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# Robbin Watt Hamilton feted

## Receives Jackson Award

By Michael P. Walsh

*Special to the Voice*

The city paid tribute to the nation's Black trailblazers and the pioneering contributions they have made to upholding the traditions and values of African Americans at the 28th annual Black Heritage Celebration on Feb. 29.

During the City Hall cultural event marking the culmination of Black History Month, the West Haven Black Heritage Committee cited former 5th District Councilwoman Robbin Watt Hamilton as its inaugural recipient of the Ernestine Jackson Citizen of Distinction Award, formerly known as the African American Citizen of the Year.

The award honors the life and memory of Jackson, who was a charter member of the Black Heritage Committee in 1996 and served as its president for many years. She died in April 2023 at age 96.

Mayor Dorinda Borer presented Jackson's son Herbert with an "in memoriam" citation extending her "deepest sympathy" and lauding his mother's meritorious public service.

"My mother loved this city," he said. "Thank you."

The committee also recognized West Haven High School seniors Dana Davis-Anagboso, Alison Frazer and Da'ron Markell Tucker for "leadership and academic success."

Watt Hamilton, a lifelong Westie who served on the City Council from 2016 to 2023, including a stint as its majority leader,

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Former 5th District Councilwoman Robbin Watt Hamilton receives the Ernestine Jackson Citizen of Distinction Award from, from left, Mayor Dorinda Borer, Black Heritage Committee Chairman Steven R. Mullins and committee member Jonathan Jones, the master of ceremonies, during West Haven's 28th annual Black Heritage Celebration at City Hall on Feb. 29.

Photo by Michael O'Brien



## Eco project tells a story

Students work on the Eco-Digital Storyteller's program, a UConn-backed project, telling the story of the city's Shoreline Resilience and Eco-Restoration Project. The ongoing project is part of the Land Trust of West Haven, Inc.'s attempt to rid city wetlands of invasive species and replacing them with more native examples. See page 9 for more details.

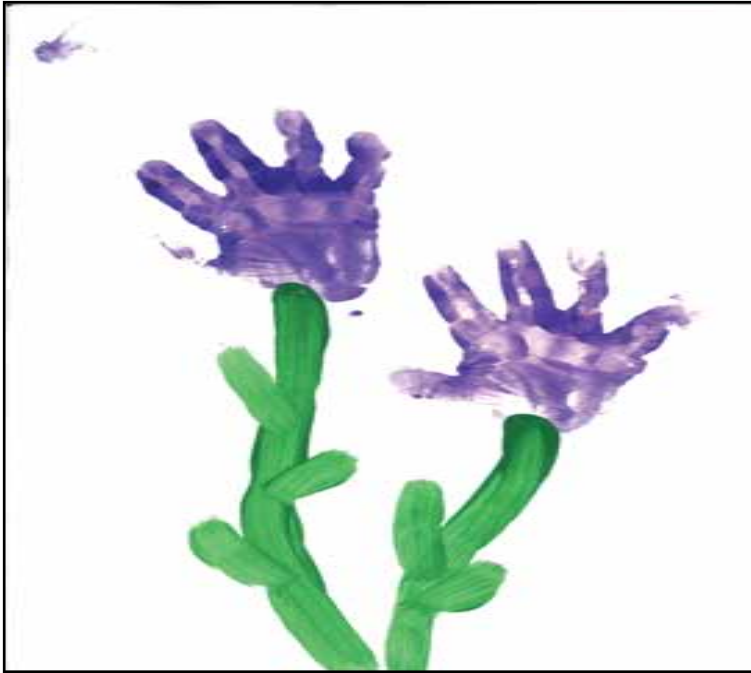
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Nova Wright, 10 months a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., looks forward to seeing many signs of warmer spring weather.

## On this Date

**1971** -- A speech by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman helps spark the Bangladesh war of independence. Bangladesh's founding leader made his historical speech at a time of mounting tensions between East Pakistan, which later became Bangladesh, and West Pakistan, which became present-day Pakistan.

**1965** -- Police brutally attack civil rights marchers in Selma, Alabama. Scores of demonstrators were injured, and the day entered history books as Bloody Sunday. The event helped to shift public opinion of the Civil Rights movement.

**1945** -- U.S. troops capture the Ludendorff Bridge and cross the Rhine at Remagen. The legendary capture yielded little strategic advantage but it elevated the morale of the U.S. troops in pursuit of retreating German fighters,

**1926** -- The first two-way transatlantic telephone takes place. The conversation between the post office in London and Bell Laboratories in New York was established using a short-wave radio signal.

**1900** -- The SS Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse becomes the first ship to send wireless signals to shore. It was fitted with wireless equipment to outdo its rival Hamburg-American.



Photo by Michael Caprio

## 'Way to Go!'

Westies Nutrition owner Mandy Hutchinson, center, receives the "Way to Go!" award Feb. 20 from Diane Dietman, left, and Viola Waldo on behalf of the West Haven Interagency Network for Children. Dietman, the director of West Haven Youth and Family Services, and Waldo, a WHINC Parent Support Group member, presented the award at Hutchinson's Sawmill Road health food store for "your generous donation of teas to the families of children with special needs for our Valentine's Day Breakfast Sandwich Fundraiser." The Way to Go program recognizes those who go above and beyond to offer services and resources.

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# 5 FDs respond to Dogburn Road blaze

One man was brought back to life, last week, in an apartment fire that required the combined efforts of the city's three fire services. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

According to a report by the City of West Haven – Allingtown, a fire broke out in a residence at 145 Dogburn Road. The initial response included two units from the City of West Haven Fire Department - Allingtown, along with units from the from the West Haven Center Fire District, West Shore Fire District as part of the Automatic Mutual Aid system with in the city. While enroute, one other unit arrived on scene and reported a working fire in a two-story, wood frame multi-family structure.

Engine 25 arrived on scene and further reported fire coming from the C side (rear of the structure), 1st floor window.

"Truck Company 1 arrived

and positioned at the A side (front of the structure) and established incident command, and raised its aerial device. Subsequent arriving units established a positive water supply and established a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT)," a press release from the FD-WHA office indicated.

One occupant from the fire apartment escaped and reported that two occupants remained inside the burning structure. The firefighters took action to find the residence, including a primary search of the first-floor fire apartment.

"Shortly after initiating the search, crews conducting the primary search and located an unresponsive male victim on the floor in a bedroom," the report stated. (The) victim was pulled to the outside rear of the structure by firefighters; and received by awaiting fire and EMS personnel. The victim was unresponsive and showing signs of breathing

distress, as EMS personnel immediately began successful resuscitation and transported to Emergency Department for further interventions.

While the rescue was in progress, additional alarms brought additional resources to address the report of an additional victim still inside, while others worked on extinguishing the blaze. New Haven and Milford fire departments responded to provide coverage to the city as all city units were committed to this fire.

"Crews conducted additional searches to locate the second victim and quickly discovered that the report was inaccurate. Additional crews continued to work in locating hidden fire to perform a complete extinguishment," the report stated.

While crews were operating, additional command staff arrived on scene and provided support functions.

Additional personnel from

the Allingtown Volunteer Fire Association also responded and assigned additional support operations.

"This fire was a text book example of cooperative team efforts by highly trained and devoted professional personnel, that when summoned to

emergencies of all kinds are effective in protecting the public. Responding personnel energies resulted in the locating, removal, and revival of a fire victim, and quick extinguishment and control of a well involved fire, with positive outcomes," the report stated.

## Johnston suspends Council activity due to illness

Republican Councilman Steven J. Johnstone, who represents West Shore's 10th District, is coping with a medical issue and has temporarily suspended his City Council duties.

Johnstone, the council's minority leader, has requested until further notice that constituents direct all 10th District matters to council members Meli Garthwait (R-at large), and Brian Laucks (D-at large).

Garthwait can be contacted at [mgarthwait@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:mgarthwait@westhaven-ct.gov) and Laucks at [blaucks@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:blaucks@westhaven-ct.gov).

"The city of West Haven wishes Councilman Johnstone well in his recovery," Mayor Dorinda Borer said. "We will all pitch in and cover his responsibilities so that our constituents are served and Councilman Johnstone can take the time to recover."

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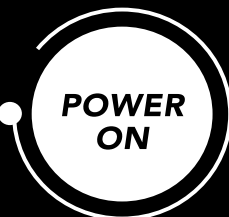
## Jens Frederiksen Elected as University of New Haven's Seventh President

The University of New Haven announced 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.

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# Dear Felicia

We have had Leap Day and now, sweetie pie, we are in March...already! They say the older yew git the faster time flies. That reminds me of an anecdote someone told me. Kitty Carlisle, the actress-turned-radio personality-turned-show panelist (she and Arlene Francis seemed to be on every quiz shows in the old days) lived to a ripe old age of nearly 100. She was once asked about time and her life as a nonagenarian, and she said, "Things are fine, but it seems like I'm having breakfast every 15 minutes!"

Well, that's the way this year seems to be flying, and as I tell you a lot, once yew git past May the year really flies. So, we should be having Thanksgiving in a week or two....

Things here in the Asylum by the Sea are a bit quieter after the flurry of a new administration coming in and a special election, and the clamor and reshuffling that goes on with it. I still am chuckling about Herronner Mayor Borer havin' the boys and gurls of City Hall - or as we like to call it, The Actors Colony - take ethics classes a few weeks back. We all know why it was done, but the horse was already outta the barn. Still, and methinks some members of the bar might have had something to do with it, they can say they

did it, and are off the hook efen anything untoward takes place. Though, one would hafta be really dumb to try anything that could be unethical or illegal at this juncture - not jest for the usually moral reasons, but cuz everybody is gonna be on high alert for anything outta the ordinary.

Speakin' of that, it seems there was a blurb Cobina saw that city officials are looking into a tourist slogan for the city and hoping that it'll help rehab the city's image. On the face of it, not a bad idea on the face of it. But people can have fun with it as well. Hmmm. Here's a fiew jest off the top of m'head:

"West Haven: come for the beach, stay for the people."

"West Haven: Making friends since 1648."

"West Haven: Tammany Hall's little sister." (Reference to famous Walter Winchell quote, 1943).

"West Haven: There's more to us than you read in the papers."

"West Haven: Divided into three parts. Find one that fits you!"

We are sure many people can come up with their own contributions as could some of our business owners. Cobina could come up with more, some nice, some cheeky, but she has to push onto other

things that are happening in the burg.

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*We see via Sammy Bluejay that our state's primary is gonna be March 19, effen we see things correckly. Cobina needs new cheaters, so some things aren't as clear. The only thing that'll be interesting in this vote is how many people actually show up. Let's face it, primaries aren't known to bring out a lotta people, and with the way the two major party candidates are already stacked to win, some people might decide it ain't worth it.*

*Soooo, effen Cobina was a betting gal she'd be surprised effen the vote statewide was at 30 percent and would put some kopecks down that way. But, Cobina works hard for her shekels, and don't see it clear to waste them on wagers.. Here in God's Li'l Acrrre, I don't see more than that coming out, and probably fewer than that. Like I said, there ain't much choice, the rales are perty well stacked in favor of the favorites. As I like to say, we shall see.*

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The Wag was in t'other afternoon and mentioned that whilst Rep. Bill Heffernan was jest sworn into his seat in the General Assembly a mere 5 weeks ago, he will be on the campaign trail faster than you can say Jack Robinson. Whilst the frosh rep was jest elected, it was only to fill out the term

and seat left vacant when Dorinda Borer took the reins of city government.

That means come Labor Day or thereabouts, Willy and the other candidates looking for Assembly seats will be trooping the streets looking for votes yet again. Let's hope Heff has comfortable shoes or has resoled the ones he has. Campaigning whilst a necessary chore is a chore, nonetheless. He is an affable sort o' fella, and can be quick with bon mot. But campaigning hasta be the worst and most necessary part o' the job...jest my thoughts.

And as I told yew the last time, Ray Collins III is looking for the seat in 117, the seat his father had. It'll be interesting to see how that plays out. Parts of Milford and Orange are in that districk, and West Haven has had more than its share of people representing the districk. Collins probably has done the ground work, getting support from the other two towns, but one wonders effen there are people in those venues who would like to run. I guess we'll find out as tspring progresses.

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*Nelly Nuthatch was by t'other afternoon and traversed around Beach Street to see how things are progressing over there. She said that sidewalks were being put in and figgers the paving of the new roadway will take place sooner rather than later. Word got out around Christmas time that the road would be finished in March. Well, here we are. The contractors or officials didn't want things going during the dead of winter for fear of storms and setch that could inhibit the projeck. So, the decision to wait to finish it was made when spring was in the offing.*

*Let's jest hope that March, which hasn't come in like a lion, get's more lamb-like as we move through the month. I know that whilst the residents on Beach Street are enjoying the relative quiet of the neighborhood, not having a main artery available has made travel somewhat more tedious around the city than usual.*

*So, when the barriers come down ain't been announced officially at this writing, but one would think by Easter Week travel should be back to normal. Stay tuned.*

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Iva Lootey came to tea and we were discussing the long expanse that was once called the Haven, and is now jest a long view into New Haven Harbor. Where once was discussed a large high-end mall, and later, after that fell through, selling it to some movie company in toto, now we are hearing rumors the

land will be divided into parcels and sold to various bidders.

While there has been no official announcements from the developers that still own the property, these things don't usually appear out of the ether. Somebody hoid something. Herronner we hear is a bit frustrated with the developers as they are still stonewalling as to what they plan on doing.

Still, the word is that instead of one buyer, there might be a few, and who knows what will be planned, but effen yew think there will be commercial development with no residential component, that seems to be the crux of the reports about the burg.

What goes around comes around is the old bromide. Eighteen years (2006) ago, a committee looking into the area, which had been on the block for redevelopment since the fall of 1997 determined high-end condos might be the best option for the development. Remember, this started out as a commercial projeck that was gonna stretch from Main Street to North Street - a distance of half-a-mile. That fell through. Then-Mayor John Picard determined that was not the best use of the land, and taxing on the city's infrastructure and pushed for commercial development. It languished for eight years, and then the Haven was announced. That languished for another eight years-plus before that plug was pulled.

So, we might be back to 2006 with high-end condos the building of choice. And at this point, they might jest be approved cuz people have had enough with the no-go zone that is that area. And I can hear it now, high-end condos will put more into the tax base, and won't take out as much in services. Be ready, it might be coming. Who knows, but they 30th anniversary of the announcement of redevelopment, there might be brand new buildings down there...

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*We see the Municipal Accountability Review Board okayed the teachers contrack. One wonders effem the threat of court action by the teachers might have had something to do with it. It seemed within days of the threat, the contract was given approval. Still to be given an imprimatur is the constabulary's contract. There are some snags in it, but we hope the repositioning of a pension plan stays. We think the Police Board and union have made a good case for the contrack, but we shall see what the overseers think as the process goes along.*

*Mitt luff und kizzez,*

*Cobina*

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Dear Fun Lover

You might like to check with our local Health department to get a list of restaurants to determine which night life restaurants are open nightly. Their phone number is 203 937 3660.

Gripe Vine Readers:

Gripe Vine has heard rumblings about school children bringing cell phones to classrooms.

I wonder how my readers feel about this practice? Let me know!

By the way, a few weeks ago a Gripe Vine reader sent a detailed complaint concerning speeding school buses from Bailey School on Shingle Hill Road. This individual sat on his front lawn for hours not-



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

ing bus numbers and speeding buses.

Gripe Vine reported this activity to the police department as well as school authorities and the bus company. No word from the bus company yet.

Coming up.....Highland Avenue....more on Robo calls and reader suggestions to Mayor Borer

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## 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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## Progressive boogeymen

Progressives like to pigeonhole their political opponents, usually employing one-, two- or three-word epithets, which they believe identifies their political and/or moral positions, with the understood implication that these positions are wrong, morally, and politically. Take for example the recent attempt by Politico (former NBC) reporter Heidi Przybyla.

Przybyla has taken up the most recent attempt at defining the enemy – Christian Nationalism. This is the most recent boogeyman foisted upon the public by the Left and taken up by the media to isolate those with whom they disagree.

Of course, the underlying “problem” is the support that Orange Man Bad Donald Trump is garnering from more conservative Christians – those who wish not to adulterate their religion with the woke pop culture.

In a recent interview on that paragon of journalistic Leftwingery, MSNBC, she defended her piece in Politico, a left-leaning magazine, and what she believed was the defining characteristic of Christian Nationalists; namely, their belief that our human rights are endowed by God, not the state.

This quote during the interview summarized the left’s difficulties with this new boogeyman:

“The one thing that unites all of them because there is many different group orbiting Trump, but the thing that unites them as Christian nationalists, not Christians by the way, because Christian nationalist is very different, is that they believe that our rights as Americans, as all human beings don’t come from any earthly authority. They don’t come from Congress, they don’t come from the Supreme Court, they come from God.”

The reaction was almost immediate. Did this woman not ever read the Declaration of Independence or the writings of the Founding Fathers? Does she not understand that as one pundit put it, “If our rights are not God-given, we have none.”

To paraphrase the Book of Job, “The State giveth, the State taketh away, Blessed be the Name of the State.”

None other than Bishop Robert Barron, who is best known for his PBS Series, *Catholicism*, who saw the interview, called it the most “one of the most disturbing and frankly dangerous things I’ve ever seen in a political conversation.” He said, also it was a doorway to totalitarianism. And it is!

The reason the Founders insisted human rights are “unalienable” and “endowed by” the Creator was to oppose the notion of not only the Divine Right of Kings, but to place the position of those who govern as subservient to those who are governed. But Ms. Przybyla, being a product of elite universities and in the bubble of the East Coast media, seems to deny that.

She did attempt an apology later last week, saying the problem was her use of “clumsy words.”

We would like to believe that, but what she said is believed by many on the left. This is a topic about which we discussed in this publication more than two years ago. Left wing ideologues, having given up the idea of religion, dismiss the idea of the Natural Law. Once the idea of objective truths being part of the Natural Law is dismissed, government becomes the arbiter of rights.

This is a pernicious and dangerous idea, and one we are afraid is held by too many in the Progressive Left.

Other ideologies held the same ideas, and the results over the last 100-plus years have been disastrous.



## Biden's inane war on packaging

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

Joe Biden has met the enemy, and it is smaller packaging for foodstuffs.

The White House is targeting the practice known as “shrinkflation,” or companies keeping the nominal price of a product the same while decreasing the amount. This, naturally, is just another way of charging more. If the price is the same, but you’re getting only 14 ounces of Wheat Thins instead of 16, you are paying more for your whole-wheat crackers.

President Biden slammed shrinkflation in a Super Bowl video featuring various offending snacks, including Doritos, Tostitos and Oreos. He called it a “rip off,” and declared that “the American public is tired of being played for suckers.” He may revisit the theme in his State of the Union address.

This has to rank as one of the most economically illiterate and juvenile presidential crusades in recent history.

Shrinkflation is a symptom of inflation, not a cause. And to the extent it is fooling anyone about higher prices, it is helping Biden, whose economic record has been blighted by persistently high prices, especially for food.

A company that is raising its prices can either charge more or reduce the size of its product. What Biden is suggesting

is that the former is the best option and companies should always increase their sticker prices.

If he were being cogent, Biden should have held up a bag of Doritos in his Super Bowl video and said, “I don’t care what Frito Lay says -- this bag should be .50 ounces bigger and more expensive than it is now. How dare corporate America deal with the stubbornly high inflation of the last few years by trying to hide from people how they are paying more for food.”

Of course, Biden’s goal is to shift blame, yet complaining about smaller bags is only another way of complaining about higher prices. He might as well be pointing out that beef now costs an ungodly \$8 a pound, or that the price of baby food has increased nearly 9% over the past 12 months.

According to a report in The Wall Street Journal, consumers are spending the highest proportion of their disposable income on food since 1991.

The focus on shrinkflation is a variant of the corporate-greed argument advanced by Elizabeth Warren and other progressives. It maintains that inflation is an artifact of companies arbitrarily deciding to raise prices to boost their profits. There is a basic implausibility in this theory. It assumes that for several decades during the long period of low inflation in the U.S. corporations

didn’t use this pricing power. Then, they suddenly decided to wield it beginning in 2021, coinciding with a period of supply-chain disruptions, loose monetary policy and extravagant federal spending -- all of which one would expect to be drivers of inflation.

As for shrinkflation, even the consumer advocate who has been briefing the White House on this trend, Edgar Dworsky, admits that “these tactics tend to become more prevalent during times of high inflation,” in the words of a CNBC report.

The causes of higher food prices, by the way, aren’t a mystery. Why is the price of beef elevated? The supply of cattle has declined. What’s up with the more expensive Oreos? Cocoa prices, The Wall Street Journal reports, recently passed a 46-year record. And labor costs have gone up with increases in the minimum wage in states across the country.

Still, The New York Times reports that the White House is considering new executive actions to crack down on shrinkflation. Assuming it’s within the power of the presidency to influence the size of bags, boxes and bottles of food and drink, forcing them to stay larger would only render the underlying price increases more plain.

One might think that the na  
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Buying a house can be daunting, but when accessibility issues need to be addressed, it can be even more difficult.

## Home-buying when accessibility issues need some answers

Buying a new home can be daunting, especially when finding an accessible space is a top priority. The process requires more than just picking a location and setting a budget; it involves a detailed understanding of your specific requirements and how they align with available properties. This guide aims to navigate you through the complexities of finding an accessible home, ensuring a match that meets your needs and expectations.

**Financial Planning and Market Research --** Budgeting is a critical step in the house-hunting process. Determining what you can afford not only narrows your search but also prevents future financial strain. Research the real estate market in your preferred areas to get a sense of pricing trends. This insight allows you to make informed decisions, balancing your accessibility needs with financial realities.

**Seek Specialized Real Estate Assistance --** Navigating the market for accessible homes is a unique challenge. Partnering with a real estate agent who specializes in accessible properties can be a game-changer. These professionals offer a wealth of knowledge and resources, helping you find homes that meet your specific requirements, and saving you time and potential disappointment.

**Evaluate Homes for Modification Potential --** Sometimes the perfect home is not fully accessible but has great potential. Assessing a home's capacity for modifications is crucial. Look for properties that can easily be adapted to suit your needs. This might include adding ramps, modifying bathrooms, or widening doorways. The right home may be one renovation away from perfection.

**Explore Assistance Options --** Exploring financial assistance for accessible housing is crucial for buyers with accessibility needs. Various grants and loans exist to help cover the costs of purchasing and modifying homes to make them more accessible. These financial aids can significantly lower the barriers to homeownership, providing tailored solutions that address individual requirements for mobility and access. Prospective buyers should consult with local housing agencies and nonprofits specializing in disability resources to uncover the most beneficial and applicable options available.

**The Significance of the Neighborhood --** The ideal home extends beyond the property line; the surrounding neighborhood plays a critical role in accessibility. Ensure the area offers well-maintained sidewalks, accessible public transportation, medical routines more manageable.

**Conducting an Accessibility-Focused Inspection --** When a  
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## Lowry: An inane issue

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tion's chief executive would have more important things to worry about than the size of Gatorade bottles, but such is the White House's political desperation on food prices that nothing is too inane or nonsensical.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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### Students of the Month

Breakfast was held on Feb. 26 to recognize 1st-8th graders selected for Student of The Month Recognition at St. Lawrence School. Family members were on hand at to celebrate the accomplishments of their children. Pictured with Principal Frank Arnone are : First row -- Gr.4- Anthony Milano, Gr.2- James Hernandez, Gr.1- Charlotte Sebas, Gr.1- Connor Leigh, Gr.2- Madeline Rivera, Second row -- Gr.7- Presley Roberts, Gr.8- Cayla Mendez, Gr.3- Kendall Zandri, Gr.3-Annabella Cataneo, Gr.4- Nick Henninger, Gr.5-Randy Saucedo and Gr.6- Brielle Roberts.

## Homes: *Accessibility issues can be daunting*

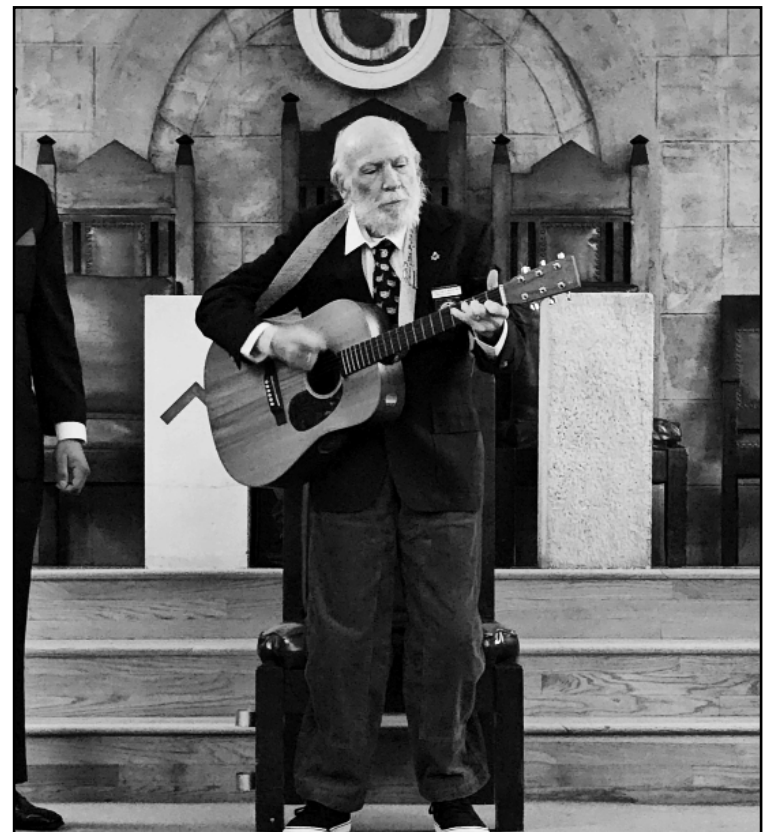
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potential home catches your eye, a thorough inspection is essential. This evaluation should specifically focus on accessibility features and potential issues. An expert inspection can reveal hidden problems, saving you from unexpected future costs and ensuring the property truly meets your needs.

Embrace Digital Organization for Purchase Documents -- Keeping your housing-related documents organized and easily accessible is crucial. Using PDFs can ensure the formatting and content remain consistent across different devices and operating systems. Learn to create a PDF file online by utilizing online tools that offer functionalities like conversion, compression, editing, rotation, and reordering, simplifying document management. This approach secures your documents and streamlines access and handling.

Future-Proof Your Home Choice -- Your needs may evolve, so consider how a potential home can adapt over time. Future-proofing involves assessing how a property can accommodate changes in mobility or other accessibility needs. Choosing a home that can grow and change with you is a forward-thinking strategy, ensuring long-term comfort and satisfaction.

Finding an accessible home is a journey of patience, research, and careful consideration. By using the above strategies, you can find a home that not only meets but surpasses your accessibility needs. Remember, the right home is out there, and with the right approach, you will unlock the door to a comfortable, accessible living space.



Submitted Photo

Town "Troubadour" William "Railroad Bill" Barr sings and plays the guitar at his surprise 80th birthday celebration at Annawon Lodge

## Annawon celebrates Barr's 80th birthday

William "Railroad Bill" Barr is known by many titles, such as square dance caller and all around nice guy. In 2019, then-Mayor Nancy Rossi added to his titles by appointing him as the Town Troubadour.

The Troubadour is a position dating back centuries in Europe. Its aim is to foster cultural literacy in music. Barr, a lifelong City resident is a prolific musician and singer and has entertained audiences across Connecticut and New England.

A past master and forty year member of Annawon Lodge, #115, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of West Haven and a fifty year member of West Haven Rotary, the two groups, as well as around 70 others joined to celebrate Barr's 80th birthday at the Lodge recently.

Also attending Barr's celebration were State Representative Charles Ferrero, R-117 and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Connecticut Freemasons, Joseph Porco.

Barr has been recovering at a convalescent facility in Milford after being stricken last January. The birthday celebration was a fundraiser to assist him. If you would like to make a donation or visit Barr, contact Steven R. Mullins at (203) 824-4262.

### Meetings:

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- Monday:**  
12:00 pm Living Sober Topic Meeting

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- Tuesday:**  
12:00 pm As Bill Sees It Topic Meeting  
8:00 pm Beginners Topic Meeting

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- Wednesday:**  
11:00 am "Jimmy's Lunch" - \$3  
12:00 pm Topic Meeting

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- 1st Wednesday:**  
6:00 pm Executive Board Meeting  
7:00 pm Members' Meeting

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- 3rd Wednesday:**  
5:30 pm District 15 GSR Meeting

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- Thursday:**  
12:00 pm Free to be Me Topic Meeting  
7:00 pm "Shot-Gun" Big Book - UPSTAIRS

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- Friday:**  
12:00 pm 12 & 12 Step Group Meeting  
8:00 pm Heroin Anonymous Topic Meeting

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- Saturday:**  
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# 14 students aiding story project

By Marilyn Wilkes,  
Land Trust of WH

Fourteen West Haven High School digital media students have been selected to participate in the University of Connecticut's (UConn) Eco-Digital Storytellers program. They will focus their project on West Haven's Shoreline Resilience and Eco-Restoration Project.

"This partnership is a win for my students on so many levels," said West Haven High School digital media and journalism teacher Jennifer Cummings. "They are getting hands-on experience with UConn's natural resources, digital media, and extension departments while helping to publicize an important environmental project that is close to home."

Through the Eco-Digital Storytellers program, which is backed by a \$1.35 million grant from the National Science Foundation, UConn is providing funding and technical support to select Connecticut high school students so they can create community-focused digital-media environmental-action projects.

"We're really thinking about narrative structures as a way for people to express their identities and their thoughts and actions about environmental issues and then using technology to support

those narratives," said Anna Lindemann, UConn Associate Professor of Motion Design and Animation and one of the lead faculty members associated with the project. «Empowering college

students to be mentors who will then inspire high school students is one of the really exciting and novel parts of this project.»

The West Haven Shoreline Resilience and Eco-Restoration

Project will restore 1.5 acres of public shoreline to native coastal plant and dune habitat and enhance public access to environmental education and passive recreation in a highly

trafficked stretch of the shoreline across from Old Grove Park.

"We feel very fortunate that the students have chosen to focus their project on the

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Photo by Shacqwan Kingston, student in the Eco-Digital Program

The students and faculty of the Eco-Digital Storytellers Project take a break for a "class" picture.

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Photo by Michael O'Brien

### *In competition*

Six Debate Team members from WHHS competed at Yale University on Friday, Feb. 9, organized by the Yale-New Haven Debate League which included several area high schools! The students from left to right are Igra Alam (Grade 9), Spogmai Hadi (Grade 9), Ada Akdag (Grade 9), Genesis Sikorski (Grade 10), Bedirhan Ozmen (Grade 11), and Ehsan Hadi (Grade 10).

## Project: **14** students aid effort

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Shoreline Restoration project because their work will help us to build awareness for it while helping to make a difference in their community," said Shoreline Restoration co-leads Mark Paine, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of West Haven, and Marilyn Wilkes, Vice President of the Land Trust of West Haven.

West Haven High School students are collaborating with the Shoreline Restoration Committee and a multidisciplinary UConn team of seven professors and two undergraduate students to create a series of videos about the West Haven shoreline restoration project. They hope their videos will bring more attention, support, and funding to the Shoreline Restoration project.

"The first time I heard about the Shoreline Restoration project was in my digital media and journalism class," said Agatha Lima-Freitas, a senior at West Haven High School who is involved in the partnership. "I feel connected to the project because it's so close to the school. I adore journalism and I also participate in the gardening club at my school. Those three things come together for this project. I also joined this project because I have little brothers, and I would love to take a walk with them near the beach in a beautiful and clean environment. I want them to have a special place in our town."

Over the course of the school year, the UConn team will teach the students how to engage in environmental storytelling, using geospatial technology and digital media tools as vessels to convey their messages. They will be taught how to use a mapping application, called ArcGIS StoryMaps, to create interactive online narratives using maps and digital media. Students will also learn basic digital media and design skills, such as video and animation, to share engaging stories about the project.

"With this project, we can help West Haven students with an environmental project that they're passionate about and that will help to improve their community," said UConn students Emma Dutil and Avi Obie, both Eco-Digital Storyteller Mentors for the program. "We are excited to be working with them and can't wait to see their final product!"

The students will showcase their digital projects at a professional event hosted by the Connecticut Science Center in

#### **Report available**

The 2023 annual report for the city's Municipal Separate Sanitary and Stormwater System is available for public review and comment.

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Photos by Michael P. Walsh

West Haven High School seniors Dana Davis-Anagboso, Alison Frazer and Da'ron Markell Tucker, holding certificates from left, receive a Black Heritage Committee award for "leadership and academic success" from, from left, Mayor Dorinda Borer, state Rep. Treené McGee, D-West Haven, and committee Chairman Steven R. Mullins. The seniors also received a \$250 academic scholarship from the committee.



## Watt Hamilton: *Heads up annual celebration*

received a mayoral citation from Borer for "your remarkable legacy of public service and faithful service to our city."

Reading the citation to her friend and supporter, Borer said, "You embody a community that finds unity in its diversity, draws strength from a spirit of common purpose and aspires to build a better tomorrow."

On July 25, 2016, Watt Hamilton, a Democrat, was unanimously elected by the City Council to fill the seat and carry on the legacy of her late brother, Councilman Brent Watt, a Democrat who represented Allingtown's 5th District from Dec. 4, 2011, until his death on June 25, 2016, at age 54. Watt Hamilton is a financial clearance specialist and has worked at Yale New Haven Hospital for 45 years.

She is a communicant of Vertical Church, the Meloy Road-based nondenominational Christian church, and is active in a number of outreach programs, including the church's Dream Center at 263 Center St.

She is a longtime committee member and serves on the Connecticut Mission of Mercy Free Dental Foundation.

When it was time for her to speak after a spirited introduction by her 5th District successor, Democratic Councilman Mackie McMillian, Watt Hamilton was gracious in thanking those who have had a positive influence on her life.

"Thank you for being such an important part of my story," said Watt Hamilton, who was accompanied onstage by her husband, Anthony Hamilton, and just offstage by her mother, Eva Watt.

Watt Hamilton continued by urging the all-ages crowd to give back through public

service.

"It's a space where great friendships are born" ... and "I made a difference in someone's life," she said. "I encourage every able body to serve others."

Watt Hamilton also received an embroidered "West Haven Black Heritage Ernestine Jackson Citizen of Distinction Award 2024" jacket from last year's African American Citizen of the Year, Councilwoman Katherine Tucker, D-7, a committee member.

The hourlong program, held in the Harriet C. North Community Room, included an awards presentation by Borer, state Rep. Treené McGee, D-West Haven, and committee Chairman Steven R. Mullins. The invocation was given by the Rev. Denya C. McGee, the pastor of Abba's House International Fellowship in North Branford. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mullins, and a powerful rendition of the Black national anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," was sung by Stephanie Townsend of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services in New Haven.

The ceremony featured performances by the West Haven High choir, directed by Jason Thomas, including a vibrant rendition of "Bonse Aba," a traditional Zambian folk song, and a moving rendition of "Nine Hundred Miles," a traditional American folk song.

The student honorees received a Black Heritage Committee certificate of achievement and a \$250 academic scholarship from the committee. Davis-Anagboso is a peer advocate, the vice president of the West Haven High chapter of the National Honor Society and an executive board member of the Senior Class Council.

Frazer is the president of the school's National Honor Society chapter and Students Against Violence Everywhere Club and is a member of the debate team and the Senior Class Council. She is the captain of the girls volleyball team and indoor and outdoor track teams. Markell Tucker is on the school's high honor roll, competes on the boys indoor and outdoor track teams and is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars.

The ceremony included

remarks by Treené McGee, the keynote speaker and a committee member. It also included words of praise by Borer, Mullins and Board of Education member Jonathan Jones, the master of ceremonies and a committee member.

McGee, who was elected to serve West Haven's 116th District in 2021, congratulated and thanked Watt Hamilton for her leadership and mentorship.

"Because of women like her, I am here today," said McGee, before delivering impassioned

remarks on social justice and equality, along with words of unity by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Dr. King said, 'The time is always right to do what is right.' What inspires you to do right?" McGee asked the standing room-only assembly of committee members, dignitaries, family, friends and residents.

"It is never too late to become a seed planter in your own fruits in your own garden by doing what's right," she said.



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# ESL students mark 'Read Across America'

By Michael P. Walsh

*Special to the Voice*

Mayor Dorinda Borer brought her reading tour to a temporarily relocated elementary school on Meloy Road to highlight the importance of literacy.

On Feb. 27, Borer met with students at Washington Elementary School and read children's books, including the 2004 Mo Willems book "Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale," to students of the school's English Language Learners program for grades K-4.

The school is housed until further notice in the former Molloy Elementary School building at 255 Meloy Road while a new Washington School is constructed at 369 Washington Ave.

The ELL program is composed of 127 students, including 13 newcomers, and is led by ELL-certified teachers Pauline Moycik, Meghan Abate and Helen Soufrine.

According to Washington Principal Alicia M. Limosani, at least 18 different languages are spoken by the students and their families.

During the half-hour reading session, an energetic and engaging Borer received enthusiastic comments and responses from the classroom of students.

To show their gratitude for the mayor's visit, students presented Borer with two bouquets of flowers and two large signs with "Thank You Mayor" printed in colored markers.

Borer was so impressed by the paper signs, she hung them in her office at City Hall.

The mayor then made more stops on her reading tour to celebrate Read Across America Week, including at Savin Rock Community School and Mackrille Elementary School on Friday and at the West Haven Child Development Center on Monday.

The annual literacy week, promoted as "celebrating a nation of diverse readers," kicks off March 2, the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss, and runs through March 6.

Read Across America, established in 1998, is an initiative of the Washington, D.C.-based National Education Association to encourage reading. The year-round program focuses on "motivating children to read through events, partnerships and reading resources that are about everyone, for everyone."

Photos by Michael P. Walsh

Mayor Dorinda Borer on Feb. 27 reads the 2004 Mo Willems children's book "Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale" to students of Washington Elementary School's English Language Learners program for grades K-4.



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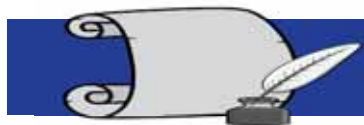
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# Historian's corner

By

West Haven Girls' Hockey League  
1972-1980  
Part III

Teamwork is the thorough conviction that nobody can get there unless everybody gets there. ~Virginia Burden

Bennett Rink, 1975: Thirteen-year-old goalie Maureen McDaniel stepped out on the ice and paused for a moment: The cold ice rink always had a certain feel to it just before a game, and she would always remember the cold air and the scent of the ice. Tonight

would be the championship game of the 2nd East -West Girls Invitational Hockey Tournament for Conlan's All Stars, and the rink's seating was completely empty. Maureen turned around and entered the locker room to join her teammates, gear up and prepare for the "Big" game. Although the locker room was full of excitement and music, each player dwelt with her own thoughts and hopes.

An hour later, not to the team's awareness, enthusiastic fans proceeded to enter

the rink. Coach Keith Sweeney entered the locker room and said, "We have a crowd out there," gave them a pep talk and said, "Okay, let's go." As the goaltender, Maureen led the team onto the ice. When she hit the ice, she was shocked to see that the rink was absolutely packed with over two thousand roaring fans—it was standing room only. For Maureen, it was like a dream come true: Playing with her sister Cheryl, her entire family watching, and the tremendous support of the

community. She blocked 81 shots that night.

Maureen was nicknamed "Cat" by coach Sweeney, in recognition of her exceedingly quick response time in keeping the puck out of the net. Over the years, she had the opportunity and support of Mike Violano, a former stand-out goaltender for West Haven High School. Mike was just a few years older, and worked patiently with her to hone her skills, as the other coaches did the same for her teammates.

Today, she smiles as she says, "I don't want this story to be about me: It wasn't like that at all. It's about a great team—the Conlan All-Stars. The team effort got me to where I am; we were supportive of each player and we did it together. We all looked out for each other, while we were on and off the ice. In the end, we had become a hockey family."

Many fond memories were shared by Maureen of the years playing hockey: The countless road trips with the team and their families, playing against the boys hockey team, representing the United States in the Gurka Cup in Sweden, playing on the same ice as the USA Men's Olympic Hockey Team when they won the gold Medal in Lake Placid - Conlan All-Stars won too! Reflecting back, she is grateful to play with three of her sisters (Cheryl, Melanie and Marilyn), her younger sister Dawn cheering the team on (Conlan All-Stars little mascot) and finally, her daughter Morgan, ironically at the age of thirteen, in the stands at Edward L. Bennet Rink witnessing "mom" playing ice hock-



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

ey, knowing that the Conlan All-Stars paved the path for young girls to play the great sport today—Ice Hockey!

Note: This writer was totally overwhelmed by the volume and quality of amazing responses and the enthusiasm received upon gathering the information needed for the writing of this story. In twenty years of writing this column, there has never been anything like it.

They were girls, and they were a team, and they were equals, and their honor was shown in the way that they always acted in support of each other. Today, as mothers and grandmothers, some retired, they continue to stay in touch, and support each other like the family that they consider themselves to be. ~DRS



Maureen McDaniel Celone was a major part of the success of Conlan's All-Stars.



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## Borer, Baylor celebrate reading

Second graders of teacher Callie Vlandis' class at Mackrille Elementary School on Friday hold up the children's book "Storms and Snow, Skis and Sox! New England's Weather Truly Rocks!" authored by WTNH News 8 meteorologist Ashley Baylor, right, joined by Mayor Dorinda Borer. Baylor and Borer read the book to students to celebrate the school's Read Across America Day event, which marked Dr. Seuss' birthday and the importance of literacy.

Submitted Photo

"The Cat in the Hat" was the featured story as Annawon Lodge Past Master Steven R. Mullins read to children attending the Read Across America event Saturday at Annawon Lodge, marking the birthday of Dr. Seuss.



### WEST HAVEN, CT LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The West Haven Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 in the Harriet North Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:00 p.m. to act upon the following matter:

#### 1. Proposed Zone Map Change:

An application to amend the West Haven Zoning Map to rezone the following parcels to Multi Family Residence (R4) district: 265 Terrace Ave (MBL 053-165-0-0000), and Terrace Avenue (053-169-0-0000). Pursuant of section 86 and 92 of the City of West Haven Zoning Regulations. Owner Joseph Klecowsky Applicant Timothy Lee. File ZM #24-15.

## Scouts, Masons mark literacy week, reading a classic by Dr. Seuss

The West Haven Scouts of Troop and Pack #821 marked the end of "Read Across America Week" last Saturday at Annawon Lodge.

The program commemorates the life of Dr. Theodore Seuss Geisel, who went by the name "Dr. Seuss." The iconic children's author's birthday was celebrated with a green eggs, pancakes and bacon breakfast and book giveaway. The breakfast was donated by Chips Family Restaurant, Elm Diner and the Annawon Lodge Fellowcraft Club.

"What better idea would it be to encourage kids to read books." Said Scout Leader Carrie Malangone.

For over a quarter of a century, Read Across America has emphasized diversity of books, reflecting different cultures and experiences.

Local communities throughout the United States put in their own unique spin on Read Across America. This year is the first collaboration between Pack and Troop #821 and the West Haven Masons.

"We are proud to join in with the Scours to encourage literacy with West Haven's youths." Said Annawon Lodge Worshipful Master Joey McVety.

Dozens of children of all ages were able to pick out books of their choice. The books were donated by Scholastic Books. Some children sat and listened to stories read by the "Cat In the Hat," played by Annawon Lodge Past Master Steven R. Mullins.

There were also several student volunteers from the West Haven High School Student Government and Class Councils.

"In Scouts, we support literacy programs through and through." Malangone said.

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# McCauley tapped 'Irishwoman of Year'

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the voice

Sandy McCauley, a long-standing member and volunteer of the West Haven Irish American Club and the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, has been named West Haven's Irishwoman of the Year.

McCauley, a former longtime West Haven school nurse, will receive the honor two days before St. Patrick's Day during the city's 31st annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration at noon March 15.

The West Haven St. Patrick's Day Committee will fete the city's top Irishwoman by hanging a green street sign designating City Hall's Campbell Avenue entrance as "Sandy McCauley Square" for a year.

Last year's recipient, retired West Shore fire Capt. Richard "Woody" Beirne, will take home his sign at the start of the ceremony.

The "Irish Person of the Year" award is bestowed annually on an Irish resident or couple who personifies service in the city's close-knit Irish community.

"My family's Irish heritage has been such a big part of my life in the West Haven community," said McCauley, a city resident since 1966. "I am proud, humbled and honored to be chosen to represent all of the kind, generous and amazing Irish folks in our city as the 2024 West Haven Irish Person of the Year."

McCauley will toast her Irish lineage with dozens of friends and loved ones, along with an array of shamrock-clad dignitaries and descendants of folks from the Emerald Isle.

Accompanied by Celtic music played by bagpipers and drummers, the West Haven Police Honor Guard will escort McCauley to the Campbell Avenue side of City Hall for her special recognition.

The St. Patrick's Day Committee, co-chaired by the city's 2011 Irish Couple of the Year, Glenn and Joanne Conlan, includes the lifeblood of West Haven's Irish society, such as members of the Irish American Club and former honorees, as well as former and current city, fire and police officials.

"I'm thrilled to honor Sandy McCauley as our 2024 Irishwoman of the Year," said Mayor Dorinda Borer, the city's 2014 Irishwoman of the Year. "Sandy's dedication to our city, her strong Irish roots and her tireless work as

a school nurse and volunteer truly make her stand out. Whether she's helping our schools, organizing events or supporting our Irish community, Sandy's impact is felt by everyone around her."

Borer continued: "Sandy's not just receiving an award, she's a symbol of what makes West Haven special. Her caring nature, hard work and love for our traditions shine bright. We're lucky to have Sandy, and I'm proud to celebrate her as a shining example of the best of West Haven. Congratulations, Sandy, on this well-deserved honor!"

McCauley hails from an ancestry whose legacy is woven into the tapestry of the American fabric.

Nearly 200 years ago, sons and daughters of Erin, escaping the Great Famine, embraced the dream of a brighter future and embarked on a bold journey across the Atlantic to make their new home in a place of hope and promise. And when they landed on America's shores, they shared the true treasures of their homeland: song and literature, humor and tradition, faith and family.

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 a year later.

McCauley lives in the city's Richmond Avenue neighborhood and has two adult children: Terri Graf, of Lincoln, Massachusetts, and Sean McCauley, of Milford. She has three grandsons: Collin Graf, 21, Justin Graf, 16, and Logan McCauley, 8.

Sandy 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 "wearing 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.

Borer praised the civic-minded McCauley for "devoting her time and talents" to the deep-rooted Irish American community.

At the midday event, the mayor will present her with an Irish flag and a proclamation citing her dedication to her "spirited heritage."

McCauley will also receive an embroidered "Irishwoman



**SANDY MCCAULEY** of the Year 2024" jacket.

West Haven's Irish community takes great pride in the St. Patrick's Day traditions handed down from each generation. Every March 17, those of Irish birth or lineage honor the memory of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland who brought the message of Christ to the Irish people nearly 1,600 years ago. Teaching the word of God, St. Patrick used the three-leaf shamrock, with each leaf representing the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The need to preserve their Celtic identity in the U.S. led the Irish to form the Hibernian Society, which held the first

St. Patrick's Day parades, and local organizations, such as West Haven's Irish club.

Members of the New Haven County Firefighters Emerald Society Pipes & Drums will lead the event's opening procession, followed by remarks by St. Patrick's Day Committee member David Coyle, the master of ceremonies.

Retired Pastor Mark R. Jette, the city's 2010 Irishman of the Year, will offer an Irish blessing. Jette formerly served St. Lawrence and St. Paul churches in West Haven and Sacred Heart Church in Suffield.

Fiona Stewart, the queen of the 2013 Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade, will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Irish national anthem, "Soldier's Song," followed by remarks by Borer.

McCauley, joined by her son and daughter-in-law, Erin Reilly McCauley, will then pull off a shroud revealing the rectangular sign.

Sandy 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.

She is a former member of the Connecticut Association of School Nurses and was its School Nurse of the Year in 2000.

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-chair for several years. She is responsible for raising money and securing permits for the annual pyrotechnic show — the city's largest one-day event, launched off the Bradley Point shoreline.

McCauley's propensity for volunteerism has included serving as a Girl Scout troop leader, a member of the West Haven High School Band Parents Association and a member of the St. John Vianney Ladies' Guild

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## UNH football team cleans up campus neighborhood

Members of the University of New Haven Chargers football team, armed with rakes and trash bags supplied by the city Department of Public Works, clean up the neighborhood surrounding the university's main campus on Route 1 on Feb. 22. The cleanup was part of the team's outreach to the community and was supported by DPW crews, which picked up the bags.

Submitted Photo



## All-American Scholar-Athletes

Santino Amato and Luciano Chambrelli, both members of the West Haven Seahawks of the Ray Tellier Midget Football League and the Southern Connecticut Pop Warner League were named All-American Scholar-Athletes at the league banquet. Shown are: Mike Last, Derek Amato, Santino Amato (5th grade) Paul Chambrelli, Luciano Chambrelli (5th grade), Mindy Chambrelli and Kristen Amato. Both dads are alums of the Ray Tellier Midget Football League.



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# Offense on fire for Mite A v. the Maroons

The West Haven Mite A hockey team ended its regular season strong playing against Southern Stars Maroon.

The West Haven offense was on fire with Jack Weiss, Maddy Bruder, JP Beebe and Quinn Uscilla finding the back of the net multiple times each. Ava Healy also got on the scoreboard, and Gabbie Jenei, Beebe, Austin Picard and Uscilla assisted in the scoring. Brayden Gagliardi had multiple shots on goal, while Landon Alling debuted in net, rejecting most of the Stars' shots.

On Sunday, Picard made his first showing in net count, turning away the majority of New Canaan A's offense. The West Haven offense remained hot with goals by Gagliardi, Jenei, Weiss and Beebe, and assists by Alling, Jenei and Uscilla.

Healy and Bruder contributed on both ends of the ice in a complete team effort.

The West Haven Mite B hockey team finished the regular season on a strong note, with three games filled with scoring and energetic play.

To open the weekend, the Westies hosted the Southern Stars B at Bennett Rink. With Darcy Jacob proving rock solid in net, the Westie attack stole the

show.

Parker Vitelli notched a hat trick, while Dean Azano scored four goals of his own. Callen Tagliatela played strong defense in front of Jacob.

Next on the ledger was an early morning tilt against Southern B, a rematch from the day prior. Maddie Demayo played net and turned in one of the most impressive showings of the season.

Scoring multiple goals each for the Westies were Vitelli, Azano, Blake Bova, and Chase Liston. Rylan Jacob helped limit the Southern attack in the West Haven triumph.

Closing out the regular season, the Westie Mite B's traveled to South Norwalk to take on Mid Fairfield 8u White. Bova and Azano again led the West Haven offense, each finding the back of the net several times. Liston added two goals as well.

Darcy Jacob played with great pace and energy during the game. Tagliatela was all over the puck, helping to turn away the Mid Fairfield attack.

Parker Vitelli played a strong game in net, shutting down multiple scoring chances. Rylan Jacob helped to limit the opposition as well.

The West Haven Mite C Blue and White hockey

teams combined forces and traveled to Choate to take on Wallingford Mite C. Delaney Webb was in net for the Blue Devils and made many exceptional saves during the matchup.

Multiple goals were scored by Connor Gaul, one assisted by Isabella Rasile, with another goal from Sebastian Malangone, and a final goal from Rasile, which was assisted by Addie Bova.

Additional shots on net were made by Chloe Kendall, Joey Gaul and Mena Paredes. In the shootout at the conclusion of the game, goals were scored by Bova, Rasile, Malangone and Wyatt Valentine.

West Haven Mite C Blue traveled to Newington to take on CT Chiefs 7U, concluding the regular season schedule.

In net for the Blue Devils was Kaden Kendall, who made record breaking saves between the pipes. Connor Gaul and Paredes each scored a goal, while shots on net were also made by Joey Gaul, Chloe Kendall, Marco Camera and Nico Camera.

Zander Cianciullo played excellent defense as well during the matchup. The Mite C's are looking forward to their end-of-the-season jamboree taking place in mid-March.

## Legal Notices

### West Haven Eviction Warehouse Auction Notice

Below is a list of names and addresses of owners of clothing and household supplies removed by a CT State Marshal following a lawful eviction in West Haven. Pursuant to CT General Statute section 47a - 42c, these goods will be auctioned off on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 10am, at the storage warehouse for Public Works located at 135 Wood Street- Bay 3 West Haven, CT 06516.

Prior to the auction, goods may be claimed and picked up by appointment only. Please call 203-937-3585 to schedule an appointment.

The deadline is noon Monday, March 11, 2024. Proper identification is required to claim goods. A \$10.00 cash deposit is required for all those who intend to place bids on bins. The deposit may be returned to you after the auction. In cases where you have a winning bid, this deposit may be applied towards payment. Bidding for lots will begin at \$10.00 with the balance to be paid in cash immediately following the auction.

The successful bidder must have all items removed by 12 noon. Stored items to be auctioned are to be sold in lots only.

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### WEST HAVEN LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Preference Primary of the Republican and Democratic Party will be held on April 2, 2024.

Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the candidates (including the category 'Undecided') which are to appear on the ballot at said primary in the manner and in the order in which such names and category are herein listed, under the office designation "Nomination for President of the United States", together with the addresses of such candidates:

#### Election: 04/02/2024 - Democratic Presidential Preference Primary

Candidate Name	Party	Address
Nomination for President of the United States--Vote for One 01/20/2025--01/20/2029		
Joe Biden	Democratic Party	P.O. Box 58174, Philadelphia, PA-19102
Dean Phillips	Democratic Party	P.O. Box 741, Excelsior, MN-55331
Cenk Uygur	Democratic Party	2355 Westwood Blvd., #362, Los Angeles, CA-90064
Marianne Williamson	Democratic Party	P.O. Box 33079, Washington, DC-20033
Undecided	Democratic Party	165 Capital Ave., Hartford, CT-06115

#### Election: 04/02/2024 - Republican Presidential Preference Primary

Candidate Name	Party	Address
Nomination for President of the United States--Vote for One 01/20/2025--01/20/2029		
Ryan Brinkley	Republican Party	6841 Virginia Parkway, Suite 103-190, McKinney, TX-75071
Ron DeSantis	Republican Party	P.O. Box 3696, Tallahassee, FL-32315
Nikki Haley	Republican Party	186 Seven Farms Dr., Ste. F-370, Daniel Island, SC-29492
Donald J. Trump	Republican Party	P.O. Box 13570, Arlington, VA-22219
Undecided	Republican Party	165 Capital Ave., Hartford, CT-06115

Dated at Hartford, CT this 28th day of February 2024.

Stephanie Thomas-Secretary of the State

This notice is in accordance with Secs. 9-443 and 9-471 of the General Statutes. As provided, such primary will be held on April 2, 2024.

The hours of voting at said primary and the location of the polls will be as follows: Hours of Voting 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

District	Poll	Address
1	City Hall	355 Main Street
2	Savin Rock School	50 Park Street
3	Savin Rock School	50 Park Street
4	UNH Hall	898 First Ave
5	Carrigan School	2 Tetlow St
6	Forest School	95 Burwell Rd
7	Molloy School	255 Meloy Rd
8	Mackrille School	806 Jones Hill Rd
9	Seth Haley School	148 South Street
10	Pagels School	26 Benham Hill Rd

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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- Manhandle
- Annex
- Trig function
- Within (Pref.)
- "Ben-"
- Toledo's lake
- "Sure, of course"
- Bakery buy
- "Yippee!"
- Apple music service
- Pride parade initials
- "Let me think ..."
- Valley in California
- Indy event
- Wall climber
- Rocker Rose
- Plains grazers
- Formerly known as
- Earth (Pref.)
- Stink
- "It's - real!"
- Texter's "Enough!"
- Bring up
- Tell
- Pink hue
- Lena of "The Reader"
- Sake, e.g.
- Curse
- Greek mountain

**DOWN**

- Calico's call
- "My Way" writer
- Beehive State
- Jesuit university
- Sushi fish
- Press for payment
- Zwei follower
- Blood part
- Ore source
- Aswan's river
- Congers
- Sailing hazard
- Subsequently
- Party cheese
- Stunning gun
- Pester
- Chopper
- Story thread
- Pepsi rival
- Victory sign
- Longing
- Telly watcher
- Cleveland squad
- Like lions
- Expert
- Filches
- Israeli carrier
- Guitarist
- Clapton
- Funny person
- Visitor to Siam
- Ogler's look
- Altar affirmative
- Jazz lover

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## MAGIC MAZE

VERY SMALL CITIES OF ALASKA

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: LARGE BIRD OF PREY

Akhiok	Cold Bay	Pelican	St. George
Atka	Ekwook	Pilot Point	Wales
Bettles	False Pass	Platinum	Whale Pass
Chignik	Larsen Bay	Ruby	

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	5			2			3	
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	1		8					6
6				1				2
		2			5	3		

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

Solution time: 24 mins.

**King Crossword**

**Answers**

**VERY SMALL CITIES OF ALASKA**

1. Portland, Oregon.  
2. "Mean Girls."  
3. Reykjavik, Iceland.  
4. "Modern Family."  
5. Two.  
6. Volcanic eruption.  
7. Six.  
8. Nirvana.  
9. A congregation.  
10. Rabbit.

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which large U.S. city is nicknamed Rip City?
- MOVIES: Which movie features the quote, "She doesn't even go here!"
- GEOGRAPHY: Which national capital city is the northernmost in the world?
- TELEVISION: Which long-running sitcom features a dad named Phil Dunphy?
- GAMES: In chess, how many knights does each player have at the beginning?
- GEOLOGY: What natural phenomenon is associated with igneous rock?
- LANGUAGE: How many official languages are in the United Nations?
- MUSIC: David Grohl was a drummer in which band before he became the frontman for the Foo Fighters?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of alligators called?
- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of meat is used in Hasenpfeffer, a traditional German stew?

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## Weekly SUDOKU

**Answers**

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

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# Westies: Quintet tops Career in SCC play

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Watertown took a 1-0 lead with a short-handed goal off a faceoff with 31 seconds remaining in the opening period.

The Westies evened the game with a shorthanded goal of their own 4:01 into the second period when Bruno blocked a shot to send Burrows in for a breakaway goal.

After Spreyer was denied in the slot with 9:05 remaining in the middle period, a West Haven turnover led to a breakaway goal for Watertown and a 2-1 deficit.

In the last regular season game of the season, West Haven had so many things to ponder. Postseason bids and seedings had different possibilities based on outcomes of different games.

The Westies put all that aside in a Senior Night contest against Amity.

Behind two goals and two assists from Madera, one goal and two assists from Porto, and two assists from Spreyer, West Haven topped Amity, 4-3, at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven.

Madera's second goal of the game with 31.5 seconds remaining in regulation proved to be the difference and sent the Westies to the Southern Connecticut Conference tournament. The loss for Amity was the first since early January.

There are times in a championship game that go down as defining moments. For the Hamden girls hockey team, they found that moment late in the second period.

Lexy Patel's short-handed goal broke a tie and helped lead the Green Dragons to a 3-1 victory over West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy in the Southern Connecticut Conference championship at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven Friday evening.

Hamden won its first SCC title and avenged a double overtime loss to the Westie Sharks from one year ago. West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy had defeated Hamden twice before in league championship contests.

West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy knew the stakes at hand. Win in the Southern Connecticut Conference semifinals or the season was over.

Not qualifying for the state tournament, the Westie Sharks were playing with a win or go home mentality. They were not going to go home.

Azzarone's goal with 3:17 left in regulation off an assist from Julianna Montano sent the Westie Sharks to a 2-1 victory over top-seeded Amity/North Haven/Cheshire in the SCC semifinals at Hamden.

Azzarone's goal capped

a solid game for West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy. Twarowski made 28 saves, including 11 in the final period when the Westie Sharks were outshot 11-6.

West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy took a 1-0 lead in the first period when Heather Fonda scored off assists from Gonzalez and Welch at the 6:43 mark. Amity/North Haven/Cheshire evened the game in the second period, before Azzarone's third period heroics sealed the victory.

The West Haven boys basketball team started its post-season run in impressive fashion. With a stifling defense, the Westies topped Career 57-41 in the opening round of the Southern Connecticut Conference tournament at West Haven High Thursday evening.

Michael Singleton led the way with 17 points and six assists, Ethan Griffin had 12 points, 10 rebounds, and four blocks, Bennett Scott had 12 points and five rebounds, and Isaiah Jackson added 12 rebounds and four points in the win.

The Westies led only 7-5 after one quarter on two field goals by Scott and a 3-pointer by Jackson, but a 19-10 second quarter run led the Westies to a 26-15 halftime lead. Singleton led the way in the quarter with 12 points. West Haven extended the margin to 40-23 in the third quarter as seven different players scored, led by five from Aaron Johnson.

Photo by Todd Dandelsk

Bryan Tillman battles to get around a Hillhouse defender.



## West Haven Fire Services/ Fire Safety Checklist



### On March 10, 2024: Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour CHECK & TEST YOUR SMOKE & CO DETECTORS

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- \* Children should be supervised at all times near water.
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- \* On Long Island Sound; Beware of Rip Tides
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#### Electrical

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#### DO NOT STORE PROPANE or GASOLINE INSIDE YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS

Store in detached garage or shed or on deck  
If you need to dispose of Propane Tanks contact a local vender.

#### Open Burning within the City of West Haven is prohibited by Ordinance

#### Cooking

- \* Never leave cooking unattended
- \* Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles
- \* Never store combustibles in oven or on stove top
- \* When barbecuing, move unit away from house.
- \* Barbequing on balconies of apartments or condominiums is prohibited.
- \* Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers

#### Smoking Materials & Candles

- \* Never leave cigarettes or candles unattended
- \* Purchase and use ashtrays that have the center support feature
- \* Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers only
- \* Never smoke in bed
- \* We recommend against the use of candles. If you must use candles place them in glass jar or sturdy holders

#### Smoke and CO Detectors

- \* Install SMOKE & CO detectors inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home
- \* Test smoke, CO detectors once a month (use a broom handle to reach)
- \* Replace smoke, CO detector batteries twice a year(replace when changing time on clocks-Spring and Fall)
- \* Replace smoke, CO detector units every ten years

#### Fire Extinguishers

- \* Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher
- \* Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher (use P.A.S.S.- (Pull the pin , Aim, Squeeze, Sweep )

#### Develop & Practice a Home Escape Plan

- \* Develop a home escape plan that includes
  - Crawling low under smoke
  - Two exits out of every room
  - A meeting place outside (tree, mailbox, etc.)
- \* **Practice escape plan with every member**
- \* Teach all family members how to:
  - Dial 911 in an emergency
  - Stop, drop and roll if clothes catch fire





# Sports

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West Haven Hockey's 2024 Seniors.

## Westies finishing up seasons

Playing in the Southern Connecticut Conference playoffs for the first time in recent memory, the West Haven boys hockey team was looking to make a statement. That statement was made in the opening period, but it could not be sustained.

Behind five unanswered goals, top-seeded Cheshire defeated No. 4 West Haven 5-2 in the SCC semifinals at the Edward L. Bennett Rink.

The Westies came out on fire in the opening period and took a 2-0 lead after one period of play. After a two-on-one with Mike Madera and Jayden Spreyer was denied, the Westies capitalized less than a minute later when Spreyer scored a power play goal off assists from Thomas Porto and Brody DiNuzzo 5:51 into the game for a 1-0 lead.

Holding a 10-7 shot advantage in the first period, West Haven increased the lead to a pair of goals when Marcus Burrows took a pass from Brady Price and scored with 6:14 left in the opening period. Justin Bruno also had an assist on the goal.

West Haven held the lead for the first nine minutes of the second before Cheshire defenseman Keegan Grace's score with six minutes to go in the middle period.

The Rams then stole the momentum and used a power play goal by Evan Vasiljevs to even the game at two with 3:48 left in the second.

West Haven had a chance to take the lead again, but Madera was denied on a partial break with 50 seconds remaining in the period.

Price and Spreyer were denied one minute apart in the third, and Cheshire took the lead for good when Drew DePodesta scored 3:15 in.

The Rams scored an insurance goal with 3:16 remaining and added an empty net tally with 53 seconds remaining.

Javed Ullah finished with 31 saves in the game for the Westies.

With a chance to qualify for the SCC/SWC tournament, the West Haven boys hockey team had plenty of shots. They just did not go in.

Despite putting 37 shots on goal, the Westies could only bury one in a 2-1 loss against Watertown/Pomperaug at the Edward L. Bennett Rink.

Matt Rasile was solid in his first start of the season, making 26 saves to keep West Haven in striking distance.

The Westies (12-7) controlled play early in the game, but Madera was denied 1:10 in from in front, Burrows was turned away on a breakaway 37 seconds later, and Theo Diakomis was turned away with a pad save with 9:12 left in the opening period.

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Above -- Westies celebrate their game-winning goals against Amity. The game was the regular season finish for the squads. Left -- Mike Singleton looks to take a jumper over a Hillhouse defender.