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Plaza named for Sandy McCauley



Photos by Michael P. Walsh

Mayor Dorinda Borer, right, cheers as Irishwoman of the Year Sandy McCauley pulls off the shroud revealing the Kelly-green street sign designating City Hall's Campbell Avenue entrance as "Sandy McCauley Square" for the next year at the 31st annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Friday. The cultural event is presented by the West Haven St. Patrick's Day Committee in honor of Ireland's patron saint. Right -- Former school nurse Sandy McCauley, left, receives an embroidered "Irishwoman of the Year 2024" jacket from Mayor Dorinda Borer.



By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Mayor Dorinda Borer presented former school nurse Sandy McCauley with a navy blue jacket embroidered with her new distinction, "Irishwoman of the Year 2024," during festivities observing the city's 31st annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Friday.

Borer also presented McCauley with other tokens of appreciation, including a mayoral proclamation declaring "Sandy McCauley Day" in West Haven, and delivered remarks praising the city's top Irishwoman for "devoting her time and talents to our close-knit Irish American community."

In addition to Borer reading the proclamation citing McCauley's dedication as a "goodwill ambassador of all things Irish," the ceremony featured the unveiling of a Kelly green street sign designating City Hall's Campbell Avenue entrance as "Sandy McCauley Square" until next year's celebration, when the longtime Westie will pass her title to a fellow person of Irish ancestry.

At the start of the 25-minute program, last year's recipient, retired West Shore fire Capt. Richard "Woody" Beirne, received his retired sign to take home.

The West Haven St. Patrick's Day Committee each year recognizes an Irish resident or couple who exemplifies service in the city's deep-rooted Irish community.

"This award means the world to me, not just as an individual but as a proud representative of the vibrant Irish community here in our beautiful city," McCauley told the crowd, many donning Aran sweaters and other Irish garb on a partly sunny and mild day.

As the sound of Celtic music played by a bagpiper filled the air at the cultural event in honor of Ireland's patron saint, McCauley toasted her forebears with dozens of friends and loved ones, along with a sea of shamrock-clad dignitaries and descendants of folks from the Emerald Isle.

McCauley, a long-standing member
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the artist known as Gionni from the West Haven Community House CYS program sees billowy clouds and sunshine as we begin spring.

On this Date

2006 -- Jack Dorsey sends the world's first Twitter message, or tweet. The microblogging service revolutionized the communication and social networking landscape. In 2012, about 340 million tweets were posted per day.

1985 -- South African Police kill at least 21 black people commemorating a similar mass shooting 25 years before. The Sharpsville massacre in 1985 had left 69 unarmed people dead. It was a turning-point in the nation's history.

1970 -- Earth Day is celebrated for the first time. The first edition was limited to some cities in the United States. Today, Earth Day is observed by about 1 billion people around the world.

1952 -- The world's first rock and roll concert is held in Cleveland, Ohio. DJ Alan Freed presented the concert, which was closed down after only one song because of over-crowding.

1943 -- A plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler by suicide bomb fails. German Wehrmacht officer, Rudolf von Gersdorff, failed to blow up the dictator but managed to defuse his bombs just before they went off.



Photos by Michael O'Brien

Senior tradition

The West Haven High School Class of 2024 continued the Senior Experience Day tradition of painting The Rock, sitting outside Ken Strong Stadium. The seniors pictured here are Kimberly Sosa (left) and Nala Diarrassouba (right).

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UNH welcomes its 7th president

The University of New Haven announced today that Jens Frederiksen, Ph.D., an innovative higher education leader with extensive experience in many facets of higher education administration, including enrollment management, fundraising, and academic/corporate pathways, has been elected to serve as the seventh president of the University of New Haven. He joins the University from Fisk University, a highly ranked historically black university in Nashville, Tennessee, where he has served as executive vice president for institutional advancement and enrollment management. He officially begins his service on March 1.

Dr. Frederiksen succeeds Steven H. Kaplan, Ph.D., who served as president for 18 years, before being named the University's first chancellor in 2022. Dr. Kaplan was named president emeritus in 2023. Sheahon Zenger, Ph.D., has served as interim president since 2022 as part of an innovative leadership transition designed to build upon the University's rich history and to position it for continued long-term growth. Dr. Zenger will spend time this spring partnering with President-Elect Frederiksen as Dr. Frederiksen prepares to offi-

cially assume the presidency. "President-Elect Frederiksen was selected following a comprehensive search and extensive selection process," said Michael H. Ambrose '84, '19 Hon., chairman of the Presidential Search Committee and vice chair of the University's Board of Governors, who spent nearly four decades at Sikorsky Aircraft, rising to chief engineer and vice president of engineering & technology. "The selection committee universally views him as an exceptionally forward-thinking and transformational leader. Dr. Frederiksen distinguished himself with his bold vision for the University, his dedication to excellence and his commitment to collaboration, which perfectly aligns with our culture of innovation and success."

"Throughout our rich history, and particularly over the last two decades, we have proven quite adept at developing innovative and market-responsive programs and illustrating the return on investment of a University of New Haven education," continued Ambrose. "In today's ultra-competitive higher education marketplace, it is incumbent on us to push the boundaries, and to create a unique and defining value

proposition that not only differentiates us, but also enables us to rise above our peers. I believe Dr. Frederiksen is the leader to help us realize that vision."

"Dr. Frederiksen is a captivating leader who has outlined an inspirational vision for the future of the University of New Haven," added Charles E. Pompea '71, '90 EMBA, '06 Hon., chair of the university's Board of Governors who served as president and CEO of Middletown, Conn.-based Primary Steel for 14 years. "I am excited to see the bold steps he will take to elevate the University and distinguish us as a destination university for high-achieving students, faculty, and staff."

"This is such an exhilarating time to be a Charger," said Dr. Frederiksen. "Over the last two decades, the University has experienced a meteoric rise. Thanks to the vision and dedication of so many, we are poised to reach even greater heights. Ultimately, our charge is to be bold in delivering an immersive and impactful educational experience – in and out of the classroom – that prepares our students to be visionaries, problem solvers, and leaders of the future."

"We are at the forefront of powering passions, chang-

ing lives, and creating a more just and better tomorrow for all – economically, socially, and culturally," continued Dr. Frederiksen. "These are challenging times, and the stakes could not be higher. Since my first visit to campus, it has been abundantly clear that this uni-

versity is up to the challenge. I see no ceiling on what we can accomplish together."

Charles E. Pompea '71, '90 EMBA, '06 Hon., chair of the University's Board of Governors, and Dr. Frederiksen.

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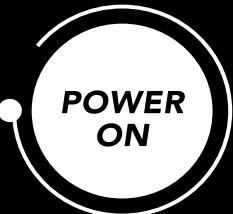
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Dear Felicia

Howdy do, honeybunch! Well, who'd o' thunk it! Jest three weeks or so ago we were shoveling white stuff off the sidewalk and our vehicles with 20-degree weather. Here we are scant weeks later and spring has arrived. Of course, the thought that we won't see any more cold weather didn't enter this old gal's mind.

We've been around the block once or twice and know that before March is over, and definitely into April things will be the more-than-cool side in these parts. "Cooler by the shore" is something we all know about around here. Cobina doesn't expect to shut down her heat much before Mother's Day as she resides close to said shore.

Here in the Asylum by the Sea things have been a tad quiet, but we expect things will heat up. Ysee they're quiet cuz the boys an gurls in the Actors Colony have been workin' hard to put together this annual budget. That means they've been behind closed doors for the most part and haven't had time to get themselves into mischief.

The budget is set to come out in the next few days with the annual message before a special session of the City Council. As of this scribing, the special session ain't been scheduled yet, but it'll be soon.

It's usually around St. Patrick's Day. Once that address is given the council will set the one and only public hearing on the matter.

Whilst it will be interesting to see – once it's announced – what the general feeling on the spending plan is, those of us who are old enuff remember the hooting and hollering that used to accompany setch confabs. Remember the West Haven Taxpayers Association? Cobina does. Those meetings were loud and boisterous, and were the downfall and beginning of many a politico.

Things ain't quiet so loud nowadays. Whilst many people may not be happy with this or that in the budget, the fact that the city has little to do with the final product makes everyone somewhat resigned to the end result. Ysee with the Municipal Accountability Review Board having oversight and veto power, the city officials can go through all the usual machinations, but the MARB has all the power.

Effen the members don't like what they see in the budget, they can make changes or force the city to make changes. John and Jane Q. have little input in the matter as it is, but with outsiders making all the decisions, they have almost no say.

That was the reason some

members of the former City Council opted outta running for another term – that and the usual "who supports whom" that divides the city's ruling party.

Tennyrate, more than one former council member made it known that having to spend all that time and effort only to have someone else make all the decisions wasn't worth the time and the effort. Can't say as I blame them.

As far as what will happen over the next few weeks, the usual should be expected. The council will meet after the public hearing, make some adjustments effen they have the votes, and pass it on or before the foist Thursday in May. Then it goes to MARB for review, and we'll see what tomfoolery they inject into the document.

Speaking of things being quiet. Sammy Bluejay was here t'other day and made mention of the fact that since the foist of the year not much has been hoid about the New England Brewing Company (NEBCO) plans. As yew remember a new plan was adopted by the City Council and Jimmies, Inc. continued its lawsuit. So, no one is quite sure what's going on.

The developer made some changes from the original plan and it looks like the current building is gonna git a new lease on

life – at least with the work that's going on around the building one can make that assumption. But still, since the lawsuit bombshell, not much has been seen.

That makes one wonder what behind-the-scenes machinations are going on. Yknow that things can't be just hanging there. Sammy has been fluttering about the burg lookin' for info, but sez that no one seems be be talking. That usually means something is up.

I guess we'll find out when it happens, but it's always nice to know some o' the details beforehand. Then again, we know that the projeck is kind of on the front burner as far as the city is concerned, so we shall see what transpires.

And we've come up with a theme for this missive – quiet. Speaking of things being quiet, Madame Olga came to call and was wondering what was going on with the Allingtown Library situation. Olga, an avid reader misses the treks to the old Forest School Building, browsing through the stacks. Though the ole gal had an allergy to dust, and those books could be quite the dust magnets.

Tennyrate, about a year ago at this time, the idea was floated to have a combo building on the Post Road that would house the library and give a new home to the City of West Haven Fire Department – Allingtown. That's the longish name given to the Allingtown Fire Department after it became a city entity. The First Taxation Districk in the Center – the Center fire brigade – is known as the West Haven Fire Department, and yew don't wanna confuse the folks.

The combo building, which Olga sez is still on the books, is still in the planning stages, and what progress is being made even she couldn't find out, no matter how much she looked in her crystal ball. Cobina still gits a chuckle when she thinks about said combo building. Just imagine the jumping patrons will endure when a fire is called in next door. I wonder effen a library lady will then shush the fire brigade? One can only imagine.

So, a year or so after it was announced, we're no nearer this projeck, and there is quiet as to its progress. As I said, there is a theme to today's missive. Effen I hear anything, yew'll be the foist to know.

And effen quiet was a cash crop, the developers of the Haven would corner the market. Here we are 27 years after the initial call for a redevelopment of the area into a commercial hub, ten years after the plan for the Haven was announced, four years after they closed off Water Street and

lower Main Street, a year or so after they began demolition of the houses after they sat and decayed for two years, and barely two months after the last of the houses was cleared, and there is still no word on what in blazes is gonna happen over there. It's a nice view for the neighborhood, but me-thinks the neighbors would like to know what comes next.

The new administration is having the same problems with the developers as the old administration(s). They act as if the city is just a silent partner in the matter, and will hear things when the developers are darned good and ready. Meanwhile, the rumor mill, which has more than enuff grist, churns on with a story about this or that. Currently, the story going around is that the entire tract is not gonna be sold in toto, but parceled. That means the city will be dealing with more than one entity effen that happens.

One wonders if 2024 will be the year we git some clarity as to what will happen down there. When one thinks of all the plans that have been floated and then trashed as I said to you before, people will wanna see something put up down there, and the urge to get it done may be a mistake in the long run. But, all we can do is wait.

Nelly Nuthatch traversed over to Beach Street to see how things are going. The roadway ain't been paved at the writing of this missive, though March was the month the neighborhood was told things were gonna percolate in that regard. There are a few days left to the month, so let's see what happens.

The developer over there is completing that last of the condos, and people have moved into those that are completed. But they can't do anything with the restaurant planned over there until the road is put down. Meanwhile, to keep our theme of silence. There was word the Debonair was sold and there was a flurry of info. But nothing since. Let's hope that little section gits decided as does the former concession stand that was a bait shop on East Street and Beach. Effen those properties are handled, that stretch will be quiet becoming.

Finally, we congratulate Sandy McCauley for being given the Irishwoman of the Year Award. Cobina read with interest the number of things the former school nurse is involved and and got tired jest reading it. I didn't know there were that many hours in the day. But, she's a good egg and deserved the kudos.

I'll close this time till next mitt luff und kizzez,

Cobina

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Lecture hall remembers Gardner

By Michael O'Brien
Special to the Voice

On Monday, March 4, 2024, the West Haven Board of Education honored the late Pamela Gardner, former West Haven High School Principal, with a beautiful dedication to the high school's newest addition, the 'Pamela Bellmore Gardner Memorial Lecture Hall.'

The event began with the Master of Ceremonies, Superintendent Neil C. Cavallaro, addressing the crowd of 100-plus in the lobby of WHHS. Superintendent Cavallaro noted that the lecture hall was something Pam thought could benefit all students and her teaching staff, and that it would be open to the community for meetings and gatherings as well.

"It will be a routine part of the academic program for any student that attends West Haven High School beginning now and well into the future," he added.

"Planning stages, academic offerings, and the construction for this school took place

for over the better part of 10 years," continued Superintendent Cavallaro. "Pam's fingerprints are all over this state-of-the-art building. She always believed a lecture hall was a critical part of the project."

As he wrapped up his opening remarks, Superintendent Cavallaro asked the guests to take a moment and reflect on the opportunities that our students now have at their disposal, and to know that none of it would have been possible without Pam's leadership, vision, and belief that no students who attend West Haven High School should have to settle for anything less than the best.

Following the Superintendent's comments, the crowd heard from guest speakers Cebi Waterfied (Chairwoman for the Board of Education), Honorable Mayor Dorinda Borer, and WHHS Principal Dana Paredes, respectively.

"Pam was more than just a teacher," said Cebi. "She was a beacon of inspiration, a guiding light for countless students

who passed through these halls. Her unwavering dedication to education, her passion for learning, and her boundless enthusiasm touched the lives of all who had the ability

to know her."

Later, she added, "In dedicating this lecture hall to Pam Gardner, we pay tribute to her enduring spirit and her commitment to excellence in edu-

cation. This space will serve as a lasting reminder of her contributions to our school, and as an inspiration for a generation of students to come.

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Photo by Todd Dandelske

Scott and Mackenzie Gardner unveil the plaque at the Pam Gardner Lecture Hall Dedication Ceremony.

Inscription deadline now weeks away, set April 1

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 April 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.

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Springtime -- Clean time

For the record, spring arrived yesterday, March 20. The signs were all there, the changing of the clocks, warmer days, and a crocus or two making their way out of hibernation. Winter is officially over, but we in New England know that while Old Man Winter might have been given his walking papers, he is known to make a late call. Easter Day snowstorms are uncommon, but not unusual.

With the coming of spring comes the traditional time of year when property owners put away shovels, salt buckets, and look to spruce up the property. It is Spring Cleaning time. Time to give the home, inside and outside, a good once-over and make things look bright and shiny after a cold, wet winter.

As we say every year at this time, keeping the city clean starts with the individual, not the city. Each homeowner – each business owner – has the responsibility of keeping their premises clean. The city will do what the city is responsible for maintaining, but the property owner must try to make his home and business presentable. If everyone does his part, neighborhoods benefit, property values rise, and everyone has a good feeling about where they live and work.

For many years various areas of the city have been hit with “blight.” Blight is defined by the American Heritage Dictionary as, “An agent or action that harms or ruins the value or success of something.” With the proliferation of absentee ownership in the city, and properties being brought up only for their rental value, there is a definite uptick in properties having their value harmed or ruined.

When rental properties are seen only as cash cows with rental agencies taking control the result can be inconsistent and downright detrimental to a neighborhood. But the problem is not only that of absentee owners. There are many property owners who are not keeping up their part of the social contract as it regards home upkeep.

~~ If you allow cars to be parked on front lawns rather than driveways or curbs, you are part of the problem;

~~ If your home needs a new stoop, stairs, or porch, you are part of the problem;

~~ If your lawns are overgrown or weed-infested, you are part of the problem;

~~ If your house paint is peeling, or windows and shutters are in a bad state of repair, you are part of the problem;

~~ If your business front is dilapidated and has not seen a paint brush in decades, you are part of the problem.

You get the idea.

Keeping West Haven a pleasant place to live is the responsibility of each resident, renter, or owner. Winter with its wet weather, salt and sand, can now be swept and taken away.

Let us all do our part and make the city in each borough, district, or street attractive and clean.



Biden lies about immigration

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

Joe Biden doesn't have a problem with illegal immigrants.

He's made that clear in his shame-faced retreat from his impromptu use of the term “illegal” during his State of the Union address. He regrets using the offending word, doesn't want to disrespect illegal immigrants and believes that they are absolutely essential to the success of the United States.

“Look, they built the country,” Biden told Jonathan Capehart of MSNBC. He added that they are “the reason our economy is growing.”

Yes, where would America be without the essential contribution made to its economic vigor by desperate people crossing the border in violation of our laws? This is all very revealing. Biden certainly sounds more like a president who has had a largely open border rather than one who, as he's been insisting lately, wants to shut down the border if only Republicans would pass the legislation he wants. Why, if Biden's correct, would we deny ourselves the benefits of illegal labor?

It's true that illegal immigrants overwhelmingly work once they get here; it's why they come in the first place, after all. But the idea that a fraction of all immigrants, whose numbers have only drastically

increased in the past couple of decades, “built the country” is a ridiculous fabrication and a profound insult to American workers, past and present.

Prior to today, the highest percentage of all the foreign-born in the U.S. population was 14.8%, around the turn of the 20th century. Roughly one out of seven people obviously weren't responsible for the construction of America.

As for illegal immigrants specifically, they didn't constitute the majority of any job category in America as of 2018. Even construction workers --involved in the literal building of the country's physical plant -- were 65% native-born.

Biden is exaggerating, too, when he suggests that the economy is growing only because of illegal immigrants. But it is true that legal and illegal immigrants have made an outsized contribution to recent economic growth.

According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which aren't flawless but capture the big picture, the total number of employed people in the U.S. increased by 2.3 million between February 2020 and February 2024. Over those four years, the foreign-born employment level increased by 3.3 million, whereas the level of native-born employment is still down by a million.

Steve Camarota of the Center for Immigration Studies estimates that roughly half of

those immigrant jobs are going to illegal immigrants.

Needless to say, this isn't the political bragging point that Biden might think. “Bidenomics -- it's been great for immigrants regardless of legal status” is not a slogan the president should want to use in a campaign against Donald Trump.

To attribute our economic growth to immigrants is to ignore the contributions of the 85% of the country that is native-born, and all its work, investment and spending.

The deeper problem is how the surge in immigrant labor coincides with a decline in labor-force participation among low-skilled Americans facing direct competition from the foreign-born. A report by Steven Camarota notes that the labor-force participation rate of native-born men without a bachelor's degree is 75.6%, still lower than the pre-pandemic level of 76.3% in the fourth quarter of 2019, and lower than in 2006 (80.5%) and 2000 (82.6%).

Constantly adding less-skilled immigrant workers to the labor force may increase overall GDP, but it doesn't make the U.S. wealthier on a per capita basis, the more important metric. According to a Congressional Budget Office analysis, greater levels of immigration will increase GDP “by an average of 0.2 percent

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At a glance

Radon test kits now available

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

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

Radon is a colorless, odorless and naturally occurring radioactive gas formed from the natural decay of uranium. It's found in rock, water and soil.

While radon in outdoor air poses a relatively low risk to human health, it can enter homes from the surrounding soil and become a health hazard inside buildings, city Health Director Maureen B. Lillis said.

Lillis said testing for radon is recommended every two years.

The city Health Department has received a limited number of free radon test kits from the state Department of Public Health.

To receive a test kit, West Haven residents can call the Health Department at 203-937-3660. A sanitarian from the department will help place the kit in the home, Lillis said.

To learn more about radon, visit <https://portal.ct.gov/dph/Environmental-Health/Radon/Radon-Program>.

Applications for summer work ready

Applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program will be available from April 1-26 in the main entrance at West Haven High School and the main office at Bailey Middle School.

Applications are available on the city website for students who do not attend West Haven High or Bailey at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/6024/Summer-Youth-Employment-Program-Application-2024-PDF>.

The summer program, which begins July 8 and runs at least four weeks, is aimed at funding positions for low-income city residents ages 14-21.

Students must return applications, including students who downloaded them, with all required documents to West Haven High from 7-8:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and to Bailey from 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

No applications will be accepted after April 26.

Students must also include copies of information, such as a birth certificate and a Social Security card, as well as documentation of household income.

Family income is based on the number of people per household and is required to be within 185% of state poverty income levels.

In addition, some work sites will require a COVID-19 vaccination. Students must indicate their vaccination status on the application.

Incomplete applications will not be processed. Applicants will be notified by mail or phone if more information is needed.

Golden Oldies marks 41st year

Come Celebrate the 41st anniversary of the Golden Oldies Review at the Cielo Ballroom, 85 Chase Lane, on Saturday, April 13, from 7:30 to midnight.

Michael Hoover presents "Memories of Elvis." Proceeds will benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association. Music by DJ Charles Rosenay of Liverpool Productions

Tickets are \$40, includes cash bar, door prizes and a raffle. The event is smoke free.

For ticket info call Geri, (203) 795-5473, or Lucy. (203) 468-2528.

SCROG plans update of Mitigation Plan

The 15 municipalities in south-central Connecticut, with the help of the South Central Regional Council of Governments, are preparing an update to the region's Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The plan names natural hazards and their potential impacts to each community, including West Haven. It then identifies activities each community may take to mitigate identified risks.

The plan makes each city and town eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency pre-disaster funding.

The plan is each community's tool to prevent damage from natural hazards. For more information, read the full SCROG news release on the city website at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/>.

Lowry: Another Biden

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age points a year from 2024 to 2034, leaving real GDP roughly 2% larger in 2034 than it would be otherwise." On the other hand, real GDP per person "would be 0.8% smaller."

Biden gives no indication that he sees such trade-offs. Who'd want fewer of the migrants "building our country" when we can have constantly more?

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## Newsies

The Life Skills at West Haven High School visited WTNH on Friday, March 8, and learned how the news is produced. Students are pictured here with WTNH anchor/traffic reporter Alyssa Taglia and meteorologist Ashley Baylor. The Life Skills Program helps students work on interpersonal skills, solving problems, managing money, achieving success in the workplace, and learning things such as cooking and cleaning for the time following graduation.

# Gardner: Dedication honors late principal

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“But behind the physical space that bears her name,

it’s Pam’s ideals and values that we seek to honor today. She believed in the power of

education to transform lives, to open doors of opportunity, and to foster a sense of com-

munity and belonging. She instilled in her students a love of learning, a thirst for knowledge, and a belief in their own potential to make a difference in the world.”

Cebi wrapped up her speech by saying, “May the Pamela Bellmore Gardner Lecture Hall serve as a fitting tribute to a remarkable educator and a beloved member of our school community. May it stand as a testament to her legacy, and as a reminder of the profound impact that one individual could have on the lives of others.”

As Cebi concluded her remarks, Superintendent Cavallaro introduced Mayor Borer.

“Today, we celebrate the beautiful lecture hall, a state-of-the-art facility that all will enjoy, but we also celebrate the woman who was a very proud mom, a great daughter, a great wife, and a great friend,” said Mayor Borer.

“Pam was very humble, she didn’t like to take credit for anything. She was the woman behind the scenes, and she always made sure that everything she worked on, not only provided a great quality of education for the youth of our city but also, she wanted to empower our community. “So this dream of a lecture hall was for our students, but she wanted the community to access it as well, because she wanted everyone to enjoy what our education system has to offer.”

WHHS Principal Dana Pa-

rades then stepped to the podium. “Pam was not just a Principal, she was the heart and soul of West Haven High School. Her commitment to the students, staff, and community was unparalleled.”

She concluded her remarks saying the new facility stands for something real.

“This lecture hall will not only serve as a physical space for learning, but also as a symbol of Pam’s enduring spirit, her dedication to excellence, and her unwavering belief in the power of education.”

After the speeches, the crowd listened to a musical presentation by Pam’s cousin Mark Denny, as well as Phyllis Silver on the piano, as they performed “Beautiful City” by Godspell, with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz.

The Gardner family was part of the ceremony, playing a pivotal role.

Superintendent Cavallaro then presented a plaque to Pam’s husband, Scott, and her daughter, Mackenzie. Together, the two unveiled the plaque, which will be displayed outside the lecture hall.

After the dedication, guests in attendance were provided refreshments as they toured the incredible new space, which seats 84 people and has a capacity of 110.

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# UNH: *Frederiksen starts a new chapter*

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helped to usher in the revival of one of the nation’s most highly regarded HBCUs. He helped envision and implement Fisk’s strategic plan and oversaw enrollment management, financial aid, career services, alumni affairs, marketing/university relations, and institutional advancement. He also helped spearhead the John Lewis Center for Social Justice and launch Fisk’s Business Incubation and Innovation Center. Under his leadership, Fisk raised more than \$110 million, including 20 seven-figure gifts, and dramatically increased its enrollment, net tuition revenue, and endowment.

Dr. Frederiksen’s efforts helped Fisk secure a number one national ranking by Forbes for academic stewardship. He was also instrumental in establishing academic and corporate partnerships with Vanderbilt University, HCA Healthcare, Ryan Specialty Group, Cravath, Swaine & Moore, the Los Angeles Lakers, Marsh McLennan, and Ingram Industries, among others. He collaborated with HomeFree USA to launch a successful financial literacy program and established an executive speakers program with leaders from every major industry. In addition, he coordinated visits to the Fisk campus by such distinguished guests as the late Congressman John Lewis, Vice President Kamala Harris, and Olympic gold medalist Shawn Johnson. He facilitated the Fisk Jubilee Singers performance with Grammy Award-winner Alicia Keys as well as their Juneteenth performance at the White House.

Dr. Frederiksen and his wife, May Wood Frederiksen, with their children, Gunnar and Lilly.

Dr. Frederiksen has served as a professor at Vanderbilt, Fisk, and the University of the South and as a consultant for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. He earned bachelor’s degrees in political science, history, economics, and philosophy from Vanderbilt, where he was a member of the men’s tennis team. He also earned both a master’s degree in interdisciplinary social and political thought and a Ph.D. in contemporary political theory and comparative politics from Vanderbilt.

A native of Denmark, Dr. Frederiksen and his wife, May Wood Frederiksen, have two children, Gunnar and Lilly.



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Dr. Frederiksen and his wife, May Wood Frederiksen, with their children, Gunnar and Lilly.



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Dr. Frederiksen and Michael H. Ambrose ‘84, ‘19 Hon., chair of the Presidential Search Committee. Below -- His official photograph.

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# McCauley: Service to city reaps honor

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and volunteer of the West Haven Irish American Club, said she was "deeply honored and humbled" to receive the city's "Irish Person of the Year" award.

"I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the selection committee for recognizing my contributions, and I share this honor with all the incredible people who inspire me every day,"

she said. "From our shared heritage to our shared dreams, this award symbolizes the strength and resilience of Irish people everywhere."

McCauley continued: "Today I can proudly say that

I am not only lucky enough, but I am also honored enough to be standing before you as the Irishwoman of the Year. As we celebrate today, let us remember the words of the great Irish writer Oscar Wilde, who once said, 'I have the simplest tastes. I am always satisfied with the best.'

"So let's raise a glass to the best of times, the best of friends and the best of Irish luck! Thank you all, and may the luck of the Irish be with you always."

McCauley and her younger sister were born and raised in Huntington, Indiana. She graduated from Huntington Catholic High School in 1962, followed by the St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in 1965. She moved to West Haven in 1966.

At the midday ceremony, Borer also presented an Irish flag to McCauley, a resident of the city's Richmond Avenue neighborhood. Just offstage, sitting in the front row, son Sean McCauley, daughter-in-law Erin Reilly McCauley and grandson Logan McCauley, 8, all of Milford, looked on with great pride as their mother and grandmother was feted.

McCauley's daughter, Terri Graf, and her grandsons Collin Graf, 21, and Justin Graf, 16, all of Lincoln, Massachusetts, were unable to attend.

Among those attending were 2024 Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen Sarah Parlato, of East Haven, Honor Attendant Emily Burke, of Hamden, and Queens Committee Chairwoman Siobhan Dacey, also of Hamden.

The opening procession was led by members of the West Haven Police Honor Guard and bagpiper Tom Neville of the New Haven County Firefighters Emerald Society Pipes & Drums.

After 2013 Parade Queen Fiona Stewart, of West Hartford, sang beautiful renditions of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Irish national anthem, "Soldier's Song," retired Pastor Mark R. Jette, West Haven's 2010 Irishman of the Year, offered an Irish blessing.

The invocation was followed by remarks by St. Patrick's Day Committee member David Coyle, the master of ceremonies, and state Rep. Bill Heffernan, D-West Haven, who presented McCauley with a General Assembly citation on behalf of the city's delegation. Lou Mangini, U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro's senior staffer, also presented the honoree with a certificate of special recognition.

Borer then issued laudatory remarks about McCauley, a former member of the

Connecticut Association of School Nurses who was its School Nurse of the Year in 2000.

"It's not a surprise that you were the Nurse of the Year, because you for decades worked to make sure the children of our city were healthy," said Borer, the city's 2014 Irishwoman of the Year. "You went beyond the workday to make sure the children in our city were well taken care of, so we're very grateful for that."

The mayor followed by reading the proclamation to McCauley: "Sandy's achievements demonstrate the hope, grit and resolve of the Irish. At this special observance, two days before St. Patrick's Day, let us pay tribute to the extraordinary mark that Irish Americans like Sandy McCauley have made on our nation, our state and our city."

The program also featured a moving performance of "America the Beautiful" by the bagpiper Neville, who dedicated the rendition to McCauley, a long-standing member and volunteer of the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

McCauley is an integral member and fundraiser of West Haven's Irish club and Greater New Haven's parade committee and has served as a marshal in many "wearin' o' the green" parades in downtown New Haven. She was last year's recipient of the committee's prestigious Cornelius Driscoll Award for outstanding public service.

McCauley is widely known for her work as a school nurse and volunteer. She served West Haven Public Schools for more than three decades, retiring in June 2023, and was a fixture at after-school enrichment activities. She continues to serve the school district as a substitute nurse.

McCauley was a member of Local 1547 of the West Haven Federation of Teachers and School Nurses and is a former president of the School Nurses union. She was recognized as an "Everyday Hero" in 2012 by the American Federation of Teachers union.

A self-described local and state history buff, McCauley serves as the treasurer of the West Haven Historical Society. She also helps raise funds for the society, headquartered in the historic Poli House at 686 Savin Ave. McCauley is a longtime member of the Savin Rock Fireworks Committee and has served as a co-chairman for several years. She is responsible for raising funds and securing permits for the annual fireworks.



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Irishwoman of the Year Sandy McCauley is all smiles below her newly unveiled street sign with, from left, daughter-in-law Erin Reilly McCauley, son Sean McCauley and grandson Logan McCauley, 8.

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# Firefighter makes her training count

## Makes rescue in her 1st fire

Just weeks on the job as the first female career firefighter for the City of West Haven Fire Department-Allingtown, Samantha Trayer was waiting for that all-important call: her first real fire. On the afternoon of Feb. 28, Trayer got that call – and a lot more, when she was part of a team of three firefighters that rescued an unresponsive victim trapped in a burning home.

“You recall all of your training,” Trayer said of those first tense moments when she arrived at the burning house. “It’s repetitive. You have procedures and steps. I had been through it thousands of times at the academy.” “You could see the fire. And then it’s like it’s a structure fire. I said to myself, this is it this is my first fire. I remember getting out of the truck. I put my helmet on. I grabbed the hose. I stretched it to the front door,” she said. “All I can remember it felt like I was back at the academy.”

As she entered the smoke-filled house.

“For some reason I was almost inherently calm. I knew the skills I had learned at the Connecticut Fire Academy.”

Trayer’s just-doing-my-job outlook represents more than helping to save a life. She stands for the kind of top-quality firefighter training that too often isn’t appreciated enough, said Michael R. Terenzio, Fire Chief for the City of West Haven Fire Department-Allingtown.

“What’s special about this is we have Sam, a new recruit,

and it didn’t matter whether she was male or female,” said Terenzio. “Samantha found the victim. She then was given the line and she knew exactly what to do. She took the nozzle and started to hold the fire back so they could do the rescue. The important thing about this is that she knew what to do without any significant direction. It happened like clockwork,” he said.

The victim, rescued from the burning home by firefighters, was resuscitated by EMS personnel at the scene and transported to the hospital. Amid

an overall shortage of young firefighters, just 5 percent of career firefighters are female nationally, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. The current class at the Connecticut Fire Academy has one woman enrolled.

“As we celebrate Women’s History Month, Samantha’s story is an important one for us all to pay attention to,” said Ronnell A. Higgins, Interim Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, which includes the Connecticut Fire Academy.

“We desperately need more firefighters, and this is a career path wide open for women,” said State Fire Administrator Jeffrey J. Morrissette said during the 15-week academy program students gradually take on more responsibilities, building up skills and learning to work together. Before starting at the academy, recruit applicants must pass a physical ability test that includes carrying up to 75 pounds of added weight.

“They develop as individuals to working within the team environment, which is the fire

service,” Morrissette said.

P.J. Norwood, Director of Training at the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks, said students who are physically fit get the support they need to complete the rigorous program.

“We pride ourselves making ourselves ‘jump seat ready.’ They are ready to function in any department in the state. We provide them with the basic foundation that they need,” Norwood said. “We need firefighters that are representative of our communities.”

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# WHHS Band Spring Concert

Photos by Todd Dandelske



The WHHS Band's presented its annual Spring Concert before a packed house at the school's auditorium. The band is under the direction of Donata Lupacchino, and presented a program of favorites to satisfy any taste.



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**Historian's corner** By



The Conlan All-Stars 1978-1979 captured the imagination of a city. Here they posed for the team picture -- Bottom row: Karen McDonough, Gina Carafano, Donna Bruneau, Cheryl McDaniel, Sue Passender, Maureen McDaniel, Carol Franco, Maryellen DiBianco, Patty Yates, Michele Brereton, Dianne

Romans. Back row: Melanie McDaniel, Sue Fogarty, Bridget Stearns, Jennifer Tingliy, Manager-Jerry Calabrito, Coach-Bobby DePascale, Coach-Pete Stephens, Margaret Nolan, Gail Smallman, Chris Kelly, Sue Guertin. Missing: Mother Manager - Marie Carafano.

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

West Haven Girls' Hockey League  
1972-1980  
Part IV

The name on the front is a hell of a lot more important than the one on the back. ~ Herb Brooks.

(As written by Maureen McDaniel Celone.)

Resilience, strength, and character are the key personal traits the players on Conlan All-stars share while realizing years later what an experience and great opportunity they had playing girls hockey.

After hosting the 2nd East-West Girls Invitational Hockey Tournament in 1975, they played against Choate Rosemary Hall, The Taft School and traveled frequently to Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey. The high school-aged Conlan All-Stars even played against colleges and universities (many just club teams) for more games and better competition. Eager for more ice time, the team would practice with Yale University's club team.

In 1979, Conlan All-Stars made history by being the "first" women's hockey team from United States to be invited to an international hockey tournament in Vestros Sweden - the "Gurka Cup".

This opportunity was driven under the leadership of Mr. Bud Conlan and the amazing community support of West Haven. In November 1978, Mayor Robert Johnson proclaimed, "Support the Conlan Girls Hockey Team Week". There were countless fundraisers to assist the team to make history for a group of girls ranging from 13 to 19 years of age.

We were a group of pioneering women from West Haven and neighboring towns who travel all over to play a game we love. The special opportunity to play for the Conlan All-Stars afforded Carol Franco



Conlan's All-Stars get ready for their trip to Sweden outside the Bennett Rink after a city-wide effort helped the team.

the ability to continue a long career playing hockey for Team CT and later the honor of coaching the W.H.S. Girls Hockey Team. Patrica Yates Garcia and MaryEllen DiBianco Launder continued the love of the game to become USA Hockey Referees. Donna Bruneau moved on to play at the University of Connecticut. Bridget Sterns from Ridgefield CT recalls being mesmerized as she stood in front of the trophy case of Conlan All-Stars team photos at the Bennet Rink at the age of 14.

She was ecstatic to learn that there was an actual girls hockey team in Connecticut. Bridget went on to play college hockey at the University of New Hampshire. Kathy Lenahan Hurley played at Providence College (Captain) and later coached at Yale University as the first female varsity coach. A ballerina on ice, Sue Passender Schryver, played at

Providence College (Captain) and currently is the basketball and Softball coach at Emmett O'Brien Technical High School.

"We were a great team way before our time. A team that played with grit, and each player had the determination and rebellious mindset to play a sport not typical for girls in the 70s."

A common theme from the girls that played for Conlan All-stars, "it was the best time of their life, so proud to wear the Conlan All-Stars' jersey" and attribute their success to the amazing coaches and "Big Bazoo" AKA Bud Conlan.

Thanks to MaryEllen Launder, Patty Yates Garcia, Kathy Lenahan Hurley, Carol Franco, Bridget Sterns, Sue Passender Schryver, Doreen Paul, Patrica Maher Carrano and Cheryl McDaniel Jennings for their contribution in the creation of this story.



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### Night at the Races

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## UI explains new billing

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The video, which can also be found on UI's website under "Understand Your Bill" (Understand Your Bill - UI (uinet.com)), is a customer education tool to accompany the launch of UI's redesigned electric bill that customers began receiving in the February billing cycle.

The new bill explainer video is a customer education resource to explain the UI electric bill, which was redesigned beginning in the February 2024 billing cycle following four years of collaboration between UI's Customer Service Team and the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) Office of Education, Outreach, & Enforcement (EOE). The video explains the four components of the UI electric bill:

~ Supply, which encompasses UI's payments to electricity generating companies for the energy they produce, currently comprising approximately 45 percent of the bill;

~ Transmission, which pays for the interstate network of high-voltage electric lines carrying electricity from generating facilities to UI's distribution network, currently comprising approximately 12 percent of the bill;

~ Local Delivery, which funds UI's poles, wires, substations, and workforce, currently comprising approximately 30 percent of the bill; and

~ Public Benefits, which encompass the costs of public policy programs that state policymakers require UI to implement, currently comprising approximately 14 percent of the bill.

Only the Local Delivery charges are used to fund the electric distribution infrastructure that promote the reliability and resiliency of the poles, wires, and substations that comprise the local electric grid in the 17 Connecticut towns served by UI.

These charges are fully transparent in the regulatory processes overseen by PURA, including and especially when the company files a rate case.

## Firefighter: Training paid off in her 1st assignment

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Trayer finished her academy training last December and early this year joined West Haven's Allingtown Fire Station, making the switch from her job as a marriage and family therapist for a firefighting career.

"The first day I started I remember thinking there is no way I am going to be able to do this," she recalled of when she started at the academy. "But from the first day I was told at the fire academy that just do your job and you will be fine. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. You hear 'firefighter' and you think male. But there is not one skill here that I can't do."

She said she gets questioned a lot about her vocation choice, and tries to put it into perspective.

"People ask me how do we get more women, but for me it's how do you attract the right mentality. It's not running toward the danger. It's running toward the people you are going help."

For more information, Michael R. Terenzio, Fire Chief, City of West Haven Fire Department-Allingtown, at (203) 933-2541 or Rick Green, Director of Communications at DESPP, at (860) 828-6681. To learn more about becoming a career firefighter, visit the state Commission on Fire Prevention and Control website at <https://portal.ct.gov/CFPC/Recruit-Firefighter-Program/How-to-Become-a-Career-Firefighter>

## Marching units sought

The city and the West Haven Veterans Council are seeking veterans, civic groups, fraternal organizations, service clubs and marching bands to participate in the annual Memorial Day parade, which steps off at 10:30 a.m. May 27.

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The city will provide transportation for veterans who are unable to walk the 1.5-mile parade route, which follows Campbell Avenue from Captain Thomas Boulevard to Center Street. To make arrangements, call the mayor's office at 203-937-3510.

The parade grand marshal is Gerald Cafferty, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

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# Westies: *Sextet ousted*

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one quarter and 28-22 at the half.

Aaron Johnson had 21 points and Bennett Scott added 15 points for West Haven, while Ethan Griffin scored 10, and Isaiah Jackson added nine.

West Haven opened the CIAC Division II state tournament in impressive fashion.

Led by Michael Singleton's 24 points, No. 12 West Haven topped No. 21 Norwalk 75-49 in the opening round at West Haven High Monday evening.

With Norwalk still in the contest, Singleton continually came up with big shots, including a 3-pointer late in the first quarter for a 15-6 West Haven advantage. A dunk by Griffin with 50 seconds remaining in the quarter gave West Haven a 17-6 lead.

A pair of Singleton buckets opened the second quarter for a 21-8 West Haven advantage, before Scott and Singleton extended the West Haven lead to 25-10.

Griffin's second dunk with 2:10 remaining in the half extended the margin to 32-17, before a 3-pointer by Loshon Roman gave West Haven a 35-20 lead at the half.

A 9-0 West Haven run on baskets by Singleton and Griffin, before a 3-pointer by Jackson and another basket by Singleton had West Haven on top 44-23. Singleton added seven more points in the third quarter to extend West Haven's lead to 53-26.

While the Westies were solid offensively, they were just as good on defense, holding FCIAC Player of the Year Jaylen Brown to 17 points.

West Haven advanced to the Division II semifinals with a 63-62 quarterfinal victory over New Britain in the quarterfi-

nals at New Britain.

In a thrilling contest, there were 16 lead changes, including six in the final eight minutes. It was the final minute which left those in the gym nervous throughout.

New Britain erased a nine-point West Haven lead to open the second half, but Scott gave the Westies a 59-58 lead with a 3-pointer, and Singleton drained four free throws for a 3-point lead in the final 15 seconds.

The Hurricanes got within one point with three seconds remaining, but the Westies ran out the clock without being fouled to secure the victory.

West Haven used an 8-4 run to close the first quarter, and four straight points by Jayce Perry gave the Westies an 18-15 lead.

The Westies then used a 9-2 run to take a 29-22 lead. A 3-pointer by the Westies gave them a one-point lead entering the fourth quarter.

A 3-pointer by Singleton gave West Haven a 50-48 advantage.

West Haven will be playing for its first state championship game since 1987. Behind a 14-point game from Scott, and a physical defensive effort, the No. 12 Westies topped No. 8 Stamford 46-32 in the CIAC Division II semifinals at the University of Hartford's Chase Family Arena.

West Haven will face second-seeded Windsor in the title game at Mohegan Sun Arena this weekend.

The Westies did not allow a single Stamford player to reach double digits in the scoring column. On the flip side, Griffin joined Scott with 10 points.

Leading 19-17 at the half, West Haven held Stamford to

six points in the third quarter and extended its lead to 35-23.

After Stamford got on the board first to even the game in the third quarter, West Haven scored 16 of the next 20 points to take a 12-point lead.

A 9-1 fourth quarter run by Stamford cut West Haven's lead to four, but the Westies closed the game with a 10-0 run of its own to return to its first state title game when West Haven defeated Hillhouse 37 years ago.

The Black Knights were just 4-of-11 from the free throw line, while West Haven connected on 14-of-21 shots from the free throw line. Singleton added nine points in the win for West Haven.

The season has come to a close for the West Haven boys hockey team. Despite a second seed in the state tournament, West Haven was forced to play an East Haven team which had 19 wins, but was forced to forfeit 14 of those due to an ineligible player.

East Haven proved to be too tough in defeating West Haven 6-1 at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in the opening round of the Division II state tournament. Mike Madera continued his solid season, scoring the lone West Haven goal, while Javed Ullah made 23 saves in the loss.

Despite controlling the opening period and dominating with a 16-8 shot advantage, West Haven trailed 1-0 when John D'Albero scored a short-handed goal with 6:50 remaining in the period. D'Albero's goal turned away what was a solid period for the Westies.

West Haven had its opportunities in the opening period, but Brady Price and Justin Bruno were turned aside 18 seconds apart.

## My Two Cents

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people, all wringing the field. Choate was ahead by a lot, but a controversial call was made by one of my crewmates. Out of the din came a loud voice protesting the call – we all recognized the voice.

And Ed was different than most coaches, particularly in football. He knew the rules well. Most coaches know the rules but stay out of the weeds. In both football and baseball, a sport he coached at high school and collegiate levels, if he questioned an official on a rule, that official better know the correct application.

My own introduction to him was at a St. Joe's-West Haven scrimmage way back when Whitey Piurek still coached West Haven in baseball. I had the plate, and Eddie did not like some of the calls. He let me know. Weeks later, I had him against Notre Dame at a night game in Quigley Stadium. It was a tough game, hard-fought game, with ND coming out in the end, 4-3. I was on the plate, and the winning run was walked in to end the game.

We had words, and those words eventually continued outside the ballpark in front of a local establishment. He had his say, I had mine. From that time on, we had a mutual respect, and what came to be a friendship so many years later. We sat at banquets together and had a fun time. Once, he could not find a seat at a banquet, and the officials invited him to the "dark side." It was quite the event.

McCarthy respected officials who respected the game, and knew it, understanding the game is more than just rules and enforcement. Like the song says, "You gotta know when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em." Good officials know when and where they need to impose themselves. And Ed would push the envelope. How much an official let him get away with as far as jockeying the official was always part of the game within a game. Officials who were working on his sideline for the first time would get a tutorial on what to expect. It followed a pattern.

Occasionally, he went over the line, and was penalized. The difference is, he knew it better than the official, and cleaned up his act. Ed knew just how far he could go with a crew or with individuals, and he would go to the edge and no further.

McCarthy was part of a breed of coach one sees less and less these days – the teaching coach. Technique, form, proper mechanics were taught. That teaching gave his teams an edge. He was also a surrogate father to many, giving advice and a rebuke if needed. It taught his players to have respect: respect for the game, respect for teammates, respect for opponents, and respect for authority figures.

Ed McCarthy was in the words of Fairfield County Football Officials Association Commissioner Gerry Costello, "A legend." That legend is now in eternity. May he rest in peace.

### Shore Haven offers scholarship

Shore Haven Jr. Baseball is accepting scholarship applicants from June 2024 high school seniors pursuing further education. The league will be awarding three scholarships in the amount of \$300.00 each in honor of Dave Terese, Sr., Mario J. Argentino plus the Joseph Morrell Sr. scholarship.

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### Great effort!

Clockwise from top left -- Aaron Johnson lays one up and in for the Blue Devils against Windsor. Above -- Coach Tryese Sullivan gives instructions. Bottom left -- Ethan Griffin takes the hook shot over a Windsor defender in the CIAC D2 Championship. The Westies came up just short of a state championship, losing 59-57 in overtime at Mohegan Sun Arena.



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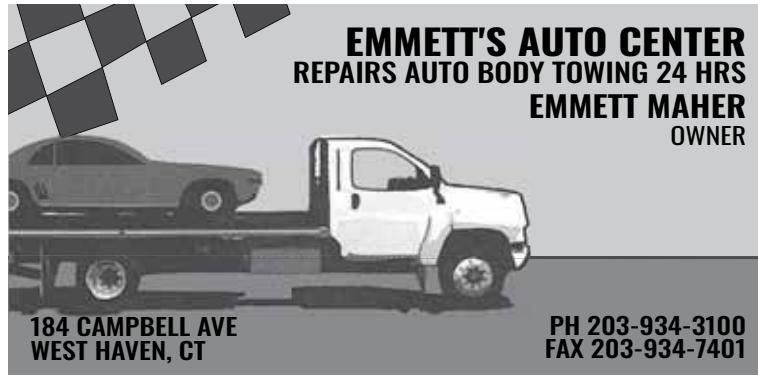
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- Harvard rival
- City near Venice
- Prefix with gender
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- Teensy bit
- Frenzied
- Pampering places
- Dizzying designs
- Dad on "Black-ish"
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- Bellini opera
- Feminine side
- Favorite
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- Infamous tsar
- Shaft of light
- IRA relative
- Worship
- Greedy sort
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- Hot rum drink
- Skirt edge
- Roman 1051
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- Matty of baseball
- Melting snow
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- Gym unit
- Nails the test
- Rice field
- Arcade pioneer
- Senior member
- 14 pounds
- Aesopian also-ran
- Apple product
- Young dog
- LBJ's successor
- Prof's aides

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- Central
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆**

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## Answers to this week's puzzles

**King Crossword**  
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Answers

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
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1. Florin.  
2. Mountbatten-Windsor.  
3. "The Big Bang Theory."  
4. Arizona.  
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6. Andorra.  
7. Hypothalamus.  
8. The head.  
9. Red.  
10. Tequila.

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: What is the name of the kingdom in "The Princess Bride"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In British royalty, what is King Charles' family name?
- TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features Sheldon's catchphrase "Bazinga!"?
- U.S. STATES: Which U.S. state is home to the Awatovi Ruins, a national historic landmark?
- HISTORY: According to a WWII government slogan, what sinks ships?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the name of the small principality that lies between Spain and France?
- ANATOMY: Which part of the brain controls hunger?
- LANGUAGE: The Latin word "caput" refers to what part of the human anatomy?
- SCIENCE: Which color has the longest wavelength in the visible spectrum?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary alcohol used in margaritas?



# HIDDEN GEMS

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

By Bonnie Posick

West Haven EDC

Although she bakes “a little something” every day, on Friday nights Roberta Garlock’s West Haven kitchen is alive with bubbling sourdough starter and the enticing aroma of loaves of bread in the oven.

Roberta began baking about 20 years ago, when she and her husband, Allen, were living in New Mexico and she was looking for a hobby. She received sourdough starter as a gift and, because she knew Allen liked sourdough bread, she researched ways to use it.

Roberta is completely self-taught: “There was nobody to help or guide me,” she said while she fashioned bread dough into a loaf one recent evening. “I did a lot of reading on King Arthur’s website.” She is loyal to King Arthur flour still.

She compared her sourdough starter, Dough-Ba Fett (borrowed from the Star Wars character), to the slime from the movie *Ghostbusters*: “When it bubbles back at you, you know it’s ready. It’s a living thing. I feed it flour and water right before I go to bed.”

Baking for her family became a priority when their son, Patrick, was born 13 years ago.

Because Patrick has autism, Roberta pledged to feed him nothing but homemade food. “I am proud to say that he did not have a Pop-Tart until he was six because I made homemade ones that were bigger and fluffier.”

In 2014, Roberta and her family moved to Connecticut and, in 2015, she entered an apple pie in the West Haven Apple Fest contest.

Her pie placed second in the contest’s final year. She continued to bake and share her talents with her new community through Westies Care. For several years, she baked cookies for about 100 families, and she helped make baskets and donated cookie trays to Westies Care during COVID.

Recently, her passion for baking led her to apply for a Cottage Food Operator license. This allows her to work from her home, but requires some safety measures, including training in food handling and management, and product labelling that includes a list of ingredients and her business information. On December 12, 2023, Our Daily Bakes was officially in business.

“I would love to open my own place,” Roberta said. “I would prefer a central location, or I could get a cart and go to New Haven and West Haven.”

For now, Roberta works full-time in accounting during the weekday, does prep work on Thursday evening, and bakes Friday and Saturday to fill weekend orders.

Our Daily Bakes’ weekly menu varies, but bread is always featured – sourdough, jalapeno and Jack cheese, Italian herb and mozzarella, Havarti and dill, beer bread, and Nutella star bread. Roberta also offers muffins, pretzels, scones, biscotti, cookies, and a variety of loaves such as lemon, lemon blueberry, banana, and orange cranberry.

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The menu is posted on Facebook mid-week at <https://www.facebook.com/OurDailyBakes> for pickup on Saturday. Orders may also be placed by text at (203) 859-8106 or by email at OurDailyBakes08@gmail.com.



Photos courtesies of Bonnie Posick

Roberta Garlock shows her sourdough starter that began her baking journey. Our Daily Bakes is her home business that is picking up popularity. From starter to dough (left) to finished product (far left), Garlock’s bread is gaining a following on social media.



Sports

Thursday, March 21, 2024

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My Two Cents

By **Bill Riccio, Jr.**

He could be difficult, sometimes almost impossible to reason with when his "Irish" was up. But there was no doubt what Ed McCarthy wanted was a fair shake for his team, which he called his "kids," and was going to make his displeasure known if he thought something was wrong. For four decades McCarthy mentored and instructed young men on the field of sport – and he did it well. Like him or hate him, Ed McCarthy did his job and molded disparate teenagers into strong competitors and did what we like to think coaches should do – teach life lessons.

As a person who worked games as a baseball umpire and football official for McCarthy when he was at St. Joseph's and when he moved over to West Haven, I got to know the coach, and the man. Off the field, McCarthy was like anyone else, and could be very engaging in conversation with a wry Irish wit, and twinkle in his eye. On the field friendships ended at the foul line or sideline. Relationships were for off the field. Heck, I remember a time he went after a football official for a call, and that person was in his wedding party.

On the field, he was another person: driven, focused and, when the occasion called for it, loud. There are many photos of Ed going it at with officials, some made the photo boards leading into the funeral parlor last week. But many officials lined up at West Haven Funeral Home to pay their respects. They, too, were on the receiving end of his wrath at times, but they, too, respected the job he had done for so many decades.

Even after he retired in 2015, he would camp out in his lounge chair in the south end zone at Ken Strong Stadium, watching the game. If a play happened and he was unhappy, he let the crew know, and as loudly as possible. In later years, one of his sons played at Choate in Wallingford. I had the game versus archrival Deerfield in front of about 2000

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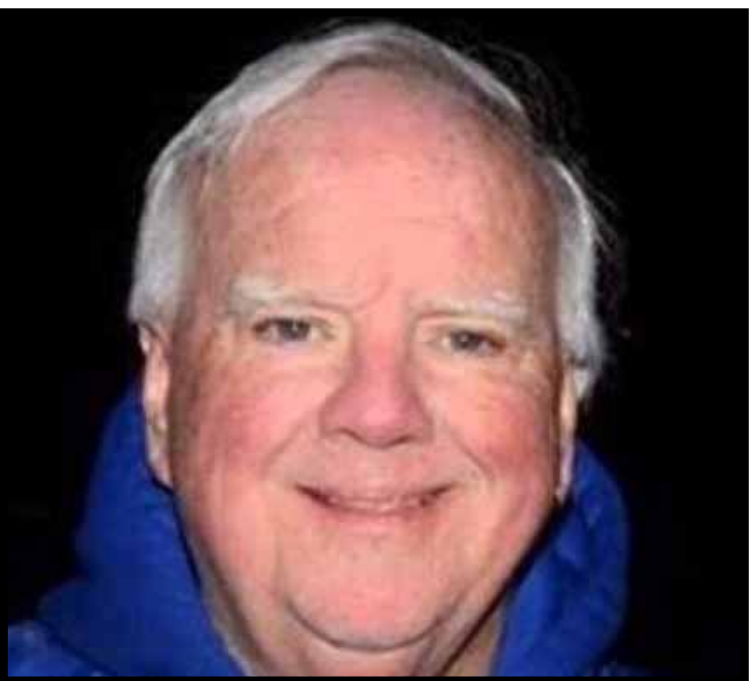


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The WHHS bench shares the excitement of the CIAC final last week. The Westies came up just short to defending champion Windsor, 59-57 in overtime. See more pictures on page 16.

Westies lose in OT to Windsor, 59-57

Looking for its first state title since 1987, the West Haven boys basketball team was right where it needed to be. With a double-digit lead in the second quarter, West Haven had second-seeded Windsor on the ropes.

Unfortunately for the Westies, the will of Windsor prevailed.

Going on a 16-0 run, Windsor topped No. 12 West Haven 59-57 in overtime in the Division II final Saturday evening at Mohegan Sun Arena.

In foul trouble, the Westies could not muster any offense in the third quarter after leading 37-23, and the Warriors rallied to take the lead.

The 16-0 run by Windsor produced a 39-37 lead, its first of the contest with six minutes remaining in regulation. Four more lead changes ensued before West Haven had another opportunity.

After West Haven failed in its final attempt of regulation to win the game, Windsor ran off the first seven points of overtime, before West Haven got going. The Westies rallied back, but a last second shot was denied as were West Haven's championship hopes.

West Haven led 19-7 after See Westies, page 15



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Bennett Scott takes a shot in the CIAC State Championship versus Windsor.