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# Lecture hall to honor Gardner



Photo by Todd Dandelske

The new Pam Gardner Memorial Lecture Hall construction began two weeks ago, and family members were on hand for the ceremony. Shown are: Mackenzie Gardner, Kevin Gardner, and Scott Gardner.

By Dan Atkinson  
*Voice Writer*

After a year's-long effort, Pam Gardner's dream of a lecture hall at West Haven High School has become a reality.

During her renowned career as a school administrator and then principal, Gardner dreamed of the high school building a lecture hall. She made multiple requests for one to be built when a new high school was constructed, but the project was scrapped for budgetary reasons multiple times before Gardner passed away from cancer in 2018. However, this didn't mean the possibility of a new lecture hall came to an end.

A team of individuals, many of whom had strong relationships with Gardner, supported the successful effort to build the Pamela Bellmore Gardner Memorial Lecture Hall. This team was led by Ken Carney, the chairman of the city's Building Oversight Committee and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee, along with Cebi Waterfield, Board of Education Chairman. Superintendent Neil Cavallaro secured the funding for the project after a long and challenging process, with the lecture hall funding being formally approved in late 2022.

Waterfield said the construction of the new facility is the fulfillment of a goal.

"One of my goals as chair(man) was to make sure Mrs. Gardner's dream of a lecture hall for WHHS students was brought to fruition and I am so happy to see this project moving forward," she said. "Pam was not only an excellent administrator and colleague, but she was also my friend."

While its construction will be completely done in December, family and friends of Gardner came together to celebrate the Pamela Bellmore Gardner Memorial Lecture Hall being built on Friday, Aug. 18. Gardner's daughter Mackenzie cherished finally being able to see her mother's dream project in person.

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# Council restores pensions for PD personnel

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

The City Council on Aug. 15 unanimously approved a tentative agreement between the city and West Haven Police Local 895 to reinstate the department's pension plan, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced.

Rossi, a longtime advocate of restoring the Police Department's pension plan, said the labor contract will now head to the state Municipal Accountability Review Board for final approval.

If approved by the MARB, which oversees the city's finances, the City of West Haven Police Defined Benefit

Plan would become effective "as soon as practicable" and retroactive to July 1.

The MARB is scheduled to meet Sept. 14 in Hartford.

In 2009, the city won an arbitration award to change the Police Department's benefit package from a defined pension plan to a 401(k) retirement plan.

Since 2011, however, the department has lost 37 officers "solely due to the lack of a pension," according to a pension summary presented at the council meeting by labor attorney Christopher M. Hodgson of Berchem Moses PC of Milford.

"Using \$120,000 as a new-hire expense, that is \$4.44 million — \$383,000 per year — we spent on certifying officers to go work at other municipalities," Hodgson said.

"The main focus of offering a pension is to have stability in the ranks," Police Chief Joseph S. Perno said. "With the anticipated adoption of a pension, this should, in all practicality, stop the 'revolving door of officers,' which we have been experiencing since the pension was no longer offered."

Hours before the council's vote, the police union voted 95-2 in favor of the plan.

"This pension contract accomplishes

the three main goals of the city and the (police) commission," said John M. Carrano, a member of the Board of Police Commissioners. "First, the pension is competitive for the officers; second, it is affordable for the city; and third, it will retain both the younger officers and the more experienced officers, which is a huge win for the department as a whole and the residents of West Haven."

The pension plan would cost the city \$4.8 million over the next 20 years, or \$240,000 per year, according to an actuarial analysis by Jennifer M. Castellano, an associate actuary with Milli

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# Bulk trash collection scheduled Sept. 11-15

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

The final bulk trash pickup week of 2023 is Sept. 11-15.

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

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

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

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

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

Tires can be brought to Town Fair Tire, 63 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$2.75 per tire.

Mattress drop-off at the city garage, 1 Collis St., has been discontinued because of public safety concerns.

To dispose of mattresses moving forward, residents must buy mattress bags from the Department of Public Works and put them out for pickup on their weekly curbside collection day, not bulk pickup week. The bags cost \$20 each for the first two and \$35 each after that. They are payable by cash or check and are available in the public works office on the third floor of City Hall, 355 Main St.

Residents should take note that mattress pickup will end Oct. 1 and resume April 1, 2024.

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

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

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

Homeowners are required to rent a dumpster or hire a junk removal service at their expense if trash exceeds 6

cubic yards. Otherwise, trash exceeding 6 cubic yards will be left at the curb, and a \$100 fine per daily offense will be imposed, McCarthy said.

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

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

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

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

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

Leaf bags are picked up from Oct. 1-Dec. 15. The bags are picked up on residents'

weekly collection days. Leaves and grass clippings must be in separate biodegradable paper bags and will not be accepted if they are in plastic bags.

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

prohibited.

Residents can bring grass clippings as well as bagged leaves and untied brush to the compost site, 1 Kimberly Ave., from 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays and 6:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. The first cubic yard of compost is free with

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# Dear Felicia

September already! It jst seems like we were heralding June 1 and the beginning of summer. Boy, did that fly by as Iyam sure the kiddies who went back to school will attest. And jst like that, it seems things are going back to "normal," whatever that is. Of course, it being September, and a year in which we elect a new city administration, it must mean there is a primary – and sure in heck there is!

Usually, it is the Demmies who're fightin' amongst themselves, and jockeying fer power with this faction or that, but it seems they've settled on Dorinda Borer being their candidate. Jst as an aside it seems Victor Borrás has "suspended" his campaign, as they say in the business, and determined not to primary, or run as a write-in candidate.

Nope, the primary on Sept.12 will feature the city's minority party, and a faceoff betwixt Paige Weinstein, who is the endorsed candidate, and Barry Cohen, who is the challenger – even though he only lost by 30-plus votes the last time. There were three candidates as yew remember, but Steve Mullins determined he wasn't gonna spend his war chest on the primary – he was the largest fundraiser in the last quarter, but the other two are kind of self-funded.

Steve is opting for a write-in campaign, hoping people will be sick and tired of the political back-and-forth that seems to be the warp and woof of political life here, and put him into office. Now, the last time we had a write-in candidate, Jon Picard lost by a handful of votes after losing to Ed O'Brien in a primary. Write-ins are large hills to traverse, politically speaking, and it'll be interesting to see jst how this works out. Steve better have stock in a pencil company, and hand them out at the polls.

The two candidates have had a rawther quiet campaign in this go-round, with little going on between them, and little engagement on issues. Both are looking for change, and hoping people have had more than their fill of Democratic Party rule for the last 34 years. But, besides the hokey "Turn the Paige" slogan, not much else was really going on, and one has to wonder effen things are gonna end come about 10 p.m. Sept. 12. There is reason to doubt.

An email blast, according to Sammy Bluejay, went out last week regarding the structuring of a new party in the berg, the "Westies for Change" Party. Hmmm. We've seen this before with the "A Better Future Party" in the early 2000s,

and similar things in the 1990s. It's usually a hedge against losing the primary, and trying to git that second "bite of the apple."

It seems Paige Weinstein and Company have formed this new organization, and it follows a rumor we hoid to that effek some weeks ago, and alluded to it in earlier missives. Soooo, effen that's the case, and Weinstein is heading this new thoid party, what's the pernt of the endorsement and the primary?

Now, that don't mean that Cohen is not doing anything, either. He got the Independent Party endorsement, and is on the ballot in November cuz there is a statewide Independent Party. Heis now saying he will not run on another line effen he loses. Weinstein has been a bit more cagey, and sez she's seeking the group's endorsement. That was to be made yesterday, Sept. 6.

Soooooo, to sum up, the Demmies have rallied around one candidate, and a strong one at that. The Republicans, meanwhile, could possibly have three candidates in the November election: Weinstein, Cohen and Mullins, despite whot goes on Sept. 12. The GOP needs all its voters, which is about 3,500 total outta about 19,000 registered voters, and then a goodly chunk

of unaffiliated voters in order to win. Yet, they are gonna be fishing outta the same GOP pond, and then trying to net voters from two other ponds in order to win.

This could or could not happen, neither candidate has said they will bow out effen the primary doesn't go their way, and you don't hafta be Sherlock Holmes to figger out that probably ain't the game plan. I'll leave you to figger out how this all may turn out. It ain't brain surgery.

*The City Council is, fer all intents and purposes, a lame duck council until the election in November, but the membership did something that has been a burr in the saddle o' the West Haven PD for a decade. In a case of unintended consequences, the city went to an IRA-type retirement program for police hires back in the Picard Administration. It seemed like a good idea at the time, and a way to shore up the city's dwindling finances.*

*Well, on paper it was a great idea. In practice – as most things prove to be – it wasn't so great. The city would spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to train new personnel, and after a year or two, said personnel would up and go to another department in search of a pension plan.*

*The problem was brought to the council's attention about two years ago, and this papyrus ran statements from the Police Commission stating we were reaching a critical pernt with loss of bodies. Sure enuff, the city's staff is below the number seen as necessary for a city our size, being about 13 bodies short of average.*

*After months of haggling, an agreement was reach and the lame ducks voted to approve it. Now, the city is gonna have a pension plan for the new hires, and we should be on par with other communities sooner rather than later. Cobina ain't up on all the particulars, but this was the right thing to do after it was found out the good idea on paper, wasn't a good idea in real life. Sometimes, people, institutions and cities don't learn that lesson.*

The Municipal Accountability Review Bored (MARB) wants the city to get in gear and move on finalizing its audits. A yes, it must be that time o' year. As Iva Loothey perted out, the city getting any financial statement or audit out on time would be seen as a bad omen. I don't remember the last time this berg was able to put out an audit in time. Getting records together seems to be the hardest thing to do in municipal government, effen our corner of Long Island Sound was taken as an example. We never git things done by deadlines.

And it ain't jst this ad-

ministration, yew could go back into the 1980s to see that things were and are this way. Soooo, here we are, Moody's jst put a hold on us cuz things weren't up to speed, and now the MARB is pushing for us to get up to speed. Yew'd think in this computerized world things would be easy to put together. Push a button and here it comes. Nope. Still not ready, still not on time.

*And effen that ain't enuff, Madame Olga bet Cobina a long time ago that the brewery project for the Savin Rock Conference Center site would be held up and later "revised." Of course, she didn't really hafta go into her crystal ball to figger that out. All she had to do was base it on history.*

*The brewery plan was put forward with a new building and setch about two years ago, yet nuthin' was ever done. Like other projects in the berg, the approvals were all given, the plans were presented and approved, and then, crickets. The longer the crickets chirp, the more yew know something is not quite right – or in our city's case standard operating procedure.*

*Now we see the project is up for revisions from what was proposed and no one = not anyone – is surprised. It's jst the way things are. The earlier a project is approved, the longer it takes to finish, and usually with many revisions along the way. Why would anyone expek it to be different.*

*In case yore wondering, it was a friendly bet with Olga, I knew she was probably right, but hoped for the best. I hafta make her a pineapple upside down cake. She like those.*

Nelly Nuthatch was at the event at the high school last week, as officials began construction on the Pam Gardner Lecture Hall. It's a memorial to the very popular late principal, who was a student in the 1980s, and made her mark here very early. Like the saying goes, Only the good die young, and Gardner was an example of a person very missed by all who knew her.

We remember he in high school, when she graduated and was one of the most decorated seniors ever to come outta the old plant.

She then went on to get into ieducation and made her mark there, hest as everyone thought. This is jst another way Westies help Westies, and we are glad to see this long-hoped-for project underway.

Her family was on hand for the event, and, who knows? This might actually be built on time, and have no snags along the way. Yew know what they say, "Live in hope..."

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*Cobina*

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**Dear Gripe Vine Readers:**

Back in July Gripe Vine received a gripe from a reader complaining that there were four street lights out for four years on Altchuler Boulevard. The complaint also included frustration from contacting various offices including the United Illuminating Company and West Haven Public Works for assistance. This reader asked Gripe Vine for help. At the time I indicated Gripe Vine would follow through and get the job done. Unfortunately, I found myself experiencing the same frustration, but if you are a regular reader of Gripe Vine, you have learned over the years, I don't give up easily!! So, today I am happy to publish this reader's recent correspondence to Gripe Vine.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Eleanore, the streetlights are all on! It's a beautiful thing! Thank you so much. You did it!

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

I received a complaint from a reader who felt that the two Security guards at City Hall entrance was not necessary. Here's a few comments relating to this complaint:

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

The one entrance to City Hall is obviously a safety concern and the two security guard are there for just that, "Security" that hopefully keep

those that enter City Hall safe. I appreciate those two men and hope they never have the need to secure the building or put themselves in danger in order to protect anyone else in the building.

*West Haven Resident*

West Haven Resident is joined by two other readers who wrote:

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

God Bless these Security Officers who protect the entrance to City Hall. Be safe!

Killian Gruber, Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of the Mayor, also submitted the following comment on the placement of two Security Offices at the City Hall entrance:

"During the pandemic City Hall began to utilize only one entrance. This policy has stayed in place to ensure the safety of taxpayers, residents and City employees. They are able to quickly secure the building in case of an emergency. They also assist by directing residents to the correct offices and locations in the building. Our office is appreciative of the work the security guards do and the help they provide residents that come in with any questions."

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

Back in November I received a number of traffic complaints



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

relating to the gantlet at Gilbert Street. According to my letter writers, people are running the red light here. Following notifying the authorities, I would like to know if this practice is continuing. Please

let me know.

Gripe Vine has also received complaints of potholes on Fairfax Steet. This condition has been reported, but I'm still receiving complaints. If you live on Fairfax Street please let me know if this condition has been repaired.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Following an explanation of road rules in your column recently from the WHPD on how to correctly stop at a STOP sign, I would like to submit my opinion on this same practice since I am traveling on the road all the time. In my opinion, in proceeding to a STOP sign the safe practice of cars coming to a STOP equally, the car on the left to

a car to its right must yield to entering the safe passage.

*On The Road Reader*

To AAU who wrote a lengthy handwritten letter to Gripe Vine unless you identify yourself, I cannot explore your complaints and comments. Your identity will be s secure, but I need to have this information for.

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**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 shorefront 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.

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## Shaw's aphorism today

It was the acerbic Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw who coined the aphorism, "Those than can do, those that can't teach." If one wants to roil a group of teachers – and for good reason – try grafting that quote into a conversation. It is a gross generalization to be sure, one would say stereotype. But as we have said in these columns before, stereotypes are based (at least partially) in truth – that's what makes them "stereotypes." And many members of the teachig profession are living up to it.

But even the most ardent supporter of the teaching profession must be concerned with the characters that seem to be appearing daily over social media or making inane decisions about things not based in fact, but on political opinions.

Take for example the recent kerfuffle in Colorado Springs, CO, where a 12-year-old boy was dismissed from class until he took a patch off his backpack that had the Gadsden Flag emblazoned thereon.

The yellow standard has a coiled snake shown with the famous legend, "Don't Tread on Me" underneath. Anyone who took even a sixth grade US History course should know the flag was a standard used during the American Revolution.

One would think so until an administrator at the Vanguard School saw it. He was told to take it off as it would be "disruptive." Jaiden had other patches the school disliked. One had a semi-automatic weapon on it. This was something school officials could not condone as it somehow threatened the safety of the students. No, that's what the official line was. How a patch threatens safety is an example of the overly sensitive, over-the-top nitpicking we have come to expect in today's world. Everything is offensive to someone, therefore it must be banished.

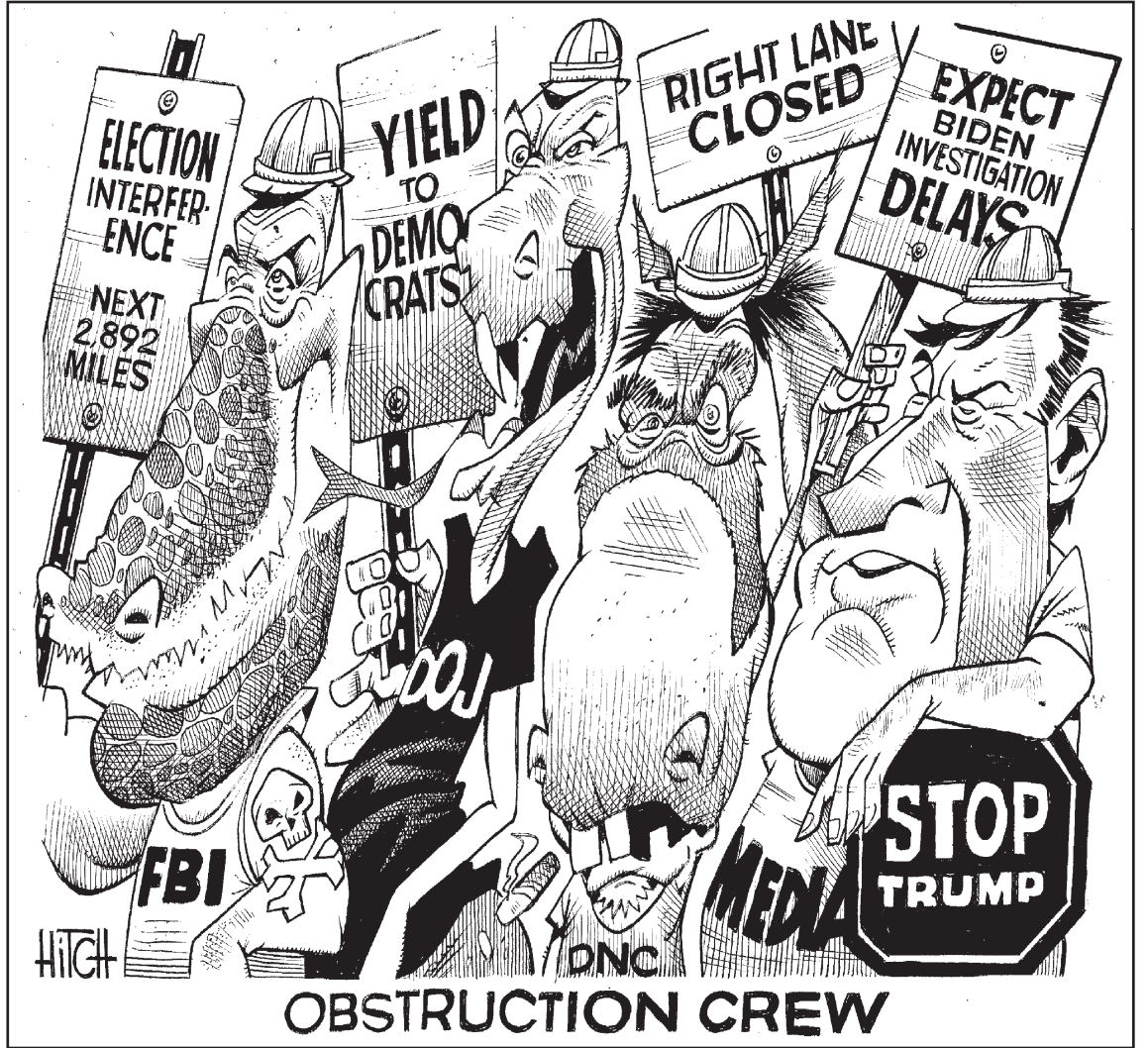
But in the matter of the Gadsden Flag, the administrator said the emblem evoked the era of slavery, and was offensive to some students. .We doubt that. It is not the students who make the complaints, but the (not so) liberal wokesters who seem to run all too many schools. The belief the flag represents slavery was a canard begun to marginalize the Tea Party Movement, which used the flag as a rallying symbol. Jaiden's mother met with the administrators and gave them a history lesson on the flag. Eventually, the school backed down.

Even Democratic Gov. Jared Polis saw the inanity here. He opined, "(The flag is an) iconic warning to Britain or any government not to violate the liberties of Americans. It appears on popular American medallions and challenge coins through today and Ben Franklin also adopted it to symbolize the union of the 13 colonies. It's a great teaching moment for a history lesson!"

We agree, there is a lesson here, but we believe it makes the point that ignorance knows no race, creed, color, or college degree. Rick Moran of PJ Media put it best.

"The 'teaching moment' here is not history. It's current events. This is how fragile our freedoms are that some tyrannical, ignorant educator can snatch them from us at a moment's notice. Just because the Constitution says we're free doesn't mean squat unless we fight for that concept every day." Quite so.

Children – and adults it could be argued – should not be pandered or pampered and learn to see and hear things with which they might have great disagreement. It's called growing up, maturing, seeing people have different, but valid, views. It's called "education."



## Trump creates a spin-off

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

Just how dominant is Donald Trump in the Republican Party?

He's so far ahead in the polls that he felt comfortable skipping the first GOP presidential debate in Milwaukee, while on the actual debate stage, his epigone, Vivek Ramaswamy, soaked up an outsized portion of the attention.

The 38-year-old billionaire biotech entrepreneur shows that the Trump brand is so strong that it can create successful subsidiaries, the Trump storyline so compelling that subplots can be spun off into their own programs.

Thursday night was a "MAGA" tag team, with Trump trying to detract from the debate from the outside and Ramaswamy shaking it up on the inside.

When Trump declared a victor afterwards, it was, unsurprisingly, Ramaswamy -- for having the courage and perspicacity to declare Donald Trump the greatest president of the 21st century.

If Ramaswamy minds these occasional condescending pats on the head, he hasn't yet showed any sign of it. He is making history as the first presidential candidate to be in the tank for his leading opponent.

Ramaswamy's devotion to Trump raises the natural question why he's in the race and running the risk of denying everyone the benefits of a Trump second term? Why should the pilot fish try to supplant the shark?

Ramaswamy has learned shrewdly from the power of the Trump phenomenon.

The first lesson is that if you want to benefit from the energetic support of MAGA, you have to be pro-Trump. Many candidates, media figures, and social media influencers long ago figured this out. Ramaswamy's truly audacious innovation is to apply this insight to his own presidential campaign in a race including Trump himself.

If Ramaswamy leaps ahead of Gov. Ron DeSantis into second place in national polls, the top of the GOP field will consist of Donald Trump and a pro-Trump alternative who is zealous in defense of Trump's interests and loath to criticize him for anything.

The second lesson is that whatever gets the spotlight directed your way is a good thing. If it means, on the basis of no evidence whatsoever, accusing all your opponents on the debate stage of being "bought and paid for," go for it. If it means attributing the hawkishness of Nikki Haley

on Ukraine to her intention to get lucrative seats on the boards of defense contractors, why not?

If a given proposition is indefensible, it means that you will seem even more courageous to your fans when you advance it or defend it.

Relatedly, always paint with bold colors. At one point during the debate, DeSantis objected to questions that asked candidates to raise their hands as childishly simplistic. In contrast, Ramaswamy was happy to raise his hand, reaching toward the sky with the over eagerness of an apple-polishing student sitting in the front row.

Would he support Trump as the nominee even if he's convicted of crimes? Hand raise. Will he cut off aid for Ukraine? Hand raise.

Finally, never get separated from Trump on anything important. As Trump has defended Jan. 6, so has Ramaswamy found unpersuasive justifications for it. Since Mike Pence has been cast into the outer darkness by MAGA for doing his constitutional duty on Jan. 6, Ramaswamy is going to have nothing to do with the former vice president. He refused to say on the debate stage that Pence had done the right thing that day but did

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# Third party may muddy Nov. 7 vote

With both Republican candidates making the final push toward Tuesday's primary, the question of whether the vote will finalize the candidates for November became a real one as a potential third-party endorsement could muddy the water in November. Both Paige Weinstein, the endorsed candidate, and Barry Lee Cohen, the 2021 candidate and primary challenger, have at least tacit endorsements from other organizations. But the formation of "Westies for Change" over the summer has led to charges of trying to circumvent the process.

Last week, the Cohen campaign accused the Weinstein campaign of attempting to go round Tuesday's primary, by signing a petition forming "Westies for Change." The organization, Cohen alleges, has the signatures of many members of the Republican Town Committee on a Petition for "Reservation of Party Designation and Formation of a Party Designation Committee."

The petitions, taken out in June and finalized in June and July, do, in fact, seek third-party status, and many of the signees are Republican Town Committee members. The petitions, however, were too late for cross-endorsements under Connecticut State Statute but do allow the organization to make

endorsements of its own by Sept. 6, yesterday.

Weinstein, in a statement this week through her campaign, admitted to seeking the endorsement of the group.

"As the endorsed Republican candidate for Mayor of West Haven, I am committed to bringing positive change to City Hall. To my knowledge, Westies for Change was established to promote that positive change, which is why I have petitioned for their endorsement for Mayor of West Haven. Currently, Westies for Change has not endorsed any candidates, however I am hopeful to receive their support and the support of the Republican voters on Sept. 12, to demonstrate that this election is about bringing fresh ideas, new candidates, and especially, West Haven voices to the table, regardless of typical party affiliation," her statement read.

Last month, City Clerk Patricia Horvath sought guidance from the Secretary of State's office to determine if WFC would have a place on the ballot in November. The answer shows Weinstein could determine to continue her campaign if voters choose Cohen.

Lori Magora of the Election Division of the Secretary of State's office wrote the following in an email to Horvath:

Westies for Change did not meet the criteria for cross endorsing (CGS 9-453t) for most offices.

For the primary: If Paige Weinstein (Mayor) and Joe Viola (City Clerk) candidates win the primary, they will appear on the ballot as Republicans. If they should lose the primary, they will still appear on the ballot for Westies for Change.

In a statement last week, Cohen said Weinstein and WFC were looking to sabotage his chances if he should win. He also took a position as to running in November.

"Westies for Change was created by the Paige Weinstein campaign and her supporters to cost the Republican candidate the general election, whether it was Steve Mullins or myself. These supporters include elected officials, who need to explain to West Haven Republican primary voters AND CT Republican Party members in this state why their choice in the primary doesn't count if it is not Ms. Weinstein.

"Unlike Ms. Weinstein and her supporters who formed a new party to ensure her a place on the November ballot, I am being CROSS-endorsed by the Independent Party of Connecticut, a long-established minor party that many other Republican

elected officials and prior candidates have accepted and even pursued.

"I've visited almost 5,000 households and I'm supported by an incredible team. I expect to win the primary.

"However, I will not run on a separate party line and siphon Republican votes away from the candidate that is the choice of West Haven Republicans. Will Ms. Weinstein do the same?"

Third parties have long been used in West Haven by candidates who lost primary votes, though the formation of the party must take place months prior. The last attempt was by former Mayor H. Richard Borer, Jr., who formed the A Better Future Party, and ran on that ticket when he lost to eventual winner John Picard.

Whether Weinstein determines to make a second attempt at City Hall or not is to be determined, but what is sure is the fissure in the city's minority party may be beyond repair.

If Weinstein does act to take the WFC endorsement into the Nov. 7 election after a loss Tuesday, the run for mayor will have Dorinda Borer as the lone Democrat, Cohen, Weinstein, and write-in candidate Steven R. Mullins will be on the ballot, a four-way race. A Weinstein win will still have Mullins as a write-in.

## 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 bronze insignia markers atop black granite posts representing each branch of the U.S. armed forces.

## Lowry: Trump's fear factor

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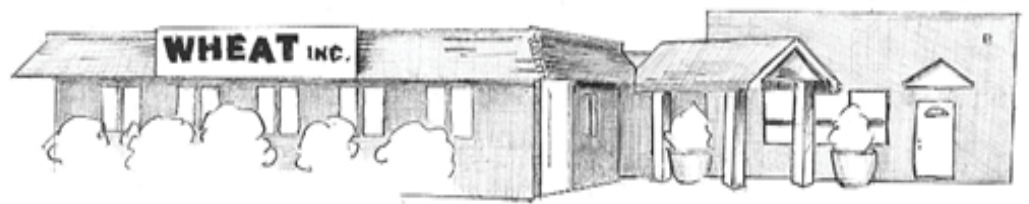
want to make it clear that he would absolutely pardon Donald Trump as president.

That Ramaswamy would accuse others of bad faith is hilarious, given his own blatant pandering.

And the answer to the paradox of a pro-Trump candidate running against Trump is that every vote Ramaswamy gets is denied to some other non-Trump contender who might be a more serious threat to the former president. Ramaswamy may deny that this is the dynamic, but Donald Trump clearly understands it, which is why he has nothing but praise for his notional opponent.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh

## Exhibit moved

An 1889 Button Crane Neck hand pumper is unloaded and moved by Tony Capuano, the West Haven Fire Department's superintendent of apparatus, rear, to a new display in the foyer of the Robert A. Johnson Community Center at 201 Noble St. on Aug. 31. To accommodate the large hand pumper, crews had to remove the center's six-panel front window before the apparatus was carefully unloaded from a wrecker provided by Bruneau's Garage. Capuano was assisted by Councilman Robert Bruneau (D-9).



## Bulk trash: Sept. 11-15

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proof of residence. Additional compost costs \$25 per cubic yard. Residents must bring buckets and shovels.

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

For electronic items, including TVs, the final e-waste drop-off day of the year is Oct. 14.

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

The city is partnering with Take 2 Inc. of Waterbury, a state-approved recycler and collector of universal e-waste devices, to collect residential electronic items on a quarterly basis.

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

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

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

For the e-waste drop-off, heed the following guidelines:

- Stay in your vehicle.
- Vehicles will be spaced out. Event workers will remove electronics from your vehicle. There should be no interaction between residents and workers.
- No mattresses or box springs will be disposed of at the moment.
- No smoke detectors, bal-lasts or hazardous waste — lighter fluid, liquids, paint — will be accepted.
- Electronic items left curbside will be tagged with information on the e-waste schedule and must be removed, or face a potential fine.

### Assessment appeals

The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet in open session from 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 18 in the assessor's office at City Hall, 355 Main St., to hear appeals of motor vehicle assessments on the 2022 grand list.

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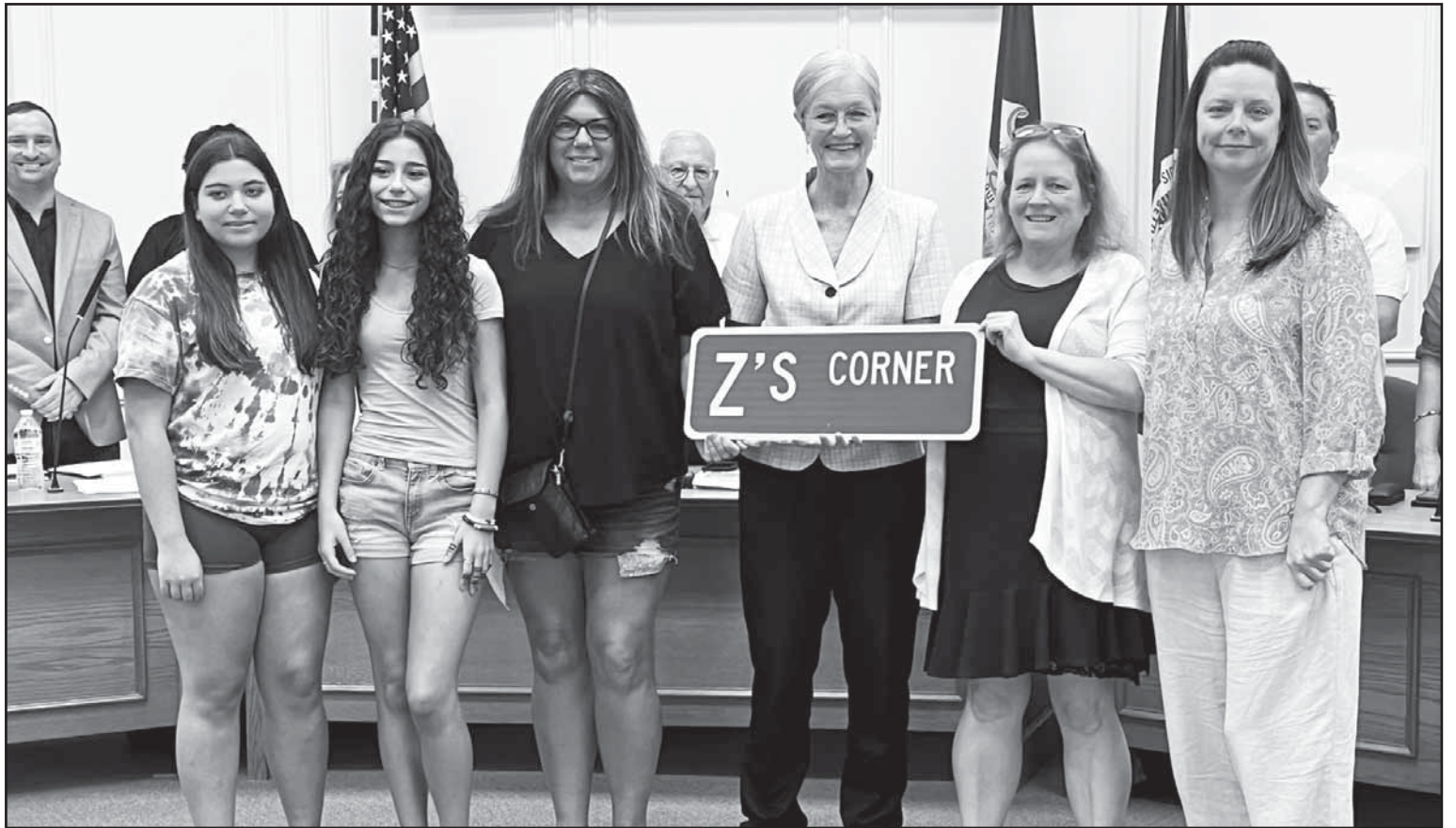
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Photo by Steven R. Mullins  
 Mayor Nancy R. Rossi (center) presents a street sign naming the corner of Campbell Avenue and Court Street a "Z's Corner" to Susie Ziada, widow of John Ziada, owner of Z's Corner Cafe' as her daughters Samira and Zienna, Councilwoman-at-Large Colleen O'Connor and First District Councilwoman Bridget Hoskie look on.



## Ziada's Corner honors late businessman

By Steven R. Mullins  
*Special to the Voice*  
 At its Aug. 28 meeting, the West Haven City Council

honored the life of the late John Ziada, owner of Z's Corner Cafe' on the corner of Campbell Avenue and Court

Street. The Council named that corner "Z's Corner." Ziada, commonly known as "Johnny Z," died February 2022, after a brief battle with cancer. He was 53 years old.

Ziada was remembered for being more than a local business owner.

"Johnny was the epitome of West Haven being the friend-

liest city in Connecticut." Said Republican City Councilwoman-at-Large Colleen O'Connor, who had known Ziada since she was age nine and he seven.

Ziada was best known for donating to many of West Haven's charities.

"He was a pillar of the community, who did anything that

was asked of him." Said Democrat First District Councilwoman Bridget Hoskie. "He was an amazing Westie."

O'Connor and Hoskie joined Mayor Nancy R. Rossi in presenting a street sign marking the corner's distinction to Ziada's widow Susie and their daughters Samira and Zienna during the meeting.

## Family Resource Fair at Community House

The West Haven Interagency Network for Children in conjunction with the Department of Youth and Family Services will hold its 2023 Family Resource Fair from 5-7 p.m. Sept. 20 at the West Haven Community House, 227 Elm St.

The free event will give families of children with special needs an opportunity to learn about resources and services while meeting other families.

The fair will include representatives from the following agencies and programs: American Job Center, Early Learning Program-Gateway CT State Community College, FAVOR Inc., Constellation Kids ABA, Rape Crisis Center, Carelon Behavioral Health, West Haven Community Development Administration, City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown child safety car seat installation program, Connecticut Department of Developmental Services, West Haven Health Department, Bridges Healthcare Inc., WHEAT Inc., West Haven Lions Club, West Haven Police Department, West Haven ERS-911, West Haven Public Library, Team West Haven-Connecticut Special Olympics, Shoreline Wellness, West Haven Department of Parks and Recreation, Love146, Connecticut Child Identification Program and West Haven Board of Education.

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# Gardner cited for 'crowning' achievement



hoto by Patricia C. Horvath

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi congratulates 2023 Miss American Teen Mackenzie Gardner after presenting a citation recognizing her "crowning achievement" during a reception at City Hall on Aug. 28. Gardner, a West Haven resident whose year-long reign ended Sunday, won the Miss American Coed pageant Sept. 4, 2022, at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista Ballroom in Orlando, Fla. She was also presented with a flower arrangement from Councilwoman Meli Garthwait, R-2, on behalf of the City Council.

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

Miss American Teen Mackenzie Gardner received a citation and other congratulatory gifts from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi recognizing Gardner's "crowning achievement" during a long-overdue reception at City Hall on Aug. 28.

Rossi was joined by a delegation of city and Board of Education leaders to bestow the citation on Gardner, whose yearlong reign ended Sunday.

Gardner won the Miss American Coed pageant Sept. 4, 2022, at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista Ballroom in Orlando, Florida.

She is a 2021 graduate of West Haven High School and was a co-captain of the girls ice hockey team. She is a junior at the University of New Haven.

Gardner's father, Scott, beamed with pride as the group of officials honored his daughter in the third-floor conference room of City Hall, just before the evening's City Council meeting.

Gardner was also joined by friends and other loved ones, including grandparents Harold and Pat Bellmore and great-aunt Patricia B. Libero, who introduced the "hardworking" Gardner.

"(Mackenzie) is task-oriented, personable and an all-around good kid," said Libero, a Republican member of the school board. "She continues to strive to be the best person of herself and keeps on pushing herself to be better and better.

"So in keeping with the drive to be the best she can be, for the first time since 1933 when Marian Bergeron won the 1933 Miss America pageant, West Haven has a natural pageant winner, Miss American Teen. During the past year, Mackenzie has represented Connecticut and West Haven at many, many events. It is so very appropriate that we as a West Haven com-

munity celebrate her success, as her success is West Haven's success."

Rossi then lauded Gardner before reading and presenting the citation to her.

"Your determination, sacrifice and desire for excellence have placed you among the most talented teenagers in the United States," said Rossi, who also presented Gardner with a blue tote bag containing a signed copy of the 2021 centennial book, "City of West Haven: Village to Town," along with centennial coins and lapel pins.

"You have represented our city with class, dignity and courage by demonstrating the best of the American spirit and Westie pride," the mayor said. "Our community is proud of you and your accomplishment.

"I also applaud your commitment to setting an example for young people to follow and to helping others in our community."

After Rossi's remarks, Councilwoman Meli Garthwait, R-2, presented Gardner with a flower arrangement on behalf of the council.

Gardner was gracious to the crowd, especially when speaking about her hometown.

"Truly I don't think I would be the person I am today without the lessons that West Haven has taught me, as well as them being able to rally around me and give me new opportunities," Gardner said. "I'm really grateful to be able to bring this back to West Haven, and I hope to do all that I can to make you guys proud."

## Garden Club begins new years

Welcome back from the summer to another year of the Bradley Point Garden Club! Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19th from noon-2, at the Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road. New members are always welcome. Call Dawn at (203) 932-4619.



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- 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.

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Band Arena Rock Tribute, Avenue Groove, and American Honey, (above) will highlight the Fall Foliage Concert Series, announced this week, beginning Sept. 30 at the Old Grove Park, Savin Rock. Concert dates are schedule for three successive weeks, from 7-9 p.m.

**City hosting 'Fall Foliage' series, beginning Sept. 30**

Arena Rock Tribute will celebrate the music, performance and spectacle of the '70s and '80s from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 30 in Old Grove Park on Palace Street. The show was rescheduled from July's Savin Rock Festival and is now part of the city's new "Fall Foliage Concert Series." American Honey will play a mix of modern country hits and '90s pop rock favorites from 7-9 p.m. Oct. 13 in Old Grove Park on Palace Street.

The "Fall Foliage Concert Series" will feature performances by Avenue Groove on Friday, Arena Rock Tribute on Sept. 30 and American Honey on Oct. 13.

The concerts are scheduled from 7-9 p.m. in Old Grove Park on Palace Street.

Avenue Groove is a six-piece "R&B, funk and dance band with attitude." Arena Rock Tribute celebrates the music, performance and spectacle of the '70s and '80s. American Honey specializes in modern country hits and '90s pop rock favorites.

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**PD pensions: Get approval**

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man of Windsor.

Rossi thanked the council for approving the plan and touted its potential cost savings to the city.

"If we can reduce the number of officers who leave our police force by two per year, this plan will pay for itself," Rossi said. "If we can reduce the number of officers who leave by four to five per year, the plan will save the city money."

Under the agreement between the city and police union, officers hired after Nov. 1, 2009, would transfer to the pension plan.

Affected employees would retain their vested defined contribution employer match balance and can use those defined contribution funds, or other funds, to buy past service back to the date of hire by contributing 8% of their base salary for each year of service purchased.

All other defined benefit plan provisions would be the same as those for officers hired before Nov. 1, 2009, according to the contract.

In addition, officers hired before Nov. 1, 2009, who have completed 25 years of service would receive a 5% increase in their pension calculation, from 60% to 65%.



# Memorial: *Lecture hall honors Pam Gardner*

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"The plans for the lecture hall are brilliant. It will hold more students than the average classroom, which is essential for a school that grows in population yearly.

"The lecture hall will prepare students for secondary education, but it may also help students decide if secondary education is the correct fit for them," she said.

After the original plans for the lecture hall were nixed, WHHS was able to pursue the project again when ES-SER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds became available during the pandemic. \$4 million was allocated towards the lecture hall, but after it was designed and put out to bid, the cost escalated to \$6.2 million.

Carney discussed the steps he took to lower the cost of constructing the lecture hall, which is being done by Gilbane Building Company. He invited representatives from Gilbane to walk the halls of WHHS and then suggested that the lecture hall be placed in its present location.

This is to the right of the school's front entrance and on flatter land than the original location selected. The lecture hall will also seat fewer people (up to 96) vs 126 and have no

bathrooms. The lecture hall is positioned close to existing bathrooms.

"I spent much time negotiating the size of the hall and its price," Carney said. "As a result, we fulfilled a commitment to the Gardner family and Pam's memory."

The Pamela Bellmore Gardner Memorial Lecture Hall will be approximately 2,000 feet and hold up to four classrooms.

It is one story with a lobby connecting to the high school. The Building Committee is managing the project, which is on budget and schedule. The foundation for the lecture hall has all been installed. The steel structure is currently being erected.

Mackenzie discussed why constructing a lecture hall at West Haven High School was so important to her mother.

"My mother always dreamed of having a lecture hall to provide a college-level educational experience for students. She always believed in the West Haven students and their abilities to pursue secondary education. She saw the lecture hall as a space for students and teachers to take their education to the next level," Mackenzie said.

"I know this lecture hall would not have been possible

without the work of many people behind the scenes advocating for my mother's dream. I feel incredibly proud to know that my mother's legacy will forever live on at West Haven High School. Even though she has passed, my mother still finds a way to make an impact on the students' lives," she said.

The lecture hall will have state-of-the-art audio/visual components. There will be an

adjustable podium that can control light, sound, and video. Carney believes the space will likely hold Board of Education meetings. The lecture hall is also fitted with acoustical wall panels and a tiered, suspended ceiling.

Carney attended high school with Gardner and worked together with her to get a lecture hall built at WHHS for many years.

He is excited to finally fulfill

Gardner's wishes while honoring her impact on the school.

"We miss Pam greatly. When the town decided not to build a lecture hall, I told her I would do everything I could to make sure it would be constructed," Carney said. "I feel that the lecture hall is a perfect tribute to someone who was a fantastic principal, great person who helped build the new high school and the lives of many students."



Dana Paredes (Principal), Mackenzie Gardner, Scott Gardner, Kevin Gardner, Harold Bellmore, Pat Libero, Neil Cavallaro (Superintendent), Ken Carney.



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Photo by Michael P. Walsh



## TR Laundromat opens on 1st Ave.

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

TR Laundromat, a new self-service laundry at 818 First Ave., celebrated its grand opening Aug. 18. Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce executives snipped a blue ribbon with husband-wife owners Thomas and Reagin Carney to officially mark the event and welcome TR Laundromat to West Haven.

The Carneys said the family-owned laundromat has been completely renovated and features state-of-the-art stainless steel washers and driers to “meet all your laundry needs.”

“We have all-new, spacious machines designed to handle even the largest loads with efficiency and reliability,” said Thomas Carney, who has worked in the laundromat industry for 20 years as a sales representative and manager. “We also offer complimentary Wi-Fi.”

Carney added: “Our laundromat is the only establishment in the Greater New Haven area offering the innovative Huebsch Command app payment system, giving you the flexibility to pay via your phone or with coins. With our user-friendly touch controls, available in over 30 languages, operating our machines has never been easier.”

The morning ribbon-cutting was attended by chamber President Michael Moses, Director of Membership and Marketing Simon McDonald and member Robert Creigh, the vice president of Patriot Bank of Milford.

TR Laundromat, located off Interstate 95’s Exit 43, is based in a plaza with a convenience store and a Chinese restaurant. The laundry site, near Spring Street, was formerly occupied by Spotless Laundry.

The Carneys, who have four children, said the laundromat’s black-and-white sign is adorned with a gold triquetra, a triangular figure composed of three interlaced arcs. Also known as a Trinity knot, the emblem is the Celtic symbol for family.

Reagin Carney said the initials “TR” in the business’s name are a tribute to her late father, Thomas Reid. She said the initials also stand for Thomas and Reagin.

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## Parent info night

To get ready for the new school year, the Board of Education hosted its first New Parent Information Night. All new parents to WHHS were invited, and given presentations in the auditorium and tables set up in the lobby with representatives from schools and local communities to help answer any questions parents had about the district and beginning of school.



**Folks on Spokes & Step Forward Ride + Walk for Mental Health Returns on Sunday, October 1, 2023**

Bridges Healthcare's annual cycling and walking fundraising event, Folks on Spokes & Step Forward Ride + Walk, is planned for Sunday, October 1, 2023, from 8:00 am to 1 pm at Fowler Field in downtown Milford. Each year for more than 30 years, hundreds of cyclists and walkers have joined together to raise funds and awareness for mental health and addiction recovery services for children, families, and adults. Participants of all ages can choose from a number of scenic CT coastline routes, including a 5K for walkers and 5, 10, 20 or 40 miles for cyclists. Event registration fees are \$50 per cyclist, \$35 per walker, and \$15 for kids under 18, including a free t-shirt. Children 5 and under are free. Day-of fees are \$55 per cyclist and \$45 per walker. Event sponsorships are available. For more information or to register, visit <https://bridgesct.org/folks-on-spokes/>

Photo by Killian M. Gruber

## Ukrainian Independence Day

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, center, holds a bouquet and a certificate of appreciation from President Ann Salemmé of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 108, holding a mayoral proclamation, for Rossi's support of Ukrainian Independence Day on Aug. 24. "The city of West Haven stands united with Ukrainians in commemorating their independence by lighting the Cove River pedestrian bridge in blue and yellow for a second year," said Rossi, reading the proclamation before presenting it to Salemmé, of West Haven, in the City Council chambers of City Hall. Shown with Rossi and Salemmé are, from left, Carl Harvey, a resident of Orange and the commander of Ukrainian American Veterans Post 33, and St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church Choir members Mary Antonyshyn, of Orange, and Nadiya Ivantsiv, formerly of Lviv, Ukraine, and now of New Haven. In 1991 the parliament of Ukraine proclaimed the nation's independence.







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In this Sept. 11, 2021, file photo, the sun rises over Savin Rock as hundreds of American flags blow in the wind near the boardwalk on Long Island Sound. The flags represent the 343 New York City firefighters who died in the line of duty on Sept. 11, 2001, as well as the 257 active and retired FDNY members who have died of 9/11-related illnesses, including cancer.

## Flag-raising marks annual observance of 9-11-01 tragedy

West Haven will observe the 22nd anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on 9/11 with a flag-raising ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradley Point Park flagpole, followed by a candlelight vigil at the city's 9/11 memorial.

The solemn service will begin with a presentation of the colors by the West Haven Police Honor Guard and the flag-raising by the West Haven Fire Department Honor Guard.

The flag-raising will honor the memory of the nearly 3,000 people who died in the attacks. Remarks by dignitaries, including Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, will follow.

City Procurement Director Rick Spreyer will serve as the master of ceremonies.

At 7 p.m., the candlelight vigil will take place at the Richard S. Gabrielle Sept. 11 Memorial on the boardwalk next to the former Savin Rock Conference Center, 6 Rock St.

Members of the West Haven Rotary Club will distribute candles and programs at the granite monument, which was paid for by the service club in 2002. It was designed by Harold J. Schaller of H.K. Peacock Memorials Inc. in Valhalla, New York.

Gabrielle, 50, of West Haven, was killed during the attack on the twin towers in New York's World Trade Center complex. An insurance broker at Aon Corp., he was last seen on the south tower's 78th floor.

Declared Patriot Day by Congress in 2002, the city will fly flags at half-staff in recognition of the national day of remembrance.

The vigil will feature taps played by retired West Shore Fire Department Lt. Kevin McKeon and Celtic folk performances by Irish singer-songwriter Liz McNicholl, including "The Bravest," a tribute to the heroes of 9/11.

### Seniors offer trip to Foxwoods, Nov. 8

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

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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.

### Classes of '67, '68 plan joint reunion

The West Haven High School Classes of 1967 and 1968 are having a joint 5th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 28, beginning at 4 p.m. at Lorenzo's Ristorante, 39 Elm St. Join your fellow classmates for food, fun, and Fellowship, Mark your calendars, details to follow.



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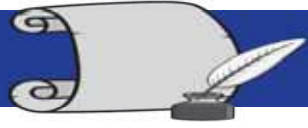
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## Terry's Honey-Dew Popcorn

It was one of many Savin Rock Icons: Terry's sold popcorn, Honey-Dew popcorn, cotton candy, and candy apples. If you are a West Havener aged thirty or more, chances are you remember Terry's popcorn "bricks," which were sold in the Savin Rock area for decades. Available in chocolate, strawberry or coconut, this product was a must for anyone visiting "Old

Savin Rock" back in the day.

Some of the stories routinely presented on this page are easy to research; others can take time. I had been looking for detailed help concerning the Terry's story for the last ten years, when suddenly, and all at once, that help appeared in the persons of Meari Avery, John Jarvie and Art McGray.

Terry's was established in 1937, by Andrew "Terry" Terriciano and his wife Anna Terriciano, and had a stand

on Beach Street near Palace Street. Terry's popcorn was also brought to and sold at local fairs in the late 1940s and 1950s. At one such event, Millie Avery, who worked for Terry for over a decade, saw a display of cotton candy that was made in Belchertown, Massachusetts, and brought the idea back to Terry. Bob Shaw, Millie's husband, was Terry's driver and right-hand man in those early days.

Meari Avery recalls the

many hours of her childhood spent in the Terry's stand with her mom, who was working and visiting "Uncle Terry and Auntie Anna," her Godmother.

Terry's products were also sold thru a number of Savin Rock restaurants: Phyllis', Jimmies, Jims, Turks and Chicks. During that period—the 1950s—the market for Terry's products was primarily limited to strictly Savin Rock.

After the demise of Savin Rock, Terry's business was sold to Leo J. Scilla, and operated from a small facility on Front Street. By now Terry, aging and an employee of the company, provided assistance and advice to the new owner.

Late in the 1970s, Art McGray worked for Terry's as a driver and a line worker for the company. By this time, the old Terry's stand and the Savin Rock amusement area were just a memory, so Art would deliver Terry's products to Pegnataro's, Klarides, mom-and-pop stores, and similar outlets.

Art McGray recalls the process vividly: The corn was popped in an industrial popcorn popper. Then the product was placed into a 30-gallon copper kettle, where sugar and flavoring were added (along with shredded coconut as needed). Next the mix was poured into a large metal form where it was levelled off with a sort of wooden squeegee. The margins of this large form were marked with cutting guides to ensure uniform-sized bricks; the cuts were made with a sort of large pizza cutter. Next the bricks were packaged in cellophane



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

and labelled appropriately.

At that time (about 1978), John Jarvie, fresh out of school, worked next door in a welding shop. From time to time, he would be called upon to braze patches into the well-worn copper kettles. When Terry's was cooking their bricks, John recalls that the aroma was pervasive and heavenly. And when he delivered the repaired kettles back to Terry's he could usually expect to return to his shop with a large bag full of sample popcorn—for Terry's was well-known for their generosity.

Terry's has departed Savin Rock as well as Front Avenue, and they have ceased to exist. But like most of Savin Rock, they and their products continue to be remembered fondly by generations of West Haveners.



Terry's was located at 531 Beach Street for many years, and had a plant on Front Avenue.



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## Summer champions

The Gray Team, the champions of the Department of Parks and Recreation's Girls Summer Fun Basketball League, show their medals at the Veterans Memorial Park courts on Bull Hill Lane on Aug. 14. Front row, from left, are Maddie Kelly, Karine DaSilva, Angelize DaSilva, Bridget Kelly and Justine DaSilva. Back row, from left, are Coach K, Ja'stice Butler, Tiranke Keita, Fatoumata Keita, Josylyn DaSilva and Coach Victor. Missing from photo is Evey Fitzpatrick. The team defeated the Red Team in an 18-17 nail-biter to finish the season 8-0. The league, overseen by Park-Rec program coordinator Margaret Longo and court supervisor Desmond Lymon, just capped its 23rd season.

## Locals win medals in World Championships

A small group of West Haven martial artist who train at the West Haven Academy of karate competed in the 6th Biennial Worldwide Tang Soo Do World Championships, which were held at the Double-

Tree Hotel Marriott at Universal in Orlando Florida in late July. Seven of the nine participants from West Haven were able to capture either gold, silver or bronze medals in their respective divisions. There

were three individual events, Weapons, Empty-hand Form and Free Sparring. There were also two-team events: Team Form and Team Sparring.

Leading the West Haven group was Evan Diaz who was able to win three gold medals in weapons, empty-hand form and free-sparring in the 9- and 10-year-old red belt division. Also winning gold medals was Carlton Streete – men's black belt empty-hand form; Yvonne Streete – women's 40-and-over black belt sparring. She also won the Grand Championship in women's 40-and-over black belt sparring. Roman Vogel captured gold in both forms and sparring in the men's green belt division.

Shane Clavaton won silver medals in empty-hand form and weapon forms. Carlton Streete won a silver medal in men's black belt heavy-weight sparring. Emanuel Guallo won a silver medal in junior black-belt sparring and a bronze medal in junior black-belt empty-hand form. Isaiah Carty won a silver medal in junior black belt empty-hand form, and a bronze medal in junior black-belt sparring./

The USA sparring and form teams did a great job overall in the team competition. Each men's sparring teams was

comprised of five black-belts or masters. Both Streete and Clavaton were members of the USA men's black-belt sparring team that won the silver medal.

The final match between USA and Netherlands was as close and as exciting as it gets. After five fighters paired off in one-on-one competition the match was tied. A sixth match was fought, and it also ended in a tie. It was decided that the two competitors who fought the sixth match would fight another one-minute round. This also ended in a tie. Finally, it was decided that the tie would be broken by a "sudden victory" match (first competitor to score wins). Both competitors clashed each throwing a reverse punch that seemed to hit the intended target. The judges were asked to make a call as to who scored and three judges raised the Netherlands flag and two judges raised the USA flag. The match was decided by a single flag.

The USA women's sparring team had a great outing, taking the gold medal after defeating the women's team from Scotland. The USA women's team went undefeated throughout the entire team competition. Each women's sparring team is comprised of 3 black-

belts of masters. Members of the USA Gold Medal Team were Master Holly Holt, Master Theresa Paskett and Kenzi King. The USA's second entry into the Women's Team Sparring event was able to capture the bronze medal. The team members were: Master Maria Spratt, Hanna Cheek, Leandra Guerro. Finally, the USA Form teams won gold and bronze medals.

### Attn: publicists

The fall sports season is set to begin in both baseball and soccer. The West Haven Voice would like to remind league publicists and coaches of the requirements for weekly reports. All leagues are to have one publicist through whom all stories come. Our rule is: we will edit it, headline it and print it, but we will not write it.

Coaches are reminded to check with their league officials as to the protocol to be followed in order to have games published in the Voice. No individual games will be accepted. All games must be through the league's publicist.

Deadline for copy is Tuesday at 10 a.m. unless prior clearance is given by the editor for a later submission. All copy must be in paragraph form and is subject to editing.

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# Diamond Club to honor Anquillare

The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club, Inc., will hold its 15th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 12, at The Woodwinds in Branford. Among the honorees is former West Haven High School baseball coach and current co-athletics director Mike Anquillare.

Tickets to the 2023 SCDC Hall of Fame dinner are \$60 per person and will only be sold in advance. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.southernctdiamondclub.org/hall-of-fame.html> or by contacting Rose V. Mentone,

Executive Director, at [RMentone@comcast.net](mailto:RMentone@comcast.net).

Anquillare won CIAC state championships as both a player and a coach at West Haven High. As a sophomore in 1984 he was a member of the Blue Devils' ice hockey and baseball teams which both won Class LL titles.

He was an all-state selection in baseball in 1986 and graduated ninth in the WHHS Class of 1986. Anquillare played baseball collegiately at Division-I Fordham University, helping the Rams to three Metro-Atlantic Athletic Conference championships and three NCAA Tournament

appearances. He was the Most Valuable Player of the West Haven Twilight League in 1990 and was a recipient of the Twilight League's Gold Bat Award in 2005.

Anquillare was a head coach for 18 seasons, three at Platt Tech of Milford and 15 at West Haven.

He guided the Panthers to the 1994 CVTC championship, and his tenure with the Blue Devils was highlighted by the 2009 Class LL crown. With a 21-5 record, the Westies were voted No. 1 in the State, and Anquillare was chosen the Area and State New Haven Register Coach of the Year and

the SCDC Sam Burrell Coach of the Year. WHHS also won the 2003 Southern Connecticut Conference title and three SCC Quinnipiac Division Championships while guided by Anquillare.

Anquillare completed a B.S. degree in management at Fordham in 1990. He possesses an MAT in physical education and business education from Sacred Heart University and a 6th year certification in intermediate education and supervision from Southern Connecticut State University. His father, John, was inducted into the SCDC Hall of Fame in 2013.


Also being honored this year are SCC Commissioner Al Carbone (East Haven HS '91), former New York Mets draftee Steve Kesses (North Haven HS '73), former MLB catcher/first baseman Matt Merullo (Fairfield Prep '83), former University of New Haven All-American Jim Pasarella (East Haven HS '68), and former Quinnipiac College pitcher Joe Roche (Hamden HS '72). Kathleen Morrison of North Haven will receive the Andrew Gassira Memorial Umpire Award, and Denis Haley of Milford is winner of the Tony Mentone Memorial Distinguished Service Award.

Photo by Todd Dandelske

## Getting ready!

Nick Conlan scrambles in the Westies' scrimmage versus Bunnell. His Blue Devils open up, Friday, at Staples of Westport in a crossover battle with the Wreckers, a perennial power in the FCIAC. The Westies have their home opener Sept. 14 at Veterans Field against Jonathan Law.





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# Letters, we get Letters

## Weinstein makes case for primary

Earlier this year, I sat in my kitchen surrounded by family enjoying a routine dinner when my life immediately changed. During casual dinner-table conversation, simple chit-chat was converted into a more serious discussion about the city of West Haven.

As owner of Allingtown's own Star Tires and Wheels for over 30 years, and a resident for the past five, I outlined my unique perspective of how we can return trust back to City Hall, by **first unlocking the building's doors to ultimately unlocking our city's potential.**

**It's no secret:** West Haven's corruption and mismanagement has polluted our city's identity for decades, labeling us as a distressed municipality for **over ten years.** Apart from this, West Haven is overflowing with a diverse community of hardworking residents who have long desired and deserved more financial relief, more concrete answers from City Hall, and more creative leadership. So, that night, with the support of my family, I chose to run for mayor.

My five-point plan for success will deliver a fresh start that promotes transparency in City Hall, opens West Haven for new businesses and families, expands accessibility to city services, and invests in the backbone of our community: our seniors, veterans, youth, and small businesses. I am the *only* candidate that will address friends and neighbors, like me, who have been 'neglected by our elected', after decades of recycling the same old candidates.

Let's start fresh! In my first 100 days, I will hire a full-time Economic Developer, expand our Municipal Blight office, commit financial support to our law enforcement, fire, and public works employees, hire dedicated grant writers to secure state funding, and appoint advocates specifically assigned to manage events and City Hall updates for our seniors, youth, veterans, and small businesses. By personalizing City Hall, we **can** make West Haven the open, competitive, and attractive city it deserves to be.

I am running for mayor because I am a stakeholder in West Haven. Like you, I have invested my business, my hard work, my family, and my home in West Haven. Now it is time to cash in our investments and demand a better quality of life for **all** current and future "Westies".

What sets me apart from my opponents is that I have **no** ties to recent corruption in City Hall. Unlike my opponents, I

never voted to authorize former State Rep. Michael Di-Massa to commit fraud. I was never censured, nor ousted by my own party in West Haven. And above all, I run away from a challenge, nor abandon my team during a city-wide meeting, just because things aren't going my way.

The Republican Primary Election is set for Tuesday, Sept. 12. There are two choices: Paige, the "fresh start" candidate, or my opponent, who could not even secure a win against a mayor navigating West Haven's worst scandal. Let's not make the same mistake again.

My name is Paige Weinstein and I am grateful, blessed, and proud to be running to use my expertise as a businesswoman, but more importantly as a mother and grandmother, to serve, care for, and love my city as my own family. It's time for a fresh start. Let's turn to a new 'Paige', West Haven!

*Paige Weinstein*

## Cohen a pro

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss West Haven's Republican candidate for Mayor, Barry Lee Cohen

I had no doubt two years ago and have no doubt now that he is clearly the candidate that can move this city forward. Mr. Cohen is a consummate professional. As our councilman in District 10, he never hesitated to be helpful. One phone call, and Barry was taking care of the issue at hand. There was no wait time, he handled any and all issues that our neighborhood requested, from potholes to tree trimming, it was taken care of immediately. We were never put off for days, as Barry would make the appropriate contacts to remediate the problem at hand in a timely manner. If it was important to us or our neighborhood, it was important to him. He was always honest and forthright when handling our requests.

Barry is a roll up his sleeves, hands on individual who is sensitive to the needs of individuals in my community, including veterans and seniors. He has participated and organized community service events in this city for many years from distributing food, planting gardens to handing out hand sanitizer during the pandemic.

As a lifelong resident of West Haven, Barry, like many of us has seen the changes both good and bad that West Haven has gone through over the years. He has the knowledge and expertise, both as a businessman and citizen to bring positive change that we are all looking for. His love of West Haven and its potential is important to him. Barry

listens and cares about his fellow community members in West Haven, as proven by his willingness to take the time to talk to and communicate one household at a time. West Haven needs a new start and Barry Cohen can make this happen.

*Roberta Penna*

## GOP sets up loss

We are registered Democrats that voted for Barry Cohen last time. What's with the GOP in this town? Are they trying to purposely lose the election for mayor this year? Barry Cohen came so close, so why were you checked him for somebody? I don't know who the hell she is. Also, Mullins is going to take away votes from the GOP in the fall election. It says they want to lose.

*George Sincavage*

## Vote for Cohen

I was heartbroken when Barry lost last time by so few votes. Never really believed he lost. I have had many conversations with Barry and know that he will be a great mayor, genuinely caring about this city and its people.

Now I don't know Paige and she has not reached out at all to my community. My understanding is that she is not at all connected to our city the way that Barry is.

Vote Barry for Mayor. We need him. This city has been through too much with prior administrations.

*Barbara Plavnicki*

## Weinstein for win

The Republican Primary in West Haven is on Sept. 12. In the past municipal election,

I supported the best candidate at the time. Two years later a new crop of talented, competent and qualified candidates has risen to the top, so this election, I support the West Haven Republican Town Committee and State Rep. Charlie Ferraro ENDORSED candidate for Mayor, Paige Weinstein.

Charlie has been proudly representing the citizens of West Haven for five consecutive terms and truly cares about the future of this city. By endorsing the only candidate with NO TIES to West Haven City Hall, he continues to advocate for residents of this city.

Paige has my vote in the September Republican Primary, and I urge my fellow West Haven Republicans to get to know Paige and to support her. The best voter is the informed voter.

*Kim-Marie Mullin*

## Cohen qualified

With the West Haven Republican primary approaching on Sept. 12, Republican voters have an important choice to make. When one drills down to examine the records of the competing candidates, it becomes readily apparent that Mr. Cohen is the most qualified candidate who can defeat Dorinda Borer and end over three decades of Democrat rule. Mr. Cohen is an accomplished and proven leader with the real-world corporate, business, and government experience necessary for the task at hand. Moreover, Mr. Cohen's impressive record of community involvement and

history of volunteerism constitutes a demonstrated commitment to the West Haven community.

To take on a seasoned politician like Ms. Borer, we need a seasoned candidate who has the experience to run an effective and efficient campaign. I ask West Haven Republican primary voters to remember that Mr. Cohen came within less than 32 votes of defeating Mayor Nancy Rossi during the 2021 mayoral race. That proven track record is just what the doctor ordered.

The City of West Haven desperately demands new leadership, not a continuation of the same old failed, inept management that our citizens have endured for so many decades. We need a proven and experienced leader such as Barry Lee Cohen to take on the seasoned Democrat Dorinda Borer in the upcoming general election. West Haven is depending on it.

*John Grottole*

## Hiring un-elected negates '21 vote

Paige Weinstein and Charles Ferraro are wrong. If we hire people to take away the power of elected officials, why vote? They are creating a government within a government, with those elected to run our city losing their ability to do their jobs.

The right to vote is sacred and is what our forefathers chose as the best way to protect our democracy. It is not perfect, but it is the best system of government in the

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# Shelton Mayor Mark Lauretti endorses Cohen nomination

Republican Mayoral Candidate, Barry Lee Cohen, was endorsed by Shelton Mayor Mark Lauretti, in what both termed, "a transformational time for West Haven residents



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Shelton Mayor Mark Lauretti (right) endorsed Barry Cohen in the Sept. 12. primary.

to usher in positive change, transparency, and accountability to city government."

Lauretti has served as the mayor of Shelton since 1991. During his tenure, he has placed stringent controls on municipal expenses while making Shelton the business destination for economic development.

Lauretti said, "Barry is ready to serve on Day One of taking office. He's a proven, roll-up-the-sleeves skilled business executive, community leader and problem solver who has the right experience to move West Haven forward. Barry and his best-in-class team will deliver sorely needed transparency, responsible economic development, and fiscal management to West Haven. I look forward to working with him to make our region the envy of the Northeast."

Cohen said, "I am extremely grateful to be endorsed by Mayor Lauretti. He has taken Shelton from high taxation, infrastructure problems, and safety concerns to economic excellence."

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world. West Haven should follow this model.

Of course, mistakes are made, this is universal. Our country's elected leaders make mistakes every day.

But that is no excuse to throw away our Constitution. A few years ago, we had a vote on the charter revision plan.

It would have limited voting and changed voted positions into appointed ones, limiting our right to choose who we felt would best run the city, and lose the ability to get elected to these offices.

To everyone's surprise, the revision plan was rejected. It appears some would like to change the result of that vote. If they try, I hope they fail. For that was the people's electoral success. Some call West Haven's system an electoral mistake. The old boy network doesn't just refer to our elected officials, but also our appointed leaders.

Our elected officials have to answer to the people. This keeps our leadership from becoming too powerful. Many appointed officials

cause stagnation and cronyism.

Should we have a vote-free government such as communism and fascism, which have proved to limit the freedoms of their people?

Our courts' positions are appointed, but should voted offices suffer for this? The two have to work together to make our democracy work. We fight for our democracy every day, especially these days when there is a threat to the principles of our Constitution.

There is nothing wrong with a limited group to help with and oversee the budget and finances, but their power should be limited. Officials who are elected shouldn't have limited freedoms to do their jobs, and elected offices should remain so.

Jonathan Bober

### Low-Vision support group

A Low Vision Support Group is looking for new members. It meets the 2nd Monday of each month at the Milford Senior Center. 9 Jepson Drive, For more information, contact Eileen Turow. (203) 878-8904.

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- Martial art
- Smack a baseball
- Romance
- Abbr. on a phone
- Sunscreen additive
- "Big Blue"
- Royal with a golden touch
- Actress Vardalos
- Naval rank
- Avid
- Hosp. triage area
- Parsley and sage
- Stately trees
- Candle dripping
- Incite
- Luau souvenir
- Glamorous Gardner
- Santa - winds
- Ward (off)
- Tiara sparkler
- Winter blanket
- Accepted fact
- "I see"
- Flood protection
- Clothe
- Coach Parseghian
- Cell phone

**DOWN**

- Gag
- arms
- Lairs
- Wild parties
- Whirl
- Bankroll
- Lawyers' org.
- Shocking weapon
- Airplane mea- sure
- Theater award
- Sharif of "Funny Girl"
- Ball club VIP
- Six-pack muscles
- Refuge
- Pre-diploma hurdle
- Sprite
- Grant's foe
- Wild parties
- Chinese ves- sel
- Carry on
- Popular card game
- Cold and damp
- Conk out
- Hide from view
- Action words
- Busy insect
- New York canal
- Early birds?
- Formerly
- Phone inven- tor
- Prized
- Actor Morales
- 401(k) alterna- tive
- Aye canceler

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Z Y W L V L U O T L B R Q D O  
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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

9				8		2		
	7	3				8	6	
	8		2		1			
	1			3		5		
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4		8			7			
	2	3					1	
1				5		3		
5		2	4	6				

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**Answers to this week's puzzles**

**King Crossword**  
Solution time: 25 mins.  
Answers

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
Answers

9	4	5	1	6	8	3	2	7
3	8	6	4	2	7	1	9	5
2	9	1	6	8	7	3	8	5
7	6	8	5	4	2	9	1	3
4	5	3	8	9	1	7	6	2
8	7	2	9	3	6	5	4	1
6	1	4	7	8	5	2	3	9
5	3	9	2	1	4	6	7	8

**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

the end of "When Harry Met Sally"?

- FOOD & DRINK: What does the acronym "IPA" stand for in a beer?
- LITERATURE: Who is the author of "The Hunger Games" series?
- U.S. STATES: Which state has the most lighthouses?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of New Zealand?
- GAMES: What is a perfect score in bowling?
- SCIENCE: What does an auxanometer measure?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female donkey called?
- MOVIES: Which holiday is celebrated at
- TELEVISION: Which entertainer has hosted "Saturday Night Live" the most?
- ANATOMY: What is the anatomical name for the kneecap?

Answers

1. India Pale Ale.
2. Suzanne Collins.
3. Michigan.
4. Wellington.
5. 300 points.
6. Plant growth.
7. A jenny.
8. New Year's Eve.
9. Actor Alec Baldwin, 17 times.
10. Patella.

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Nico Orsini, age 2, is a West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. student. He is predicting possible thunderstorms today.

## On this Date

**1978 -- Georgi Markov is murdered.** The Bulgarian writer and dissenter had left Bulgaria in 1969 and was working at BBC in London during the time of his murder. His murder, which is popularly known as the Umbrella Murder took place while he was crossing the Waterloo Bridge in London. The assassin, nicknamed Piccadilly, used a modified umbrella to shot a pellet full of ricin in Markov's leg. Markov died 4 days later, on September 11 of ricin poisoning.

**1977 -- Treaty giving the Panama Canal to Panama is Signed.** The Torrijos-Carter Treaties were two treaties signed between the heads of state of the US and Panama. The treaties gave control of the canal that connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean to Panama. The canal was constructed by, and had been in the control of, the United States since 1904.

**1940 -- Germans Begin the Blitz over London.** The Germans began strategically bombing the United Kingdom and London on this day. For 57 days, the German Luftwaffe aerielly bombed London, killing over 20,000 people and destroying over a million homes in the city.



## Named Post 196 Commander

Longtime West Haven resident, Colleen St.Clair Weather- spoon of 187 White St. was elected as the first female Commander at American Legion Post 196, located at 25 Merwin Avenue, Milford.

Witherspoon graduated West Haven High School in 1982 and joined the U.S. Navy a year later, serving until 1990. After an honorable discharge, she returned home, raising her family (daughter Jordyn, son Donovan and daughter Morgan Weatherspoon).

In 2017 she joined East Shore Post 196 - Milford American Legion, and during the past six years has served as Historian, Jr. Vice-Commander and now Sr. Vice-Commander. During her time as Sr. Vice Commander, which is responsible for membership - Post 196 exceeded its membership target and had the highest number of members for this Post.

She works for Yale-New Haven Health Systems in the Facilities Design and Engineering Department and spends much of her free time on veteran-related charity events, or with her family including a brand-new granddaughter.

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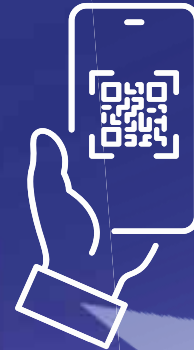
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