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'Prevention' theme of Fire Expo



Photos by Michael P. Walsh

Above -- West Haven Fire Department firefighters knock down the live burn blaze during the home fire sprinkler demonstration. Below -- Lauren Mulinski, a member of the University of New Haven Fire Science Club, helps Bryson Urban, 7, of Orange, spray liquid on a controlled fire to put it out. Looking on are, from left, senior club President Alison Perry and freshman club member Rebecca Van Tine, along with Bryson's parents, West Haven Fire Department Capt. Jacob Urban and Ivory Urban, and his brother Ashton, 3. Mulinski is a junior majoring in emergency management.

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The city once again joined West Haven's three fire departments to mark Fire Prevention Week during an exposition of all things fire, emergency management, public safety, police and health in Old Grove Park on Oct. 8.

Rescheduled from a day earlier because of rain, the third annual West Haven Fire, Emergency Management, 911 ERS, Police & Health Expo brought together families and first responders — firefighters, police officers, EMTs, health care professionals — from across the state for hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations to promote public safety education.

The large public exhibition, fittingly held on the first day and 101st anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, was organized by West Haven Fire Department Chief James P. O'Brien, West Shore Fire Department Chief Stephen Scafariello, City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown Chief Michael R. Terenzio and Expo Committee Chairwoman Beth A. Sabo, the city's commissioner of human resources.

West Haven's storied fire service includes the independent West Haven Fire Department, which serves the First Fire Taxation, or Center, District, and the independent West Shore Fire Department, which serves the Shore's 2nd District. It also includes the 3rd District's formerly independent Allingtown Fire Department, which was taken over by the city in July 2012 and is now known as the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown.

Collectively, the departments have been in operation for 354 years: West Haven since 1888, Allingtown since 1907 and West Shore since 1918.

The free exposition featured an array of fire engine and fire-truck displays, including antique fire apparatus. The colorful fleet was spread along the adjacent Oak and Palace streets and on the grounds of the 153-year-old Grove.

The five-hour expo included West Haven's marine unit, food trucks and rides in West Haven's 1935 Mack pump firetruck.

It also included educational demonstrations on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, home fire sprinklers, and fire code and investigation.

Sparky the Fire Dog interacted with children, and singer-songwriter Tony V performed an entertaining set of oldies and singalongs, including Frank Sinatra classics.

West Haven fire Inspector Eric Sobolewski demonstrated the department's smoke trailer and showed children what to do in case of a fire. Sobolewski and fellow Inspector Russell LaRiviere also displayed information on fire education and prevention.

West Shore Fire Marshal Keith T. Flood demonstrated a home fire sprinkler during a live burn. The side-by-side burn consisted of two 8-by-8-foot cells, one with a sprinkler and one without. The burn showed the fire's destruction on a structure without a sprinkler, compared with minimal damage to a structure with a sprinkler. The demonstration was sponsored by the Connecticut

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The artist named "Chase," a third grader in the West Haven Community House program at Forest School, predicts colder weather speeding up the leaves falling from the trees.

On this Date

2005 -- Trial of Saddam Hussein Begins. The Iraqi Special Tribunal started the trial of deposed President of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, and 7 other defendants for crimes against humanity. Hussein, who was the fifth President of Iraq was found guilty and was executed by hanging a year later on Dec. 30, 2006.

1954 -- Cho Oyu Scaled for the First Time in Recorded History. The 6th highest mountain peak in the world, Cho Oyu is part of the Himalayan mountain range and lies on the Nepal-China border. It was scaled by Nepalese Pasang Dawa Lama and Austrians Joseph Jöchler and Herbert Tichy.

1950 -- Battle of Chamdo (Qamdo) Ends. Also known as the Liberation of Tibet in China, the war between China and Tibet began on October 6, when Chinese military forces under the leadership of Deng Xiaoping entered the country from Sichuan.

1943 -- Streptomycin is Discovered. The miracle antibiotic that became the first line of offense against tuberculosis in the mid-20th century was isolated for the first time by graduate student Albert Schatz while working under Selman Abraham Waksman.



Photo by Michael O'Brien

Wins poetry contest

Sofie Burns, a 4th-grade student at Pagels Elementary School, was one of only 10 students across the country to win an Amazon Gift Card in the 27th Annual National Student Poetry Contest hosted by the America Library of Poetry.

"When I found out she had won, I was absolutely thrilled for her because she's an exceptionally talented young writer who has the tenacity and enthusiasm to persevere," said Sofie's 3rd-grade teacher Lisa Biagetti, who helped her submit the poem in the spring.

Sofie's poem, a Haiku about nature, is titled "Nature's Beauty" and it will be published in December in a book of student poems. She was very excited to learn that she had won and is still undecided on what she will spend the Amazon gift card on.

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Dear Felicia

The leaves are starting to brown and fall, there is a crispness in the air, and, just like mushrooms lawn signs have sprouted up all over the place – and it ain't the result of all that rain we're getting, that is for sure. Nope, honeybunch, we are in the last three weeks or so of the municipal election cycle (as they like to call it now) and the biennial battle o' the lawn signs is underway. Who will win?

Over the last two weekends it seems the number of lawn signs all over the place have tripled, and jest cuz one candidate or t'other has a lead in the number this week, don't mean he or she will have the same success next week.

Yup, white, blue and gold "Dorinda" signs are all over the place, either with or without other candidates listed thereon, and there seem to be jest as many "Cohen" or "Barry" signs with the same listed candidates. Different parts of the city, different parties in the lead.

Of course, we know that this is a tactic. The idea is to let the lesser informed amongst us – and they are legion – think one or other candidate has the hearts and minds of the general public and is a shoe-in for election. Sometimes that is true. This time, we wonder.

Both candidates have their

own popularity, and their own following. What's gonna be interesting is whether the bad couple o' years we have had in these parts are gonna translate into a general feeling for the need for change, or not.

It's been 34 years since this town has elected a Republican, and 32 years since the town voted him out after a disastrous budget debacle. Interestingly, that led to the election of another Borer, H. Richard, Jr, to the mayoralty, and he stayed for 14 years.

Now we have another Borer running with some political chops, it's true. What the voters are gonna have to determine is if she is enuff of a change in leadership – albeit with the same party – the city is looking for right now.

The alternative is a change of party leadership the likes of which we haven't seen in decades. Whilst some may not like Cohen's leadership style, it resonated enuff with John Q and company enough last time to almost overturn the political apple cart. The query is whether the voters who checked him off on their ballots last time will remember and do the same.

Change is a topic both candidates have harped on in the early going. Both are telling the voters they are what is needed to change the culture

in City Hall and elsewhere around the city. These last few weeks leading up to Nov. 7 will be very telling and might give a clearer idea of the way things are going.

Sammy Bluejay was in t'other afternoon and reminded Cobina about the big difference in registration betwixt the Republicans and Democrats. The Demmies have like a two-and-a-half to one ratio. But the numbers in the last two elections for mayor have told a story of disinterest. The numbers have been very low, and effen that happens this time, who knows what could happen.

Mayor Rossi won by less than 35 the last time in a very contested election. That might happen again, though we hope not. Nobody needs more drama in these parts. We've had quite enuff over the last two years or so for any community.

When next time we scribe missives, things might be a bit clearer in the race. Right now, I wouldn't count the number of lawn signs as any indication of public sentiment one way or t'other.

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Whilst Sammy was here, the conversation toined to the proposal to expand the camera surveillance at the Boardwalk. There are a number o' them around,

keeping tabs on any nefarious activity, and there is a proposal to put more out there. As yew know, people traverse there all times of the day – and there is quite a night culture as well – with the potential for those who wanna do naughty things having the opportunity. That is a good thing on its face. Nobody wants to see people with evil on their minds assaulting the general public with petty crimes or some setch.

The tradeoff, of course, is the fack that Big Brother will be watching. From cameras hanging off traffic light stanchions to cameras on buildings and the like, it is kind o' creepy to have people watching one all the time. Like I said it's a tradeoff, but effen it keeps those with evil in their hearts from acting out on their impulse, all the better. Effen things get outta hand, we'll deal with that when it comes.

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Nelly Nuthatch knew when she reported to Cobina about the kerfuffle concerning the New England Brewing Company plan to put a restaurant/brewery down there she was gonna git some blowback from the usual suspects. And, of course, when we editorialized that there should be a committee to look into what should go down there, one of the usual suspects couldn't wait to remind us about it, and ask us to read it – which we did when it came out.

But what said suspects don't understand is, things change. This ain't 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010 or even 2020. Plans that were put in place need to be reviewed. There was only one set of items that were set in stone that we're aware of.

Putting a new committee together to review – and find out what kind of practical things will be the least controversial might be the way to go. What the usual suspects don't remember is that Cobina and others have been in this shoreline scene for the better part o' 50 years. We ain't newcomers to this. There is a growing understanding that things hafta happen down at the shore to enhance both the tourism o' the place, and the taxability of the place. Nobody wants to see high-rises or big megamalls, but there are things that we can all agree on – maybe.

Now we are hearing that the plan might not be off the table, which gives one the impression this might've been some type of gambit – or is that too suspicious? And the fack another restaurant is looking at the site might've even put a monkey wrench in the gambit effen it was, indeed, the situation.

Even Jimmies of Savin Rock had to git into the act cuz it was taking quite the hit from

the public, and came out and said it was "disappointed" about the pulling of he project a few weeks back. Quite something!

The pernt is the shore is still a place of contentious debate amongst the many who're still interested. Having some cool-headed discussions and reviewing plans from the past might be the way to go. The city's crown jewel is still its best opportunity to expand the tax base. The question before the house is "how."

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Meanwhile, Mike Mercuriano was seen in these parts and is letting everyone know his plan to rehab and add onto the current building for a museum and carousel is the way to go. Mike has pushed the city's history as a resort town and still believes we should do things to exploit that history. The carousel idea has been floating about for almost 30 years, and the original idea was an addition to the Conference Center to house the pavilion.

Mike even went so far as to bring in the barrel organ that used to be played in the old Savin Rock carousel on Beach Street to stoke interest. The idea has kind of waned, but not for Mercuriano. He thinks a West Haven museum along with the carousel is an idea that still could be developed.

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With it now being late October, we in the office are soon expecting our annual missive from Bill Ewry of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. It won't be long before he and his minions will be looking for donations and setch and registering people for the event. Who knows, maybe it'll even be back at the Fellowship Hall of the Congregational Church. We'll see. We're expecting that note any time now.

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Cobina was out in her gassamobuggy this week and traversed past the high school. It looks liek the company in charge of putting in the track is ready to make the final touches on the project, whihc will make the facility useable again.

That will make fans of the locals happy as the kiddes have been playing at Veterans Field for the last few weeks.

Whilst that is going on, the softball field has been ripped up and is being prepped to become the latest of artifical surfaces in our little berg.

It is quite interesting how the process takes place, I must say. I know that people are looking forward to things being completed over there. Yew know how this town is when it comes to their high school teams...that ain't a bad thing.

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

*Cobina*

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# Street sign memorializes John Ziada

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

The family of the late Z's Corner Cafe owner John "Johnny Z" Ziada will unveil a street sign christening the cafe's landmark corner of Campbell Avenue and Court Street as "Z's Corner."

On Saturday, just steps

from the cafe's front door, Ziada's wife, Susie, and their daughters, Samira and Zienna, will pull off a shroud draped from a utility pole to reveal the Kelly green sign in memory of the popular restaurateur and spirited volunteer.

The ceremony is set for 6 p.m. and will take place in

front of loved ones, friends, patrons and city leaders, including Mayor Nancy R. Rossi. The public is invited.

Other family members joining the celebration will include Ziada's father, Sami Ziada; his sister, Adele Gaudino; and his brothers-in-law, Porky Gaudino and Andy Sharpe.

Ziada, who had owned and operated Z's Corner Cafe since 1997, died Feb. 10, 2022, after having pancreatic cancer. He was predeceased by his mother, Samira Dabai Ziada.

Rossi said the rectangular street sign, bearing a white border with bold white lettering, will immortalize Ziada's legacy of volunteerism in the city he called home for 53 years.

After the sign unveiling, new local cover band The Richie, Rob & Bobby Show, featuring Richie Weber, Rob Hames and Bobby Moran, will play a special tribute concert celebrating their longtime friend, the incomparable Johnny Z.

Weber, the trio's drummer and Carrigan Intermediate School's principal, said Ziada was the rock of the West Haven music scene who gave many up-and-coming bands their first gig.

The free show will take place at Z's, of course — the live music mecca that Ziada built at 407 Campbell Ave.

Rossi said the civic-minded Ziada dedicated much of his life to serving his community. Before his untimely passing, he devoted his time, talents

and energy to booking and coordinating the bands for the city's centennial events, Savin Rock Festival and Christmas tree lighting, as well as the WimBash music festival.

On Aug. 28, the City Council honored the Ziada family

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The late Z's Corner Cafe owner John "Johnny Z" Ziada.

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Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tours begin at the Poli House at 686 Savin Avenue.

University of New Haven theater students are collaborating with the West Haven Historical Society on the annual Graveyard Lantern Tour. This spooky local event, which "resurrects" several long dead West Haveners who are buried in the graveyards in the center of town. Join the West Haven Community and get ready for Halloween!



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## Helping our neighbors

As we head into the holiday season – yes, it will be on us before we know it – our attention seems to turn, naturally, toward helping those who are in need. Based on what we've seen statistically over the last few years and weeks, that number is growing at a pace not seen in decades. Fueled by a decade and a half of quantitative easing, billions of dollars were pumped into the system.

Begun in the administration of President Barack Obama, the measure was supposed to be a temporary one, to help the economy after the banking collapse of 2008. Instead, it was continued with interest rates the lowest in history. Meanwhile, federal spending rampaged with deficits under both Democratic and Republican administrations. One must remember the stimulus fight of 2008 in the wake of the banking debacle, would have pushed the national deficit to more than \$9 trillion.

Fiscal policies helped fuel a spending spree where the national deficit to \$33 trillion, and now surpasses our Gross Domestic Product. The pandemic of 2020 had its own hand in this bad policy, with stimulus checks given to all citizens.

Eventually, the money fountain had to stop. Interest rates are now climbing, and, with it, inflation, due to all the dollars in the system. The boom of the pre-Covid years has now become the inflation spiral we now witness. Real wages have decreased in buying power, prices for commodities as well as things like homes and rentals have skyrocketed.

While state and private agencies are geared toward helping the needy. The influx of those needing assistance has been staggering.

We in West Haven cannot conquer the issue of inflation, but we can ease the pain. West Haveners have always been generous when it comes to helping neighbors. That need is more pronounced now than it has been in quite some time.

The premier agency in our community is, of course, WHEAT, the West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce. Begun by the West Haven Clergy Association more than 40 years ago, it has become the go-to place for people to donate food, clothing, and other necessities.

While WHEAT has expanded some of its services over the years, or attempted other services only to determine it is outside its purview, it remains, primarily, a place where needy families can get assistance with foodstuffs, and advice on where to get other help. And while it keeps to its original mandate, it also depends on the people who have made the work it does possible.

Over the next several weeks local civic and fraternal organizations, which are a major part of the donation process, will pick up their efforts. Food donation requests will increase, toy drives and coat drives will be organized. While things might be tight financially in your own lives, we urge you to take part in these efforts.

As we stated above, West Haven's residents have always been generous in their aid to those in need. "Neighbor helping neighbor," the original motto of WHEAT, is something we do very well.

Churches collect food year-round and will redouble their efforts over the next several weeks. The same is true of many organizations in the city. Be part of it. Things are difficult for everyone these days, but there is always someone who needs a bit more.

West Haven prides itself as a giving community. We know it will do so again as the holiday season nears.



## Israel is not a colonial state

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

It doesn't take long to read or listen to anti-Israel advocacy before the word "colonial" or "colonialism" is hurled at the Jewish state.

After the spasm of Hamas murder, rape, and kidnapping over the weekend, the U.S. Palestinian Community Network exclaimed, "Our people are waging an anti-colonial, anti-occupation, and anti-Zionist liberation struggle!"

According to an anti-Israel statement signed by dozens of student groups at Harvard, Israel is undertaking "colonial retaliation."

An academic cottage industry is devoted to deeming Israel a decades-long exercise in "settler colonialism," and Hamas itself is partial to the term.

The use of the word "colonial" in all its forms isn't meant to accurately describe reality or clarify anything; rather it is a term of abuse wielded to delegitimize Israel and justify every means of resisting its very existence.

The "colonial" smear can't survive contact with the slightest critical scrutiny.

First of all, the original Jewish settlers in the late 19th and early 20th centuries weren't sent by any mother country to set up enclaves for the honor

and profit of the homeland. To the contrary, they were escaping countries that, in many cases, didn't want them. It would have been perverse for Jews to have sought, say, to establish an outpost of Russia in the Levant, given the atrocities routinely carried out against them on Russian soil.

They thought of their venture as a return to a place that Jews had inhabited for thousands of years.

Indeed, the colonialism charge raises the question of how an indigenous people can be colonizers?

The Jewish people have had a connection to Israel since Abraham. The people became fundamentally identified with the land; indeed, they were synonymous. The land was a locus of the Jewish faith -- the site of its holy city, Jerusalem; the place where many religious commandments, the mitzvot, were supposed to be performed; the object of yearning after the dispossession of Ancient Israel ("Next year in Jerusalem").

There is a reason that Zionists had no interest in settling in Uganda, as was proposed in the early 20th century.

On top of this, Israel has been willing at key junctures, notably right at the beginning in 1948, to accept a two-state solution.

The Palestinians must be counted among the worst nationalists the world has ever known: They have repeatedly rejected opportunities to obtain a nation-state because they hate Israel's legitimate national aspirations more than they love their own.

In one sense, Israel's ultimate offense is to have won defensive wars fought against antagonists seeking to wipe it from the map.

As for Gaza, Israel ended its occupation nearly 20 years ago. It wanted to wash its hands of the place as much as possible, an understandable impulse but one that has proved unsustainable. Hamas won legislative elections in 2006 and then expelled the rival Palestinian group Fatah in a factional war. In total control, Hamas proceeded to make Gaza a base for conducting armed operations against Israel.

Israel's failing here wasn't so much heavy-handedness -- although it took measures to protect itself from the threat in Gaza, as did Egypt -- but the naive belief it could reach a de facto accommodation with a Hamas that would misrule Gaza for its own ends while not becoming too dire a threat to Israel. Its mass terror attack on Israel ends that delusion.

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## 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.

## Letters

### Objects to Nelly's characterization

1Apropos of the October 5 Dear Felicia column, please retire "Nelly Nuthatch," or whoever likes to dress up and play her in the West Haven Voice. If there is one thing West Haven does not need, it is more rumor and unfounded gossip.

To my knowledge, the Land Trust voiced no objection to the revised NEBCo proposal. The objections that resulted in suits being brought initially were —principally— the inappropriateness of a manufacturing facility in the rezoned parcel, the inappropriate granting of variances, the flouting of the recommendations of our Plan of Conservation and Development, and the disregard of a Connecticut State easement, as well as a number of other issues, all of which were legitimate.

The objections to the revised proposal raised at the August 28th City Council meeting came from Council members who focused on some sticky issues, including the fact that the City would be leasing to a developer not NEBCo itself, and the developer had the right to install another tenant if NEBCo went away for some reason. To my knowledge, no Land Trust members spoke.

This constant banging on the Land Trust is tiresome. It might fly if proper development efforts were being made in other parts of the City but, as all can see, that isn't the case. The problem here is not the Land Trust. The problem is that City management does not know what it is doing. It does not know how to do its due diligence nor does it follow best practices. That's where "Nelly" or "Felicia" should focus their critical faculties, such as they are. As far as your editorial comment about the Land Trust, "we know what they do not want, we can never figure out what they favor" goes, the Land Trust invited NEBCo to come and meet with the Board when the initial project was announced. NEBCo refused.

*RD Parsons*

### Mullins rides with PD to show support

This past Saturday afternoon into the evening (C-Shift), I had the opportunity to participate in a ride along with a young West Haven police officer. Out of respect for the privacy of said officer, I'm not mentioning his or her name, nor the details of the calls that we participated in.

I feel that it is vitally important as a candidate for mayor and for our other city officials to know first hand about what our men and women in blue go through to protect and serve the 55,000 citizens that call West Haven home. As I have stated at City Council meetings in the past, City Councilors should take advantage of a ride-along opportunity, especially during the annual budgeting process. West Haven has the finest and best trained police department in the State of Connecticut. I'm not being bias. I have heard it from police personnel from all over. Chief Perno and staff, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!

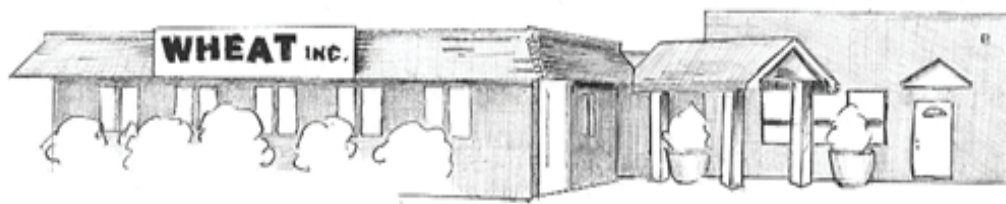
*Steven R. Mullins*



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### Bougie Thrift Boutique opens

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, center, cuts the ribbon with Bougie Thrift Boutique owner Kimberly Turner, left, and business director Kelly Turner to celebrate the store's grand opening at 86 Campbell Ave. on Oct. 10. Joining them is Simon McDonald, the director of membership and marketing at the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce. The new consignment shop offers eclectic fashion for all tastes and is located in the lower Campbell Avenue business district, nestled in a plaza of small businesses near Captain Thomas Boulevard.



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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### Jarjura endorses Mullins

Former Waterbury Democrat Mayor Michael Jarjura came to West Haven City Hall Monday afternoon to formally endorse the write-in candidacy of Steven R. Mullins for mayor of West Haven.

In 2005, Jarjura was elected Mayor as a write-in candidate in Waterbury. There, he fought against corruption and fiscal mismanagement following the arrest of Republican Mayor Phillip Giordano0.

"I know that Steven will do an excellent job at restoring financial integrity to the great City of West Haven," said Jarjura, who is now a practicing attorney-at-law.

In addition to Jarjura, Mullins received the endorsements of Republican City Councilwoman-at-Large Colleen O'Connor, as well as Republican 6th District Council candidate Dominic Konareski.

"He's not only active in the community at election time. He's active every single day, seven days a week," Konareski said.

O'Connor, who is seeking re-election on the Independent Party ticket was unable to attend the endorsement event in person, but sent a statement that was read by Konareski.

"Steven Mullins has done so much for West Haven. He has worked with all sides and just wants to do the correct thing for the whole city. I believe if elected Steve will do a wonderful job as mayor," she said.

Jimmie Griffin, past President of the Greater Waterbury Chapter of the NAACP, who recently moved to West Haven was also on hand to give his support, along with his wife.



Photo by: Marilyn Nunez

Former Waterbury Democrat Mayor Michael Jarjura endorses West Haven Write-In candidate for Mayor Steven R. Mullins on the Main Street steps of West Haven City Hall on Monday afternoon. Jarjura was elected Mayor of Waterbury in a write-in in 2005.

### Ziada: New street sign honors businessman

Continued from page 3 during its meeting at City Hall, where the Z's Corner sign was shown to the public for the first time.

The sign effort was led by Councilwomen Colleen O'Connor, R-at large, and Bridgette J. Hoskie, D-1, who represents the district that includes Z's.

According to those who knew him best, Ziada gave hope and help to countless West Haveners through the years. He is the embodiment of service and the definition of a true Westie.

So stop by Z's on Saturday night to toast Johnny, say hello to Susie and the girls, and rock out to The Richie, Rob & Bobby Show.

Do it for Johnny.

### Lowry: A silly argument

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If nothing else, the accusation of colonialism is very telling. There is one country in the roll call of nations that doesn't deserve to exist. One people that doesn't deserve a homeland. One people who, despite being subjected to hideous persecutions over the centuries and being constantly attacked today, is supposedly guilty of every possible crime.

And it happens to be Israel and its Jewish inhabitants.

The Hamas attack was just a taste of what it would do to Israel if it had the power -- extricate an indigenous people from their homeland in the most brutal fashion possible, in the name, of course, of anti-colonialism.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# Residents organize Peace Vigil on Green

Last week City resident Karen S. Elimelech organized a peace vigil for Israel at the John Ireland Bandstand at the West Haven Green. With the help of former Mayor Ed O'Brien and 8th District Councilman Victor Borras, the vigil was planned in less than twenty-four hours. About 35 residents attended the vigil that was called in the wake of the Hamas attacks on Israel two weekends ago.

"This is very close to heart for me, because it is a humanitarian cause. I also have a lot of family fighting in this war in the fighting units." Said Elimelech.

The gathering included a wide range of ethnicities and religions. In his remarks, Steven R. Mullins called it, "A magnificent example of peace. West Haven is the type of community that comes together in times of crisis."

Also attending were clergy members from the First Congregational Church, Vertical Church, Gateway Church and Congregation Chabad of Milford, as well as State Representative and Democrat-endorsed candidate for Mayor Dorinda Borer and 5th District Councilwoman Robbin Watt Hamilton.

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit lay-minister Jackie Lewis read a litany of prayers for peace.



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More than 30 people attended a peace vigil on the Green last week, hoping for a quick end to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.



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### 'Way to Go!' award

Donato Cappetta, the owner of Cappetta's Italian Imports, Pizza & Catering in Allingtown, receives the "Way to Go!" award from the West Haven Interagency Network for Children on Oct. 11. Cappetta was presented with the award at his Route 1 business by city Youth and Family Services Director Diane Dietman for "your support and generous donation to families of children with special needs at our Meatball Sub fundraiser event." The Way to Go program recognizes those

## At a Glance

### Parish plans food collection

The Social Justice Committee of St John XXIII Parish in West Haven will sponsor a Food Drive to benefit WHEAT and the Purple Pantry Box on the weekend of Nov. 4 and 5. Please bring donations to all Masses at St John Vianney Church (300 Captain Thomas Blvd.) or to St Louis Church (89 Bull Hill Lane). Masses are Saturday at 4:30, Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 at St John Vianney; Masses are Saturday at 4, Sunday at 9, 10:30, 12:30 at St Louis. Place your donations in front of the altar before Mass.

Those unable to bring your donation to church, are asked to call Charlie, (203) 934-9740, and he will pick it up at your house. Suggested items are canned cranberry sauce and instant mashed potatoes for the pantry at WHEAT and canned meat, tuna, macaroni & cheese for the Purple Pantry Box. Money donations are also gratefully accepted — cash or checks payable to WHEAT.

### City offers energy assistance

The city is accepting applications for the federally funded Connecticut Energy Assistance Program. Appointments for all heating sources can be made by calling (203) 937-3572.

Applications will be processed via phone by appointment Monday through Thursday. No walk-ins will be accepted.

Eligibility for assistance is based on the income of an applicant's household.

To qualify, applicants must provide pay stubs, including monthly Social Security benefits and pension incomes, for all household members 18 and older.

Applicants must also provide SNAP benefits, Social Security numbers and birthdates for all household members, as well as current utility and water bills for the household.

### Mullins assails slight at debate

The West Haven write-in candidate for mayor was excluded from yesterday's debate at the West Haven High School Auditorium. Steven R. Mullins, write-in candidate, assailed the decision by the UNH Mayor's Advisory Committee on the slight.

According to Dr. Chris Haynes, Professor of the political science department at the University, Mullins, a longtime City Planning and Zoning Commissioner, who is a member of the Republican Town Committee, is not a viable candidate and cannot prove that he can garner more than 10% of the vote.

"After consulting with a number of people, we decided to only include the major party endorsed candidates," Haynes said in a texted Facebook message to Mullins. He was not clear with whom he consulted.

Wednesday night, Mullins disputed his exclusion. "If I am not allowed to participate, this debate is illegitimate," he said. "It is wrong for a UNH professor that does not live in West Haven to choose the candidates that West Haven voters are allowed to hear from. My absence from the debate is a disservice to the voters of West Haven."

### Final senior bus trip of year set

The West Haven Senior Center is offering a bus trip to Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts on Dec. 8.

Day-trippers can tour the holiday-decorated village to learn about the origins of Christmas traditions, taste holiday treats, ride the horse-drawn carryall, see demonstrations and shop village-made products.

The cost is \$145 and includes transportation, driver gratuity, admission to the village and a "holiday" buffet lunch at Wight Farm.

Payment is due Nov. 10.

The bus departs at 10:30 a.m. from the Veterans Memorial Park parking lot at 91 Bull Hill Lane, the former Nike site, and leaves around 4:30 p.m. from Sturbridge.

Nonmembers of the senior center and nonresidents are welcome.

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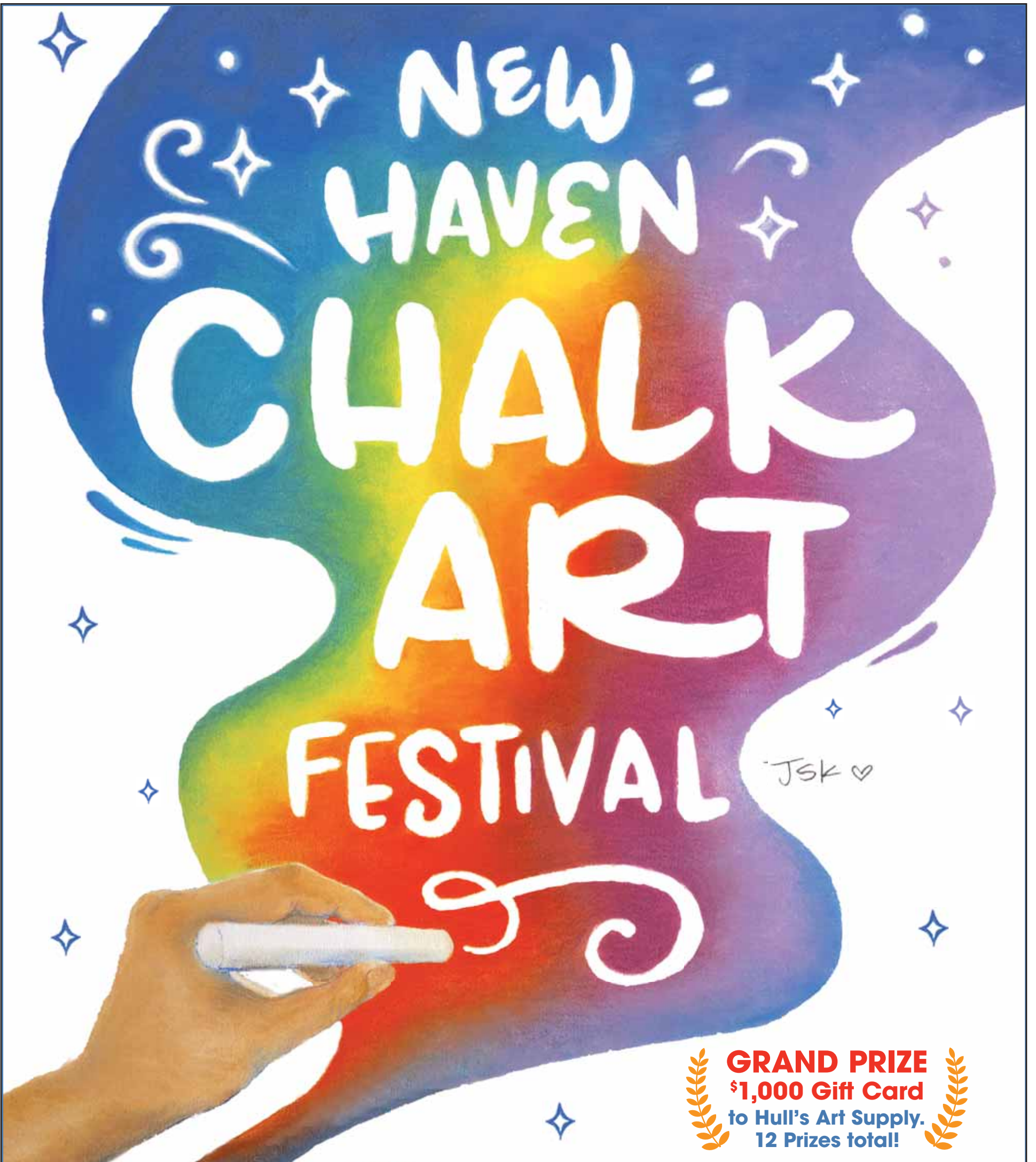
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**Jack-o'-lantern art**  
Artists from West Haven Community House's Forest Afterschool program show their Halloween spirit

## Chalk Art festival returns Saturday

The Shops at Yale is thrilled to announce the 6th annual New Haven Chalk Art Festival on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 12-4 p.m. The rain date for this event is Sunday, Oct. 22.

Enjoy a day of art, music, and family entertainment in the heart of Downtown New Haven. Stroll the Chapel and Broadway Districts to view and vote on elaborate fall-inspired chalk art designs made by roughly 65 professional and amateur artists at two locations — Broadway Island, 56 Broadway, and the Yale University Art Gallery patio, 1111 Chapel Street. The event will feature live jazz from local musicians, a strolling magician, craft activities, exclusive shopping & dining offers, and more. This event is free and open to the public, with free parking available at the 150 York Street Garage from 11am-6pm with a validation stamp at The Shops at Yale tent on Broadway Island during the event.

Kids can take part in the fun at the Family Fun Zone, located in the Ezra Stiles College courtyard behind Apple, where they can draw freestyle with free chalk provided by the Broadway Merchants Association and receive free professional drawing lessons from artist Kristy Lankford. Free face painting will also be available in the Family Fun Zone.

New this year, The Shops at Yale has assembled fantastic shopping and dining offers that are redeemable during the event using special vouchers available at The Shops at Yale tables. Offers include up to 25% off at retailers on Chapel Street and Broadway, and a variety of food options for \$1.99 each, including a 24oz smoothie, chips & salsa, a slice of pizza, chicken teriyaki, and more!

"I've had a great experience with The Shops at Yale's art events. They are very well organized and a lot of fun!" says Jessica Stephen-Kuser, a local artist who participated in the Music & Murals Series on Broadway Island in August. "As an artist, it feels good to work right out into the community, share the good vibes, and be part of an event that brings people together. I'm excited to see all the creativity at the Chalk Art Festival this October and to have a day making art for everyone to enjoy!" (Jessica created the 2023 event poster.)

Artists interested in participating must register in advance to reserve a space. Age divisions include: Teen (ages 13-17), Adult (ages 18+), or Adult Group (18+ with a minimum of two artists). More than \$2,500 in gift cards will be awarded to the top winners. There is no entry fee for the contest. Walk-ups at registration on Broadway Island will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 12pm as space allows.

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# Ferraro honored as Italian of Year

By Michael P Walsh  
Special to the Voice

Republican state Rep. Charles J. Ferraro, a world-class martial artist and an ambassador of his proud Italian ancestry, received the city's Italian American of the Year award at the 24th annual Italian Heritage Celebration on Oct. 6.

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and the West Haven Italian Heritage Committee honored Ferraro, the grandson of emigrant grandparents from the Campania capital of Naples, Italy, during a midday ceremony in the Harriet C. North Community Room of City Hall. The program, traditionally held on the steps of City Hall, was moved indoors because of inclement weather. The award is bestowed annually on an Italian resident or couple who personifies service in West Haven's close-knit Italian community.

As the sound of Italian music filled the room at the half-hour cultural event, Ferraro, 70, a lifelong Westie, saluted his Italian lineage with colleagues, friends and loved ones, including his wife, the former GERALYN ANN DeMAIO.

Along with descendants of folks from the old country, Ferraro was joined by an array of city employees and residents, fire officials, and local and state leaders, including West Haven Democratic Rep. Dorinda Borer, Milford Republican Rep. Kathy Kennedy, and Milford Democratic Sen. James Maroney, who read and presented Ferraro with a General Assembly citation on behalf of West Haven's delegation. Ferraro, who represents the 117th District of West Haven, Orange and Milford, was also joined by other local leaders, including North Haven First Selectman Michael J. Freda, a native of West Haven, as well as local business executives, including Simon McDonald, the director of membership and marketing at the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The honoree also received an Italian flag from Paul M. Frosolone, the president of the West Haven Italian American Civic Association, and Debbie Giordano, the vice president of the association's Ladies Auxiliary.

Accepting the Italian American of the Year award, Ferraro told the standing room-only crowd, some donning red, white and green, that he appreciated the recognition and thanked his fellow legislators, the mayor, the committee and his wife.

"I'm honored and humbled and filled with gratitude as I stand before you today," Ferraro said. "I want to extend

my heartfelt thanks to the mayor and to the Italian Heritage Committee for selecting me for this honor. I couldn't be prouder of our Italian heritage.

Rossi read and presented a mayoral citation praising Ferraro's public service, civic-minded contributions, and nearly half-century in martial arts as an artist, a grandmaster and a business owner.

"Since the beginning of your first term in 2014, you have been one of Connecticut's finest representatives, helping to bring about enduring progress for the communities you serve in the 117th District and for our state as a whole," Rossi said. "It is clear you have lifted up the state and city you love in lasting ways."

Rossi then presented Fer-

raro, a member of the General Assembly's Italian American Legislative Caucus, with an embroidered "Italian American of the Year 2023" jacket.

Ferraro, a Republican whip who maintains discipline and enforces attendance for the party, is the ranking member of the Energy and Technology Committee and serves on the Human Services and Veterans committees.

During his five terms, Rossi said Ferraro has been "a powerful champion for renewable energy, public safety and health care, along with helping small businesses thrive, making Connecticut more business-friendly, and creating policies and providing funding for programs for older adults and veterans."

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh

State Rep. Charles J. Ferraro (R-117) receives an embroidered "Italian American of the Year 2023" jacket from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi at the city's 24th annual Italian Heritage Celebration.



Steven Mullins

# Mullins

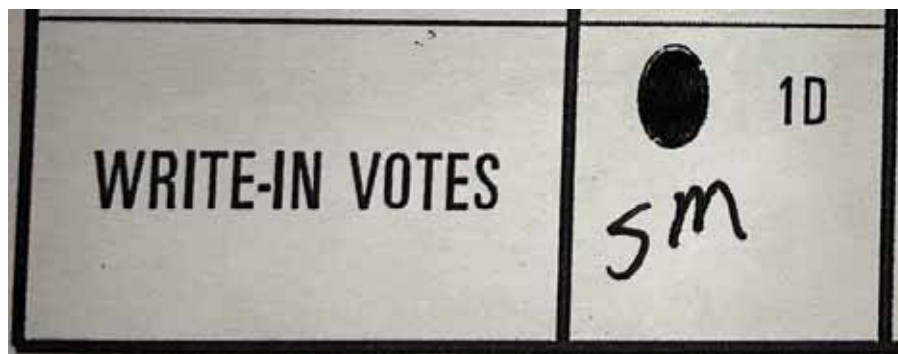
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# Expo: Theme is prevention during '23 event

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Fire Sprinkler Coalition to show the importance of home sprinklers, which can save lives and reduce property damage, Flood said.

West Haven and West Shore firefighters also demonstrated the Jaws of Life tool by prying open parts of two vehicles to free those trapped inside. The vehicles were provided by Bruneau's Garage of West Haven.

As part of Allingtown's Child Safety Car Seat Installation and Inspection Program, Capt. Jason Cameron and firefighter John Kennedy installed car seats for people. They also inspected those already installed to ensure that the portable seats were properly fastened for securing small children. The department has installed more than 100 car seats in the past two years.

Representatives from the Marine Corps and Coast Guard and members of the University of New Haven's Fire Science Club presented information on programs. Members of the UNH club also showed children and adults how to use a fire extinguisher.

Members of West Haven Boy Scout Troop 821, the first all-girl Boy Scouts of America troop established in the United States, sold a variety of popcorn for their fundraiser. The troop's charter sponsor is the Allingtown Fire Department, led by liaison John Ordazzo, a department firefighter since 1999.

Retired West Haven fire Lt. William Heffernan III, the de-

partment's historian, showed his 1920 Ford Model T fire-truck while his son, volunteer William Heffernan IV, sold merchandise commemorating the department's 125th anniversary, including books, coins, mugs, placemats, pewter Christmas ornaments, and pin and patch sets.

Acting Director Katy Ronan Vecellio and dispatcher Rich Standish of the 911 Communications Center at West Haven police headquarters educated people on the city's Emergency Reporting System and handed out coloring books, emergency care kits and other informational materials.

Trooper Kyle Faucher of the Connecticut State Police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit and his arson dog, Aruba, put on a demonstration, and West Haven police officers gave out informational materials on public safety, crime prevention and law enforcement programs, along with coloring books, mugs and key rings.

Public health nurse Stacie L. Walsh of the city Health Department took blood pressures and displayed information on emergency preparedness, healthy eating and stroke education. Walsh also passed out medication sorters and mosquito repellent bands.

Members of Yale School of Medicine's Pathology Department performed saliva tests to screen for COVID-19.

In conjunction with the expo, West Haven's legion of veterans groups held "Veterans Bash at the Beach," rescheduled from two days ear-



lier because of rain.

The five-hour bash, in support of West Haven's veterans, featured food trucks, live music and nonprofit organizations.

The free event was sponsored by Surfside Veterans, the West Haven Veterans Council, West Haven Vietnam Veterans and the West Haven Veterans Museum.

Photo by Michael P. Walsh

**Above -- Retired West Haven Fire Department Lt. William Heffernan III, the department's historian, sits in his 1920 Ford Model T firetruck while his son, volunteer William Heffernan IV, sells merchandise commemorating the department's 125th anniversary. Right --Trooper Kyle Faucher of the Connecticut State Police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit kneels with his arson dog, Aruba, after a demonstration.**





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leaks oil that parks in front of several houses and leaves a puddle that my neighbors and I have to put cat litter to try and absorb it. My two concerns are environmental, what

goes in the ground goes in the

sound. My second concern is it looks very unsightly and will eventually ruin the street. My neighbors spoke to the landlord with no avail.

## Historical Society hosts Graveyard Tour, Saturday

A popular Halloween event that brings city historical figures to life will once again happen this weekend. The West Haven Historical Society's Graveyard Lantern Tour is scheduled for this Saturday Oct.21.

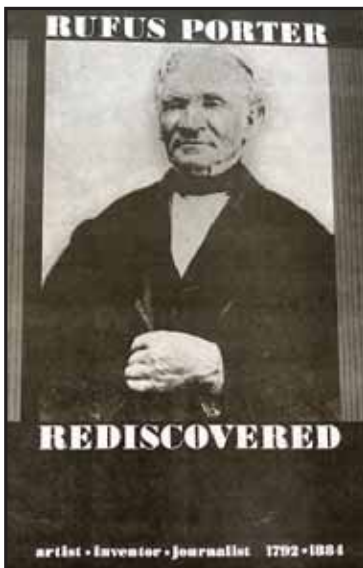
Tours begin at the Poli House, 686 Savin Ave., from 5- 7:30 p.m.. Price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under.

This year five people will be "resurrected" for the evening and will share their life stories.

Among the decedents are two people pictured here: Pauline Lang, a principal founder of the West Haven Community House and Rufus Porter, a frequent visitor to West Haven who is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

He was an "itinerant painter" who gained prominence as a muralist throughout New England and became first publisher/owner of what is today the journal Scientific America.

Groups will be escorted to the Green and there met by members of the Historical Society who will lead each group to the Old Burial Grounds. There is no rain date for this event.



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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## The Old Burial Ground

(As written by Bob Shine, September, 2003.)

In about 1700, the Old Burial Ground was established, and was located at the intersection of what is today Campbell Avenue and Church Street. With the founding of the Congregational Church in 1719, and Christ Episcopal Church in 1723, the two churches assumed joint responsibility for its upkeep and maintenance.

The two sections that now

exist on each side of Church Street were a single cemetery until 1857. At that time, the churches jointly agreed to what is now Church Street, thus splitting the cemetery.

Church Records indicate that the oldest gravestone legible shows a burial date of 1711. As early as 1710, a committee of West Side area citizens negotiated with one Eliphalet Bristol for the title of seven acres of land located in the center of their community.

This land was considered by many as useless since its marshes (since piped away) posed a threat to stray livestock. Actually, Old Field Creek rose on the southwest corner of the Green, crossed over Campbell, Washington, and Peck Avenues, whence it flowed into Long Island Sound near First Avenue.

However, the Committee regarded it as an opportunity for converting this land into the village Green, and the future

location of the Congregational Church. Included in this land transaction was the old Burial Ground, which in 1665, was first fenced in to keep livestock out.

In 1818, the Church Ecclesiastical Society voted to allow the pasturing of sheep only in the Old Burial Ground. At about the same time, the church voted to hire a gravedigger, and a parishioner donated a horse-drawn hearse to the church and Burial Grounds. Since the hearse could not be kept outside, a hearse-house was built on the Green, to the chagrin of a number of citizens of the town.

(I can add to my father's report the testimony of Harriet North, that the iron fence which now surrounds the cemetery was fabricated in 1900 "by a local blacksmith at a cost of \$1000.")



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



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## *Nighthawks visit Westies, Friday; volleyball team heads to tourney*



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Top -- West Haven swim team celebrated their seniors Amber Militrano, Isabella DeLaura, Lauren Blake and Khando Dorjee. Right -- Shannon Hoey gets the bump for the Westies against Law. Below -- than Masoperh heads the ball on a corner kick for the Blue Devils versus the Governors.



Nick Conlan and Camren Kemp love the diversity of the West Haven offense. The pair has every reason.

Behind three touchdown runs and a touchdown pass from Conlan, and 156 yards rushing and a score from Kemp on his birthday, West Haven rolled to a 47-21 victory over Hamden in a Southern Connecticut Conference contest at Hamden High just before having the mandatory bye week. The Westies play the North Haven Nighthawks at Ken Strong Stadium, Friday.

Conlan was on the money as well, connecting on 11-of-17 passes for 165 yards and the touchdown pass to Demarco Eady to give the Westies a 6-0 lead on the opening possession of the game.

The Westies, ranked second in the GameTimeCT Top 10 poll, outgained Hamden 259-167 in the opening half, and it was big plays which had the momentum switching sides in the first 24 minutes.

Behind Conlan, West Haven gained 432 yards in the game and jumped out to a 20-0 lead before the Green Dragons stormed back.

Hamden used a 10-play, 66 -yard drive to get within 20-7 when Charles Hebron ran in from 2 yards out with 6:12 to go in the half, but it was a 35-yard connection between Jerard Gibson Jr. and Shijuan Young Jr. to the West Haven 40 on fourth down which gave Hamden life.

After stopping West Haven on its next possession, the Green Dragons looked as if they were taking control of the game, but West Haven's Andrevion Dixon intercepted a Gibson pass inside the 10-yard line with 1:19 to go in the half.

That play by Dixon allowed West Haven to take a 26-7 lead at the break as Camren Kemp raced in from 64 yards out with 10 seconds remaining in the half.

The Green Dragons looked to get back in the game, but after stalling on its opening drive of the third quarter, Hamden watched West Haven take a 33-7 lead when Conlan ran in from 13 yards out.

Hebron's second touchdown of the game got Hamden within 19, but West Haven iced the game with two touchdowns in less than 30 seconds.

Ya'Hinus Mercer scored from one yard out, before Avyon Graham intercepted Gibson on Hamden's next offensive possession and returned the pick 12 yards for the score and a 47-14 lead.

West Haven set the tone of the game early as the Westies clicked on all cylinders, outgaining the Green Dragons 169-49 in the opening quarter, which saw the Westies take a 20-0 lead.

The Westies needed just five plays to go 49 yards to start the game, capped by a Conlan to Eady 35-yard touchdown connection.

After Hamden was stopped at the West Haven 10 on its initial possession of the game, West Haven marched 90 yards in 12 plays to take a 12-0 lead. The drive was kept alive on fourth and long because of a Hamden personal foul, and the Westies capitalized when Conlan ran in from 10 yards out with 2:13 left in the first quarter.

The momentum continued for the Westies when Jayden Franklin recovered a Hamden fumble three plays later.

Conlan made Hamden pay when he scored on a 40-yard run. Armani Reid then took a bad snap and ran in the conversion for the 20-0 lead as time expired in the opening quarter.

Devin Sanders led Hamden with 105 yards rushing, while Gibson finished with 155 yards in the air and two interceptions.

The girls volleyball team won its second consecutive match with a 3-0 victory over Hillhouse. With the 25-8, 25-13, 25-12 home win, West Haven improved to 6-5 on the year.

Hudanur Sahin and Sarah Davey ran the offense as Sahin had 10 assists and Davey finished with eight assists. Sahin also added four aces and three digs.

Olivia McDonnell had eight kills and three digs, Sam Close had eight kills, Bianka Portugal Morales finished with five aces,

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Above -- Alison Frazer bumps the ball versus Jonathan Law. Right -- Amanda Fagnani swims the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard Individual Medley versus Sheehan.

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three digs, and two kills, Shannon Hoey added five aces, Alison Frazer had four digs, and Kemely Gomes-Soares and Maddie Scillia each had three aces in the win.

West Haven traveled to Guilford riding a two-game winning streak. That streak ended abruptly with a 25-13, 25-23, 25-17 loss to the Grizzlies.

With the defeat, West Haven fell to 6-6 on the year and needs two more wins to qualify for postseason play.

Frazer led the defense with

13 digs, Portugal Morales had 10 digs, while also adding four kills. Sahin had nine digs and seven assists, McDonnell added nine kills, and Hoey chipped in seven digs in the loss. Davey ran the offense with nine assists.

West Haven got back on the winning track with a 3-0 victory at Foran. The Westies improved to 7-6 with a 28-26, 25-17, 25-17 victory over the Lions.

Sahin ran the offense with 23 assists, while adding eight digs on defense. Portugal Morales and Hoey each had 12

digs, with Portugal Morales also chipping in six kills and three aces.

Frazer had 10 digs, McDonnell added nine kills, seven digs, and five blocks, Scillia had nine digs, Close added eight kills, and Camila Queiroz had six digs.

In a back-and-forth battle, West Haven fell to Jonathan Law 3-2. The Westies fell 25-16, 14-25, 19-25, 25-19, 15-12 and fell to 7-7 on the year.

Sahin played extremely well with 19 digs and 19 assists, while McDonnell had 12 kills and six aces.

Portugal Morales had 23 digs and five kills, Scillia added 11 digs and five aces, and Close had five kills.

West Haven is headed to the postseason. With a 25-14, 25-10, 25-17 victory at Career, the Westies improved to 8-7 on the year.

Sahin led the way for the Westies with 21 assists, four aces and two digs. Morales had 11 aces, seven digs, and four kills, McDonnell added eight kills and five aces, and Victalia Deida, Esther Ortiz, and Jayden Braacker each finished with four digs. Close chipped in four kills in the win.

The boys soccer team dropped its second straight decision with a 2-1 loss against Amity. The loss dropped the Westies to 6-3-1 on the year.

The Westies took a 1-0 lead when Ethan Masoperh scored off an assist from Rafael Gazcon at the 16:32 mark. Amity then scored twice in less than a minute late in the first half to take a 2-1 lead the Spartans never relinquished.

Amity held a 10-9 shot advantage in the game. Darwin Calvopina made six saves in the loss.

West Haven played to a 1-1 tie at Foran. The draw moved the Westies to 6-3-2 on the year.

West Haven got on the board early and took a 1-0 lead when Juan Vargas took a 1-0 lead at the 25-minute mark off an assist from Bobby Severino. The lead held up until 24:25 remained in the game when Foran evened the contest.

West Haven held a 10-4 shot advantage in the contest. Calvopina made two saves in the draw.

West Haven improved to 7-3-2 with a 2-0 victory at Wilbur Cross. The Westies received a solid team effort in the win.

After a scoreless first half, West Haven finally took the lead at the 62:37 mark with an unassisted goal from Matt Hunter. Severino added an insurance goal less than eight minutes later off an assist from Masoperh for West Haven's eighth win of the year.

West Haven held a 6-5 shot advantage in the contest. Calvopina made three saves in the shutout for West Haven.

West Haven fell to 7-4-2 with a 2-1 loss at Hamden. After a scoreless first half, Hamden scored twice in less than 12 minutes in the second half for a 2-0 lead and never looked back.

The Green Dragons scored at the 43:40 mark, then added a second tally 11:55 later for the two-goal lead.

West Haven cut the deficit in half at the 64:36 mark when Caleb Awuah scored off an assist from Severino. West Haven never got closer as Hamden held an 8-6 shot advantage in the contest.

Calvopina made five saves in the loss.

The girls soccer team overcame a late deficit with a stunning rally to defeat Luralton Hall, 4-3, in Milford. With the victory, West Haven inched closer to the .500 mark and improved to 3-4-1 on the year.

Jaylyn Powell led the way with two goals, Amiyah Jones

and Ariana Izzo (penalty kick) also scored, while Ariana Izzo, Annabelle Pasacreta, and Ilyanna Griffith each added an assist.

Izzo and Pasacreta picked up helpers on the goals by Powell, while Griffith assisted on the tally by Jones.

The Westies could not build off that momentum as they suffered a 7-2 road loss against Amity two days later.

The girls swim team fell to 0-6 with a 100-83 defeat at Branford.

The Westies placed second in the 200 medley relay with a team of Ava Gallipoli, Emma Dorjee, Khando Dorjee, and Emily Falanga in 2 minutes, 21.24 seconds. The 200 free relay team of Khando Dorjee, Falanga, Delia Vital, and Emily Guthrie was second in 2:07.39, and the 400 free relay team was also second with a team of Gallipoli, Caly Nyack, Guthrie, and Olivia DeLauri in 4:47.83.

Gallipoli won the 200 freestyle in 2:27.29, while Vital was third in 2:49.79. Khando Dorjee was second in the 200 IM in 2:54.04, Falanga placed second in the 50 Free in 31.77 seconds, and Vital was third in 33.69.

Madison Rowland was third in diving with 92.85 points, Nyack was third in the 100 fly in 1:26.27, while Khando Dorjee won the 100 free in 1:04.41, and Falanga placed third in 1:10.74. Gallipoli won the 500 freestyle in 6:38.11, Guthrie was third in 7:12.38, Nyack won the 100 backstroke in 1:15.28, and DeLauri placed second.

Emma Dorjee placed third in the 100 breaststroke in 1:37.86.

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City teams take WHIT championships

Columbus Day Weekend West Haven Youth Soccer hosted the WHIT, an annual tournament for travel teams. This year's addition saw 60 teams from all over the state participate. The U15 West Haven girls travel team took home the WHIT Championship with a 4-0 winning streak throughout the weekend. They started with a tough battle against New Haven. Alivia Reilly led the defense and Kylee McCourt had strong passing skills through the midfield. A hat trick by Stella Porto led West Haven to a 3-1 win. A match against Hamden saw excellent teamwork and goals by Naomi Shubin, Lulu Sebas, Arianna Throm, and Stella Porto.

West Haven took home a 4-0 win. On Sunday, a match against Stratford ended in a 3-1 win with goals by Luciana Cappetta, Stella Porto, and Kylie Gibbons. The championship game versus Ansonia ended in a 3-0 shutout. Olivia Petrie and Lulu Sebas made several excellent saves in goal. Celeste DiNallo, Arianna Throm, and Stella Porto all put one in the net for West Haven.

The West Haven U11 boys travel team also captured the WHIT Championship in its age bracket this year. On Saturday, the boys opened the tournament with a 6-0 win against New Haven. Ryan Abekah scored and was a scoring threat all weekend long. Joseph Ruiz rounded out the scoring with a brilliant one-timer into the bottom corner of the goal. Ben Trenchard, Jacon Rader, and Collin Gibbons were all solid on defense to help goalie Jaxon Cruz preserve the shut-out. In game two on Saturday, the Westies took on Hamden, coming

away with a 7-1 win. Luca DeCresenzo scored, as did Seth Empric scored off of a Abekah pass. Taha Ozhan played well in the midfield. Julian Castillo slotted home a penalty kick after being taken out in the box as he weaved his way around three defenders.

The first game on Sunday saw the Westies defeat Guilford White, 5-1. Roland Green received the ball in his own half and dribbled the length of the field before finishing off the move with a goal. Ethan Fonseca and Mason DaSilva ran the middle of the field, and both scored to lead the Westies to the win. The last game of the group stage saw West Haven take on North Branford, winning 5-0, to book their place in the finals. Adam Lamkhantar scored from the midfield in the win, as the defense and goalie were once again stellar to keep the shut-out. The U11 boys' final saw the Westies take on Guilford Green. The match was highly competitive, and the Westies eventually came out on top, 4-3. Ryan Abekah continued to be a threat, scoring two goals. Lamkhantar added one off of a brilliant free kick. Rader, Gibbons, Trenchard, Empric, and Ruiz played lockdown defense, stifling Guilford's chances. Fonseca and Castillo controlled the center of midfield, while Green and DeCresenzo worked hard on the flanks. Cruz made several key stops to help the Westies take home the title. The West Haven U11 and U12 girls travel teams also brought home the championships in their divisions.

Saturday's early game action saw the West Haven Professional Firefighters notch a

victory in a tightly contested battle over Taco Town. The final score was 5-2, with Rida Saanon leading the way in goals. Midfielder Eddie Fagnani had an exceptional game with his crisp passing setting up numerous plays. Not to be outdone, Salim Mahaini was equally strong creating opportunities. Anchoring the defense was Abraham Marmol and Ghassan Nasr. Jayden Williams was a ball hawk on the defensive line.

The cold rain pelted the players' faces but did not dampen their spirits as the Elite Soccer Camps Irish Green played to a 1-1 tie against Cappetta's Italian Imports. Exceptional goalkeeping was on display by Dylan Fonseca. Solid offensive play by Angelo Mendieta and Jude Charles led to the sole goal. Savannah Gilchrist scored once and attempted many shots as the RQ Pro Acc and Tax Services Lightning Fairies took on Nick's Luncheonette. Avalyn Wilder blocked multiple goals and scored one goal. Li-

lithBelle Warcholic was strong on defense and quick to bring the ball up the field. Mariah Casteel played with a positive attitude the entire game despite the rain.

The U14 girls travel team were back in action the weekend after the WHIT as they went on the road to Milford on Saturday, where they took home a 5-0 win. West Haven had excellent teamwork on the field and goals by Alivia Riley, Arianna Throm, Kylie Gibbons, and Francesca DeMartino.

The West Haven U11 boys travel team rounded out the weekend's action, falling 3-2 to Coginchaug in Middelfield.

Jax Guarino worked hard to keep the ball and get it forward, as Jacob Rader and Collin Gibbons once again anchored the defense and put in a solid effort. Ben Trenchard also played well on defense, and made several good passes as his team played out of the back. Ryan Abekah scored both goals, despite being marked by the opposing team.

The fall sports season is underway. 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.


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Mite teams cut it up; Midgets are on a roll

The West Haven Mite A hockey team had a tough battle on the ice against the Wonderland 8U A team. Goalender Finn McLaughlin made a number of spectacular saves in net, with Maddy Bruder playing strong defense in front of him.

Gabriella Jenei, Jack Weiss and Landon Alling put the Westies on the scoreboard. Austin Picard and JP Beebe assisted on the goals. Quinn Uscilla, Ava Healy and Brayden Gagliardi had a number of shots on goal.

West Haven headed into the weekend against a tough Mid Fairfield team. West Haven got on the board with multiple goals by Alling, Beebe, and Picard.

Gagliardi, Jenei, Uscilla, and Weiss had shots on goal. McLaughlin had a strong showing in net, with great defense from Bruder and Healy in front of him.

On Sunday, the Westies put on a showcase against the Watertown 8U White team. Every player contributed.

Alling, Gagliardi, Jenei, Picard, Uscilla and Weiss had multiple goals, and Bruder also got on the scoreboard. Healy was a presence in goal.

The West Haven Mite B hockey team played host to Mid Fairfield Black at Bennett Rink. The first ten minutes of the game were scoreless, with Maddie Demayo making multiple clutch saves in net.

Led by a hat trick from Blake Bova, the West Haven offense clicked on all cylinders. Chase Liston, Luke Salkins, and Parker Vitelli each scored multiple goals, while Dean Azano tallied an additional goal. Darcy Jacob contributed strong play on both ends of the ice in

the Mite B triumph.

The West Haven Mite B hockey team played host to the Shoreline Sharks on Saturday. Liston played a strong game in net, Bova kicked off the scoring with an impressive goal between two defenders, and Azano added multiple goals, including a breakaway score. Salkins tallied an additional goal late with an impressive top-corner wrist shot.

West Haven traveled to East Haven on Sunday to take on the Yellow Jackets. In what was a spirited effort, Bova and Salkins led the way offensively.

Callen Tagliatela played a strong game on both ends of the ice, adding multiple shots on net and several strong defensive plays. Liston again made numerous big saves in net.

The West Haven Mite C Blue team had its first home game of the year. Joseph Gaul was in net for the Blue Devils and made many excellent saves during the matchup.

Multiple goals were scored by Mena Paredes and Chloe Kendall, with another goal by Connor Gaul. Multiple shots on net were made by Paredes, Kendall and Gaul, and Nico Camera also contributed a shot on net.

On Sunday, both Mite C teams joined forces and played in the Bridgeport Islanders Mite Jamboree at Total Mortgage Arena.

Kaden Kendall was in net for all four games, making many awesome saves during each 12-minute matchup.

In the first game against Mid-Fairfield Mite B, Sebastian Malangone had a goal and an additional shot on net. In the second game against

Wonderland Mite B, Paredes scored a goal, with shots on net also from Isabella Rasile, Gaul, Mila Malangone and Marco Camera.

In the third game vs Mid-Fairfield Mite C, Malangone and Gaul each recorded shots on net. In the final game against Wonderland Mite B, Paredes recorded multiple goals with another shot on goal from Malangone.

The West Haven U 18 Midget team won a pair of contests this weekend. West Haven opened with a 4-1 victory over Wonderland and capped the weekend with a 9-2 win at Western Massachusetts.

Against Wonderland, West Haven took control of the contest with four second period goals. Cam Delvecchio got the Westies on the board off assists from Dante Hardt and Eli Gregory, before Gregory increased the lead to 2-0 off assists from Will Delvecchio and JJ Alling.

Zack Fonda helped West Haven to a 3-0 lead off assists from Alling and Mike Madera, before Cam Delvecchio's second goal, off assists from Hardt and Alling, gave West Haven a 4-0 advantage.

West Haven closed the weekend with the win in Massachusetts. The Westies struck quickly with a 6-1 second period lead and never looked back. Hardt, Cam Delvecchio and Gregory combined for the first six goals.

West Haven remained undefeated with a pair of victories this weekend. The Westies opened with a 3-1 win over Wonderland, before closing

the two days with a 9-4 victory over Greater New Haven.

West Haven trailed Wonderland 1-0 starting the third period, but Madera scored with 13:36 remaining off assists from Jayden Spreyer and T.J. Levenduski to even the game at one. The game remained knotted until Spreyer scored off assists from Fonda and Madera with 3:35 to go.

Connor Bunnell added an empty net goal with 1:07 left for the 3-1 final. Javed Ullah was stellar in goal in the win for West Haven.

The Westies again trailed in the second contest of the weekend, spotting Greater New Haven a 2-0 lead. West Haven rebounded in impressive fashion as Gregory finished with a hat trick, and Madera and Spreyer each scored twice.

Trailing by two, West Haven

scored three times in a span of 1:14 to take the lead. Gregory cut the deficit in half off assists from Will Delvecchio and Cam Delvecchio, Cam Delvecchio scored the equalizer, and Spreyer gave West Haven a 3-2 lead off assists from Yousaf Ullah and Bunnell.

With the game even at three, Madera put the Westies on top for good off an assist from Haygen Axelrod with 2:10 left in the second.

Gregory scored off assists from Spreyer and Cam Delvecchio for a 5-3 lead, before Madera, Spreyer and Gregory capped the scoring outburst in the third.

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Clockwise from above -- Nick Conlan runs for one of his three rushing touchdowns in West Haven's 47-21 victory. Matt Hunter scores the game winner in the Westies' 2-0 victory at Cross. Olivia McDonnell prepares to spike the ball for West Haven versus Law. Isabel Millard heads the ball against the Gaels.

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| 8 | Reeves of | terer |
| 9 | "Speed" | 28 Helter-skelter |
| 10 | Dieters count | 32 Squad car |
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| 12 | "Right you | one |
| 13 | —!" | 35 College URL |
| 14 | "Kidnapped" | ender |
| 15 | monogram | 36 Vegas lead-in |
| 16 | Stanley Cup | 38 Minnesota's |
| 17 | org. | 10,000+ |
| 18 | Paris summer | 39 Custom |
| 19 | Consumer | 42 List-ending |
| 20 | crusader | abbr. |
| 21 | Ralph | 43 First bed |
| 22 | Curry and | 44 Emmy- |
| 23 | Landers | winning Daly |
| 24 | Jared of | 45 Zing |
| 25 | "Panic Room" | 46 "Xanadu" |
| 26 | Feeling no | band |
| 27 | pain | 48 Ms. Thurman |
| 28 | Birthright bar- | |

10-19-23

MAGIC MAZE • DOUBLE LETTER ANIMALS

X E B Y V R O L I F C Z W T B
Q N K I F C B U T T E R F L Y
Z T Y R A N N O S A U R U S W
U R P M M J H E E C Z E X U S
Q N L J R G N E E C G T Z C X
V T R P N O L J B I H T O E C
A Y W V O T W T L Y R O P N L
K I G C E T C L P S T B Z X W
U S C R P U A P L O M T L J I
G A E D B M U E S O P P I H A
R E D D A P E N O O B A B K Y

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all
directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: INSECT THAT FLUTTERS BY

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| Adder | Bollworm | Kitty | Puppy |
| Baboon | Coot | Llama | Raccoon |
| Bees | Eels | Mutt | Tyrannosaurus |
| Blue gill | Hippos | Otter | |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Answers to this week's puzzles

King Crossword

DOUBLE LETTER ANIMALS

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

Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

1. Georgia.
2. "Titanic."
3. Michelangelo.
4. Gene Cernan.
5. Canberra.
6. 1945.
7. One -- Dwight Eisenhower.
8. "The Catcher in the Rye."
9. "Living Single."
10. The whale shark.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Girl Scouts, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912?
2. MOVIES: Which 1990s movie features a character named Jack Dawson?
3. ART: Who painted the Sistine Chapel ceiling?
4. ASTRONOMY: Which U.S. astronaut wrote his daughter's initials on the moon?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Australia?
6. HISTORY: In which year was Korea divided into two occupation zones that would become North and South Korea?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents were elected in the 1950s?
8. Which 20th-century novel features a character named Holden Caulfield?
9. TELEVISION: Queen Latifah stars in which 1990s TV sitcom?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest species of shark?

Ferraro: *State Rep named city's 1st Italian*

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Ferraro was honored for legislative achievements in energy and technology in 2021 and 2022. He has been named the West Haven Republican Town Committee's 2023 Republican of the Year.

Outside of politics, Ferraro is a 10th-degree black belt, the highest level of recognition given in the martial arts community.

He is the founder, president and grandmaster of Tang Soo Do Mi Guk Kwan, a composite style of classical martial art influenced by the Northern Chinese arts, the Southern Chinese arts and the Okinawan discipline of Karate, with schools throughout the United States and South America.

Ferraro was inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 1996, named the Grandmaster of the Year in 1998, and selected to "Who's Who in the Martial Arts" in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

He has also owned and operated the West Haven Academy of Karate for 48 years and has participated in and conducted "hundreds of fundraising events" to help people in need.

In observance of Italian American Heritage Month, West Haven recognizes the unique and vibrant traditions of Americans of Italian descent and celebrates the story of generations of Italian sons and daughters who came to the U.S. seeking hope and opportunity to reach for the American dream.

Ferraro's maternal grandparents left their home in southern Italy and came to America for a brighter future, arriving in Canada in the 1940s before settling in New Haven's "Six Corners," a predominantly Italian neighborhood with six corners that converged at the intersection of Columbus Avenue.

In the daring spirit of Italians who charted a course for millions of immigrants who followed their crossing to America, Ferraro and his grandparents are a testament to the diversity and promise of the United States.

Ferraro, born in New Haven in 1952, was raised by his Italian mother, Jennette Bissonette, and his Irish stepfather, James Savidge, in the heart of Savin Rock Park, West Haven's bygone amusement park.

The family homestead was on Marsh Street, across from Harvey Tattersall's West Haven Speedway, formerly Donovan Field. In the late 1960s, the house and road were dismantled to pave the way for the Savin Rock Urban Renewal Project. Savidge, affectionately known as "Big Jim," was a prominent Democratic political warhorse in West Haven

and worked as a dispatcher at the Department of Public Works.

Ferraro's mother stayed home to raise her three children, including his younger siblings, Linda and James.

Ferraro, a 1970 graduate of West Haven High School, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Southern Connecticut State College in 1975 and received a Master of Science degree in fishery biology from Murray State University in Kentucky two years later.

Ferraro and his wife, who were high school sweethearts, have been married for 45 years and live in West Shore. They have two sons, Christopher and Brandon Ferraro, and two grandsons, Roman, 7, and Leo, 6.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

State Rep. Charles J. Ferraro (R-117) receives a folded Italian flag from West Haven Italian American Civic Association President Paul M. Frosolone, right, and Debbie Giordano, the vice president of the association's Ladies Auxiliary, as Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and chief of staff Tom J. McCarthy look on.

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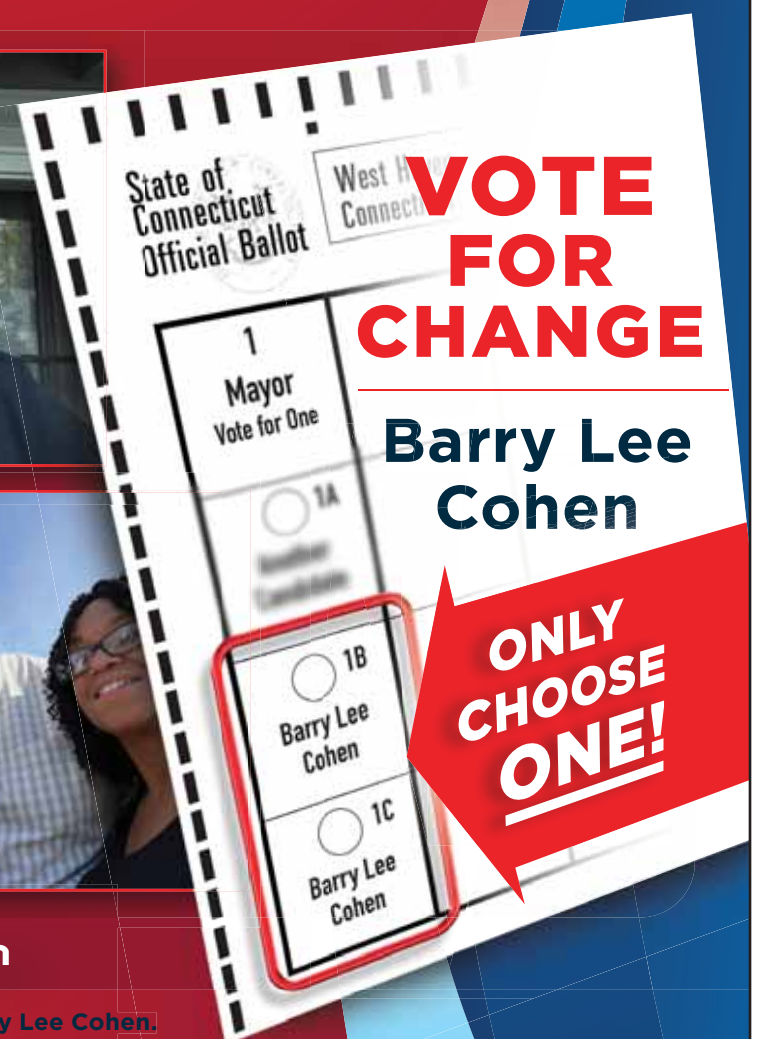


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