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# ArtWestCT opens dedicated space

A two-office suite on the lower level of a city building officially became an art space. With the ribbon cutting ceremony complete, Sept. 19, at 377 Main St., the venue is now the headquarters for ArtsWestCT -- whose mission is to center creative expression by and for the West Haven community. From its new space, the organization can support rotating exhibitions, an Artists Lending Library, and the launch of monthly First Friday celebrations, interspersed with special events.

Sharing the space as a second tenant and ArtsWestCT's programming partner is Umbrella Impact, a 501(c) (3) youth development organization.

"If you are a creator with a vision, we'll help you develop and realize it," said ArtsWestCT President Elinor Slomba as she addressed approximately 30 city and state officials, and supporters assembled by the West Haven & Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Slomba explained some of the features offered with the new headquarters.

"For the Artists Lending Library, we have useful items like a professional PA system, a 10X10 vending tent, a set of wooden easels, and a slide projector for loan to creative people who may need them for an event or a presentation. These things that are not always easy to access but can make a huge difference to their success," she said. "Along with that, we offer technical assistance with event planning and promotion."

Slomba admitted the space is limited, but is only the start of what is hoped to be a expansive future.

"These are humble beginnings, but we have a track record of delivering on what we say we're going to do, like Make Music Day which was a partnership with the Early Childhood Council and enjoyed a great deal of momentum between its first and second year. Now we are part-



Left to right: Steve Mullins, there in support. Elinor Slomba, President of ArtsWestCT; Nasirya Clayton, founder of Umbrella Impact; Nancy Rossi, Mayor of West Haven; Simon McDonauld from West Haven & Milford Regional Chamber who organized the event.

nering with West Haven Senior Center on an exhibition of watercolors at Ora Mason Library. Some of the seniors have been in painting classes for years and never had a show," she said.

Groups and artists interested

in being part of ArtsWestCT's consortium are encouraged to contact the organization. Umbrella Impact, meanwhile, provides scholarship incentives to children in grades 4-8 from low to moderate-income families and will have a glow-

in-the-dark experience tent at Halloween on the Green.

Slomba said an example of groups working together for mutual benefit, youth volunteers from Umbrella Impact will help serve refreshments  
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Rep. CHARLES FERRARO

# Ferraro is 'primo italiano'

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and the West Haven Italian Heritage Committee will honor Republican state Rep. Charles J. Ferraro as the city's "primo italiano" at the 24th annual Italian Heritage Celebration.

Ferraro, a world-class martial artist and an ambassador of his proud Italian heritage, will receive the Italian American of the Year award at noon Friday at City Hall, 355 Main St.

The award is bestowed annually on an Italian resident or couple who personifies service in West Haven's close-knit Italian

community.

Accompanied by Italian music and guided by Rossi, members of the committee and the West Haven Italian American Civic Association will escort Ferraro, the grandson of emigrant grandparents from the Campania capital of Naples, Italy, to the steps of City Hall for his special recognition. An Italian-flavored lunch will follow.

"When I received the phone call from the honorable Nancy R. Rossi, mayor of West Haven, that they had selected me as West Haven's Italian American of the Year, my first thought was, 'Wow, me? Are you sure?'" said a surprised Fer-

raro, a Republican whip and member of the General Assembly's Italian American Legislative Caucus.

"Growing up here in West Haven as the son of a poor Italian mother and an Irish stepfather, where just about every personal major accomplishment was a first for our family, I could never even contemplate that someday I would be receiving such a distinguished recognition," he said. "I am both grateful and honored that Mayor Rossi and the West Haven Italian Heritage Committee named me as their Italian of the Year."

Ferraro, 70, a lifelong Westie and long  
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Eliana Bravo-Guerra, age 3, a West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. student, predicts crisp fall weather to watch the leaves change colors.

## On this Date

**2000 -- Bulldozer Revolution in former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.** President Slobodan Milosevic was overthrown after hundreds of thousands of protesters gathered in Belgrade to protest against recently held elections. While largely peaceful, the protesters burnt down the Parliament building.

**1984 -- First Canadian to go into space.** Marc Garneau flew as the payload specialist on STS-41-G, the 6th flight of NASA's Space Shuttle Challenger. The flight that launched on this day was also the first space mission to have 2 women - Sally Ride and Kathryn Sullivan.

**1969 -- Monty Python's Flying Circus makes its debut.** The British sketch comedy series lasted for a year on the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). The show was a commentary on daily life in Britain and had several recurring themes and characters played by Eric Idle, Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Michael Palin, Terry Gilliam, and Terry Jones.

**1962 -- James Bond makes his theatrical debut.** The fictional British spy with the code name 007 was featured on the big screen for the first time in Dr. No.



Photo courtesy of Dan Shine

## Celebrates 90

Louise's Bakery, located in the Baybrook Shopping Plaza was the site of a 90th Birthday celebration for Tony Orsini, longtime West Haven resident and unofficial "Mayor of the Boardwalk." Orsini was honored by a gathering of his friends, old and new, whom he had met in more than 30 years of his thousands of walks along the West Haven Boardwalk. He has one son, Anthony Orsini, Jr., and is retired after many years spent as a machinist at Pratt and Whitney in North Haven.

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# Dear Felicia

Howdy, honeybunch! By the time yew git this week's missive, it'll be October! It just seems like yesterday that we were sayin' it was June 1, and lookin' forward to the summer. That's all gone now. Fall is upon us, and we can see trees starting to brown and tan and yellow. So, it won't be long before we'll be rakin' up millions of leaves. With all the wet weather we've had, Cobina even had to toin on the furnace a week ago cuz o' the dampness. Don't wanna do that too much, no with the price o' energy goin' through the roof.

Here in God's Li'l Acre things are moving toward the Nov. 7 election day, with Heronner takin' the usual ribbon-cuttings and special days at the Actors Colony in stride. She had her last town hall a couple weeks back, and one wonders effen she hasn't checked out already – psychologically-speakin'. We've all been there when we leave a job. Mentally, you leave the building before your person does.

The MARB has decided to look into two things that hafta do with our finances. Foist off, an accounting firm has been hired to guide the city into the changes the city hasn't been able to make on its own. For the last couple o' years, efforts have been made to change the

culture of City Hall, but things never seemed to be goin' in the right direction.

Matters came to a head two summers ago when the federal funds from the American Recovery Act so-called, were siphoned into dummy corporations, setting off a frenzy this town hasn't seen in decades. Of course, the culprits were found out, and prosecuted, and one or two are already guests of the federal government at a secured facility.

What the episode brought up was just how out of whack our culture in the Actors Colony was. We've gone through several finance directors over the last few years, all complaining that they can't break the way things are done and how people are against changing things. Now MARB has taken the matter into its own hands, using the powers it has since we were put under Tier IV control.

Well, when you won't do things on your own, sometimes yew hafta be forced into it. This, ladeez and gentlemen, is tough love. The city is gonna change its way o' doing business, and probably kicking and screaming will happen along the way.

The MARB is also looking at the much-vaunted pension system the City Council voted on as well. We don't

have all the details, and we're sure we'll hear about it soon enough. But, like most things in our fair city, things can't be done the way others do things. They have to be done in harder, more painful ways.

That the city has to get outta the 401k business and back into offering a pension if we ever expect to retain members of the constabulary is without doubt. We'll see how it's all configured over the next few days or weeks we're sure. But to say that MARB wasn't pleased with the outline of it is to understate it. Like I said, we never do things easily around these parts. It's gotta be a task.

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Sammy Bluejay was here and sez that people are talkin' about the social media outburst that happened when it was found out the former Chick's Drive-in building was torn down. Effen yew remember, a consortium purchased the property, and is building a combination of condominiums and a restaurant on the property. It took a while before things came about cuz people were waiting for the Beach Street reconstruction to happen.

That is ongoing and the condos have been under construction for months. More than half are completed, and from whot Sammy has found out, more than a few have been sold. Now comes the second phase of the project, the construc-

tion of a new restaurant.

To make room the 70-plus-year-old building that housed the drive-in had to be torn down. Cue the sturm und drang that one expects from social media. To say people "don't have filters" is one thing. Some of the commints were jest off the wall, according to Sammy. I don't know what it is about social media that brings out the inner crazies, but many people can't handle themselves, and feel they can say jest about anything, impugning people and coming up with theories that are off the wall.

Some of the things Sammy told me shouldn't be repeated in polite company – or any company at all! Granny used to say there are more outside the asylum than in. Anyone who has ever looked at any kind of social media and the loonies that people it knows that she wasn't too far off base.

Speaking of Beach Street, things seem to be moving along on the rebuild. Certainly, the weather over the last week or so has demonstrated the need for the raising the roadbed. Effen last week was any indicator, we're gonna have a damp, cold fall.

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Nelly Nuthatch came in t'other afternoon after seeing that the New England Brewery Company picked up and left before a stone was turned. She sez effen there ever was an episode that explains the way the city does development, this is it. We talked about this in the last missive, as the company did more than it should have in trying to make people happy.

After getting sued by the usual suspects next door, the developers came up with alternative plans that were much different than originally proposed – the ones that got approved, by the way. But that wasn't enough, and then the Land Trust people and others piled on in a City Council meeting, wherein the developer threw up his hands and made his not-so-fond farewell.

Now, I said last time, and still believe, that part of the reason this occurred was the company had alternative offers from other cities looking at what was proposed and said, "Come on down." Why would a company wanna spend all kinds of kopecks in litigation and still have people complaining about what is planned, when they can go elsewhere and be welcomed? It's a no-brainer.

It's time for a plan of development for the shore. The Land Trust, people down there, and the city should come up with a plan of what people will accept down there. For too long we know what people don't want. It's about time to find out what they want!

The people next door are

never gonna be happy. They haven't been since the takeout place was torn down 50 years ago, and they won't be anytime soon. They don't want any competition down there. The Land Trust has to get real. There has to be some economic development down there, and this was a perfect place for it to happen as it started out as a commercial property, and was going to become one again.

We are all for saving the shore, and making it a place for people to enjoy, but we have to have a realistic view of things. We don't want wall-to-wall development, but har-rumphing and saying "no" every time something comes up is not a plan, either. The Land Trust was made for the shore, not the other way around.

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We're heading toward the last few weeks of the election "cycle" as pundits like to call it now, and we're waiting for things to heat up. Barry Cohen got the thumbs-up from the Independent Party as perty much expected. He had that wrapped up weeks ago.

When the debates are gonna happen and when actual campaigning will take place is anyone's guess. I yam sure both candidates are walking the districts and knockin' on doors. It'll be interesting to see how this whole thing shakes out. We have our own ideas on what people might be thinking and that might be an inkling to what will happen.

But effen anyone thinks this is a shoe-in one way or t'other, they haven't been paying attention. Effen the Demmies have an Achilles Heel, it's that they have run the city for nigh on 34 years and can't blame anyone but themselves for the shape it's in or the problems it has.

Effen the Republicans have a problem it's that they can't seem to get outta their own way. They latched onto a candidate with a big bankroll, thinking that'll get them over the hump. Now the party apparatus has a candidate it didn't support. And how that support pans out in the next few weeks is yet to be seen. Hold onto yore hats. It's gonna be a bumpy ride.

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Over at the high school it seems the reconstruction of the softball field is going on. Cobina was out in her gas-samobuggy and saw that the field was being bulldozed. Meanwhile, the new turf at Ken Strong was down, but the track surface hasn't been put in yet. Word is the thing might take a week or two more by the time yew read this before it's done. It looks nice. At least something is getting don on time.

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# Barracco named WHHS assistant principal

Michael Barracco, a long-time teacher at West Haven High School, has been promoted to Assistant Principal following approval by the West Haven Board of Education.

"I am honored to accept the Assistant Principal position at West Haven High School," said Barracco. "I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the educational growth and development of our students and to work collaboratively with our amazing staff and administrative team. I look forward to the challenges and rewards that this role will bring, and I am committed to upholding the school's

values and mission in every aspect of my work.

Thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility and allowing me to serve the students and families of West Haven in this capacity. I am excited and eager to begin this new chapter in my career."

Barracco has been teaching at WHHS since 2012. Throughout his career, he has taught courses such as STEM Education, Introduction to Engineering Design, Cybersecurity, Civil Engineering and Architecture, Principles of Engineering, Integrated Science, Environmental Science, and Astronomy. As an educator,

he has helped guide students to adopt a problem-solving mindset by engaging them in compelling, real-world challenges, while also helping them become better collaborators and thinkers to prepare them with the skills needed for competitive high-pay/high-reward careers in technology.

He thrives at accommodating the needs of students with special abilities and challenges, and has worked extensively with ELL (English Language Learners) and high-needs students.

In addition to teaching, Barracco also coaches the girls' tennis team at WHHS (2020-present) and the VEX Robotics Competition Team (2015-present), while also serving as the Title IX Coordinator and a Project Lead the Way Master Teacher.

"In the classroom, on the court, and amidst the gears and circuits of VEX robotics, he has not only inspired young minds, but also cultivated a culture of curiosity and excellence," said Principal Dana Paredes. "I am confident this experience will serve him well in his promotion to Assistant Principal in charge of Student Success."

Barracco received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environment and Mineral Engineer-

ing from Pennsylvania State University College of Earth and Mineral Science in 2003. He also obtained a Master of Secondary Education, STEM Education degree from Grand Canyon University (2012) and a Certificate of Advanced Study, 6th Year Degree from Sacred Heart University Isa-

belle Farrington College of Education (2019).

In addition to his higher education degree, Barracco also holds certifications in the following: teacher of general science (034), technology education (047), intermediate administrator (092), and a 5-year coaching certificate.



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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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## A very familiar pattern

It was an all-too familiar situation, one taxpayers in this city have seen over and over, with the same results: no development. The much-heralded plan to bring the New England Brewing Company (NEBCO) into the city fell apart last month, and the owners have investigated other area communities to expand their business. It was just too much of a hassle.

After months of negotiations, plan changes, and attempts to mollify litigation brought by the owners of Jimmies Restaurant. Martin Juliano told Mayor Nancy Rossi, NEBCO's director of business development, the revised lease plan was "off the table." The reason: lack of support from "some City Council members, a few Land Trust of West Haven members, and an appeal by Jimmies' ownership on the revised plan. Announced in the fall of 2021 and approved in August of 2023, NEBCO would demolish the decaying Savin Rock Conference Center, and replace it with a restaurant/brewing facility. All the approvals fell into place, and it seemed a go.

Under the terms, the 60-year ground lease allowed for the city to maintain ownership of the 4.38-acre property while allowing the developer to demolish the conference center and construct a 46,165-square-foot building that would include a brewery, a tap-room and event space. According to the agreement at the time, Douglas Gray, principal of the Delaware-based parent company, would pay the city rent and serve as the brewery's landlord at its "forever home" in the city. Almost immediately, the problems started. Jimmies brought litigation, contesting setbacks to the property adjacent to Savin Rock proper. Gray attempted to prevent litigation by scaling back the original plan, reducing the square footage, eliminating the brewery, and renovating, not demolishing the existing structure.

At the Aug. 28 council meeting, members of the public and City Council voiced "concerns" over the new agreement, prompting the owners to give up, and look elsewhere. The developer had two other offers that were more accepting of the business' concepts.

We supported the plan with some reservations, but those concerned the Savin Rock Museum, which we wanted to see preserved. The plan itself seemed like a boost to the shorefront and would offer a reason for people to come down to the shore. Like other communities we must draw people to our most precious resource.

Mayor Rossi, understandably, voiced her frustration not only with the council, but with the Land Trust. We have come to a point where there seems to be opposition, no matter what is proposed, including by businesses that seem a bit afraid of a little competition.

The need for some style of commercial development in keeping with the shore's beauty is paramount. The problem is, and this includes the Land Trust membership, we know what they do not want, we can never figure out what they favor.

We proposed a select committee of city officials, Land Trust members, and members of the public of no more than 15 members to draft a white paper outlining those types of commercial outlets that would be acceptable. It seems the only way this type of announcement-revision-rejection circus can be prevented in the future. We must come to grips with the idea some type of commercial development - enhancing the shore - is necessary. Putting a plan in place might prevent future missteps.



## Misogyny is not the problem

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

Poor Kamala Harris. The alleged misogyny that is tearing at her vice presidency apparently extends to highly partisan Democratic leaders such as Jamie Raskin and Nancy Pelosi.

Both of them caused ripples when their praise for Harris in recent TV interviews was notably cool, as if they were at a high-end fundraising dinner and hated the escargot but had to try to convince the hostess that they really loved it.

The Biden campaign reportedly contacted both Raskin and Pelosi. The Maryland congressman revised his remarks to say that Harris is "unquestionably the best running mate for President Biden in 2024," while the former House Speaker's office pointed to the favorable things she said about Harris in her initial interview.

What Raskin and Pelosi clearly know, if they can't say it out loud, is that Joe Biden botched his vice-presidential pick; it is the worst pick in half a century and easily one of the worst in the last 80 years.

As Democrats begin to realize Biden's political weakness, with Donald Trump barreling down the pike, Harris is one of the factors -- although not the main one -- keeping them

from doing anything about it.

What if someone did convince Biden to step aside for the good of the party? Well, that might open the way for Harris herself to become the nominee. In other words, out of the pan and into the fire.

Even if she lost in an open nominating process, it'd be quite the spectacle for Democrats to turn away a potentially "historic" presidential nominee for someone else.

So, she's at least a playing a role in the propping up of what may prove the weakest incumbent presidential candidate since George H.W. Bush.

This isn't the only downside. Harris is going to be an issue next year because everyone realizes there's a significant chance that Biden wouldn't be able to serve out a full second term.

Typically, a vice president's popularity matters only for his or her own political ambitions; this time, it could make a difference in the presidential race because her standing is, in a word, abysmal.

In the new NBC News poll, the theme of which is that Biden and Trump are both abidingly unpopular, Harris is right there with them. At 31%, her positive rating is lower than both of theirs, and her negative rating, 51%, is higher than Biden's.

The bar Biden needed to clear in his vice-presidential pick wasn't high. He either needed a political nonentity or a popular entity who ideally had some governing credibility; instead, he went with the unpopular nonentity.

How does this rank with prior bad choices? As it happens (funny how this works), the most maligned recent picks are all Republicans.

Let's run through them. Sarah Palin was not suited to be president of the United States but was a Hail Mary in a basically unwinnable race, so we should discount that pick for inconsequence. Dick Cheney was a governing choice who, despite all the obloquy heaped on him, performed admirably. Dan Quayle's reputation was destroyed by the press, but he didn't play into George H.W. Bush's fate one way or the other.

I think to find a worse major-party pick -- and actual vice president -- you have to go back to Spiro Agnew. At least, as far as we know, Harris hasn't been taking kickbacks that will force her to resign -- in fact, she may be the relatively ethical half of the Biden-Harris ticket.

Prior to that, you probably have to go back to Henry Wallace, whom Democrats thank

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# Fall allergy suffering can be manageable

Although we typically associate allergy season with the spring, for many allergy sufferers, the fall can be just as bad. Ragweed and mold are the biggest triggers of allergies this time of year.

As we approach the peak of fall allergy season, pollen and mold spores are reaching extreme levels and rapidly spreading outside. Symptoms of fall allergies may include itchy nose, watery eyes, sneezing, runny nose, nasal congestion, headaches, ear itching or popping, and throat irritation.

Many times, people unknowingly bring these allergens into their homes, making the effects worse for everyone else in the family. Indoor air quality experts offer say the most common allergens can be alleviated by a few helpful tips.

There are two types of allergens common in the fall that enter our homes.

**Ragweed** -- Ragweed is the most common fall allergen. Its pollen is very small and highly concentrated. It begins to release in late August, peaks in September, and may last

until the first freeze kills the plant.

Pollen counts are highest around the plants near dawn, but they can travel hundreds of miles and releases in most other areas between 1 a.m. and 3p.m. About 75 percent of people allergic to spring plants also have reactions to ragweed.

**Outdoor Mold** -- Mold spore counts tend to rise dramatically in the autumn season with falling leaves and dying plants.

Mold thrives in moist conditions like piles of damp leaves. Counts often jump in early autumn as leaves fall from trees but before the drier humidity conditions of winter set in. Rainy autumn and winter seasons may lead to very high outdoor mold counts that can last several days after each rainfall.

Gardening in mulch or dirt, farming or hiking in the woods can also increase exposure to mold spores this time of year.

Here are five tips to keep your home allergy-free this fall.

**The First Heat** - Dust mites, mold and other allergens in a

home's vents can be activated when people turn on the heat the first time in the fall. Before running the heat, get your air ducts cleaned and change the filter. The National Air Duct Cleaners Association (NADCA) suggests cleaning air ducts every 3-5 years. It is recommended to use filters with a MERV (Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value) rating between 8 and 10 and a thickness of one inch.

**Keep the Outdoors Out** - When coming inside, it is important to remove shoes and wipe down pets to avoid tracking in allergens. Wear a mask when raking leaves to avoid breathing mold spores and change clothes after doing yard work to prevent the spread of pollen around the house. Limit your pets' time outside and wipe them down to remove pollen when they come indoors.

**Purify the Air** - Most air purifiers have HEPA filters that remove up to 99 percent of airborne allergens, including pollen, dust and pet dander



and mold spores. A mid-priced model can cost \$50-125, for a room-sized system. Place it in your bedroom, where you spend most of your time and can result in better sleep as well.

**Close the windows** - Although it may be tempting to open the window to let in some cool, "fresh" fall air, you are also inviting allergens into your home. Pollen counts are

typically the highest in the mid-morning through late afternoon.

**Halt the Humidity** - Growth of mold indoors comes in damp areas such as basements and bathrooms. Use a dehumidifier to keep these areas dry and the humidity levels between 30 and 50 percent. Mold grows best at humidity levels of 60 percent or higher.

## 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: *Harris is just inept*

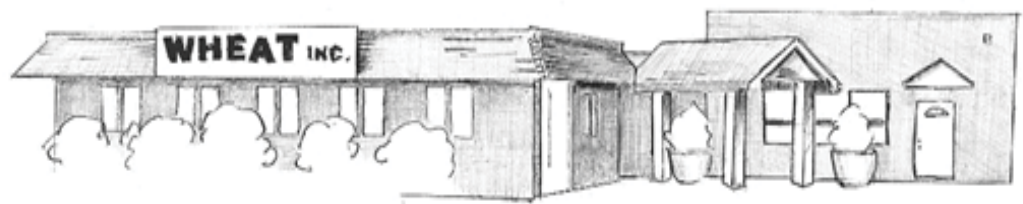
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fully dumped in 1944 after he served one term as FDR's vice president. Wallace's views on the Soviet Union were criminally naive and disqualifying for any high official of the United States.

Wherever you rank Kamala Harris, there's no doubt that she's a poor selection that Democrats will almost certainly have to tolerate because of an ideological trap of their own making.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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### UNH officer sworn in

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi swears in new University of New Haven police Officer Tim Silva at City Hall on Monday. Silva, a former Waterford police lieutenant, was accompanied at the ceremony by UNH Deputy Police Chief Brett Mahoney.

### Art Space: Group plans several events

Continued from page 1 at ArtsWestCT's reception for the senior artists Oct. 2 at 5 p.m. at the Ora Mason Library, and the public was invited to

attend. Sounds Unlimited played the seniors' favorite music and the event tested a live-streaming service for those who can't attend.

With the opening of a new headquarters, the cultural group is able to give space to those looking to expand the type and number of art-related events offered in the city.

Creative entrepreneurs are arranging for coworking at a desk in the new office space and to deliver small-group workshops in the second room of the suite, which can hold up to 12.

Offsite, meetings with cultural stakeholders like Breakwall and the Milford Arts Council are taking place. Plans include ArtsWestCT's marking of All Nations Day, Oct. 7, from 2-8 p.m. at Music Back Then Performance Theater on Bull Hill Lane, and a panel discussion on Accessibility in the Arts takes place Nov. 14, co-presented with the West Haven Public Library. First Fridays will begin Dec. 1.

Dabar Ratupenu, an ArtsWestCT Board member who is also a member of the First Congregational Church, the SCSU alumni choir and the Indonesian Association of Connecticut, was there to offer his support.

"With West Haven artists invited into more aspects of civic life and taking on leadership roles in the community," said Ratupenu. "You'll see more good things happening downtown and around the city."

James Celestine of ADT Security, also on the Board, agreed.

"A cultural re-awakening is already taking place, but now it can accelerate."

The Ribbon Cutting included remarks from Simon McDonald of the West Haven & Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Nancy Rossi, and First District council member Bridgette Hoskie. Attendees included several other Council members and Board Members, State Rep. Dorinda Borer, and representatives from Sounds Unlimited, LiveFree100, the Milford Arts Council, the West Haven Family Resource Council, and Bridgeport Library, plus artists and educators.

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### Cohen slates 'Town Halls'

Republican Mayoral Candidate, Barry Lee Cohen, has announced a series of Town Hall Meetings for Savin Rock Communities residents to provide his team's vision and plans to Change West Haven for the Better. Town hall locations with question-and-answer sessions include:

- Tuesday, Oct. 3, 5:30 pm: John Prete;
- Thursday, Oct. 5, 5:30 pm: Morrissey Manor;
- Thursday, Oct. 12, 5:30 pm: Union School;
- Saturday, October 14, 1- noon: Breakfast with Barry. - Surf-side Lobby area

Featuring a discussion on "A Referendum on Change," Cohen will be tailoring the town halls to address the specific concerns of each location ranging from Safety issues and Changing the Culture of City Hall, to Economic Development, and Improving the Quality of Life for every senior, veteran, and family. Additionally, the town halls will address infrastructure and what Cohen has termed, "The War on Blight."

"This series of town halls is an extension of the dozens of "Unity in the Community," meetings I've held with neighbors throughout our city. In every instance and after 30-plus years of one-party governance, Westies demand real change and true leadership. They desire partnership and collaboration, not political patronage and partisanship that has resulted in broken promises, as well as a lack of accountability and accessibility to taxpayers," Cohen said.

To learn more, please contact the Cohen campaign at [barry4westhaven@gmail.com](mailto:barry4westhaven@gmail.com), or call (203) 645-2913.

### Mullins plans public sessions

Write-In Mayoral candidate Steven R. Mullins will be hosting two town hall style meetings in the next two weeks.

The first meeting will take place at the House of Jacob Church, Canton Street in Allingtown on Monday, Oct. 9, from 6-8 p.m. The second will take place at the Ora Mason Library, Benham Hill Road in the West Shore on Monday, Oct. 16, from 6-8 p.m.

Topics of discussion are anything and everything regarding the City of West Haven, such as and not limited to finances, public safety and quality of life.




All West Haven registered voters, regardless of political party affiliation are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Mullins at (203) 824-4262.

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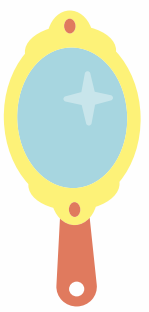


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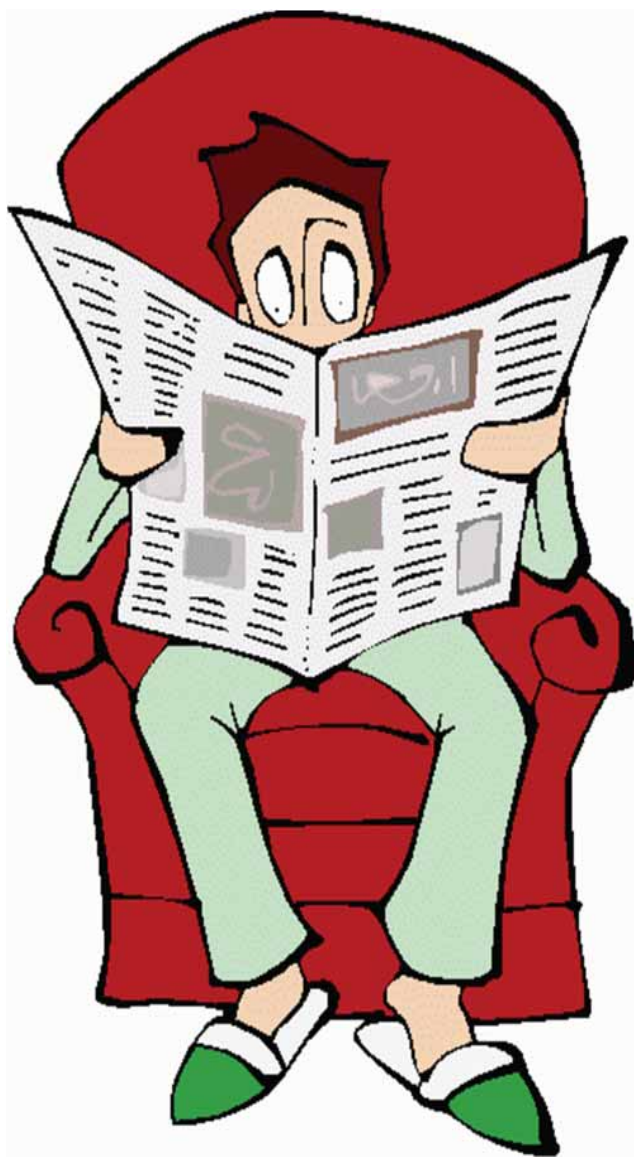
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# Firemen's memorial set for Green, Oct 15

The West Haven Fire Department will be conducting its annual Firemen's Memorial ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 15. The ceremony will take place on the West Haven Green, at the Firemen's Memorial, and will begin at 10 am. Each year the department honors those members who have passed away during the year as well as all those who have come before. This year we will be ringing the bell for the following members:

Richard Murray, Sr., Career Department & Engine Co. #5; James McCarthy, Jr., Career Department - Lieutenant; Richard Garcia, Hook & Ladder Co. #1 & WH ERS; Ralph Console, Jr., Hook & Ladder Co. #1; William Abbott, Career Department - Chief of Department; Michael Cacace, Engine Co. #4 - Captain; Richard Memmott, Career department & Engine Co. #3.

If anyone has a family member who has passed away during the year and was a Career

or Volunteer member of the WHFD, please contact us at [whfdhistory@gmail.com](mailto:whfdhistory@gmail.com) or visit our website: [whfdhistory.com](http://whfdhistory.com) and we will be sure to include them in the ceremony.

The 2023 event program is dedicated in memory of Captain Donald N. Dandelske. Captain Dandelske was one of three men promoted to Captain in 1964. These were the first three Captains in the Career Department, replacing the rank of Assistant Chief as Shift Commanders.

Don's father, Otto "Butch" Dandelske, was one of the last Assistant Chiefs who were replaced at the time, retiring on 8-4-1964. Donald Dandelske was a Korean War Veteran serving in the US Army.

He was hired by the Career Department on 3-18-1953, promoted to Captain on 10-18-1964 and retired on 10-18-1978. In 1961 he served as President of the West Haven Firemen's Mutual Aid.



CAPT. DONALD DANDELSKE



The Firemen's Memorial on the Green will be the site of the annual rites honoring those members of the fire service who have passed away.

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# Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

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## Around Town

### Seniors traveling to Foxwoods, Ivoryton

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

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

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

A second trip trip to the Ivoryton Playhouse on Nov. 29 to see "Million Dollar Quartet Christmas," a holiday musical featuring the sounds of Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash.

The trip includes lunch at Scotch Plains Tavern in Essex, followed by the musical.

The cost is \$150 and includes transportation, gratuities and admission to the show.

Payment is due Oct. 30.

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 at 4:30 p.m. from Ivoryton.

Nonmembers of the senior center and nonresidents are welcome. To make a reservation, call the center at (203) 937-3507.

### Annual Rosary Rally set for Oct. 14

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

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, Milford. Residents from all towns are welcome.

For more information, contact Eileen Turow. (203) 878-8904.

### Oak Grove Cemetery annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Oak Grove Cemetery Association will be held on Oct. 16, at the Oak Grove Cemetery office building at 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to catch up on updates, other business and the election of officers for the Association. This is the first meeting in three years since Covid.

### WHHS Classes of '67,'68 plan 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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Atop Police Station Hill on Sawmill Road, you can order such exotic-sounding things as a Great White. Or down a Plankton, Imbibe a Lazy River, Or a Shady Beach, a Lake Street, a Sawmill. Or perhaps a Mermaid's Tail, a Stardust, or a Lazy River whet your beverage appetite.

Westies Nutrition is the place where these delicious mixtures, as well as many others, can be yours. The cafe, which will celebrate its fourth anniversary next month, opened a few months before the world shut down - and made it through very successfully, a tribute to the panache and community spirit of its owners, Amanda Forst and Mandy Hutchinson.

The menu features coffees, smoothies and tea, all packed with nutritional benefits. The smoothies are meals in disguise, boasting the required daily amount of nutrients -- 21 vitamins and minerals, and 24 grams of protein - all for fewer than 250 calories.

All teas are green tea-based and contain the proper amount of stimulating guarana extract for you - for a slight boost or more. Vitamin B12 is a popular ingredient as well as acai, and, if desired, you can add collagen, probiotics, protein or, as Forst notes the teachers are all doing right now, the immunity boost.

All sweetening is done with stevia, and the guarana provides a clean energy boost with none of the jitters or crash of traditional caffeine (pink-and-orange and green-and-white spots, we're once again glancing in your general direction).

Forst, who hails from Wethersfield, lived in Los Angeles for seven years, where these sorts of shops are commonplace.

Noting that she struggled with her weight, Forst lost 27 lb. taking advantage of the nutritional drinks and when she returned to the Nutmeg State, wanted to open such a shop here. Mandy, a born and bred Westie, came into the frame

and, as she explains it, "caught the vision."

"This town poured so much into me that I knew this would be the perfect place to give back...this place raised me," Hutchinson says, joyfully. "The customers are our extended family."

"We're West Haven's Cheers," adds Forst. "Everybody knows your name...we know about the customers and care about them, their kids, their kids' T-Ball games..."

The most popular smoothie is the White Chocolate Reese's: "like a healthy peanut butter cup, in a cup," laughs Hutchinson. As for the most popular item?

It's not on the menu, but a very well-known secret: the Black Widow. Originally begun just for the Halloween season, this berry-based tea proved so popular it's now available year-round.

"People drive from far away to get the Black Widow," Forst says, "It's a special house blend."

She estimates that as much as 80% of the tea orders are Black Widow requests, adding with a smile that "I think the West Haven Police Department runs on Black Widows!"

Frost and Hutchinson, two moms with a toddler each, understand what it's like for families in today's stressful climate. They have kids' size drinks (from the non-acai/caffeine selections) and they also anticipate the financial stressors of today. "We want to give the most value for your dollar...we don't take you spending your money for granted," Forst says. "We're in the same economy as everyone else."

The ladies also highly value their community involvement. They got through Covid very successfully - a brand new business - and never let up on it from the beginning, donating meals to nurses in New York and even toilet paper to Those Without.

Their community spirit continues apace. "We do about two fundraisers a month," says Forst. UNH, the West Ha-

ven High School sports teams, local organizations such as the Beach Box, and causes like breast cancer and Alzheimer's are just a very few of the happy recipients to which Westies has extended its largesse. They have donated more than funds, too - free tea to the sports teams, for example. And their cafe is always available for a space for hosting community events.

Forst and Hutchinson say that they think of their business as a "grab and go" place, but as the sign over the bar

exhorts visitors to "come in... fill your cup...stay awhile". people often linger...at the bar on the tall stools, or in one of the comfy sofas.

"We pride ourselves on the experience of the customer," Forst says. "We strive to be the lighthouse in the community... everything is positive...a true, authentic connection with our customers." As they speak, a fellow walks in and they greet him by name as he greets them, bemoans the humidity and goes to get four large beverages.

"People tell us, 'I leave, and I feel so much better'," Forst continues.

If you look at the bottom of your cup at Westies, you'll see that every one is hand-inscribed with the word "love" - Forst and Hutchinson's way of sending good vibrations. "Our mission," Forst says, "Is to remind people that they matter."

Westies Nutrition is open daily (every day but Christmas Day) - 7-5 Monday through Friday, 9-4 Saturdays and 10-2 Sundays.



Owners Amanda Forst and Mandy Hutchinson - with their Black Widows in hand - relax for a moment in one of their comfy couches.

## City offers energy assistance

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**'Way to Go,' WHCH!**

West Haven Community House Assistant Executive Director-Finance Operations Deborah Wright, right, receives the "Way to Go!" award on behalf of the Community House from city Youth and Family Services Director Diane Dietman on Sept. 20. Dietman presented the award on behalf of the West Haven Interagency Network for Children to Wright at the agencies' 2023 Family Resource Fair at the Community House, 227 Elm St., for "providing services and resources to families of children with special needs." The Way to Go program recognizes those who go above and beyond to offer services and resources.

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**'Making the Difference'**

West Haven Youth and Family Services Director Diane Dietman presents former Director Robert S. "Bob" Morton with the 2023 Special Recognition Award on behalf of the Region 2 Planning for Children and Youth Committee at City Hall on Sept. 25. Morton retired in 2020 after serving as West Haven's director of Youth and Family Services, formerly the Youth Service Bureau, for 40 of his nearly 44 years with the city. He received the "Making the Difference" award for "your dedicated years of outstanding service and commitment. Thank you for everything you have done. You truly make the difference." Region 2 of the committee is composed of youth service bureaus from Greater New Haven, including the Naugatuck Valley and the shoreline from Milford to Clinton.

**Graveyard Tour slated, Oct. 21**

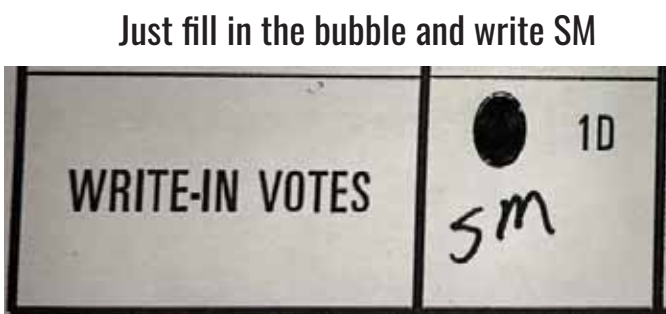
The West Haven Historical Society will hold its traditional Graveyard Lantern Tour on Saturday Oct. 21, from 5-7:30 p.m. on the West Haven Green. This event, which has become a traditional pre-Halloween event residents look forward to, will again "resurrect" a number of individuals whose lives made a significant contribution to our city. It starts at the Society's Poli House 686 Savin Ave., where groups of 15-20 are formed and taken to the Green, where members of the Historical Society escort the groups to the historic Burial Grounds on the Green. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under.

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### The Amato Collection

Former WHHS teacher and tennis coach Barbara Amato was in town recently to unveil the “Amato Collection,” in honor of her husband, the late Anthony Amato. For more than 35 years, Amato, an English teacher, was head of the West Haven High School Theatre Workshop and produced many memorable plays and musicals at the Frank Albright Theatre as well as the main stage of the auditorium. Barbara, now spends a good part of the year in Florida, donated his large collection of plays and musicals to the West Haven Library. She invited former student-actor and GOP mayoral candidate Barry Cohen (shown top right) to the event. The Amato Collection has grown since first started about six years ago as part of the “Amato Fund,” and includes classic books and CDs that continue to expand. The collection is available to teachers and students to reserve. It is located on the main floor of the library and is both a tribute to one of West Haven’s legendary teachers and directors, and, a resource to for students of all ages.





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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

First, I need to express my gripe on this. I think it's a disgrace that the New England Brewery Company (NEBC) isn't coming to the city. It would have been a PERFECT opportunity for West Haven. I think it is a disgrace that a certain restaurant and the Land Trust once again prevented this from happening.

I think it's a disgrace that city leaders allowed this to happen! West Haven has nothing to offer. I cannot understand why the city doesn't do more to attract wanted businesses to improve our city! The only businesses it seems they are focused on are dollar stores, bars, and smoke shops. That's it!

This could have been an awesome opportunity for West Haven! And what I don't get is what's the alternative for West Haven! Why are there some people wanting a falling down building that is nothing but an eyesore on our beautiful boardwalk vs a thriving business that that could have attracted people to WANT to spend time here? We have beautiful beaches to offer, but nothing else to make people want to come!

Have these certain people who blocked or didn't fight for NEBC to be here, have they ever seen what downtown Milford looks like? Downtown Guilford, Branford, or other desirable communities? These places are thriving day and night because these places WANT businesses to come and attract people to WANT to spend time there. But, for some reason West Haven doesn't get it!

So, what to do with this building? Good question. I feel that any idea that is presented won't get approved no matter what because the city leaders are known to drag their feet in getting things

done. There could be another possible good business opportunity that comes along, and yet can guarantee NOTHING will happen as that's what the city does. It's a shame.

*Frustrated Resident*

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

Gripe Vine is seeking West Haven residents' suggestions on the future use of the Savin Rock Conference Center that was offered as a brewery. If you have suggestions or options on preserving and utilizing this building, send them to Gripe Vine at [gripevineatwh@yahoo.com](mailto:gripevineatwh@yahoo.com) or mail to Gripe Vine 840 Boston Post Road, West Haven 06516.

In my last Gripe Vine Column, a letter was published indicating the dangerous condition of Blohm Street.

I contacted Councilwoman Meli Garthwait for assistance. Her prompt reply indicted, "I've reached back out to Public Works about this issue, and they said they would be taking care of its ASAP."

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I bought a new cell phone, and they gave me a free tablet claiming it won't change my bill and then only the first month is free. I also got no receipts or paperwork upon request.

The phone was \$230, taxes, fees and the cover were \$20, and I had two separate unexplained charges totaling \$56 that were later shown on my statement as cash.

That Sunday my phone was shut off in spite of my bill being paid off. Come to find out, the tablet upped my bill. The store paid the difference but could not pay my bill, remove the tablet, or get my receipt. They exchanged the \$56 for the tablet eventually.

I spoke with another store representative, and she said that if the shop couldn't print the receipt, it should have emailed me.



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

What is this store trying to hide from customers by refusing to give receipts?

*Dissatisfied Customer*

**Dear Customer:**

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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## Bringing Clockmaking to New Haven

Chauncey Jerome, founder of the Jerome Manufacturing Company, started his career in 1816, working in Plymouth, Connecticut for Eli Terry. At this time, Terry was just beginning mass production of his famous thirty hour wooden-movement clock. Two years later, Jerome went into business for himself, making clock cases that he traded with Eli Terry in exchange for wooden movements. His first shop was located in Bristol, Connecticut; there he produced clocks with both wooden and brass movements, created with interchangeable parts and mass-production techniques.

By 1837, Jerome's company

was the leader in the clockmaking industry. In 1844, with overseas sales increasing, he bought a bankrupt carriage factory on St. John Street in New Haven, so as to be conveniently close to shipping and the nascent railroad transportation which would become the New Haven Railroad. There he would draw upon an abundant and growing labor pool to produce and finish clock cases, while the clock movements continued to be built in Bristol. Soon thereafter, Jerome's Bristol works were completely destroyed by fire; subsequently all production was moved to the New Haven location. By now, he employed 250 workers, and produced 150,000 clocks annually.

"There's a sucker born every minute," is a quote that is widely credited to the cynical circus mogul P.T. Barnum. Jerome's future should have been secure but in 1855 he bought out a failed Bridgeport clock company controlled by P.T. Barnum, which wiped him out financially, leaving the Jerome Manufacturing Co. bankrupt. Jerome never recovered from the loss. By his own admission, he was a better inventor than businessman.

The New Haven Clock Company was founded in 1850 by Hiram Camp and a few other watchmakers in the New Haven, area. The company's plan was to mass produce brass clock movements for Camp's uncle, Chauncey Jerome, who owned the nearby

Jerome Manufacturing Company, which at that time was still thriving.

When the New Haven Clock Company bought Jerome's bankrupt company for \$40,000 a few years later, they continued the work of building great clocks. In fact, by the 1880s, New Haven's clocks and non-jeweled pocket watches became widely known for their high quality. They were now the largest clock manufactory in Connecticut, and one of the largest in the world.

Into the 20th Century went the New Haven Clock Company. During the 1920s, they introduced the nickel-plated alarm clock, the dollar watch and the wristwatch, and the synchronous electric clock. It was because of the development of the last item that time switches were incorporated into stoves, radios and refrigerators; this also led to dashboard clocks for automobiles.

By the 1930s, the New Haven Clock Company plant covered two city blocks and employed a work force of 1500 producing three million timepieces per year.

With the advent of World War II, their whole company of two thousand employees was solely devoted to the design and production of timing devices for anti-aircraft shells, bombs, and naval mines. This was profitable work, but it heralded the departure of people whose skills centered upon the building of clocks and watches. Those workers would not return.

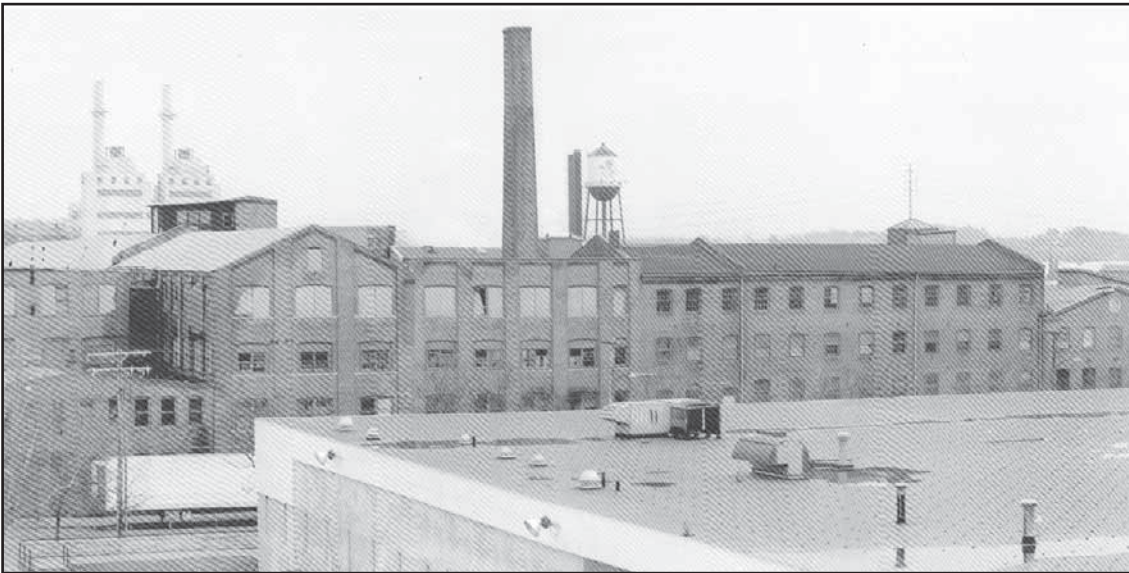
Came 1946, and in the wake of World War II, the company reorganized and attempted to restore itself as New Haven



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Clock and Watch Company. The company's finances, always shaky, worsened almost immediately when the new management attempted to expand total sales from \$6 million to \$9 million without adequate bank credit. There began a slide into Chapter X bankruptcy, from which the company could not recover. Its eighteen buildings, now occupying four acres of industrial land, and all of its machinery were sold at auction for \$250,000.

During the 1960s, development of Interstate 91 necessitated the demolition of the former clock movement works on the west side of Hamilton Street, to facilitate construction of the right-of-way. The east plant, known as Clock Square, survives to this day.



The New Haven Clock Company shop was in the Hamilton Street area of the Elm City.



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## Westie grididders face Greenies

Armani Reid and his teammates wanted to set the tone right from the start when the Westies traveled to play Shelton Friday evening.

Reid and company did exactly that, scoring early and never looking back, as second-ranked West Haven knocked off Shelton, the No. 6 team in the GameTimeCT Top 10 poll, 31-21 in a Southern Connecticut Conference contest at Finn Stadium in Shelton.

West Haven has now defeated a pair of top ten teams on the road, opening the season with a win at Staples.

Reid caught a pair of touchdown passes from Conlan and finished with 109 yards receiving, and he also sealed the game with an interception as Shelton was trying to make a stunning fourth quarter comeback.

The balanced West Haven attack also saw Conlan run for 52 yards and throw for 172 yards and the two scores. Kemp ran for 148 yards and two touchdowns on 31 carries.

That attack helped West Haven jump out to a 10-0 lead, but, despite holding a 34-16 play advantage and a 158-14 advantage in yards in the opening half, West Haven led just 10-7 as Shelton's defense forced a late second quarter score.

West Haven outgained the Gaels 368-181 in the game, but the Westies had to hold on as Shelton controlled the fourth quarter.

After West Haven was stopped on fourth down to open the fourth quarter, Shelton needed three plays to go 77 yards, capped with a 59-yard touchdown run by David Dojlidko 3:55 in the final quarter to get the Gaels within 24-14.

A mix up on the ensuing kickoff had the Westies start at their own 2-yard line, before punting. The Gaels again struck quickly, needing three plays to get within 24-21 when

Photo by Todd Dandelske

**Top Right --** Walter Romero goes up for the header versus Harding. The Blue Devils took a 6-0 win over Harding, and are looking for an early tournament berth. **Right --** Demarco Eady looks for an opening against Shelton in the Blue Devils' win versus the Gaels, 31-21.

Dojlidko scored from 27 yards out with 4:44 remaining in the fourth.

West Haven recovered the onside kick at its own 47, and after a beautiful catch and run by Reid to the Shelton 3, Kemp capped the scoring drive with a 1-yard run just 56 seconds after Shelton got within striking distance.

The Gaels had one final opportunity, but Reid's interception with three minutes to go sealed the West Haven victory.

The stressful fourth quarter for West Haven did not take away from the impressive start by the Westies as they led 24-7 after three quarters.

West Haven marched on a 16-play, 79-yard drive on its opening possession of the game and took a 7-0 lead when Conlan hit Reid for an 18-yard scoring play. West Haven outgained Shelton 94-5 in the opening quarter and took a 10-0 lead when Raul Sanchez nailed a 28-yard field goal with 8:17 left in the second quarter.

The Westies appeared headed to halftime in control, but a backward pass from Conlan was not covered and Kanye Tinney picked up the loose ball and raced 37 yards for a score with 1:01 remaining in the opening half.

West Haven did not seem fazed, marching 56 yards in 10 plays to start the second half. Conlan hooked up with Reid, who brilliantly remained in bounds along the sideline, and found the endzone for a 17-7 lead.

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# U14 girls lose to North Haven by 5-0 count

The U14 girls' ice hockey team had a tough match-up at home against North Haven, Saturday. Gillian Wynus and Naomi Shubin worked to get the ball up the field, but the girls fell short, losing 5-0. On Sunday, the girls were on the road in Stratford. Alivia Reilly and Josylyn Daliva took control of the defense. Excellent teamwork and passing led to goals by Luciana Cappetta, resulting in a 2-2 tie.

The Pro Acc & Tax Service Lightning Fairies played against Meledes Construction, despite the rain. Lilithe Warcholic played fantastic and was strong on defense. Katarina Stratton took control of the ball

throughout the game and never hesitated to run it up the field, giving the team opportunities to score. Savannah Gilchrist and Adrianna Thomas scored. For Meledes Construction, Anna Howery, Fiona Greene and Mackenzie Vargas all scored. Lots of hustle and great defense from Marwa Elfilali and Aliyana Crenshaw kept the game competitive.

The Lorenzo's Ristorante Green Beans defeated Mad Mikes Cheesecake, 6-4. Ashlyn Johnson, Natalia Nhean, Ariana Tolentino and Giuliana Graveli all played a great game in the win. The Elite Soccer Camps Green Grasshoppers kept strong

spirits through their first loss this season, as they fell 6-1 to Vio's SportsPlus. Milan Angi and Zion Jordan had strong determined games, while Josiah Perez and Yossef El Haouzi gave valiant efforts in the net.

The wet weather was not enough to stop the action between the West Haven Professional Firefighters, who came up short against the West Haven Italian Civic Association, 5-2. The WH Professional Firefighters were led on offense by Mohamed Omar, Ramiro Piatti, and Mohamed Nasr. Anchoring the defense was Nazih Majaini and Nathan Telfort-Charles. Doniel Agustin filled in superbly in net.

# Alling paces Mite A squad with hat trick

West Haven Mite A hockey team had a solid weekend of hockey. On Saturday, the Westies battled against South Windsor 8U A with a hat trick from Landon Alling and additional goals from JP Beebe, Brayden Gagliardi and Quinn Uscilla.

Uscilla and Jack Weiss each had an assist, and the rest of the team kept the South Windsor goalie on his heels with multiple shots from Maddy Bruder, Gabriella Jenei, Weiss and Austin Picard. Finn McLaughlin made a number of clutch saves in net.

West Haven finished the weekend strong against Hamden 8u A Gold with multiple goals from Alling and Picard.

The Westies spread the scoring around with Ava Healy, Beebe, Bruder, Gagliardi, Jenei, and Weiss also on the scoreboard, and assists from

Uscilla, Jenei and Picard. McLaughlin was a force again in goal.

The West Haven Mite B hockey team spent the weekend on the road and received solid contributions from the entire roster.

The weekend kicked off with a flurry of goals by the Mite B's. On Saturday, the Westies traveled to Shelton to play Shelton RiverHawks B.

The Westie sticks were on fire, with multiple goals each from Chase Liston, Luke Salkins, Blake Bova, and Parker Vitelli, as well as an additional goal from Maddie Demayo. A strong defensive effort was led by Callen Tagliatela with Dean Azano playing a strong game in net.

On Sunday, the Westies traveled to Stamford to take on Darien Mite Blue. Azano again led the way in net, with

strong contributions from Rylan Jacob and Darcy Jacob at both ends of the ice.

Salkins had a terrific offensive game, while Liston, Tagliatela, and Bova had multiple shots on net throughout the contest.

The West Haven Mite B hockey team began this weekend on the road with an offensive barrage. Traveling to South Windsor to play the South Windsor Knights B team, the Westies were led by a dominant effort in net from Bova.

Vitelli and Salkins each scored multiple goals, with Dean Azano contributing another goal to the effort. Tagliatela made multiple strong defensive plays to limit the South Windsor offense.

On Sunday, the Westies returned home to Bennett Rink to take on Darien Blue in a

rematch from a week prior. Salkins and Azano provided scoring, while Rylan Jacob contributed on both ends of the ice. Bova was in goal again and stopped many shots, including multiple highlight reel saves. Vitelli contributed multiple shots on net in the effort.

The West Haven 18U Midget team won a pair of games this weekend, topping the Whalers and Southern.

West Haven traveled to Cromwell on Saturday and rallied twice to defeat the Whalers, 3-2. Trailing, 1-0, the Westies evened the contest on a superb individual effort by Cam DelVecchio.

The Westies again trailed by a goal, but Mike Madera sent Jayden Spreyer in for the tying goal in the second period. West Haven scored the go-ahead goal in the final five minutes when Zack Fonda scored off assists from Madera and Yousaf Ullah for the 3-2

win. Javed Ullah and Jayson Gherlone were each stellar between the pipes for the Westies.

West Haven closed the weekend with a 9-2 victory over Southern at the Bennett Rink Sunday afternoon. DelVecchio led the offense with three goals and an assist, Ullah had two goals and an assist, and Madera and JJ Alling each had a goal and two assists as 10 different players were in the scoring column.

Fonda and Eli Gregory each had two assists, with Dante Hardt and Connor Bunnell also scoring.

Will DelVecchio also had an assist in the win, and Javed Ullah and Gherlone both played well in goal.

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# Westies: *Booters look to earn early berth*

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Following a Shelton punt, West Haven needed just six plays to go 61 yards, capped with Kemp's 9-yard score with 1:57 left in the third quarter.

After starting the season in impressive fashion with three consecutive sweeps, the West Haven volleyball team has hit a bump in the road. After falling to Guilford, the Westies dropped their second consecutive match with a 3-1 loss at Jonathan Law. The scores of the match were 22-25, 15-25, 25-13, 23-25.

Olivia McDonnell led the Westies with a solid all-around game, finishing with 14 kills, six aces, four blocks and four digs. Alison Frazer was stellar defensively with 17 digs, while Bianka Portugal Morales added 11 digs, three aces, and two kills.

Sarah Davey ran the offense with 21 assists, Avery Criscio had 11 digs, Shannon Hoey had six digs, Camila Queiroz added five digs and four kills, while Sam Close finished with five kills.

West Haven dropped its third consecutive match with a 3-0 loss at Brien McMahon. The 25-20, 25-15, 25-9 loss dropped the Westies to 3-3 on the year.

Portugal Morales led the defensive effort with 10 digs, Frazer added seven digs, and Hudanur Sahin had five digs and four assists. McDonnell chipped in four kills, three aces, three digs and two blocks. West Haven snapped a three-game losing streak with a 3-0 home victory over Career Saturday afternoon. With the 25-16, 25-9, 25-18 victory, West Haven improved to 4-3 on the year.

In a balanced attack, Sahin ran the offense with 10 assists, while also adding three digs. McDonnell had six kills and three aces, Portugal Morales had eight digs, four aces and two kills, Hoey added four digs and two aces, Scillia had three aces and three digs, while Sarah Davey chipped in.

A match after snapping its three-game losing streak, the West Haven volleyball team fell back to .500 with a 3-1 loss against Sacred Heart Academy. With the 20-25, 25-18, 16-25, 23-25 defeat the Westies dropped to 4-4 on the season.

Frazer led West Haven's defense with 14 digs. Davey ran the offense with 18 assists and four aces, while also providing eight digs on defense. Close added seven kills, four blocks, and two aces, Queiroz had eight digs, Hoey had seven digs, and Sahin chipped in three digs and six assists.

West Haven fell to 4-5 with its second straight loss with a 23-25, 25-21, 25-14, 24-26, 14-16 defeat at Sheehan.

The Westies received a tremendous team effort in the loss. Sahin ran the West Haven offense with 27 assists and three aces, while also playing well on the defensive side with 20 digs. Frazer, Portugal Morales, Hoey and Queiroz all were exceptional on the defensive side as Frazer had 23 digs, Portugal Morales had 21 digs, Hoey had 17 digs, and Queiroz also added 14 digs in the loss.

McDonnell had a solid match with 19 kills, four blocks, four aces, and three digs, Close had nine kills, four aces, and three blocks, and Scillia added seven digs in the loss.

West Haven snapped its two-game losing streak and got back to the .500 mark with a thrilling 3-2, victory at Lyman Hall Thursday evening. The 28-26, 24-26, 25-20, 24-26, 15-8 victory helped the Westies improve to 5-5 on the year.

Frazer was tremendous on defense as she led the way with 38 digs. Six players were in double digits in digs on the defensive side as Portugal Morales and Hoey each had 18, Sahin and Scillia each had 17, and Queiroz had 12.

Sahin also added 18 assists, Portugal Morales had eight kills and three aces, Sam Close had nine kills, Avery Criscio had four digs and four kills, and Kemely Gomes-Soares finished with four kills and four digs.

The West Haven girls soccer team is off to a slow start this season. After going 1-2-1 in the last four games, the Westies now stand at 2-4-2 on the year.

West Haven traveled to Foran and came away with a 1-1 tie. Jaylyn Powell rescued the Westies from a slow start with a goal to give the Westies the draw.

The Westies then traveled to play Mercy a day later and fell, 8-0, in a game dominated by the Tigers.

West Haven rebounded to play a solid contest, but fell in a home match with North Haven, 2-1.

West Haven's tying goal was scored by Amiyah Jones with the assist going to Powell.

West Haven improved to 2-4-1 with a 6-0 victory over Lyman Hall. Jones led the Westies with three goals, Jaylyn Powell had two goals and an assist, and Abigail Phelan also scored.

Olivia Trenchard, Ariana Izzo, and Powell each had individual assists on the three goals by Jones. Powell scored an unassisted goal, and also had a goal off an assist from Llyanna Griffith.

Abigail Phelan also scored, with an assist going to Chloe Whelan.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

## Caly Nyack competes in the butterfly leg of the 200 Medley Relay.

The West Haven boys soccer team is on a roll. Behind three goals from Ethan Masoperh, the Westies won their third straight contest with a 4-1 home victory over Hamden.

In the three victories, West Haven has outscored its opponents 12-2. The Westies are now 3-0-1 on the year.

With an 11-10 shot advantage in the game, the Westies took a 2-0 lead in the first half when Masoperh scored at the 7:30 and 26:30 marks off assists from David Smith each time.

West Haven suffered its first loss of the season with a 1-0 loss at Guilford, falling to 3-1-1 on the year.

After a scoreless first half, Guilford's Owen Medvecky scored an unassisted goal at the 71:42 mark for the only goal Guilford needed.

Beyley made four saves in the loss for West Haven, while Anthony Malatesta made four as well in the shutout victory.

West Haven got back to its winning ways with a 2-0 victory at North Haven, and a 4-1-1 mark.

Darwin Calvopina recorded the shutout in goal for the Westies with seven saves.

West Haven improved to 5-1-1 with a 6-0 victory over Harding in West Haven. Masoperh led the Westies with two goals and an assist, Angel Magana had a goal and two assists, and Calvopina posted his second straight shutout with one save.

West Haven held a 15-2 shot advantage in the game.

West Haven is inching closer to a postseason berth early in the season.

With a 2-0 home-and-home victory over Harding, the Westies improved to 6-1-1 on the year.

West Haven held a 14-2 shot advantage in the contest and Calvopina recorded his third shutout of the year.

After a scoreless first half,

West Haven scored the only goal it would need with 7:30 remaining in regulation as Juan Vargas scored off an assist from Masoperh. Matthew Panton added an insurance tally when he scored off a penalty kick in the final minute for the 2-0 final.

West Haven suffered its second loss of the season in a 3-1 defeat at Shelton. The Gaels scored twice in the first half and never trailed as West Haven fell to 6-2-1 on the year.

Romero's goal, off an assist from Gazcon, with 15 seconds left in the first half gave the Westies life, but West Haven could never get the equalizer.

The West Haven girls swim team fell to 0-3 with a 97-76 defeat against Shelton.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Olivia DeLauri, Emma Dorjee, Khando Dorjee, and Emily Guthrie placed second in 2 minutes, 21.87 seconds, while the 400 freestyle relay team of Ava Gallipoli, Guthrie, Olivia DeLauri, and Isabella DeLauri placed third in 5:05.57.

The 200 freestyle saw Gallipoli place first in 2:28.16, and Isabella DeLauri placed fourth in 2:46.23. Khando Dorjee was second in the 200 IM in 2:59.19, while the 50 freestyle had Emily Falanga place second in 31.19, Olivia DeLauri third in 32.15, and Michelle Tompkins fourth in 32.96.

Madison Rowland was first in the 1 meter diving with 92.15 points, Khando Dorjee was third in the 100 fly at 1:22.18, Isabella DeLauri was third in the 100 free in 1:14.81, and the 500 free saw Gallipoli place second in 6:47.55 and Guthrie third in 6:55.49.

Olivia DeLauri was second in the 100 back in 1:21.08, while Emma Dorjee was third in the 100 breast in 1:37.36.

Despite a close meet, West Haven fell to 0-4 with a 93-82 loss to Foran.

The 200 medley relay team placed first with a team of

Olivia DeLauri, Emma Dorjee, Khando Dorjee, and Caly Nyack in 2:18.91. The 200 free relay placed second with a team of Nyack, Khando Dorjee, Guthrie, and Gallipoli in 2:05.06, while the 400 free relay placed second with a team of Guthrie, Gallipoli, Olivia DeLauri, and Falanga in 4:56.13.

Gallipoli was second in the 200 free in 2:27.12, Khando Dorjee was fourth in the 200 IM in 2:51.77, and Falanga was fourth in the 50 free in 33.37 seconds.

Rowland was third in the 1 meter diving with 94.55 points, Nyack was third in the 100 fly in 1:27.68, Khando Dorjee was third in the 100 free in 1:06.73, and Gallipoli was third in the 500 free in 6:42.27.

Nyack was second in the 100 back in 1:14.93, and Emma Dorjee was second in the 100 breast in 1:35.09.

In a tight meet, West Haven fell to East Haven co-op, 86-80.

The 200 medley relay team placed third with a team of Gallipoli, Khando Dorjee, Nyack, and Guthrie in 2:24.16. The 200 free relay team was second with a team of Nyack, Dorjee, Falanga, and Delia Vital in 2:06.90, while the 400 free relay team was second with a team of Gallipoli, Olivia DeLauri, Falanga, and Guthrie in 4:47.46.

Isabella DeLauri was third in the 200 free in 2:40.82, Khando Dorjee was third in the 200 IM in 2:51.51, Gallipoli was second in the 50 free in 29.77 seconds, and Nyack placed third in the 100 fly in 1:27.75.

Khando Dorjee finished third in the 100 free in 1:09.70, Gallipoli won the 500 free in 6:39.16, Guthrie was second in the 500 free in 7:01.66, Nyack won the 100 back in 1:14.99, and Olivia DeLauri was second in the 100 back in 1:16.61.

Emma Dorjee placed second in the 100 breast in 1:35.52, and Amanda Fagnani was third in the 100 breast in 1:46.50.

# Ferraro: *Legislator named for annual honor*

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time small-business owner, will pay homage to his Italian lineage with scores of friends and loved ones, along with an array of dignitaries and descendants of folks from the old country clad in red, white and green.

His 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.

"It is my pleasure to honor Representative Ferraro as this

year's Italian American of the Year," Rossi said. "I believe this recognition is long overdue.

"Representative Ferraro is both a business owner, with international accomplishments in Tang Soo Do, and a state representative who has faithfully served his constituents since 2014. I thank him for his public service to the residents of West Haven as well as the residents of Orange and Milford."

Ferraro represents the 117th District, is the ranking member of the Energy and Technology Committee, and serves on the Human Services and Veterans committees.

During his five terms, Ferraro has been a champion for helping small businesses thrive, making Connecticut more business-friendly, and creating policies and providing funding for programs for older adults and veterans. He has also been a staunch sup-

porter of renewable energy, public safety and health care.

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 U.S. and South America.

From 1978 to 1995, he sat on the board of directors of the U.S. Tang Soo Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation Inc. and has served as the president of the board of directors of the U.S. Tang Soo Do Mi Guk Kwan Association Inc. since 1997.

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 culture of

Americans of Italian descent and celebrates the story of generations of Italian sons and daughters who came to the United States seeking hope and opportunity to reach for the American dream.

At the City Hall ceremony, Rossi will present Ferraro, West Haven's top "paisano," with an embroidered "Italian American of the Year 2023" jacket and a mayoral citation for his civic-minded contributions and volunteerism.

He will also receive an Italian flag from Paul M. Frosolone, the president of the Italian American Civic Association, and Debbie Giordano, the vice president of the association's Ladies Auxiliary.

The cultural event will include remarks by Rossi and her chief of staff, Tom J. McCarthy, the master of ceremonies. Before an Italian blessing, West Haven's own Liz Levy will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Italian national anthem, "Il Canto degli Italiani."

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 West Haven's bygone amusement park, Savin Rock Park.

The family homestead was on Marsh Street, across from Harvey Tattersall's West Haven Speedway, formerly known as 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 figure 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.

In 1976-79, he represented many insurance companies as a general agent. His agency specialized in the sale of insurance policies for life, health and disability, along with annuities and financial planning.

From 1979 to 1982, Ferraro was employed as a territory representative for Westwood Pharmaceuticals Inc., a subsidiary of Bristol-Myers Co. in Buffalo, New York.

He was responsible for informing dermatologists in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts about Westwood's products. He was also responsible for servicing and maintaining wholesale and drugstore key accounts with an emphasis on maintaining inventory and promoting new products.

Ferraro and his high school sweetheart, the former Gerylyn Ann DeMaio, 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.

## New Haven bank expanding to city

New Haven Bank announced a new branch will be coming to West Haven. The bank has plans to expand late October to early November, 2023 with a new location at 636 Campbell Ave. The new branch will feature a convenient drive-thru and ample parking, according to the bank's statement.

"As a CDFI (Certified Financial Development Institution) since 2012, New Haven Bank is a mission-driven institution committed to economically underserved communities. The bank remains focused on continued stability and growth in areas, like West Haven, that are not adequately represented by community-centric lending and relationship banking," the announcement stated.

It's CEO, meanwhile, explains the goals of the new office.

"New Haven Bank conducts more than 60% of our business in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods," said Maureen A. Frank, the bank's President and Chief Executive Officer. "Whether this takes the form of loans for small businesses or savings products for individuals, we work to help every member of the communities we serve to become more financially self-sufficient and successful. We strive to be a catalyst for economic growth in New Haven and nearby neighborhoods, and we're proud to be bringing community banking to West Haven."

## WHHS '67/'68

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Photo by Todd Dandelske

## Count it!

Caly Nyack competes in the butterfly leg of the 200 Medley Relay. The score helped the Blue Devils top the Shelton Gaels, Friday night in a pouring rain. The Westies play Hamden this Friday night at Bruno Stadium.



## Legal Notices

### A.C. 78b COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**BRISTOL, SS  
PROBATE AND FAMILY  
COURT DEPARTMENT  
PROBATE COURT**

**DOCKET NO. BR23P2247PM  
Sale of Real Estate  
of Foreign Conservator**

To all persons interested in the estate of Albert J. Rodrigues of West Haven, CT in said County, a person under conservatorship-single.

A Petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale certain real estate of said Albert J. Rodrigues for his maintenance.

If you desire to object hereto you or your attorney should file written appearance in said Court at Taunton before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the seventeenth day of October 2023, the return day of this citation.

Witness, KATHERINE A. FIELD, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 22nd day of September 2023.

Thomas C. Hoye, Jr.,  
Register

### West Haven Legal Notice November 7, 2023

The electors of the Town of West Haven are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, for the following purposes:

To cast their votes for Mayor, City Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, Council-At-Large, District 1, District 2, District 3, District 4, District 5, District 6, District 7, District 8, District 9, and District 10.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

- 1st District: City Hall 355 Main Street
- 2nd District: Savin Rock School 50 Park Street
- 3rd District: Savin Rock School 50 Park Street
- 4th District: UNH Hall 898 First Avenue
- 5th District: Carrigan School 2 Tetlow Street
- 6th District: Forest School 95 Burwell Road
- 7th District: Molloy School 225 Meloy Road
- 8th District: Mackrille School 806 Jones Hill Road
- 9th District: Seth Haley School 148 South Street
- 10th District: Pagels School 26 Benham Hill Road

Please be advised that we are hereby designating central counting of absentee ballots and Election Day Registration location for November 7, 2023 Election. Central counting location will be held at third floor conference room and Election Day Registration will be held at first floor hallway, City Hall 355 Main Street West Haven, CT

Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

Dated at West Haven Connecticut, this day of 29th day of September 2023.

Patricia C Horvath  
Town/City Clerk of West Haven, CT

### Senior Risk-Reduction seminar

A seminar on Home Safety and Fall Risk Reduction is planned for the main library on Tuesday, Oct 10, at 6:30 p.m. The session, sponsored by New Seasons in Life, is asking attendees please register by calling, (860) 841-9504.

### Senior Risk-Reduction seminar

The West Haven Elks are sponsoring a Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 1-4 p.m., at the Elks Lodge, 265 Elm St. For \$8 per person, attendees can taste several chefs' versions of the classic dish and determine who has the best in the city.

The event will feature raffles and other features as well as live music. For more information call Kathy Blakeslee at (203) 215-5762.

### Reminder to 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.

## Legal Notice

### Assessor issues reminder of 2023 personal property declaration filing deadline of November 1st, 2023

The Assessor's Office has issued a reminder to owners and lessees of tangible personal property that Connecticut General Statute 12-40 requires both residents and non-residents to file with the assessor by November 1, 2023, a sworn declaration of all assets used by the business as of October 1, 2023.

Failure to file such declaration will result in the assessor filing on behalf of the business and adding a 25% penalty, per state statute.

Examples of such tangible personal property include but are not limited to: construction equipment, machinery, cables, conduits, pipes and other fixtures of water, gas, electric companies; leasehold improvements classified as other than real property; furniture and fixtures; computer equipment and all other electronic data equipment, unregistered and out of state registered motor vehicles; farm machinery; tools; expensed supplies; horses & ponies. Various exemptions are explained on the declaration and available if filed on time.

Personal property declarations will be mailed to all existing businesses at the end of September. **All existing businesses are encouraged to file on-line.** Forms can be downloaded from [www.cityofwesthaven.com](http://www.cityofwesthaven.com) or picked up at the Assessor's Office located at 355 Main St. 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: NEWBORN BABIES

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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**  
Solution time: 23 mins.  
Answers

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
Answers

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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

the turkey to be the national symbol of America rather than the eagle?

9. SCIENCE: What is studied in mycology?

10. U.S. STATES: What is Alaska's state animal?

1. TELEVISION: How many noble houses are mentioned in "Game of Thrones"?

2. MOVIES: What is the name of the high school in the musical film "Grease"?

3. GEOGRAPHY: Which southeast Asian country's monetary unit is the ringgit?

4. MUSIC: The song "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" is from which musical?

5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to be impeached?

6. ANATOMY: What is considered the "master gland" of the human body?

7. PHYSICS: What does a newton measure?

8. HISTORY: Which founding father wanted



Photo by Todd Dandelske

### Parting shots

Clockwise from top left -- Jaylyn Powell controls the ball at midfield during the Blue Devils' 6-0 win over the Lyman Hall Trojans. Ethan Masoperh controls the ball between Harding players in the Blue Devils win. Nick Conlan looks for some running room during the Westies' 31-21 win over the Shelton Gaels at Finn Stadium, Shelton.




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### A Message to the Community.

Jimmies of Savin Rock has been an important part of the fabric of the West Haven community for close to 100 years.

We introduced the beloved Jimmies split hot dog and the first of its kind lobster roll starting back in 1925 and never looked back. Today, Jimmies is a historic Connecticut landmark representing Savin Rock's rich past and present.

From the early hot dog stand days through the decades that have passed, Jimmies was, and always will be a "Westie" at heart. We've served our community with pride and commitment, watching generations grow up and celebrate special occasions around our tables.

Jimmies has recently been in the news regarding the events surrounding New England Brewing Company's efforts to relocate to Savin Rock. We'd like to set the record straight.

Although there are always details and negotiations involved when a project of this magnitude is undertaken, some of which involved our restaurant, Jimmies of Savin Rock was extremely disappointed to see the project fall through. We would have welcomed the new opportunity and the associated excitement, jobs and revenue it would have created for the town. In short, the new NEBCO location would have been an asset for all of us.

It is important for our customers to know that Jimmies wants what we all want, a strong and vibrant West Haven. We plan on serving the people of West Haven for at least another 100 years. Thank you for listening.

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