West Haven Police Local 895 played West Shore Family Dental, losing 5-1. Sofie Burns and Angeliza Davila worked together on the defensive line. Brianna Villafane and Justine Davila came out of their comfort zones to play goalie. Jiliana Dearce scored the only goal of the game for the Police. Rilee Lanci and Savannalee Wolod continually pressed the ball to give their team opportunities to take shots on goal. The Dillman & Dillman Green Grasshoppers came from behind to squeak out a win 6-5 over Elsie Encarnacion State

Farm Insurance. Dylan Fonseca and Jude Charles had three goals apiece. Sergio Salinas Jara and Boden Rogers each showed aggressiveness and determination in their pursuit of the ball.

In travel team action, the Cappetta's Italian Imports U14 girls started off the season on the road in Ansonia where they took home a 2-1 win. Excellent teamwork and passing skills from Gillian Wynus and Stella Porto and defense by Alivia Reilly lead West Haven to have the field advantage. Kylie Gibbons scored for Westies.

The Elite Soccer Camps U11 Boys Travel team hosted New Haven Saturday afternoon and won, 6-2.

Ryan Abekah led the scoring, with Luca DeCresenzo, Roland Green, and Ethan Fonseca finding the back of the net as well. Jaxon Cruz and Jacob Rader split the time in goal, with both making key saves in the win. The defense was anchored by Seth Empric, Colin Gibbons, Adam Lamkhanatar, Jax Guarino, and Ben Trenchard. Julian Castillo and Matteo D'Elia dominated the center of the field, playing passes through for the forwards to run onto. Taha Ozhan and Joey Ruiz worked hard on the flanks in support of the attack and the defense.

## Week II

The U14 girls gravel team fought a tough battle against Wallingford on Saturday, falling short, 8-2. A penalty shot from Luciana Cappetta and a goal by Celeste DiNallo put West Haven on the board. Arianna Throm worked hard in defense to clear the ball.

The West Haven boys U11 team had a pair of away games this past weekend. On Saturday, they went to Ansonia and won, 5-0. The Westies came out strong and got the early lead, with Joseph Ruiz capping off the scoring. Ben Trenchard played well on defense, winning the ball and playing good passes. Taha Ozhan hustled on the flank and Luca DeCresenzo was calm on the ball and held up possession.

On Sunday, the boys traveled to North Haven in their first league game of the season, winning 7-4. Ryan Abekah opened up the scoring, and despite the strong play of Jaxon Cruz, the boys found themselves down 3-2 at the half. A strong second half with goals from Roland Green, Mason DaSilva, and Ethan Fonseca leapt the Westies to the victory. Jacob Rader, Seth Empric, and Collin Gibbons were strong on defense. Julian Castillo and Adam Lamkhanatar had a great game in the midfield.

The Elite Soccer Green

Grasshoppers scored in the last seconds to squeak out the win over the Milano & Wanat, 3-2. Dylan Fonseca scored two goals and picked up an assist. In general, the team played very well with three new players, Benjamin Perez, Josiah Reyes and Fernando Burgos Rodriguez, giving a great ef-

fort in their career opening game. Milan Angi stopped every drive on defense and goalkeeper Ryan Dos Santos held the opponents scoreless in the first half.

The West Haven Professional Firefighters faced off against Stars Ice Cream. While the final results were not what the

WH Professional Firefighters would have hoped, there was still plenty of praise to be offered as the team gets stronger with every passing week.

The team was led offensively by strong performances from Jayden Williams, Farid Saibou and Mohamed Omar.

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## Youth pucksters open season

The West Haven Mite A hockey team had a solid opening weekend with important contributions from everyone.

On Saturday against Greater New Haven, the Blue Devils battled on the ice with an impressive debut from Finn McLaughlin between the posts, and goals from Landon Alling, Maddy Bruder, and Austin Picard. Assists went to Brayden Gagliardi, Jack Weiss and Quinn Uscilla.

On Sunday, the Westies were unstoppable against Mid Fairfield Mite A Gold with multiple goals from each of Picard, Uscilla and Weiss, and additional goals from Alling, JP Beebe, Bruder, and Gabbie Jenei. The West Haven defense also proved to be a lot to handle with Ava Healy leading the way in front of McLaughlin.

West Haven started the following weekend strong against Darien A1 with multiple goals by Jenei, Weiss and Picard. The Westies spread their offense around with Bruder, Gagliardi and Quinn Uscilla also scoring and assists coming from Beebe, Alling, Gagliardi, and Uscilla. The Westies saw strong defense from Beebe and Healy, and McLaughlin had another solid game in net.

On Sunday, West Haven fought a tough battle against the Wonderland 8U A team. Healy, with her first appearance in goal, made a number of clutch saves in net.

Beebe scored a pair for the Mites, with Alling and Jenei also contributing goals. West Haven had a number of shots on goal by Picard, Gagliardi, Bruder, Weiss and Uscilla.

The West Haven Mite B hockey team took on East Haven at Bennett Rink on Saturday morning. The Blue Devils were led by an outstand-

ing effort in net from Luke Salkins. Blake Bova led the scoring attack with a tremendous goal. Maddie Demayo and Parker Vitelli provided great hustle and battled the entire game.

The West Haven U18 Midget hockey team opened the season with four straight victories. Behind solid goaltending from Jason Gherlone and Javed Ullah, a strong defensive showing, and timely goals, the Westies have started in impressive fashion.

The Westies opened the season with four first period goals in an 8-2 victory over Greater New Haven. Cam DelVecchio led the way with three goals and an assist, Dante Hardt had two assists, and Eli Gregory, Cody Rocchio, Mike Madera, and Will DelVecchio also scored in the win.

After a 4-0 victory over CT Riverhawks, West Haven returned to action with a 2-1 victory over Ridgefield. Hardt scored off assists from Cam DelVecchio and Connor Bunnell, before JJ Alling scored the eventual winning goal in the second period off assists from Jayden Spreyer and Haygen Axelrod.

West Haven closed the weekend with an 11-0 victory over Wonderland White in Bridgeport. Cam DelVecchio led the offense with four goals and an assist, Spreyer had two goals and two assists, Madera added a goal and two assists, while Hardt had a goal and an assist. Alling and Tyler Bernardi also scored in the win, while Cody Rocchio, Zack Fonda, and Bunnell added assists.

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City Hall display tells Vietnam War stories

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The city and its Vietnam veterans group are presenting a 19-month poster display on the Vietnam War at City Hall, starting this month.

Fifty years ago, President Richard Nixon held a White House reception for U.S. prisoners of war from Vietnam. On May 24, Nixon's namesake library in Yorba Linda, California, observed the homecoming's golden anniversary — 50 years to the day of the then-president hosting the largest dinner in White House history in honor of the released POWs.

In 1973, 591 of the POWs were released by the North Vietnamese. A half-century later, nearly 200 of them dined in the Richard Nixon Presidential Library's White House East Room replica and recreated the celebrated dinner, down to the menu items and centerpieces.

To mark the anniversary locally, the city and West Haven Vietnam Veterans Inc. are sponsoring the educational poster series, "A Learning Experience," to recognize the unwavering courage and selfless sacrifice of the approximately 766 American service members held captive during the Vietnam War, said Dave Ricci, the veterans group's president.

Soccer

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Leading the defense was Anas Osman, Ibrahim Osman and Malakh Edwards. Joe Sperry Jr. contributed with several spectacular saves.

The Pro Acc & Tax Service Lightning Fairies overpowered Nick's Luncheonette, 11-5. Ria Sharma hustled throughout the game and used her foot skills to help gain control and move the ball up the field. Avalyn Wilder, Savannah Gilchrist, and Katherine Samaniego all scored hat tricks.

Aria Kingsley and Adriana Thomas also scored and played strong defense.

The series, already underway, will also chronicle nearly every aspect of the war, said Kevin Sullivan, a member of West Haven Vietnam Veterans.

Sullivan said the first poster display, "Native Americans in the Vietnam War," pays tribute to the war's most decorated Native American soldier, the late Billy Bob Walkabout, a native Cherokee who lived in West Haven and Montville before his death in 2007 at age 57.

Walkabout was a citizen of the Anishanoi, or Blue Holly Clan, of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

He served in Company F, 58th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam and received several U.S. military decorations for valor in combat, including the Distinguished Service Cross — the Army's second-highest military decoration after the armed forces' Medal of Honor — along with the Silver Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.

Many of the decorations were awarded during Walkabout's "exceptionally valorous actions" on Nov. 20, 1968, during a long-range reconnaissance patrol southwest of Hue.

Walkabout was honorably discharged as a second lieutenant. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

"This two-part poster series will explore some of the accomplishments, the stereotypes, the bravery and the pain that shaped the Native American experience during and after the Vietnam War," said Vietnam Veterans member Howie Thomas, a member of the Schaghticoke Indian Tribe of Kent in the hills of northwestern Connecticut.

"The complete poster series will be presented as a learning experience," Ricci said. "Posters will be placed and rotated monthly by members of our veterans group."

The posters will cover much



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

West Haven Vietnam Veterans and the city are presenting a 19-month poster display on the Vietnam War at City Hall, beginning this month.

of the wood-paneled walls on City Hall's first-floor entryway, Ricci said, adding that members of the public will see the displays upon entering the building's west wing.

In October, the displays will continue with "The POW Experience in the Vietnam War," a four-poster set commemorating the hundreds of POWs who came home from Vietnam in 1973.

It will follow with "The United States Road to War in Vietnam: 1945-1965" in November and "The U.S. Navy in the Vietnam War" and "The Coast Guard in the Vietnam War" in December.

The 2024 poster displays will kick off in January with "Indigenous Peoples in the Vietnam War," followed by "Native Americans in the Vietnam War" in February.

The rest of the 2024 displays are:

- March, "African Americans in the Vietnam War."
- April, "Making the Modern World."
- May, "Air Base Defense in the Vietnam War."
- May, "U.S. Army Airmobility in the Vietnam War."
- June, "Riverine Operations in the Vietnam War."
- June, "Combat Medicine in the Vietnam War."
- July, "Military Nurses in the Vietnam War."

— July, "Medical Advancements in the Vietnam War."

— August, "U.S. Servicewomen in the Vietnam War."

— August, "Service Organizations in the Vietnam War."

— September, "Intelligence in the Vietnam War."

— October, "Counterinsurgency in the Vietnam War."

— November, "U.S. Sensor Technology in the Vietnam

War."

— December, "United States Allies in the Vietnam War."

In January 2025, the displays will continue with "Casualties by Other Means in the Vietnam War," followed by "The POW Experience in the Vietnam War" in February 2025 and "Reclaiming What Was Lost in the Vietnam War" in March 2025.

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to a
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2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Is a rhinoceros an
herbivore, omnivore or carnivore?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which city in India is
home to the Taj Mahal?
4. MOVIES: What is the title of the first
James Bond movie?
5. TELEVISION: What was the product
featured in the first TV advertisement?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which
French fashion designer is credited with
inventing the Little Black Dress?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What does it mean to
julienne vegetables?

8. GOVERNMENT: What does the acronym
GDP stand for in economic terms?
9. LITERATURE: What is the cat's name in
Shakespeare's "Macbeth"?
10. SCIENCE: Who is considered the father
of the atomic bomb?

HIDDEN GEMS

Cooperative Effort between the Voice and the West Haven Economic Development Commission

It's that time of day - you know it - when you're primed to quaff a delightful caffeinated (or not so) beverage, maybe even team it with a sweet bite to stave off the hangries - or maybe just because you feel that need to reward yourself for doing your best to continue in this grand adventure we call Life on Earth.

It's true - a tasty break will beat out that existential angst any day (as well as quiet the feral growling of a less-than-satisfied stomach).. And West Haven boasts two cafes that can get you to that coveted level of sipping and noshing Nirvana.

Coffee Haven West, recently reopened on Campbell Avenue across from City Hall, beckons you in with its seasonally decorated windows featuring handmade jewelry (more about that later). The cafe is managed by Bridges as part of its vocational and social rehabilitation program. Bridges, a nonprofit organization serving Milford, Stratford, Orange, Woodbridge, and New Haven since 1957, strives to reintegrate those with mental health and addiction issues into meaningful work situations as part of their recovery. Although the organization serves adults, children and families, the cafe focuses on its young adult program (ages 18-25).

Danelly Sila-Suarez, program manager, says that the focus is to teach young adults the skills needed to be successful: "basic skills such as coming to work on time, wearing their uniforms, looking professional, doing inventory," she says. Of utmost importance is customer service - how to cope with the normal challenges faced when dealing with John and Jane Q. Public. Fiscal competence is also needed in running the register and dealing with the days' take. Coffee Haven has been a cash only establishment, but is now in the process of upgrading to accept credit cards - an imperative skill set for anyone working in retail at any level and one which will now be mastered by the cafe's work force - as well as making it even easier for customers to make purchases.

The cafe features high-end Green Mountain coffee products; there's always decaf available as well as various syrups and other coffee "fixins". Tazo tea (from Earl Grey to chai to lemon loaf) is proffered, as well as Twinings (English breakfast, green etc.). The cafe has a new espresso machine.



Staff at Cafe Haven Liz Rubell, Shayne Coriano, Robert Thomann, program director Danelly Silva-Suarez and John Ciambriello bookending their self-serve coffee bar.

The cafe is the only place on this side of Fairfield County where you can buy baked goods from Leisha's Bateria, a local (Bridgeport) bakery, delivered fresh. Leisha has won the "Best Chocolate Chip Cookie in Connecticut" award several times. There are apple turnovers, cupcakes (red velvet, vanilla, chocolate), banana nut and blueberry muffins. Silva mentions that the banana nut muffins are a particular favorite.

Another reason why customers become regulars is the added bonus - one which Silva says is the big thing for many - free Wi-Fi.

A true cafe, there's no rush to up and leave. "People appreciate the fact they can stay as long as they want," Silva continues. There's also a big screen television, magazines, games like UNO and Connect Four (and WestHavenopoly of course), and of course Smart Ass for those edgy denizens of Gen Z. There are free books. And - remember that jewelry in the window? There are crafts available for purchase. The inventory varies, depending upon what piques the artisanal talents of the current Bridges population. They are paid to produce the crafts, which are then sold at wonderfully affordable prices in the shop. There is fabric work, photography, and jewelry to be had right now. Check out the earrings, bracelets and necklaces in the shop window and in the cases in the cafe - there's something for everyone.

Silva says that customers like the fact that "it's not fast food, it's quiet, we have friendly staff, there's no hovering...we are welcoming." Like so many other favorite spots in town, Coffee Haven keeps people coming because of the warm and welcoming atmosphere and the indisputable fact that customers become friends on

a first-name basis.

"It's a bond that customers form with us," says Silva. "I love to look at our cafe because it's so cozy and inviting."

Finally, it's important to remember that you are also supporting the Bridges mission and helping others to help themselves. According to program manager Silva, "the

focus [of the program] is for them to work at competitive employment so they'll be fully independent."

As of now, almost half (45%) of the young adults have moved on to full employment in the competitive workforce. That's a result everyone can be proud of - and maybe celebrate with a cup of coffee.



ANNUAL MUM SALE

Saturday, September 23

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Blue Devils teams open season



Photos by Todd Dandelske

Above -- Camren Kemp races for a touchdown in West Haven's 47-14 win over Law. Middle Jaylyn Powell battles for position on a header against SHA. Below -- Rafael Gazcon goes up for the header in West Haven's 6-1 win at Foran.



Not many people expected the West Haven football team to travel to Westport and come away with a victory over eighth-ranked Staples. The only thing that mattered was the Westies believed.

Behind great special teams play which produced a touchdown, another score by way of an interception, and two touchdown passes from Nick Conlan to Armani Reid, West Haven rallied to top Staples 33-23 in the season opener Friday evening.

Conlan and Reid hooked up early for a 6-0 lead as the conversion failed, but a 19-yard touchdown by Staples gave the home team a 7-6 lead after one quarter.

The Westies had chances to get on the board in the second quarter, but a turnover stalled one drive and a missed field goal stopped another.

Staples went on a 99-yard drive to take a 14-6 advantage, and after a missed West Haven field goal and a stalled Staples drive, DeMarco Eady returned a Staples punt 79 yards to even the game at 14 with 32 seconds left in the first half.

Conlan then used his legs to get the Westies going again in the third quarter as he scampered 82 yards for a 21-14 lead.

With the game even at 21, Conlan and Reid hooked up once again. The 28-yard touchdown reception gave West Haven a 27-21 lead after three quarters.

Aedan Coe then came up with yet another big play for the Westies. With Staples threatening, Coe returned an interception 80 yards to give West Haven a 33-21 lead in the fourth quarter.

West Haven took a late safety as Staples ran out of time to mount a comeback.

Two games in and West Haven has opened some eyes. After an upset over Staples in the opening week, West Haven returned to the field for its "home" opener at Veterans Field against Jonathan Law Thursday evening.

Scoring on its first possession, West Haven never looked back in a 47-14 victory over Law. With the victory, West Haven improved to 2-0 on the year.

The Westies set the tone from the start as Camren Kemp scored on a 48-yard run for a 7-0 lead. After West Haven held Law, Conlan connected with Reid for a 41-yard scoring strike and 14-0 advantage with 2:20 remaining in the opening quarter.

West Haven's defense then took over, scoring for the second straight week. With Law driving, Coryon Harris returned an interception 95 yards for the score and a 21-0 lead.

Law got on the board with just over three minutes to go in the half, but Conlan threw his second touchdown pass of the half, connecting with Eady on a 47-yard scoring strike for a 28-7 lead with 32 seconds to go in the first half.

Coe scored on a 7-yard touchdown run in the third quarter for the Westies, capping a 12-play drive with 5:19 left in the quarter.

Coe was at it again just eight seconds into the fourth quarter when his interception return for a score gave the Westies a 41-7 lead.

The Westies then used their special teams to set up their final score as a blocked punt gave the Westies possession at the Law one, before freshman Tyrome Stevenson ran in on the next play with 10:08 left in the contest.

The West Haven girls volleyball team opened the season in impressive fashion with a 3-0 road victory over Hillhouse. The Westies won by scores of 25-5, 25-20, and 25-12.

Maddie Scillia led the way with nine aces, Hudanur Sahin had eight assists and two aces, Camila Queiroz had six kills, Alison Frazer had five aces and two digs, while Bianka Portugal Morales chipped in three aces and three digs and Olivia McDonnell had three aces and three kills. Sarah Davey added four assists and Jayden Braacker had three aces.

With a consistent team effort, West Haven improved to 2-0 with a 3-0 victory over North Haven in the home opener for West Haven Saturday afternoon. The Westies topped North Haven, 25-14, 25-10, 25-18.

Sahin led the Westies as she ran the offense with 13 assists and added nine digs on the defensive side. Frazer also had nine digs, Portugal Morales had seven digs and three aces, while Avery Criscio added five digs, and Queiroz had four kills and four digs.

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